

## All Around The Town

By Mary Ann Sarchet

Aubrey Rowell was a patient in the hospital at Tulia last week. We hope he is feeling better now.

With the wet, cold, snowy weather arriving on our doorsteps early Monday morning, it brings hazardous driving conditions. There was a one-vehicle rollover south of Silverton on 207 Monday which didn't result in serious injuries--thank goodness!

We are hoping that everyone has the necessary shopping for groceries, etc. done and won't have to be out on the highways as this winter storm continues to deepen. If you do have to be on the highways, please be careful.

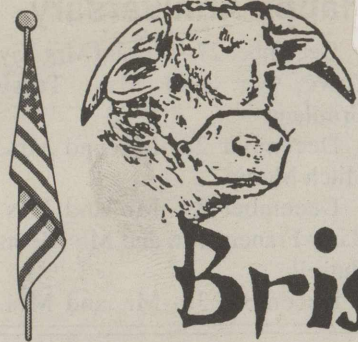
We are putting our newspaper out early this week to help our friends at Blanco Printing enjoy their holiday to the fullest, and will be closed Tuesday through Friday.

May we all stay warm and cozy in our homes or the homes of our loved ones to enjoy the rest of the holidays.

We'd love to have the news about your holiday comings and goings. Feel free to bring it in, call us or FAX it to us at 823-2528. All of your friends will be interested in knowing how you spent this special time of the year.

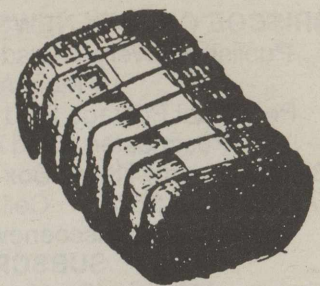
### It's Time To Celebrate

There's a little time left in this year, so while we can we'd like to thank you for your friendship and wish you a very happy New Year. We hope the holiday season has been joyful for you and yours, and look forward to being with you in 2003!



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# Briscoe County News

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## Hoot-Out Opens Here Today

Silverton's annual Hoot-Out Tournament opens here at 9:30 a.m. today with a game between Anton and White Deer girls. The Valley Lady Patriots will play Amarillo Highland Park at 11:00 a.m., followed by the Valley Patriots and Memphis at 12:30 p.m.

Memphis and Hart girls will meet at 2:00 p.m., followed by Amarillo Highland Park boys and Hart at 3:30 p.m.

The Lady Owls will play Bovina beginning at 5:00 p.m. and will be followed by the Owls vs. Bovina at 6:30 p.m.

There are brackets on page seven of this issue.

The concession stand will be open, featuring a variety of good things to eat. Plan now to spend the rest of Christmas week watching ballgames and enjoying some more good food.

## Governor Announces Grant For Panhandle Dropout Program

Governor Rick Perry has announced a \$100,000 grant to Hall County for a special learning center that will help five Panhandle school districts prevent dropouts.

"When students drop out, they face a lifetime of unfulfilled promise, and our state pays the price for it," Perry said. "This program will help keep students in Hall, Donley and Briscoe counties on track and working toward their diplomas."

The grant, funded by the Governor's Criminal Justice Division (CJD), will help support the Lakeview Accelerated Academy, a learning center that will feature individualized and self-paced curriculums as well as vocational and technical training. The Clarendon, Hedley, Turkey-Quitaque, Mem-

phis and Silverton independent school districts will recruit dropouts and students at risk of dropping out to complete their high school education at the academy.

Each year, CJD provides more than \$130 million in grants to help Texans at the forefront of the fight against crime. CJD funds a variety of programs for juvenile justice, crime prevention and victim services grants--all aimed at making Texas a safer place.

Currently, CJD provides more than \$13 million in crime prevention grants, \$30 million to juvenile justice and prevention projects, \$40 million for victim services and additional funding for a wide variety of other law enforcement projects.

## Craiker Family to Present Concert

The Craiker Family Singers will be presented in concert at the Silverton Church of Christ at 7:00 p.m. Sunday, December 29, 2002. Refreshments will be provided. Admission is free.

Tom Craiker and Sissy Monholland met at the Foundation School of Church Music in 1977. In 1979 he was a New Mexico All-State first tenor. Later that year he and Sissy were married and have always found ways to serve the Lord through their singing. They sang with special groups on every occasion they could find. He helped with the music direction at church and sang lead for Sanctus, a Christian Rock band. They entered school and trained for the ministry. Over the years, they have performed as a duo on many occasions.

As the Craikers added children to the family, the music experience

has grown. The family began billing themselves as the Craiker Family Singers and performing at gospel jamborees, fairs, community events, weddings, funerals, and any opportunity they could find. When their eldest daughter, Mary, became a senior, Tom Craiker fulfilled a life-long dream by going back to his alma mater and teaching band and choir. Mary became an All-State Soprano, graduated and now attends Angelo State University in San Angelo. She is there on a full academic scholarship and a music scholarship in voice. Mary married Ray Don McIntosh in June 2001. He is a minister in El Dorado, Texas while finishing up degrees in both kinesiology and Bible. Ray Don began singing bass with the family before the wedding and also sings lead roles as well.

Sarah Craiker, age 15, has an extremely mature voice for her age.

## Kyle Bean Claims 300th Win of Coaching Career

Kyle Bean, son of Walter and Bobbye Bean, won the 300th game of his coaching career in the tournament at Anton earlier this month.

Bean has been coaching for 16 years and since he has been at New Deal, he has had the pleasure of being the head boys basketball coach, and at one time was the girls basketball coach.

He went to New Deal in 1985 and has been coaching basketball ever since. In his many years of experience, he has won Coach of the Year honors twice, once as the boys coach and once as the girls coach.

This is a personal mile marker for Coach Bean, and all of New Deal High School is congratulating him on this achievement.

## Name Omitted From Christmas Greeting Page

The name of Walburg E. Hutsell of California was unintentionally omitted from the Christmas Greeting Page.

She has scored solid I's in competition and was an All-State Solo Gold Medalist in 2002. She is frequently asked to perform solos for differing occasions but most especially to sing the National Anthem at school and patriotic events.

Tom, age 14, has been to the Haskell Singing School for four years and while there has begun to master the art of song leading. His voice is maturing and he will soon be able to sing harmonic parts with the group.

Rebekah, 10, adds a special sound of innocence and purity to the family's blend. Though not performing harmonic parts yet, her participation is crucial to the family's over-all program.

While Tom Craiker is the full-time preacher in Silverton, the family travels as often as it can to perform. The music is a mixture of traditional hymns and contemporary praise and worship music. Their concerts draw crowds and are very uplifting.

You are invited to attend this special free concert.

## Briscoe 4-H'ers Compete at District Food Show

Five Briscoe County 4-H'ers competed in the Panhandle 4-H Food Show at Westover Intermediate School in Amarillo Saturday, December 14. These five 4-H'ers earned the privilege of competing at the district level by winning first place at the County 4-H Food Show in November.

Youth prepared a dish, served it to a panel of adult judges, and answered questions in an interview format. 4-H'ers were asked about preparation skills needed to make their dish, food safety concerns involving the preparation and storage of their dish, the nutrients in the product as well as their community service and leadership activities in the foods and nutrition project.

The top four in each junior category received medals. Khaki Scrivner of the Valley 4-H Club claimed one of the top four spots out of sixteen in the Junior Breads & Cereals division with her Pumpkin Loaf. Other Briscoe County competitors included Charla Rhoderick, Jacob Pigg, Jessie Price and Chancey Campbell. Each received a peanut butter cookie mix for their participation in the contest.

We're very proud of how well these five young people represented Briscoe County 4-H!

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

## Participate in the 2002 Ag Census

The 2002 Census of Agriculture is being mailed to nearly three million producers across the country in December.

"It's important that all producers, large or small, promptly complete and return their forms and make it known that agriculture counts," emphasized Texas State Statistician Robin Roark.

"The census is the most comprehensive source of statistics portraying our nation's agriculture," Roark explained. "It is the only source of uniform agricultural data for every county in the United States."



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The family of Margie Gafford would like to take this time to thank everyone for the phone calls, prayers, cards, flowers, food and words of comfort during our time of loss. This community has been so supportive in so many ways and we really appreciate you. We are so blessed to be a part of this wonderful place.

Sincerely,  
Randy Gafford  
Jim & Rhenda Burson  
Dusty & Kim George & family  
Kraig & Keeley Cox & family  
Cody & Kenzie Whittington & family

## Health Awareness

### Fight The Flu With Vaccination

(NAPSA)—If you are like many Americans, you won't receive a flu vaccination this year, thinking that influenza is not a serious disease, that your flu vaccination from last year still works, or that the vaccine is not for the healthy.



A flu shot reduces the average 2.8 days lost from work annually.

The truth is that nearly everyone should be protected against influenza. One of the world's most deadly diseases, it kills 20,000 people a year in this country alone. In addition, the virus changes rapidly, so just because you were vaccinated last year doesn't mean you are protected this year.

Fortunately, a leading vaccine distributor, Henry Schein, Inc., has 10 million more doses available now than last year, so more at-risk people, including the elderly, can be vaccinated. It also means healthy adults can receive the protection they need to avoid a miserable disease that can keep them out of commission for days.

For more information on vaccine supply, physicians can call 1-800-772-4346 or see the Web site: www.henryschein.com. Anyone can learn more about the flu online at www.cdc.gov.

## ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Briscoe Implement is accepting sealed bids for certain real property owned in Silverton. Buyers will receive a Warranty Deed from Briscoe Implement, along with any abstracts. Abstracts will not be brought up to date, nor will title insurance be offered. Property taxes will be paid current by Briscoe Implement through the end of 2002. A minimum acceptable bid for each parcel is listed as follows:

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  - E. Lots 5-12 in Block 62 Fronts Main St. south of VFW bldg. \$ 500.00
  - F. Lots 13-15 in Block 63 (old Crass bldg. site) \$ 400.00
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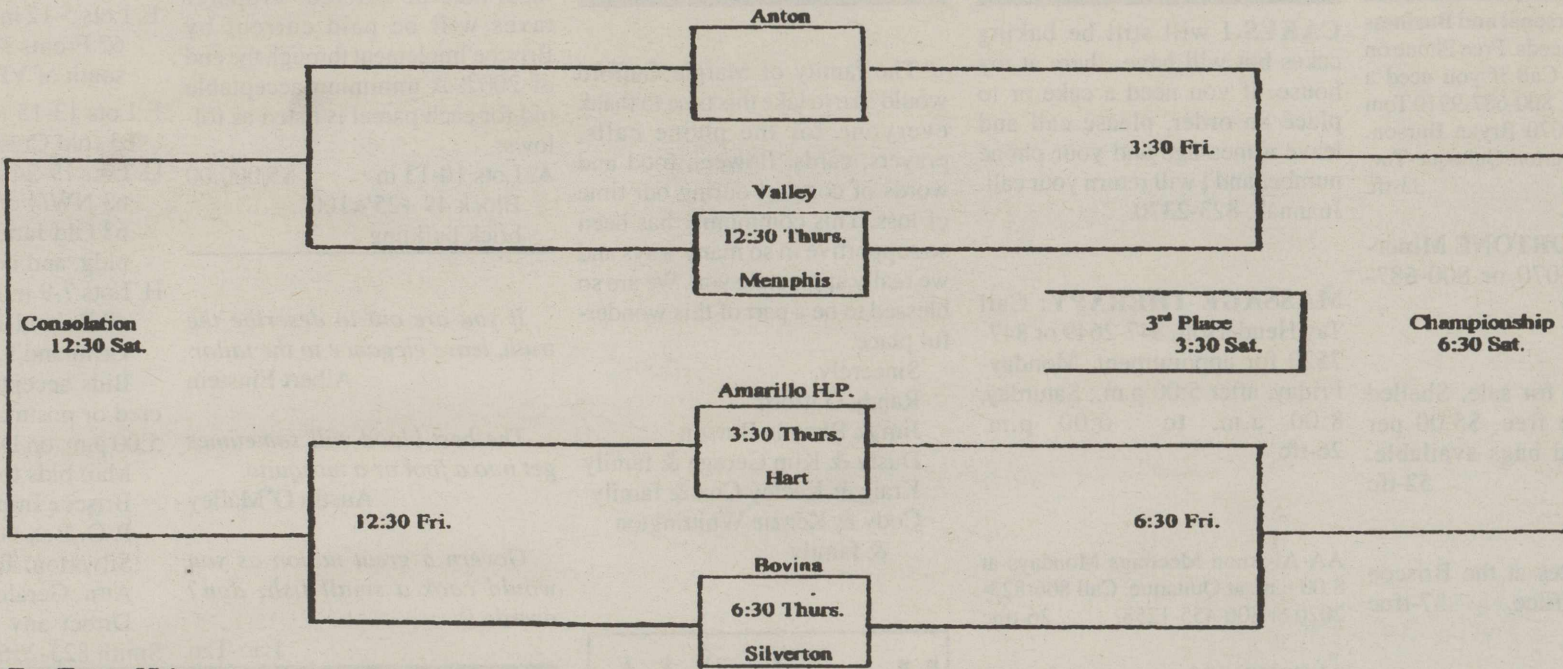




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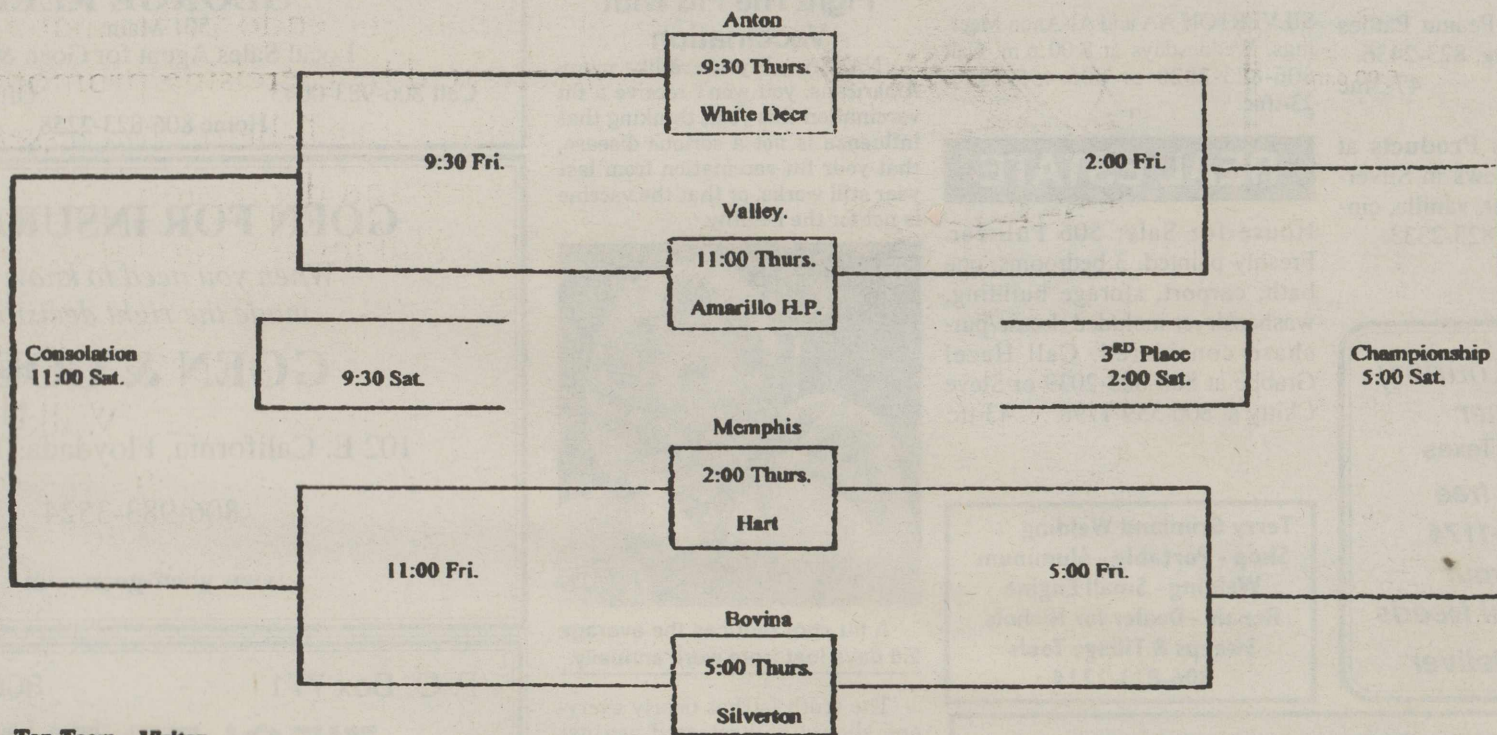


Silverton Hoot-Out Tournament  
Dec. 26, 27, & 28  
Boys Bracket



Top-Team - Visitor  
Bottom Team - Home

Silverton Hoot-Out Tournament  
Dec. 26, 27, & 28  
Girls Bracket



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Bottom Team - Home

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**DPS Wants Drivers In Holiday Spirit**

The DPS is asking Texas drivers to exhibit a little Christmas spirit on the roadways over the holidays.

"You can play the grinch or you can spread a little joy on the roadways by giving your fellow travelers a break," said Col. Thomas A. Davis, jr., director of the DPS.

DPS troopers and other law enforcement officials will be out in force for the Christmas and New Year's holidays, looking for speeders, drunk drivers and seat belt violators.

"Alcohol is always a concern this time of year and we will do everything in our power to put drunk drivers behind bars where they belong," said Davis.

DPS will be participating in Operation CARE (Combined Accident Reduction Effort--a nationwide effort maximizing enforcement on major interstate highways to reduce fatalities commonly associated with holiday weekends. DPS will have all available troopers patrolling Texas roadways from Tuesday, December 24, through Sunday, December 29.

Before your trip, check out road conditions in the event of bad weather. Consult local news stations or the Texas Department of Transportation for road closures at 1-800-452-9292 or on the Internet

**Friendship Quilters News & Notes by Bobbye Bean**

Laverne Stephens, Ann Norris, Diane Norris, Nadyne Childress, Wanda Strange, Sybil King, Joy Stodghill and Christine King quilted on Joy's quilt. Ann's quilt is up, too.

Walter and I went to Midland this past weekend and heard our granddaughters sing solos in the Church's Christmas Musical Program. Carrie Dell's son-in-law sang a solo, also.

There were 28 at the Senior Citizens Luncheon. Officers elected for the new year are Fred Strange, president; J. D. Nance, vice president; Melba Gillihan, secretary; Bobbye Bean, treasurer.

at [www.dot.state.tx.us](http://www.dot.state.tx.us). Always slow down in bad weather, construction zones and on unfamiliar roads.

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**Luke 2:10-11**

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**Rock Creek Church of Christ**

**Happy Birthday-**

December 26--Molly Brooks, Lindsey Irwin, Abigail Reyna, Sloan Grabbe

December 27--Lydia Hutsell, Ellen Edwards, Holly Glenn, Denny Hill, Dara Chandler

December 28--Kathi Perkins, Mary Chris Garcia, Braden Towe, Walter Bean

December 29--Van Breedlove, Buddy Brown, Gid Mayfield, Pat McWaters, Sydney Michelle Williams

December 31--Rob Weaks  
 January 1--Jackie Mercer, Dwight Rampley, Dane Roys, Mike Curry

**Immunization**

**Clinic is Jan. 10**

The next immunization clinic is scheduled for 9:30 a.m. until 12:00 noon on January 10, 2003 at the Silverton School.

The immunization clinic gives protection against childhood diseases, and is under the direction of the Texas Department of Health.

**Beltwide Cotton Conference is January 6-10**

U. S. cotton producers can tune in to practices that can turn over profits during the 2003 Beltwide Cotton Conferences January 6-10 at the Gaylord Opryland Resort & Convention Center in Nashville.

Theme of the 2003 forum is "In Harmony--Research, Resources, Results."

For further information, visit the NCC's web site at [www.cotton.org/beltwide](http://www.cotton.org/beltwide) or call 901-274-9030.

**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	
11	59	22	
12	58	29	
13	53	28	
14	57	25	
15	64	26	
16	69	27	
17	64	34	
18	69	40	
19	54	32	
20	46	20	
21	59	19	
22	55	27	
23	39	27	.29
December Precip.			1.04
Normal December Precip.			.68
Total Precip. in 2002			19.15
Normal Annual Precip.			21.22

**Happy Anniversary-**

December 27--Mr. and Mrs. Jay Towe, Mr. and Mrs. Terry Grimland

December 28--Mr. and Mrs. Mitch Martin

December 29--Mr. and Mrs. Barry Francis, Mr. and Mrs. Hutsell

December 30--Mr. and Mrs.

Doug McDonough, Mr. and Mrs. Rex Fuston, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Hartman

December 31--Mr. and Mrs. Jim Cogdell

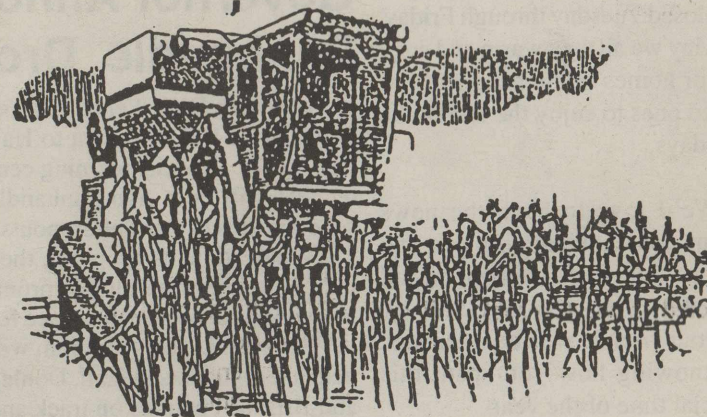
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**BRISCOE COUNTY NEWS**



## Red Ivory Named to Amarillo Globe-News Six-Man Super Team

Red Ivory has been selected as a member of the Amarillo Globe-News Golden Spread Six-Man Super Team. He rushed for 1,991 yards on 201 carries and 31 touchdowns, passed for 682 yards and 11 touchdowns.

The other members of the Super Team are: Offense:  
 Quarterback: Jason Hathaway, Fort Elliott  
 Running Backs: Red Ivory, Silverton, Derrick Cruse, Valley, and Clif Yeary, Valley  
 End: Junior Gonzales, Fort Elliott

Center: Wes Hathaway, Fort Elliott  
 Kicker: Cody Freeman, Follett  
 Defense:  
 Defensive Linemen: Robert Mendoza, Valley, Cody Freeman, Follett, and Junior Gonzales, Fort Elliott  
 Linebackers: Derrick Cruse, Valley, and Kade Zybach, Fort Elliott  
 Safety: Red Ivory, Silverton, who made 129 tackles and 10 interceptions  
 Punter: Jack Simms, Happy  
 Best Game:

Silverton had been 8-2 the previous two years, but had missed out on the playoffs both years. The Owls were looking at a similar 8-2 record, and no playoffs both years. The Owls were looking at a similar 8-2 record, and no playoffs if they didn't beat Patton Springs on October 25 in a game to determine District 2-1A's No. 2 seed.

The lead changed hands an incredible 11 times. Silverton trailed 28-16 at one point and 34-30 at halftime.

Red Ivory carried the Owls offensively. He gained 275 yards on 30 carries and scored five touchdowns. His last touchdown was an 18-yard run with 2:36 left that gave Silverton a 52-48 lead, the 11th and final lead change.

But Patton Springs mounted one more rally, moving into Silverton territory before the Owls held on in the final seconds for the 52-48 win. It was the Owls' first playoff berth since 1997.

Statistically, it was as close as the game. Patton Springs had 447 yards; Silverton had 427.

Best Individual Effort:  
 In the win over Patton Springs, Red Ivory had a hand in six of the seven touchdowns. He rushed for 275 yards on 30 carries and scored on runs of 7, 32, 6, 4 and 18 yards. He also threw a 38-yard touch-



Red Ivory, in action for the Owls down pass.

"It was by far his best game of

the year," said Coach Dewaine Lee. "He was great all year, but he hit the hole harder and faster than I've seen him."

Best Rivalry:

Silverton and Valley High School are only 20 miles apart in Briscoe County. Athletes grow up competing against one another in junior high in every sport. "So many people who grew up in Silverton live in Turkey or Quitaque and vice-versa," Valley Coach Bret Tyler said. "It's an amazing thing to me. We have Valley supporters whose kids or grandkids go to school here, but they went to school in Silverton. It goes a lot deeper for the older people in the two towns."

### STATEMENT OF NONDISCRIMINATION

Swisher Electric Cooperative, Inc. has filed with the Federal Government a Compliance Assurance in which it assures the Rural Utilities Service that it will comply fully with all requirements of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended; Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended; the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended; and the Rules and Regulations of the Department of Agriculture issued thereunder, to the end that no person in the United States shall, on the ground of race, color, sex, national origin, age, or handicap be excluded from participation in, admission or access to, be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination under any of this organization's programs or activities.

The person responsible for coordinating this organization's nondiscrimination compliance efforts is Mike Ferguson, Member Services Advisor.

Any person who believes himself, or any specific class of individuals, to be subjected by this organization to discrimination prohibited by Title VI of the Act and the Rules and Regulations issued thereunder may, by himself or a representative, file with the Secretary, U. S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C. 20250; or with this organization, or all, a written complaint. Such complaint must be filed not later than 180 days after the alleged discrimination, or by such later date to which the Secretary of Agriculture or the Administrator of the Rural Utilities Service extends the time for filing. Identity of complainants will be kept confidential to the extent necessary to carry out the purposes of the rules and regulations of the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

### Swisher Electric Cooperative, Inc.

P. O. Box 67  
 Tulia, Texas 79088  
 Eddie Bryan, President

### 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:

Abernathy	Lamesa	Quitaque
Amherst	Levelland	Ralls
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Big Spring	Lockney	Ropesville
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## Post-Season Honors Continue to Pile High for the Football Owls

Several members of the Silverton Owl football team received All-Region I Six-Man honors, including Chase Comer, tight end, and Red Ivory, safety, on the first team.

Second team honorees included Dustin Hale, split end, and John Arnold, center.

The entire teams were composed of (first-team offense):

Quarterback: Jason Hathaway, Sr., Fort Elliott

Spreadback: Chris Gibson, Jr., Wellman-Union

Running Backs: Derrick Cruse, Sr., Valley; Larry Lee Hon, Sr., Fort Elliott

Utility Back: Junior Newman, Jr., Fort Elliott

Tight Ends: Mason Pierce, Jr., Patton Springs; Chase Comer, Sr.,

Silverton Split Ends: Brandon Hoskins, Sr., Whitharral; A. J. Mercado, Jr., Wellman-Union

Center: Ryan Dill, Jr., Wellman-Union

Special Team: Justin Wilks, Sr., Valley

Kicker: Hal Rogers, Sr., Miami

First-team defense:

Linemen: Rocky Reyna, Sr., Whitharral; Junior Gonzales, Sr., Fort Elliott; Robert Mendoza, Jr., Valley

Linebackers: Clif Yeary, Jr., Valley; Kade Zybach, Sr., Fort Elliott

Cornerbacks: Victor Portillo, Sr., Whitharral; Chris Cruz, Sr., Ropes

Safeties: Red Ivory, Sr., Silverton; Wes Hathaway, Sr., Fort

Patton Springs

Elliott Punter: Sterling Via, Jr., Lazbuddie

Superlatives:

Offensive MVP: Brandon Hoskins, Sr., Whitharral

Defensive MVP: Robert Mendoza, Jr., Valley

All-Region Coach: Curtis Smith, Fort Elliott

Second-team Offense:

Quarterback: Jordan Barker, Sr., Whitharral

Spreadback: Tanner Woods, Fr., Follett

Running Backs: Jackie Johnson, Sr., Amherst; Albert Castillo, Jr., Wellman-Union

Utility Back: Clay Flemming, Sr., Patton Springs

Tight Ends: Josh Garcia, Sr., Lefors; Cody Dukatnik, Jr., Whitharral

Split Ends: Dustin Hale, Sr., Silverton; Justin Buck, Sr., Patton Springs

## High Plains Harvest is Wrapping Up

With USDA Classing office receipts from Lubbock and Lamesa showing a little more than 2.5 million bales either classed or "in the house" you would realize that the High Plains harvest season is coming to a close.

In many instances early estimates have proven to be below final production levels. The best evidence of

Center: John Arnold, Sr., Silverton

Special Teams: Tobin Redwine, Sr., Lazbuddie

Kicker: Chris Garza, Sr., Southland

Second-team Defense:

Linemen: Raymond Brown, Jr., Whitharral; Clint Cooper, Sr., Motley County; Felipe Escobedo, Jr., Wellman-Union

Linebackers: Josh Kristinek, Jr., Whitharral; Arturo Mota, Sr., Amherst

Cornerbacks: Adam Ortiz, Jr., Valley; Bradley Conatser, Sr., Valley

Safeties: John Stamper, Jr., Lefors; Jeffrey Browning, Jr., Miami

Punter: Blake King, So., Lefors

this is the continued delivery of cotton samples to USDA from gins that were thought to be essentially done with their season a couple of weeks ago.

How much cotton is still out there? Nobody is ready to predict what the final outcome will be, although the way cotton continues to move through the Classing office indicates that the total High Plains production figure could move above three million bales.

Although most stripping is complete, there are still many modules in the fields waiting to be picked up by the gins.

Quality-wise the crop reflects the significant impact that weather has had so far. Compared to years past overall crop Color grades are down from predominately 11 & 21 to a majority of 31 & 41 Color grades in 2002.

Bark levels are higher with 15.9 percent of the 1.9 million bales classed at Lubbock being called "barky."

Micronaire levels have been somewhat higher than usual with both offices averaging 4.3 - 4.4 readings.



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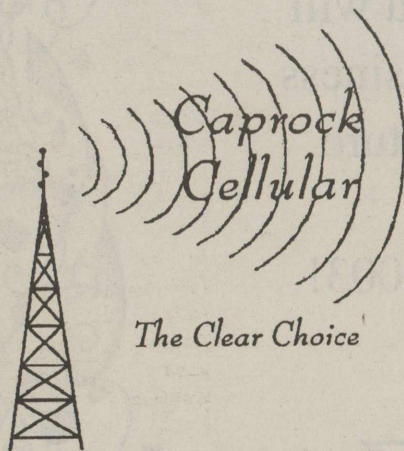
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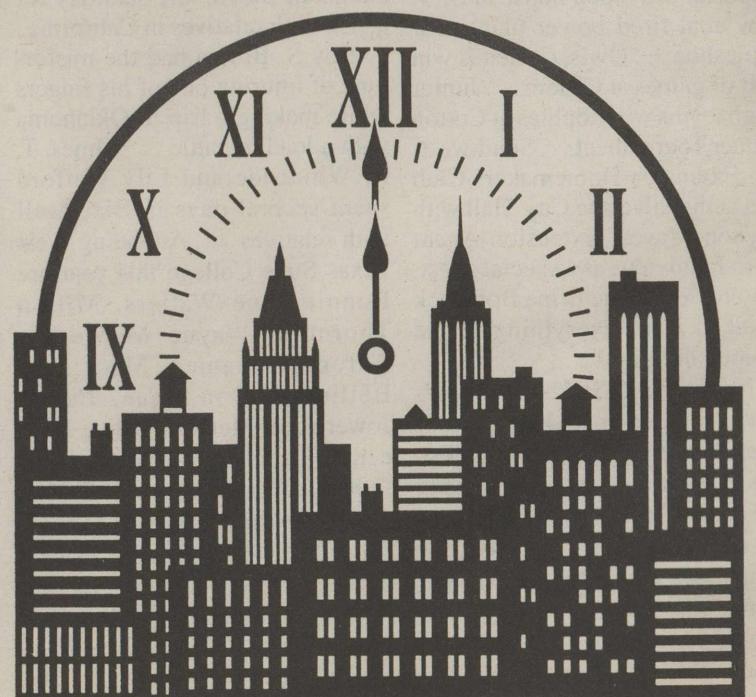
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# NEW YEAR'S GREETINGS

Wishing Everyone a Happy New Year!

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# LOOKING BACK

through the files of the  
Briscoe County News

**October 29, 1992**--Friday's game with the Lazbuddie Longhorns is very critical for the Silverton Owls . . . Dedra Johnston placed third in the District Cross Country Meet in Wheeler and will advance to the Regional Meet November 7 . . . First bale of cotton of the season was ginned by Johnson's Gin in Silverton October 20 for Joe O'Neal who farms northeast of Silverton . . . Services conducted for Charlie Baker, 43 . . . Owls come from behind, take 55-25 victory over Three Way Eagles . . . Christy West is Football Queen and was escorted by Lance Bradford . . . JoDee Robison and Kami Martin were Mr. and Miss Flame and lighted the homecoming flame . . . Pep squad Beau Mike Hall was presented by Shannon Weaver . . . Silverton Firemen defeat Quitaque in fundraiser . . . Warren and Jodi Reid were united in marriage in a beautiful garden wedding at the home of the bridegroom's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Reid . . . Silverton FFA's Greenhand Quiz Team, composed of Cy Comer, Jeremiah Brooks, Kristi Smith and Zeb Holt, won second in the District contests recently . . . Alton Riddell was elected to the Caprock Soil and Water Conservation District board of directors . . . Kevin and Becky Drew are parents of a daughter, Kaitlyn Marie . . .

**December 2, 1982**--Christmas Jubilee to open holiday season . . . Robbie Helms and Kori Baird were honored at the twenty-fifth 4-H Gold Star Banquet in Lubbock November 22 . . . Lee Clay, manager of Southwestern Public Service Company in Silverton, introduced Stan Fogerson, Mackenzie Director; A. R. Martin, City councilman, Mayor Charles Sarchet, City Secretary Jerry Patton and David Tipton, City Councilman, at a special VIP open house at SPS' new coal-fired power plant near Muleshoe . . . Owls, Owlettes win pair of games at Groom . . . Junior High teams win trophies at Cotton Center Tournament . . . Southwestern Extension Homemakers Club met at the Silverton City Hall with Wynon Mayes, Extension Agent from Plainview, as a special guest, who reviewed the Erma Bombeck book "I Lost Everything in the Postnatal Period" . . .

**November 9, 1972**--Silverton's Owls romped to a 46-6 victory over the Valley High Patriots Friday night in the last road game of the season. All of the Owls saw a lot of action, with Coach Eugene Jennings clearing the bench early in the game and all reserves seeing action in the first half . . . Aoudad hunting season opens here Saturday . . . Junior High Owls

record 20-0 win over Valley Patriots . . . Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Dickerson announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Debbie, to John Welch, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas E. Welch of Bettendorf, Iowa . . . Mr. and Mrs. Lester Grabbe are parents of a son, Brice Lee Andrew . . . Ernest Garcia has been admitted to the Southwestern State College School of Pharmacy in Weatherford, Oklahoma. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Santos Garcia of Silverton . . .

**October 25, 1962**--C & C Construction Company is holding open house at the new home of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Lee Bomar west of Silverton Saturday afternoon . . . Owl Booster Buttons are now on sale . . . Area cotton ginning halted by rain . . . March of Time Study Club hosts Federation Day Tea . . . Silverton goes down to tough Ralls eleven . . . The home of Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Eddleman near Silverton was the scene on Saturday of the wedding of their daughter, Thelma Joyce, to Mr. Loyd Dean Waters, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Waters of Pampa . . . Jerry McWilliams, a student in the School of Pharmacy at Southwestern State College, Weatherford, Oklahoma, is pledging Phi Delta Chi, national professional pharmacy fraternity . . . Ann Wingo, a freshman student at the University of Texas, is among the one hundred eighteen students who have been appointed to the staff of the Cactus, student yearbook . . .

**November 6, 1952**--Estelline edges out Silverton Owls 6-0 . . . Mrs. Ann Alexander announces this week that she has opened a beauty shop north of the courthouse on Highway 86 . . . Mrs. Earl Wilbur of Higgins spent several days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Dickenson, the first of the week . . . Mrs. P. D. Jasper and daughter, Dawn, left Saturday for a visit with relatives in California . . . Roy S. Brown had the misfortune of injuring one of his fingers while making a trip to Oklahoma with a load of cattle . . . Mmes. T. R. Whiteside and Lily Wafford spent several days in Blackwell with relatives . . . Attending West Texas State College this year are Bonnie June Watters, Milton Thornton, Wayne McMurtry, Buford Clemmer, Mary Lou Bellinger, Don Bean, Edwin Jowell, Jim Mercer, Nadine Mercer, Jo Teeple and Thelma Gean Fulton . . . Mrs. C. A. Tunnell, Mrs. Carl Dean Bomar, Mrs. L. D. Griffin and Mrs. Jack Strange made a business trip to Dallas last Wednesday, returning home the latterpart of the week . . . Mr. and Mrs. H. L. O. Riddell and Mmes. Jim Brooks, Rags Riddell and R. C. Hutsell

were shopping in Floydada Friday . . . Mr. and Mrs. Billy Self took Mr. and Mrs. Odis Honea to San Antonio Friday to visit relatives . . . Mr. and Mrs. Robert McPherson are parents of a daughter born October 29 at the local hospital weighing 9 1/2 pounds . . .

**October 29, 1942**--The Musical Arts Club met last week with Dorothy Roy McMurtry and elected new officers. They are Jean Northcutt, president; Fay Tice Bomar, secretary-treasurer; Mary Craft, reporter. Punch and cookies were served to Betty Nan Burson, Jonnie Allard, Modine Yates, Jean Northcutt, Anna Jo and Wilford Brooks, Thelma Mercer, Nell Northcutt, Betty and Mary Craft, Rollin Wilburn, Mrs. R. Wilkerson and the hostess, Dorothy Roy . . . Mrs. Dee McWilliams and son went to Amarillo Friday to visit Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Bingham . . . Mrs. Lottie Henderson had her tonsils removed at the Tulia hospital Friday . . . Mr. and Mrs. Homer Strange and family of San Antonio, Mr. and Mrs. Bryan Strange, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Strange visited in the Edwin Crass home Tuesday . . . Mr. and Mrs. Bailey Hill and children of Abilene visited Mr. and

## Happy Anniversary-

December 27--Mr. and Mrs. Jay Towe, Mr. and Mrs. Terry Grimland

December 28--Mr. and Mrs. Mitch Martin

December 29--Mr. and Mrs. Barry Francis, Mr. and Mrs. Scott Hutsell

December 30--Mr. and Mrs. Doug McDonough, Mr. and Mrs. Rex Fuston, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Hartman

December 31--Mr. and Mrs. Jim

Mrs. R. M. Hill Saturday and Sunday . . . Mr. and Mrs. Conrad Henderson of Lone Star spent Saturday night with Mr. and Mrs. Vinson Smith . . . W. O. Williamson, 50, prominent farmer near Quitaque, was killed instantly, his wife was seriously injured, and Roy Singleton, 23, of Dickson, Tennessee, who was riding with the couple, suffered a broken leg when the automobile they occupied collided head-on with a truck early Tuesday night between Quitaque and Turkey . . . Registration for gas rationing November 12-14 . . . High school students to have annual carnival Saturday night . . .

## Happy Birthday-

December 26--Molly Brooks, Ed Baker, Lindsey Irwin, Abigail Reyna, Sloan Grabbe

December 27--Lydia Hutsell, Ellen Edwards, Holly Glenn, Denny Hill, Dara Ramsey Chandler

December 28--Kathi Perkins, Mary Chris Garcia, Braden Towe, Walter Bean

December 29--Van Breedlove, Buddy Brown, Gid Mayfield, Pat McWaters, Sydney Michelle Williams

December 31--Rob Weak  
January 1--Jackie Mercer, Dwight Rampley, Dane Roys, Mike Curry

*Living with a dog is easy--like living with an idealist.*

H. L. Mencken

*I think government should be small in scope, and as local as possible.*

Adlai Stevenson

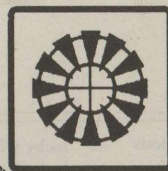
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January 1--Mr. and Mrs. Norman Strange, Mr. and Mrs. Victor Weak

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We appreciate your patronage and hope that you will continue to do business with us in the future.

Best wishes in 2003!



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**LIGHTHOUSE ASSEMBLY OF GOD**  
Jimmy Green Pastor

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

**SILVERTON 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.

**NEW FELLOWSHIP BAPTIST MISSION**

SUNDAY:  
Sunday School.....9:45 a.m.  
Worship Service.....11:00 a.m.  
Training Union.....5:00 p.m.  
Evening Service.....6:00 p.m.

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

**OUR LADY OF LORETO CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
Father Fern E. Couture

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

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

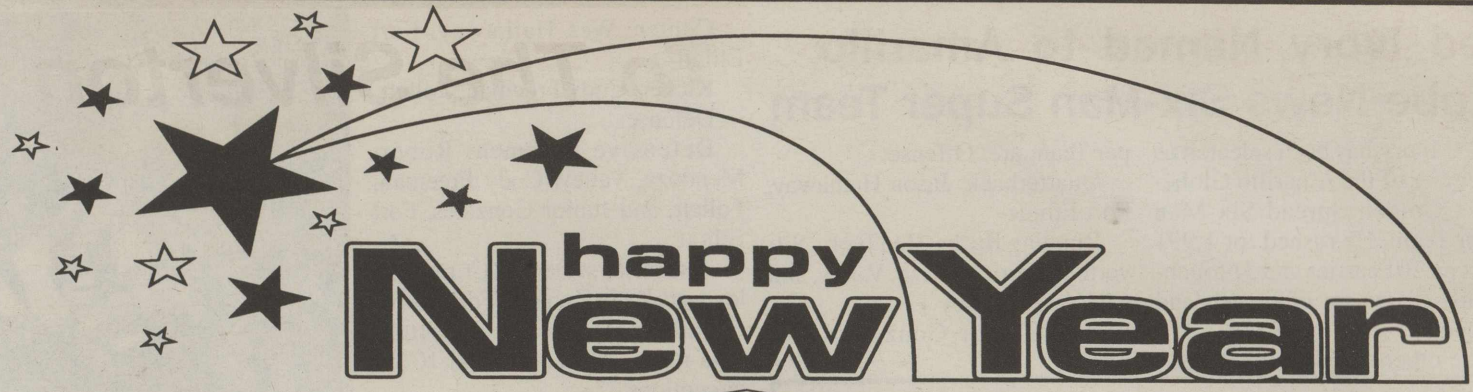
**ROCK CREEK CHURCH OF CHRIST**

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

WEDNESDAY:  
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.



## Walking With The Lord

A New Year's resolution that we may want to consider is to take better care of ourselves, both physically and spiritually. If a person exercises on a regular basis, not only is he or she more physically fit, but also feels much better emotionally. Perhaps the endorphins that are secreted by exercising promote this feeling of well-being and lessen anxiety and depression.

Walking is a good form of exercise, and praying while walking is one way to draw closer to God while getting exercise. "Walking with the Lord" is a common phrase and one that can be taken literally. Recognizing our Heavenly Father as our source of life, and taking care of ourselves, both body and soul, will make us better children of God.

*Wise people walk the road that leads upward to life....*

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