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**All Around
 The Town**

By Mary Ann Sarchet



This is just a reminder that Briscoe County continues to be under a burn ban.

Briscoe County Activities Association has announced plans to sponsor a Christmas Lighting Contest this year.

Judging will be done on Monday, December 22. Please be sure to leave your lights turned on that evening so the judges will see your display at its best.

It is time to get your Santa letters in for publication in the Christmas edition of the Briscoe County News. Deadline is Dec. 19. Take them by the newspaper office or mail them in the special box at the Post Office.

A Walk to Bethlehem will be presented at the Silvertown United Methodist Church, Sunday, December 14, from 5:30 until 9:00 p.m.

Meet at the City Bank Pioneer Room, and go in a group to the scene where you will dodge marching Roman soldiers, walk down a street in Bethlehem, camp with shepherds and their animals, sing with the angels, seek Him with wise men, and enjoy a real CHRISTmas holiday occasion.

**Angel Tree to Benefit
 Local Needy Children**

The Angel Tree is set up in the basement of the Briscoe County Courthouse.

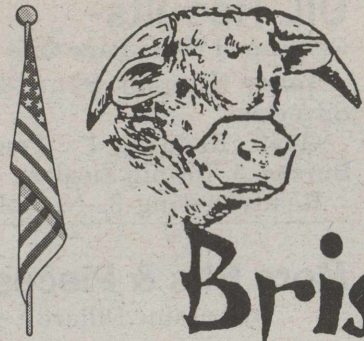
A correction to last week's article: there are no names on the angels, only age and size. Also, these are school-age children, not just 12 and under.

It is suggested that the gift be a new shirt, a pair of pants, socks, underwear, and an age-appropriate gift for each child.

Thank you to those who have already taken an angel, and to those who will. This is a heartwarming program, and you will be truly blessed by participating.

"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.

Please deliver your gift back to the angel tree by December 15. Thank you and God bless you!



Briscoe County News

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2003

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Silvertown Places Second in Junior High, Elementary UIL Competition

Silvertown Elementary School earned 553.5 points to finish in second place behind Valley's 691 points in UIL competition held recently.

McLean earned 396 points, while Groom had 264, Hedley, 221.5, and Grandview-Hopkins, 67 points.

Silvertown Junior High School earned 377 points, which also was good for second place. Valley won the event with 715.8 points. Other placings were McLean, 266.5; Groom, 239.5; Hedley, 163.3; Grandview-Hopkins, 0.

Individual Grade 2 placings in the elementary division included:

Creative Writing-2. Harlee Cogdell, 6. Candy Kate Carpenter

Storytelling-5. Candy Kate Carpenter

Oral Reading-2. Brittney Grabbe, 6. Candy Kate Carpenter

Grade 3:
 Music Memory-3. Silvertown
 Readywriting-1. Kodie Saul; 4. Ashley Smith, 6. Brit-tany Deckard

Spelling-3. Abbie Tipton
 Team Spelling-3. Silvertown
 Storytelling-1. Ashley Smith, 2. Kodie Saul; 3. Brit-tany Deckard

Oral Reading-3. Cody Daugherty

Grade 4:
 Music Memory-4. Silvertown
 Art-2. Silvertown
 Readywriting-3. Braden Estes, 5. Silvertown

Spelling-5. Ryder Carpenter, 6. Reba Garvin

Grade 5:
 Art-2. Silvertown
 Dictionary Skills-3. Patricia Vasquez

Listening-4. (tie)-Kaitlan Reagan, Isaac Reyna
 Team Listening-2. Silvertown
 Maps, Graphs, Charts-2. Silvertown

Number Sense-6. (tie) Isaac Reyna

Readywriting-4. Jonathan

Wall, 5. Adrienne Hubbard
 Spelling-3. Jonathan Wall, 6. Adrienne Hubbard
 Music Memory Team-3. Silvertown

Team Spelling-2. Silvertown
 Grade 6:

Art-3. Silvertown
 Dictionary-2. Jathan Williams, 4. Emily Long, 6. Logan Fabela

Team Dictionary Skills-1. Silvertown

Listening-1. (tie) Wendy Garcia, 1. (tie) Jathan Williams, 5. (tie) Blaze Cogdell

Team Listening-1. Silvertown
 Maps, Charts, Graphs-4. Skyler Beesinger; 5. (tie) CoDee Grabbe

Team Maps, Graphs, Charts

Mathematics-1. Logan Fabela, 4. Jathan Williams
 Team Mathematics-2. Silvertown

Music Memory. Team-4. Silvertown

Number Sense-1. Logan Fabela, 2. Jathan Williams, 6. Payton Price

Team Number Sense-2. Silvertown

Readywriting-1. Emily Long
 Spelling-2. Jathan Williams, 4. Emily Garcia

Team Spelling-1. Silvertown
 Junior High, Grade 7:
 Dictionary Skills-6. (tie) Reese Scarborough

Editorial Writing-1. Charla Rhoderick, 6. Thomas Watson
 Impromptu Speaking-4. Destiny Wilson

Maps, Graphs, Charts-4. Nichole Schott

Team Maps, Graphs, Charts-3. Silvertown

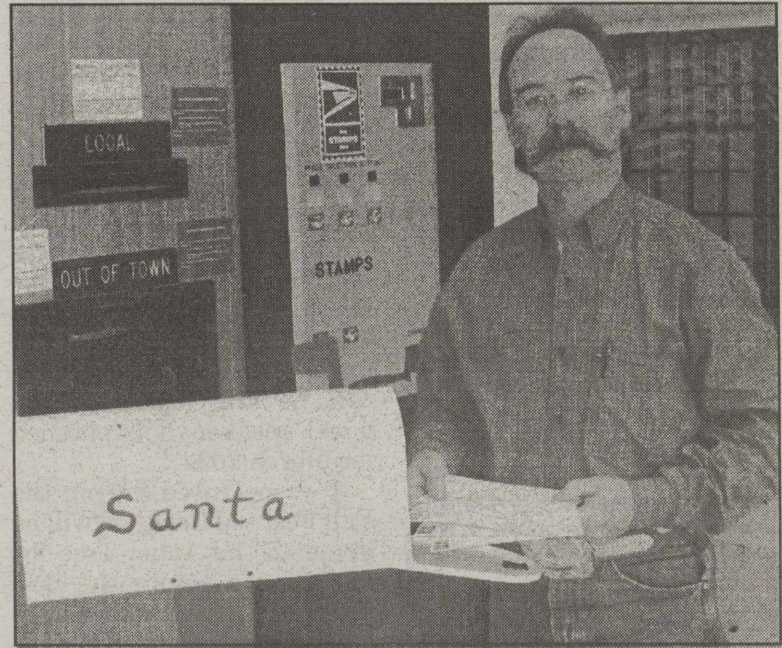
Mathematics-3. (tie) Charla Rhoderick, 6. Nichole Schott

Team Mathematics-1. Silvertown

Modern Oratory-4. Torrey Fuston, 5. Thomas Watson

Number Sense-6. True Burson

**See UIL Results-
 Continued on Page Two**



Postmaster Hoot Barker is pictured with the Santa Letter box that has been prepared at the Silvertown Post Office. Boys and girls can mail their Santa Letters in this special box now. The Post Office will be holding its Christmas Open House December 16 from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m., and everyone is invited to attend.
 Briscoe County News Photo

**RockSalt Selling
 2004 Calendars**

RockSalt Youth Group is selling beautiful 2004 calendars that includes unique pictures of various wood sculptures by John Christopher White.

The calendars are \$12.00 each, or you may buy two calendars for \$20.00.

You will be inspired each month as you turn the page to new picture with details about that participar sculpture. A sample calendar can be seen at the Briscoe County News.

To place your order, contact a member of RockSalt Youth Group, or you can call 823-2509 or 847-2513.

**Post Office to
 Have Open House**

Silvertown's Post Office will be having open house on Tuesday, Dec. 16, from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.

Kids can drop off their Santa Claus letters at the Post Office starting now.

**December Events
 At Caprock Canyons**

Several events are planned during December at Caprock Canyons State Park.

Dec. 13--Fern Cave Hike, 9:00 a.m.

Explore the North Prong Trail leading up to Fern Cave. This moderately difficult hike is approximately seven miles long and should take five hours to complete. Hikers should be in good condition. Water and snacks are a necessity. Regular park fees apply.

Dec. 20--Geology of South Prong Canyon, 9:00 a.m.

Hike the South Prong of the Little Red River to discover the geological formations, rocks, minerals and even fossils of the park. Meet at the South Prong parking lot and bring plenty of water. Regular park fees apply.

Dec. 27--Eagle Point Family Nature Hike, 9:00 a.m.

Join the park interpreter for an informative (1.5 hour) hike along Eagle Point Trail. Meet at the grassy parking area north of Lake Theo.

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FOR SALE: 200 acres of land in Section Fifty-one (51), Block No. Three (3), more commonly known as the Herman Tracy Estate, situated in Briscoe County, Texas, approximately 4 1/2 miles Southeast of the Town of Quitauque, Texas.

Sealed bids will be accepted no later than 10:00 a.m. January 6, 2004, in the office of William P. Smith
P. O. Box 119
Briscoe County
Courthouse
Silverton, Texas 79257

No bids under the appraised value of \$167 per acre will be accepted. The bids will be opened promptly at 10:00 a.m. January 6, 2004 and the property will be sold to the highest bidder, for cash only.

Further inquiries may be directed to William P. Smith at 806-823-2569. 50-4tc

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CAKES! I will still be baking cakes but will have them at my house. If you need a cake or to place an order, please call and leave a message and your phone number and I will return your call. Juannah, 823-2370. 4-tfnc

Attempt the impossible in order to improve your work.

—Bette Davis

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

The Briscoe County & District Clerk's office is now taking applications for Deputy County & District Clerk. Position is a 9-5 job, Monday through Friday. You may come by the Clerk's office located in the Briscoe County Courthouse to pick up an application. Applications will be accepted through January 3, 2004. Briscoe County is an equal opportunity employer, dedicated to a policy of nondiscrimination in employment on any basis including race, color, age, sex, religion, disability or national origin. 50-2tc

CARD OF THANKS

Many thanks go to Xcel Energy and Mid-Plains for their help in putting up the Christmas lights last week. Doug Cherry and Randy Duke of Xcel and Chris Wright, Mid-Plains, were the guys doing the work. Local men who helped were Harvey McJimsey, Calvin Shelton, James McMorries and Jerry Baker. Thank you all for making our City festive for the Christmas holidays!
Jerry Patton

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May God bless each of you.
Elsie

There's one good thing about snow, it makes your lawn look as nice as your neighbor's.
—Clyde Moore

Most travel is best of all in the anticipation or the remembering; the reality has more to do with losing your luggage.

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Bits & Pieces
by Lataine Dillard

Rose Mary Perkins had a lot of family all during the Thanksgiving holidays. Her son and daughter-in-law, Tommy and Wanda Perkins came from Willard, Missouri with their daughters, Tori and Taran. Roy and Rose Lee McCoy, Kayla, Kendra and J. C. came from Happy. Danny Perkins came with McKenzie and Matthew from Mesquite. Mom couldn't make it. Walter, Kathy and Kay Perkins were here from Amarillo.

Judy Segura and Rolando had Thanksgiving at the home of her parents, Lydia and Alex Segura, who also welcomed home son Santos Segura. Lydia and husband, Albert, April, Paloma and Peter Matias, Rosie and Damion, and Paul Segura all came from Amarillo. After a wonderful meal, they watched football and visited.

Edna Estes and her daughter, Melba Gillihan, had their holiday dinner with Jimmie Sue and Dewey Estes. A nephew, Dr. Lynn McDonald, came for a visit.

Lois and Roy Mack Walker had a wonderful Thanksgiving in Amarillo with their son and daughter-in-law, Jimmy and Karen Walker. Their two daughters were there with their families, Sunny and Kyle Irlbeck and Emma and Jaime and Cody Kidd. Since it was a Falconer's Weekend there, they had other guests also. People came from as far as Washington, D. C. and Mississippi and Austin, Texas. The convention was held at a hotel and the Falconers had lots of beautiful birds on display at which the Walkers enjoyed looking. That night, Roy Mack and Lois spent the night with Sunny and Kyle. Of course, Great Grandpa did not spoil Emma a bit!

Clifton and Joy Stodghill have had a few things happen to them lately. Joy had foot surgery and was doing really well when Clifton had a flare-up with his heart. They put in two stents and he is up and going again. What is that old saying? "You can't keep a good man down."

On the weekend, Lois and Roy Mack Walker welcomed grandson Dan Walker and two friends, Karah and Rachel. They stopped by to see the Walkers and had dinner with them. The youth were on the

Jessica Pedroza is Shower Honoree

Jessica Pedroza, bride-elect of Peter Trevino, was honored at a wedding shower Saturday, December 6, in the home of Johnny and Claudine Peery.

Out-of-town guests included Estella Trevino, Plainview; Juanita Contreras, Earth; Jennifer Acosta, Muleshoe, and Marcy Pena, Tulia.

Special guests were Josie Fabela, mother of the bride; Esther Trevino, mother of the groom, Norma Jones and Emily, sister and niece of the prospective groom.

Refreshments were served from a beautiful Christmas table by Bena Hester. Guests enjoyed coffee, punch, cookies, fruit cake and cinnamon rolls.

Hostesses were Connie Barnett, Katy Bomar, Janinne Brooks, Donna Francis, Michelle Francis, Bena Hester, Juannah Jennings, Dorothy Johnson, Dorothy Martin, Barbara Mayfield, Tina Nance, Claudine Peery, Jeannine West, JonEtta Ziegler and Lois Ziegler. The hostesses presented the couple with three large decorator pictures from Home Interiors.

way back to West Texas where they are enrolled in college.

Tom, Deb and Donny Burson, John and Trena Burson, Bryan and Zack Burson and Mary Tom Burson went to Amarillo to visit Corky and Betty Kirk. Kelly and Clipper Dunbar, Ian, Haylee and Shelby from Lockney joined them in the home of Kelly's parents.

Emmett and Sandi Tomlin had a full house during Thanksgiving. Sandi's brother and sister-in-law, David and Elaine House, Tim and Allen House were here. Ray House, Lindsey and Kevin came from Bonham. Donna and Robert McWaters, Kaitlin and Sutton joined the group in the home of Donna's parents.

The Anthony Kingerys had their daughters home for the holidays. Shauna and Jackie Kara came from Lubbock. Anthony's parents, Ted and LaVern Kingery joined the group.

Welcome to Silverton to Jerry Becknal and his wife, Barbara. He is the interim pastor for First Baptist Church. The Becknals have lived at Tahoka for several years.

Is there a Tupperware dealer in the area? Let me know.

Notice to Contractors of Proposed Texas Highway Improvement Contracts

Sealed proposals for highway improvement contracts will be received by the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) until the date(s) shown below, and then publicly read.

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Dist/Div: Childress
Contract 0925-00-050 for THERMOPLASTIC STRIPING IN CHILDRESS County, etc. will be opened on January 08, 2004 at 1:00 p.m. at the State Office.

Plans and specifications are available for inspection, along with bidding proposals,

and applications for the TxDOT Prequalified Contractor's list, at the applicable State and/or Dist/Div Offices listed below. Bidders must submit prequalification information to TxDOT at least 10 days prior to the bid date to be eligible to bid on a project. Prequalification materials may be requested from the State Office listed below. Plans for the above contract(s) are available from TxDOT's website at www.dot.state.tx.us and from reproduction companies at the expense of the contractor. NPO: 11569

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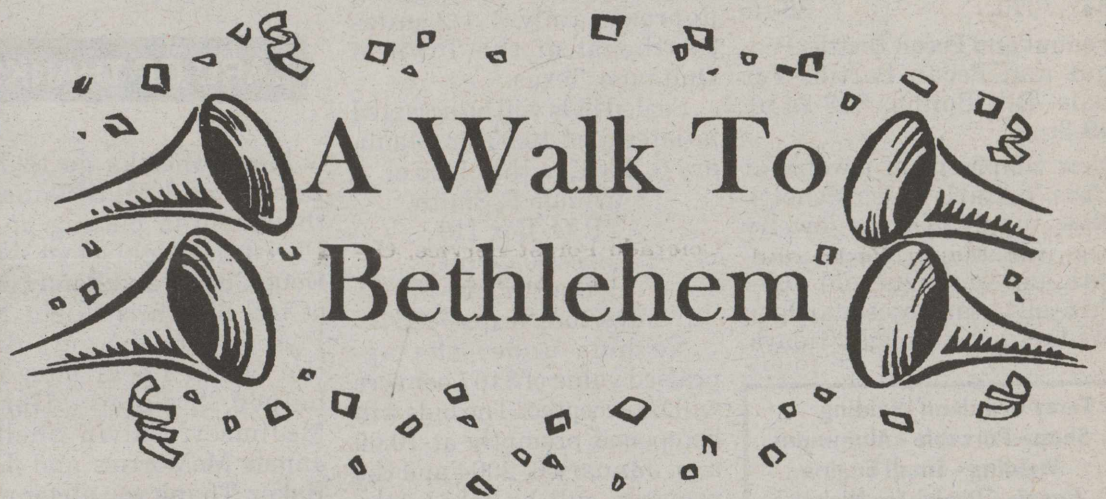
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Minimum wage rates are set out in bidding documents and the rates will be part of the contract. TxDOT ensures that bidders will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, sex, or national origin. 49-2tc

Right intention is to the actions of a man what the soul is to the body, or the root to the tree. Jeremy Taylor

All a man can betray is his conscience. Joseph Conrad

The Silverton United Methodist Church
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Sunday, December 14
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- ◆ Camp with shepherds and their animals
- ◆ Sing with the angels
- ◆ Seek Him with wise men
- ◆ Enjoy a real CHRISTmas holiday occasion!



Directions: Get on highway 86 in Silverton (the street in front of Allsup's). Turn south onto Main Street (west of the courthouse). Travel one block to City Bank (Park anywhere in this area). Enter the Conference Room of the bank (East side of building). Here you will wait to be taken on the Walk. A new tour begins every twenty minutes. As you wait you may sip coffee or hot chocolate to holiday music and visit with the locals. If you are in need of special assistance please inform a hostess at the bank.

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Play Bingo in January 2004

Silverton Chamber of Commerce met Tuesday, Dec. 2, 2003 with John Burson presiding.

The VFW has asked the Chamber to do a fund-raiser for the memorial. It was decided to do a Bingo Night on Jan. 10 (date pending). It will be held in the Pioneer Room at City Bank-Silverton. Soft drinks, coffee and cocoa will

be available at a very nominal price, along with popcorn. Several of the members will go to a Bingo place and see how it is run. There were many conflicting dates for it to be held at any other time.

Chairman Rick Beesinger and his Banquet Committee reported that Doppler Dave Oliver said it was too early to make plans to speak, but if he can, he will come to be the guest speaker. It is planned for March 2004.

Toys not used during the Fall Festival Carnival will be given to the Angel Tree for distribution among the children.

Meeting closed at 8:00 p.m. The next meeting will be at 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 6, 2004. Everyone is urged to attend and have a part in the building of the City.

Others attending were Deb Burson, Sandi and Emmett

Tomlin, Kyle Fuston, Kathy Kingery, Jana Beesinger, Rick Hutsell and Lataine Dillard.

Remember, the meetings are on the first Tuesday of each month.

contributed by Lataine Dillard

Silverton School

Lunch Menu

Monday, Dec. 15--Tetrazini, Salad, Garlic Bread, Fruit, Milk

Tuesday, Dec. 16--Chicken Noodle Soup, Crackers, Toasted Cheese Sandwich, Jello, Milk

Wednesday, Dec. 17--Pizza, Salad, Fruit, Milk

Thursday, Dec. 18--Sandwich, Chips, Salad, Fruit Roll-Up, Milk

Friday, Dec. 19--Turkey, Sweet Potatoes, Green Beans, Hot Roll, Milk, Pudding

Silverton School

Activities

Thursday, Dec. 11--Board Meeting at noon

Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Dec. 11-13--Tulia JV Tournament

Friday, Dec. 12--Clarendon, here, 6:00

Saturday, Dec. 13--Clarendon Junior High Tournament

Tuesday, Dec. 16--Varsity at Claude, 4:00 p.m.

Thursday, Dec. 18--Even Semester Tests; Employee Supper, 7:00 p.m.

Friday, Dec. 19--Odd Semester Tests; Varsity at Kress, 4:00 p.m.

'Parenting 101' Class Offered

by Cory Edwards

Texas Cooperative Extension Family & Consumer Sciences

This series will cover Health and Safety, Nutrition, Child Development, and Communicating with Young Children.

Qualified speakers will be leading each lesson and will include a Physician's Assistant, a Dietitian, an Early Childhood Intervention Specialist and a Minister.

The class will be held on Thursday evening, Dec. 11, from 6:30 until 8:30 p.m. in the basement of the Silverton United Methodist Church. Refreshments, door prizes and babysitting services will be provided for those who attend.

For more information, contact the Briscoe County Extension Office at 823-2521.

UIL Results-

Continued From Page One

Team Number Sense-3. Silverton

Oral Reading-1. True Burson, 5. Townlii Ziegler

Readywriting-3. Nichole

More Bits & Pieces

by Lataine Dillard

Jim and Connie Davis, Jeremiah and Jesse hosted a Thanksgiving dinner for their family. Connie's mother, Doris Yates, and Connie's brothers and sister-in-law, Terry and Sally Grimland and Alan Grimland came. Connie's aunt and uncle, Jack and Lataine Dillard, were also there. A great meal with lots of delicious dressing, turkey and all the trimmings were consumed. Sally brought her special corn dish. Doris made from-scratch banana pudding and Aunt Taine made pumpkin pie. Jim made the dressing which was excellent! He and Connie sent home a plate of food for Friday lunch!

Do you like GOOD TV? Family Net is not on our cable TV at this time. It has Andy Griffith, Annie Oakley, The Loretta Young Show, I Married Joan, Beverly Hillbillies, My Little Margie and lots of other good shows. If you are interested in these, call your new cable company and ask if they will carry Family Net.

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Science II-2. Davin Fabela, 5. Laura Scarborough

Team Science I-3. Silverton

Team Science II-1. Silverton

Spelling - 5. Reese Scarborough

Team Spelling-2. Silverton

Grade 8: Calculator - 5. Laura Scarborough

Team Calculator App.-2. Silverton

Dictionary Skills-3. Shane Estes, 5. Laura Scarborough

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Team Mathematics-1. Silverton

Modern Oratory-4. Vanessa Johnson, 5. Laura Perez

Number Sense-5. Laura Scarborough

Oral Reading-2. Shandy Forbes, 6. Jessica Garcia

Readywriting-2. Shandy Forbes, 4. Cooper Cogdell, 5. Jasmin Ivory

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Philippians 4:4-5

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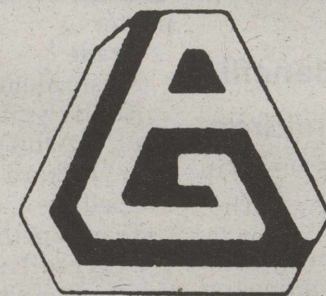
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LOOKING BACK

through the files of the
Briscoe County News

October 28, 1993-- Silvertown's varsity Owls earned a 3-0 district record by defeating the Three Way Eagles 26-20 last Friday night, and now are readying themselves for the two top contenders, Lazbuddie and Amherst . . . Jim and Donna Estes are parents of a son, Braden Dewey, born Oct. 21 at Lockney . . . Youth division honors in the Texas Caprock Arts Festival went to pen and ink drawings by Robert Leal, first; Lindsey Jennings, second; Diana Araujo, third. Honorable mention went to Trent Smith, pen and ink drawing, and Wynter Smith for two photography entries . . . H. A. Cagle and Mrs. Pauline Bryan Montague were married Friday, Oct. 22, at the Silvertown United Methodist Church . . . Junior High Owls defeat Three Way Eagles 32-7 . . . Silvertown ISD is very proud of the first six-weeks test results, because 17.9% of the student body scored 90 or above on the tests, and only 6.4% were reported on the failing list . . .

October 27, 1983-- Walter Arnold won the Wesley-Sims Memorial Steer Roping . . . Water availability from Mackenzie Municipal Water Authority is Jan. 1, 1984 . . . A Norther which blew into Silvertown Monday afternoon brought cooler temperatures, cloudy skies and another threat of rain. A prediction for a freeze this weekend has been made by the weather service . . . Mr. and Mrs. Bill Strange are parents of a son, Matt Bryan . . . Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Masey are parents of a son, Sohn Harve . . . Century of Progress Study Club has lunch at Lubbock . . . Miss Kim Cornett became the bride of Bobby Scott McPherson in a formal double-ring ceremony Saturday at the Silvertown Church of Christ . . .

October 25, 1973-- Susan Northcutt is new Worthy Advisor of Silvertown Rainbow Girls . . . Recipients of the 1973 Briscoe County Gold Star Award, highest award given in 4-H on the county level, were Mary Chris Cantwell and Ken Sarchet . . .

. . . During the annual 4-H Achievement Banquet, Kim Hutsell played a musical selection. A string band composed of Paul Brannon, Bobby McPherson, Cam Forbes and Ted Lanham accompanied Bob Ann Whelchel, Traci Mayfield and Connie Rowell when they sang "Take Me Home Country Roads." A pantomime, narrated by Debra Strange, was presented by Ken Sarchet, Suzette Fitzgerald, Paul Brannon, Danny Perkins and Jace Francis. Mrs. John T. Francis and Joe Brannon were winners of the Silver Spur Awards, highest award presented to 4-H Adult Leaders on the county level . . . Mr. and Mrs. Rex Holt announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Karen, to Mr. Doug Turner, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Turner . . .

October 14, 1963-- Cotton harvest off to early start . . . Max Garrison receives both offensive and defensive Player of the Week awards for his services to the Silvertown Owls in their game at Hart Friday night . . . Pam Fleming celebrated her birthday Oct. 13 with a party at the home of her mother, Mrs. Jo Fleming. Attending were Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Tiffin, Bruce and Jeff, Mrs. Glynn Tomlin, Dennis, Emmett, Howard and Stanley, Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Ray Baird and Paul Ray, Mrs. Fleming, Kay and the honoree . . . Winners of the Punt, Pass & Kick contest are Gilbert Rodriguez, Keenan Cruce, Dan Baldwin, Bob Hutsell, Randy Drewry, Monty Teeple, Bobby Lynn Boyles, Ronnie Strange, John Minyard, Marvin Self, Jim McWilliams, Jim Davis and Charles Edwin Cowart . . . Mr. and Mrs. Joe Grabbe, Donna and Pat spent the weekend in Amarillo with Mr. and Mrs. Ray Savage and sons, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Neese and family and Norman Chitty . . .

September 17, 1953-- G. W. Lee, who farms east of Silvertown, brought in the first bale of cotton Sept. 11, and it was ginned by Tomlin & Fleming Gin. He had 1750 pounds of seed cotton and the bale weighed 505 pounds . . . A group of Haylakers got together Thursday night at the top of the canyon on Dud Watters' place and ate watermelons which were fur-

nished by Seymour Brannon and Irving McJimsey . . . Hugh Stodghill, owner of Stodghill Hardware Company, closed a deal Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Harrison, whereby he sold his hardware business to them . . . The City Council met and hired James Patton as City Marshal according to an announcement made by Alvin Redin, City Mayor . . . Travis Gilkeyson, young son of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Gilkeyson, spent a few days in the local hospital recently . . . Helen Vaughan and Janice Turner left Monday for Canyon where they will attend WTSC this semester . . . Misses Lettie O'Neal, Mary Lou Bellinger and Kay Steele, and Messrs. Pat Northcutt, Jack Mayfield, Donald Bean and Richard Tunnell are attending Texas Tech in Lubbock this semester . . .

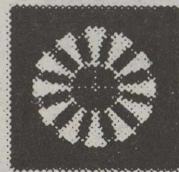
July 22, 1943-- Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Bingham were married July 13, 1893--and that counts for the big family get-together they had at their home Sunday. They were celebrating their golden wedding anniversary . . . The Donnell Hatchery will close this week, until the next hatching season . . . Mr. and Mrs. Berle Fisch spent Sunday night with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Fisch . . . Lieut. Ted Reid returned to Pampa to assume his duties after spending a 30-day furlough on his farm . . . New officers of the Helping Hand Club are Mrs. John Lee Francis, president; Mrs. F. Fitzgerald, vice-president; Mrs. Wilbur Wilson, secretary; Mrs. Edwin Crass, vice-secretary . . . Bob Baird of the JA Ranch visited Mr. and Mrs. Nash Blasengame Sunday . . . Mr. and Mrs. Alvie Mayfield took their baby to Ama-

Happy Anniversary--
December 11--Mr. and Mrs. Roger Cantwell
December 16--Mr. and Mrs. Dayne Mayfield
December 17--Mr. and Mrs. Van Breedlove

Modern traveling is not traveling at all; it is merely being sent to a place, and very little different from becoming a parcel.
John Ruskin

A snowflake is one of God's most fragile creations, but look what they can do when they stick together.
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rillo for medical care last Friday . . . R. M. Hill and Lillie B. Brooks went to Childress Friday where they visited the Hoyt Hills for several days . . .

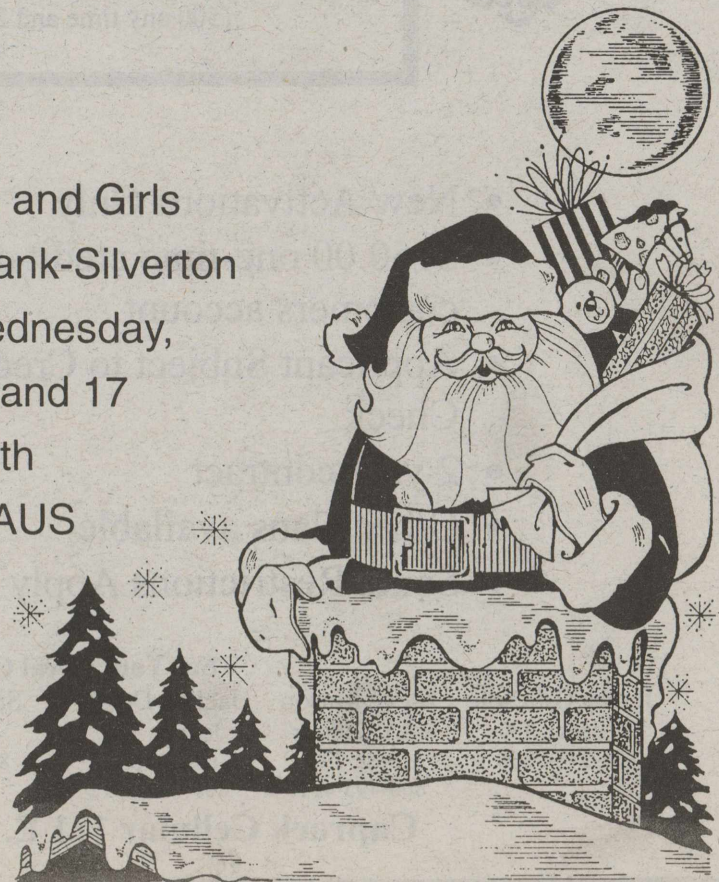


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The quilters last week were Sybil King, Diane Norris, Bobbye Bean, Ann Norris, Nadyne Childress, Joy Stodghill, Rose Mary Perkins, Laverne Stephens, Christine King, Linda Bearden and Nina Martin. We are quilting on Diane's Double Wedding Ring and Laverne's Red Chicken Scratch.

Mike and Diane Norris enjoyed Thanksgiving with their children, Andria, Andy and three children; Darrell, Misty and children of Fort Worth.

Thanksgiving visitors in the Walter Bean home were Brent, Jan, Zack, Drew and Jill of Amarillo; Kyle, Lori, Kyler and Baylor of Lubbock; Casey, Corrina, Christine, Corrine and Caleb of Midland.

Nadyne Childress' Thanksgiving visitors were Linda Bearden; Karen and Johnny Tiffin and Brandi Rice; Matt Jackson, Lisa Farley, Randy and Mitchell of Quitaque; Vance, Angela and Jazmin Farley; Melody Farley and Jeff Jackson of Canyon; Marcy, Kisha and Kristen Roys of Shallowater.

Clifton Stodghill had two stents put in his heart at the Heart Hospital in Amarillo. He was able to come home late Thanksgiving Day.

Rose Mary Perkins had all of her children and grandchildren for the holidays.

Tanner Cartrite of Dumas spent the week with his grandparents, Neil and Sybil King. He put up their Christmas lights while visiting.

Thanksgiving guests in the home of Nina Martin were Joe and Ninette Zorger of Tuttle, Oklahoma; Stan and Roma Martin, Ky, Amy, Kyleigh, Keaton and Kreagan

of Grandview; Wayne and Meloye Martin, Cleburne; Bobby Martin, Stephenville; Celia, Marshall and Brenna Syme; Krum; Brian and Mayson Martin, Fort Worth; Kami and Kamron Cook of Baltimore, Maryland; Roger, Shannon, Devin and London Cantwell of Amarillo; Dana and Dorothy Martin of Silverton.

Quilt Raffle to Benefit Veterans' Memorial

The Friendship Quilters have recently completed a quilt which is on display at City Bank-Silverton.

The quilt will be given away to benefit the Veterans Memorial.

Go by to see the quilt soon, and ask for details about how you can win it.

Orders Are Being Taken Now For Windbreak Trees

Caprock Soil and Water Conservation District is currently taking orders for windbreak trees. Tree seedlings will be offered from Texas and Colorado Forest Service. Orders will be taken for larger trees from New Mexico, as well. Caprock SWCD also sells drip supplies for optimum care for your trees. Delivery will be made in March 2004.

A minimum order may be required on the seedlings orders. There is no minimum on the larger trees. The earlier you order, the better chance you have of getting the varieties you want.

For more information, call 806-823-2341, Extension 101, or go by the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) office in Silverton, located at 410 Lone Star.

Junior High Girls Lose to Hedley

Silverton's Junior High Lady Owls dropped their game Monday night 61-31 to the green Lady Owls from Hedley.

Shandy Forbes led the scoring for the Owl Ladies with a 16-point effort. Also scoring were Jasmin Ivory, seven; Jordan Sherman, four; Abby Reyna and Laura Scarborough, two points each.

Host Bible Heritage

Silverton's Junior High Owls dropped a game to Bible Heritage of Amarillo 27-17 on

Monday night of last week. Scoring for the Owls were Cord Griffin, nine; Vargas, four; Shawn Johnson

and Cade Holt, two points each.

JH Owls	0	3	11	17
Bible Heritage	2	8	15	27

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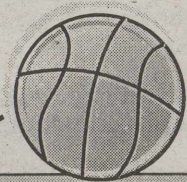


**Good Luck To The
 Owls and Lady Owls
 This Season!**



**Varsity: Dec. 12-Clarendon, here, 6:30 p.m.
 Dec. 16-at Claude, 6:30 p.m.**

**Junior Varsity: Dec. 11-13-Tulia JV Tournament
 Dec. 16-at Kress, 4:00 p.m.**



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 Evening Worship.....6:00 p.m.
 WEDNESDAY:
 Bible Study.....7:00 p.m.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

SUNDAY:
 Sunday School..... 9:30 a.m.
 Morning Worship.....10:30 a.m.
 Evening Worship.....6:00 p.m.
 MONDAY:
 Ladies Bible Study.....8:30 a.m.
 WEDNESDAY:
 Ladies Bible Study.....6:30 p.m.
 Rock Salt Youth Group.....7:00 p.m.
 Bible Study, Prayer Meeting
 Mission Friends, GAs, RAs
 SECOND WEDNESDAY:
 Fellowship Meal.....6:30 p.m.
 Ladies Bible Study.....6:30 p.m.
 Business Meeting.....7:00 p.m.
 Mission Friends, GAs.....7:00 p.m.
 RAs, Rock Salt Youth....7:00 p.m.
 THURSDAY
 Men's Group.....6:30 a.m

**SILVERTON UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH**

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

**OUR LADY OF LORETO
CATHOLIC CHURCH**

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

**ROCK CREEK
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SUNDAY:
 Worship Service.....10:30 a.m.
 Evening Worship.....6:00 p.m.
 WEDNESDAY:

† A Savior is Born

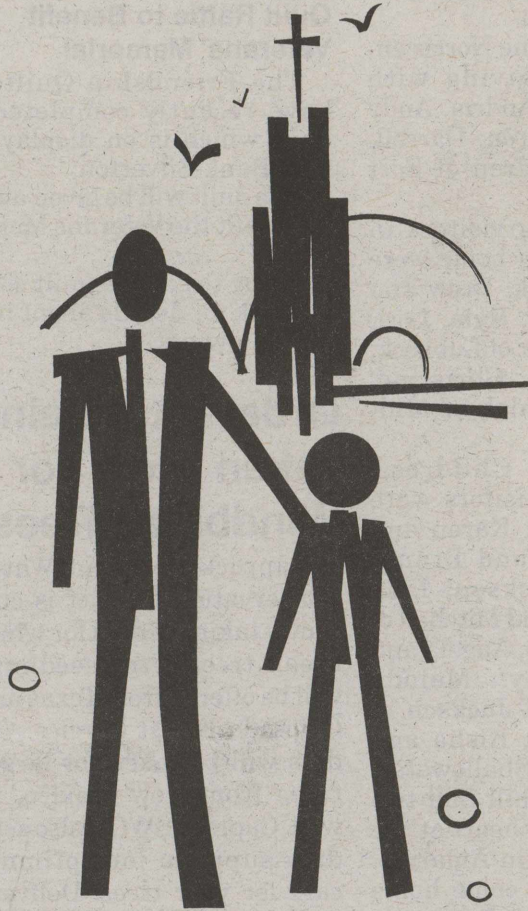
a son is given

This Is My Beloved Son.

Children want to please their parents, and usually they will respond to a parent's approval by trying to do their best. As children become adults, their need and desire for approval by their parents remains with them. The Bible tells us that a parent's responsibility is to train their children in the way that they should go, and when they are old they will not stray from that path. Not only should we want to please our natural parents, but more importantly, we should be concerned with pleasing our Heavenly Father. I am sure that God the Father, who is well pleased with His Son Jesus, is pleased with all of His children who try to do His will. "For whoever does the will of my Father in heaven is my brother, and sister, and mother" (Matthew 12:50). Just knowing that our Father in heaven wants us to be His children, and that Jesus wants to be our brother, should be inspiration for us to try to live our lives according to God's will.

*But to all who received Him,
 who believed in His name,
 He gave power to become
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R.S.V. John 1:12



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Owls Drop Pair Of Games Dec. 2

Both the varsity and junior varsity Owls dropped their games at Lorenzo on Tuesday night of last week.

The varsity team was led in scoring by Gid Mayfield, who rang up a three pointer in the second quarter. Other scoring was by Payton Estes, five (in-

cluding one from downtown); Eric Minyard, four, Bert Vasquez (a three pointer) and Caleb Francis, three points each; Jacob Francis and Colt Smith, two points each.

Owls	11	15	29	29
Lorenzo	28	44	66	82

Scoring for the junior varsity Owls were Drew Reed, eight (including a three pointer); Joshua Maciel, five (including one from down-

Lady Owls Play In Floydada Tourn.

Silverton's Lady Owls opened the Floydada Tournament with a 73-35 loss to town); Jesse Reynolds, a three pointer; Dusty Burson and Landon Fisher, two points each.

JV Owls	7	7	13	20
Lorenzo	2	5	19	28

Paducah's Lady Dragons.

Scoring was by Krista Hale, 11; Lori Griffin, eight; Sasha Wood, six (including a three); Kelcy Simpson, five; Haylee Simpson and Danielle Ramirez, two points each; Kelsie Estes, one point.

Lady Owls	3	16	25	35
Paducah	19	37	59	73

In the second round, the Lady Owls dropped their game to Kress, 50-44. Both

Danielle Ramirez, 17, and Lori Griffin, 11 (including two baskets from downtown), scored in double figures. Also scoring were Kelsie Estes, eight; Haylee Simpson, six; Kelcy Simpson, two points.

Lady Owls	6	23	33	44
Kress	10	21	35	50

The Lady Owls went up against Valley and lost the match 53-41. Scoring for the Lady Owls were Haylee Simpson (one three pointer) and Sasha Wood, 13 points each. Adding to the score were Lori Griffin, nine; Kelcy Simpson, four; Kelsie Estes, two points.

Lady Owls	8	16	27	41
Valley	13	26	34	53

Owls End Tourn. By Defeating Springlake-Earth

Silverton's Owls closed their appearance in the Floydada Tournament Saturday morning with a 50-40 victory over Springlake-Earth.

Gid Mayfield led the offense by scoring 15 points, including one from downtown. Also adding to the score were Payton Estes, eight; Colt Smith, seven (including two three pointers); Ty Reed, six; Eric Minyard and Caleb Francis, five points each; Jacob Francis and James Tiffin, two points each. Caleb also contributed one basket from downtown. The Owls played well and all players scored.

Owls	12	21	32	50
Spring-Earth	12	24	29	40

In the first round of the tournament, the Owls dropped a 69-49 decision to Paducah. Ty Reed led the scoring with 16 points and Gid Mayfield also scored in double figures, getting 13. Also scoring were Payton Estes and Jacob Francis, seven points each; James Tiffin, Eric Minyard and Colt Smith, two points each.

Owls	7	21	33	49
Paducah	11	28	48	69

In the second round of the tournament, the Owls lost to Kress 59-51.

Colt Smith led the offense by scoring 17 points. Gid Mayfield and Ty Reed also scored in double figures, getting 10 points each. Also scoring were Payton Estes, six; Jacob Francis and Eric Minyard, four points each.

Owls	15	27	31	51
Kress	13	29	42	59

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