

## All Around The Town

By Mary Ann Sarchet



Charlie and I took our grandchildren with us to Ruidoso for a long weekend in the tall pines. It showered Friday afternoon, and was very pleasant and cool. On Saturday it rained on the mountains but not in town and was cloudy and cool all day. We enjoyed it a lot, but it surely has been hard to come back to the heat.

Bears went through the dumpsters in the upper canyon, where we were staying, every night. They didn't make a lot of noise, but left a lot of trash on the ground surrounding the dumpsters.

The kids seemed to have a good time, and we tentatively have planned it again next year.

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Silverton Volunteer Fire Department will be giving away a gun at the rodeo Saturday night. For every \$5.00 you donate to the fire department, a chance to win the gun will be given. Only 400 will have a chance to win, and you don't have to be present to win.

## WHO Will Be Chosen The Next 'Miss' Silverton?

by Maebelle Francis

Who will wear the coveted crown and receive the honor of being the most beautiful "lady" is yet to be known; however, this coming Saturday is the day, so if YOU want to be in the pageant, you don't have much time. Any male is eligible whether you've lived here one week or 80 years. Even if you just have folks in Silverton, come and be part of the fun. Even if you don't decide until Saturday morning, come on anyway.

For those who want to see the beautiful "ladies," the finals will be held under the shelter on the courthouse lawn immediately following the parade.

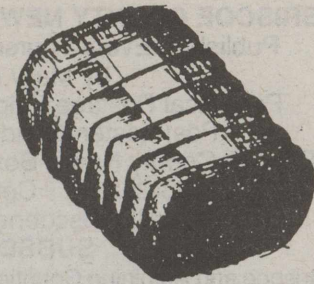
One of the most important trips a man can make is that involved in meeting the other fellow halfway.

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# Briscoe County News

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## Team Roping To Open Celebration Here Today



Pioneers of the Day, Mr. and Mrs. James Brunson

## Mr. and Mrs. Brunson Are Being Honored as Pioneers of the Day

Mr. and Mrs. James Brunson have been selected by the Silverton Chamber of Commerce as the Briscoe County Pioneer Couple. They will be honored Saturday during the Briscoe County Birthday Celebration in Silverton and will ride in a horse-drawn

carriage in the parade.

Ruth and James Brunson have lived most of their lives in Quitaque. She was born January 18, 1928 in the eastern edge of Briscoe County, and was the daughter of

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Clint Hunt is a new Game Warden stationed in Briscoe County. He and his wife, Audra, and five-year-old son, Zane, are making their home at Rock Creek in the home of the late Ashel and Mildred McDaniel. Hunt is the son of Gary and Nena (McDaniel) Hunt.

Briscoe County News Photo

The 2003 Briscoe County 111th Birthday Celebration will open here today (Thursday, August 7) with an Open Team Roping at Wood Memorial Arena beginning at 7:00 p.m.

Friday night, the Briscoe County Activities Association and Silverton Fire Department will sponsor a DJ dance with music provided by Jeff Smith at the Showbarn in Silverton.

BCAA and the Silverton Firemen will sponsor another dance Saturday night at the Showbarn. Music for the dance will be provided by Shane Rogers and the Texas Roadhouse Band from 9:00 p.m. until 1:00 a.m.

Saturday morning's activities will begin with booths on the courthouse square offering a variety of food merchandise for sale. There is no charge for the booths.

A parade will take place through downtown Silverton beginning at 10:00 a.m. Go-carts, antique tractors and cars and other entries will be included. Prizes will be awarded for the best floats and antique tractors/cars in the parade.

Mr. and Mrs. James Brunson will be Pioneers of the Day, and will appear in the parade in a horse-drawn carriage. They will receive a plaque and free barbecue tick-

ets.

Amarillo's hockey club will be here to show local boys and girls how to play street hockey.

The "Miss Silverton" contest will take place underneath the shelter on the courthouse lawn immediately following the parade. There also will be entertainment during the day on the courthouse square.

Barbecue will be served in the Silverton School Cafeteria beginning at 12:30 p.m. Tickets will be available at the Silverton City Hall and on the courthouse square. Tickets are \$7.00.

Open TCRA UPRA rodeos will be held Friday and Saturday nights under the sponsorship of Briscoe County Activities Association. Entries in the rodeo were booked August 4.

Events will include bare-back bronc riding, saddle bronc riding, bull riding, calf roping, women's breakaway roping, team roping, ladies barrel races and steer wrestling.

Events planned for kids are sheep riding for ages six and under; steer riding for those 12 and under, and a calf scramble.

A Poker Run will begin at 1:00 p.m. Saturday.

Handmade boots, a gun, quilt, TV, barbecue grill and saddles will be given away during the celebration.

You are promised a lot of fun in Silverton this weekend.

## Voting is Saturday, September 13 On 22 Proposed Amendments

Saturday, September 13, 2003 has been selected as Election Day to adopt or reject twenty-two proposed Constitutional Amendments as submitted by the 78th Legislature, Regular Session, of the State of Texas.

Voting precincts 1, 3, 4 and 5 will be voting in the Pioneer Room at City Bank in Silverton. Voting precincts 2 and 6 will be voting at the Community Center in Quitaque.

Early voting by personal appearance in the County Clerk's office will begin August 28, 2003 and end at 5:00 p.m. on September 9, 2003. Qualified voters may request an application to vote by mail by contacting the Briscoe County Clerk's office at 806-823-2134 or you may print one off the web at [www.sos.state.tx.us](http://www.sos.state.tx.us).

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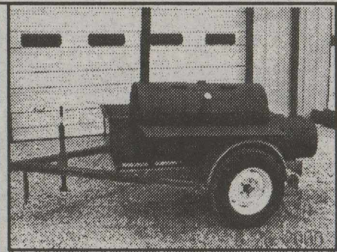
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We would like to thank all of the workers for Vacation Bible School. There were a total of 60 workers from youth to adults, and we really appreciate such a wonderful group.

Thank you to those who cooked, cleaned, prayed and also to our fantastic art team.

A special thanks to Dewayne Juarez for donating

the snow cones for our canned food drive contest. We really enjoyed a fun-filled week with a great group of kids. May God bless each of you.

Toy and Amy

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Provided by Brandon McGinty  
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The purple bacterium proved to be especially effective in controlling the Colorado Potato Beetle.

Researchers are now trying to determine in what types of soil the bacterium is present and how it can be used safely and beneficially. To determine

## USDA Grassland Reserve Program

The Grassland Reserve Program (GRP) is a voluntary program that offers assistance to landowners for the restoration and protection of grassland that includes rangeland, pastureland and certain other land while preserving the land for grazing activity. GRP is au-

if bacterium is present, rice grains are placed on moist soil. In about three days some of the rice grains will turn purple if bacterium is present.

This testing method has proven to be as sensitive as the more expensive methods that depend on copying DNA.



Attending the 4-H County Camp at the Texas 4-H Center in Lake Brownwood last month were adult leaders, Jason and Norma Jones, Gabriel Vargas, Morgan Underwood, Payton Price, Jessie Price, Lauren Young, Emily Garcia and Anthony Baeza.

## SOUTH PLAINS HEALTH PROVIDER BRISCOE COUNTY CLINIC

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National Health Center week is celebrated August 10-16 to recognize the service and contributions of Community, Migrant, and Homeless Health Centers. Briscoe County Community Clinic serving Briscoe and surrounding counties will observe the week starting with an informational booth at the Briscoe County Celebration on August 9th.

The public is invited to share in the festivities and learn more about health center programs that expand access to affordable health care and promote health and prevention.

The observance of Health Center Week comes at a time when more and more Americans are turning to health centers for medical care, where no one is turned away regardless of insurance status or ability to pay. Community, Migrant, and Homeless Centers have compiled a solid record of success for nearly 40 years of caring for the uninsured and medically underserved.

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Be sure your bid is in by August 11, 2003. Write "BID ENCLOSED" on the outside of your envelope.

Bids will be opened at the board meeting August 12, 2003, at 8:00 p.m. 30-3tc

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## LOOKING BACK

through the files of the  
Briscoe County News

**June 24, 1993**--Janinne Brooks received the Texas 4-H Salute to Excellence Award provided by the Texas 4-H Foundation, the service organization of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service 4-H Youth Development program . . . William Robert Reid, 34, was killed when he was headed north on Farm Road 284 about 6:30 p.m. and the 1990 Ford pickup truck he was driving went into a ditch and struck a parked pickup truck . . . Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Norris recently fished for salmon at Petersburg, Alaska. Edwin caught a fifty-pound salmon, among others . . . H. H. Vardell, 80, taken by death . . . Lance Holt was one of four Future Farmers of America members who won a trip to the National FFA Convention, courtesy of Southwestern Public Service Company . . . Third-place winners with their Pork method demonstration at the State 4-H Roundup were Christi McWaters and Kevin Womack . . . Ashleigh Wyatt was second-place winner with her Clothing method demonstration at the State 4-H Roundup. She also won second with her Textile Designs . . . Leo Fleming returned home last week after undergoing bypass surgery in an Amarillo hospital . . .

**June 23, 1983**--The Mackenzie Municipal Water Authority pipeline is being laid from Rock Creek to Silverton. It probably will be more than a year before Mackenzie water comes into the Silverton water system . . . Services conducted for Lee Oscar Weaks, 62 . . . Dr. Tim Brady addresses ambulance volunteers here. EMS members attending were Anthony Kingery, Lynn Frizzell, James Edwards, Bruce Tiffin, Riley Harris, Tom Burson, Helen Strange, LaRue Garvin, Susie Tiffin, Sharon Pigg, Emmett Tomlin, Jim Estes, Danny Francis, Janice Hill, Dick Roehr, Mary Ann Sarchet, Van Breedlove, Shelly Harris, Della Boling, Larry Comer, Jarus Flowers, Rick Minyard, Sandy Harris, Dale McWaters, Bill Boling and Alvin May . . . The family and friends of Loretta Gamble gathered in the school cafeteria to help her celebrate her 70th birthday

Sunday . . . Class of 1933 holds fifty-year class reunion. Joe Lemons was valedictorian and Matthew Watley was salutatorian. Mayvis Strickland had the highest average for the girls. Class officers were Joe Lemons, president; Gordon Montague, vice president; Alvin Wakeland, treasurer; Evelyn Crowe, secretary, and Mayvis Strickland, reporter . . . Mr. and Mrs. David Tipton announce the approaching marriage of their daughter, Susie, to Gary Younger, son of Aaron Younger and Mrs. Letitia Younger . . . Shellie Cornett and Jeannita Stephens represented Briscoe County at the 4-H District Leadership Camp on the campus of Western Texas College in Snyder . . . Fitzgerald reunion held at Lake Mackenzie . . .

**June 21, 1973**--A 72-year-old Muleshoe man was killed and a Silverton man was injured in a two pickup collision Friday on Texas 207 about four miles south of Silverton. Joe Gallington, 57, was treated at the Silverton Clinic and then taken by car to Central Plains Hospital in Plainview with broken ribs, a collapsed lung and other injuries . . . Silverton Young Farmers are preparing a lot across the street west of the courthouse for a pocket park . . . Mary Jo Thomas, bride-elect of Wade Brannon, is shower honoree here . . . Mr. and Mrs. Dwayne Proctor are parents of a son, Steven Dwayne . . . Mr. and Mrs. Perry Brunson are parents of a son, Bradley Wayne . . . Mr. and Mrs. Travis Holt hosted the Holt Reunion in the Silverton School Cafeteria Sunday . . . In celebration of the 67th birthday of Marvin Reynolds, his children are inviting relatives and friends to a coffee Sunday afternoon . . .

**June 6, 1963**--Webb AFB in Big Spring named for son of James L. Webb, sr. 1st Lt. James L. Webb, jr. was flying a P-51 Mustang which crashed into the bay of Japan, while returning from a reconnaissance mission for which he had volunteered. In 1949, an athletic stadium at Itayube, Japan was named Webb-Byerly Stadium in memory of Lt. Webb and another who helped organize

athletics there . . . School bond election for building a new homemaking department, two classrooms, a nurse's office, school cafeteria and kitchen carried 174 to 20 . . . George Miller was installed as Lion Boss of the Silverton Lions Club during the Ladies' Night banquet at Jarnagin's "66" Restaurant on Memorial Day. The other officers are Kenneth Tate, first vice president; Jack Strange, second vice president; Bill Long, third vice president; Robert Whelchel, secretary-treasurer; Jim Mercer, Lion tamer; Joe Granato, tail twister; Wayne McMurtry, Fred Mercer, Cliff Allard and

Robert Ledbetter, directors . . . County soaked by daily rains . . . Mr. and Mrs. Ben Lesley, who recently lost their mobile home and some of its contents in a windstorm here, were honored with a friendship shower at First Methodist Church Tuesday . . . Mr. and Mrs. Bland Burson were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Troy Burson last week . . . Mr. and Mrs. Bill Swindle and family visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Clemmer, last week . . . Mr. and Mrs. Joe B. Mercer were complimented with an open house Sunday afternoon . . . Mr. and Mrs. John Howard Burson are parents of a son,

John Hal . . .

**May 28, 1953**--Mrs. G. A. Elrod added another blue ribbon to her collection this week by winning a top award in the second annual Caprock Community Art Show in Floydada. She won first place in the pastel division with her "The Preacher's Violin" . . . D. E. Chesshir and J. F. Bingham acquired management of the Magnolia Service Station from J. D. Johnston Monday morning . . . High school students receiving perfect attendance awards were Patsy Crass, Donna Mayfield, Jack Williamson and Shirley Elms . . .

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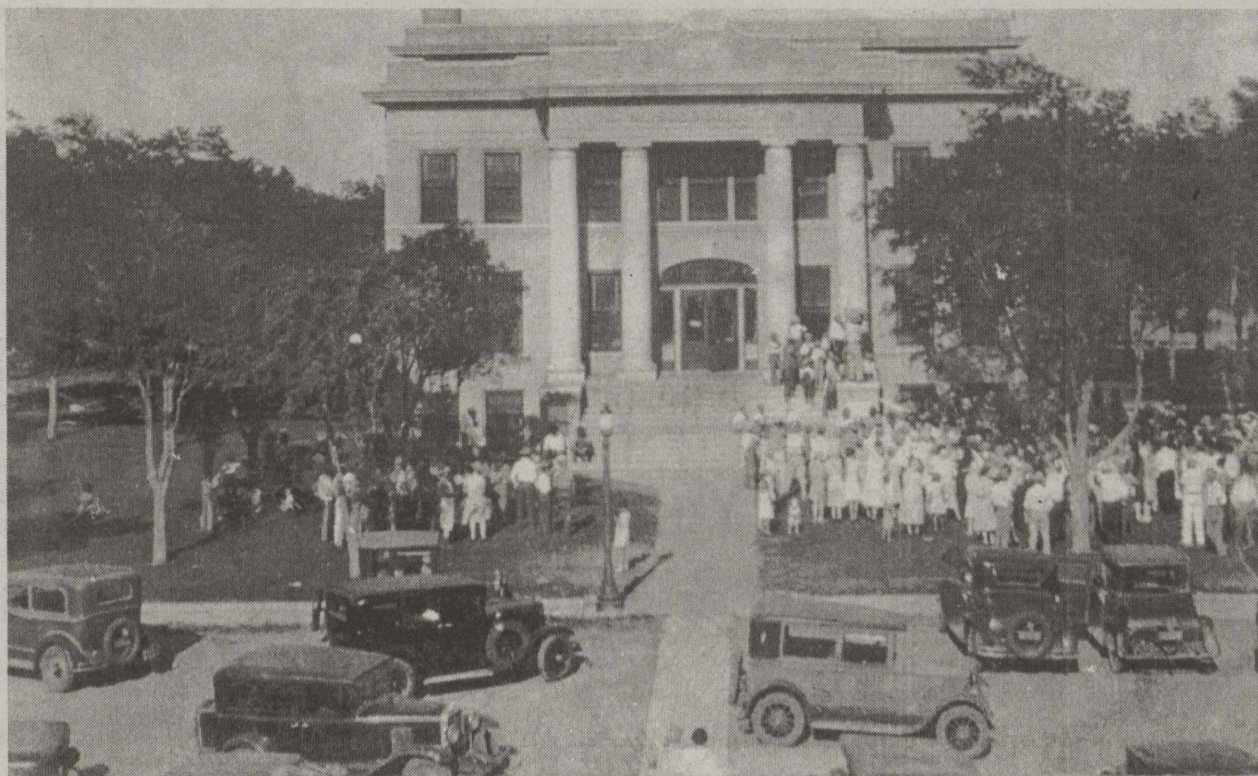
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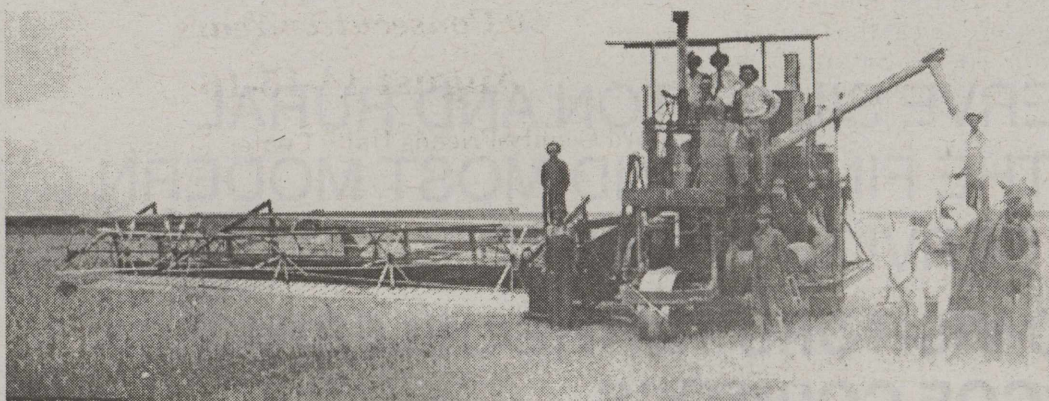
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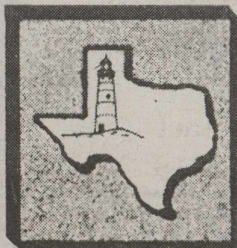
Silvertown, Texas in 1904 included these buildings: Bank, Blue Drug Store, Cosby Restaurant and Crawford Hotel.

## Briscoe County's 111 Year Celebration August 8th & 9th



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Floydada, Texas

### Pioneers--

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Henry and Bertha Logan. James was born January 30, 1920 in Purcell, McLean County, Oklahoma to George Eli and Lily Perry Brunson. He came to Briscoe County and Quitaque when he was two years old.

James grew to be a six-foot-three-inch tall young man. When Ruth came along, a lovely young girl who was almost six feet tall, James must have known that this girl was for him. They married November 8, 1946. He married the girl he had grown up knowing most of his life. They will celebrate 57 years of marriage this year.

"She is as beautiful as the day we met," James said. They are a loving couple "whose love is stronger than it has ever been," he said. This devoted couple attends the Church of Christ.

He followed in his father's footsteps and went into farming. After working hard on the farm, James went to work for Gulf Oil Company. In 1942, he went into the Navy, returning to Quitaque in 1945. James returned to farming for ten years, then they operated a tailor shop. It was hard, hot work and when the opportunity came, he went to work for the City of Quitaque. For the next 29 1/2 years he was the City Administrator. Since he retired 19 years ago, he enjoys doing some carpentry and painting, even plumbing and mowing. He has a workshop at

home where he spends time when Ruth is not at home.

Ruth's favorite pastime was sewing clothing for her family. Ruth and James enjoyed playing basketball with their children. In 1979, Ruth suffered a stroke and is now living at the Lockney Care Center. On weekends he picks her up and takes her to Quitaque. On Sunday, he drives her back to Lockney. On Mondays he returns to have lunch with her and enjoys hearing the Silvertown Church of Christ members sing for the residents of the home.

The Brunsons have four children. "We said we would just throw them back if they were under six feet tall!" James laughed and said. "We had our own basketball team!"

David was their first "basketball player." He is the city administrator at Muleshoe. He and his wife, Diane, have two sons, Derek and Dustin.

Perry Brunson is their second child. He and his wife, Marsha, live in Silvertown. Perry followed in his father's footsteps and also is a farmer. Marsha works for the prison system. They have four children: Bradley lives in Haskell. He and his wife, Julie, have two children, Dylan and Daxton. Julie is the daughter of Ruby and Jack Graham. Brandi and Lacy are Perry and Marsha's daughters. They made a basketball team in their family, too.

Patricia Maupin is James and Ruth's third child. She and her husband, Jerry, live in Amarillo, where they teach school. They have four children: Melissa Winn and her husband, Aaron, have two children, Marshall and Aarica.

Next is Amy Wood and her husband, Brandon (Bucky). Kenny and Corbin Maupin are the youngest ones.

The James Brunsons' last child, Mary Ward, finished the "basketball team." She is a radiologist and travels a lot to many interesting places.

James was from a family of 13 children, six boys and seven girls. He has two living sisters, Betty Jones of College Station and Wanda Jordan of Kerrville. Ruth came from a family of five. She has two siblings left: Betty Harrison who lives in Muleshoe and Jack Logan of Ingram.

Though the "basketball team" is now in retirement, life goes on for James and Ruth. "We have a great life," says James Brunson.

## Great Chamber Give-away Will Be Here Soon

The Silverton Chamber of Commerce is going to give away a 43" Phillips Color TV and also is giving away a Char-Broil Barbecue grill with butane tank.

There will be only 500 chances to win, and each person who donates \$10.00 to the Chamber will have a chance to win.

Chamber members will be accepting donations. The first winner will get the TV and the grill will go to the one whose name is drawn second.

See or call a Chamber member for a chance to win.

by Lataine Dillard

## BCAA To Give Away Boots

Briscoe County Activities Association will be giving away a pair of boots at the rodeo. If you are interested in having a chance to win, a \$1.00 donation to BCAA will be taken by President Tobe Riddell or any member of the organization.

The boots will be made by Cotton Hall of Childress.

## Fire Department Giving Away Two Saddles

Silverton Volunteer Fire Department will be giving away two saddles: one 12" Campdraft Special handcrafted by The Australian Stockmans Saddlery and the other a 13" children's saddle.

Donations of \$5.00 will be accepted, and one of those who donates will win both saddles.

Only 500 will have a chance to win, and you do not have to be present to win.

Fire Department President Jay Long says that if you wish to donate to the project, he will personally deliver your receipts to your home or place of business.

Proceeds will be used to upgrade the Silverton storm warning system.

*The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams.*

Eleanor Roosevelt

*Thinking is the activity I love best, and writing is simply thinking through my fingers.*

Isaac Asimov

## Immunization Clinic is Aug. 15

An immunization clinic will be held in the office of School Nurse Lana Burson Friday, August 15, from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m.

## Recipes Needed For New Cookbook

Silverton Chamber of Commerce is compiling a cookbook. The Chamber is seeking your favorite recipes for the book. Submit more than one if you choose to do so. They are wel-

come.

The recipes will be in a loose-leaf binder, so you can add more of your recipes at home.

Deadline has been extended to September 15. Send your recipes to the Chamber, Box 75, Silverton, Texas 79257.

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### LAST YEAR'S TAX RATE:

Last year's operating taxes	\$	517,401
Last year's debt taxes	\$	-0-
Last year's total taxes	\$	517,401
Last year's tax base	\$	73,914,288
Last year's total tax rate	\$	.70/\$100

### THIS YEAR'S EFFECTIVE TAX RATE:

Last year's adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property)	\$	516,998
/ This year's adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new property)	\$	76,420,566
= This year's effective tax rate	\$	0.6765/\$100
x 1.03-maximum rate unless unit publishes notices and holds hearing	\$	0.69679/\$100

### THIS YEAR'S ROLLBACK RATE:

Last year's adjusted operating taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property)	\$	516,998
/ This year's adjusted tax base	\$	76,420,566
= This year's effective operating rate	\$	0.6765/\$100
x 1.08 = This year's maximum operating rate	\$	0.73062/\$100
+ This year's debt rate	\$	-0/\$100
= This year's rollback rate	\$	0.73062/\$100

### STATEMENT OF INCREASE/DECREASE

If Briscoe County adopts a 2003 tax rate equal to the effective tax rate of \$0.6765 per \$100 of value, taxes would increase compared to 2002 taxes by \$969.

### SCHEDULE A

#### UNENCUMBERED FUND BALANCES:

The following estimated balances will be left in the unit's property tax accounts at the end of the fiscal year. These balances are not encumbered by a corresponding debt obligation.

Type of Property Tax Fund	Balance
All Funds	\$567,047.51

### SCHEDULE B

2003 Debt Service: None

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The person providing the above information is:

Pat McWaters  
Signature

Chief Appraiser  
Position

July 28, 2003  
Date

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## Events Planned For August at Caprock Canyons

Events planned at Caprock Canyons State Park during August 2003 include the North Prong Nature Hike at 8:30 a.m. August 9; Family Nature Hike at 8:30 a.m. August 16; Bats of Clarity Tunnel at 8:00 p.m. August 16; Wildscaping with Native Plants at 9:00 a.m. August 23; Birding 101 at 8:30 a.m. August 30.

Join the park interpreter for an informative (1.5 hours) hike along Eagle Point Trail in the nature hike program. Meet at the grassy parking area north of Lake Theo. Bring water, a hat and binoculars, if you have them. Regular park fees apply.

Join the park interpreter for this historic trip down the Caprock Canyons Trailway during the "bats" program. Arrive at Clarity Tunnel, the last used railroad tunnel in Texas just in time to watch the evening bat flight. Donations accepted. Meet at the Quitaque depot. Call for reservations, 806-455-1492.

Become aware of the many low-maintenance plants that can beautify your home and provide food and habitat for wildlife during the "wildscaping" program. Save on your water consumption as well. Meet at the amphitheater. Regular park fees apply.

Join the park interpreter

### 2003 OWL VARSITY FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

- Aug. 16-Lazbuddie/Kress Scrim., here 10:00 a.m.
- Aug. 22-Follett Scrim., here 5:30 p.m.
- Aug. 29-Chillicothe, there, 7:30 p.m.
- Sep. 5-Lazbuddie, there, 7:30
- Sep. 12-Open
- Sep. 19-Fort Elliott, here, 7:30 p.m.
- Sep. 26-Kress, there, 7:30
- Oct. 3-Amherst, here, 7:30
- Oct. 10-Valley, there, 7:30
- Oct. 17-Hedley, here, 3:00
- Oct. 24-Patton Springs, there, 7:30
- Oct. 31-Motley County, here, 7:30
- Nov. 6-Happy, there, 7:30

### 2003 OWL JV FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

- Aug. 16-Lazbuddie Scrim., here, 10:00 a.m.
- Aug. 22-Follett Scrim., here, 5:00 p.m.
- Aug. 28-Open
- Sep. 4-Open
- Sep. 11-Amherst, here, 7:00
- Sep. 18-Open
- Sep. 25-Spade, here, 6:30
- Oct. 2-Amherst, there, 6:30
- Oct. 9-Valley, here, 6:30
- Oct. 16-Kress, here, 6:30
- Oct. 23-Open
- Oct. 30-Valley, there, 6:30
- Nov. 4-Happy, here, 6:30

for a morning of birding along Lake Theo and the prairie. Bring water, good shoes, binoculars and a bird guide, if you have one. Regular park fees apply.

### 2003 JUNIOR HIGH FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

- Sep. 4-Lazbuddie, here, 5:00
- Sep. 11--Open
- Sep. 18-Groom, there, 5:00
- Sep. 25-Spade, here, 5:00
- Sep. 25-Kress, here, 4:00
- Oct. 2-Amherst, there, 5:00
- Oct. 9--Valley, here, 5:00
- Oct. 16-Hedley, there, 5:00

*If you cannot win, make the one ahead of you break the record.*

Jan McKeithen

Oct. 23-Patton Springs, here, 5:00

Oct. 30-Motley, there, 5:00

Nov. 4-Happy, here, 5:00

Nov. 4-Kress, here, 4:00

*Great ability develops and reveals itself increasingly with every new assignment.*

Baltasar Gracian

*There are three things I always forget. Names, faces--the third I can't remember.*

Italo Svevo

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#### LAST YEAR'S TAX RATE:

Last year's operating taxes	\$	66,890
Last year's debt taxes	\$	-0-
Last year's total taxes	\$	66,890
Last year's tax base	\$	13,346,055
Last year's total tax rate	\$	0.4938/\$100

#### THIS YEAR'S EFFECTIVE TAX RATE:

Last year's adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property)	\$	66,794
/ This year's adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new property)	\$	13,420,475
= This year's effective tax rate	\$	0.4977/\$100
x 1.03-maximum rate unless unit publishes notices and holds hearing	\$	0.5126/\$100

#### THIS YEAR'S ROLLBACK RATE:

Last year's adjusted operating taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property and adjusting for transferred function)	\$	66,794
/ This year's adjusted tax base	\$	13,420,475
= This year's effective operating rate	\$	0.4977/\$100
x 1.08 = This year's maximum operating rate unless unit publishes notices and holds hearing	\$	0.5375/\$100
+ This year's debt rate	\$	-0-/ \$100

= Rollback Tax Rate \$ 0.5375/\$100

#### STATEMENT OF INCREASE/DECREASE

If the City of Silverton adopts a 2003 tax rate equal to the effective tax rate of \$0.4946 per \$100 of value, taxes would increase compared to 2000 taxes by \$292.

#### SCHEDULE A

UNENCUMBERED FUND BALANCES:

The following estimated balances will be left in the unit's property tax accounts at the end of the fiscal year. These balances are not encumbered by a corresponding debt obligation.

Type of Property Tax Fund	Balance
All funds	\$ 39,381.92

#### SCHEDULE B

2003 Debt Service: None

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The person providing the above information is:

Pat McWaters  
Signature

Chief Appraiser  
Position

August 1, 2000  
Date



### Decorative Windmills Installed

\$2,500

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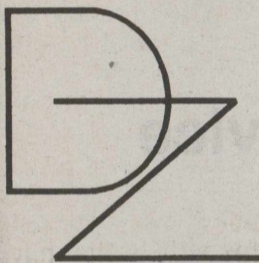
**NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS  
OF PROPOSED TEXAS  
HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENT  
CONTRACTS**

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.

**CONSTRUCTION/  
MAINTENANCE  
CONTRACT(S)**

Dist/Div: Childress  
Contract 0132-01-045 for DISTRICT WIDE SEAL COAT in DICKENS County, etc. will be opened on September 10, 2003 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.



**Direction Zone**

Will be starting back up!  
Wednesday, August 20  
6:30 - 8:00 pm.  
Age 4 - Jr. High  
Meal served.  
Call for details or  
transportation, 823-2060.  
**Silverton Church of  
Christ**



**Texas Cooperative Extension**

**4-H Achievement Banquet**

Cory Edwards, Briscoe County Extension Agent-FCS

The Briscoe County 4-H Achievement Banquet for the 2002-2003 4-H year will be held Monday, August 11, 2003 beginning at 7:00 p.m. under the awning at the Courthouse. It will be a casual picnic-style event with sub-sandwiches, chips and desserts.

We are asking that each 4-H family bring chips, dip, or for dessert, ice cream, brownies or Rice Krispie treats.

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](http://www.dot.state.tx.us) and from reproduction companies at the expense of the contractor.

NPO: 10483

State Office

Constr./Maint. Division  
200 E. Riverside Dr.  
Austin, Texas 78704  
Phone: 512-416-2540  
Dist/Div Office(s)

Childress District

District Engineer  
7599 U. S. 287  
Childress, Texas 79201-9705  
Phone: 940-937-2571

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. 32-2tc

Please call the Extension Office, 823-2521, to sign up for the item you can bring.

During the banquet, several awards will be distributed. T-shirts will be given to 4-H members who completed projects. 4-H leaders will be recognized. Special recognition will be given to the winners of the Gold Star Award, the I-Dare-You Award, the Silver Spur award, the Distinguished Leader Award, and the Friend of 4-H Award. This will be the first year for our incentive Points awards. Seven Briscoe County 4-H'ers have earned jackets and 14 have earned windbreakers.

Anyone who would like to help set up for the banquet should be at the Courthouse by 6:00 p.m. next Monday night.

**The Texans to  
Perform at the  
Gem Theatre**

The Texans, from Quitman, Texas, originally organized in 1971 at Dallas Christian College as "The Master's Four," a full-time traveling quartet, will be performing at the Gem Theatre in Turkey Saturday, August 9, beginning at 7:00 p.m.

Admission is \$10.00 for adults and \$5.00 for those 12 and under. You can get your tickets at the door. For information, call 806-423-1273.

In 1983 the Texans relocated to Branson, Missouri to perform in family entertainment shows. It was at this time they changed their name to "The Texans."

In Branson they performed one year at the Starlite Theatre, three years at the Plummer Family Theatre, two years of Sunday evenings at Silver Dollar City's Echo Hollow, one year at the Bob-O-Links, one year at the Kirkwood Theatre, one year at the Memory Lane Theatre and two years at the Dogwood Theatre.

Some of the awards they have received are "Texas Group of the Year," from 1975 through 1982; the Ozark Music Awards distinction "Group of the Year" in 1985, 1986, 1987 and 1988. They were voted "Entertainers of the Year" for 1987 and 1988. For

**Silverton School**

**Lunch Menu**

- Aug. 18--Chalupa, Corn, Chips, Hot Sauce, Fruit, Milk
- Aug. 19--Spaghetti, Salad, Bread, Fruit, Milk
- Aug. 20--Corn Dog, Cheese Wedge, Beans, Fruit, Milk
- Aug. 21--Chicken Nuggets, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Hot Roll, Honey & Butter, Milk
- Aug. 22--Hamburger, Cheese, Salad, Fries, Milk, Cookie

the past three years they have been traveling on the road full time and sing over 300 concerts a year. Their performance is more than just a gospel concert; it is an evening of inspiration, laughter, fun, and great Christian family entertainment.

The group consists of Sam Ray, lead vocalist and emcee; Brenda Ray, tenor; Curtis Ray, baritone; and Jamie Jameson, bass. Jamie's voice has been described as "mine-shaft deep" and a cross between Tennessee Ford and George Younce.

**School Activity Calendar**

- August 12--Board Meeting, 8:00
- August 13 -- Teacher Inservice at Ceta Canyon
- August 14--Teacher Workday; Employee Hamburger Supper, 7:00
- August 15--Teacher Workday; Immunization Clinic, 9-12 in cafeteria building
- August 16--3-Way Scrimmage, here, 10:00 a.m.

**FREE**

**Clothing Room  
Back to School Clothing!**

Saturday, August 16  
8:00 am - 5:00 pm

**DONATIONS**

We are in need of children's clothing. If you would like to donate nice & clean used clothing, please bring it by the church building anytime.

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- ..\$65 Ladies Barrel Racing.....\$ 65
- ..\$65 Steer Wrestling.....\$ 65
- ..\$65 \$200 Added Money Per Timed Event
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- ..\$10 Kids' Calf Scramble
- ..\$10 Poker Run Saturday starting at 1:00 p.m.

Admission 6-12, \$5 Rodeo Sponsored by BCAA

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Hours: 12:00 to 7:00 p.m.

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or 8:00 a.m. Saturday, If Needed

## NIGHT PERFORMANCE

Prizes: Quilt, TV, BBQ Grill To Be Given Away

## FRIDAY & SATURDAY NIGHTS

Sponsored by: Department & Briscoe County Activities Association

Entertainment: DJ Dance by Jeff Smith

Band: Texas Roadhouse Band, 9:00 p.m. - 1:00 a.m.

## SILVERTON • AUGUST 9

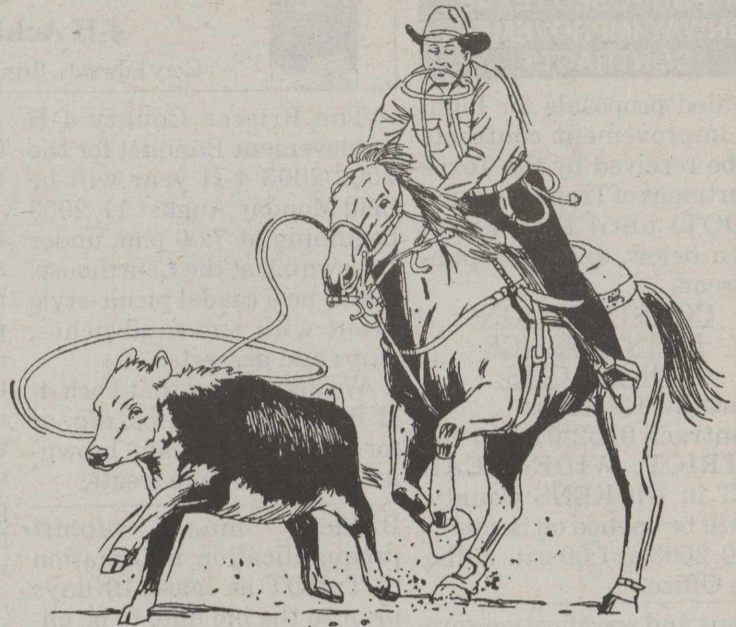
Booths Beginning 9:00 a.m., Cow Pattie Bingo

Location: Under the Shelter

Food: Barbecue, 12:30 p.m. - School Cafeteria

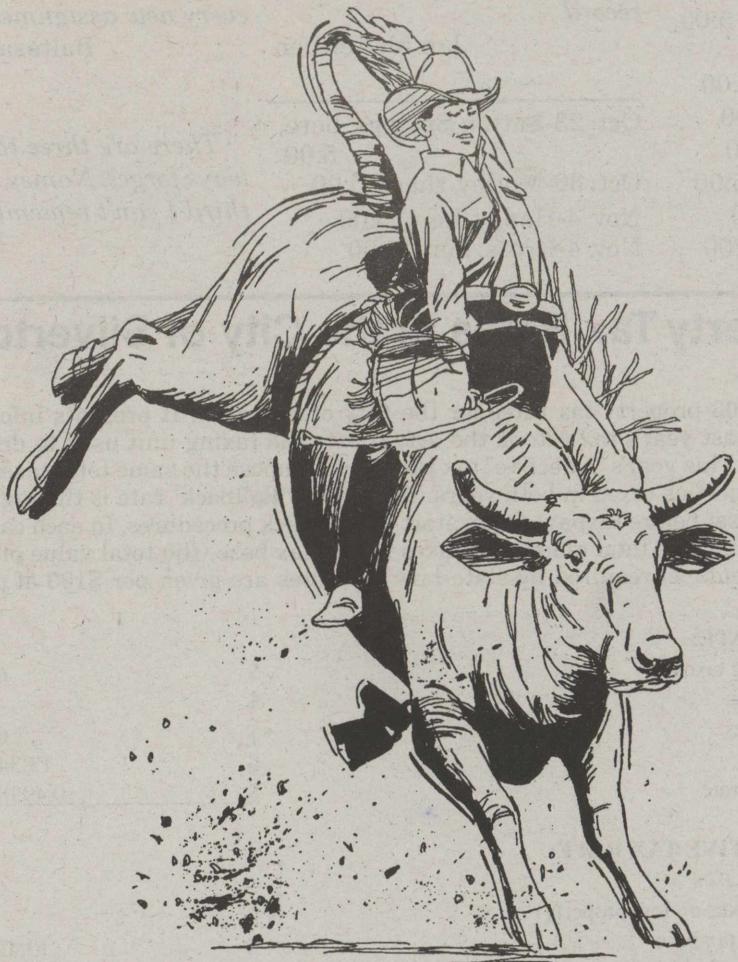
## TEAM ROPING

August 7 • 7:00 p.m.

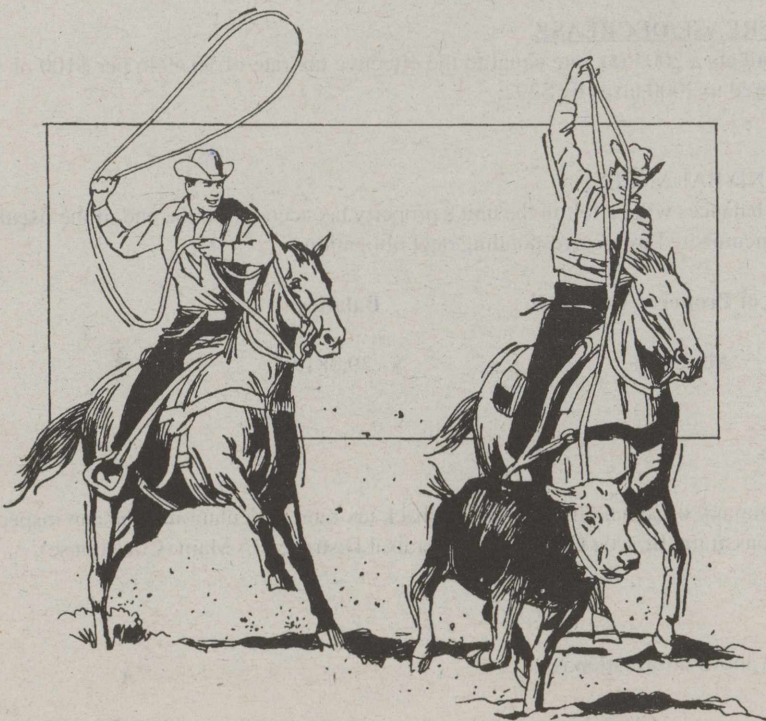


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August 8

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RODEO EVENING

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- Bull Riding.....\$65
- Calf Roping.....\$65
- Women's Breakaway Roping.....\$65
- Kids' Sheep Ride (age 6 and under). \$10
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Admission: Adults, \$7 - Children 6-12, \$3

Entries Aug. 4

Phone Entry 12

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SATURDAY NIGHT

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Friday Night - DJ D

Saturday - Shane Rogers & Texas R

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Arts & Crafts, Food & Games Booths

Entertainment

Parade, 10:30 a.m. • Barbecue

OPEN TEA

August 7