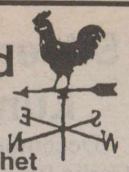


All Around The Town

By Mary Ann Sarchet



I made a terrible error in last week's issue, and would like to apologize for it. Certainly Buddy Banks was not in charge of "drunks" at the gospel concert last week. Rather he plays drums. It is ridiculous how some typos make other words, and some of them aren't very nice. Sorry, folks.

Briscoe County Activities Association will be sponsoring a Christmas lighting and decoration contest this holiday season.

Silverton Chamber of Commerce, in conjunction with the Ozark Trail Association's Christmas Tour, is encouraging local businesses and homes along Highway 86, to decorate and hang Christmas lights. The tour will be held Dec. 11-12, and includes the communities of Estelline, Turkey, Quitaque, Silverton, Tulia and Dimmitt.

Silverton Chamber of Commerce still has copies of the cookbook left to sell. They make wonderful wedding, birthday, Christmas, or just-because gifts. Hurry and get your copy today, as there is a limited quantity left. Copies can be picked up at Main Street Dollar, City Bank or Silver City Mercantile. They are \$15.00 each and can still be mailed for \$20.00 a book. Contact any Chamber member or call 806-823-2020.

Menus for Tri-County Meals next week will include:

Monday, Dec. 6-Roast Beef, Gravy, Creamed Potatoes, Green Beans, Stewed Apricots

Wednesday, Dec. 8-BBQ on Bun, Coleslaw, Beans, Jello Salad
Friday, Dec. 10-Chicken Strips, Gravy, Pea Salad, Buttered Corn, Fruit Cookies

Menu subject to change.

It is time to get your letters to Santa written and to the Briscoe County News if you wish to have them printed in the Christmas Edition of the newspaper which will come out December 23. Please try to get the letters in to the newspaper not later than December 17. All letters will be forwarded to Santa at the North Pole after they have been copied for the newspaper.

Bring your letters to the newspaper office or mail them to Briscoe County News, Box 130, Silverton 79257.

It is better to do the wrong thing than to do nothing.

Winston Churchill



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A bumper crop of cotton is standing in the fields that have survived earlier hailstorms, but the farmers can't get into the fields to harvest it because of the ground being wet following rains and snows. The good thing is that there will be good underground moisture for the next crop; the bad news is that the yield and grade probably are declining as a result of the weather.

Briscoe County News Photo

Commissioners Order Local Option Liquor Election Feb. 5

At the regular meeting of the Briscoe County Commissioner's Court Nov. 4, 2004, it was voted to accept a Local Option Liquor Petition and an election was ordered to be held Feb. 5, 2005 in the Justice of the Peace Precinct #1 territory. All voting precincts will be combined and will vote in the Pioneer Room at City Bank-Silverton.

Present at the meeting were Wayne Nance, Judge; Terry Grimland, Commissioner, Precinct 1; Larry Comer, Commissioner, Precinct #3; Gary Weaks, Commissioner, Precinct #4, and Bena Hester, County Clerk. Absent was Danny Maynard, Commissioner, Precinct #2.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved; the bond of Karla Hale, Deputy Tax Assessor/Collector was approved; and commissioners approved sending two Briscoe County representatives to Fort Stockton January 11-13, 2005 to attend a grant writing seminar.

Sheriff Jeff Fuston reported that he would schedule to have the radio tower painted during the next budget year.

A private work contract for

Dwain Tipton in Precinct #1 was approved. Monthly reports were approved; payment of monthly bills and budget amendments were ordered; line items and salaries were approved.

City Council Has Regular Meeting

Present at the meeting of Silverton City Council were Mayor Lane Garvin, Council members Kyle Fuston, Dwain Henderson, Delane Smith, Wayne Reed and Dwain Tipton, and City Secretary Jerry Patton.

Items of business included:

- Minutes were read and approved
- Financial reports were accepted as read
- Motion passed to pay the October monthly vouchers
- Council rejected payment of any damages at the Stoney Hubbard residence
- City was authorized to submit a FY 05 Solid Waste Grant application for a skid loader to enhance the City's Recycling and Waste Reduction program

•A 3% salary increase was authorized for Jerry Patton and a 2% salary increase for Joe Maciel and Gerry James.

Walk to Bethlehem Planned Here Sunday, December 12

You are invited to walk the Ozark Trail in Silverton in an interactive drama. Be a part of the REAL Christmas story between 5:30 and 9:00 p.m. Sunday, December 12.

The walk begins at City Bank, one block south of the caution light. Enter the Pioneer Room of the bank (east side of the building). A new tour begins every thirty 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.

You are part of the story. Come along and

- Dodge marching Roman soldiers
- Walk down a crowded street in Bethlehem
- Camp with shepherds and their animals
- Seek Him with wise men
- Enjoy a real CRISTmas holiday occasion.

Senior Citizens to Have Birthday Party

The Secretary reported on proceeds from the Scrap Metal Recycling Program

•Monthly water use report was heard; monthly tax collections, and the TxDot project at the City Park

Silverton Senior Citizens will have their monthly birthday party beginning at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 7, at the Center.

Members of the Baptist Church will host the luncheon.

Luncheon Friday

The monthly luncheon and business meeting of the Silverton Senior Citizens will be held Friday, Dec. 17, at the Center.

There are three rules for writing a novel. Unfortunately, no one knows what they are.

Somerset Maugham

Tri-County Meals Now Delivering Home-Cooked Meals

Through a generous grant awarded by the Mary E. Bivins Foundation of Amarillo, Tri-County Meals was able to serve their first meals Nov. 8, 2004. This meal program has been in the making for the last year and the Mary E. Bivins Foundation helped make it a reality by granting funds sufficient to purchase much-needed commercial equipment and startup cost.

The Area Agency on Aging, a program of the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission, is also very involved in aiding the meal program. They will help fund some of the cost of the meals that are being delivered and provide guidance in the everyday operation of the program.

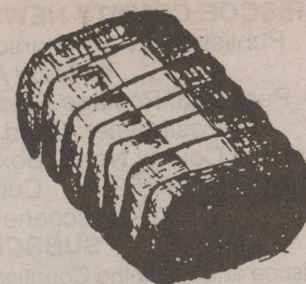
Tri-County Meals is delivering meals to homebound senior citizens in Silverton, Turkey, Flomot and Quitaque. There are over 100 volunteers from all four communities who are delivering meals, helping package the meals and working in the kitchen. We also have had monthly commitments of pledges from businesses, churches, civic groups and individuals who are willing to help support this program.

Tri-County Meals will periodically hold fundraisers and will take occasional catering jobs to help defray the cost of running this program.

There has been an overwhelming response regarding this meal program, and organizers are confident that it will grow and rely on the communities for assistance in keeping this program in place.

Tri-County Meals is temporarily preparing meals at the Senior Citizens building on Main Street in Quitaque. As soon as the new Community Center is completed, Tri-County Meals will move into this new and permanent location.

Director for Tri-County Meals is Janice Hughes of Flomot and the cook is Kelly Payne of Quitaque. If anyone has questions regarding eligibility or volunteering, please contact 806-455-1136.



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Obituary

SEYMOUR BRANNON

Funeral services for Seymour Brannon, 87, were conducted Friday, Nov. 26, at First Baptist Church in Silverton with the Rev. Jess Little officiating. Burial was in the Silverton Cemetery by Moore-Rose-White Funeral Home of Floydada.

Mr. Brannon died in Plainview Wednesday, Nov. 24, 2004.

He was born June 13, 1917, in Paris to Jess Walter Brannon and Lula Elma Pennycuff Brannon. He moved to Silverton in 1927 and married the former Ruby Young Sept. 24, 1938, at the parsonage of Calvary Baptist Church in Silverton. He enjoyed working as a farmer and rancher. He was a member of First Baptist Church in Silverton.

He was preceded in death by his

parents; a son, Jerry Don Brannon; a grandson, Gary Brannon, and three brothers, Walter Brannon, Fred Brannon and J. W. Brannon.

Survivors include his wife; two sons, Joe Brannon and wife Vaughnell and Wade Brannon and wife Mary Jo all of Silverton; a daughter-in-law, Peggy Brannon; a sister, Opal McClure of Silverton; six grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren.

The family suggested that memorials be to the Silverton Ambulance Service or Silverton Cemetery Association.

The world is a great mirror. It reflects back to you what you are. If you are loving, if you are friendly, if you are helpful, the world will prove loving and friendly and helpful to you. The world is what you are.

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An Axe and two 38's

A Christian lady surprised a burglar in her kitchen. He was loaded down with things he was going to steal. She had no weapon and was all alone. The only thing she could think of doing was to quote scripture. So she held up her hand and said "Acts 2:38!"

The burglar quaked in fear and then froze to the point she was able to get to the phone and call for the police.

When the police arrived, the burglar was still frozen in place. They were very much surprised that a woman alone could do this. One of them asked the lady, "How did you do this?"

She replied, "I quoted scripture." The officer asked the burglar, "What was it about the scripture that had such an effect on you?"

The burglar replied, "Scripture! What scripture? I thought she said she had an axe and two 38's!"

Acts 2:38

Repent and be baptized, everyone of you, in the name of Jesus Christ, so that your sins may be forgiven.

Rock Creek Church of Christ

Kenneth Wyatt Picture To Be Given Away

Seventh Street Pool will be selling chances on a Kenneth Wyatt picture. This fundraiser is being done to help with expenses that were acquired during the past summer, due to the rising cost of chemicals, electricity and everyday maintenance.

The pool is trying to avoid raising dues for next summer by having this fundraiser. Please help keep the pool in operation by supporting this project.

Tickets are available at City Bank-Silverton, where the picture is on display, or by a board member. Price for tickets is one ticket for each \$5.00 donation or five tickets for a \$20.00 donation.

Nick Vargas Escapes Serious Injury at Station

Nick Vargas escaped serious injury when he was pinned between two vehicles at Silverton Oil Company the day after Thanksgiving. He was taken to the hospital, where he was checked over and released.

WEATHER

Readings Taken at
6:00 a.m. during November

	High	Low	Precip.
1	60	40	.05
2	52	32	.37
3	33	31	1.06
4	43	28	
5	57	29	
6	68	31	
7	75	38	
8	73	39	
9	69	44	
10	62	45	.08
11	63	34	
12	47	30	
13	41	35	.03
14	37	34	.41
15	39	37	1.09
16	47	39	1.02
17	56	45	.68
18	61	45	.06
19	52	35	
20	61	35	
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22	44	42	.11
23	58	42	.22
24	59	31	.06
25	50	31	
26	60	33	
27	65	32	
28	52	31	
29	53	29	
30	31	19	
November Precipitation			5.24
Normal Nov. Precip.			.71
Total Precip. in 2004			37.97
Normal Precip. to Date			20.54

Basketball Schedules

JV B&G, VB&G

- Dec. 2-4-FM 211 Tourn., TBA, Var.
- Dec. 7-Lazbuddie, 5:00, here
- Dec. 9-11-Amherst Tourn., TBA, Var.
- Dec. 14-Clarendon, 4:00, here
- Dec. 17-Follett, 6:30, Clarendon JC, Varsity
- Dec. 28-30-Clarendon Tourn., TBA, Varsity
- Jan. 4-Motley Co., 5:00, here, JVG
- Jan. 6-8-Lazbuddie Tourn., TBA, JV G&B
- Jan. 7-Groom, 5:00, here, JVB
- Jan. 11-Valley, 4:00, there
- Jan. 14-McLean, 5:00, here, JVB
- Jan. 18-Samnorwood, 5:00, here, JVB
- Jan. 21-Hedley, 5:00, there, JVB
- Jan. 25-Groom, 5:00, there, JVB
- Jan. 28-Valley, 4:00, here
- Feb. 1-McLean, 5:00, there, JVB
- Feb. 4-Samnorwood, 5:00, there, JVB
- Feb. 8-Hedley, 5:00, here, JVB

JH G&B

- Dec. 6-Hedley, 5:30, here
- Dec. 13-Valley, 5:00, there
- Jan. 10-Valley, 5:30, here
- Jan. 17-Groom, 6:00, there
- Jan. 24-Amarillo T.F., 5:30, here
- Jan. 31-Hedley, 6:00, there

Christmas Program To Be Held at the Gem Theatre

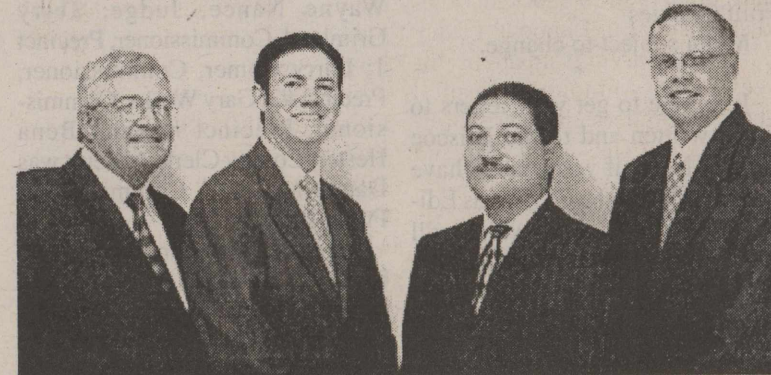
The Gem Theatre in Turkey will be presenting a Christmas Show at 7:00 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 11.

There will be several groups performing and among these will be Grammy and Pop of Silverton and Gary Moore of Vigo Park.

There will be no admission charge, so plan to come and bring all your friends.

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Silverton School Lunch Menu

- December 6-Lasagna, Salad, Garlic Bread, Fruit, Milk
- December 7-Burrito, Fiesta Corn, Chips, Salsa, Jello, Milk
- December 8-Chili Con Carne, Toasted Cheese Sandwich, Crackers, Fruit, Milk
- December 9-Chicken Strips, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Beans, Hot Roll, Butter, Jelly, Milk
- December 10-Steak Sandwich, Salad, Fries, Pudding, Milk

Silverton School Activities

Thursday, Friday and Saturday, Dec. 2-3-4-FM 211 Varsity Tournament

Saturday, Dec. 4-FFA State Leadership Contests @ Huntsville, 7:00 a.m.

Monday, Dec. 6-Groom Junior High, here, 5:30

Tuesday, Dec. 7-Lazbuddie JV and Varsity, here, 5:00; 4-H in Cafeteria, 3:30

Wednesday, Dec. 8-Basketball pictures; Clarendon College meet with seniors, 7th period

Thursday, Dec. 9-Board Meeting

Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Dec. 9-11-Amherst Varsity Tournament

Your work is really important. Even the smallest job has such a definite place it might be likened to a piece in a jigsaw puzzle; the puzzle would not be complete without it.

Francis J. Gable

If you want to leave your footprints on the sands of time, be sure you're wearing work shoes.

Italian proverb

LOOKING BACK

through the files of the
Briscoe County News

November 10, 1994-Saturday is Christmas Jubilee time in Silverton . . . Democrats carry most races in Briscoe County . . . There will be a regional six-man football playoff game here tonight between Amherst and Samnorwood, both of whom have been opponents of the Owls this season . . . J. W. and Betty Reid attended an 8th Air Force Reunion in San Diego, California, where he saw some of his former bomber pilots of the 93rd heavy bomb group of B-24 "Liberators." The 93rd bomb group flew more combat bombing missions than any other "heavy" bomb group in the 8th Air Force during World War II . . . Cindy Walker injured in auto collision . . . Owls finish football, begin basketball . . . Junior High Owls are undefeated District Champions. Team members are Lorn Estes, Jay Arnold, Jared Holt, Matt Francis, David Donahoo, Donny Burson, Junior Castillo, Paul Segura, Ryan Minyard, Jordan Sarchet, Nathan Francis, Jeremy Holt, David Gamble, Daniel Reagan, Paul Donahoo and Charlie Bomar. Their coach is Clyde Parham . . . Gene Davis, 41, died in an on-the-job accident Nov. 3 . . .

November 22, 1984-Basketball season opening this week as teams host Groom . . . Rainfall during the past week dropped .98 of an inch of moisture on Silverton . . . Christopher Lahoud is visiting his great-grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Nance, while his parents, Fares and Nanda Lahoud, are attending to business and vacationing in Germany . . . Jettie Hardcastle was taken to Swisher Memorial Hospital by ambulance after becoming ill at her home . . . Mrs. Oma Lytle, mother of Lola Stephens, was transported by ambulance to Methodist Hospital in Lubbock Friday . . . Peggy Garvin is a patient this week at St. Anthony's Hospital where she underwent hip replacement surgery Tuesday . . . Mr. and Mrs. Bern May were in Plainview to visit his brother, O. E. May, after he had undergone hip replacement surgery . . .

November 21, 1974-Owlettes win pair of games from the Happy Cowgirls . . . Eight Silverton Owls joined tri-captains Ken Wood, Mikel Griffin and Tommy Bullock as honorary captains for the last football game here Friday night. they were Zane Mayfield, Scott Hutsell, Carl Gallington, Gary Storie, Dean Ziegler, Rick Hutsell, Todd McJimsey and Kelly Bomar,

and all eleven of the players met the Wheeler captains at midfield for the coin toss. Earlier in the day the student body had welcomed home Rick Hutsell, who had returned that day after five weeks in the hospital. When Hutsell was escorted onto the gym floor as the senior candidate for Pep Squad Beau, he received a standing ovation. When he was announced as the winner of the honor, he received a plaque, a megaphone autographed by the Pep Squad girls, and a congratulatory kiss from Cindy Walker. Each of the cheerleaders, Tammy Stephens, Becky Francis, Gayla McCord, Colleen Hutsell and Lydia Younger, presented Rick a red rose and a kiss . . . Archie Ray and Robbie Martin were in Dallas early this week for Robbie's checkup . . . Rags Riddell has been a patient in the Lockney Hospital for the past week . . . Mr. and Mrs. Jack McFall are parents of a son, Justin Dee . . .

November 12, 1964-Dearwood O'Neal buried here Friday . . . William D. McIntyre was promoted from Pfc. to Sp. 4. He is a member of 521st MP Company at Belvoir, Virginia . . . Mr. and Mrs. Carver Monroe left by train from Lubbock Saturday evening for Houston to attend the Farm Bureau Convention this week . . . Mr. and Mrs. Don Garrison celebrate 25th anniversary . . . Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Turner recently returned home from a trip to Flagstaff, Arizona, where they visited their daughter, Joann, and attended Parents Day at Arizona College . . . Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Burson recently observed their silver wedding anniversary . . . The beautiful new colonial-type home of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. McGavock and Johnny was the scene of a surprise housewarming Sunday afternoon . . . Those attending an OES School of Instruction in Floydada Monday were Lula Bellinger, Dorothy Bomar, Mae Bomar, Frances Crass, Anell Davis, Elaine Forbes, Roberta Griffin, Weta Hill, Glen Lindsey, Lillian Lindsey, LaVerne Long, Lois McKenney, Eva Lee McWilliams, Margie Moreland, Durene Nance, Mary Ann Sarchet, Carolyn Self, Rena Schott, Tina Schott, Jimmie Sissney, Homer Stephens, Lola Mae Stephens, Merlene Stephens, Peggy Strange and Betty Smith. LaVerne Long, Deputy Grand Matron of District 2, Section 3, was chairman of the school and made arrangements for the school with the assistance of Flora McNeill of Floydada, co-chairman of the school . . . Emmett

and Dennis Tomlin, 18-year-old twin sons of Mr. and Mrs. Glynn Tomlin, are enrolled at South Plains College this fall. There is no danger of getting these two mixed up as they are far from being identical . . .

November 11, 1954-Miss Patsy Bomar, senior and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lee D. Bomar, was chosen as sweetheart of the Future Farmers of America . . . Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Reynolds are parents of a son, Ronald Ray . . . Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Stevens are parents of a daughter, Kathleen Sue . . . Joe Brooks is Player of the Week at West Texas State . . . H. L. McWaters brought in a sack of turnips-the largest measuring 23 inches around . . . The Owls have chosen Jimmy Don Wilson and James May to serve as co-captains of the 1955 football team . . . 250 carloads of grain handled by Wilson Grain . . . Mmes. Garland Francis and John Lee Francis and Dale were in Plainview Saturday . . . Haylake Club meets with Eudean Crow . . . Sgt. and Mrs. John Gill have arrived back in the States after having spent 18 months in Anchorage, Alaska . . . Mr. and Mrs. Bailey Childress of Austin are spending their vacation in the home of their son, Mr. and Mrs. Vance Childress and Linda. As most Silverton folks know, the Childresses are Briscoe County pioneers who have wandered afar in recent years . . . Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Riddle, Roy and Joy Morrison spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. C. L. McWilliams . . . Mrs. Clarence Anderson and Susan were in Oklahoma City Tuesday and Wednesday of last week . . .

November 16, 1944-Editor Roy Hahn wrote: "I want to salute a very fine lady. Mrs. Mary L. Porter is one of the really old timers here and one of those folks who has worked hard every day she has lived here and she still works hard doing all her own yard work and the like-not because she has to, but because she likes to. Mrs. Porter has been a very staunch supporter of all the bond drives because she says she thinks she owes it to her country, that has given her so much, and because she knows it is a very good and safe investment. Today Mrs. Porter dropped in and handed me the money for seven \$1,000 Series E War Bonds. Hats off to a fine lady and a fine American" . . .

November 23, 1944-The Silverton Owls, winners of seven straight games, will play Oklaunion for the bi-district championship here Thursday, Nov. 30. The game is the highlight of the 1944 season, and will wind up the season for the Silverton boys . . . Mrs. Chas. Davis has a baby daughter, born Nov. 18,

1944 at the Plainview Hospital. She is truly a war baby as her Daddy was killed in a plane crash four months ago. He was in the Navy. Mrs. Davis is the former Brownie Simmons . . . There will be a demonstration of the new John Deere Cotton Harvester and Cleaner at the D. Garvin farm, three miles west of Silverton, Friday and Saturday . . . Editor Roy Hahn wrote: "It looks like from here that I've whipped the cigarette shortage. Found my old Bugler rolling machine the other day and I have made a deal with the younger Hahn to roll 'em for me. The ceiling price on the rolling is 20 for a jitney" . . .

Happy Anniversary-

December 3-Mr. and Mrs. Ted Kingery

December 7-Mr. and Mrs. Jeff George, Mr. and Mrs. Duane Reynolds

December 8-Mr. and Mrs. Guinn Fitzgerald, Mr. and Mrs. Casey Page

Kids - in - Christ Fill 67 Gift Boxes For Mission Project

The Kids-in-Christ group had a great time filling and wrapping the gift boxes for Franklin Graham's Operation Christmas Child Samaritan's Purse mission project. An unbelievable sixty-seven shoe boxes were packaged and are being processed for mailing overseas to needy children. How wonderful it would be if all could see the children's faces light up with joy when they open their gifts!

The K.I.C. staff wishes to thank all of the parents, church members, and those in the community who contributed and donated to this wonderful program-the goal was blown out of the water! Thanks to the group of kids who have worked so hard in getting the gift boxes completed.

On Sunday, Dec. 19, at 6:00 p.m., the Kids-in-Christ youth will present the ABC's of Christmas singing program for parents in the First Baptist Church Sanctuary. Following the program and ser-

Happy Birthday-

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

December 3-Fernando Patino, Beryl Long, Penny Carpenter

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

December 5-Anita Ramsey, Don Francis

December 6-Ethan Long, Robert Cole Burson, Donaleta Garrison, Perry Brunson, Rose Mary Perkins, Roy Wood, Leland Wood, Carol Braddock

December 7-Jamie Frizzell, Dee McWilliams, Michael Rampley, Joshua Wade Bounds

December 8-Brandy Nicole Gamble, Norby Garcia

Beat the Heat

USDA scientists are working to develop strains of heat-resistant cotton. Most U. S. cotton is grown in areas prone to high temperatures. Ideal cotton-growing conditions are 85-degrees Fahrenheit, and high temperatures can negatively affect yield. The scientists found an enzyme that reacts to temperature changes. They are studying whether adding the enzyme to cotton could increase yield. If the research is successful, it could increase U. S. cotton production and possibly other crops as well.

Light is the task where many share the toil.

Homer

vices, there will be a fellowship for the children, parents and church members in the Fellowship Hall.

Also upcoming the K.I.C. will be putting together gift baskets for needy families living within this community. This project had a positive impact last year, and the church members feel compelled to continue giving to local residents who need extra help in getting through the holiday season and beyond.

Thank you again for supporting the children's group and the community.

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Silverton Junior High Teams Split Pair of Games with McLean Here

Silverton Junior High's Owls and Lady Owls split a pair of games with McLean here Nov. 22.

The Lady Owls led off the action with a 13-10 loss to the Lady Tigers.

Scoring was by Torrey Fuston, four; Emily Garcia, three; Destiney Wilson, Townlii Ziegler and Nichole Schott, two points each. Others on the team are Charla Rhoderick and Wendy Garcia.

JH Lady Owls	0	6	8	13
McLean	1	2	4	10

The Owls rolled to a 37-42 decision.

Cord Stidham led the offense by scoring 10 points for the Owls. Also scoring were Cade Holt, eight; Shawn Johnson, six; Cord Griffin, five; True Burson, four; Carlos Garcia and Blake Strange, two points each. Others on the team are Brooks Brock, Reese Scarborough, Logan Fabela, Butler Otis, Joshua Garcia, Blaze Cogdell, Skyler Beesinger, Thomas Watson, Tyler Garvin and CoDee Grabbe.

JH Owls	3	21	29	37
McLean	14	21	30	42



Drew Reed, Dusty Burson and Ory Johnson, members of the Silverton FFA Public Relations team that placed second in the Greenbelt District contest and fourth in the Area event.

Silverton FFA Members Participate In the Greenbelt District Contests

Nineteen Silverton FFA members participated in the Greenbelt District Contests on November 18, 2004, at Valley High School.

In the Junior Creed Speaking, Shandy Forbes placed third and Laura Scarborough placed fifth.

Participating in the Senior Creed was Tanner Young who placed sixth and Dusty Burson who placed tenth.

The Senior Skill team placed fifth. The team consisted of Tanner Young, Zack Burson, Gid Mayfield and Jacob Francis.

The Radio team placed fifth. Team members were Krista Hale, Danielle Ramirez and Kelsie Estes.

The Senior Quiz team placed seventh. Team members participating were James Tiffin, Albert DeLeon, Zak Perkins and Jesse Reynolds.

Will Boedeker placed third in the Job Interview contest.

Dusty Burson, Drew Reed and Ory Johnson participated in the Public Relations contest and placed second. Therefore the Public Relations team advanced to the Area contest, which was held at Canyon High School on November 20, 2004. They placed fourth at Area,

missing the State event by two places. Silverton was well represented at both of these contests.

SBA Economic Loan Deadline is Dec. 28

Businesses in some Texas counties have until Dec. 28, 2004, to file applications for low-interest disaster loans from the U. S. Small Business Administration (SBA).

The SBA's Economic Injury Disaster Loans are available for businesses dependent on farmers and ranchers sustaining crop losses due to drought that occurred Sept. 15, 2003, and continuing. Farmers and ranchers are not eligible for these SBA loans. However, nurseries that are victims of drought disasters can apply.

Businesses in the following counties are eligible to apply: Armstrong, Briscoe, Carson, Collingsworth, Donley, Gray, Hall and Wheeler.

Applications and further information can be obtained by calling the SBA toll-free at 1-800-366-6303 or TDD 817-267-4688 for the hearing impaired.

These loans are intended to assist businesses in offsetting work-

Silverton Drops Four Games at Hale Center

Silverton's Owls and Lady Owls drove to Hale Center Tuesday, Nov. 23, and dropped four games to the blue and gold Owls.

The Junior Varsity girls led off the action with a 53-5 game.

Scoring for the Silverton team was by Kassi Yancey, three, and Lydia DeLeon, two points. Others on the team are Hanna James, Abby Reyna, Trichelle Ramirez, Barb Ahearn, Ami Dunn, Courtney Perkins and Laura Scarborough.

JV Lady Owls	0	0	0	5
Hale Center	18	40	51	53

The Junior Varsity Owls game saw Hale Center winning by a 56-20 margin.

Scoring for the Silverton team were Cooper Cogdell, nine; Zak Perkins, four; Jonathan Garcia, three; Albert DeLeon and Dusty Burson, two points each. Others on the team are Gabriel Vargas, Kanon McGee and Chad Williams.

JV Owls	6	9	11	20
Hale Center	19	33	45	56

The Lady Owls were led in scoring by Kelsie Estes, who rang up nine points. Haylee Simpson and Krista Hale caged eight points each. Kelsi Birdsong, Sasha Wood and Shandy Forbes added four points each. Also playing for the Lady owls are Danielle Ramirez and Brittany Tiffin.

Lady Owls	8	18	24	37
Hale Center	20	30	52	65

Gid Mayfield led the scoring for the Owls with 21 points, and Drew Reed also scored in double figures, hitting 11. Also scoring were Yance Forbes, five; Jacob Francis, E. J. Ivory, Jesse Reynolds and James Tiffin, two points each.

Owls	10	19	33	43
Hale Center	9	21	34	49

Nothing worthwhile comes easily. Half effort does not produce half results. It produces no results. Work, continuous work and hard work, is the only way to accomplish results that last.

Hamilton Holt

The universe is full of magical things, patiently waiting for our wits to grow sharper.

Eden Philpotts

ing capital losses which they suffered as a result of the severe weather reducing the crop income of area farmers and ranchers. Small businesses claiming to have been physically injured by the disaster are not eligible.



Kyle Fuston was proud of this 13-point whitetail deer he shot south of the Valley School.

WTAMU Keeps Promise to Silverton Student

West Texas A&M University has kept its promise to Tyler Reed, a freshman biology/wildlife major, who received \$1,000 through WTAMU's Top Quarter Scholarship Guarantee.

The scholarship is awarded to students who graduate in the top 25 percent of their high school class and choose to attend WTAMU.

"We offer the scholarships to reward students who maintain their grades and graduate in the top quarter of their high school class," Dr. Troy Johnson, dean of enrollment management, said. "We hope to encourage those students to attend WT."

Part or all of the scholarship package may be renewed if a student maintains a high grade point

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average. The guaranteed scholarship packages are available from WTAMU for qualified students who complete and submit a scholarship request form and an application for admission. For more information, call 806-651-2020. Ty is the son of Wayne and Colleen Reed.



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Christmas on the Ozark Trail

by Patsy Hooten

Visitors are encouraged to enjoy the sights and sounds of Christmas on the Ozark Trail. Pack up the family, meander through the communities and experience old-fashioned holiday cheer.

The holiday season will be celebrated by towns along the historic route during the first three weekends in December.

Each town along the trail has its own way of celebrating the holiday season, from Santa and lighted parades to living Nativity scenes and historic reenactments. It's all very family friendly.

TULIA

Come to Tulia and experience "A 1940's Christmas" from 6:00 until 9:00 p.m. December 4 and 11. See the Parade of Lights and the decorated downtown area as Santa Claus flips the switch to start the festivities Dec. 4. Spend an evening with Santa and have a stew and cornbread dinner, along with games for children and adults, and a hayride, weather permitting. Walk around town and view the many live scenes depicting Christmas from the 1940's and see the wonderful living Nativity on the courthouse square. On Dec. 11, join the RATs and Friends (Royal Actors Troupe) for an evening of Christmas music at the historic Royal Theater.

Again the live scenes will be in storefront windows and the wonderful living Nativity on the square. Exceptional gifts await the discriminating shopper in the beautifully decorated shops. Come share the experience-Christmas on The Ozark Trail.

SILVERTON

Come walk the Ozark Trail in Silvertown and be a part of the interactive drama, "A Walk to Bethlehem." Experience the real Christmas story Sunday, Dec. 12, from 5:30 until 9:00 p.m.

You will be a part of the story and dodge marching Roman soldiers, walk down a crowded street in Bethlehem and camp with shepherds and their animals. You will also sing with the angel, seek Him with wisemen and enjoy a real Christmas holiday occasion. The walk begins at City Bank, one block south of the caution light. Enter the conference room of the bank on the east side of the building. A new tour begins every thirty minutes. As you walk, you may sip coffee or hot chocolate, hear Christmas music and visit with Silvertown people. If you are in need of special assistance, please inform a hostess at the bank.

QUITAQUE

Spend a "Caprock Country Christmas" in Quitaque Dec. 4. Businesses will be open all day and giving out chances for prizes and coupons when you purchase merchandise. Arts and crafts booths will be open beginning at 9:00 a.m. and will be set up in two locations.

Kids may have their pictures taken with Santa from 9:00 until 10:30 a.m. and will receive bags of candy and fruit. They may also enter the fun drawing and writing contest.

Moms and Dads get a free continental breakfast from 9:00 until 10:30 a.m. and enter the candy and cake contest.

See the live presentations and enjoy the chuckwagon serving hot chocolate that evening during Christmas on the Ozark Trail. Come celebrate with Quitaque and its citizens.

TURKEY

Ya'll come to "A Cowboy Christmas" in Turkey Dec. 11. The Gem Theater will host a Christmas Caroling at 7:00 p.m. with a cast of young performers directed by Stewart and Vivian Smith. John and Maebelle Francis of Silvertown, known as "Grammy and Pop", will also be on the program. Refreshments will be served. Businesses will be open and having sales. Come be a part of the festivities.

ESTELLINE

Get the holiday spirit in Estelline. Estelline residents held a large fundraiser in order to light their town as a part of "Christmas on the Ozark Trail." Everyone is invited to come visit and enjoy the trail tour. Happy holidays from the merchants and residents of Estelline.

MEMPHIS

Hear ye! Hear ye! Come one and all to "A Victorian Christmas Festival" in Memphis from 10:00 a.m. till noon Dec. 18. Come enjoy carolers, carriage rides, live scenes on the square by Memphis Little Theater and have warm refreshments. There will be exceptional Christmas sales, all in a colorful Victorian atmosphere. Visit the merchants and see the decorated Christmas trees while shopping for that special someone on our list. Learn about the Old Ozark Trail while sipping warm spiced punch and munching on Christmas cookies in the Bronze Room. The Victorian Christmas Festival is brought to you by the Memphis Historical Society. See you there; have a merry Christmas!

For information, call 995-2296.

First Annual Floyd County Meat Goat Jackpot Planned

Provided by David Hawkins
CEA-Ag
Briscoe County Extension

The First Annual Floyd County Wrap-Up Meat Goat Jackpot, sponsored by the Floyd County 4-H, will be held Saturday, Dec. 18, 2004, with two shows and two showmanships. This JMGSC-sanctioned event will be held at the

Floyd County Friends Unity Center at Muncy, on Highway 70 four miles north of Floydada or three miles south of Lockney.

Weight cards will be due at 9:00 a.m. for Show A. Showmanship will begin at 9:30 a.m. Show A begins following showmanship. Chad Coburn will be Judge A.

Weight cards for Show B will be due immediately after Show A. Show B begins following showmanship. Johnny Morris will be Judge B.

A clinic on selection, feed, care

and showmanship will be held after Show B.

Entry fee will be \$20 per head. Showmanship \$5 at the gate. No late fees. Mail entries to Larry and Kellie Williams, Route 4, Box 160, Floydada, TX 79235.

JMGSC rules apply:

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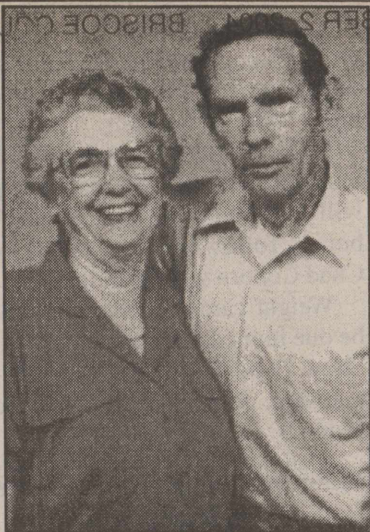
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Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Hawk
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Mr. and Mrs. Hawk to Celebrate 50th Wedding Anniversary Dec. 24

Mr. and Mrs. Phillip L. Hawk will be celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary December 24, 2004.

Phillip Lee Hawk and Martha Jo Griffith Lee were married by E. D. Morgan, Baptist minister, at the Sanborn Baptist Church in Amarillo. Martha's four children, Betty J., Barbara J., William T. and Kathy E., were in attendance as were many of Martha's family.

Johnnie Burson of Silverton, brother-in-law of the bride, was best man and Mrs. Orville (Lynn) Marler, sister of the bride, was matron of honor. A small family dinner was held afterward.

The groom was serving in the United States Air Force at Amarillo Air Force Base at the time. Mr. Hawk served for 23 years, retiring in 1972 at Sheppard Air Force Base in Wichita Falls, Texas.

Phill and Marty traveled all over the United States and parts of Europe while in the military. Then after Phill retired they traveled to

Saudi Arabia, Greece, and many other wonderful places.

Two years ago they decided to return to Silverton to make their home at 903 Pulitzer. Marty has enjoyed renewing friendships with the "kids" she grew up with, some of whom claim she is older than they are by a year or two. Phill is enjoying making new acquaintances as well and helping to teach Sunday School at the First Baptist Church. During the "winter" they pack up and play "snowbirds" by heading to Harlingen till April.

In December 1955, Phillip and Martha added a son, Tommy L., to their already large family and in January 1958 while stationed in France, another son, James R., was added.

While they do have six children, the number of grandchildren (23) are numerous, but then the great-grandchildren (21) are giving them a run for their money, with one due in March 2005.

They are not going to any ex-

Don't Stay Home Alone Christmas Fall Producers Meeting Dec. 9

A Christmas dinner is being planned for anyone in the community who does not have plans to be with family members on Christmas Day.

The meal will be served in the school cafeteria from 11:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. and can be delivered to those not able to come.

otic place for their anniversary, but to Reading, Pennsylvania to visit with three of their children, for Christmas. In early July, the family will be arriving and camping out in the Hawk yard, in order to really help them celebrate this very special occasion.

Happy 50th wedding anniversary, Mom and Dad!

Submitted by Betty J. Moeller, daughter of Phill and Marty Hawk

Texas Cooperative Extension and the Armstrong County Ag Industries Committee will host the Fall Producers meeting on Thursday, Dec. 9, 2004 at the Activities Building in Claude, according to Briscoe County Extension Agent-Ag David Hawkins.

Registration will take place from 8:00 until 8:30 a.m. Programs for the day include Livestock In- Please call First Baptist Church, 823-2412, as soon as possible if you would like to make a reservation. Deadline for calling will be December 20.

The menu will consist of turkey, dressing, gravy, green beans, sweet potatoes, corn and dessert.

The earlier the responses come in, the better they will be able to complete plans. 49-3tnc

egrated Pest Management, Dr. Carl Patrick; National Animal Identification System, Dr. Ted McCollum; Feral Hogs in Texas, Joe Zotter; Wheat Disease, Dr. Karl Steddom, and Pesticide Applicator Rules and Regulations, Lavon Harmon. The program will conclude at approximately 3:30 p.m. and will offer five CEUs.

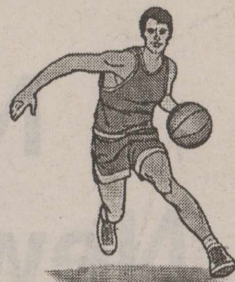
Anyone interested is more than welcome to attend. A noon meal will be served, so please call and RSVP by Monday, Dec. 8, by calling the Armstrong County Extension office at 806-226-3021.

If we would have anything of benefit, we must earn it, and earning it become shrewd, inventive, ingenious, active, enterprising.

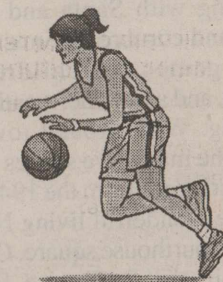
Henry Ward Beecher

Human beings are the only creatures on earth that allow their children to come back home.

Bill Cosby



Good Luck To The Owls and Lady Owls This Season!



GAMES THIS WEEK

Dec. 9-11-FM 211 Varsity Tournament, VG&B

Lady Owls, Thurs. Dec. 2, 3:00 p.m. at New Home
Owls, Thurs. Dec. 2, 4:30 p.m. at New Home

Dec. 6-Hedley Junior High, 5:30, Here

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Chad King, Pastor

SUNDAY:
Sunday School..... 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship.....10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship.....6:00 p.m.
2nd & 4th TUESDAY:
Womens Bible Study
WEDNESDAY:
Rock Salt Youth Group.....7:00 p.m.
Bible Study, Prayer Meeting
SECOND WEDNESDAY:
Fellowship Meal.....6:30 p.m.
Business Meeting.....7:00 p.m.
RAs, Rock Salt Youth.....7:00 p.m.
THURSDAY
Men's Group.....6:30 a.m.

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Worship Service.....10:55 a.m.
Choir Practice..... 5:00 p.m.
Evening Bible Study..... 6:00 p.m.
TUESDAY:
Unit. Meth. Women..... 9:30 a.m.
WEDNESDAY:
In-home Bible Study..... 7:00 p.m.
FRIDAY:
Unit. Meth. Men..... 6:30 a.m.

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Training Union.....5:00 p.m.
Evening Service.....6:00 p.m.
WEDNESDAY:
Choir Rehearsal.....7:00 p.m.
Prayer Service.....8:00 p.m.

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Mass.....9:00 a.m.
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High.....4:30-5:30 p.m.

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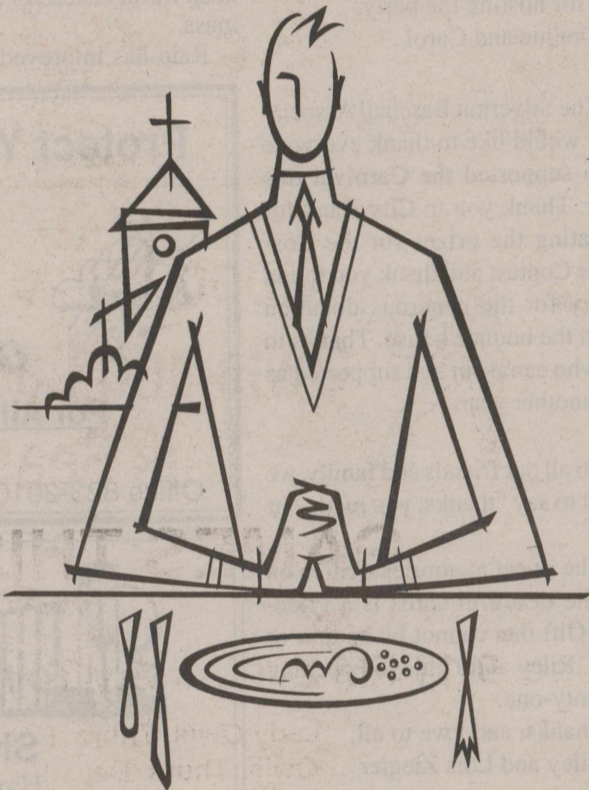
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7:00 p.m.-Mid Week Worship
SATURDAY:
7:00 p.m.-Singing

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Grace and Gratitude



*O give thanks unto the
Lord; for He is good:
because His mercy
endureth for ever.*

K.J.V. Psalm 118:1

The words "grace" and "gratitude" both come from the Latin word "gratus," which means favorable or pleasing, and from which we get the expression "gratis," which means a gift or favor that is freely given. We see the connection between God's grace and our gratitude in "saying grace," which is expressing our gratitude for God's freely-given gift of food. How easy it is to forget, and thus to be unwittingly ungrateful for, all of the wonderful things in our lives that come to us freely by the grace of God. Our families and friends, our health and well-being, indeed, our very lives and the world we inhabit are truly gifts from our Heavenly Father. These are given freely to us and our Lord expects nothing in return, except our love and gratitude. Surely, this is a testimony to God's overflowing and abundant love for all of us. We do well to remember the ultimate source of this great bounty—our loving and gracious God. In turn, we should imitate his love through our charity to others.



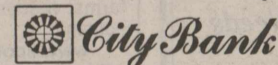
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We want to thank all of our friends for the lovely fiftieth anniversary reception that we had. All who attended and the cards and gifts we received are appreciated very much. Thanks to our children, Derrel and Karen and their families for hosting the party.

Donnie and Carol

The Silverton Baseball Association would like to thank everyone who supported the Carnival this year. Thank you to City Bank for donating the prizes for the Costume Contest and thank you to Jan Curry for the generous donation from the bounce house. Thanks to all who came out and supported us for another year.

To all our friends and family, we want to say "thanks, you made our day!"

The sweet memories written on all the beautiful cards is a Priceless Gift that cannot be bought or sold. Riley and I enjoyed opening seventy-one.

Thanks, and love to all,
Riley and Lois Ziegler

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tures used for cattle forage in Arri- rillo. But it has kept producers in Belton from planting.

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