

## All Around The Town

By Mary Ann Sarchet

We have a forsythia in our backyard that has been blooming for several weeks. It started while the bush still had its leaves.

Jim and Donna Estes have several fruit trees in their backyard that have been blooming.

This weather has everything all mixed up!

Just a reminder: if you have something that needs to go in our newspaper, you need to get it to us by Monday noon of the week that it is to appear. If we aren't at the shop, leave it with us at our home at 1103 South Braidfoot, or in the seat of the red van out front.

Briscoe County Activities Association will be sponsoring a Christmas lighting and decoration contest this holiday season. Decorations should be in place by December 23.

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.

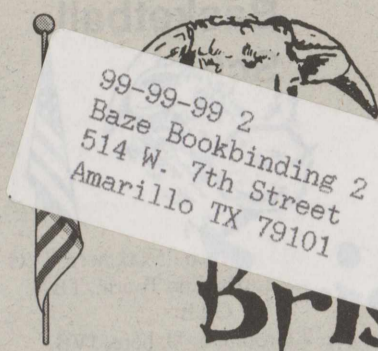
Bring your letters to the newspaper office or mail them to Briscoe County News, Box 130, Silverton 79257.

Bless you for helping with the Angel Tree. If you helped last year, we thank you from the bottom of our hearts. Every needy child that was identified was helped and their Christmas was blessed. If this is your first year to help with the Angel Tree, we are so thankful for your willingness to help.

Needs for each child: shirt, pants, socks, underwear, something age appropriate (a toy, some music or a game). Please provide all items on the needs list for your Angel. Individuals or groups may sponsor an angel.

Gifts for the child should be gift wrapped in one package and ready for delivery. The packages should be clearly marked with the child's identification letter and brought to the school nurse's office by noon December 17, 2004. Santa will come BEFORE Christmas and deliver the packages to their homes. Please include a gift receipt in case a size exchange is needed.

In order for us to make sure that each child is remembered this



# Briscoe County News

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Some of the actors in Walk to Bethlehem, presented for the public by Silverton United Methodist Church Sunday evening, were pictured in their costumes shortly before the program began. The weather cooperated and made outdoor activities very pleasant for the wintertime. *Briscoe County News Photo*

## Owls Win First, Lady Owls Earn Second in Amherst Tournament

Silverton's Owls won first-place in the Amherst Tournament last weekend, and the Lady Owls won second.

Named to the All-Tournament teams were Gid Mayfield, Most Valuable Player, Haylee Simpson, Sasha Wood and Drew Reed.

The Owls took a 49-33 win over Clovis Christian on Thursday, a 54-22 win over Adrian Friday, and a

Christmas, please sign next to the letter of the angel you select. We also need a phone number where we can contact you. If you have any questions, you may call Ruby or Lana at 823-2476.

You are invited to have Christmas Dinner with the friendly folks of Silverton on Christmas Day, Dec. 25, 2004. Lunch will be served from 11:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. in the Silverton School Cafeteria. Please call 823-2412 now and make your reservation so the organizers of this event can plan especially for you. The community will be serving you the meal at no cost to you. Don't be lonely on Christmas. Come and enjoy the fellowship.

56-26 win over Amherst on Saturday.

The Lady Owls defeated Clovis Christian 56-24 Thursday, Adrian 45-35 Friday, and dropped their championship game to Amherst 32-45 on Saturday.

Opening the tournament with balanced scoring, the Owls were led by Gid Mayfield, nine points,

See Owls, Lady Owls-Continued on Page Seven



All-District football players were announced following the competition of the Valley Patriots in the state championship game Saturday. They are Yance Forbes, Bert Vasquez, James Tiffin, Max Comer, Jacob Francis, E. J. Ivory and Drew Reed. The Owls lost to Wheeler, bi-district champion, and Valley, state finalist. See related story on Page Seven. *Briscoe County News Photo*

## Post Office to Hold Open House

Postmaster Hoot Barker and staff announce their annual Christmas open house which will be held Tuesday, December 21. The open house will be from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. and will feature food, hot beverages and a cowboy Santa that was a big hit at last year's open house.

The Postmaster also wants to remind everyone to bring your Santa letters in to the Santa Box located inside the post office. The letters will be sent off to the north pole until Thursday, Dec. 23.

The employees at the Silverton post office want to extend to the community warm wishes and holiday blessings for this Christmas season. They hope to see everyone at the open house.

## Tri-County Meals Needs Items For Christmas Sacks

Tri-County Meals is collecting donated items for its clients' Christmas Sacks.

Anyone interested in donating may take their items to Main Street Dollar Store in Silverton by Monday, Dec. 20. Kindergarten children are decorating the sacks.

Any item you think would be of interest, or suggested items are nuts, crackers, baked goods, sugar-free candies, lotions, soaps, Kleenex, large-print crossword or seek & find books.

## Tri-County Meals

Menus for Tri-County Meals next week are:

Monday, Dec. 20-Polish Sausage, Potato Salad, Baked Beans, Brownie

Wednesday, Dec. 22-Turkey and Dressing, Sweet Potatoes, Green Beans, Fruit Salad, Hot Roll

Friday, Dec. 24-Closed

Menu may be subject to change.

Merry Christmas!

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## Obituary

### OBRA WATSON

Obra Watson, 93, of Silverton died Friday, December 10, 2004. Services were conducted Sunday, December 12, 2004, at the Silverton Church of Christ, with Ted Kingery and Gary Weeks officiating. Burial was in the Silverton Cemetery, with arrangements made by Myers-Chancellor Funeral Home.

Mr. Watson was born in Silverton to James and Matilda Watson. He was a farmer and a stockman. He attended Silverton Schools and was a member of the Church of Christ. He was a past director of the Caprock Soil and Water Conservation District.

Mr. Watson was preceded in death by his wife, Jessie Mae; one brother, O'Neal Watson; two sisters, Joyce Richards and Mary Nettleton, and one daughter,

### EULA MAE BRAMLET

Eula Mae Bramlet, 96, of Lockney died Tuesday, Dec. 7, 2004 at Lockney Health and Rehab.

She was born Dec. 4, 1908 to the late Dick Benjamin and Annie Savage. She married Jacob Clyde Bramlet Dec. 10, 1925, in Plainview. They moved to Lockney from Briscoe County where they had lived from 1926 to 1976. She enjoyed gardening and working in her yard. She played the

Rosalyn Watson.

Survivors include one son, Joe Bob Watson and his wife, Connie, of Sweetwater; one sister, Opal Watson of Amarillo; two granddaughters, Keri Cooke and husband Curt of San Angelo and Lori Needham and husband Jack of Coleman; three great-grandsons, Reid Needham of Coleman, Cade Needham of Coleman and Dakota Cooke of San Angelo; and several nieces and nephews.

## From the Patio

by Nina Martin

I spent most of November at home because my country road was extremely muddy. Once my car stayed stuck three days in the road.

Laverne Stephens and Wanda Strange have had surgery and seem to be doing well. Evelyn Smith is back from California.

harmonica and was involved in the Helping Hands Club and would visit the nursing home when she was able to sing. She was a housewife, homemaker and a member of the West College and Third Church of Christ and the Rock Creek Church of Christ.

She was preceded in death by her husband on Jan. 15, 1976; one son, Wayne Bramlet; three brothers, Oliver, Vince and Adam Savage and one sister, Lavenia Savage.

Survivors include one grandson, Larry Bramlet and wife Beth of Lockney; one granddaughter, Carol Huggins and husband Jim of Lockney; one daughter-in-law, Annabel Bramlet of Lockney; two great-grandsons, Danny Huggins and Jake Bramlet of Lockney; two great-granddaughters, Melanie Huggins and Jill Bramlet of Lockney.

Funeral services were conducted at 2:00 p.m. Friday, Dec. 10, 2004 at the West College and Third Church of Christ in Lockney with J. D. Nance officiating and Jay Don Poindexter assisting. Burial was in the Silverton Cemetery under the direction of Moore-Rose-White Funeral Home of Lockney.

The family suggested memorials be made to the Lockney Senior Citizens, P. O. Box 82, Lockney, TX 79241 or the Lockney Library, 118 S. Main, Lockney, TX 79241.

## WEATHER

Readings Taken at  
 6:00 a.m. during December  
 High Low Precip.

1	46	18	
2	53	21	
3	47	23	
4	50	22	
5	62	26	.07
6	58	33	
7	57	30	.21
8	55	29	
9	61	34	
10	70	36	
11	61	29	
12	69	32	
13	63	30	
14	45	18	
December Precipitation			.28
Normal Dec. Precip.			.68
Total Precip. in 2004			38.25
Normal Precip. to Date			21.22

## Basketball Schedules

JV B&G, VB&G

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-Sammorwood, 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-Sammorwood, 5:00, there, JVB  
 Feb. 8-Hedley, 5:00, here, JVB  
**JH G&B**  
 Jan. 17-Groom, 6:00, there  
 Jan. 24-Amarillo T.F., 5:30, here  
 Jan. 31-Hedley, 6:00, there

The quilters Dec. 9 were Joy Stodghill, Lallie Patton, Christene King, Rose Mary Perkins, Ann Norris, Evelyn Smith, Sybil King and Nina Martin.

## Thanks to Blood Donors

T-shirts were given to 28 who donated blood when Coffee Memorial Blood Center's bloodmobile was here recently.

Special thanks to all those who came in to make the blood drive a success!

## Forgetfulness: Not All Memory Gaps Serious

If an elderly loved one seems more forgetful than normal, there's no reason to panic and suspect Alzheimer's disease. There could

## Silverton School Activities

Thursday, Dec. 16-Employee Supper; even semester tests; Robin Boedeker's Christmas Program for parents

Friday, Dec. 17-Odd semester tests; Owls vs. Follett @ Clarendon, 6:30

Monday, Dec. 20-Friday, Dec. 31-Christmas Break

Tuesday, Dec. 28-Thursday, Dec. 30-Clarendon Varsity Tournament

be a simple reason for absentmindedness. Forgetting names is common as people age. Certain medication can chance the way a person thinks. A person's feelings may also affect behavior. If the loved one has suffered the loss of a friend or spouse, the problem may be due to sadness. The key is to ask questions and listen carefully. For more information on other issues affecting older adults visit fcs.tamu.edu and click on Family Life.

Provided by Texas Cooperative Extension Agent David Hawkins, CEA-Ag

*Putting pen to paper lights more fire than matches ever will.*

Malcolm Forbes

## FOR SALE BY SEALED BIDS

Briscoe County Sheriff's car, 1999 Ford Crown Victoria, 4 dr., automatic, 180+K. Bids will be opened at 10:00 a.m. Jan. 10, 2005. Car will be sold as it/where is, with no warranties or guarantees of any kind. Briscoe County reserves the right to accept or reject any and all bids. For information call 806-823-2135. Car may be viewed at Jack's Automotive in Quitaque, TX.

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A father was approached by his small son, who told him proudly, "I know what the Bible means!" His father smiled and replied, "What do you mean, you 'know' what the Bible means?" The son replied, "I do know!" His father said, "Okay son, so what does the Bible mean?" "That's easy, Daddy. It stands for 'Basic Information Before Leaving Earth'."

Ps. 8:2 Out of the mouths of babes . . .

You're always welcome at the

## Rock Creek Church of Christ

# LOOKING BACK

through the files of the  
Briscoe County News

**November 24, 1994-**Science Fair will be held Saturday . . . Coach Parham provided some interesting information that he had received from a rating service. He said that the Owl football team was ranked 75th out of the 84 teams in the state. He added that the service also rated the difficulty of the team's season schedules, and in this category the Owls ranked fourth in the state . . . Joe and Carolyn Kitchens have moved into the home recently vacated by his grandmother, Zoe Steele. Joe is opening a boot shop in Tulia . . . Announcement made of the approaching marriage of Brenda Kay Boling and Douglas Spencer McDonough . . . Pam Witt and Jim Cogdell were honored at a bridal tea Sunday in the Pioneer Room . . . Ashel and Mildred McDaniel met part of their family Wednesday night for dinner at the Cattle Call. They were celebrating their 59th wedding anniversary . . . Lady Owls take pair of games from 'Roogirls . . .

**December 6, 1984-**Ronnie Chestnut is new manager of Schooler-Gordon Funeral Home . . . With a light drizzle falling and freezing on cars, trees and shrubs at the time the paper was being prepared this week, the November moisture total was creeping toward the two-inch mark . . . Mr. and Mrs. Mike McGinn are parents of a son, Brandon Lee . . . Pheasant season will be in full swing Saturday . . . Lee Burnett & Company, an advertising agency from Riverdale, New York, spent several days in November at Caprock Canyons State Park north of Quitaque filming scenes for Marlboro cigarette advertisements which will appear in magazines soon . . . Mr. and Mrs. Jene Montague are parents of a son, Jason Price . . . Mr. and Mrs. Joe D. Anderson are parents of a daughter, Ashley Elizabeth . . . Knee problems are plaguing the Owlettes, with Kathy Brown and Alesha Patton having gone down with injuries . . . Claudine May has been a patient at Central Plains Hospital . . . Bryan Burson broke both bones in his leg in an accident at the ranch Saturday morning . . .

**December 5, 1974-**Mrs. E. C. Newman took Mrs. Belle Olive and Betty to Lockney Monday, and the doctor kept Mrs. Olive in the hospital . . . Mrs. L. B. Garvin, jr. entered High Plains Hospital in Amarillo Sunday and underwent surgery Tuesday . . . Mr. and Mrs.

Buddy Comer and Christi spent Thanksgiving weekend with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Milton Dudley and Mr. and Mrs. Leo Comer and Kelly . . . Jana Futch, John Minyard exchange marriage vows in formal ceremony at Lorenzo . . . Margaret Hester and Janice Hill are the adult leaders of the Junior Girl Scout Troop that had its investiture service Nov. 26. The girls are Sara Lain, Delinda Ziegler, Shelli Hester, Tandy McJimsey, Annette Kingery, Amy Perkins, Denee Ford, Missy Brown, Susie Tipton, Dee Ann Strange, Dena Green, Vicki McJimsey, Irma Davila, Katy Francis, Scotti Fleming, Cynthia Hale and Melinda Sutton . . . Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Hyatt to be honored on golden wedding anniversary . . .

**December 5, 1964-**Kennith Garvin was seriously injured in a gin accident here Sunday evening. His arm became entangled in some of the equipment. It was first thought that he might lose the arm, but later reports indicated that it would not have to be removed . . . The Silverton Owls and Owlettes continued their winning streak by defeating the Quitaque cagers and the teams from Claude in two double headers here last week. On Tuesday night of this week, the Silverton and Quitaque teams split two, with the Owlettes winning and the Owls tasting defeat for the first time this year . . . Fire swept through Donie Hester's shop east of Silverton early Tuesday morning. Silverton firemen answered the call, but were not in time to save any of the shop or the woodworking tools which were inside. Firemen concentrated their efforts on saving an adjoining building and its contents. Mr. and Mrs. Hester are known throughout this area for their skill in building and finishing furniture and novelty items . . . Becky Thomas, a student at the Hotel Dieu School of Nursing in El Paso, spent the Thanksgiving holiday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Perry Thomas, jr., other relatives and friends . . . Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Kirk, Kelly and Karen spent the Thanksgiving holidays with area relatives, including his mother, Mrs. Jewel Kirk, and sister, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Bell; Mrs. Kirk's parents, Mr. and Mrs. True Burson, and Mr. Kirk's sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Peugh, Kathy and Darla . . . Brad Ziegler, six-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Riley Ziegler, underwent an appendectomy Monday at Swisher County Hospital . . .

**December 2, 1954-**Nancy Wilmoth, 15, daughter of the superintendent of the Flomot School, was killed last week in an automobile accident near Flomot. Two sisters, Dorma Kay, 8, and Patsy, 13, received minor injuries. The three were running an errand for their father, John Wilmoth, when the family car struck a sand bank on a country road and overturned several times . . . Don Ray Watts, 15, Plainview High School sophomore, was fatally injured Saturday afternoon when run over by a truck in a pasture 11 miles east of Silverton. The accident occurred about 2:30 p.m. on the Carl Dean Bomar farm . . . Albert Heckman, 76, retired rancher, died Nov. 25 at his home in Clarendon . . . Contract let for Claude Crossing FM road . . . Ted Hancock spent the Thanksgiving holidays in Lubbock with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Bernie Hancock . . . Ed Vaughan was happily surprised on his birthday anniversary Sunday when Mr. and Mrs. Bud McMinn, Mr. and Mrs. John Vaughan, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Stephens, Grandma Vaughan, Silverton, and Mrs. Elva Wright of Morton arrived at his and his son, Eural's, home with well-filled baskets of food and began preparing to serve dinner . . . Rusty Arnold went to Savannah, Missouri during the holidays for a routine checkup at a hospital . . . W. A. Smithee visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Will Smithee, Monday . . .

**December 7, 1944-**Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Lanham are parents of a seven-pound daughter born in Floydada on Nov. 30 . . . Mike Reid is spending the week with Mrs. Nash Blasengame . . . Mrs. Dean Allard spent the weekend in Lubbock . . . Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hill and Mr. and Mrs. Pascal Garrison were dinner guests in the George Seaney home Sunday . . . Mr. and Mrs. Hershel Vaughan are parents of a son, named Larry Neal . . . Mrs. Pat Pavlicek left Tuesday for Stephenville to spend Thanksgiving with Margaret Thomas . . . Pat Northcutt and Don Bomar spent the weekend with Jean Northcutt and Fay Tice Bomar in Lubbock and attended the SMU football game . . . Editor Roy Hahn wrote about the bi-district football game: "Spence and Milton down at the City Grocery showed their appreciation by taking all the boys and Coach Brannon to the picture show. They must have got a glimpse of the Oklaunion boys in advance to get so far out on a limb as to make the offer before the game. Spence and Milton are pretty strong fans though, and maybe they had it in their heads to treat the Owls whether they won or lost" . . . The W. E. Schotts have moved to their home they purchased from H. S.

## Happy Anniversary-

December 16-Mr. and Mrs. Dayne Mayfield  
December 17-Mr. and Mrs. Van Breedlove  
December 18-Mr. and Mrs. Charles Childre, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Jarnagin, Mr. and Mrs. Walt Garrison  
December 19-Mr. and Mrs. Greg Hill  
December 21-Mr. and Mrs. Kelly Sanders, Mr. and Mrs. Robert McWaters, Mr. and Mrs. David Warren  
December 22-Mr. and Mrs. Terry West

Sanders, Mr. and Mrs. Sanders are staying with Mrs. Avis Cowart . . .

## Happy Birthday-

December 16-Virgal Minyard, Stanley Gamble  
December 17-Guinn Fitzgerald, Ruth Ann Scrivner, Clint Ivory, Carol Davis, Haylie Elizabeth Couch, Debbie Myers  
December 18-Curtis Reed, Bobby Joe Edwards, jr., Dorthye Fulbright  
December 19-Kassidy Martin, John McCutchen, Helen Strickland, Karen Kay Martin, Teresa Sutton, Harvey McJimsey  
December 21-Thurman May, Ester Ramirez, Nathan Perry  
December 22-Carl Bomar, Donnie Perkins, Sonya Bitner

*The true wealth of a state consists in the number of its inhabitants, in their toil and industry.*

Napoleon Bonaparte

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

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Mr. and Mrs. Clifford O. Youngquist-1954

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## Couple to Celebrate 50th Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford O. Youngquist of Lubbock will observe their fiftieth wedding anniversary with an Open House reception in their home Saturday, Dec. 18, from 1:00 until 3:00 p.m. A private family dinner will follow in the evening. Their children, Robert Youngquist of Shallowater, Larita and Dennis Barkley of Haysville, Kansas, Gaylon and Sharla Youngquist of Shallowater and Glenda and John Nalle of Meadow, will host the events.

Clifford O. Youngquist and Helen Rose Vaughan were married at 6:00 p.m. at the First Baptist Church in Silvertown. Rev. G. A. Elrod performed the double-ring ceremony. Mrs. Youngquist is the daughter of the late Ewing and Louise Vaughan, long-time residents of the Silvertown community. Mr. Youngquist is the son of the late Leonard and Esther Youngquist of Leuders.

Mr. Youngquist had completed a four-year tour of duty with the U. S. Army, serving during the Korean War. He had arrived home in the spring of 1954 and began searching for work. He decided to make a trip to South Plains to visit his Uncle Elma and Aunt Mable Reeves.

Mrs. Youngquist was playing piano for a summer revival at Sterley Methodist Church. She was staying with A. P. and Inez Sanders, friends of her parents and friends of the Reeves. They were

introduced by a relative, and Mr. Youngquist says that it was "love at first sight," that he knew right then that she was going to be his wife.

Close friends and family members had special roles in their wedding ceremony on that December day. Millie Lewis, friend of the bride, served as matron of honor. Vernon Youngquist, brother of the groom, was best man. Janice Turner and Winnie Hartman, friends of the bride, were bridesmaids. Eulalia Sanders, friend of the Vaughans, and Ronald Vaughan, brother of the bride, lighted the candles. Donna Stephens served as flower girl and Jack Wesley Morris was ringbearer. Douglas Reeves, cousin of the groom, and John Kerns, a friend, seated the guests. Mrs. L. B. Garvin played the organ for the pre-nuptial and traditional wedding music. Bill Hall of Lone Star was accompanied by J. D. Nance as he sang "I Love You Truly" and "Because" preceding the wedding vows. Mr. Hall sang "The Lord's Prayer" as a benediction to the ceremony.

The newly-married couple made their first home in Plainview and later moved to Abilene where Mr. Youngquist made the decision to return to the military, serving in the U. S. Navy. Mrs. Youngquist joined him wherever he was stationed. While he was on an extended duty at sea, she purchased

their first home in Plainview and made a home before he was discharged from the Navy. After the military, he settled into a career of business management and sales, owning several businesses at one time. She worked as a bookkeeper throughout the years while also taking important times off to stay home and tend to the needs of her family. She has been a piano teacher throughout the past fifty years, and continued teaching piano today.

The family enjoyed many fishing, camping and boating occasions, and took lots of pictures to remind them of past fun times.

Back home in Lubbock, the kitchen of Mr. and Mrs. Youngquist was an important center of activity and fellowship with one another. Their life would not be complete without mentioning the enjoyment of twelve grandchildren and three great-grandchildren ranging in age from 26 down to 17 months. They have enjoyed helping care for and love them all.

You are invited to share in the joy of the observance and celebration of the fiftieth wedding anniversary by sending cards to 8107 Gary Avenue, Lubbock, TX 79423.

### Texas Cooperative Extension-Briscoe Co.

David Hawkins, CEA-Ag

Wet soil is muddying up some Texas spinach producers' harvest plans. The crop was planted on time and harvest began in some areas after a few days of sunshine. Texas' 6,000 acres of spinach benefitted from the rain at the beginning of the growing season; however, the line between beneficial and detrimental rain has been crossed in some regions.

The rain has kept producers from the fields, delaying harvest. Spinach quality is compromised when harvest stalls. Also, high humidity favors a higher incidence of disease, mainly white rust and Blue Mold. The season's not over for spinach, and harvest could still be successful.

TIDY BEES

## 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:

1. Weathers and does may be

Good hygiene can mean the difference between life and death for honey bees. USDA scientists found honey bees that are genetically resistant to mites obsessively groom themselves. They use their legs to brush off tracheal mites that could invade their airways and choke them.

Researchers were studying the grooming habits of bees, and found resistant bees groomed more than susceptible ones. The scientists emphasized the study was just a brief look into young bees' grooming habits. In a real colony, mites are a constant challenge, and aggressive grooming would pay off over time.

### SCIENTISTS TAP FUNGUS TO PROTECT CORN

USDA researchers think a benign fungus that lives in corn could protect it from mold contamination. The fungus produces a substance that disrupts the mold's ability to infect ripening corn kernels. Mold causes disease and can contaminate the corn with natural carcinogens. The new finding challenges old scientific thinking that the fungus neither hurt nor helped corn. Now researchers think it pays for its room and board by helping corn fend off mold. Further research could lead to inoculating corn seed with the fungus as a living barrier against mold.

shown but will be shown together.

2. All goats must be slick shorn with 3/8 of an inch above the knee and hock.

3. No painting, powdering or dyeing of goats is permitted.

4. Goats must be dehorned or tipped

5. Official weigh-in

6. No tooth rule

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link to Housing and Environment.

### Rain Results In King-Sized Christmas Trees

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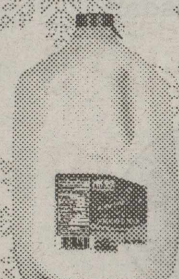
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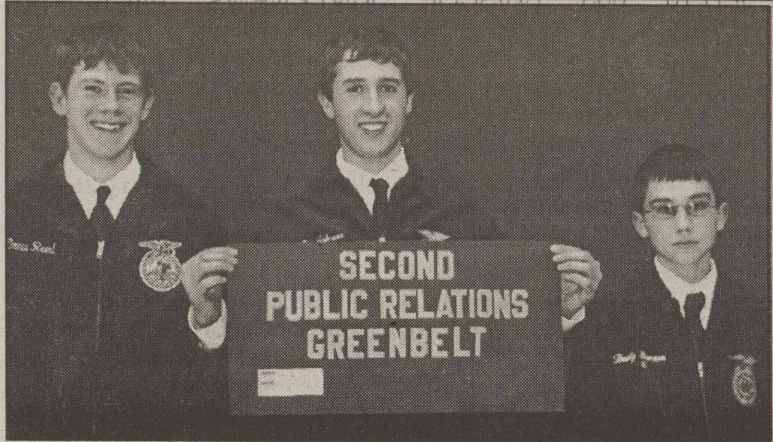
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Silverton FFA members, Drew Reed, Ory Johnson and Dusty Burson received a second-place banner in Public Relations.



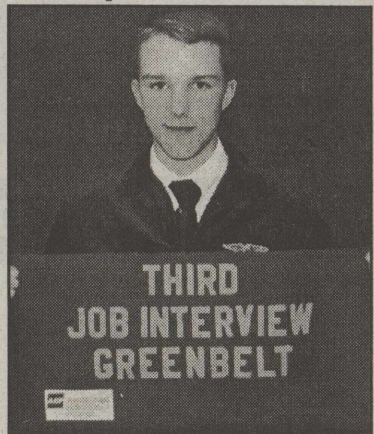
Yance Forbes and Will Boedeker placed third in the FFA Talent Contest, and received their banner at the Greenbelt District Banquet.

### Silverton FFA Well Represented at Greenbelt District Banquet Dec. 6

Silverton FFA was well represented at the Greenbelt District Awards Banquet on Monday, Dec. 6. Members attending were Yance Forbes, Will Boedeker, Dusty Burson, Drew Reed, Ory Johnson and Zack Burson.

Boedeker and Forbes placed third in the Talent Contest. Competition was tough and these two students did an outstanding job in their performance.

Members received banners for earlier accomplishments at the District Leadership Contest on Nov. 18. Dusty Burson, Reed and Johnson received a second-place



Will Boedeker placed third in Job Interview and received his FFA banner at the District Banquet.

banner in Public Relations.

Boedeker received a third-place banner in Job Interview.

Danielle Ramirez, Krista Hale and Kelsie Estes received a fifth-place banner in Radio.

Shandy Forbes received a third-place banner in Creed Speaking.

Laura Scarborough received fifth-place in Creed Speaking.

These young individuals are commended on their accomplishments and Silverton ISD is very proud of them.

I am gracious and humbled for everyone's past and continued support and vote. My office door is always open.  
Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!  
Thanks again,  
**Bill Smith**

### Don't Stay Home Alone Christmas

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.

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

### Official Rules Given For Silver City Great Cookie Exchange

In the official rules for the first annual Silver City Mercantile Co. Great Cookie Exchange, you are asked to RSVP by Dec. 14 @ 823-2374.

Submit your favorite Christmas cookie recipe to Silver City, Box 606, Silverton, or bring by the store by Dec. 16.

Prepare six dozen of this favorite cookie and bring to the party. All cookies must be homemade. Bring a foil-lined box or a plastic container for the take-home bounty.

Arrive with cookies at Silver City Mercantile Co. for the Great Cookie Exchange at 5:00 p.m. on Dec. 18. Only participants may attend this fun-filled evening. No children, please.

Light appetizers will be served.

Tasting and voting will begin promptly at 5:30 p.m.


Prizes will be awarded for Best Presentation, Best Looking Cookie, and Best Tastin' Cookie.

If you are unable to participate, let Silver City know ASAP. They have a waiting list and need you to help make this exchange a success.


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Season's Greetings



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



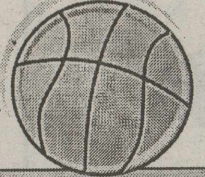
### UPCOMING GAMES

**Dec. 17-Follett, 6:30, Clarendon College v G&B**

**Dec. 28-30-Clarendon Varsity Tournament**

**Lady Owls vs. Amarillo Trinity, 9:00 a.m. Tuesday**

**Owls vs. Garland Alpha Charter, 10:30 a.m. Tuesday**



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## Owls, Lady Owls- Continued From Page One

Jacob Francis and Yance Forbes, eight points each. Adding to the score were Tanner Young and Jesse Reynolds, five points each; Ory Johnson, two points.

Owls	3	20	35	49
Clovis Christian	6	16	24	33

The Owl scoring was led by Gid Mayfield's 19 points in the second-round game. E. J. Ivory also scored in double figures, with 13. Also scoring were Yance Forbes, seven; Drew Reed, six; James Tiffin, four; Jesse Reynolds, three; Ory Johnson, two points.

Owls	10	23	43	54
Adrian	4	14	19	22

In the final game against Amherst, Drew Reed led the offense by scoring 15 points. James Tiffin also scored in double figures, with 10. Adding to the score were Jesse Reynolds, seven; Tanner Young and Jonathan Garcia, six points each; Yance Forbes, five; E. J. Ivory, four; Gid Mayfield and Ory Johnson, two points each.

Gid had an accident in the last few minutes of the game and had to have several stitches in his head.

Owls	20	38	45	56
Amherst	2	11	14	26

The Lady Owls opened the tournament with a 56-24 win over Clovis Christian. Scoring leaders were Haylee Simpson and Krista Hale, 12 points each. Also scoring were Sasha Wood, nine; Danielle Ramirez and Brittany Tiffin, seven points each; Kelsie Estes, four; Kelsi Birdsong, three.

Lady Owls	16	28	35	56
Clovis Christian	7	16	20	24

Sasha Wood led the scoring with 17 points when the Lady Owls played Adrian. Also scoring were Krista Hale, nine; Kelsie Estes and Kelsi Birdsong, six points each; Haylee Simpson, four; Shandy Forbes, three points.

Lady Owls	15	26	31	45
Adrian	4	9	18	35

Scoring in the final game was by Sasha Wood, eight; Krista Hale and Kelsi Birdsong, seven points each; Shandy Forbes, four; Haylee Simpson and Danielle Ramirez, three points each.

Lady Owls	4	14	23	32
Amherst	11	19	39	45

On Tuesday night, Dec. 7, the junior varsity Lady Owls earned a 25-18 victory over Lazbuddie. Scoring was by Trichelle Ramirez, seven; Laura Scarborough, four; Barb Ahearn, Kassi Yancey, Ami Dunn, Courtney Perkins, three points each; Abby Reyna, two points.

Lady Owl JV	11	17	19	25
Lazbuddie	4	8	12	18

The Lady Owl varsity dropped a close game to Lazbuddie, 50-56.



Named to the All-Tournament teams at Amherst following the championship games Saturday were Gid Mayfield, Most Valuable Player; Haylee Simpson, Sasha Wood and Drew Reed.

Briscoe County News Photo

## All-District Football Teams Announced

Brett Tyler of the Valley Patriots was named Six-Man Coach of the Year, and Darius Kimberling, Happy freshman, was named Newcomer of the Year when the All-District selections were made. The players honored were announced following Valley's state championship appearance in Sweetwater last Saturday.

The Patriots represented the district well, and are a team all can be proud of as they complete their season.

### FIRST TEAM OFFENSE

Offensive MVP-Fidel Valdes, Valley senior

Tight Ends-Zack Ramsey, Valley senior, and Kade Boman, Happy senior

Wide Receivers-Tanner Scott, Kress senior and Scott Reese, Cotton Center junior

Center-Jacob Francis, Silverton junior

Quarterback-Cody Barrett, Valley junior

Running Backs-Alex Espinosa, Valley junior and Adam McElroy, Happy senior

Spreadback-Thane Barkley, Groom sophomore

Utility Back-Yance Forbes, Silverton junior

Kicker-Daniel Alanis, Valley senior

Special Teams Player-Bert Vasquez, Silverton senior

Scoring was led by Sasha Wood, 17, and Kelsie Estes, 11 points. Also scoring were Krista Hale, nine; Haylee Simpson, six; Kelsi Birdsong, five; Shandy Forbes, two points.

Lady Owls	10	20	33	50
Lazbuddie	16	21	37	56

Scoring in double figures for the Owls were Drew Reed, 20; Jacob Francis, 15, and Gid Mayfield, 13 points. Rounding out the scoring were Ory Johnson, six; James Tiffin, five; Yance Forbes, four points.

Owls	13	29	47	63
Lazbuddie	5	13	21	28

### FIRST TEAM DEFENSE

Co-Defensive MVP-Zack Ramsey, Valley senior, and Charlie Walden, Valley junior

Defensive Linemen-Albert Espinosa, Valley senior, Max Comer, Silverton senior and Adam McElroy, Happy senior

Linebackers-Fidel Valdez, Valley senior, and Cole Lewellyn, Hedley senior

Cornerbacks-Stephen Howard, Hedley senior, and Adam Simms, Happy senior

Safeties-Dustin Bach, Happy senior, and Derik Amador, Kress senior

Utility Player-Alex Espinoza, Valley senior

Punter-Wes Shields, Hedley junior

### SECOND TEAM OFFENSE

Tight Ends-Max Comer, Silverton senior, and Rueben Ramos, Valley junior

Wide Receivers-Trey Pearson, Happy senior, and Blaine Britten, Groom senior

Center-Cole Lewellyn, Hedley senior

Quarterback-David Castilleza, Kress junior

Running Backs-Chance Barkley, Groom senior, and E. J. Ivory, Silverton sophomore

Spreadback-Allen Irlbeck, Happy senior

Utility Back-Toby Castilleza, Cotton Center senior

Kicker-Adam McElroy, Happy senior

Special Teams Player-Kye Fuston, Valley junior

### SECOND TEAM DEFENSE

Defensive Linemen-Toby Gonzales, Kress senior, James Tiffin, Silverton senior, Justin Bach, Happy senior, and Drew Reed, Silverton sophomore

Linebackers-Yance Forbes, Silverton junior, and Walter Noel, Happy senior

Cornerbacks-Chance Barkley, Groom senior, Bert Vasquez, Silverton senior, and Eli Luna,

## Junior High Teams Flu "Shot" For The Drop Pair to Valley Other 50 Million

Silverton's Junior High teams dropped a pair of games to Valley Monday night, Dec. 13.

The Lady Owls led off the action in the Valley Gym with a 15-59 loss.

Scoring was by Nichole Schott, three; Destiny Wilson, Marchelle Curry, Townlii Ziegler, Torrey Fuston, Wendy Garcia and Heather Tiffin, two points each.

Lady Owls 8th	2	9	9	15
Valley	17	33	52	59

The Owls 8th team played Valley a much closer game, losing 39-45.

The offense was led by Shawn Johnson's big 25-point effort. Adding to the score were Cord Griffin, four; Carlos Garcia and Cord Stidham, two points each.

Owls 8th	9	19	29	39
Valley	17	24	31	45

The junior high teams won't be in action again until after the holidays. On Jan. 10, the Silverton and Valley junior high teams will play again in the Silverton Gym, with tipoff in the first game scheduled at 5:30 p.m.

*Every blade of grass has its spot on earth whence it draws its life, its strength; and so is man rooted to the land from which he draws his faith together with his life.*

Joseph Conrad

*The world is a book and he who stays at home reads only one page.*

M. K. Frelinghuysen

Hedley junior  
Safeties-Kyle Kirby, Cotton Center freshman, and Cody Barrett, Valley junior

Utility Player-Drew Brown, Happy sophomore

Punter-Scott Reese, Cotton Center junior

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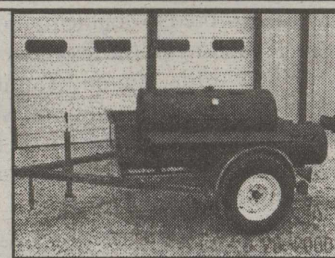
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