

All Around The Town

By Mary Ann Sarchet



Charlie and I and our grandchildren spent several days in Ruidoso last week, and had a wonderful time! I mentioned after our return last year about the bears that go through the dumpsters, and this year we witnessed a scenario in which the "actors" were people from Abilene who parked their vehicles too near the dumpster. At about 12:30 a.m., the bears turned the dumpster over, and the Abilene people wanted to scare them away before they damaged their SUV and pickup. While the rest of their group were running around in their night clothes, one of the men ran out, jumped into his pickup and turned on the headlights. Those of us watching from our cabin were amazed at how BIG the bear was that ran through the headlights! The people who run the camp where we stay had told us that the troupe of bears included a mother with two cubs, but we didn't see them. The bears returned about 5:30 a.m. and went through the contents of the dumpster which included take-out boxes that Meredith and Molly had brought from a Ruidoso Italian food restaurant. The bears thoroughly enjoyed the take-out boxes that were in the garbage!

Our grandson, Brandon, completed requirements this summer for his MBA degree magna cum laude from the Jerry Rawls School of Business at Texas Tech University. He is working as an industrial engineer for Saia Motor Freight, flying to work by commercial plane to the places where he is needed.

Glenn Smith broke his upper femur in a fall at his home Friday. He underwent surgery at Covenant Hospital in Lubbock Saturday, and is said to be recovering well.

Wendell and Nedra Hardin of San Antonio were guests of her father, Buck and Loretta Hardin, over the July 31-August 1 weekend. They returned home Monday of last week.

Lou Younger, her daughter and granddaughter, Lisa and



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County Birthday, Homecoming Activities To Begin Here Friday

A good many special activities are planned here this week, in celebration of Briscoe County's 112th Birthday and the Silverton School Homecoming.

An effort has been made to arrange most of the events in chronological order to show their progression.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 13

Open House at the Briscoe County Community Clinic will be held from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon. There will be free blood pressure checks and free blood pressure screening.

City Bank-Silverton will host a Kenneth Wyatt Art Show & Sale with 30% discounts on sales from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.

An All-Class Reunion will be held in the Silverton School Cafeteria beginning at 7:00 p.m. All former students are invited to bring snacks and attend.

A Rodeo will begin at 8:00 p.m. at the Wood Memorial Arena. There will be Mutton Bustin' and Steer Riding for the young people, and a calf scramble.

Dance to the music of DJ Jeff Smith from 9:00 p.m. until 1:00 a.m. at the Showbarn.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 14

There will be arts, crafts, game and food booths on the Courthouse yard all day Saturday.

Entertainment will be provided by local people under the shelter on the Courthouse yard.

A Quilt Show will be held. Cortney Gragson, have enjoyed a tour of Nashville, Tennessee, including visits to Graceland and Grand Ole Opry. They reported an enjoyable time.

Neil and Sybil King, Dwain and Shirley Henderson spent the weekend in Ruidoso, New Mexico.

at the Senior Citizens Center from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. A \$1.00 admission fee will be charged which will be placed in a fund for purchasing new carpet for the Center.

A Parade through downtown Silverton will begin at 10:30 a.m. with a color guard from Fort Sill, Oklahoma (some of the same soldiers that were here in May). The Pioneer Couple of the Day will be riding in a horse-drawn carriage in the parade and will be presented a commemorative plaque following the parade under the shelter at the Courthouse.

A Frog Jumping Contest will begin at 11:30 a.m. on the east side of the Courthouse. Bring your own frog.

A Barbecue Lunch will be served at 12:30 p.m. in the street between the Courthouse and City Hall. Barbecue tickets are on sale for \$7.00 each at the Silverton City Hall.

Lawn Mower Races will be conducted at 1:00 p.m. south of the old John Deere house. You must bring your own lawnmower, without deck, and a small entry fee will be charged to pay for the first and second-place trophies that are to be awarded.

The School Homecoming Registration will be conducted in the school library beginning at 1:00 p.m. The homecoming program begins at 1:30 p.m. in the school auditorium, followed by light refreshments in the school cafeteria.

Dedication of the Veterans Monument will take place on the northwest corner of the Courthouse lawn at 4:00 p.m. Chairs will be set up for the World War II veterans and their wives or widows. Please do not take one of these seats unless you are representing World War II, and please do not

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Seymour and Ruby Brannon, 2004 Pioneer Couple

Seymour and Ruby Brannon Chosen As 2004 Pioneer Couple of the Day

Seymour and Ruby Brannon have been selected by the Silverton Chamber of Commerce as the Briscoe County Pioneer Couple of the Day, and will be honored during the County's 112th Birthday Celebration in Silverton Saturday, August 14. They will ride in a horse-drawn carriage in the parade, and will be presented a commemorative plaque following the parade.

Seymour Brannon and the former Miss Ruby Young were married at the parsonage of the Calvary Baptist Church in Silverton by the Rev. B. P. Harrison on September 24, 1938. They celebrated their golden wedding anniversary Saturday, September 24, 1988, and will have been married 66 years in September 2004.

Born in 1917, Seymour moved here with his family from Paris, Texas in 1925. He was one of five children and there are only two left, he and Opal McClure. A retired farmer and rancher, he was a carpenter until he began farming and ranching full time.

Ruby was born in 1922 in Swisher County, and moved here with her family when she was very small. She comes from a family of seven sisters and three brothers. Five are still living. They are Mary

Shurbet, Donnie Bowman, Peggy Young and Travis Young.

"Seymour and his father built our family home and finished it. I only got to live in the new house a few months before I married him," Ruby said. The home they have lived in since 1960 was built by Mr. Brannon. "He built us three homes," Ruby said. "After we had lived here a while, he said he might build us a house outside of town. I told him that we needed to stay where we were; moving is for the birds."

Ruby is a homemaker who retired after having been employed by First State Bank in Silverton for 22 1/2 years. She and Seymour are members of First Baptist Church in Silverton.

Seymour and Ruby Brannon were parents of three sons. Joe, the eldest, married the former Vaughnell Rowell, and they are parents of three sons: Brent and the former Tammy Stephens are parents of two daughters, Stormy and Sage; Paul and Natalie have Deiter, Macy and Reed; Cal Mack and Kathy have two daughters, Skyler and Brylee.

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LOOKING BACK

through the files of the
Briscoe County News

July 21, 1994--Scott Strawn, Briscoe County Agricultural Agent, accompanied Will Hester, Kimmie Blazier, Carrie Baird and Michael Reagan to 4-H electric camp at Camp Scott Able near Cloudcroft, New Mexico . . . Descendants of Gabe and Janey Garrison met Saturday, July 16, for their bi-annual reunion at the picnic grounds on Los Lingos Creek, home of Dale and Dona Smith . . . Mary Miller, 74, buried here Friday . . .

July 12, 1984--Amarillo man, Michael Scott Adair, 21, becomes Lake Mackenzie's third drowning victim . . . Potter County Extension Agent Jim Smith has won the National Association of County Agriculture Agents Search for Excellence award for the state of Texas . . . Luck was with Bob Arnold and his uncle, Glenn Allen, when the two were working in close quarters on a pressure pump at the home of Glenn and Sylvia Allen. A rattlesnake crawled over Glenn's boot and Bob killed it as it moved away . . . Mr. and Mrs. Greg Hill have moved from Sonora back to Silverton . . . David and Denise Kellum, Robert and Betty McPherson and Wayne and Becky Norman will host a square dance here Saturday night . . . Nick Long and his wife, Melissa, have announced plans to move from Plainview to Perryton . . . Mr. and Mrs. Walter Brannon to observe golden wedding anniversary . . . Vickie Meurer, bride-elect of Joe Edd Arnold, was honored with a miscellaneous bridal shower Saturday afternoon . . .

July 11, 1974--Citizens asked to conserve water . . . Dorothy Powell has been named Lamb County Extension Agent . . . New clinic building finished this week . . . Construction has begun on the new Thompson Implement Company building which is being built on Main Street east of the Briscoe County News . . . Jerry Patton was rushed to Central Plains Hospital in Plainview about noon Friday after he received a deep cut on his right wrist while helping the Silverton Volunteer Fire Department fight a fire in a storage barn

at the home of Leona Yancey . . . Virginia Clardy, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Gallington, was attending a ballgame in Quitaque when she fell, striking her head on concrete. She is resting at home this week with a concussion . . . Mrs. Gabe Garrison was taken to Central Plains Hospital Saturday and she underwent surgery there Tuesday morning . . . Strategic Air Command flying low-level practice missions over Briscoe County . . . Briscoe County, which already has provided one important Early Man Archeological site this year, is now yielding another which boasts evidence of the Folsom culture dating from 8,000 to 10,000 years ago. Excavations have begun at the site three miles north of Quitaque in the vicinity of Lake Theo . . .

July 16, 1964--Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Fitzgerald were proud of their 1963 Appaloosa stallion, F Domino Rusty, who has been shown three times and won three places . . . Doctor from Johns Hopkins Hospital visits in Joe H. Smith home here . . . Funeral services were conducted Wednesday for a 14-year-old Tulia farm youth who was killed Monday night when he was struck by a car while riding a bicycle near his home three miles north of Tulia. Dead on arrival at Swisher County Hospital was John Howard Oliver, a brother of Mrs. Gail Bullock . . . The brothers and sisters of J. J. Vardell held a reunion in the Vardell home here Sunday. The reunion was combined with the observance of the sixtieth wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Vardell . . . Funeral services conducted for Mrs. Jerry Reynolds, 21 . . . Noel Deavenport returned home early this week after having surgery on his arm in a Lubbock hospital last Friday . . . Charlie Rowell, a veteran of World War I, has been seriously ill in Swisher County Hospital since Tuesday of last week . . .

August 5, 1954--Rev. Cecil Vaughn and Rev. Fred Dudley are holding a revival meeting at the Assembly of God here . . . The Farmer's Fuel Association is offering its property in Silverton for sale . . . Robert

Ledbetter says, "Watch for bollworms" . . . Mother of Bill McCracken buried at Bronte . . . Jim Clemmer, who operated the Clemmer Garage for several years across the street from the Palace Theatre, is now located at Bomar One Stop . . . Mr. and Mrs. Lenton Lanham are announcing the betrothal and approaching marriage of their daughter, Peggy Don, to Larry Tunnell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Tunnell . . . Roy Lyn Long celebrates fourth birthday at party . . . Johnny Montague enjoys fifth birthday . . . Mr. and Mrs. Ben Bingham and children spent a recent weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Bill Bingham near Canyon. The fishing along the creek was pretty good so the entire party went to Buffalo Lake on Monday and Tuesday . . . Mrs. Glenn McWilliams and children visited her sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Cagle and Rhonda, in Sunray . . . Keyth Tiffin attended the homecoming at Gasoline last Sunday . . . Mr. and Mrs. George Long and children visited her aunt, Mrs. Cleo Goins, in Floydada Sunday afternoon . . . Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Watkins and Patricia Gail of Amarillo spent Saturday night with Mr. and Mrs. Bud McMinn . . .

July 20, 1944--Sgt. Linwood Davis, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. T. Davis of Albany, has been in service four years with the Air Corps. He is stationed in India for several months. He formerly attended Silverton Schools. He is a nephew of Mrs. Alvin Redin . . . Mr. and Mrs. Milton Dudley went to Childress Sunday to get their daughter, Mary, who has been visiting there the past week. Mr. Dudley's mother, who is also visiting there, will return here Friday . . . Mrs. Wood Hardcastle and Mrs. Bill Thompson and boys of Pampa spent from Sunday until Wednesday in Silverton with relatives . . . Mr. and Mrs. Chester Strickland of Canyon spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Will Smithee . . . Ware Fogerson, P. H. McKenney, Speedy McKenney, Orlee Mills and Edwin Davis spent the weekend with their families. They are following the wheat harvest . . . George Seaney purchased the Jewett apartment house this week. They plan to move there this fall . . . Editor Roy Hahn wrote: Some lady called Mrs.

McCracken the other day and asked if she had any dill. Mrs. McCracken thought she said Bill, and so she said he was at the elevator. The lady said, "No I want dill to put up pickles." "Well Bill's pretty busy now with the harvest, but I'll ask him if he wants to do it . . ." Confidentially, I think old Bill is pretty salty myself, but I doubt if he could make dill pickles . . .

Happy Anniversary-

August 12--Mr. and Mrs. Mickey Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Burson
August 14--Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Stephens
August 15--Mr. and Mrs. Toby Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Bean, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Carthel
August 16--Mr. and Mrs. Rusty Whitfill
August 17--Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Rhoderick, Mr. and Mrs. Dick Roehr
August 18--Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Lowrey

Happy Birthday-

August 12 -- Johnny Gillenwater, DeVonna Boyd, Stephanie Davis, Mickey Smith, Bill Smith
August 13--Donny Burson, Mary Brown, Tammie Mae Edwards
August 14--Garrett Blake Turner, Jeff Tiffin, Jo Ann Reyes, Sylvia Hill, Gene Whitfill, Brian Paul Nistler
August 15--Lucy McDaniel, Zac McWilliams, Juannah Jennings, Julie Towe, Melannie Rose, Abbie Nicole Tipton, Nicole White
August 16 -- Kendra Rhoderick, Brodie Speiser, Eric Neil Garcia
August 17--Linda Davis, Shirley Reynolds, Dax Gregg, Laverne Stephens, Jack McFall
August 18--Edwin May, Lanis McWilliams, Jennifer Conder, Brennen Cole George

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"borrow" any of these chairs. The dedication will begin with welcoming remarks and an expression of appreciation by Fred Strange, VFW commander. Briscoe County Judge Wayne Nance has arranged the program for the event, which will include Senator Robert Duncan as the principal speaker. Former County Judges are being asked to take part on the program.

A History Enactment will be held near the Jailhouse Museum on the northeast corner of the Courthouse square. This will begin about 5:00 p.m. or when you hear gunshots.

Following the Dedication, the SHS Class of 1963 will travel to historic Hotel Turkey at 6:00 p.m. for the evening meal, visiting and an overnight stay for some. Those spending the night will enjoy breakfast at the hotel before their departure the following day. If you would like to visit with the class, you are invited to join them for the evening activities in Turkey.

Another Rodeo begins at 8:00 p.m. at Wood Memorial Arena with more Mutton Bustin' and Steer Riding for the young people. There will be another calf scramble.

Dance to the music of the Denim and Lace Band from 9:00 p.m. until 1:00 a.m. at the Showbarn in Silverton.

Cow Pattie Bingo will be

Monument is Now Finished

The Veterans Memorial Monument is finished, according to the latest word from Fred Strange. The dedication will begin at 4:00 p.m. Saturday, August 14, 2004.

"I am very pleased with the way it looks, and I think you will be, too," Strange said. "I've had a lot of people tell me that it is beautiful. Next year I hope to have a lot of flowers growing just behind it."

"I think there will be a lot of veterans who come home for the dedication. I've had some call me to see if it would be ready! One was from Oregon, said he hadn't been here for over 50 years, and that he would be here!

"Let's make these veterans welcome back to Briscoe County, one that they will remember.

"Thanks again to all of you who have donated money or have helped in many other ways! We have nearly reached our goal of \$50,000, lacking about \$7,000 at this time; so if you haven't donated, there is still time," Strange concluded.

Flowers to decorate the monument Saturday are being donated by Bill and Karol Pigg, Mr. and Mrs. Pete Rice, all of Quitaque.

played in downtown Silverton Saturday morning.

From the Patio by Nina Martin

The big celebration weekend is here! The Friendship Quilters are to bring their quilts to the Center about 10:00 a.m. Friday (after the exercises are finished). The Quilt Show will start at 9:00 a.m. Saturday. Christine King and Nina Martin are the main hostesses for the show.

Thursday, August 5, the quilters were Nadyne Childress, Joy Stodghill, Wanda Strange, Christine King, Laverne Stephens, Ann Norris, Linda Bearden, Bobbye Bean, Oleta Warren and Nina Martin.

There is only one thing that can guarantee our failure, and that is if we quit.

Anonymous

Blood Drive Is August 24

Coffee Memorial's Blood-mobile will be in Silverton from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. Tuesday, August 24, at the City Hall to take blood donations.

Senior Citizens Luncheon is Friday, Aug. 20

Silverton Senior Citizens will have their monthly business meeting and luncheon at the Center at noon Friday, August 20.

The luncheon will be hosted by members of the Silverton Church of Christ.

Your luck is how you treat people. Bridget O'Donnell

Free Blood Sugar, Blood Pressure Clinic Planned

Texas Cooperative Extension-Briscoe County is collaborating with Linda Moore, RN, of the South Plains Health Provider-Briscoe County Community Clinic in Silverton to provide a free Blood Pressure/Blood Sugar Clinic.

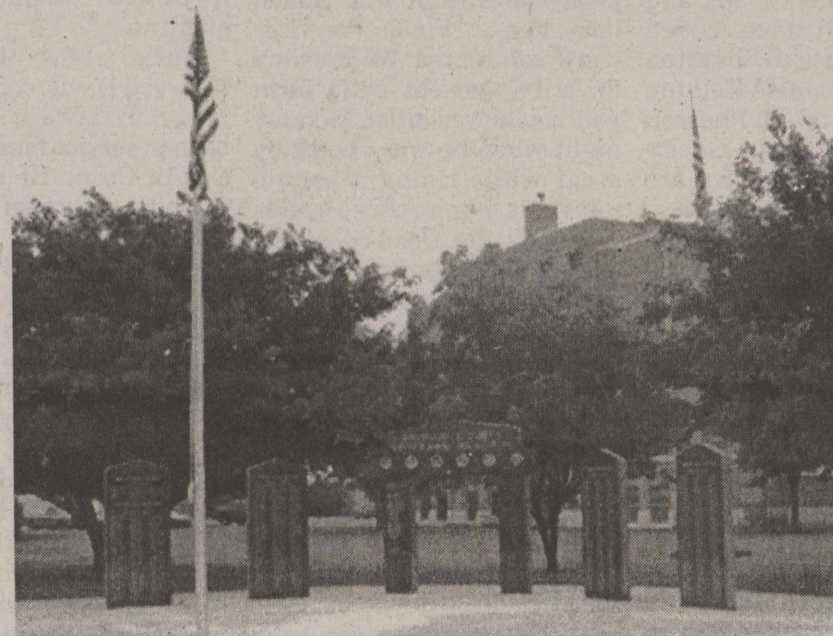
The clinic will be held in the basement of the Briscoe County Courthouse on Tuesday, August 17, 2004, from 9:00 a.m. until approximately 11:00 a.m.

Everyone is invited to take advantage of this free service.

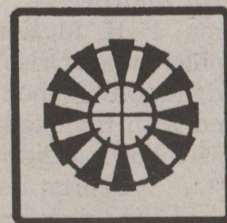
Though we travel the world over to find the beautiful, we must carry it with us or we find it not.

Ralph Waldo Emerson

Come help us Celebrate Briscoe County's 112th Birthday, August 13 & 14, in Silverton



The Veteran's Memorial will be dedicated at 4:00 p.m. on August 14



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You are invited to Open House

August 8-14th is National Health Center Week. As a Community Health Center, we at South Plains Health Provider Briscoe County Clinic strive to provide quality health care in the community. It is our goal to provide all people access to health care and to reduce health disparities among the population by making this care affordable. Above all, we want to improve the overall health of the community with education and disease prevention.

SPHPO Briscoe County Clinic would also like to announce that August 1st would be the second anniversary of our opening! In the spirit of celebration and in conjunction with National Health Center Week, we would like to invite everyone to join us at an open house on Friday, August 13th from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.! We will provide drinks and snacks as well as free blood pressure checks and free blood sugar screening.

We hope to see you there!

South Plains Health Provider
Briscoe County Community Clinic
701 Commerce St.
Silverton, Texas
(806) 823-2283

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**2004 PROPERTY TAX RATES
IN THE
CITY OF SILVERTON**

This notice concerns 2004 property tax rates for the City of Silverton. It presents information about three tax rates. Last year's tax rate is the actual rate the taxing unit used to determine property taxes last year. This year's "Effective" Tax rate would impose the same total taxes as last year if you compare properties taxed in both years. This year's "Rollback" rate is the highest tax rate the taxing unit can set before taxpayers can start tax rollback procedures. In each case these rates are found by dividing the total amount of taxes by the tax base (the total value of taxable property) with adjustments as required by state law. The rates are given per \$100 of property value.

LAST YEAR'S TAX RATE:

Last year's operating taxes	\$	68,466
Last year's debt taxes	\$	--0--
Last year's total taxes	\$	68-466
Last year's tax base	\$	13,359,245
Last year's total tax rate	\$	<u>0.5125/\$100</u>

THIS YEAR'S EFFECTIVE TAX RATE:

Last year's adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property)	\$	68,373
/ This year's adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new property)	\$	13,820,173
= This year's effective tax rate	\$	<u>0.4947/\$100</u>
x 1.03-maximum rate unless unit publishes notices and holds hearing	\$	<u>0.5095/\$100</u>

THIS YEAR'S ROLLBACK RATE:

Last year's adjusted operating taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property)	\$	68,373
/ This year's adjusted tax base	\$	13,820,173
= This year's effective operating rate	\$	0.4947/\$100
x 1.08 = This year's maximum operating rate	\$	0.5343/\$100
+ This year's debt rate	\$	--0-- /\$100
= Rollback Tax Rate	\$	<u>0.5343/\$100</u>

STATEMENT OF INCREASE/DECREASE

If the City of Silverton adopts a 2004 tax rate equal to the effective tax rate of \$.4947 per \$100 of value, taxes would increase compared to 2003 taxes by \$75.

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
General Fund (6-03-04)	\$35,236.00

SCHEDULE B

2004 DEBT SERVICE: None

This notice contains a summary of actual effective and rollback tax rates' calculations. You can inspect a copy of the full calculations at the Briscoe County Tax Appraisal District, 415 Main (Courthouse), Silverton, Texas.

The person providing the above information is:

<u>Pat McWaters</u> Signature	<u>Chief Appraiser</u> Position	<u>August 05, 2004</u> Date
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Quilt Show To Be Feature Here Saturday **Briscoe County 4-H Afghans on Sale Here Now**

The Friendship Quilters will hold a quilt show Saturday, August 14, from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. at the Silverton Senior Citizens Center.

The show will close at 4:00 p.m. for the dedication of the Veterans Monument, and will re-open after that service.

Admission will be \$1.00 to help buy new carpet for the Senior Citizens Center.

4-H Awards To Be Given August 16

The Briscoe County 4-H Banquet will be held Monday, August 16, 2004, 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.

During the Banquet awards will be presented.

Parents and 4-H'ers are needed to help set up at 6:00 p.m. Monday.

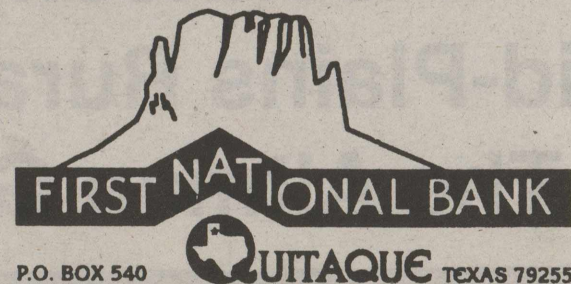
Briscoe County 4-H has a few of the unique, custom designed "Treasured Heirloom" afghans left for gift giving or for yourself. These beautiful machine-washable, 50"x65" fringed all around, 3-color (hunter green, cranberry red and natural) jacquard woven 100% cotton afghans assure lightweight warmth and year-around coziness. The Briscoe County Afghan is made in the USA by Riddle & Company, and is available for only \$50.00 (+\$5.00 for shipping charges). These make a lovely gift and show a lot of Briscoe County history on them.

You may send your order by mail to Briscoe County 4-H, Box 730, Silverton, TX 79257, or phone the office at 806-823-2521. You may go by the Briscoe County Extension Office to see them and pick one up for yourself or a gift.

Celebrating Briscoe County's 112th Year, August 13 & 14



Banking has come a long way since the early days. We are proud to have served the people of Briscoe County for 84 years.



Fri.
K. Wyatt
Art Show,
Sale
City Bank
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Fri.
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School
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5:00 p.m.

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Calf Roping.....	\$105	Ca
Women's Breakaway Roping.....	\$65	Sh
Sheep Riding.....	\$10	Ca
Steer Riding.....	\$10	R

Admission: Adults, \$7 - Children 6-12, \$5

Entries Aug. 9 •

Phone Entry 9:00 a

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SATURDAY NIGHT

\$250 Gift Certificates, Gun, Quilt, k

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Friday Night - DJ Dai

Saturday - Blue Denim Ban

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Parade, 10:30 a.m. • Barbecue, 12

VETERANS MOMUM

4:00 p.m. Saturc

112th BIRTHDAY

CELEBRATION

13-14, 2004

Arena, Silverton, Texas

Wagon Rodeo Company of Lubbock, Texas

Rodeo Begins at 8:00 p.m.

EVENTS AND FEES

\$.65	Team Roping.....per man.....	\$105
\$.65	Ladies Barrel Racing.....	\$ 65
\$.65	Steer Wrestling.....	\$105
\$105	Calf Scramble	
\$.65	Sheep & Steers limited to 10 per night.	
\$.10	Call (806) 823-2139 Tuesday, Aug. 10	
\$.10	Rough Stock \$750 per event added.	

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

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9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

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Friday Night Performance, If Needed

NIGHT PERFORMANCE

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FRIDAY & SATURDAY NIGHTS

Department & Briscoe County Activities Association

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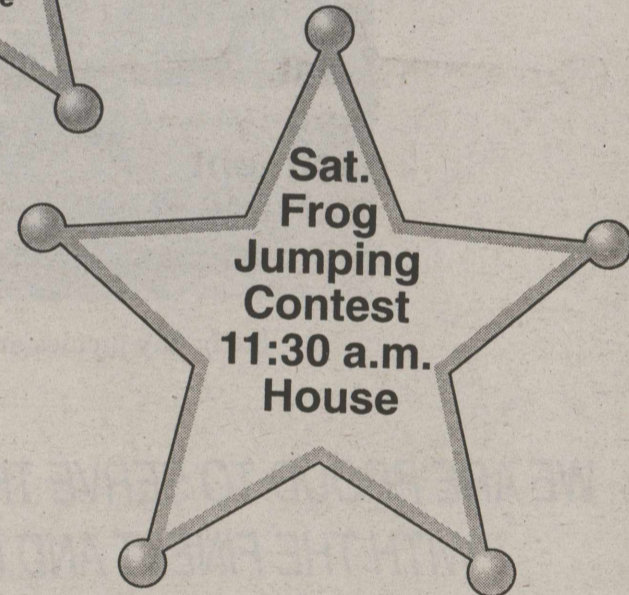
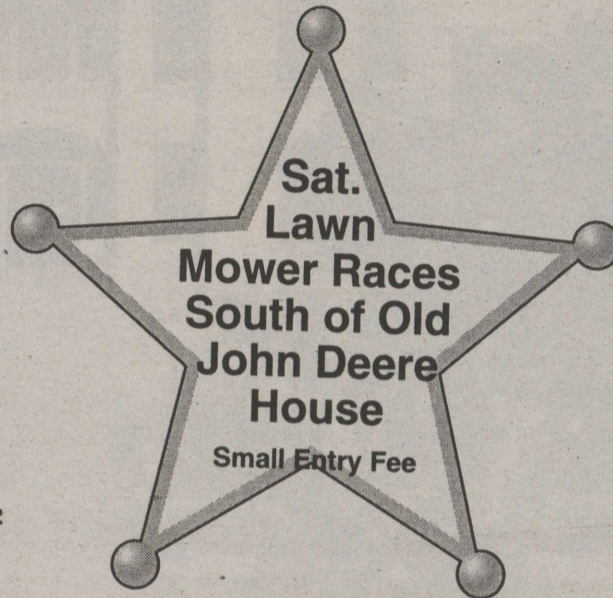
Booths Beginning 9:00 a.m., Cow Pattie Bingo

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ecue, 12:30 p.m. - Downtown Silverton

MONUMENT DEDICATION

.m. Saturday, August 14



Fleming Well Service

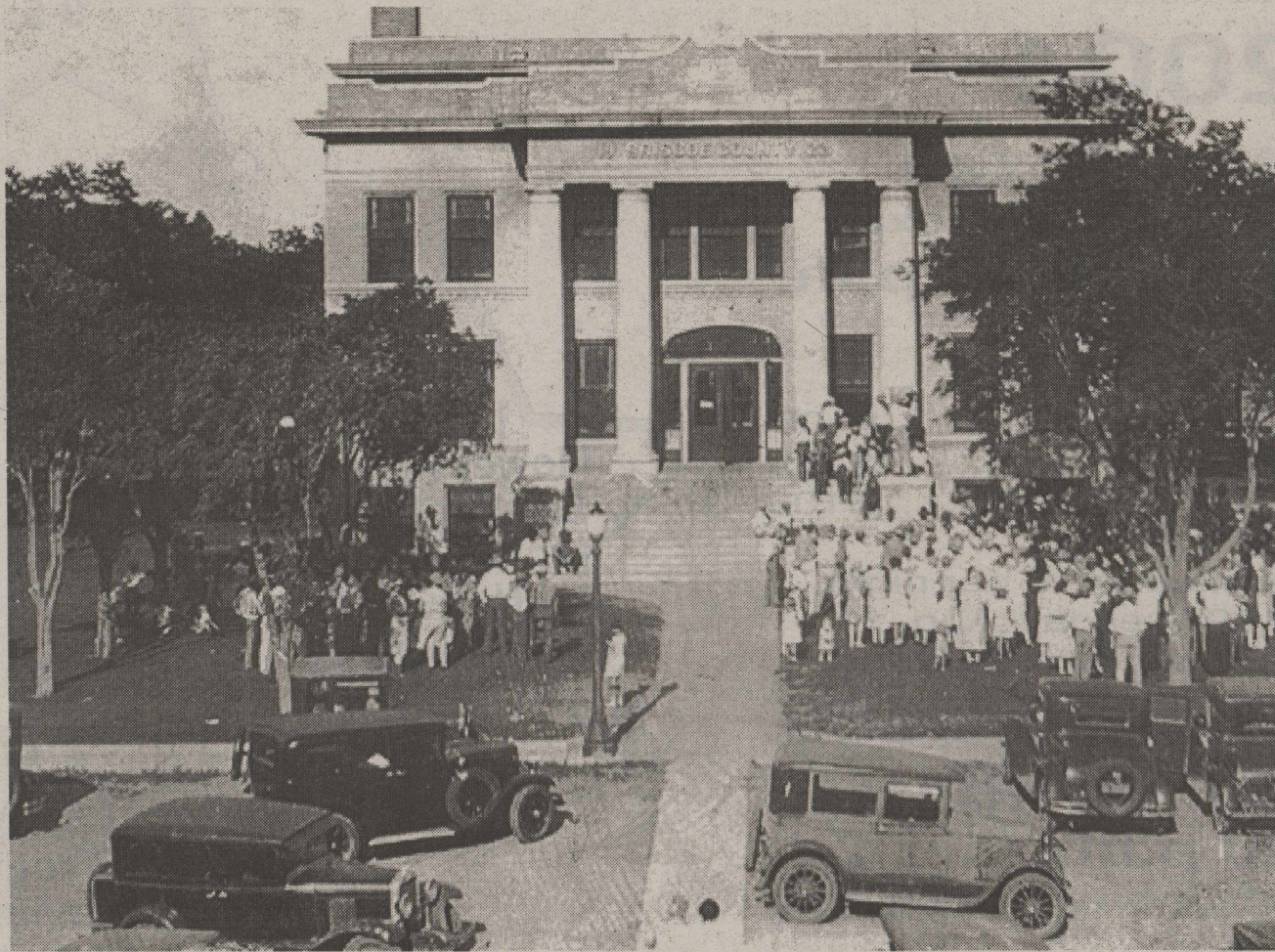


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Briscoe County News

Silverton Oil Company

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Early-day picnics and celebrations were held at the Briscoe County Courthouse in days gone by, just as they are today.

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**112TH ANNIVERSARY
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The 4-Hers attending County Camp at the Texas 4-H Center in Brownwood July 5-7 included J. T. West, Payton Price, Jessie Price, Kati Fuston, Brittany Deckard, Emily Garcia, Khaki Scrivner, Jayson Pigg, John Pigg, Brewster Garcia and Jacob Pigg. Not pictured was Kaitlan Reagan. Adult leaders were Ruth Ann Scrivner, Kathy Fuston, Norma Jones, Glyn Pigg and Jason Jones.



Pictured with the high school cheerleaders are those who attended the Junior Cheerleading Camp here last week.

Flag Football League To Begin in Mid-Sept.

Lockney Youth Activity Center will host its Second Annual Flag Football League this year. The season begins in mid-September with games being played on Saturdays. Cost is \$25 per player. There

will be four age divisions: 6-8 years (co-ed); 9-11 years (co-ed); 12-14 years (all girls); 12-14 years (all boys).

Signup deadline is Saturday, August 14. If you have a child interested in playing or would like to coach, please contact Jason Jones, 823-2575 or Ron Watson, 823-2416.

**2004 PROPERTY TAX RATES
IN THE
BRISCOE COUNTY**

This notice concerns 2003 property tax rates for Briscoe County. It presents information about three tax rates. Last year's tax rate is the actual rate the taxing unit used to determine property taxes last year. This year's "Effective" Tax rate would impose the same total taxes as last year if you compare properties taxed in both years. This year's "Rollback" rate is the highest tax rate the taxing unit can set before taxpayers can start tax rollback procedures. In each case these rates are found by dividing the total amount of taxes by the tax base (the total value of taxable property) with adjustments as required by state law. The rates are given per \$100 of property value.

LAST YEAR'S TAX RATE:

Last year's operating taxes	\$ 550,907
Last year's debt taxes	\$ -0-
Last year's total taxes	\$ 550,907
Last year's tax base	\$ 76,514,897
Last year's total tax rate	\$.72/\$100

THIS YEAR'S EFFECTIVE TAX RATE:

Last year's adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property)	\$ 550,489
/ This year's adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new property)	\$ 83,423,545
= This year's effective tax rate	\$ 0.6599/\$100
x 1.03-maximum rate unless unit publishes notices and holds hearing	\$0.67969/\$100

THIS YEAR'S ROLLBACK RATE:

Last year's adjusted operating taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property)	\$ 550,489
/ This year's adjusted tax base	\$ 83,423,545
= This year's effective operating rate	\$ 0.6599/\$100
x 1.08 = This year's maximum operating rate	\$0.71269/\$100
+ This year's debt rate	\$ -0- /\$100
= Rollback Tax Rate	\$0.71269/\$100

STATEMENT OF INCREASE/DECREASE

If Briscoe County adopts a 2004 tax rate equal to the effective tax rate of \$0.6599 per \$100 of value taxes would increase compared to 2003 taxes by \$1,751.

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
General Administration & Road & Bridge	\$677,427.61

SCHEDULE B

2004 DEBT SERVICE: None

SCHEDULE D

The Briscoe County Treasurer certifies that Briscoe County has spent \$1178.00 in the previous 12 months beginning July 1, 2003, for the maintenance and operations cost of keeping inmates sentenced to the Texas Department of Criminal Justice. Briscoe County Sheriff has provided information on these costs, minus state revenues received for reimbursement of such costs.

This notice contains a summary of actual effective and rollback tax rates' calculations. You can inspect a copy of the full calculations at the Briscoe County Tax Appraisal District, 415 Main (Courthouse), Silverton, Texas.

The person providing the above information is:

<u>Pat McWaters</u>	<u>Chief Appraiser</u>	<u>August 5, 2004</u>
Signature	Position	Date



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Mrs. Smith Attends Orientation For New City Officials

DeLane Smith, Silverton City Councilmember, was in Lubbock August 6-7, 2004 to attend the Newly-Elected City Officials' Orientation. The meeting provided an opportunity for newly-elected officials to voluntarily enhance their knowledge of city government

More Donations Received For New Monument

Additional donations toward the cost of the Veterans' Memorial Monument have been received from Randy and Nora Henderson, Wendell and Nedra Hardin, Guinn and Patsy Fitzgerald, Walter Arnold, Trena and John Burson, Elizabeth Woods (Imo Don Woods), Ted Vardell, Julia and Marshall Rauch, Bob Ham (Imo Pablo Leal), Ila George and Johny W. Butler, Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Peery, Mr. and Mrs. L. N. Johnson, Johnnie and Dean Burson, Mrs. Lem Weaver, Mr. and Mrs. Riley Ziegler.

The contributions are appreciated very much.

and sharpen their leadership skills. In addition, the Orientation offered an opportunity to visit with elected officials from across Texas to learn how other cities are coping with similar challenges.

During this event, attendees were offered sessions on topics such as legal responsibilities, financial responsibilities, council/staff relations, economic development, and media relations. A special presentation on "The Importance of Building a Sense of Community" was provided by Dr. Gary McCaleb, Vice President of the University and Executive Director of the Center for Building Community, Abilene Christian University, and TML Past President.

Elected officials from all over the state attended the Newly-Elected City Officials' Orientation, which was sponsored by Texas Municipal League and the Association of Mayors, Councilmembers and Commissioners, an affiliate of the Texas Municipal League. The League is a voluntary association of over 1,100 Texas cities. The City of Silverton is a member of the Texas Municipal League.

Patience is the companion of wisdom. St. Augustine

Bits & Pieces of News

by Lataine Dillard

Get ready for the Big Celebration! Everyone come out and enjoy the activities!

Bonnie Miller and I met Mary Lane Younger's cousin, Patricia Mitchell, at WalMart. She works in the bakery, and came to the aid of Maebelle Francis when she couldn't find a chocolate donut.

Pam and Adrian Gamble may be here this weekend. She works in the tire department at WalMart.

I also met Mary Ivory. Both Jon and Lynn are coming home this weekend. Mary showed us her knees where she has been staying a lot

since the boys have been gone.

Mary and Harold King are here for the big weekend. Their brother also will come.

Don't forget the gospel concert under the shelter on Saturday night. It will start at 7:00 p.m.

Act quickly, think slowly.

Greek proverb

Silverton School Activities

Thursday, August 12--Teacher Inservice

Friday, August 13--Teacher Workday

Monday, August 16--First Day of School

Friday, August 20--Owl Scrimmage with Amarillo T.F. Here at 5:00 p.m.

Silverton School Lunch Menu

Monday, Aug. 16--Pizza, Salad, Fruit, Milk

Tuesday, Aug. 17--Corn Dog, Potato Salad, Beans, Jello, Milk

Wednesday, Aug. 18--Taco Salad, Chips, Hot Sauce, Fruit, Milk

Thursday, Aug. 19--Chicken, Potatoes, Green Beans, Hot Roll, Butter, Jelly, Milk

Friday, Aug. 20--Steak, Bun, Salad, Fries, Pudding, Milk

Wayne and Tina Nance spent several days last week in Estes Park, Colorado.

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Children need healthy meals to learn. Silverton ISD offers healthy meals every school day. Breakfast costs .60, lunch costs 1.25. Your children may qualify for free meals or for reduced-price meals. The reduced price is .30 for breakfast, .40 for lunch.

To apply for free or reduced-price meals, use the Free and Reduced-Price School Meals Application, which is enclosed. We cannot approve an application that is not complete, so be sure to fill out all required information. Return the completed application to: Missy Forbes at Silverton School.

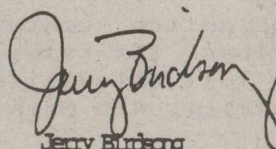
Here are answers to questions you may have about applying:

1. Who can get free or reduced-price meals? Children in households receiving Food Stamps, TANF and most foster children can get free meals regardless of household income. Also, if your household income is within the limits on the Federal Income Chart, your children can receive free or reduced-price meals.
2. Will my information be checked? Yes. We may ask you to send written proof of the information you give.
3. What if I stop receiving Food Stamps or TANF? If your children qualify because you listed a Food Stamp or TANF case number, you must tell the school when you no longer receive Food Stamps or TANF.
4. What if my household size or income changes? If your children qualify for free or reduced-price meals based on your income, you must tell us if your household size goes down or if your income goes up by more than \$50 per month (\$600 per year). Call us at 823-2476 to update your application.
5. If I don't qualify now, may I apply again later? Yes. You may apply at any time during the school year if your household size goes up, income goes down, or if you start receiving Food Stamps or TANF. If you lose your job, your children may be able to receive free or reduced-price meals during the time you are unemployed.
6. What if I disagree with the school's decision about my application? You should talk to school officials. You also may ask for a hearing by calling or writing to: Jerry Birdsong Box 608 Silverton -823-2476.

If you have other questions or need help, call 823-2476

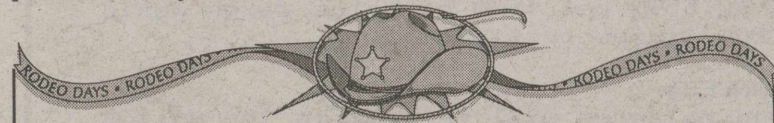
Si necesita ayuda, por favor llame al teléfono: 823-2476.

Sincerely,



Jerry Birdsong
Superintendent

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It's round-up time at the Double Gates, East of Silverton, Texas, in the Spring of 1898.

Come by for a visit while you're in town to attend Briscoe County's 112th Birthday Celebration and the Silverton School Homecoming!

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