

All Around The Town

By Mary Ann Sarchet



Carrie Dickerson called me the other day to tell me that when the little bit of hail fell on Silverton (Monday, August 30) and the lot of hail fell in the area of Silvercot Gin it did a lot of damage at her farm home. All of her windows on the north side of the house were broken, as well as the globe on her yard light. She lost 31 acres of cotton (all that remained after the earlier severe hail and windstorm).

The late-season corn planted by Don Curry east of Silvercot was heavily damaged as well as some maize in that area. Fortunately, it didn't seem to cover a very large area.

Carrie also told me that she and Eudean Crow attended the funeral for Gerene Bingham McGowen in Plainview at Colonial Baptist Church Thursday of last week. Their families were neighbors in the Haylake community when they were growing up.

I was discussing the West Nile Virus in this column in the issue of September 2, and now the word comes that T. J. Barker, son of Trevor and Christina Barker, has been diagnosed with the disease. He was pretty sick for two weeks but is much better now. He will have a follow-up with the doctor this week.

Beau Brock was unable to play in the football game Friday night due to his getting his collarbone broken in work-out earlier in the week.

Jesse Reynolds was unable to play because of his having to have some surgery.

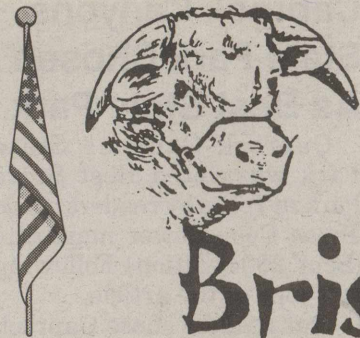
Neither is expected to be out of action for the entire season.

There are only two ways to live your life. One is as though nothing is a miracle. The other is as though everything is a miracle.

Albert Einstein

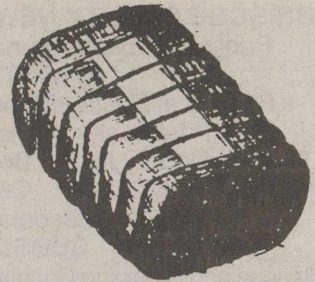
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Children's Bible Club To Begin

The Kids-in-Christ Bible Club is planning a kick-off party Monday, September 13, from 3:00 until 5:00 p.m. at First Baptist Church. There will be hot dogs and drinks, carnival games with prizes and an air castle bounce house. All children ages four through fifth grade are invited. More detailed information will be sent home with students this week.

Beginning September 20, a weekly Bible Club will meet at First Baptist Church each Monday from 3:00 until 4:30 p.m. All children, age four through fifth grade, are encouraged to attend. Children attending tutorials are invited to come when they are finished. A great time studying God's Word and playing awesome games is promised. A healthy snack will be provided. If you have any questions or need a ride to or from the church, please call the church office at 823-2412 to make this known. A church leader will assist younger children walking from the school to the church.

Exciting things are planned at FBC for children and families. You are invited to come and be a part of the excitement!

Farm & Range Tour is Sept. 13

The Hall County Farm & Range Tour will be held September 13, 2004. Meet at Valley Peanut Growers in Turkey at 9:00 a.m.

This will include Peanut Weed Control, Cotton Variety & Weed Control and Brush Suppression.

Topics to be discussed include "Cotton Variety Trail" by Todd Baughman; "Brush Suppression" by J. F. Cadenhead, and "Laws & Regulations" by Josh Brooks.

Commissioner To Hold Town Hall Meeting in Tulia

Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs will be in Tulia Monday, September 13, to meet with local residents and community leaders to discuss issues affecting the agricultural industry and rural Texas.

The Swisher County town hall meeting will be at 10:45 a.m. at the Swisher County Memorial Building, 127 Southwest Second Street in Tulia. The open forum is free, and the public is invited to attend.

"Our rural communities and agricultural producers are tackling problems with their usual combination of spirit, grit and determination--but tough times these days call for more than just the usual approach," said Combs. "I want to hear specific needs and suggestions for ways that we can work together to address these issues to ensure that Texas and agriculture remain strong throughout the state."

Some of the issues Commissioner Combs will be discussing include agricultural marketing, labor, nutrition, rural economic development, trade and water.

For more information on the town hall meeting, contact Ryan O'Neal, producer relations specialist at the Texas Department of Agriculture, 512-463-4879.

First Junior High Pep Rally Today

First Junior High football game will be at Amherst this afternoon. The first Junior High Pep Rally will begin at 1:45 p.m. in the Owl Gym, and all Owl fans are invited to attend.

Five CEU's will be given and lunch will be provided by First Ag Credit.



This is the way the Owls score touchdowns! Yance Forbes (12) carried the ball while Gid Mayfield (7) led the blocking and Chance Rhoderick (44) trailed the play. *Briscoe County News Photo*

Owls Win Season Opener at Home

Silverton's Owls rolled to a big 84-46 victory over the Motley County Matadors here Friday night in the season opener for both teams.

The Owls received the opening kickoff, and saw Yance Forbes make a 15-yard run followed by a first down play by Jacob Francis. Forbes carried the first touchdown on the next play, which was whistled by the referees and brought back for a 10-yard penalty.

Forbes made eight yards on the next play and Chance Rhoderick made a first down before Forbes went all the way for another score. Max Comer kicked the extra points, and with 6:51 remaining in the first quarter, the Owls held an 8-0 lead.

Humberto Vasquez executed an inside kick which Motley County controlled, and on the second play from scrimmage the Matadors carried the ball into the endzone. Their PAT kick was blocked, and with 6:36 remaining in the first quarter, the Matadors narrowed the score to 8-6.

When the Owls got the ball back, E. J. Ivory picked up 10 yards, and Rhoderick added a first down. Vasquez carried the touchdown with 5:35 remaining on the first-quarter clock. Mayfield held while Comer kicked the PAT, to give

the Owls a 16-6 lead.

The Owl defense held the Matadors, bringing about a fourth-down punt. Ivory carried a couple of downs, Rhoderick added a first down, and Vasquez scored with 2:16 still to be played in the first quarter. Comer kicked the PAT to extend the Owls' lead to 24-6.

Vasquez executed the onside kick, Drew Reed recovered for the Owls, and Silverton was back in business for a few plays. This series seemed to serve as a wake-up call for the Matadors, who roared back to score with 9:42 remaining in the second quarter. There was no PAT, and the score stood at 24-12.

Motley County recovered their next onside kick, but after giving up one first down, the Owls got the ball back. A fumble resulted in the Matadors getting possession back, and after the Owls got the ball back with 5:09 remaining before halftime, Silverton gave up a safety, bringing the score to 24-14. Comer booted the free kick, and the Motley ballcarrier was brought down on the Matador 20. Defense by Comer, Rhoderick Forbes, Jacob Francis and James Tiffin brought the ball back to the Owls near midfield.

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Obituary

GERENE MCGOWEN

Funeral services for Aulgia Gerene Bingham McGowen, 77, of Plainview were conducted at 10:00 a.m. Thursday, September 2, 2004 at Colonial Baptist Church with Rev. Robert Malcom officiating. Interment followed at 2:00 p.m. in the Springlake Cemetery under the direction of Lemons Funeral Home.

Mrs. McGowen passed away Thursday, August 26, in Plainview.

She was born March 26, 1927 in Chillicothe to Arthur and Etna Sumner Bingham. She attended Silverton Schools and graduated with the Class of 1946. She married Richard McGowen in 1946 in Silverton. He passed away in 1973.

Mrs. McGowen was a homemaker and member of Colonial Baptist Church.

She is survived by three daughters, Jolene Boone and husband Melvin of Delaware, Peggy Baca and Carolyn Hastey and husband Steve, all of Plainview; three sons, Danny McGowen and wife Diane of Georgia, Ronnie McGowen and wife Darnell of Plainview, and Roy McGowen and wife Sharon of Midland; 13 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren; a sister, Merriman Sims of Missouri, and two brothers, Frankie Bingham and Zephrey Bingham, both of Missouri.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Richard McGowen; three sons, Charlie, Gaylen and Tommy McGowen, and two brothers, Hubert Tillery and Mann Bingham.



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Wouldn't it be wonderful if we all attended worship services so regularly that every seat was considered to be taken?

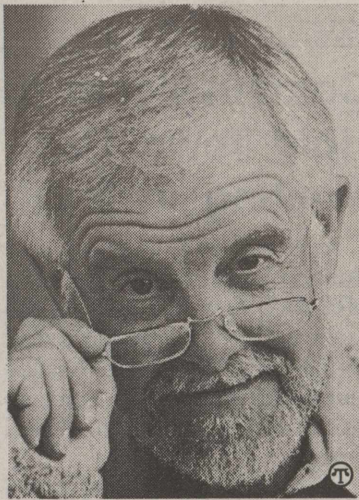
Read Heb. 10:25

Rock Creek Church of Christ

Your eyes

Free Eye Care: This Call Could Save Your Sight!

(NAPSA)—Are you a senior that suffers from eye problems? Well, there is good news! There is an organization called EyeCare America that connects senior citizens with medical eye care...often at no cost!



It's wise to get your eyes checked—and for some people, it's free.

Sarah Polsfuss put the article about EyeCare America into a drawer, where it stayed for over a year. Then one day, her eyesight failed her to the point where she'd had enough.

"It sounded too good to be true," Polsfuss said. "That's why I didn't act when I first read about EyeCare America."

Polsfuss, 68, lived with cataracts for 14 years. She didn't have the money or insurance for surgery and eventually went blind in her right eye.

Polsfuss had a cataract operation that saved her from complete blindness and she didn't have to pay any out-of-pocket costs.

"My new eyesight is a miracle! If it wasn't for EyeCare America, I would have never been able to have this surgery," she said.

Call 1-800-222-EYES (3937) to see if you or someone you know qualifies. EyeCare America's toll-free helpline operates all day, every day.

EyeCare America's Seniors EyeCare Program is co-sponsored by the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc.

You can no more win a war than you can win an earthquake.

Jeannette Rankin

It is not so much our friends' help that helps us as the confident knowledge that they will help us.

Epicurus

Dogs come when they're called; cats take a message and get back to you.

Missy Dizick

Caprock Canyons State Park Chosen As Best State Park

Caprock Canyons State Park was voted Best State Park in Texas by readers of the Texas Coop Power magazine (Sept. 2004 edition). Following is a copy of the article.

Our readers chose Caprock Canyons State Park, home of the Texas State Bison Herd, as the 2004 Best State Park. Located 100 miles southeast of Amarillo, it is the third-largest state park in Texas. The park opened in 1982, but it is so remote that interest in the park has built slowly.

The park consists of 15,303 acres of jagged sandstone peaks and canyons, a terrain that supports a variety of activities.

The 65-mile, 1200-acre Caprock Canyons Trailway System is the product of a rail-to-trail conversion. Open to hikers, mountain bikers and equestrians, the trail stretches into the Red River Valley and traverses three counties, 54

Kissing is a means of getting two people so close together that they can't see anything wrong with each other.

Rene Yasenek

Doing easily what others find difficult is talent; doing what is impossible for talent is genius.

Henri Frederic Amiel

Few things are harder to put up with than a good example.

Mark Twain

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Caprock Canyons is home to the annual national Trails Day Celebration every June, with activities that include a hot-air balloon launch, chili cook-off, races and music.

Each October the Park hosts Quitaque Quest, a National Off-Road Bicycle Association-sanctioned mountain bike race.

Bat-viewing tours are conducted from mid-August to mid-September.

Caprock Canyons State Park is located 3.5 miles north of State Highway 86 in Quitaque on FM 1065.

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LOOKING BACK

through the files of the
Briscoe County News

August 18, 1994--Floats winners in the Silverton parade Saturday were 1. Boy Scouts - \$100 prize donated by First State Bank; 2. L. O. A. Study Club, \$75 prize donated by Brown-McMurtry Implement; 3. Turner Sports Manufacturing, \$50 prize donated by Brown-McMurtry Implement . . . Ashel and Mildred McDaniel were honored as Pioneers of the Day . . . Homecoming '94 attended by many former students . . . Did you ever see anyone as lucky as Vaughnell Brannon? She'll deny this, I know, but next year I am going to pick a square near hers on the chart and hope some of it slops over onto mine . . . DeLyn Patton Sanders received the bachelor of science degree in medical technology from Angelo State University August 12. She is employed as a lab technician at West Texas Doctors Clinic.

August 9, 1984--Candidates for Rodeo Queen are DeLynn Fitzgerald, Suzann Settle, Tonnette Miller and Kim Burson . . . Iris Burson is Pioneer For a Day . . . School homecoming is Saturday . . . Tricycle Olympics to be held here today . . . Silverton 4-H Trap Club to have turkey shoot . . . 1934 Class to have golden anniversary reunion Saturday . . . This year's Saint's Roost Rodeo was dedicated to two long-time residents and ranchers in the Clarendon area who have joined the "Riders in the Sky," J. H. (Jo) McMurtry and R. B. (Fuzz) Fain . . . Mr. and Mrs. Terry West, Brad and Brian enjoyed Sunday dinner in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Hutcherson in Amarillo . . . Mr. and Mrs. Allen Kellum to celebrate fifty years of marriage . . . Cara Oglesby, bride-elect of Diji Couch, was guest of honor at a miscellaneous shower Saturday morning . . . Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Smith hosted a hamburger cookout and party honoring Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Sweek on their forty-fifth wedding anniversary . . .

August 16, 1974--Danny Vaughan received the Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degree from Texas A&M University Friday. He finished his career

in the College of Veterinary Medicine with a grade point average of 3.9 and graduated summa cum laude . . . Kelton D. Newman, 52, killed in car wreck . . . Lake Mackenzie gets new water . . . Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Allen have been here visiting relatives and friends . . . Thousands of dollars of damage resulted from a windstorm that hit early Sunday morning. At Service Elevator alone the damage was estimated at \$75,000 to \$100,000 after the wind destroyed the Mackenzie Mill which was under construction . . . Bern May was returned home by ambulance Friday after having received treatment for a broken leg in an Amarillo hospital . . . Marilyn Janis Minyard to marry Calvin Daniel (Bud) Thrasher . . . Miss Brenda Leigh Skinner, bride-elect of Joe Daniel Anderson, was honored at a shower and reception in the home of Mrs. Fred W. Mercer Saturday . . . Miss Ann Hardin, bride-elect of Earl Payne, was guest of honor at a shower Monday afternoon . . .

August 6, 1964--This year's candidates for Rodeo Queen are Gloria Wallace, Brenda Martin, Kay Strange, Pat Cagle and Jeanne Davis . . . Dianne Davis and Carol Ann Montague were named winners of the County 4-H Dress Revue which was held in the Production Credit community room last Friday . . . Spinosa-Brown vows exchanged in Mississippi . . . Sue Neely, Sandi Rhode and David House were in Canyon Tuesday evening . . . Shirley Jo and Laquita Weaks are spending this week with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Wesley . . . Mr. and Mrs. Gene Morris and Joel were in Dallas recently for the Trade Mart and attended Six Flags . . . Odis Honea was honored with a surprise party on his 61st birthday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. McWilliams . . . Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Reeves and Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Patton are vacationing at the Nichols cabin near Las Vegas, New Mexico . . . Steve and Trent Brown, Ronnie Strange and Mike Tate had a sleep-out in the Tate yard Monday night . . . The children of the late Mr.

and Mrs. Riley Seay held a reunion at the summer home of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Holt in Red River, New Mexico July 25-26 . . . Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Weaks, Victor and Gary went to Oklahoma City early this week for Gary's checkup at the allergy clinic. He also saw a doctor about an old knee injury . . . Mr. and Mrs. Ted Strange are parents of a daughter, DeAnn . . .

July 15, 1954--Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Dickerson, Mr. and Mrs. Bryant Eddleman and daughters and Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Eddleman and children attended the golden wedding anniversary celebration of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Eddleman at the home of Mrs. Reg Cushenberry in Quitaque Sunday afternoon . . . Norman Chitty underwent an operation for fistula at the local hospital last Friday . . . Hershiel Harrison, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Harrison, was recently promoted to corporal while serving at White Sands Proving Ground, the Army's guided missile testing station in New Mexico . . . Mrs. J. D. McGavock is hostess to Helping Hand Club . . . Nancy Kay Long celebrated her fourth birthday with a party in the home of her parents Wednesday morning . . . Bonnie Watters and Gay McPherson drove to Hale Center Saturday and spent the night with Jean Pigg. On Sunday the girls attended the wedding of Orpha Dee Burgess and John Steward . . . Mrs. W. H. Tension and James and Mrs. Clyde Mercer, Linda and Joe were guests of Mrs. Troy Denson and children at Anton Tuesday . . . Mrs. Mack Gaston and sons are spending this week here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Chappell, and sister, Mildred Reid, LaWanda and Paula . . .

August 10, 1944--Ray McWilliams killed in action in France July 5 . . . Miss Theta Stephens and Mr. Rex Holt were married Saturday evening at the W. A. Stephens home . . . Mrs. Dean Allard, Mrs. Roy Allard and Mrs. Nash Blasengame are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Wood Hardcastle on a ranch near Pampa. Billy Don Stevenson is spending the summer with the Hardcastles . . . Mrs. Lee D. Bomar came home from the Plainview hospital Tuesday . . . Miss Josephine O'Neal will teach in the Silverton School this year. She has been teaching at San Angelo for a number of years . . .

Happy Birthday-- Silverton School Activities

September 9--DeLyn Sanders, Isabel Colunga, Lesa Johnson

September 10--Heath May, Benjamin Castillo, Regina Reed, Carol Martin

September 11 -- Kelli Harrison, Windy Wood, Norma Birdwell, Kurby Garvin, Pat Rice

September 12--Sharon Bell, Tracy Baird, Alpha Mattheus, Tammy Brannon, Harold Storie, Deb Burson, Dayne Mayfield, Linda Moore, Laura Scarborough

September 13--Ryan Grady, Winnie Smith, Bud Couch

September 14--Brenda Gill, Brandon Bitner, Doug Turner, Anna Augusta Younger

September 15--Kaylee Self, Cody Craig Patton

Silverton School Lunch Menu

Monday, Sept. 13--Spaghetti, Corn, Garlic Bread, Fruit, Milk

Tuesday, Sept. 14--Beef Chalupa, Salad, Chips, Hot Sauce, Fruit, Milk

Wednesday, Sept. 15--Fish, Scalloped Potatoes, Black-eyed Peas, Bread, Jello, Milk

Thursday, Sept. 16 -- Chicken Nuggets, Gravy, Fries, Bread, Fruit, Milk

Friday, Sept. 17--Ham & Cheese Sandwich, Salad, Chips, Pudding, Milk

. . . J. G. Sudberry is visiting his mother, Mrs. M. F. Sudberry, and sister, Mrs. J. E. Henderson, this week . . . Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Cantwell and family were here last week for a visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Cantwell . . .

Thursday, Sept. 9--Board Meeting; JH and JV at Amherst, 5:00

Friday, Sept. 10--Amherst here, 7:30

Tuesday, Sept. 14--First Aid Training, 7:00

Thursday, Sept. 16--Wheeler here with JH & JV, 5:00

Friday, Sept. 17--Owls at Wheeler, 7:30; State FFA Assembly, 10:30

Saturday, Sept. 18--Tri-State Fair Livestock Judging, 8:00 a.m.

A celebrity is a person who works hard all his life to become known, then wears dark glasses to avoid being recognized.

Fred Allen

I find that a great part of the information I have was acquired by looking up something and finding something else on the way.

Franklin P. Adams

Happy Anniversary--

September 13--Mr. and Mrs. Fred Minyard, Mr. and Mrs. Andy Wills

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Owl Football--

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Rhoderick and Forbes alternated in rushing for the Owls, and Ivory made a first down. Vasquez made a touchdown with 1:05 remaining in the second quarter. The PAT kick was blocked, and the score remained at 30-14.

Motley County passed complete for a touchdown with 25 seconds remaining before half-

time, carried the PAT, and narrowed the score to 30-21.

After Motley County kicked off short, Vasquez took the ball to midfield, but three incomplete passes resulted in no gains before halftime.

When the Owls kicked off to open the second half, the Matadors took the ball all the way for a touchdown. They carried the PAT, and with 9:52 remaining in the third quarter, narrowed the Owl lead to

30-28. This apparently served as a wake-up call for the Owls, who put the pedal to the metal and made a first down on a run by Vasquez, followed by a pass completion from Mayfield to Forbes, and another touchdown by Vasquez. The kick was blocked, and with 8:57 remaining on the third-quarter clock, the Owls held a 36-28 lead.

When the Owls kicked off, Motley County took the short

kick all the way for a touchdown. They failed on their PAT attempt, and with 8:51 remaining in the third quarter the score became 36-34.

After taking Motley's kickoff, the Owls moved ahead on runs by Forbes and Rhoderick, and Ivory carried a touchdown with 7:43 remaining. Comer kicked the PAT, to give the Owls a 44-34 lead.

The Owl defense held the Matadors on their next series,

with good stops by Tiffin and Vasquez, but when the Owls executed their first play the Matadors intercepted.

Motley's next offensive series was ended by a fumble recovery, and with 2:54 remaining in the third period, the Owls were back in business. Ivory scored on a pass from Mayfield and run into the endzone. Comer kicked the PAT to give the Owls a 52-34 lead with 2:05 still to be played in the third quarter.

Defense by Comer, Vasquez, Tiffin and Francis held the Matadors, and the ball went over on downs near midfield.

As the fourth quarter opened, Forbes ran for a first down before grabbing a pass to move the ball near the goal. Ivory carried the last seven yards into the endzone. The kick was blocked, and with 8:52 remaining in the game the Owls held a 58-34 lead.

Motley County came back by passing for a touchdown with 8:02 remaining in the game. Vasquez intercepted the PAT pass, to hold the score at 58-40.

After Motley County's kickoff, Forbes took the ball all the way for another score. With 7:52 remaining to be played, the score stood at 64-40 after the PAT failed.

Motley was unable to score on their next possession, and when the Owls got the ball back, runs by Vasquez and Ivory moved the ball into scoring position. Ivory carried the touchdown with 2:57 remaining. Vasquez's kick failed, and the score stood at 70-40.

The Owls kicked short and recovered a fumble, and on the next play Rhoderick went 32 yards for another touchdown. There was no PAT, and with 2:44 still on the clock, the score was 76-40.

Motley scored with 2:26 remaining on the clock, their PAT was blocked, and the score stood at 76-46.

Drew Reed passed to Rhoderick for another touchdown with 1:24 still to be played. Vasquez booted the PAT, and made the score 84-46.

The Owl defense got the ball back right away, and with nine seconds still to be played the Owls killed the clock.

The JV and Junior High will travel to Amherst today for kickoff at 5:00, and Friday night the Owls will host the Amherst varsity for kickoff at 7:30 p.m. Be there!

DO YOU WANT TO BE SAVED?

Only one time, in the entire Bible, is the question asked. "What must I do to be saved?" (Acts 16:30). In the next verse (Acts 16:31) the question is answered, "**Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house.**"

Remember:

Hell's Hot
Life's Short
Death's Sure
Eternity's Long
and, "There Ain't No Exits In Hell."

NO MAN KNOWS, HOW SOON IT IS TOO LATE

"Thou shalt not take the Name of the Lord thy God in vain; for the Lord will not hold him guiltless that taketh His Name in vain." Exodus 20:7

Any way that you use God's Name, the Lord's Name, Jesus' Name, other than in a Holy manner, is taking His Name in vain.

"For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." John 3:16

Acts 2:21 and Romans 10:13 indicate that, "whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved." In the next verse, Romans 10:14 it says, "How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed?" Believing precedes calling upon the name of the Lord. Jesus Himself said in John 14:6 "I am the way, the truth, and the life: **no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.**" God reaffirms this truth in 1 Timothy 2:5 saying "For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus." When someone says "repeat this prayer after me to be saved" it is making people feel like they have to "do" something to be saved, other than **believing**. If someone is asked to say a prayer to be saved, the person who says the prayer is still on his way to hell, after repeating the prayer, if he hasn't believed in his heart. Nowhere in the Bible is it found that a person has to pray a prayer to be saved. God does not hear a prayer unless you go to God in the name of Jesus Christ, **The Only Mediator between God and man**. Jesus Christ is not your Mediator unless he is your Lord and Savior. So according to God, the steps are, first, you **believe** in **Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior**. By **believing** as Acts 16:31 indicates, you are **saved!** Acts 16:30,31 is the only time in the Bible where the question is asked, "what must I **do** to be saved?" God answering through Paul said, "**Believe** on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved." By being saved, Jesus Christ is your Lord, Savior, and Mediator between God and yourself. Now you can pray to God, because you have the Mediator, Jesus Christ.

I believe that when a person "prays" to God, without being saved, his prayer goes no higher than the ceiling, and God probably says, "Who do you think you are, to think that you can come to Me, without coming to Me in the only possible way that I have set out in My Word? For you come to Me, through My Only Begotten Son, Jesus Christ, the One and Only Mediator between you and Me." You don't just pull Jesus Christ out of the air, and say today I want You to get me to God, be my go-between for God! It doesn't work that way. Jesus Christ is either your Lord and Savior, making Him your Mediator, or, if Jesus Christ is not your Lord and Savior, He is not your Mediator. I believe it is very impor-

tant to stress that you are saved by **believing only**. John 3:16, probably the most quoted verse in the Bible, says that, "whosoever **believeth** in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." Again, this passage clearly prescribes believing, not repeating a prayer. In John 3:4, Nicodemus asks Jesus, "How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born?" He was asking this in regard to Jesus' statement in John 3:3, that a man needs to be born again. Jesus' answer in John 3:5 and following is "Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God." Nowhere does Jesus say, pray to be saved, it is **always believe**.

Years ago, I heard Dr. Donald Grey Barnhouse say "I'm deeply offended when I hear a prayer that does not end with the idea that God must be approached only through the Name and the Being of the Lord Jesus Christ." Ephesians 1:13 says "In whom (Christ) ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye **believed**, ye were sealed with that Holy Spirit of promise." Romans 10:9 tells us "That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt **believe** in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved." For with the heart man **believeth** (first) unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession (next) is made unto salvation." How many people have gone to hell or are going to hell by putting their trust in the ungodly "pray the sinners prayer" or "repeat this prayer after me", instead of **believing** John 3:36: "He that **believeth** on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him."

Luke 23:39-43 tells us "And one of the malefactors which were hanged railed on him, saying, If thou be Christ, save thyself and us. " But the other answering rebuked him, saying, Dost not thou fear God, seeing thou art in the same condemnation? "And we indeed justly; for we receive the due reward of our deeds: but this man hath done nothing amiss." And he said unto Jesus, Lord, remember me when thou comest into thy kingdom. "And Jesus said unto him, Verily I say unto thee, Today shalt thou be with me in paradise." In these verses in Luke, we see that a man was saved by believing only. The malefactor did not, and was not instructed by Jesus, to pray, to receive salvation. He said unto Jesus, "Lord, remember me when thou comest into thy kingdom. " And Jesus said unto him, Verily I say unto thee, today shalt thou be with me in paradise." **You don't fool Jesus**. Jesus **knew** that this man **believed** in Him; that this man **believed** that this Jesus that he was talking with was the Lord, The Messiah, the Only Begotten Son of God, the Savior, and in believing, the man was saved. Now if you think that you have to pray first, repeat first, or **anything** first, before believing, why did Jesus tell him "today thou shalt be with Me in paradise?" OR if there is a need to do for anything to go along with **believing**, why didn't Jesus tell him what that was? Jesus doesn't make mistakes! God's Word is true. You don't (really you can't), add to or take away from God's Word, and it be true. Just leave His Word alone, and do what God said, **believe**. Psalm 119:89 "For ever, O LORD, thy word is settled in heaven." Revelations 22:18,19 "For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book: "And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book." Take your Bible and check the references that we contained herein— nothing added to and nothing taken away; and when you hear "the plan of salvation" from anyone, get your Bible out and see if it is God speaking or "someone's" idea. I can't see "ten steps" to salvation, I can see only one step: **believe**. The malefactor on the cross had but one step, and he took it. You, I, we all have "one step," **believe**. Please take it, and believe in the Lord Jesus Christ for your salvation.

¹ All Scripture references are from The King James Version, (Cambridge: Cambridge)1769.



Silverton High School's Class of '54 enjoyed a day of visiting during the Briscoe County Celebration and Homecoming. They are (left to right) Pat Patton Sorter, Faith Smithee Redies, Jack Graham, Betty Nan Tomlin Tiffin, Janet Turner Martin, Ruby Underwood Graham, Ann Brown Wright, Guinn Fitzgerald and Billie Fay Heckman Sluder. The Class of '54 would like to extend its appreciation to the Homecoming Committee: Lane and Paula Garvin, Jane Self, Juannah Jennings and George and Roy Reed.

One of the advantages of being disorderly is that one is constantly making exciting discoveries.

A. A. Milne

of work provided it isn't the work he is supposed to be doing at the moment.

Robert Benchley

Anyone can do any amount of the bored.

Punctuality is the virtue of the bored.

Evelyn Waugh.

Great Grilling

The Best Barbecue Starts The Night Before

(NAPSA)—Great barbecue chefs know that the perfect meal doesn't just appear on the grill. It takes preparation—usually beginning the previous evening. For the most flavorful and moist meats, soaking or rubbing up to 24 hours before hitting the coals can mean the difference between bone dry and savory.

Fortunately, there's one practically foolproof ingredient that barbecue fans are becoming more familiar with—one that can deliver a mouth-watering, tender piece of meat every time—kosher salt. Restaurant chefs have been raving about kosher salt for years. Its coarse, large flake is easy to use and its clean, crisp taste makes practically any meal more flavorful. When used in marinades or rubs, it locks in meat's moisture that can otherwise be easily stripped on a hot grill. Now, amateur barbecue chefs everywhere are recognizing its amazing qualities and are using it as a main ingredient in their preparations.

America's trusted authority on salt for more than 150 years, Morton Salt, confirms that kosher salt sales have seen tremendous growth as cooks catch on to its many home uses. It can be used as a substitute for table salt and also makes a beautiful garnish on meats, vegetables and the rim of a cocktail glass.

Marinating meat will help to lock in flavors and keep it moist. Soak meat for at least 30 minutes before grilling or up to 24 hours for maximum taste and juiciness. We suggest trying a recipe that combines the sweet flavors of orange and honey with grated horseradish for a bit of a kick. While marinating, the meat will soak up amazing tastes that will remain long after the coals cool.



HONEY/HORSERADISH MARINADE

- 1/2 cup orange juice
- 1/4 cup honey
- 2 tablespoons white wine vinegar
- 2 teaspoons Worcestershire sauce
- 1 teaspoon Morton Kosher Salt
- 1 teaspoon prepared grated horseradish
- 1/4 teaspoon ground thyme
- 1/4 teaspoon black pepper

Cooking: Combine ingredients in small saucepan. Cook and stir until sauce simmers* and becomes shiny. Cool 15 minutes. Store in airtight container in refrigerator until needed.

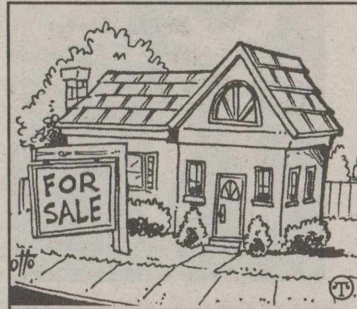
Chicken—Brush chicken pieces generously with marinade. Allow to marinate in refrigerator at least 30 minutes. Discard marinade. Proceed to bake, broil or grill until chicken is cooked through and juices run clear. (Internal temperature—170° F. for poultry breast pieces; internal temperature—180° F. for poultry thighs and wings.)

*** Microwave Directions:** Combine ingredients in microwave safe bowl. Heat on HIGH in covered bowl for 2 minutes. Whisk to incorporate ingredients.

For more recipes, visit www.mortonsalt.com.

Banish Household Odors

(NAPSA)—Planning to sell your home? According to Mare Ashford, a home fragrance consultant, it's important to keep the air fresh smelling and free of odors all day, every day.



She suggests placing a solid gel, such as Natural Magic Scented Gel, in an inconspicuous location—behind a couch or chair, under the sink, or even in a dried floral arrangement—to actually absorb and remove unpleasant odors for up to 90 days. The hint of fragrance that lingers in the air is subtle, whether you select a citrus or floral scent or even a pine or cinnamon scent for the holidays. Potential buyers will never rush off to the next home because they were put off by stale cooking odors, pet odors, smoke and other unpleasant, unwanted smells.

The same gels can be used to alleviate musty odors in vacation homes, boats, or basement storage areas. They also remove the smell of freshly painted areas and cat owners can use a container safely near the litter box.

To eliminate odors at their source, try a powerful liquid Odor Blaster deodorizer spray that can be applied directly to the offending area. According to the expert, it can remove pet "accident" odors, as well as neutralize skunk spray on your pet.

Home air quality odor control products are available at leading home improvement centers, mass merchandise retailers, and hardware stores.

Give me the liberty to know, to utter, and to argue freely according to conscience, above all liberties.

John Milton

Concession Stand Proceeds Used To Host Annual Athletic Banquet

Proceeds from the concession stand are used to host the Athletic Banquet. All athletes are invited and Booster Club pays for their meals. Each one who does his/her part to make the concession stand a success is appreciated.

First name on the Worker's List is in charge of:

1. Ice down drinks 3-4 hours prior to game
2. Start chili and cheese 2-3 hours prior to game

3. Call workers on the list to confirm

Each person on the list is responsible for finding a replacement if you cannot fulfill your time slot.

Last crew is responsible for:

1. Cleaning concession stand
2. Restocking the coolers with drinks for next game
3. Making list of any items needing to be purchased for next game.

Date	Time	Owl Team	Opponent	Workers
Sep. 10	7:30	Varsity	Amherst	Rick & Jana Beesinger Michael & Laura Long Liz Griffin Kippi & Dick Cogdell
Sep. 16	5:00	JH	Wheeler	Jeff & Vicky Tiffin Mitchell & Connie Simpson
	6:30	JV	Wheeler	Bryan & Lana Burson David & Debbie Holt
Sept. 23	5:00	JH	Valley	Ted & Jennifer Daugherty Larry & Cindy Comer
	6:30	JV	Valley	Jerry & Stephanie Birdsong Rance & Nancy Young
Oct. 1	7:30	Varsity	Cotton Cen. Homecoming	Marcus/Jamie Scarborough Brad & JonEtta Ziegler Lance & Letisia Stidham Jason & Norma Jones Bronc & Amy Otis
Oct. 7	5:00	JH	Happy	Ronnie & Karla Hale Cam & Missy Forbes
	6:30	JV	Happy	Jim & Donna Estes Yopie & Tammy Smith
Oct. 14	5:00	JH	Groom	Palmi & Kevin Womack Patricio & Cecilia Vasquez Eddie & Charlotte Rhoderick Kim & Zane Mayfield
Oct. 22	7:30	Varsity	Hedley	Brian & Lisa Schott Judy Segura Ireno & Ana Baeza Bill & Shana Strange
Oct. 28	5:00	JH	Kress	Wayne & Colleen Reed Barry & Michelle Francis Becky Dunn
	6:30	JV		Billy & Brenda Cowdrey
Nov. 5	7:30	Varsity	Lazbuddie Parent Night	Debra & Sloan Grabbe Arturo & Tonya Fabela Michael & Jan Curry Billy Sherman Obelia Bullock

VARSITY SCHEDULE

Sept. 10--Amherst, 7:30, here
Sept. 17--Wheeler, 7:30, there
Sept. 24--Valley, 7:30, there
Oct. 1--Cotton Center (homecoming), 7:30, here
Oct. 8--Happy, 7:30, there
Oct. 15--Groom, 7:30, there
Oct. 22--Hedley, 7:30, here
Oct. 29--Kress, 7:30, there
Nov. 5--Lazbuddie (parent night), 7:30, here

JUNIOR VARSITY

Sept. 9--Amherst, 5:00, there

Sept. 16--Wheeler, 5:00, here
Sept. 23--Valley, 5:00, here
Oct. 7--Happy, 5:00, here
Oct. 21--Hedley, 5:00, there
Oct. 28--Kress, 5:00, here

JUNIOR HIGH

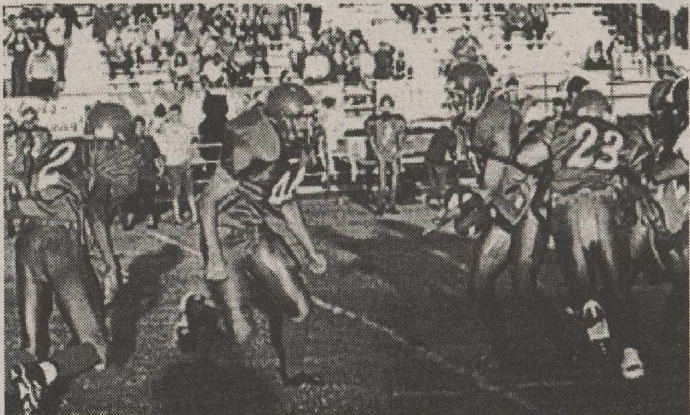
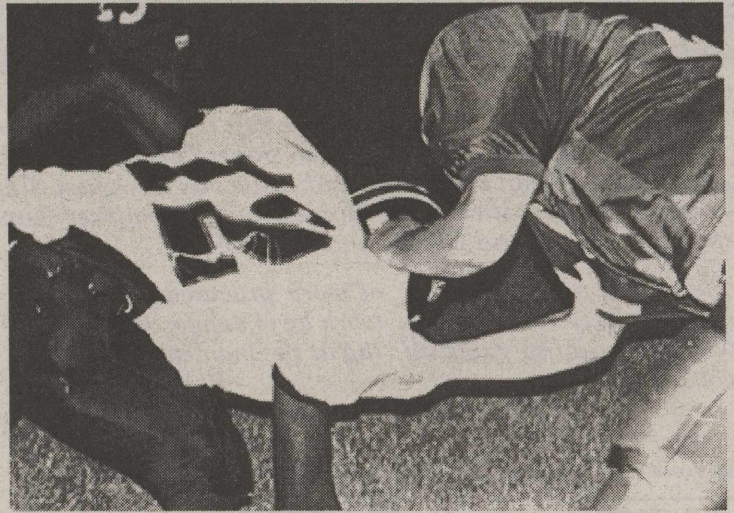
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Oct. 21--Hedley, 5:00, there
Oct. 28--Kress, 5:00, here
Nov. 4--Lazbuddie, 5:00, there



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J.V. , Jr. High Owls vs. Amherst Sept. 9, There, 5:30

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Chad King, Pastor

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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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Rance Young, Pastor

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

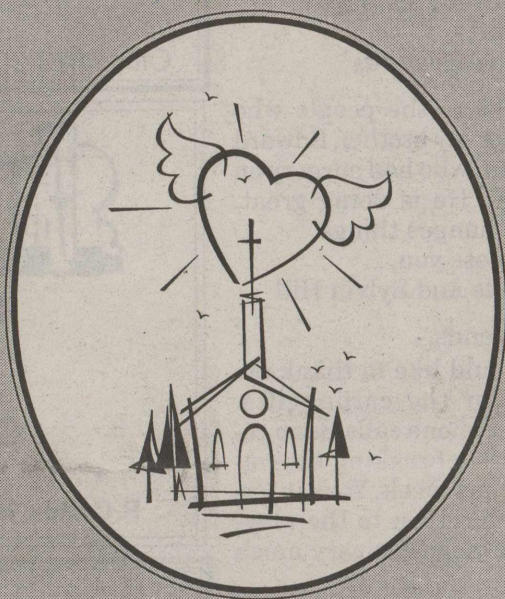
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Junior & Senior
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SUNDAY:
Worship Service.....10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship.....6:00 p.m.

Repentance Is Good for the Soul



The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand: repent ye, and believe the gospel.

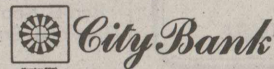
K.J.V. Mark 1:15

Psalm 32 is a wonderful psalm about the forgiveness that God displays when we are repentant for our sins. It says in part: "Happy are those whose sins are forgiven, whose wrongs are pardoned. Happy is the man whom the Lord does not accuse of doing wrong and who is free from all deceit. When I did not confess my sins I was worn out from crying all day long. Then I confessed my sins to you; I did not conceal my wrong doings. I decided to confess them to you and you forgave all my sins." This psalm reflects the great love that God has for us; however, when we sin and have no remorse, we are opposing God. It is important for us to be sorry and repentant for our wrongdoing as soon as we realize that we have sinned. We should ask our Heavenly Father for forgiveness, make an honest effort to refrain from sinning and, whenever possible, try to make amends for whatever wrong we have done. The Bible tells us that God is ever ready to forgive our transgressions, and keep us in His unmerited favor.

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CARDS OF THANKS

I would like to thank everyone who stopped in to help me celebrate my 75th birthday and for all the cards and phone calls I received. This was really a great day.

Thanks,
Frances Edwards

Thanks to the people who prayed for my brother, Edward Hamilton, who had surgery on his head. He is doing great. Prayer changes things.

God bless you,
LaNelle and Sylvia Hill

Dear Friends,

We would like to thank everyone for the cards, gifts, food, and phone calls Beau received after breaking his collarbone last week. Your interest in his return to the playing field means so very much to us.

Sincerely,
Byron, Shelley,
Beau and Brooks Brock

Toleration is the greatest gift of the mind; it requires the same effort of the brain that it takes to balance oneself on a bicycle.

Helen Keller

The short story is the most democratic of all the arts; anyone may tell a story, and if it is an absorbing one, someone will listen.

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