

All Around The Town

By Mary Ann Sarchet

The menu for Tri-County Meals for next week includes:

Monday, December 19-Roast, Gravy, Creamed Potatoes, Sweet Peas, Lime Jello Salad/Diabetic Salad, Roll, Milk

Wednesday, December 21-Turkey, Dressing, Gravy, Sweet Potatoes, Green Beans, Pie/Diabetic Pie, Roll, Milk

Friday, December 23-Barbecue on Bun, Potato Salad, Baked Beans, Apple Crisp, Milk

Tri-County Meals will be closed December 26, back December 28.

Menu subject to change without notice.

The telephone number for Tri-County Meals at the Hope Center is 455-1053.

Gifts to Tri-County Meals can be sent to Box 421, Quitaque, TX 79255.

Briscoe County Activities Association will sponsor a Christmas Lighting Contest to be judged Thursday, December 22. First, second and third prizes will be given.

Roberta Griffin says she knows a way to make going to the dentist less painful. She says she wears the tightest and most uncomfortable pair of shoes she has when she goes. That way, she is thinking about how much her feet hurt while she is sitting in the dentist's chair!

Silverton Senior Citizens will have their monthly luncheon at noon Friday, December 16. Members of the Silverton United Methodist Church will host the luncheon.

You are the music while the music lasts.
T. S. Eliot

Silverton Blood Drive

Wednesday, Dec. 21

10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

City Hall
409 Broadway

The Bloodmobile from Coffee Memorial Blood Center will be parked at City Hall.

As a thank you every donor will receive a Christmas ornament.

To schedule appointment for this drive, please call Lou Younger, 823-2254

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Taking part in the "Walk to Bethlehem" Sunday were Sheryl Weaver, Krista Smith and Jimmy Burson. As usual, the pageant was well attended by a large number of residents and visitors from elsewhere.

Briscoe County News Photo

Bena Hester is Seeking Re-election

Bena Hester announces she is seeking re-election to the office of Briscoe County and District Clerk in the upcoming Democratic Primary.

In making her announcement, Mrs. Hester stated "I have enjoyed being your County and District Clerk for the past seven years. I have tried to implement some new policies in my office which include archiving public records that are important as well as irreplaceable and electronic voting which will begin in 2006. I appreciate the support that I have received from my constituents and if re-elected, I will strive to serve the residents of Briscoe County to the best of my ability."

Connie Smith is Seeking Re-election

Connie Smith has announced her candidacy for re-election to the office of Briscoe County Justice of the Peace Precinct #1.

"It has been a great honor to serve as your Justice of the Peace during the past three years and I am proud to report, through hard work and research, I was able to obtain a grant which allowed for a tremendous upgrade to the book work involved in this office. I would like to thank you for your support in the past, and ask for your vote in the March Primary," she said.

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Christmas Teen Dance/Skate Night

A community-sponsored Teen Dance/Skate Night will be held December 17, 2005, at the Showbarn. The goal is to raise \$2,000 for the repair and upkeep of the Showbarn in Silverton.

No adults will be allowed except parents of the teens or chaperones. There will be security on the premises. No loitering around the Showbarn will be allowed. The kids will be encouraged to stay inside or asked to leave. This is planned to be something positive for the kids to do while benefitting the community by paying for main-

tenance repairs the Showbarn needs.

We need volunteer security, chaperones, decorators, people to distribute flyers in surrounding communities, someone to print flyers, funding, door prizes, donated snacks (soft drinks, candy, individual popcorn bags, sandwiches, cookies), items to decorate with (Christmas white lights, mirrored ball, strobe lights, Christmas color crepe paper, speakers and a good sound system to borrow). If you would like to donate any of the above, call Venita, 823-2011.

Burn Ban Back In Effect for County

Due to drought conditions defined by the Texas Forest Service, the Briscoe County Commissioners Court passed an order prohibiting outdoor burning effective December 19, 2005, in unincorporated areas of the county, excluding Caprock Canyons State Park.

Violation of the court's order is a Class C misdemeanor (Local Government Code 352.081).

Just because something doesn't do what you planned it to do doesn't mean it's useless.

Thomas Edison



Brewster Garcia recently earned a medal for participating in a Karate Tournament at Happy.

Angel Tree is in The Courthouse Basement

Silverton's Angel Tree has been set up in the basement of the Briscoe County Courthouse. You are invited to take an angel from the tree and provide Christmas needs for him or her.

Needs for each child include shirt, pants, socks, underwear, an age-appropriate toy, music, game or etc. Please provide all the items on the needs list for your angel.

Santa Letters Needed

Santa letters are needed for publication in the Christmas edition of the Briscoe County News. Write them now, and mail or bring them to Briscoe County News, Box 130, Silverton, Texas 79257.

Don't Stay Home Alone Christmas

You are invited to come and have Christmas dinner with loving, caring folks who want to prepare dinner for you. There will be no charge for the meal.

Preparations are being made for you to have a meal on Christmas Day in the school cafeteria. The meal will be served from 12:30 until 2:00 p.m. If you are homebound, a meal can be delivered to you.

Please call First Baptist Church at 823-2412 as soon as possible to make a reservation. The deadline will be December 20, so the cooks will know how many plan to attend. The earlier you call, the better so the right amount of food can be purchased.

The menu will include turkey, dressing, gravy, green beans, sweet potatoes and dessert.

Individuals or groups may sponsor an angel.

Gifts for the angel should be gift wrapped and placed in one package, ready for delivery. The packages should be clearly marked with the angel's identification letter and taken to the courthouse basement no later than Friday, December 16.

Santa will come BEFORE Christmas and deliver the packages to their homes. In order for us to make sure each child is remembered this Christmas, please sign next to the letter of the angel you select. Your telephone number is also needed, so you can be contacted. If you have any questions, you can call Santa's helper at 847-2571.

If you helped with this project last year, we thank you from the bottom of our hearts. Every 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 thankful for your willingness to help.

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River of God Meets Sundays

River of God Church, whose pastor is Dee McGee, meets every Sunday morning from 10:00 a.m.

until 12:00 p.m.

If you need a ride to church, transportation will be provided if you call (806) 823-2113.

River of God Fresh Fire Youth Group Meeting will be at 6:30 p.m. on December 14, 2005.

You are invited to a
Christmas Open house
at
Briscoe County Courthouse
Tuesday, December 20, 2005
Beginning at 10:00 a.m.

Where's the baby?

Two women dressed in their finest were having lunch together in a very exclusive restaurant. A friend saw them and came over to their table to greet them. "What's the special occasion?" she asked. One of the ladies said, "We're having a birthday party for our 2-year-old." "Where's the baby?" the friend asked. The child's mother answered, "Oh, I dropped him off at my mother's house. She's taking care of him 'til the party's over. It wouldn't be any fun with him."

How ridiculous! A child not even welcome at his own party? But, are we not sometimes guilty of the same? We go through all the festivities of the Christmas season without remembering the ONE whose birthday we're celebrating.

As we move into this holiday season, with all our good times with family and friends, let's not leave out the Lord Jesus.

(Answer to last week's riddle is "the manger")

Rock Creek Church of Christ

Sunday 10:30 a.m.-6:00 p.m. Wednesday 8:00 p.m.

Silverton Recognized by State Officials For Contribution to Local Project

The Office of Rural Community Affairs (ORCA) honored the City of Silverton December 1, 2005, at the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission meeting in Amarillo for having secured a \$250,000 Community Development Fund grant from the agency for a water improvement project.

ORCA honored Silverton as one of 41 grant recipients from the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission area recognized at the event. The recipients received a total of more than \$2.5 million in

grants awarded by ORCA between September 1, 2004 and August 31, 2005. The funds supported a variety of local undertakings, including local infrastructure development (planning, capacity building, water, wastewater) projects, disaster relief, healthcare accessibility enhancements, medical facility improvements, and healthcare professional recruitment endeavors, to name a few.

"We commend the efforts of every recipient for their dedication to supporting their rural Texas community," said ORCA Executive Director Charles (Charlie) S. Stone. "ORCA was created to assist rural Texans with building their own communities, and I applaud

everyone who applied for funding to address the needs of their community."

ORCA's door is always open for comments and suggestions regarding the agency, and any rural issues of concern. Contact ORCA at P. O. Box 12877, Austin, Texas 78711, Phone 512-936-6701, Toll free: 800-544-2042, e-mail: orca@orca.state.tx.us. FAX: 512-936-6776. On the web: www.orca.state.tx.us.

Caprock SWCD Taking Orders For Windbreak Trees

Caprock Soil and Water Conservation District is currently taking orders for windbreak trees. Tree seedlings will be offered from Texas Forest Service. Orders will be taken for larger trees as well. Container-grown fruit trees are now available for order. Caprock SWCD also sells drip supplies for optimum care of your trees.

A minimum order is required on the seedlings orders. There is no minimum on the larger trees. The earlier you order, the better chance you have of getting the varieties you want. Many of the trees will be sold out in a short time.

For more information, call 806-823-2341, Extension 101, or go by the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) office in Silverton located at 410 Lone Star.

Thirty-nine Attend Second Hearing

"Let's care about each other. Remember when we all cared about each other and pulled together as a family? When someone needed help, we were all there to help. Let's get together as a community and clean it up," said Vinita Asebedo Howell. "My dad makes a living with his junk and he keeps it nice and neat. If everyone took pride in your stuff like he does, it would make a difference. I served my country. But I was born and raised here and wanted to come back home. When I did come back, Silverton looked like a dump; it looks horrible. I don't want for us to have to use force, but it needs to be clean. Our community doesn't pull together as a family anymore. Let's get together. It looks like crap here and maybe that's the way we feel about each other."

Once again a good discussion ensued. A good turnout of 39 people came to hear what folks had to say about the junk car ordinance at the second hearing on Thursday, December 8.

Trading at home, removal of dilapidated homes, broken sidewalks and other things were brought up. Bill Smith had talked to people who are in charge of the Main Street Projects across the United States. He said that grants (money that does not have to be paid back) are available. If the community pulls together and shows pride in the city and begins to clean it up it makes a difference that shows we care. "We are not eligible for the grants. They won't even consider us for a grant the way things are now. We have to take a step forward. The ordinance says that those junk vehicles are visible to the public. It says motor vehicles and cars, not tractors. We need to clean up here, Smith said.

See Ordinance Hearing-Continued on Page Five

Upcoming Meetings

Second Monday of each month-County Commissioners meet at 10:00 a.m. in the County Courtroom; City Council meets at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall

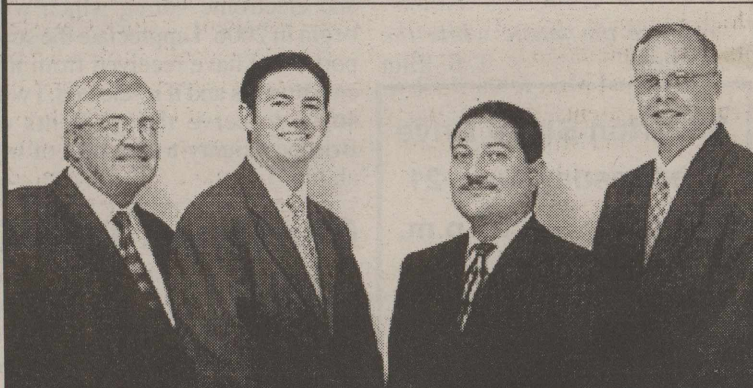
Second Tuesday of each month-Silverton Chamber of Commerce, 7:00 p.m., Pioneer Room at City Bank-Silverton; Silverton School Board, boardroom, 8:00 p.m.

First and third Thursdays of each month-Silverton Fire Department, 7:00 p.m., City Hall

Fourth Thursday of each month-Briscoe County Activities Association, 7:00 p.m., Showbarn in Silverton.

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November 21, 1996-Eleven Briscoe County 4-H'ers qualify for state competition, including Katy Hester, Tyler Young, Donny Burson, Briana Sperry, Trey Ziegler, Hollie McKay, Coy McKay, Miles Comer, Joe Warner, Will Hester and Teal Bennett. Receiving third place in the senior division were Molly Brooks, Terri Chitwood, Kenzie Burson, Lindsey Jennings and Kenda Wood . . . Justin Blake Vaughan and Neal Turner receive their Eagle Scout Awards . . . Lady Owls beat Kress to open new season . . . Owls opened their new season with victory over McLean . . . Junior High Owls and Lady Owls won series of game at Valley Monday . . . Miss Texas to present program here in January . . . There will be a football playoff between Lazbuddie and Chilicothe played here Friday night . . .

December 11, 1986-Jamie Frizzell and Jeannita Stephens are Briscoe County 4-H Gold Star Award winners . . . Sylvia Fogerson entered St. Anthony's Hospital in Amarillo Sunday to have surgery on her hand and knee replacement Tuesday . . . J.L. Self underwent knee replacement in an Amarillo hospital last week . . . Amy Payne won first place in a field of 19 contestants in the Junior I snacks and desserts category at the District 4-H Food Show on the Texas Tech campus Saturday . . . Funeral services conducted for Lillian B. Lindsey, 69 . . .

December 16, 1976-Danna Garvin appeared in Clarendon College's music productions during the fall semester. She sang solos in a recent pop music concert which included several popular hits from contemporary rock music . . . Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Roy Weaver are parents of a son, John Paul . . . Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Whitehead honored with reception on golden wedding anniversary . . .

December 15, 1966-Owls win second, Owlettes win consolation in home tournament. All-tournament team members from here were Connie Dudley, Joni Self, Dale Sissney and Skip Gallington . . . Charles K. Cranford is new minister at Silverton Church of Christ . . . Mr. and Mrs. Pat Northcutt and Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Hutsell were in Las Vegas, Nevada from Saturday until Wednesday to attend a Farm Bureau meeting . . . Jack Strange, Ben Whitfill, Jimmie House and Mr. and Mrs. D. T. Northcutt attended a dinner in

Amarillo Wednesday evening honoring Congressman Walter Rogers . . . John G. Boyles had cataracts removed from his right eye at St. Anthony's Hospital in Amarillo . . . Mrs. Ralph Hill plans to meet her husband, Pfc. Hill, in Lubbock Saturday. He is stationed at Fort Bliss and after a 16-day leave will report back there for further training . . .

December 10, 1936-Raymond Bomar moves wrecking yard to Highway 86 . . . A new telephone was installed at the Bank Exchange this week. The phone number is 11J . . . Ned Baird is remodeling his home in the southwest part of town . . . Two Silverton boys made the second all-district team selected by the coaches of the district last week. Datis Martin made a second-string halfback and Odis Gregg was given a tackle post. Elmo Walling received honorable mention . . . H. Roy Brown's warehouse is under construction here . . . A birthday dinner was held at the home of Mrs. A. A. Boling Sunday in honor of Fulton and Homer Gregg. These two brothers have the same date for their birthday--with several years difference in age . . . Editor Roy Hahn wrote: "The telephone man was in this morning--but I fooled him. Sent Foust out the back door with the telephone rent. And when he called headquarters to see if it was paid--did he gnash his teeth . . . I hear the tinkle of sleigh bells--or maybe, it's just the loose wheels--funny I never noticed it before--anyway I'm practically on my way" . . . Troy Burson has been in the hospital in Plainview for the past week . . .

December 10, 1925-Flashing through snow, rain and over and down mountains, a stock Chrysler Six roadster recently broke all motor car speed records between Los Angeles and San Francisco. It averaged 51.64 miles an hour for the 439 miles of run . . . F. M. Arnold, 81, died at his home here Monday. He had been suffering for years from cancer which was the cause of his death. He was born in Tennessee and came to Texas from Arkansas in 1908. He was a veteran of the civil war . . . Change in Tulia Route gives better postal service . . . The old warehouse back of the Peoples Pharmacy is being removed but Jeff Burson would not confirm the report that it was being cleared away in order that the drug building could be moved back on the lot so as to make room for a handsome two-story brick on the corner . . . W. Allard is having a

Junior High Teams Drop Pair of Games to Groom

Silverton's Junior High teams dropped a pair of games to Groom here December 5.

Wendy Garcia led the scoring for the Lady Owls with a big 15-point effort. Also scoring were Kaitlan Reagan, six; Haylee Beesinger and Sierra Juarez, two points each.

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| JH Lady Owls | 4 | 14 | 16 | 25 |
| Groom | 25 | 30 | 49 | 51 |

Scoring for the Junior High Owls were Brooks Brock and Isaac Reyna, six points each; Skyler Beesinger, Weston Howell and Jon Perkins, two points each.

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|---------|---|----|----|----|
| JH Owls | 4 | 10 | 10 | 18 |
| Groom | 8 | 22 | 30 | 38 |

Next games for the Junior High teams will be January 9, 2006 at Valley at 5:00 p.m. and January 16, 2006 with Valley here at 5:30 p.m.

Happy Birthday-

December 15-Heather Davis, Scott Davis, Aaron Younger

December 16-Virgal Minyard, Stanley Gamble, Harley Wadlow

December 17-Guinn Fitzgerald, Ruth Ann Scrivner, Clint Ivory, Carol Davis, Haylie Elizabeth Couch

December 18-Curtis Reed, Bobby Joe Edwards, jr.

December 19-Kassidy Martin, John McCutchen, Helen Strickland, Karen Kay Martin, Teresa Sutton, Harvey McJimsey

December 21-Thurman May, Ester Ramirez, Nathan Perry, Billie Perry

Silverton School Lunch Menu

December 19 - December 30-Christmas Holiday; no school

Silverton School Activities

December 16-JV G, V B&G play Follett at Frank Phillips College, 4:00

December 19 to 30-Christmas Holiday; no school

December 20-Clovis Christian V G&B, here, 5:00

fine home built in the east part of town . . . Mrs. Ada Kitchens, Mrs. Lily Wafford, little daughter, Jack, and Mrs. J. H. McClendon visited Mrs. Carl Kitchens and sons in Quitaque Sunday . . . W. E. Schott and family are moving to their home east of Haylake school house and Billie Moore will manage their ranch under the caprock next year . . . Bud Brooks is busy hauling brick for the school building at Haylake . . .

Happy Anniversary-

December 16-Mr. and Mrs. Dayne Mayfield

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



Kendra Lee McCoy, 17-year-old from Happy, shot her first deer at Shamrock, Texas Sunday, December 11, 2005. The deer had eight points. Kendra is the granddaughter of Rose Mary Perkins.

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Owls Win Whitharrel Tournament; Lady Owls Bring Home Second

Silverton's Owls played Floyd, New Mexico, Shallowater and Whitharrel in the Whitharrel Tournament last week, defeating them all and taking the championship game 74-62. Gid Mayfield was named Most Valuable Player of the tournament, and Jesse Reynolds was chosen for the All-tournament Team.

The Lady Owls defeated Floyd, New Mexico and Shallowater before dropping a 55-32 decision to Whitharrel. Haylee Simpson was chosen as a member of the All-tournament Team.

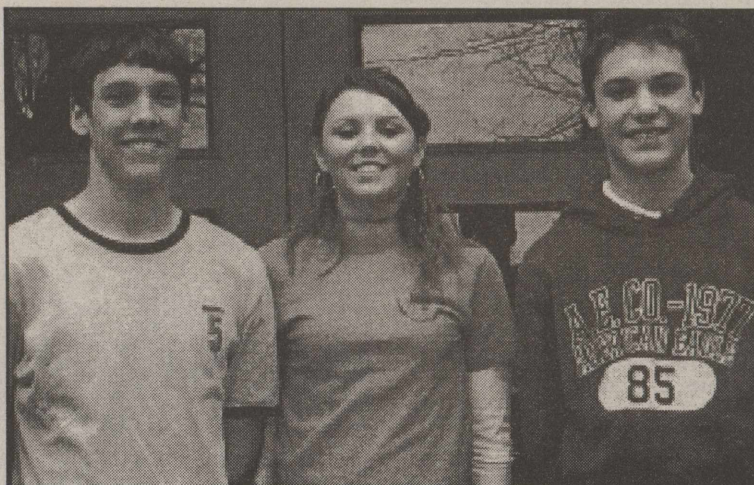
Gid Mayfield led the scoring in the game against Floyd, New Mexico by scoring a big 33 points. Adding to the score were Jesse Reynolds, nine; Jacob Francis and Ory Johnson, four points each; Josh Maciel, Drew Reed and Cooper Cogdell, three points each; Yance Forbes, two points; Tanner Young, one point.

Owls 13 30 49 62
Floyd, NM 13 34 45 50

In the second-round game with Shallowater, Gid Mayfield led the scoring again with 18 points. Drew Reed was right behind him with 17 points. Also scoring were Jacob Francis, seven; Jesse Reynolds, four; Cooper Cogdell, two points.

Owls 17 24 38 48
Shallowater 12 22 31 46

In the championship game, Gid



Gid Mayfield was named Most Valuable Player of the Whitharrel Tournament Saturday night, Haylee Simpson was named to the Girls All-tournament Team, and Jesse Reynolds was chosen for the Boys All-tournament Team. *Briscoe County News Photo*

Mayfield led the offense with 28 points, while Jesse Reynolds caged 22 and Drew Reed got 12. Also scoring were Jacob Francis and Tanner Young, four points each, and Josh Maciel and Ory Johnson, two points each.

Owls 17 27 53 74
Whitharrel 7 25 37 62

In the girls division, the Lady Owls won their first game over Floyd, New Mexico, led in scoring by Haylee Simpson's big 23-point effort. Also scoring in double figures were Brittany Tiffin, 15, and Kelsi Birdsong, 14. Adding to the

score were Trichelle Ramirez, nine, and Shandy Forbes, four.

Lady Owls 18 33 46 65
Floyd, NM 8 17 32 43

Against Shallowater, Kelsi Birdsong led the scoring with 21 points, closely followed by Haylee Simpson and Brittany Tiffin, with 20 points each. Trichelle Ramirez added two points.

Lady Owls 10 27 44 64
Shallowater 9 32 38 55

The Lady Owls dropped their game in the championship final to Whitharrel, 55-32. Kelsi Birdsong led the scoring with 10 points. Adding to the score were Haylee Simpson and Brittany Tiffin, eight points each; Shandy Forbes, four points, and Trichelle Ramirez, two points.

Lady Owls 13 17 27 32
Whitharrel 14 27 38 55

On December 6, the Owls and Lady Owls played a pair of games at Lazbuddie, winning both of them.

Haylee Simpson led the scoring for the Lady Owls with a big 25-point effort. Trichelle Ramirez got 14, Brittany Tiffin added 11, and Kelsi Birdsong caged 10 points. Shandy Forbes added four points.

Lady Owls 16 27 47 64
Lazbuddie 8 17 34 51

Scoring in double figures for the Owls were Gid Mayfield, 27, Jesse Reynolds, 18, and Drew Reed, 15. Also scoring were Jacob Francis and Dusty Burson, eight points each; Ory Johnson and Jon Garcia, four points each; Tanner Young, Cooper Cogdell and Shawn Johnson, two points each.

Owls 21 38 59 90
Lazbuddie 6 22 35 44

Silverton EMS Meets With Class

Silverton EMS met Thursday, December 1, 2005, at First Baptist Church. The meeting was held at the class of the EMT training now in session.

Members present were Connie Smith, Bena Hester, Ruby Lee, Jeanine West, Vicky Tiffin, Rhonda Smith and Kristi Smith. Special guests were class members, along with David and Tracy Hughes of Plainview.

EMS members did case reviews and then were tested on medical questions. All did well. No other business was discussed.

Silverton EMS takes this opportunity to wish everyone a safe, healthy, happy holiday. Merry Christmas to all!

Junior Varsity Teams Drop Games at Tulia

Silverton's Junior Varsity teams played in a tournament at Tulia last week, dropping all of their games.

The Junior Varsity Owls lost 45-19 to Friona Thursday, then 50-30 to Tulia the following day.

Scoring in the game against Friona were Cord Griffin, seven; True Burson and Kanon McGee, four points each; Reese Scarborough, three, and Zak Perkins, one point.

Owl JV 5 7 11 19
Friona 8 20 33 45

Against Tulia, Zak Perkins led the scoring with nine points. Adding to the score were True Burson, six; Cord Griffin and Shawn Johnson, four points each; Kanon McGee, three points; Josh Garcia and Tyler Garvin, two points each.

Owl JV 6 11 15 30
Tulia 11 22 38 50

The Lady Owl JV lost their first game 51-17. Scoring for the Owl ladies were Destiny Wilson, nine; Barbara Ahearn, five, and Lydia DeLeon, three points.

Against Lorenzo in their second game, the Lady Owls 40-35 dropped a close decision. Scoring was by Destiny Wilson, 17; Lydia DeLeon, 10; Abby Reyna and Barbara Ahearn, three points each; Ami Dunn, two points.

Guinn Fitzgerald To Be Honored at Retirement Reception December 22

You are invited to a retirement reception honoring Guinn (Fitz) Fitzgerald on Thursday, December 22, from 12:30 until 3:30 p.m. at the Swisher County FSA Office, 221 NW 2nd, Tulia, Texas.

Mr. Fitzgerald is retiring from FSA after 19 years, 5 months and 300,000 miles. You are invited to join the FSA staff as they wish him

WEATHER

Recorded at 6:00 a.m. During November 2005

| | High | Low | Precip. |
|----|------|-----|---------|
| 1 | 61 | 33 | |
| 2 | 75 | 34 | |
| 3 | 78 | 39 | |
| 4 | 86 | 43 | |
| 5 | 82 | 44 | |
| 6 | 81 | 34 | |
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| 29 | 49 | 20 | |
| 30 | 46 | 17 | |

Total November Precip. .05
Normal November Precip. .71
Normal Precip. to date 20.54
Precip. Rec'd to date 22.48

DECEMBER WEATHER

Recorded at 6:00 a.m. During December 2005

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| 1 | 68 | 24 | |
| 2 | 48 | 18 | |
| 3 | 76 | 33 | |
| 4 | 70 | 21 | |
| 5 | 46 | 21 | |
| 6 | 47 | 18 | |
| 7 | 40 | 7 | |
| 8 | 20 | -1 | |
| 9 | 33 | -2 | |
| 10 | 51 | 14 | |
| 11 | 54 | 18 | |
| 12 | 56 | 19 | |
| 13 | 55 | 33 | |

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 if deceased;
 All of the Southwest One-quarter (SW/4) of Section Sixty-One (61), in Block B-1, Certificate No. 1/753, issued to Beaty, Seale and Forwood, Abstract 85, patented to John Jay French, Assignee, on August 4, 1880, Patent No. 462, Volume 32, Briscoe County, Texas; and if Margaret Ann Gentry Kaegi is dead, the heirs and legal representatives of said named Defendant, and the unknown heirs and legal representatives of said named Defendant, if living, and if dead, the legal representatives of the unknown heirs of each of said named Defendant; and the unknown heirs of the unknown heirs of said named Defendant, if living, and if dead, then the heirs and legal representatives of the unknown heirs of the unknown heirs of said named Defendant, GREETINGS:

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the Judicial District Court of Briscoe County, Texas at the Courthouse thereof in Silverton, Texas by filing a written answer, at or before 10:00 a.m. on the first Monday after the expiration of forty-two (42) days from the date of the issuance of this citation, same being the 9th day of January 2006, to Plaintiffs' First Amended Original in Trespass to Try Title Suit, filed in this Court on the 28th day of September 2005, in this cause numbered 3121 on the docket of said Court and styled Robert A. Gentry and B. Davis Gentry, Administrator of the Estate of Bruce E. Gentry, Jr. v. Glenda Kay Gentry, Loyce Wanda Gentry, Dianne Lynn Gentry Prather and Margaret Ann Gentry Kaegi.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit:

A trespass to try title suit in which Plaintiffs for cause of action would respectfully show the Court the following, to-wit:

BRUCE E. GENTRY, JR. and ROBERT A. GENTRY own an undivided three-quarter interest and Defendants own as cotenants an undivided one-quarter interest in the following land in Briscoe County, Texas:

All of the Southwest One-quarter (SW/4) of Section Sixty-One (61), in Block B-1, Certificate No. 1/753, issued to Beaty, Seale and Forwood, Abstract 85, patented to John Jay French, Assignee, on August 4, 1880, Patent No. 462, Volume 32, Briscoe County, Texas.

On March 27, 1973, BRUCE E. GENTRY, JR. and ROBERT S. GENTRY obtained exclusive possession of the land by repudiating the title of Defendants and holding adversely by the conveyance of the entire tract of land through warranty deed from Ella Gentry to Bruce E. Gentry, Jr. and Robert S. Gentry. Notice of Plaintiffs' repudiation of cotenancy by Plaintiffs' possession coupled with the warranty deed from Ella Gentry which amounted to a conveyance of a portion of that claimed by Defendants, is of such unequivocal notoriety as to convey to Defendants or their predecessors notice of the adverse claim. Since March 27, 1973, Bruce E. Gentry, Jr. and Robert A. Gentry have occupied the entire tract personally and have claimed full ownership and the right to exclusive possession of the premises. Plaintiffs pray for judgment and possession of said land, and for other and further relief to which they are entitled as is more fully shown by Plaintiffs' petition on file in said suit. That Plaintiffs further own the above described tract of land under the 10 and 25 year statutes of limitations, and that title to the above tract of land is presumed to be in Plaintiffs, respectively, as alleged, as a result of peaceable and adverse possession under duly recorded deeds and claims of right and payment of taxes on said property, respectively.

You have been sued. You may employ an attorney. If you or your attorney do not file a written answer with the clerk who issued this citation by 10:00 a.m. on the Monday next following the expiration of forty-two (42) days after the date of issuance of this citation and petition, a default judgment may be taken against you.

The officer executing this writ shall promptly serve the same according to requirements of law, and the mandates thereof, and make due return as the law directs. The name of Plaintiffs' attorney and his address are Andy Aycock, FIELD, MANNING, STONE, HAWTHORNE & AYCOCK, P. C., 2112 Indiana Avenue, Lubbock, Texas 79410.

Issued and given under my hand and seal of said Court of Silverton, Briscoe County, Texas, this the 21st day of November 2005.

BENA HESTER,
 Clerk of the District Court
 Briscoe County, Texas
 P. O. Box 555
 Silverton, Texas 79257
 By: /s/ Bena Hester

All-District Football Teams Announced

Valley's football team completed play in the Six-Man football state championship game Saturday. They represented the district very well, and now the All-District teams can be announced.

The Six-Man Coach of the Year is Brett Tyler of Valley.

Newcomer of the Year is Cole Brown, Valley sophomore.

Co-offensive Most Valuable Players are Alex Espinosa, Valley Senior, and Allen Irlbeck, Happy Senior.

Notice to Contractors of Proposed Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) Contracts

Sealed proposals for contracts listed below will be received by TxDOT until the date(s) shown below, and then publicly read.

Construction/Maintenance/ Building Facilities Contract(s)

Dist/Div: Childress

Contract 0925-00-051 for STRIPING IN CHILDRESS County, etc. will be opened on January 10, 2006 at 1:00 p.m. at the State Office.

Plans and specifications are available for inspection, along with bidding proposals, and applications for the TxDOT Prequalified Contractor's list, at the applicable State and/or Dist/Div Offices listed below. If applicable, bidders must submit prequalification information to TxDOT at least 10 days prior to the bid date to be eligible to bid on a project. Prequalification materials may be requested from the State Office listed below. Plans for the above contract(s) are available from TxDOT's website at www.dot.state.tx.us and from reproduction companies at the expense of the contractor.

NPO: 18597

State Office

Constr./Maint. Division
 200 E. Riverside Dr.
 Austin, Texas 78704
 Phone: 512-416-2540

Dist/Div Office(s)

Childress District
 District Engineer
 7599 U. S. 287

Childress, Texas 79201-9705
 Phone: 940-937-2571

Minimum wage rates are set out in bidding documents and the rates will be part of the contract. TxDOT ensures that bidders will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, sex, or national origin.

First-team players on offense are:

Tight Ends: Kye Fuston, Valley Senior; Drew Reed, Silverton Junior

Wide Receivers: Joaquin Saenz, Happy Sophomore; Jesse Reynolds, Silverton Senior

Center: Randy Farley, Valley Senior

Quarterback: Gid Mayfield, Silverton Senior

Runningbacks: Yance Forbes, Silverton Senior, and Jacob Francis, Silverton Senior

Co-Spreadback: Thane Barkley, Groom Junior, and David Castilleja, Kress Senior

Utility Back: Fernando Regalado, Valley Senior

Kicker: Albert DeLeon, Silverton Senior

Co-Special Teams Players: Diego Ramirez, Silverton Junior, and Cody Miller, Cotton Center Senior

First-team players on defense include:

Defensive Most Valuable Player: Charlie Walden, Valley Senior

Defensive Linemen: Alex Espinosa, Valley Senior; Gid Mayfield, Silverton Senior; Chad Barkley, Groom Sophomore

Linebackers: Fernando Regalado, Valley Senior, and Jacob Francis, Silverton Senior

Cornerbacks: Jacob Young, Kress Junior and Yance Forbes, Silverton Senior

Safeties: Joaquin Saenz, Happy Sophomore, and Michael Braxton, Kress Sophomore

Utility Player: Kye Fuston, Valley Senior

Punter: Thane Barkley, Groom Junior

Second-team offensive players include:

Tight Ends: Rueben Ramos, Valley Senior, and Heath Reeves, Cotton Center Senior

Wide Receivers: Marshall Elliot, Happy Sophomore, and Michael Braxton, Kress Sophomore

Co-Centers: Ory Johnson, Silverton Junior and Brayden Bennett, Hedley Junior

Quarterback: Darius Kimberling, Happy Sophomore

Runningbacks: Wes Shields, Hedley Senior, and Kyle Kirby, Cotton Center Sophomore

Spreadback: Austin Voyles, Cotton Center Senior

Utility Back: Cole Hicks, Happy Sophomore

Kicker: Javier Cairo, Groom Senior

Special Teams Player: Ivan Aguilera, Kress Senior

Second-team Defense players included:

Defensive Linemen: Drew Reed, Silverton Junior; Randy Eudy, Happy Freshman, and Roger Ramos, Valley Sophomore

Linebackers: Stephen Pacheco, Lazbuddie Sophomore; Rudy Garcia, Happy Junior, and Eli Luna, Hedley Senior

Cornerbacks: Seth Koetting, Hedley Junior, and Blaine Britten, Groom Junior

Safeties: Kyle Kirby, Cotton Center Sophomore, and Darius Kimberling, Happy Sophomore

Utility Player: Ivan Aguilera, Kress Senior

Punter: Jose Equia, Hedley

Ordinance Hearing-- Continued From Page Two

Able Asebedo came with notes in hand and made a good presentation like his sister, Vinita. He feels like this ordinance would not be done for environment or to bring business to Silverton. He said we needed to trade more at home and that maybe Wayne Nance would still be in business if we had traded more at home.

"Just be courteous," said Arturo (Tooty) Fabela, who admitted he has lots of junk cars. "Vehicles should not cause a safety obstruction or be a fire hazard. All the other stuff is irrelevant. We do need to clean up. People did clean up a long time ago, but they did not finish what they started. I was going to cleanup my junk cars anyhow. I will put up a fence for your protection. Let's not nit-pick. It's been like that forever. We need to look at our own yards. Other towns have high fences to hide junk cars. Maybe we need to put in the ordinance that there needs to be fences. We need time to fix the problem. I'm ready to put a fence there. Give me time to get it done."

Judge Wayne Nance admitted he had an old car and that he was going to put it in a building to keep it out of sight. "We need to clean up and exhibit our pride. Once again the point was brought up that a person from *Texas Monthly* was writing an article about traveling through this region. The person wrote about Silverton: 'I passed through a dowdy little town.' It infuriated me, but more than that, it bothered me that it was the truth. A starting point would be to clean up our place and help our neighbor if we can. No one is going to buy a house next to one where a yard is filled with trash. A few years ago, I talked to a lady from the Department of Agriculture about helping out our town. She would not even talk to me about it."

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Boys and Girls,

Just wanted to let you know that I have moved the mail box for Santa letters from the Post Office to the decorated area over by the Altman Insurance office.

If you will, please take yours and put them in the mail box there.

Time's wasting; get them written so I'll have time to pick them up and get them answered.

Mrs. Claus says hurry!
Love to all,
Santa and Mrs. Claus

In order to have a winner, the team must have a feeling of unity; every player must put the team first--ahead of personal glory.

Paul (Bear) Bryant

TxDOT Maintenance Sections Making Preparations for Winter

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) is gearing up to protect the traveling public and roadways against possible ice and snow conditions. The Childress District's 13 maintenance sections have been busy testing winter weather roadway maintenance equipment. Snow plows, material spreaders, safety lighting, and other necessary equipment are ready if and when inclement weather occurs.

"TxDOT uses bottom ash mixed with Meltdown 20 on intersections, bridges and inclines.

This material enhances traction to help traffic stop easier at intersections and also aids vehicle traction when climbing a hill," said Clyde Harper, District Maintenance Manager.

"We also use a liquid form of magnesium chloride in advance of storms. This material slows the freezing process and gives maintenance crews more time to respond," continued Harper.

"When addressing snow and ice conditions, we prioritize our roadways," said Harper. "Our maintenance forces address hospital

routes and school routes along with higher volume roadways first; this schedule allows us to assist the largest majority of our customers first," continued Harper. Once ice and/or snow hit the roadway, maintenance personnel will apply bottom ash and deicing materials on the road. The maintenance staff will work around the clock to clear roadways.

The safety of the traveling public is a TxDOT priority, and we respond to snow and ice situations as quickly as possible. Motorists can also do their part by driving carefully and:

- Use caution when driving over bridges and overpasses. These are the first to freeze.

- Reduce speed and drive with caution. A vehicle needs at least three times more space to stop on a slick roadway. Visibility can also be reduced during winter weather conditions.

- Be patient. Your trip time--including short commutes to work--could increase when adverse weather conditions exist.

- Winterize vehicles before traveling during adverse weather. Check fuel, tire, oil and antifreeze levels. Make sure heater, brakes and windshield wipers are working properly.

- Check area weather conditions on radio or television before starting a trip.

- Motorists can also call TxDOT's toll-free highway condi-



Texas Cooperative EXTENSION

David Hawkins, CEA-Ag
Briscoe County, Texas

The state's Christmas tree crop was not significantly impacted by drought conditions this year. Large trees, like those sold to consumers, are not affected by drought, and most growers irrigated the smaller trees. However, some seedlings were lost. Moisture early in the year aided the crop's overall success. Christmas tree sales are expected to be good this year due to great crop conditions. Many trees were produced in the popular 6-to-8 foot range. The state annually produces 200,000 trees on 2,500 acres. This infuses the economy, with a \$12-million boost each year.

Coming together is a beginning, staying together is progress, and working together is success.

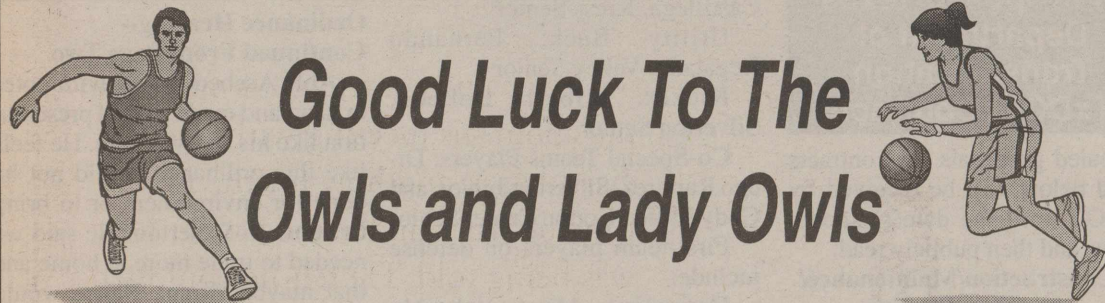
Henry Ford

People of mediocre ability sometimes achieve outstanding success because they don't know when to quit. Most men succeed because they are determined to.

George E. Allen

tions line at 800-452-9292 or go on-line to www.dot.state.tx.us/hor/main.htm.

For more information, contact Barbara Seal, Texas Department of Transportation, at (940) 937-7145.



Good Luck To The Owls and Lady Owls

HIGH SCHOOL GAMES

Dec. 16-JV G, V G&B vs. Follett at FPC

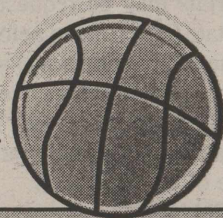
Dec. 20-Clovis Christian V G&B, here, 5:00

Dec. 28-30-V G&B in Slaton Tournament, TBA

NEXT JUNIOR HIGH GAMES

Jan. 9-G&B at Valley, 5:00

Jan. 16-G&B with Valley, here, 5:30



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Rance Young, Pastor

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Darleta "Dee" Lawhon, Minister

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For Further Information
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Share the Glory of Christmas

Trusting & Accepting God's Ways



Almighty God, how happy are those who trust in you!

Good News Bible Psalms 84:12

Recently, a friend of mine told me about his meeting with a financial adviser, and how for the first time he truly understood what he was being told. He felt he could trust and accept the advice because the financial adviser explained simply and at his level of understanding.

Our relationship with God should also be simple and easy to understand. We may not fully understand everything about our faith or why certain things happen to us in this world, but that's okay. We simply have to realize that God cares about us and that His ways are not always our ways. God's unending love and support for us is always there. In return, He asks us to love, trust, and accept Him as our Lord and Savior.

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