

All Around The Town

By Mary Ann Sarchet

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

Monday, October 3-Ham, Butter Beans, Mixed Greens, Buttered Carrots, Applesauce/Diabetic Applesauce, Cornbread, Milk

Wednesday, October 5-Chicken and Rice, Dutch Blend Vegetables, Buttered Corn, Mixed Fruit and Cookies/Diabetic Fruit and Cookies, Milk

Friday, October 7-King Ranch Casserole, Tossed Salad, Pinto Beans, Stewed Apricots, Crackers, Milk

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.

Charlie and I appreciate very much the nice letter to the editor from J. C. and Thada.

Sheila Reagan isn't doing cakes for a couple of weeks because she became ill and had to have two stints put in last week in a Lubbock hospital. She is at home and doing well, but isn't quite up to cake-making just yet.

Ruby McWaters was in Lubbock Monday of last week to see her doctor, and he released her and told her she could move back home. Her daughter-in-law, Annis McWaters, Elaine LaBaume and Teresa Sutton moved her back into her home in Lockney Tuesday. She is doing well and would appreciate your visits when you are in Lockney.

True Burson had the misfortune of breaking his wrist last Thursday. He had it set under anesthetic in Lubbock on Friday, and returned home in time to stand with the Owls on the sideline at their football game Friday night.

Tri-County Meals will be hosting a Fajita Luncheon Fundraiser Sunday, October 2, in the Silverton School Cafeteria. Serving will begin at 11:00 a.m.

Everyone is invited to attend.

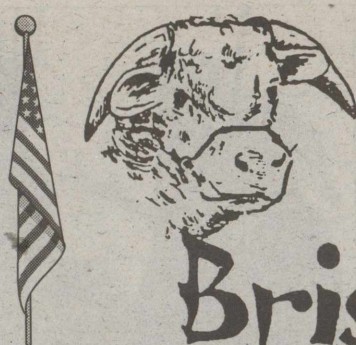
Mary and L. B. Ivory have recently spent a visit with their son, Jon, and his family at Fort Campbell, Tennessee. While there

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Owls Defeated By State's No. 2 Ranked Team

Silverton's Owls played the No. 2 ranked Valley Patriots to a 36-34 decision here Friday night, dropping their first district game of the season. The Owls played with a lot of determination, making their fans very proud of them.

Diego Ramirez kicked off to open the game, and after a couple of plays the Owls intercepted a Valley pass. On their third play the Owls scored on a pass from Gid Mayfield to Jacob Francis. Albert DeLeon kicked the PAT, and with 7:29 remaining in the first quarter, the Owls held an 8-0 lead.

Ramirez kicked off again and Valley controlled the ball. Ernesto Ferrusca sacked the quarterback for a six-yard loss on their first play, but the Patriots scored on a pass play with 6:01 remaining in the quarter. They kicked their PAT, and knotted the score at 8-8.

Valley kicked off and Yance Forbes returned the ball to midfield, but the referees said that Valley must kick off again and this time DeLeon controlled the short kick.

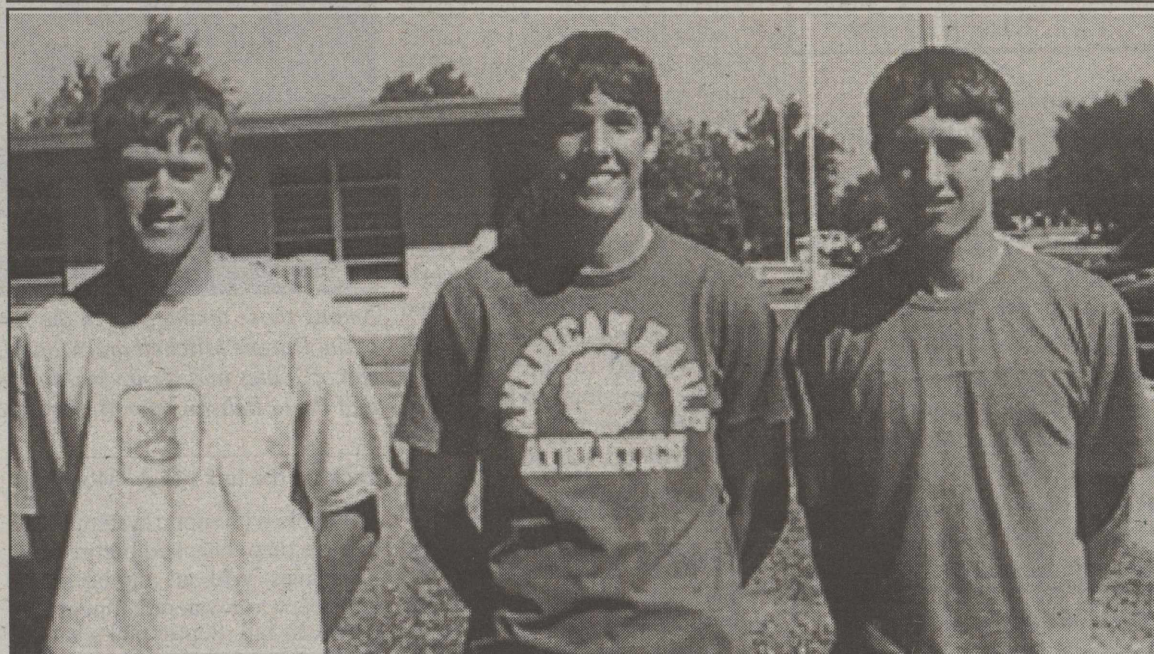
The Owls were unable to score on their next series, and Valley passed complete for another touchdown with 3:56 remaining in the quarter. They kicked the PAT, and moved into a 16-8 lead.

When Valley kicked off, Forbes took the ball all the way to the endzone. DeLeon kicked the PAT, and once again the score was knotted, this time at 16-16.

Valley came right back to score with 2:45 remaining in the first quarter, kicked the PAT, and moved ahead 24-16. When Valley kicked off, Forbes took the ball all the way for another touchdown. DeLeon kicked the PAT, and with 2:33 remaining in the first quarter, the score was knotted again, this time at 24-24, which was the halftime score.

When Valley kicked off to open the second half, DeLeon controlled the onside. Once again defense

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Silverton FFA Livestock Judging Team was the Champion team at the Tri-State Fair in Amarillo September 17, 2005. There were 22 teams and 64 individuals participating in the contest. Gid Mayfield was the high individual with a total of 405 points. Drew Reed came in fifth place with 390 points. Ory Johnson accumulated 381 points which put him in eighth place. These three men did a great job of bringing their team in to win first place. They were 14 points ahead of the second-place team. Pictured (left to right) are Reed, Mayfield and Johnson.



Silverton FFA had a second team participating in the Tri-State Fair in Amarillo September 17, 2005, composed of True Burson, Nichole Schott, Cord Griffin and Shawn Johnson. This team placed ninth overall out of the 22 teams. This was the first time for this team to judge on the FFA level and they did an excellent job.

To The Taxpayers of Briscoe County:

Oldham County Tax Assessor-Collector Cynthia Artho, during the last legislative session, initiated and succeeded in getting a law passed that now "requires" an automobile dealer to provide the customer the option to transfer vehicle titles in the purchaser's home county.

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extra. In the past it has been a battle with the dealers to get them to comply, but not anymore!" said Betty Ann Stephens, Tax Assessor-Collector. "This law went into effect September 1, 2005. Please don't give your money to another county. If you have any questions or comments, please call the tax office at 823-2136," she added.

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From the Patio
by Nina Martin

September 22-The Friendship Quilters this week were Oleta Warren, Nadyne Childress, Joy Stodghill, Ann Norris, Laverne Stephens, Rose Mary Perkins, Christene King, Lallie Patton, Marty Hawk and Nina Martin.

We finished Laverne's "Nine Patch" and put in Ann's "Baltimore Album."

Don't think of how you're going to spend your time--use it.

Wilma Askinas

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they went out fishing, and Mary caught a 22 1/2 inch long striped bass, which excited her a lot. They also got to see Jon promoted to First Sergeant. He left Tuesday, September 27, to return to duty in Iraq. His wife and children will remain at Fort Campbell. Their son, Lyndell, is taking further training as a medic in Virginia. He expects to be sent back to Iraq soon. Their son, Clint, is in technical school in Kentucky.

Continued from last week:

You say: I can't forgive myself.
God says: I FORGIVE YOU (1 John 1:9; Romans 8:1)
You say: I can't manage.
God says: I will supply all your needs. (Philippians 4:19)
You say: I'm afraid.
God says: I have not given you a spirit of fear. (2 Timothy 1:7)
You say: I'm always worried and frustrated.
God says: Cast all your cares on me. (1 Peter 5:7)
You say: I don't have enough faith.
God says: I've given everyone a measure of faith (Romans 12:3)
You say: I'm not clever enough.
God says: I give you wisdom (1 Corinthians 1:30)
You say: I feel all alone.
God says: I will never leave you or forsake you. (Hebrews 13:5)

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**Silverton Softball
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Championship**

Players from the three Silverton softball teams went to Quitaque to play in a tournament sponsored by San Juan Diego Catholic Church Saturday, September 24.

The players were Lance, Zeb and Jeremy Holt, Barry, Jared, Nathan, Andrew and Caleb Francis, Bryan Breedlove, James (Yopie) Smith, Ryan Smith, Phil Patino and Jackie Lynn. Needless to say, all of the players were exhausted after five games, winning four of those games.

There were two Turkey teams and one Amarillo team they competed against in the tournament. The last game played determined the winner, and a \$100 cash prize was awarded to the Silverton champs. They donated the money back to the church. The final score for the winners was 46-28.

**Applicator Test
Slated October 6**

The Pesticide Applicator Test for Private Applicator License only will be given beginning at 8:00 a.m. on Thursday, October 6, 2005, in the Pioneer Room at City Bank-Silverton, 500 Main Street in Silverton.

Cost of the test will be \$5.00.

**Addition, Subtraction
Are Keys to the Future**

School is back in session and that means check books are open. Basic addition and subtraction can keep even the most strapped-for-cash student in the green. Know what purchases are required and cut back on optional items. Set financial goals and achieve them by watching how you spend your money. Compare prices when shopping and pay the bill when it comes in. For more information on economics visit fcs.tamu.edu and

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



Among those taking part in the Kindergarten Fair were Haley Garcia of the Darene Mitchell and Matt Mitchell home; Christian McMorries, son of James and Genie McMorries, Oswaldo Beltran, son of Ubaldo and Perla Beltran, and Mickey Smith, who is holding the pony.

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click on the link titled "Money."

People with septic systems need to have them checked before winter arrives. Without regular maintenance, wastewater treatment systems can fail. Septic tanks should

be pumped out every two to three years, or when the sludge layer surpasses 25% of the total depth.

David Hawkins, CEA-Ag
Texas Cooperative Extension
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through the files of the
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September 5, 1996-Members of the Owl football team are Coach Donnie Dutton, Coach Clyde Parham, Coach Ronnie Miller, Managers Monty Wood and Vance Chandler, Chris Justice, Will Hester, Jared Holt, Matt Martin, Jack Cherry, Billy Edwards, Cory Chandler, Lom Estes, Trey Wyatt, Trey Ziegler, Jon Ivory, Arnold Garza, Anthony Gamble, Nathan Francis, Jason Cherry, Jordan Sarchet, Vince Cruz, Leland Wood, Andy Bullock, David Gamble, Charlie Bomar, Jared Francis, Daniel Reagan, Ryan Minyard, Donny Burson, Paul Segura, Jeremy Holt and Bert Garza. . . . Owls to host Lefors in first home game. . . . Class of 1946 has 50-year reunion, with meal catered by Dale and Dona Smith of Quitaque. . . . Funeral services conducted for Beulah Lee Collins; Glenna Wilson Garrison; Cecil Lora Brown; Roland E. Bell. . . .

September 25, 1986-Silverton's Owls may have battled Amherst to a statistical deadlock last Friday night, but it was as close as the Owls would let their foes get as they took a 37-6 win in district six-man football action. . . . Paymaster Gin Services, formerly Silverton Gin Company, is in the process of being repaired and remodeled in order to be ready for the 1986 ginning season. . . . District Judge George W. Miller is resigning to enter private practice of law. . . . Nominees for Football Queen are Julie Towe, DeLyn Patton, Shannon Bingham and Suzann Settle. . . . Candidates for Pep Squad Beau are Clay Mercer, Jamie Frizzell, Ryan Smith and Corey Robertson. . . . Quinn Montague was named to the President's List after posting a 4.0 grade point average at Texas State Technical Institute in Amarillo. He is studying lazer and electropics technology. . . . Junior High Owls romp to a 22-18 victory over Amherst. . . . Clay Schott won Reserve Breed Champion honors in the Other Purebred Division with a 249-pound Yorkshire at the Panhandle-South Plains Fair Sunday. . . .

September 22, 1976-The children of Mrs. Cora Donnell will honor their mother with a tea Sunday afternoon in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Brooks on the occasion of her ninety-fifth birthday anniversary. . . . Mrs. Lark Miller had surgery Thursday at St. Anthony's Hospital in Amarillo. . . . Susan Grabbe, daughter of Mr.

and Mrs. Warner Grabbe, is semifinalist in the National Merit Scholarship Program. . . . Lynn Frizzell was among key P-A-G seed dealers from a five-state area who attended a regional meeting in Lubbock. . . . Miss Dianna Lynn Purcell became the bride of David Wayne Johnston in a double-ring ceremony September 4. The couple are making their home in Silverton, where he is employed by Thompson Implement Company. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Ware Fogerson to be honored on fortieth anniversary. . . .

September 29, 1966-Owls ruin Cowboy homecoming 14-6. . . . Silverton Gin, Inc. ginned the first bale of cotton of the season for Lynn Welch Wednesday morning. . . . Mrs. J. C. Rhoderick was listed as a surgical patient in the Plainview Hospital this week. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Roy Mayfield left early last week for their ranch near Pineville, Missouri, to transact business for several days. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Louis William Francis, long-time Briscoe County residents, will be honored with a golden wedding anniversary reception Sunday, October 2, at their home southwest of Silverton. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Verlin Towe were in Piedmont, Oklahoma last week to attend the funeral of his uncle. . . . Several art students of Mrs. Louise Vaughan won ribbons at the Floyd County Fair last week. Mrs. Joe Montague won first in the original landscape division with her painting of the old Sand Hill house, known as the old Doak place. The picture was called "Seen Better Times." Mrs. O. R. Stark, jr. won three ribbons. Her first-place ribbon was for a portrait of her son at the piano. Her original still-life painting of a vase of two peonies was a set-up for class, and won third place. Her original landscape of a mirage of Silverton she saw one morning on her way to her art class won a second-place ribbon. Mrs. Roy Montague won third place in the original portrait division with her painting of an Indian woman. Mrs. J. W. Lyon, jr. won second place in the still-life copy division with her harvest scene. Mrs. Johnny Mason won two places. Her bluebonnet landscape placed first and her still-life of apples also won a first-place ribbon. Debbie Bomar won first in the original still-life division with her painting of roses. Mrs. John Francis won second with her atmospheric landscape of a sunset. Mrs. Flute Hutsell had entered in the show a

Spanish-type still-life called "Blue Velvet and Spanish Gold". . . . Mrs. Alvie Francis displayed a landscape and a still-life. . . .

September 27, 1956-Miss Voncille Atchley and John Earl Simpson were united in marriage in a double-ring ceremony at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. Ross Crocker Wednesday morning. . . . Steele family reunion held Sunday in Plainview park. . . . Mrs. Ann Alexander is opening a ladies ready-to-wear shop to be known as Ann's Style Shop. . . . Silverton Owls win over Kangaroos by 19-12 score. . . . Ralph Glover being transferred to SPS office in Olton October 1. . . . Silverton receives half inch of rain Monday night. . . . Miss Sue Smith is bride of Douglas O'Neal. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Joe Schnaible were here to return home her mother, Mrs. J. B. Lanham, who had been visiting them and other relatives in Roswell for several weeks. . . . Mr. and Mrs. John Boyles of Quitaque were Sunday guests of his daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. James Maples and children. . . . Mrs. Shafe Weaver has been a patient in the local hospital for a few days. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Vance Childress and Linda returned home Saturday after having visited Mr. and Mrs. Bailey Childress and Mr. and Mrs. Ted Childress and family in Austin. . . . Mrs. Veral Vaughan was admitted to the local hospital Sunday. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Hilton Vardell of Quitaque visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J.J. Vardell, Sunday. . . . Mr. and Mrs. H. L. O. Riddell of the Haylake community have recently moved their home into town and are now living on Sixth Street. . . .

September 24, 1936-Solid week of rain soaks Briscoe County. . . . Coleman Garrison and J. W. Foust attended the Amarillo Fair Thursday. They expect to return home about Sunday. . . . Silverton defeats Canyon, 6-0. . . . Mrs. Jake McClendon was a victim of the bad streets Friday, when she fell on the crossing between the M-System Store and the Lusk Cafe. Her hip was broken in the fall. . . . Wilma Dickerson and Sara Frances Smith have been chosen by West Texas State Teachers College to receive aid in attending school under provisions of the National Youth Administration. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Woods are parents of a baby born Sunday night. . . . George Kirk and Earl Simpson were in O'Donnell Wednesday on business. . . . Mrs. Roy Brown, who has been employed at the Wood Grocery, is leaving the store, and they will leave in a short time for California with the Jim Bomar family. . . . Pep Club is organized and Anna V. Burleson and Vera Davis are the

Happy Birthday-

September 29-Rex Johnson, George Long
September 30-Rank Cogdell, Wesley Stafford, Lara Ortiz
October 1-Cary Fleming, Chad Greeson, Whitney Perkins
October 2-Anthony May, Karen Turner, Shauna Kingery, Nicole Maddox, Allen Self
October 3-Sybil Thomas, Eric DeLeon, Lori Chandler, Greg Towe
October 4-Michael Hill, Kim McPherson, Kelly McMurtry, Brandi Rice, Peter DeLeon
October 5-Skylar Brannon, Bryan Schott, Maria Maciel

Happy Anniversary-

October 3-Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Drew
October 5-Mr. and Mrs. Brad West

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Henrik Ibsen

cheerleaders. . . . Junior Class-officers are Alton Strickland, president; Gladys Cline, vice president; Luetta Northcutt, secretary-treasurer; Georgia Kirk, reporter. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Dallas Culwell went to House, New Mexico Friday on a business trip. . . .

Silverton School Lunch Menu

Monday, October 3-Frito Pie, Salad, Fruit, Milk
Tuesday, October 4-Pizza, Salad, Fruit, Milk
Wednesday, October 5-Beef & Cheese Taco, Beans, Salad, Hot Sauce, Brownie, Milk
Thursday, October 6-Hamburger Steak, Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Sweet Carrots, Roll, Butter, Honey, Milk
Friday, October 7-Sub Sandwiches, Chips, Salad, Pickle, Fruit, Milk

Silverton School Activities

Thursday, September 29-JH vs. Cotton Center, here, 5:00; JV vs. Spur, here, 6:30
Friday, September 30-Varsity Owls vs. Cotton Center, district game, there, 7:30
October 6-Owl JV, at Happy, 6:30; Owl Junior High, at Happy, 5:00
October 7-Varsity Owls vs. Happy, home, district game, 7:30
October 8-Cross Country Girls & Boys at Ceta Canyon
October 12-PSAT Test-Juniors

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WHEREAS, Fair housing is consistent with the principle of equality and justice for all, providing the challenge to combat discrimination, and to broaden the protection of the beliefs upon which our nation was founded; and **WHEREAS**, This month provides an opportunity for all Americans to rededicate themselves to the principles of free choice and to reacquire themselves with the rights and responsibilities that are theirs under the Fair Housing Law.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Lane Garvin, Mayor of the City of Silverton, do hereby proclaim October 2005 as:

FAIR HOUSING MONTH IN THE CITY OF SILVERTON

and urge my fellow citizens to join me in reaffirming the obligation and commitment to fair housing opportunities for all people.

Let all within the reach of this proclamation heed its directive. By his Honor the Mayor of the City of Silverton, Texas.
Lane Garvin
September 12, 2005

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By Executive Order of the Honorable Clyde Dudley, Mayor of the City of Quitaque, it is proclaimed: **WHEREAS**, September 2005 marks the thirty-seventh anniversary of the passage of the Civil Rights Act of 1968, which included Title VIII, the Fair Housing Law, for guaranteed equal housing opportunity for all citizen; and

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FAIR HOUSING MONTH IN THE CITY OF QUITAQUE

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Clyde Dudley
September 12, 2005

Our (adult) children have an adult's right to make their own choices and have the responsibility of living with the consequences. If we make their problems ours, they avoid that responsibility, and we are faced with problems we can't and shouldn't solve.

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From the Bird's Nest

-by Jerry Birdsong
Superintendent

I was beginning to wonder if the fall was ever going to get here. Most of September felt like August. The thermometer hit 101 Sunday while we were driving to Lubbock. I think there is a coun-

try and western song about it being too hot to fish. That is about where I was last week.

The school activities are going full speed. The Owl football team is beginning its push for the state playoffs. The girls are busy with cross country. Burson's Aggies went to a livestock judging contest two weeks ago and showed the Tri-State folks that we had the best

team. Junior High and Junior Varsity football are busy doing a great job of representing our school and community. Last Friday's game was a classic and I am proud of the Owls' sportsmanship and effort in a tough loss to Valley. We have a ballgame every week at Payne Field. We love to have you come out and support these young people. If you have some years behind you,

stop by the office and pick up a gold card for home game admission.

Our current enrollment is 221 kids and we have room for more. It is a great school and a lot of kids throughout the state are missing a great experience at Silverton ISD. As I walk through our classrooms, one thing that stands out is that our faculty and staff are there for the

kids. No child left behind is the standard set by our school.

There has been some concern relayed to me about heat-related illnesses and athletics. I wish we could create a risk-free environment, but with every step we take there is a risk. Our coaches do take steps to lessen the risks. We put our

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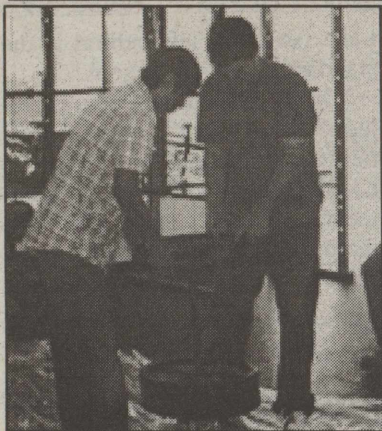


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The Senior Class members of the Physics I class recently designed an engineering project. The goal was to design a structure made out of Popsicle sticks to support weight. The winning design would support the most weight with the least number of Popsicle sticks. Scores were calculated using a formula that considered the weight to stick number ratio. The winning design was by Ethan Long, whose design supported 700 pounds with 21 Popsicle sticks. Second place went to Jacob Francis with a design that supported 405 pounds with 18 Popsicle sticks. Third place went to Melonie Johnson, whose design supported 595 pounds with 34 Popsicle sticks. The other members of the Physics I class also had excellent designs. Pictured are Ethan and Jacob weighing a design.

Owls--

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took over and dominated the game until only 1:16 remained in the quarter and Valley scored. Ramirez blocked the PAT kick, leaving the Patriots on the long end of the 30-24 score.

The Owls came back to score on a pass from Forbes to Drew Reed. DeLeon kicked the PAT, and with 24 seconds remaining in the third quarter, the Owls held the long end of the 32-30 score.

The fourth quarter began with Valley on offense, and with 8:15 remaining in the game the Patriots scored. There was no PAT, and the Valley boys moved ahead 36-32.

After an unsuccessful offensive effort by the Owls, Valley came back with a fumble which they recovered and a ball that was centered over the quarterback's head and into the endzone for a safety for the Owls with 3:18 remaining in the game. This brought the score to 36-34. When Valley kicked off, Mayfield controlled the ball. A few plays later Valley killed the clock to escape with the victory.

The Owls will travel to Cotton Center Friday night for kickoff at 7:30 p.m.

I like to listen. I have learned a great deal from listening carefully. Most people never listen.

Ernest Hemingway

From the Bird's Nest

by Jerry Birdsong
Superintendent

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kids in the best equipment available and give plenty of water breaks during the activities. We also have lightning detection equipment for use during inclement weather. The University Interscholastic League (UIL) has done a great job of raising awareness and our folks have paid attention. During the hot month of September, our students had been conditioned for up to six weeks and their bodies should have been well-adjusted to the heat.

We made it through the budget/tax rate process. Our board adopted a good budget at the end of August that will meet the educational needs of our students. There were increases due to payroll cost and anticipated increases for utilities and fuel. Due to a tax effort the past two years, we projected more state monies to help fund our district. Although the tax rate was raised two cents per \$100, your school board is committed to keeping the tax rate as low as possible and ensure that your students get a quality education.

It also appears that our district's fund balance continues to head in the right direction. After the auditors are through, we will know exactly where we stand at the end of the 2004-05 school year.

We will have a Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas (FIRST) hearing on Thursday, September 29, at 5:00 p.m. in the board room. Silverton ISD received the highest rating--Superior Achievement, for the 2003-04 fiscal year. It is my pledge to continue this excellence in the financial integrity system.

We are excited to announce that the district has entered an energy management contract with Digital Air of Lubbock. We have plans to change lighting in the building, along with other energy cutting measures this year. It will allow the district to improve the lighting in the classroom, while cutting utility costs. We hope to have the work done during the Christmas break.

Pitchin' in seems to be an early theme for our new school year. I have already observed at least a half a dozen times that school personnel or kids have pitched in and helped with something that was not necessarily their responsibility.

The National Honor Society and other high school students painted the elementary playground equipment. Burson's Aggies

Silverton Junior Varsity Owls Defeated Valley 39-6 Thursday

Silverton's Junior Varsity Owls maintained their unbeaten status at Valley last Thursday by earning a 39-6 victory over the Patriots.

The Owls received the ball on the 20-yard line, and saw good runs by Cord Stidham and Kanon McGee, which led to a touchdown by Stidham from the one-yard line. There was no PAT, and the Owls moved into a 6-0 lead with 5:20 remaining on the first-quarter clock.

When Valley took possession of the ball, defense by Cooper Cogdell, Calvin Daugherty and True Burson held the Patriots, and the ball went over on downs to the Owls.

Runs by Shane Estes and Stidham and a couple of incomplete passes sent the ball back to the Patriots, who also were unable to gain sufficient yardage. The first quarter ended with the 6-0 score.

The Owls abbreviated Valley's next possession with a fumble recovery. Runs by Stidham and McGee and pass completions from Cogdell to Daugherty and Cogdell to Carlos Garcia resulted in a touchdown. Martinez kicked the PAT, to give the Owls a 14-0 lead.

Valley took the ball on their 20 to begin the second half, and on the first play a fumble was recovered by Daugherty.

Runs by Stidham and Estes and a face-mask penalty gave the Owls the ball on the five. From there, Estes carried into the end zone for painted the football concession stand tables. Mrs. Towe's class helped clean up the cafeteria dining room last week when we were short-handed. I saw a principal pushing a broom, football coaches mowing game fields, and an athletic director refereeing a football game. There was also a rumor of a strange-looking cafeteria lady serving, but I have not been able to confirm this story.

Pitchin' in has also been a theme concerning the disaster in Louisiana and Mississippi. Our second grade classroom raised over \$60 and the pep rally buckets yielded \$675.33. Clarendon College's School of Nursing had a non-perishable item drive at the September 8 ballgames. Also, Silverton ISD donated the gate receipts (\$674) that night to the Red Cross. Sometimes we feel like we don't have much to offer, but then again, I have heard a story about five loaves of bread and two fish.

We can never thank the Silverton community enough for supporting the Silverton schools.

another score. There was no PAT, and the Owls held a 20-0 lead with 7:04 remaining in the quarter.

Defense by Burson, Cogdell and Estes gave the ball back to the Owls, and Cogdell completed a long pass to McGee which was called back. Cogdell passed to Garcia for a 17-yard gain which was called back due to a holding penalty. Cogdell passed to Garcia for a touchdown with 4:52 remaining in the third quarter. There was no PAT, and the Owls held a 26-0 lead.

When the Owls got the ball back again, runs by Stidham moved the ball into scoring position, and Stidham carried into the endzone from four yards out. There was no PAT, and the Owls upped their lead to 32-0 with 3:01 remaining in the third quarter.

The Owl defense held, and the Owls got the ball back on the Valley 25. Burson and Stidham completed runs as the third quarter ended. The Owls made a first down on the two-yard line before fumbling and losing the ball. The Owl defense held once again, and got the ball back for the Owls.

Stidham and McGee alternated in carrying the ball, and Stidham scored on a 12-yard run with 3:05 remaining in the game. Burson passed to Daugherty for the PAT, to move the Owls into a 39-0 lead.

The Patriots came back to score on a 50-yard run. Their PAT attempt failed, and the score was narrowed to 39-6.

The JV Owls will host the team from Spur today (Thursday, September 29) with kickoff at 6:30 p.m.

People are living longer than ever before, a phenomenon undoubtedly made necessary by the 30-year mortgage.

Doug Larson

The only way to have a friend is to be one.

Ralph Waldo Emerson

Junior High Owls Drop Game to Valley, 38-12

Valley's Junior High Patriots opened their game against Silverton last Thursday with a run back of the kickoff. Their PAT attempt failed, and Valley held an early 6-0 lead.

Nick Garcia made an eight yard run, and Brooks Brock scored on a 36-yard run with 4:48 remaining in the first quarter. There was no PAT, and the score was knotted at 6-6.

Valley came back with a score on a 59-yard run with 4:27 remaining to be played to move ahead 12-6.

Brock made a 55-yard kickoff return with 4:10 left in the first quarter. There was no PAT, and the score was tied at 12-12.

As the first quarter ended, Garcia led the defense by intercepting a pass on the one-yard line. Garcia picked up yardage and Brock made a first down before the ball went over on downs.

Valley scored again with 1:05 remaining in the first half. There was no PAT, and the Patriots held an 18-12 lead.

Weston Howell was sacked for a loss, after which Garcia picked up some yardage before the half ended.

Valley recovered the onside kick, and scored again with 4:02 remaining. The PAT was good, and the Patriots moved ahead 25-12.

The Owls lost a fumble to end their next offensive effort, and Valley scored again with seconds remaining in the third quarter. The PAT was good, and Valley held a 32-12 lead.

The Patriots scored again with 4:54 remaining in the game, to make the score 38-12. The Owls picked up yardage on runs by Matthew Maciel, Tanner Schott and Timothy Ramirez, but were unable to score.

The Junior High Owls will host Cotton Center at 5:00 p.m. this afternoon (Thursday, September 29).

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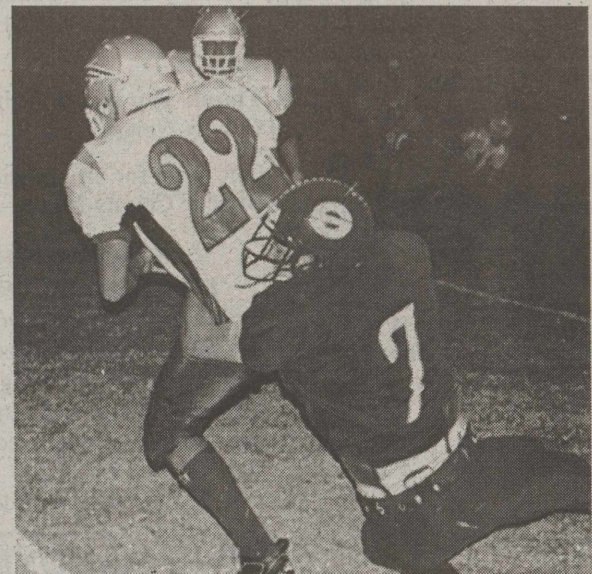
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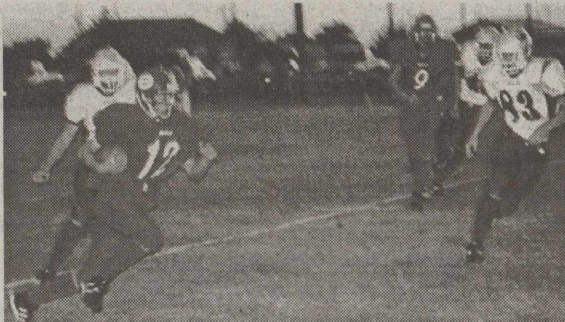
Owls use team tackling.



Gid Mayfield stops Alex Espinoza.



Owls demonstrate defense.



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Norberto Garcia

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