

All Around The Town

By Mary Ann Sarchet



A love fund has been opened for the Joe Davis family at City Bank. This will help defray the expenses they have incurred since their automobile accident.

Briscoe County Activities Association will be sponsoring a Christmas decoration contest in Silverton.

Top three winners will receive prizes. Judging will be on the night of December 20.

Be sure to turn your lights on the night of the judging, so your display can be seen well.

Silverton Postmaster Hoot Barker has announced that his staff will welcome area patrons to their annual Christmas Open House which is set for Monday, December 17, from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. There will be snacks and refreshments served to the public.

Silverton United Methodist Church presents their annual Living Nativity, "A Walk to Bethlehem," from 6:00 until 9:00 p.m. on Saturday, December 15. A new tour begins every 10 minutes from City Bank. Meet in the Conference Room at the bank.

Don't forget that it's time to get your letters to Santa written so they can be included in the Christmas edition of the Briscoe County News. Take or mail them to the News Office, Box 130, Silverton 79257, or mail them at the Post Office to Santa at the North Pole.

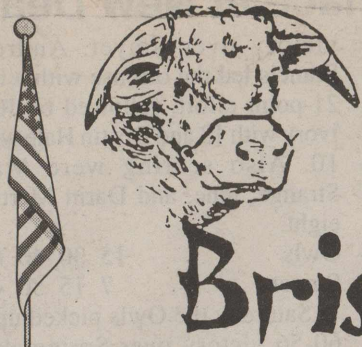
There will be a Family Nature Hike beginning at 9:00 a.m. Saturday, December 15, at Caprock Canyons State Park. You are invited to join Park personnel for a guided hike, approximately one hour long. Investigate plants, animal tracks and more. Spectacular scenery and fun for the whole family.

Get back to the basics with dutch oven cooking. Join the Park staff at 2:00 p.m. Saturday, December 15, for an afternoon of fun and learning.

First Baptist Church and the Adult Choir invite you to attend "Celebrate the Child who is the Light" Sunday, December 16 at 6:00 p.m. The musical features traditional songs of the Christmas season, as well as some new ones. You are also invited to stay for a special fellowship following the presentation.

BLOOD DRIVE DECEMBER 18

Coffee Memorial Blood Center will have its bloodmobile at the City Hall in Silverton from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.



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Silverton Owls All-District team members are (back row, left to right) Chase Comer, Duncan Vernon, John Arnold, Nathan Baker; (front) Red Ivory, Andrew Francis, Dustin Hale, Monty Wood.

Briscoe County News Photo

Owls Chosen For All-District Teams

Several members of the Silverton Owl football team have been chosen for the All-District teams.

In addition, Andrew Francis has been chosen as a player in the All-Star Game to be played during the Six-Man Coaches Association Meeting in Lubbock this summer.

Chosen for the First Team Offense were Andrew Francis, Spread Back; John Arnold, Center; Red Ivory, Split End; Andrew Francis, Kicker.

On the Second Team Offense are Dustin Hale, End; Nathan Baker, Split End.

Named to the First Team Defense were Duncan Vernon, Defensive Line; Andrew Francis, Linebacker; Red Ivory, Safety; Red Ivory, Punter.

Dustin Hale was named to the Defensive Line on the Second Team Defense.

BCAA to Have Called Meeting

Members of Briscoe County Activities Association will have a called meeting at 7:00 p.m. today (Thursday, December 13) at the Showbarn in Silverton.

The first admission fee for a baseball game--fift cents perperson--was charged to see the game between the New York All-Stars and Brooklyn All-Stars at the Fashion Race Course on Long Island in 1858.

County & District Clerk is Seeking Re-election

Bena Hester has authorized the Briscoe County News to announce that she is seeking re-election as Briscoe County & District Clerk.

In making her announcement, she said:

"I have enjoyed serving Briscoe County as their County & District Clerk. I ask the citizens of Briscoe County for their continued support and would urge each and everyone to exercise their American privilege to vote."

Political Advertising Paid For By Bena Hester

Commissioner Weaks To Seek Re-election Here

Gary Weaks, Briscoe County Commissioner of Precinct 4, has announced that he will be a candidate for re-election, subject to the action of the primary in March.

"I am announcing my candidacy for re-election to the office of commissioner, precinct four. Our county and precinct are in solid financial condition. Briscoe County is well respected throughout the region and state," Weaks said.

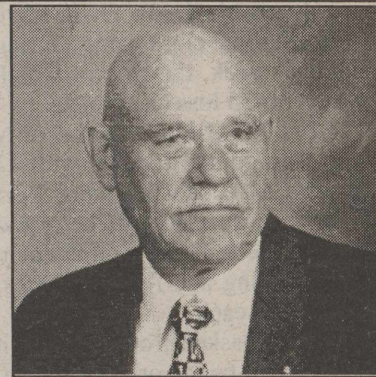
He continued, "From my first day in office, it has been utmost in my desire to maintain and strengthen the high standards we have established in our precinct and county. I appreciate your support and vote in the upcoming election."

Political Advertising Paid For By Gary Weaks

Fall Producers Meeting Set In Claude

Provided by Brandon McGinty
County Extension Agent-Ag

The Armstrong County Extension Service and the Armstrong County Agriculture Industries Committee will host the Fall Producers meeting today (December 13) at the Armstrong County Activities Bldg, which is located one mile south of 287 on highway 207. The program will offer five CEUs. Registration will be from 8:00 until 8:30 a.m. with the program starting at 8:30. A ribeye steak lunch will be served, sponsored by several companies. The program will wrap up about 3:30 or 4:00 p.m.



Edwin Norris

Norris Seeking Re-election as Justice of Peace

Edwin Norris has authorized the Briscoe County News to announce that he is a candidate for re-election to the office of Justice of the Peace, Briscoe County Precinct 1, subject to action of the Primary in March.

"Your vote for my re-election as Justice of the Peace will be appreciated. It has been my goal to serve fairly and impartially both those who did and those who did not vote for me," Judge Norris said in making his announcement.

"I will make an effort to visit with each voter before election day," he added.

Political Advertising Paid For By Edwin Norris

Mary Jo Brannon Seeking Re-election

Mary Jo Brannon has announced she will be a candidate for re-election to the office of Briscoe County Treasurer in the Democratic Primary in March.

"I am familiar with county government and the duties of the County Treasurer," Mrs. Brannon said, "I believe that I am a dedicated employee of the people of Briscoe County."

"I will attempt to contact each resident of Briscoe County before the March Primary," Mrs. Brannon added.

Political Advertising Paid For By Mary Jo Brannon

In addition to the program, there will be commercial exhibitors representing different companies from seed dealerships to implement companies. The exhibitors will donate door prizes and be on hand to answer any questions you may have about their products. Come get the CEUs you need, a ribeye steak, and hve the opportunity to win some valuable door prizes.

2001 Precipitation Summary

	Normal Precip.	Precip. Received
January	.65	1.94
February	.60	.87
March	.93	3.23
April	1.49	1.12
May	3.11	5.26
June	3.78	.93
July	2.39	.32
August	2.64	4.42
September	2.49	1.94
October	1.75	.02
November	.71	2.02
December	.68	.00
Totals	21.22	22.07

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New shipment of sympathy cards has arrived at the Briscoe County News. 9-tfnc

SERVICES

I will still be baking cakes but will have them at my house. If you need a cake or to place an order, please call and leave a message and your phone number and I will return your call. Juannah 43-1tnc

I will put your Christmas Lights up for you. 823-2004 or 823-2095. 48-2tnc

Just in time for the Christmas Holidays. Order your brisket, fried or smoked turkey. Please your order by December 14th for delivery on December 22nd. Call Cam Forbes, 847-2257, to order. Briskets, \$25.00; Smoked turkeys, \$25.00; Fried Turkeys, \$30.00 49-2tc

Need Pies for the Christmas holidays? I will be baking pecan, pumpkin, buttermilk and chess pies. Call Debra at 823-2378. If there is no answer, please leave a message on the machine. 50-2tp

GARAGE SALE

Garage Sale: Men's, Women's (size 14 and 16)(7 and 9 Jr.) and baby clothes. Lots of miscellaneous items, Christmas decorations. 906 Commerce Street, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. 50-1tp

HELP WANTED

Office Help Wanted: Apply in person at Rhoderick Irrigation. 49-tfc

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New Grass Should Improve Lawns, Athletic Fields

Provided by Brandon McGinty County Extension Agent-Ag

A revolutionary new turf grass could mean less yard work for you and some big changes for Texas athletic fields. It's called Axcella.

Small grains breeder Lloyd Nelson says the new grass has the same qualities as winter ryegrass, yet it does not contain any of the negative characteristics. Winter turf grasses are used to plant over Bermuda lawns when they die during the winter.

Axcella does not require as much mowing in the spring as normal annuals, and it won't grow late in the season like perennial grasses. Another advantage to the grass is that it should stand up well to abuse from cleated shoes. This is impor-

Cards of Thanks

To the wonderful people of Silverton, thank you so very much for the prayers, phone calls, visits and cards of sympathy in the death of my brother. Also to all who took time out of their busy day to attend the funeral. God bless and keep each of you.

Love,
Mary Grantham

tant since most of its applications will be in athletic fields.

Axcella is well suited for most of Texas with an exception of the high plains.

Texas Christmas trees are looking good, and buying one is becoming more and more of a tradition. But consumers should be careful of where the trees are coming from. Trees coming from out of state are at least a week old, and they will dry out quicker. The average price for a six-foot tree is between twenty and sixty dollars for a pre-cut.

POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENTS
Authorized in the Briscoe County News For County Judge, Briscoe County, Texas:

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Re-election

For County & District Clerk, Briscoe County, Texas:

BENA HESTER
Re-election

For County Sheriff, Briscoe County, Texas:

TERRY MILLER

For County Treasurer, Briscoe County, Texas:

MARY JO BRANNON
Re-election

For Justice of the Peace, Briscoe County Precinct 1:

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Today's Youth Are Tomorrow's Leaders**

Cory Payne, Briscoe County Extension Agent-FCS

Youth across Texas have many opportunities to observe and study others in leadership roles, as well as performing as a leader and role model for young people. As 4-H members advance through various projects and activities, many will have an opportunity to serve in a leadership capacity and eventually reach one of the highest offices available to 4-H'ers, to serve on a county, district or state 4-H Council.

District 1 recently conducted its annual Panhandle 4-H Leadership Retreat at West Texas A&M University where the new officers were elected. Candidates went through an interview, gave a prepared speech on their qualifications followed by a two-minute impromptu talk on a given subject that related to 4-H.

The following 4-H'ers will serve as the 2001-2002 District 1 officers: D'Ann Artho, president; Jennifer Calvi, first vice president;

J. W. Wagner, second vice president; Skylar Clifton, third vice president; Seth Hoelsher, secretary; Sally Paliza, treasurer; Jonathon Glueck, reporter; Carla Archibeque, historian and state delegate at large.

Skylar Clifton is a member of Briscoe County 4-H Club and a senior at Valley High School. He is well versed in the 4-H program and participates in a variety of 4-H projects such as Swine, Food Show and Photography. One of his main goals while being a District 1 officer is to increase district involvement and participation.

At the state level, some 36 youth serve annually on the Texas 4-H Council, which guides and coordinates activities across the 12 districts of Texas Cooperative Extension. Each year, a new set of young leaders is elected to represent the state's more than 1,000,000 4-H Club members. Delegates to the State 4-H Council from the district



With the High Plains cotton harvest virtually complete all that remains is the ginning and classification of cotton still in modules.

For most growers one of the more pleasant surprises of this year's crop has been the consistently high quality it has exhibited.

Overall the crop has averaged some of the best color, staple and strength readings observed in recent memory.

To date the Lubbock Cotton Classing office has processed just over 1.6 million bales of cotton and expects to see slightly more than two million bales by the end of the ginning season.

Staple lengths recorded at the USDA Agricultural Marketing Service Cotton Classing Office in Lubbock are averaging just under 1 1/16th inches (Staple 34) with approximately half having staples of 34 or longer and the rest coming in below that figure.

HVI Color and Leaf measurements have also been a pleasant surprise. More than 75 percent of the crop classed to date has been assigned Color Grades 11 or 21 while 93 percent of the bales have received Leaf grades of three or better.

The only HVI reading that appears to be less than optimal appears to be Micronaire where the trend for much of the season has been to the high side of the optimal range. This is further evidenced by the fact that 45 percent of the bales classed at Lubbock has mike measurements in the 4.3 - 4.9 range and 19.9 percent have been assigned mike grades of 5.0 or greater.

Karnal Bunt Hits Texas

Karnal bunt has infected more than two million bushels of Texas wheat. In information provided by Extension Agent Brandon McGinty, there is only one solution--not to plant wheat. Karnal bunt is a fungal disease that affects a portion of the wheat kernel, leaving an eroded area and a mass of black pores that produce an offensive odor.

Karnal bunt has cost the Rolling Plains more than \$27 million this year.

It has been around for more than 30 years, and is known to have originated in a number of countries, but especially Mexico. To minimize the risk of Karnal bunt, producers should be sure that seeds and farm equipment are free of the disease.

The high mike readings are in many cases keeping producers from realizing the full price benefits of the longer than expected staple readings.

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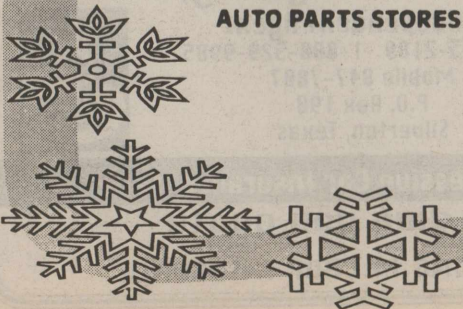


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Lady Owls Drop Some Close Games

Silverton's Lady Owls have dropped some close games during the past week, the first of which was a 36-35 loss to Lorenzo.

Bryn Mayfield was the only player in double figures, with 12 points. Also scoring were Lori Griffin, seven; Chelsey Cherry and Tarran Forbes, five points each; Jenny Young and Amanda Estes, two points each.

Hitting baskets from downtown were Bryn, two; Lori and Tarran, one each.

The Lady Owls led at the end of the first quarter, 8-6, and were still ahead 16-11 at the midway stop. The Lorenzo girls had a really big third quarter, and held on for the victory.

Lady Owls	8	16	24	35
Lorenzo	6	11	29	36

The Lady Owls were paired with Floydada in the first round of the New Deal tournament, but were no match for the 2A girls.

Lori Griffin and Kurby Garvin hit three-point shots. Chelsey Cherry led the scoring with six points; Lori got five; Kurby and Tarran Forbes got three points each, and Amanda Estes hit two points.

Lady Owls	4	12	12	19
Floydada	16	27	38	46

In the second round of the tournament, the Lady Owls dropped another close game, 55-50, to Anton, after having knotted the score at 39-39 at the end of three quarters.

Chelsey Cherry led the offense for the Lady Owls with 16 points. Bryn Mayfield caged 15. Also scoring were Lori Griffin and Amanda Estes, five points each; Jenny Young, Tarran Forbes and Kassie Strange, three points each. Hitting shots from outside the

arc were Bryn, three; Lori, Jenny and Tarran, one each.

Lady Owls	17	27	39	50
Anton	18	28	39	55

Semester Test Schedule Given

Semester tests for grades 6-12 will be given Thursday, December 20. The even periods will meet at:

2nd period	8:10- 9:25
4th period	9:29-10:44
6th period	10:48-12:03
Lunch	12:03-12:30
8th period	12:35- 1:50

School will be dismissed and buses will run at 1:50 p.m.

Friday, December 21, the odd period tests will be given at:

1st period	8:10- 9:25
Quiet Zone	9:30-10:20
5th period	10:25-11:40
Lunch	11:45-12:15
7th period	12:20- 1:35

School will be dismissed for the holidays and buses will run at 1:35 p.m.

Silverton School Lunch Menu

Monday, Dec. 17--Chicken Fajita, Hot Sauce, Salad, Ranch Beans, Chips, Milk

Tuesday, Dec. 18--Burrito, Hot Sauce, Salad, Corn, Milk, Fruit

Wednesday, Dec. 19--Pig-in-Blanket, Baked Beans, Onion Rings, Milk, Fruit

Thursday, Dec. 20--Hamburger, Cheese, Salad, French Fries, Milk, Cookies

Friday, Dec. 21--Vegetable Soup, Cheese Sandwich, Crackers, Milk, Fruit

The actress known to the world as Sarah Bernhardt was originally named Rosine Bernard.

Owls Win Fifth Place at New Deal

Silverton's Owls opened the tournament at New Deal last weekend with the Floydada Whirlwinds, and dropped the game.

The two teams played again later in the tournament, and the Owls took a 53-39 victory.

The Owls had three players in double figures, led by Red Ivory, with 18 points; Darin Martin, 17, and Matt Strange, 14. Also scoring was Andrew Francis, four points.

Shots from downtown were hit by Ivory, two.

The game was close most of the distance, being tied at 22-22 at the midway stop. The Owls outscored the Whirlwinds in both the third and fourth quarters to take the win.

Owls	13	22	38	53
Floydada	12	22	28	39

In the tournament's second round, the Owls earned a 61-40

victory over Smyer. Andrew Francis led the offense with a big 21-point effort, followed by Red Ivory with 13 and Dustin Hale with 10. Also scoring were Matt Strange, nine, and Darin Martin, eight.

Owls	15	30	40	61
Smyer	7	15	30	40

Saturday the Owls picked up a 60-56 victory over Springlake-Earth in overtime. Red Ivory contributed two three-pointers and Darin Martin rang up four points in the overtime period to seal the victory.

Ivory led the offense by burning the baskets with 29 points. Dustin Hale got 12 and Darin Martin rang up 10 points. Also scoring were Andrew Francis, five, and Matt Strange, four points.

Owls	13	26	36	50	60
S-E	11	19	35	50	56

Owl JV Plays in Tulia Tournament

The Owl Junior Varsity played in the Tulia Tournament last weekend, defeating Bovina and losing to Tulia and Nazareth.

The Owls defeated Bovina 35-19 after leading much of the way in the game. Eric Minyard led the offense by scoring 12 points. Adding to the score were Payton Estes and Beau Brock, six points each; Bert Vasquez, five; Caleb Francis, four; James Tiffin, two points.

JV Owls	7	12	23	35
Bovina	10	18	25	32

The Owls dropped a big game to Tulia, 45-19.

Scoring for the Owls were Caleb Francis, seven; Eric Minyard, six; Bert Vasquez, three; Beau Brock, two, and Payton Estes, one point.

JV Owls	4	8	13	19
Tulia	10	18	28	45

Nazareth won Saturday's game 62-42.

Payton Estes led the scoring in this game with 13 points. Adding to the score were Bert Vasquez, eight; Caleb Francis, seven; Eric Minyard, six; Beau Brock, five; Zack Burson, three points.

JV Owls	8	14	28	42
Nazareth	15	36	54	62

Nursing Homes Join Not-For-Profit Company

The recent decision by Extendicare Health Services, Inc. to divest its interest in Texas nursing homes has resulted in the Tulia, Floydada and Lockney nursing homes becoming part of Senior Health Properties-Texas, Inc., a not for profit corporation headquartered in Pennsylvania. According to Carol A. Tschop, chairman and president of Senior Health Properties, the goal for each center is to provide the highest possible quality of care in an environment which celebrates the individual

8th Grade Owls Defeat Hedley

The Eighth Grade Owls earned a big 58-20 victory over Hedley behind the scoring leadership of Gid Mayfield, who ripped the cords with 19 points, and Chief Garcia, who added 17.

Adding to the score were Jesse Reynolds and Josh Maciel, eight points each; Jacob Francis, four points.

The Eighth Grade Owls jumped out to an early lead and continued to build their lead throughout the game.

8th Owls	14	25	45	58
Hedley	10	15	17	20

The Seventh Grade Owls dropped their game to Valley, 44-23.

Scoring for the Owls were Drew Reed, 11; Zak Perkins, four; Ory Johnson and Dusty Burson, three points each; E. J. Ivory, two points.

7th Owls	4	7	16	23
Valley	12	25	32	44

dignity and value to all who live and work there. The transfer of ownership/operations of the 16 Texas nursing homes became effective October 1, 2001.

The decision by Extendicare to leave Texas was in keeping with the company's plan to divest assets "that impede growth or create undue risk exposure," according to Extendicare CEO Mel Rhinelander. A similar decision was made last year when they ceased operations in the State of Florida, primarily due to the litigious nature of doing business in the state.

Management services for the three health and rehab centers will be handled by Transition Health Services of Texas, LLC of Flower Mound, Texas.

Lynn Blanchard, Administrator of the health care facilities, said

Happy Birthday-

December 13--Debbie McGavock, Jason Turner, Mar Melendez, Coy Baird

December 14--Mark Burk

December 15--Heather Davis, Scott Davis, Aaron Younger, Angela McCutchen

December 16--Joe Castillo, Virgal Minyard, Stanley Gamble

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

December 18--Curtis Blake, Reed, Bobby Joe Edwards, jr., Dorthye Fulbright

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

Happy Anniversary-

December 16--Mr. and Mrs. Dayne Mayfield

December 17--Mr. and Mrs. Van Breedlove

December 18--Mr. and Mrs. Charles Childre, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Jarnagin, Mr. and Mrs. Walt Garrison

December 19--Mr. and Mrs. Greg Hill, Mr. and Mrs. Don Francis

Silverton School Activities

Thursday, Dec. 13--Board Meeting; School Employee Supper, 7:00

Friday, Dec. 14--Varsity and JV at Motley County, 4:00

Saturday, Dec. 15--JH Clarendon Tournament

Sunday, Dec. 16--Robin Boedeker's Christmas Recital

Monday, Dec. 17--Migrant/AP Meeting, 9:00; Robin Boedeker's Christmas Program, QZ and 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, Dec. 18--Groom Varsity Here, 6:30

Thursday, Dec. 20--Even Semester Tests

Friday, Dec. 21--Odd Semester Tests; Christmas Break begins; Floydada Here, 4:00

Thursday-Friday-Saturday, Dec. 27-28-29--Silverton Hoot-Out

residents, families and the communities should see little change in the manner in which Tulia, Floydada and Lockney Health and Rehab Centers provide services. The local health and rehab centers will continue to offer the same level of service and professional care the communities have come to expect.

It never yet did hurt to lay down likelihoods and forms of hope.

--William Shakespeare, Henry IV, Part 2

The family you come from isn't as important as the family you're going to have.

--Ring Lardner

PSALM 27:8, 13 (RSV)

Thy face, Lord, do I seek:
 I believe that I shall see the goodness
 of the Lord
 in the land of the living!

Rock Creek Church of Christ

LOOKING BACK

through the files of the
Briscoe County News

November 14, 1991--OWLS WIN THE CHAMPIONSHIP! Coach Clyde Parham received the district championship trophy as the players savored their victory over the Lazbuddie Longhorns. It was the first time in 47 years the Owls had won an outright district championship! . . . Funeral services conducted for Roger Younger, 38 . . . Bertha Rhoderick celebrated her 96th birthday Sunday in the home of her son and daughter-in-law, Billy and Patsy Rhoderick, in Lubbock . . . JV Owls take big 52-7 victory at Lazbuddie . . . DeLyn Patton was honored with a bridal shower Saturday afternoon in the Pioneer Room at First State Bank .

October 22, 1981--Dani Whitfill is Football Queen . . . Mr. and Mrs. Victor Weaks are parents of a daughter, Misti Mae, born October 19 . . . Homer Stephens was reported to be doing better at Methodist Hospital in Lubbock Tuesday . . . Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Sherman are parents of a son, Rolf . . . Jack Sutton was re-elected to the Caprock Soil & Water Conservation District board of directors Thursday . . . Mrs. H. B. Simpson and her mother, Mrs. Ruby Gilkeyson, were in Plainview Monday to take Russell Simpson for his appointment with the dentist . . . Mrs. Daphene Lytle has been receiving treatment at Central Plains Hospital in Plainview . . . Mr. and Mrs. Larry Comer are parents of a daughter, Lisa Kay . . .

November 11, 1971--Jay Patrick Long, son of Mr. and Mrs. Beryl Long, enlisted October 29 in the U. S. Army for a period of three years . . . Rev. J. H. Hamblen, 93, buried at Abilene . . . Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Griffin were in Amarillo for his checkup Tuesday . . . Mrs. Lula Bellinger has been staying at the hospital to be with her daughter, Mary Lou Northcutt, at the times when visiting is permitted . . . The farm home of Mr. and Mrs. Oner Cornett six miles east of Silverton was destroyed by fire Monday . . . Billy Ray Ford is the new Central Office Repairman for General Telephone Company of the Southwest located in Silverton . . . An urgent request is being made for donations to the Silverton Volunteer Ambulance Service . . . Mrs. John B. Martin, 81, of Pampa was pronounced dead at the scene of a traffic crash four miles west of Silverton at the intersection of FM 207 and SH 86. Driver of the other vehicle was Mary Lou Northcutt, who was traveling west on SH 86 .

November 30, 1961--Carolyn Garrison receives 4-H national gardening award . . . Mrs. Leo Comer was honored with a pink and blue shower in the community room of the Production Credit office No-

vember 16 . . . Friends and neighbors of Mr. and Mrs. Keyth Tiffin gave them a surprise housewarming Sunday . . . The Haylake Club met Tuesday afternoon in the home of Ruby Hester . . . Mr. and Mrs. Dud Watters and Sandra and Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Boyles and family were Thanksgiving Day guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. McCay in Amarillo . . . Mr. and Mrs. D. G. Shelton were in Tulia Monday for a checkup with her doctor . . . FBLA congratulates Jerry Williamson and Robert Hughes for having their editorials in the *Amarillo Globe-News* Panhandle Press Box . . .

January 17, 1946--Shafe Weaver was promoted in Manila, where he has been stationed for the past five months. He is in the infantry. Sgt. Weaver has been overseas six months and has been in the service since February 1944 . . . Bank will open next Wednesday . . . Silverton looks good to Jim O'Malley, who'd never been in the Panhandle until six weeks ago, so he has gone in business here. He bought the Corner Cafe from Mrs. Gladys Jackson . . . Snow, rain soak county; wheat prospect given big boost . . . Mrs. Amos Persons, member of a widely-known and pioneer Briscoe County family, passed away Wednesday of last week at her home in Quitaque. Funeral services were held Thursday. Mrs. Persons was the mother of Mrs. W. E. Schott of Silverton and of County Commissioner Ray Persons . . . Wilton Whitehead, 16-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Whitehead, was painfully injured in the hand by the accidental discharge of a 12-gauge shotgun while hunting last Thursday. He dropped the gun. Robert Isbell and Ray Teeple were with him . . . B. L. Chandler, who lives near Quitaque in Briscoe County, is featured in an article in the January issue of *Capper's Farmer*, entitled "Green Feed for 12 Months" . . . Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Arnold have moved to their home near the Baptist Church . . . Mr. and Mrs. Rex Dickerson spent Monday in Amarillo . . . Mrs. Hugh Nance and Mrs. C. M. Strickland were in Tulia Monday afternoon . . . Mr. and Mrs. Bood Myers are the proud parents of twins--a boy and a girl. Mother and babies are doing nicely . . . Miss Elvira Wesley had as her dinner guests Sunday evening Miss Mildred Wesley and Eudean Watters of Quitaque, A. T. Brooks, jr., Virgil Crow and Oscar Weaks . . . Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Kitchens are the proud parents of a baby girl named Sandra Gean, who weighed six pounds and thirteen ounces . . . Miss Merlene Yates who is attending school in Lubbock spent the weekend here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Yates .

November 6, 1951--Donald O. Rhea is airman apprentice at Great Lakes, Illinois . . . Fire early Monday morning at the farm home of Mr. and Mrs. Dock Wallace destroyed their car shed and new Pontiac car . . . Miss Norma Jo Teeple, a sophomore at West Texas State College, is currently pledging Delta Zeta Chi social sorority . . .

November 6, 1941--The marriage of Miss Willene Bomar, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wylie Bomar, to Corp. Leo Comer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Summer Comer of Lockney, took place Saturday evening in Plainview. The bride wore soldier blue with black accessories. Willene was an active member of the 1939 graduating class, being president of her class. Leo is now with the U. S. Army medical corps, stationed at Fort Bliss . . . Rains damaging cotton

badly over entire state . . . Eva Lee Curtis of Amarillo spent Sunday with Maxine Watters and Lillian Brooks . . . Mr. and Mrs. Walter Brannon spent Sunday with her brother in Amherst . . . Mr. and Mrs. Venus Gillespie entertained a number of their friends Thursday night with a buffet luncheon. The house was made attractive with lovely Halloween decorations . . .

March 13, 1930--Editor J. A. Neill wrote: "The sad plight in which the cotton growing communities find themselves after such a disastrous season as 1929 can be sensed by some of the suggestions which leaders in those territories are urgently making. 'Immediate Action' is the cry to these demoralized sections. And Briscoe County folks must count themselves lucky or farseeing in that diversity in farming has marked their efforts and dependence has

not been put on any one crop" . . . Bailey Hill, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Hill, is not going to trust the hit-and-miss plan of the present generation in farming but has started out early to learn how to make the farm pay. Bailey already sold \$101.75 worth of hogs, and he has a fine sow and six young pigs to bring in more hog money later on. But Bailey's pets are his chickens--for which he has just finished a well-constructed hen house at a material cost of \$44. He and other members of the family furnished the labor. He has 26 laying Rhode Island Reds, two roosters, and 22 baby chicks. At present the egg output is 14 daily. In January he made \$7.33 on eggs and \$8.69 in February . . . Roy McMurry purchased a young bull for \$625.00 last week. The animal is ranked among the best in this part of the state, according to stockmen . . .

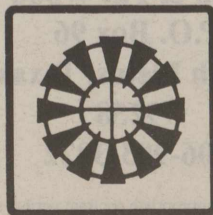
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The person responsible for coordinating this organization's non-discrimination compliance effort is Mike Ferguson, Member Services Advisor.

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Swisher Electric Cooperative, Inc.
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 Eddie Bryan, President

WEATHER

6:00 a.m. daily readings
 in the month of Dec. 2001

	High	Low	Precip.
1	58	37	
2	62	32	
3	69	32	
4	67	45	
5	67	53	
6	66	32	
7	66	31	
8	64	33	
9	50	22	
10	55	23	
11	61	22	
Total Precip.			2.02
Normal Precip. in Dec.			.68
Normal Precip. Year to Date			21.22
Precip. Rec'd. in 2001			22.07

Make Potluck Holiday Meals Risk Free

When participating in a holiday meal, like a potluck dinner, it is important to eliminate risks of food borne illness. Don't leave perishable foods in the danger zone--between 40° and 140° for more than two hours. Perishable foods include meat, poultry, seafood, eggs, cooked vegetables and dairy products. Also, perishable foods prepared ahead of time should be kept refrigerated until time to leave, and reheated at the event. Use food thermometers to make sure internal temperature has reached 165° when reheating, and keep cold foods below 40° until serving time.

Service Awards Presented to Briscoe County TxDOT Employees

Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) recently awarded the Briscoe County Maintenance Service service awards for their years of employment with TxDOT. Craig Clark, Childress District Engineer, presented these awards. "We appreciate the years of hard work and dedication of these TxDOT employees and look forward to many more years of service," said Clark.



Jeff Smith, TxDOT State Roadeo Finalist (left); Lynn Smith, 20 years (center); Gary Clinton, 20 years (right).

Texas Cooperative Extension

Today's Youth Are Tomorrow's Leaders

Cory Payne, Briscoe County Extension Agent-FCS

Youth across Texas have many opportunities to observe and study others in leadership roles, as well as performing as a leader and role model for young people. As 4-H members advance through various projects and activities, many will have an opportunity to serve in a leadership capacity and eventually reach one of the highest offices available to 4-H'ers, to serve on a county, district or state 4-H Council.

District 1 recently conducted its annual Panhandle 4-H Leadership Retreat at West Texas A&M University where the new officers were elected. Candidates went through an interview, gave a prepared

speech on their qualifications, followed with a two-minute impromptu talk on a given subject that related to 4-H. The following 4-H'ers will serve as the 2001-2002 District 1 officers: D'Ann Artho, president; Jennifer Calvi, first vice president; J. W. Wagner, second vice president; Skylar Clifton, third vice president; Seth Hoelsher, secretary; Sally Paliza, treasurer; Jonathon Glueck, reporter; Carla Archibeque, historian and state delegate at large.

Skylar Clifton is a member of Briscoe County 4-H Club and a senior at Valley High School. He is well versed in the 4-H program and participates in a variety of 4-H projects.

"There's better ways to tell if the coffee's hot than taking a big gulp."

When Joe Pat Hemphill opened his practice, in 1971, there was only one other veterinarian in the area. "I worked on everything: horses, cattle, sheep, goats, hogs, dogs, cats." He no longer practices, except on his own stock. His wife Alice recently retired from teaching English, but their 12,000 acre ranch still keeps them busy.

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Jimmy Green Pastor

SUNDAY
Fellowship.....10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship.....10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship.....6:00 p.m.

SILVERTON CHURCH OF CHRIST
Tom Craiker, Minister

SUNDAY:
Sunday School.....9:00 a.m.
Morning Worship.....10:00 a.m.
Evening Worship.....6:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY:
Bible Study.....7:00 p.m.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
Randy G. Mullin, Pastor

SUNDAY:
Library Opens.....9:15 a.m.
Bible Study/S.S.....9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship.....10:30 a.m.
Ladies Group.....4:00 p.m.
Evening Worship.....6:00 p.m.

MONDAY:
RAs, GAs, Mission Friends.....3:30 p.m.

TUESDAY
Mens Group.....6:30 a.m.

SECOND & FOURTH TUESDAYS:
Baptist Women.....9:30 a.m.

WEDNESDAY:
Library Opens.....6:30 p.m.
Bible Study/Prayer.....7:00 p.m.
TeamKID.....7:00 p.m.

THURSDAY
Ladies Prayer Group.....9:00 a.m.,
Weigh Down Workshop.....7:00 p.m.

SILVERTON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Tony Boyd, Pastor

SUNDAY:
Sunday School.....10:00 a.m.
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.

NEW FELLOWSHIP BAPTIST MISSION

SUNDAY:
Sunday School.....9:45 a.m.
Worship Service.....11:00 a.m.
Training Union.....5:00 p.m.
Evening Service.....6:00 p.m.

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

OUR LADY OF LORETO CATHOLIC CHURCH
Father Ed Graff, Pastor

SUNDAY:
Mass.....9:00 a.m.

WEDNESDAY:
Doctrina Class.....4:30-5:30 p.m.
Junior & Senior High.....4:30-5:30 p.m.

ROCK CREEK CHURCH OF CHRIST

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

WEDNESDAY:
Worship Service.....7:30 p.m.

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Armando Davalia, Pastor

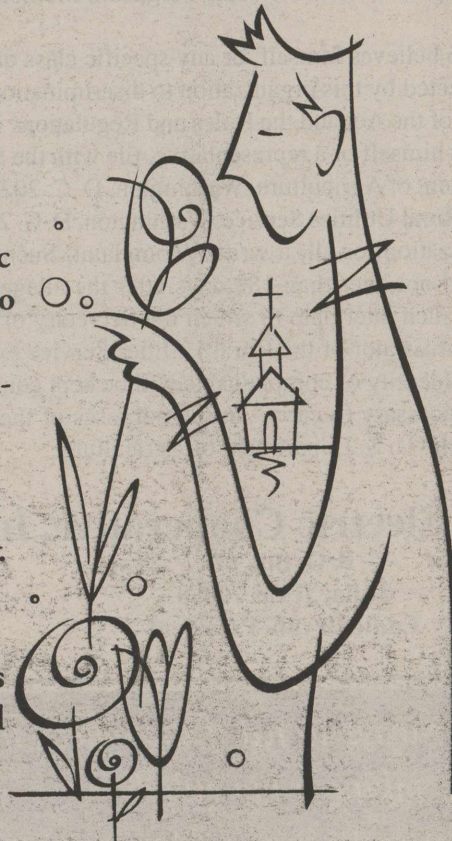
SUNDAY:
Worship.....10:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening.....6:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY:
Worship Service.....7:30 p.m.

MONDAY-SATURDAY:
Prayer Meeting.....9:00 a.m.

Enjoy the Journey

We recently made a car trip that was about ten hours long. The first eight hours were traveled on highways and thruways, with all of the traffic and large trucks one could imagine. The last two hours were spent on country roads where we could drive at a much more relaxed speed. Needless to say, the last part of our trip was much more enjoyable and scenic. In our modern world, everything moves at such a fast pace that we don't often get a chance to enjoy the journey. Anticipation, desire and patience seem to be lacking in our busy world; they have been replaced by instant gratification. We can go across the country in a matter of hours, prepare a meal in a matter of minutes, and even purchase any expensive item we desire without waiting until we have the money. The old phrase "stop and smell the roses" should apply to every part of our lives. If we are not enjoying the journey, we are missing out on something special. If we leave God out of our journey of life, we are also missing out on something special. Perhaps when we do arrive at our final destination, we may regret that we didn't take the time to really appreciate and observe God's love.



Make me to know thy ways, O Lord; teach me thy paths.

R.S.V.
Psalm 25:4

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Basketball Schedules

HIGH SCHOOL JUNIOR VARSITY

Game Times:

Girls-4:00, Boys-5:00

Dec. 14--	Motley County, There
Jan. 1--	Open
Jan. 4--	Paducah, There
Jan. 8--	Ropes, There
Jan. 15--	Crosbyton, There
Jan. 18--	*Valley, Home
Jan. 22--	*Nazareth, There
Jan. 25--	*Happy, There
Jan. 29--	*Valley, There
Feb. 1--	*Nazareth, Home
Feb. 5--	*Happy, Home

JUNIOR HIGH

Dec. 13 --	Open
Dec. 15 --	Clarendon Tourn.
Dec. 17 --	Open
Jan. 7 --	Happy, There
Jan. 12 --	Open
Jan. 14 --	Nazareth, There

Jan. 21 --	Valley, There
Jan. 28 --	Nazareth, home
Feb. 4 --	Happy, home



HIGH SCHOOL VARSITY

Game Times:

Girls-6:30, Boys-8:00

Dec. 14 --	Motley County, There
Dec. 18 --	Groom, Home
Dec. 21 --	Floydada, Home
Dec. 27-29 --	Hoot-Out Tourn.
Jan. 1 --	Open
Jan. 4 --	Paducah, There
Jan. 8 --	Ropes, There
Jan. 11 --	Samnorwood, There
Jan. 15 --	Crosbyton, There
Jan. 18 --	*Valley, Home
Jan. 22 --	*Nazareth, There
Jan. 25 --	*Happy, There
Jan. 29 --	*Valley, There
Feb. 1 --	*Nazareth, Home
Feb. 5 --	*Happy, Home

Destiny Ivory Is Shower Honoree

A bridal shower honoring Destiny Ivory, bride-elect of Jamar Prince, was held December 8 in the Pioneer Room at City Bank. Guests were greeted by Jackie Mercer and presented to the honoree and her mother, Diana Ivory.

Delicious refreshments of muffins, sausage ball, party pinwheels and punch were served by Rosa Vargas and Mary Patino. The bride's chosen colors of hunter green and burgundy were used in the table decorations. The table was covered with a hunter green cloth and burgundy runner overlaid with a white lace cloth. The centerpiece consisted of a burgundy rose and berry swag on a fir balsam branch. The centerpiece was a gift for the bride.

Gifts were displayed for viewing by the guests. The hostesses presented the couple with a set of

Santa Claus to Visit City Bank's Open House Tuesday, Wednesday

Santa Claus will be a guest at the Open House at City Bank in Silverton on Tuesday and Wednesday, December 18-19. Santa will

Knowledge is not a passion from without the mind, but an active exertion of the inward strength, vigor and power of the mind, displaying itself from within.

--Ralph Cudworth

In 1904, Jack W. Taylor of St. Louis set a major league record by throwing thirty-nine complete games during a single season!

If I were to wish for anything, I should not wish for wealth and power, but for the passionate sense of the potential, for the eye which, ever young and ardent, sees the possible.

--Soren Kierkegaard

Judge men not by their opinions, but by what their opinions have made of them.--G. C. Lichtenberg

Special guests from out of town were Catarina Stokes, Teresa Compos, Gloria Veals, Mecca Perkins and the grandmoher of the honoree, Felipa Martinez.

Hostesses for the occasion were JonEtta Ziegler, Janinne Brooks, Jackie Mercer, Rosa Vargas, Mary Patino, Juannah Jennings, Frances Gamble, Anita Ramsey, Jimmie Sue Estes, Debbie Holt, Sheila Brooks, Cathey Weeks, Ramona Martin and Linda Oetgen.

be at the bank only until 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday.

Refreshments will be served in a holiday atmosphere, and you are invited to attend the open house and visit with bank employees during this special time of the year.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Iris Burson, Deceased, were issued on December 11, 2001, in Cause No. 1447, pending in the County Court of Briscoe County, Texas, to:

Betty Burson Kirk.

The residence of the Independent Executrix is Amarillo, Randall County, Texas; the post office address is:

c/o Kelly K. Dunbar

Attorney at Law

P. O. Box 1144

Lockney, Texas 79241-1144

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

DATED the 11th day of December, 2001.

Kelly K. Dunbar

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- ◆ The angels delivering messages of eternal hope
- ◆ Caesar Augustus declaring an imperial census
- ◆ Mary & Joseph's ride to the Inn
- ◆ The shepherds & Wise Men
- ◆ Live animals
- ◆ And more.



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