

All Around The Town

By Mary Ann Sarchet



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

Monday, September 5-Closed for Labor Day holiday

Wednesday, September 7-Beef Enchilada Casserole, Spanish Rice, Pinto Beans, Dusted Spice Cake/Diabetic Cake, Crackers, Milk

Friday, September 9-Salmon Patties, Cabbage and Tomatoes, Seasoned New Potatoes, Cookies and Fruit/Diabetic Fruit and Cookies, Cornbread, Milk

Menu subject to change without notice.

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

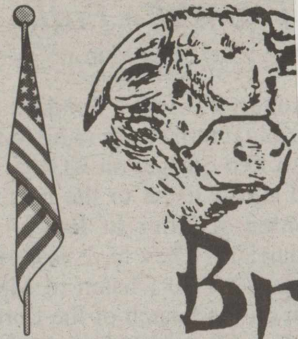
Gifts to Tri-County Meals can be sent to Box 421, Quitaque, TX 79255.

J. E. Patton underwent triple bypass surgery in Lubbock last week. He did very well, was moved into a room the next day and now has returned home.

The Silverton Chamber of Commerce is welcoming some new residents. Kraig and Keeli Cox and children, Kourtney, Kallie and Kooper, have moved here from Lubbock, and are living at this time in the home of her aunt, Luree Burson. Elvin and Dorothy Norris are living in the former home of Mary Ann Rauch. Kenneth and Sondra Peugh are making their home in the former home of his parents. Floyd Perkins has moved here from Amarillo and is living at 1100 South Braidfoot. Heath Braddock and family of three children are making their home here.

A surprise fortieth wedding anniversary celebration was held for Wayne and Betty Stephens on August 13 at the First Baptist Church in Silverton. Children and grandchildren of the couple hosted the reception. On display was a portrait of the children and grandchildren, as well as portraits of each of the couple's children with their families. This was their gift to their parents.

A replica of the wedding cake served August 14, 1965 at Highland Baptist Church in Lubbock highlighted the serving table along with a chocolate sheath cake, fruit trays, vegetable trays, punch and forty red long-stemmed roses. All but three members of the wedding party were in attendance. Those



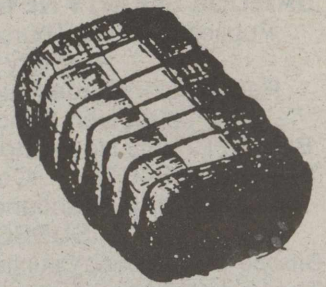
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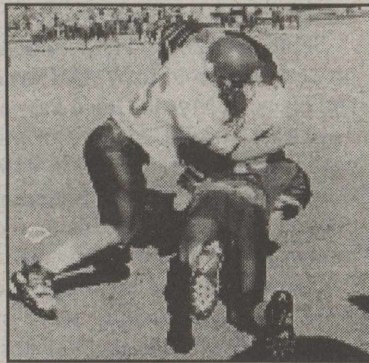
Owls Do Well in Scrimmage; Look To First Game at Matador Friday

Silverton's Owls took the field on offense to open the scrimmage with Patton Springs here Friday afternoon, made a first down on their first play, and sent Yance Forbes for a touchdown on their second play. A halfback option play saw a pass completed for another first down, followed by a touchdown by Jacob Francis.

This pattern continued, and the final result was eight touchdowns for the Owls and two for Patton Springs.

The Owls recovered several fumbles and intercepted a pass during the scrimmage.

Patton Springs didn't have enough players for three teams, so most of the same players scrimmaged Silverton's varsity, junior



Lots of good tackling was seen by fans watching all three teams of Owls in their scrimmage with Patton Springs here Friday afternoon. *Briscoe County News Photo*

varsity and freshman team. All of the teams did well against the Rangers.

Briscoe County Courthouse To Get New Coat of Paint

Briscoe County Commissioners' Court met in regular session August 8, 2005. Present were County Judge Wayne Nance; Commissioners Terry Grimland, Precinct 1; Larry Comer, Precinct 3; Gary Weeks, Precinct 4; and County and District Clerk Bena Hester. After attending to regular monthly court business, the following items were addressed:

- A motion passed to accept the \$6,245 bid for painting the outside of the Courthouse that was submitted by Ramirez Painting.

The afternoon reception was spent visiting, looking at old pictures, and having lots of laughter and a few happy tears. Those hosting the gala were Larry and Tam Hood, Abilene; Larry Hood III, Alpine; Stephen Stephens, Kaleigh, Kyler, Kamree and Karley, Uvalde; Keith and Jeannita Elliston, Tatum and Tyler, Canadian; Trevor and Christina Barker, Skyler and T. J.

- A motion passed to approve a "No Plan Change" for the Texas County and District Retirement Rate.

- A motion passed to approve the 2006 sheriff's service fees as follows: Subpoenas, \$60; Summons, \$60; Writ of Attachment, \$175; Writ of Garnishment, \$175; Writ of Sequestration, \$175; Orders of Sales, \$100; Writ of Possession, \$175; Writ of Execution, \$175; Forcible Detainer, \$60; Small Claims Citation, \$60; Justice Court Citation, \$60; All Other Courts Citations, \$60; Posting Probate Citations, \$15.

- Judge Nance handed out copies of maps containing the county roads for each commissioner to review for any additions or corrections.

JV Owls to Play First Game Here This Afternoon

Silverton's Junior Varsity Owls will play Paducah here beginning at 5:30 p.m. this afternoon (Thursday, September 1).

Holt School Historical Marker Dedication Will Be September 11

The Holt School Historical Marker Dedication will be at 3:00 p.m. Sunday, September 11, on Highway 378 at Road A in Briscoe County, two miles west of the Holt School site.

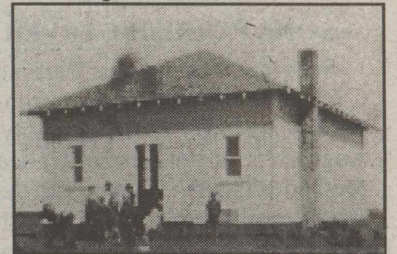
Briscoe County Judge Wayne Nance will be the speaker for the dedication.

In 1913, G. C. Holt, his wife, Emma (Huckabay) Holt and their eight children, moved from Swisher County to a location fifteen miles southwest of Silverton. A tutor was hired to teach the children during school months and boarded with the family. Later G. C. Holt and neighbor E. M. Lawson joined together in an effort to organize a school district. Mr. Holt donated two acres of land out of the Northwest Corner of Section #19 in Block B-4 in Briscoe County, 15 miles southwest of Silverton, 15 miles north of Lockney and some 25 miles northeast of Plainview.

On September 7, 1920, the Briscoe County Commissioners' Court created school district #11, naming it Holt School District. G. C. Holt and E. M. Lawson were appointed trustees. The trustees paid G. C. Holt the sum of \$50.00 for the two acres.

Classes were held in the Holt home in the 1920-21 school term. In the summer of 1921 a one-room schoolhouse was built. It was painted white and had doors on both east and west sides with windows along the north. A large heater was placed in the middle of the room. In September 1921, fifteen students, ages ranging between 6-12 years old, started to the new school.

S. T. Cooper, an early-day teacher, received \$33.75 per month. Other teachers were Elmira McComas, Helen Fort, Elizabeth Schott, Miriam Crass, Vera Wilson, Violet Fisch and Leona Griffin. Teachers boarded with the Holt family and later the Elbert Dickerson family. Ruby Lee Dickerson and Edwin Dickerson were the only Holt grandchildren



The Holt School in 1928. Several students are pictured in front of the school.

attending the school. Early-day students included the Holt, Gilkeyson, Mosley, Lawson, Dickerson, Carthel, Smith, Garner and Nance families.

Viola Lawson Rowell of Lockney recalls her Holt school days. "Teachers served as do-it-yourself janitors, students enjoyed helping the teacher by dusting erasers and bringing coal for the stove. The older boys took turns walking to nearby farm homes to get drinking water. The water would last for two or three days. In the bucket was a dipper and everyone drank out of the same dipper." Mrs. Rowell recalls students rode horses or walked to school.

The Great Depression years forced adjustments in Briscoe County School District. In 1933 Holt School classes were discontinued, students were transferred to Lone Star School in Floyd County

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Booster Club To Sell T-Shirts

Booster Club will be selling Roster T-Shirts for the 2005 football season. They will be offered in red, white or grey, and the price will be \$10.00.

Please contact Missy Forbes, 823-2476 or 847-2257, if you are interested in buying one.

Deadline for ordering is September 5.

Don't forget Booster Club meets on Monday nights at 7:00 p.m. in the High School building to watch the film from the previous game and to discuss any business.

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Obituary

LEONA PARRISH CARVER

Services for Leona Parrish Carver, 79, of Amarillo were conducted at 10:00 a.m. Thursday, August 25, at Polk Street United Methodist Church Chapel with the Rev. Renae Haiduk of the church officiating. Burial was in Memory Gardens Cemetery by Schooler Funeral Home.

Mrs. Carver died Monday, August 22, 2005.

Born September 16, 1925, on a farm in Floyd County to Efford and Anna Mabel Parrish, Mrs. Carver completed her GED in Amarillo. She was graduated from Draughon's Business School and furthered her education by studying business courses at Amarillo College. During World War II, she served her country by working at the Pantex Ordinance Plant. She later went to work for Shell Oil Co. and Phillips Petroleum in their lo-

cal business offices in Amarillo and Midland.

Perhaps her greatest personal achievement was the compilation, editing and publishing of the real life exploits and adventures of her great-grandfather, John N. Jones. The book is titled "You Can't Get All The Coons Up One Tree," and is taken from Jones' manuscripts written throughout his life in the 1800s. Her efforts truly preserved an important piece of America history from the first-person perspective.

Leona married Leroy Carver in San Antonio November 27, 1952, and together they made their home in Amarillo, rearing two daughters.

She was preceded in death by her parents and two sisters, Lila Rucker and Lucille Switzer.

Survivors include her husband; two daughters, Tracey Lynn Walker and husband Len of Clovis, New Mexico and Tobi Jane Sparks and husband Tommy of Beulah, Colorado; two sisters, Lois Waller of Floydada and LaJuana

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and students in northern Holt School District to Lakeview School in Briscoe County.

August 31, 1944, Holt trustees W. A. Holt, Elbert Dickerson and Wiley Nance met with Briscoe County Board of School Trustees requesting permission to sell to the highest bidder the Holt School property. The trustees reported to the board the property had not been used in 11 years and was deteriorating and depreciating in value. Motion was made and seconded and passed by unanimous vote to grant the request and approve the sale of the Holt School property.

September 20, 1944, the school property was sold to W. O. Payne and his wife, Myrtle Grace Payne. This tract of land was out of the northwest corner of Section #19, Block B-4. Orlee Mills of Silverton bought the schoolhouse, using the lumber for a home in Silverton.

The schoolhouse is gone, there is no more coal burning stove or paper bag or syrup bucket lunches. The site has an irrigation well on it that waters the farm. The Holt School property is now owned by Reeda Cay Lawson Smith and her husband, Dan Smith, and Sandra Mae Lawson Hammitt and her husband, Larty Hammitt. Reeda Cay Smith and Sandra Hammitt are granddaughters of E. M. and Emma Lawson.

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

Wealth: any income that is at least one hundred dollars more a year than the income of one's wife's sister's husband.

H. L. Mencken

McJimsey and husband Raymond of Lake Mackenzie; a brother, Leroy Parrish and wife JoAnn of Liberty, Missouri; two grandchildren, Lenzy Walker and James Carver Walker; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

The family suggested memorials be to BSA Hospice, P. O. Box 950, Amarillo, TX 79176.

From the Patio
by Nina Martin

August 25--I love Sundays. At 6:00 a.m. I turn on the radio to listen to Red Steagal on KGNC. At 7:00 a.m. I listen to the first 30 minutes of Hour of Power on Channel 14. They have inspiring guests. At 7:30 I listen to Mack Lyon on "In Search of the Lord's Way" on Channel 4. Then I go get the Sunday Daily Herald. Next thing is to go to Rock Creek Church of Christ for the morning service. It is so good to see friends and family and hear the Lord's words. Twice a month we have lunch together.

This week's quilters were Ann Norris, Lallie Patton, Joy Stodghill, Oleta Warren, Sybil King, Nadyne Childress, Christine King, Wanda Strange, Laverne Stephens, Rose Mary Perkins and Nina Martin.

We learned during a break time that putting orange peelings in the yard will keep cats away, and also mothballs keep mice and rats away.

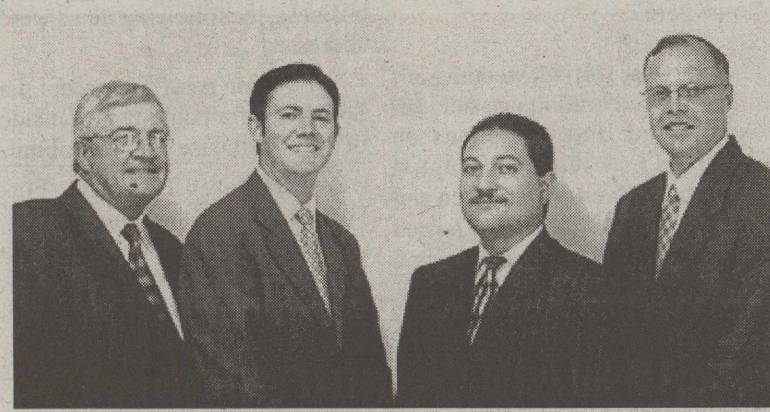
Grain Elevator Cleaning Brings Hantavirus Risk

Provided by David Hawkins
CEA-Ag, Briscoe County
Texas Cooperative Extension

Anytime a grain elevator is cleaned, there is a risk to the personnel involved. Grain attracts rodents, and certain rodents may carry a hantavirus. The rodents shed the virus in their urine and feces, and once the material dries the virus may be stirred up and inhaled during the cleaning process. If inhaled, the virus may cause hantavirus pulmonary syndrome

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LOOKING BACK

through the files of the
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August 8, 1996-The Briscoe County Historical Committee has named O. C. and Faye Rampley as the 1996 Pioneers of the Day. They will be honored Saturday by the L. O. A. Study Club when they ride on a float during the parade and will be presented a plaque during the barbecue . . . Silverton ISD received notice from the Texas Education Agency August 1 that it had achieved the status of Recognized School . . . A revival will begin Sunday at Lighthouse Assembly of God with the Rev. Cecil Vaughan, founder of the Assembly of God in Silverton, as guest speaker . . . Miss Donna Lynn Rowell and Delton Wade Cleveland, both of Lubbock, exchanged marriage vows in a double-ring ceremony Saturday, August 3, in Lubbock . . . The children of Girtha Johnston Vaughan are inviting relatives and friends to help honor their mother on the occasion of her ninetieth birthday anniversary at a reception Sunday in the home of Bud and Norma Vaughan . . . Carrie Baird, a Briscoe County 4-H member, recently participated in an electricity camp sponsored by Southwestern Public Service Company near Cloudcroft, New Mexico . . . Norlan and Doris Dudley are agents for Swisher, Hale and Castro counties for Central Bail Bonds . . .

August 21, 1986-A larger-than-usual crowd was on hand for the 1986 Silverton School Homecoming program Saturday morning, and saw Iris Crawford Burson presented as the 1986 Homecoming Queen. Bertha Mae Allard was present from the Class of 1923 and Bonnie Burson represented the Class of 1924. The class with the largest representation (22) was the Class of 1936 which was celebrating its 50-year anniversary. Those registering at the homecoming numbered 313 and they had traveled more than 200,000 miles to attend. Wilma Dickerson of Creswell, Oregon and Mr. and Mrs. John White of Myrtle Creek, Oregon, traveled the farthest . . . Services conducted for Syble G. Teeple, 80 . . . Tara Nance is the 1986 Rodeo Queen. First runner-up was Jeannita Stephens and the second runner-up was Devona Smith . . . Chester and Gladys (Smithee) Strickland will be honored with a "This Is Your Life" program in Lubbock Saturday . . . E. C. and Pauline Buchanan Nash of Donie visited last week with Joe and Ruby McWaters and attended

the school homecoming and county birthday celebration . . . Laree and Wylie Bomar III are parents of a son, Wylie Virgil Bomar . . .

August 19, 1976-Owls to scrimmage at Lefors Friday night under the direction of Coaches Jimmy Kirkland, Weldon McCord and Lyndal Norwood . . . Iwana Monroe is Silverton School Homecoming Queen . . . Mr. and Mrs. Manley Wood moved to Wellington Saturday . . . Mrs. Ashel McDaniel is a patient in Central Plains Hospital in Plainview . . . Doug Bradford was transferred from Swisher Memorial Hospital in Tulia Tuesday to St. Anthony's Hospital in Amarillo, where he is being treated for a head injury. Bradford is employed by Billy Cogdell, and had been rounding up cattle when he was found unconscious on the ground beside his horse . . . Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Morehouse and Janet of Havre, Montana visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Williams and boys over the weekend . . . Louie Strange was named manager of Kress Farmers Elevator at a board meeting of the company July 13 . . .

August 26, 1976-Coaches pleased with outcome of first scrimmage . . . Donald Dee West promoted from Assistant Cashier to Assistant Vice President of Plains National Bank in Lubbock . . . School enrollment down again this year, with high school enrollment standing at 112 . . . Mr. and Mrs. Roger Harrison are parents of a son, Bradley Lynn . . . Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Don Burson are making their home on a ranch near Silverton following their marriage in the home of her parents in Kerrville . . . Snooks Baird underwent cataract surgery Tuesday at High Plains Baptist Hospital . . . Dianna Lynn Purcell to wed David Wayne Johnson . . . Etta (Belle) West buried at DeLeon . . . Services for Dean Allard, 74, conducted Wednesday . . .

August 25, 1966-Thirty-three boys have reported for football workouts, according to Coach Tommie Thornburg . . . Army Specialist Fourth Class Mikel J. Norris, 20, received the first award of the Air Medal in Bien Hoa, Vietnam on August 2 . . . Mr. and Mrs. John Gill and family have returned home from a vacation in Pagosa Springs, Colorado . . . Mrs. E. C. Newman and Mrs. Floyd Woods were in Plainview Thursday and visited Mrs. Elma Baker at the Plainview Rest Home and Mrs. Bryan Strange

at the Plainview Hospital. They also visited Mrs. Pearl Howard, Mrs. W. L. McMinn and Henry Long at Nichols Manor in Lockney . . . Miss Kay Strange became the bride of Max Garrison in a formal ceremony Saturday at First Baptist Church . . . Captain and Mrs. Carol Davis are parents of a son, Max . . . Mr. and Mrs. John G. Boyles were in Lubbock recently for a checkup with his doctor . . . The Andy Chappells and Mrs. Charlie Chappell were in Lubbock Sunday for a reunion . . .

August 23, 1956-Jean Grundy, owner of the City Grocery, announces this week that he will move his stock of groceries over the weekend to their new location on the highway, just across the street from Simpson Chevrolet Co. . . . Roy Ann Bomar, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carl D. Bomar, had a tonsillectomy in the Tulia hospital on Saturday . . . Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Martin announce the approaching marriage of their daughter, Mary Ann, to Edward Lawrence Scarbrough . . . Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Franks of Amarillo and Mr. and Mrs. John Gill went to Possum Kingdom Dam on Thursday of last week for a few days of fishing. The children of both families visited their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. John L. Francis and Dale, while their parents were away . . . Miss Patsy Elouise Rice is bride of Lonnie James Wesley . . . James May is attending Central Technical Institute in Kansas City, Missouri . . . Mr. and Mrs. Pascal Garrison and Carolyn visited Mrs. Cecil Seaney and James Clay at the hospital in Amarillo on Thursday evening of last week . . . Mrs. Hugh Nance and children have recently spent several days with her brother and family, Mr. and Mrs. Chester Strickland, in Denton . . . Mrs. Gordon Montague and Ted were in Lubbock early last week to consult an oculist . . .

August 30, 1956-School opening near; registration started August 23-24 . . . Dr. C. H. Black opens Briscoe County Hospital . . . John Burson, 92, a retired rancher, banker and farmer, died at 5:30 p.m. Monday in Underwood Clinic in Amarillo. Mr. Burson had been in failing health for several years . . . Homer Sissney, who lives southwest of town and operates an irrigated farm, brought in the first bale of cotton Tuesday, August 28 . . . Silverton High School's new gym is ready for use. It is a newly-completed modern gymnasium which has been accepted by the school board. The floor space consists of 12,000 feet, and it has seating capacity for 840 people. It also has a full-size court which will enable the school to take care of any indoor

sports. It also has four dressing rooms fully equipped with showers, etc. . . The attractive new Silverton Elementary School building will be opened for the first time this year. The building contains four very modern classrooms. Construction of the building has been underway since the first of the year in view of completion for the fall school term . . . Mr. and Mrs. Rex Holt and family are visiting relatives in New Mexico and Arizona. They returned home her aunt, Mrs. Eva Wright, to Farmington, New Mexico, who had been here visiting her brother and family, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Stephens, for some time . . .

August 27, 1936-The Francis Home Demonstration Club met Thursday with Mrs. U. D. Brown as hostess . . . Editor Roy Hahn wrote: "I guess everyone knew it but me but the Gene Autry, who plays here in so many shows at the Palace Theater, is a nephew of F. M. Autry of Silverton. Mr. Autry says, 'Yes, I think the boy makes pretty fair wages.' And I reckon he does" . . . Mrs. Morgan Garvin, former Miss Mary Eva Allard, was delightfully surprised last Wednesday at the home of Mrs. W. W. Martin with a shower . . . Henry Norrid is visiting friends in Pampa and Clarendon this week . . . Mr.

Silverton School Lunch Menu

Monday, September 5-Labor Day holiday

Tuesday, September 6-Beef-Cheese Taco, Ranch Beans, Chips, Salad, Fruit Roll-up, Milk

Wednesday, September 7-Fish, Scalloped Potatoes, Blackeyed Peas, Bread, Jello, Milk

Thursday, September 8-Chicken Nuggets, Fries, Gravy, Green Beans, Roll, Honey/Jelly, Butter, Milk

Friday, September 9-Hamburger, Cheese, Chips, Salad, Fruit, Milk

If a lot of people gripped a knife and fork the way they do a golf club, they'd starve to death.

Sam Snead

The value of a dollar is social, as it is created by society.

Ralph Waldo Emerson

and Mrs. Aulton Durham, who have been attending school at Canyon this summer, returned the latter part of last week . . . Mr. and Mrs. Jack Hollingsworth visited Mr. and Mrs. Jord Hollingsworth Tuesday . . . Mr. and Mrs. Haskel Jackson and children spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Edwards . . .

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Silverton	1.00%	\$3,815.57	\$1,922.89	98.42%	\$15,312.99	\$11,301.44	35.45%
Turkey	2.00%	\$3,285.70	\$3,286.01	0.00%	\$19,392.25	\$18,852.37	2.86%
Memphis	2.00%	\$24,969.90	\$21,310.82	17.17%	\$149,150.93	\$147,085.07	1.40%
Lakeview	1.00%	\$125.86	\$127.99	-1.66%	\$1,623.50	\$1,530.98	6.04%
Estelline	1.00%	\$1,130.69	\$1,313.80	-13.93%	\$9,919.83	\$9,517.01	4.23%
Matador	2.00%	\$5,758.24	\$5,198.40	10.76%	\$37,433.01	\$34,390.49	8.84%
Roaring Spgs	2.00%	\$2,892.89	\$3,073.18	-5.86%	\$25,879.74	\$24,638.50	5.03%

Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn says the state collected \$1.45 billion in sales tax revenue in July, and she sent local governments \$466 million. "With just weeks remaining in the 2005 fiscal year, sales tax revenue is running 5.9% higher than the same time in FY 2004," Mrs. Strayhorn said. July state sales tax collections are up 14.5% compared to July 2004. July state sales tax revenue and August allocations to local governments represent sales taxes collected in June by businesses who report sales taxes monthly, and sales taxes collected in April, May and June by quarterly filers.

From the Bird's Nest
by Jerry Birdsong
Superintendent
Silverton ISD

The anticipation of a new school year finally overtook us on August 18. Smiling faces and excited kids were apparent around the old schoolhouse the first week of school. Having young people around just breathes life into our facilities and staff. We had a great start to the school year. Two hundred and eighteen students greeted us on August 18 and the enrollment reached 221 last week. We ended with 211 last spring. We hope that we can maintain that number or even add.

We are proud of our 2005 TAKS performance and are looking to improve during the '05-06 school

year. Silverton ISD received a recognized rating from the Texas Education Agency for a TAKS performance last spring. With the rise of standards, this achievement was more difficult than in the previous year. We also met expectations on all of the federal standards in the Adequate Yearly Progress accountability system. When you see a student or a teacher, give them a big pat on the back for their efforts.

Budget and tax rate were on the board agenda to be adopted on August 30. Because of your tax effort over the past two years, our budget is in better shape. With that being said, it doesn't mean that Silverton ISD is rolling in money. We recovered from our financial crisis with a fiscally conservative philosophy and an understanding of the difference between "needs" and "wants". To continue improve-

ment of the district's financial stability, we must continue to be frugal with the taxpayers' monies.

Although the fund balance is in better shape than a year ago, there is still work to be done. Many wonder what the purpose of a fund balance is. Why does a non-profit school district need money in reserve? Fund balance can serve the district in many areas. It can provide money for capital improvements without bond election. It generates additional revenue through investments, and it creates a positive cash flow in the operation of a district without the district borrowing money for operation until tax or state revenues are sent to the district. It also protects the district from financial instability when unexpected costs occurs-- buses break down, air-conditioner goes out, etc. Our last audited fund balance was about \$223,000 and should be raised some after this fiscal year. For a healthy fund balance, SISD would need about \$450,000 in fund balance. We still have some work to do, but we are on the right track.

Frustration is my observation for our latest legislative attempt to solve the school funding mess in Austin. The priorities seem to have the education of the youth of the state somewhere below other competing agendas. The tone in Austin has not been positive for public schools for several sessions now. People put the money where their priorities are. It seems that for now, the schools are not the first priority.

I am still studying the impact of Governor Perry's executive order for 65% of all expenditures going directly into the classroom. At first glance, that may be considered a reasonable idea. But the devil is in the details. A task force has been set up by the education commissioner to define what is directly related to the classroom. My biggest concern is what will be de-

Happy Birthday-

- September 1-Walter Arnold
- September 2-Shonda Wills, Lisa Covington, Nancy Wood, Lex Baker
- September 3-Janice Hill, Haley Jackson, D' Kitchens
- September 4-Rick Minyard, J. P. Myers
- September 5-Zane Mayfield, Kayla Coleman
- September 6-Brenda Cowdry, Danny Mac Francis
- September 7-Nikki Pat Lavy, Terry Grimland, John Gill, Jeremiah Brooks, John Richard Fudge, Cordero Stidham, Tori Perkins, Destiny Ivory Prince

Happy Anniversary-

- September 1-Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Nance, Mr. and Mrs. Flute Hutsell, Mr. and Mrs. John Schott
- September 4-Mr. and Mrs. David Johnston
- September 5-Mr. and Mrs. Jim Myers

defined as non-direct classroom spending. Extracurricular activities, transportation, nursing, counselors, food services, bus routes, administration, utilities and custodial care takes up more than 35% of our current budget. All of those services are important to the big picture of educating students to be prepared to be contributing members of society.

Two major supply and service bids have been awarded to local businesses. Silverton Oil Co. will continue to provide our fuel and transportation service needs, while Rick Hutsell of Main Street Dollar will supply our cafeteria vendor foods. Both of these partnerships are good for the school district and the community.

The Owl football season opens this week. The JV will host Paducah on Thursday at 5:30. The varsity will travel to Motley County Friday to tangle with the Matadors. The high school squad has looked good in their first two scrimmages with Trinity Fellowship and Patton Springs. We are looking forward to a successful season.

Our junior high program will be allowing sixth graders to participate this fall. Both the seventh and eighth grades are small classes and only nine boys reported to play. With less than 12 players, the district can opt to allow sixth graders to play. The junior high will open with Amherst on September 8.

It is an honor and a privilege for me to serve the community, parents, staff and students of Silverton ISD. Silverton ISD has done a tremendous job of educating the kids of this community for many years. After completing graduation requirements, our kids have doors opened to them to pursue employment, military option or further their education. This is possible because of the excellent staff, along with the great support of the community. It is my pledge to you to continue this tradition of excellence.

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Thursday, September 1-JV vs. Paducah, here, 5:30
 Friday, September 2-Owls vs. Motley County, at Matador, 7:30
 Monday, September 5-Labor Day holiday; no school
 Tuesday, September 6-District FFA meeting, Matador, 3:00

Wednesday, September 7-School Pictures, 8:10
 Thursday, September 8-Junior High vs. Amherst, here, 5:00; JV vs. Lorenzo, here, 6:30
 Friday, September 9-Owls vs. Amherst, there, 7:30
 Saturday, September 10-Cross Country Meet at Plainview
No two gardens are the same. No two days are the same in one garden.
 Hugh Johnson

4-H Report

by Brittany Deckard
 The Briscoe County 4-H had a float for the county celebration. The float had a red, white and blue theme. The name was "Briscoe County 4-H, United We Grow!" Our float was decorated at Micah Karber's house and was pulled in the parade by the Briscoe County Extension pickup driven by David

Hawkins.
 People participating in the decoration were: Shelby, Maison and Amy Fuston, Brittany, Baylee and Barbara Deckard, Marchell and Mitchell Curry, Brewster Garcia, Norma Jones, Micah Karber, David and Crystal Hawkins.
 Thanks to all who bought tickets for the Briscoe County Afghan. Congratulations to our winners, Colleen Reed and Larry Edwards.

All the money made from this fundraiser will be donated to the Briscoe County Showbarn. Amount raised came to \$247.00.
 Brewster Garcia, Brittany and Baylee Deckard helped people carry their plates and drinks at the barbecue for a 4-H Community Service Project.
Golf is a game that is played on a five-inch course--the distance between your ears. Bobby Jones



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Holly Beth Gaskins

June 3, 2005, Holly Beth Gaskins graduated from Sundown High School. She is the daughter of Jack and Brenda Gaskins of Sundown, and is the granddaughter of Jack and Ann Gaskins of Denver City, Elton Cantwell of Silverton and the late Lanita Cantwell.

Holly graduated as an honor student, ranking third in her class with a grade point average of 4.08, earning the Distinguished Achievement Program diploma. In her four years in high school she has been actively involved in band, basketball, track, cross-country, UIL Science, Poetry and One-Act Play, Fellowship of

Christian Athletes, National Honor Society, Student Council and her church youth group. Her senior year she was president of Student Council, Co-president of FCA and secretary of NHS. Other honors earned her senior year were: High Average Student in Statistics, AP English IV and AP Biology; Departmental Awards in English and Biology; District One-Act Play All-Star Cast; UIL State Alternate in Biology and Poetry. She was also a National Merit Commended Scholar.

Although Holly has had much success in many areas, she has been interested in Art and English for many years. Since she was quite young she has loved to create books, one of her first being made while visiting Grandpa and Nini in Silverton when she was six years old. Nini always kept lots of arts and crafts supplies and encouraged her grandchildren to use their creativity. She also encouraged them to make up stories since she herself enjoyed writing so much. Over the years Holly has created several books. As part of her senior project for the DAP, she created a magazine called "HM" and had it published. She hopes to pursue a career in Graphic Design. She will be attending Lubbock Christian University this fall to major in Visual Communications.

Members, Leaders Attend District I 4-H Fall Forum

Local 4-H members and leaders attended the District 1 4-H Fall Forum Saturday, August 27, 2005 at Frank Phillips College in Borger. The 4-H members and leaders at-

tending were Jennifer, Jacob, Jayson and John Pigg, Susy and Kodie Saul and Micah Karber, FCS County Extension Agent.

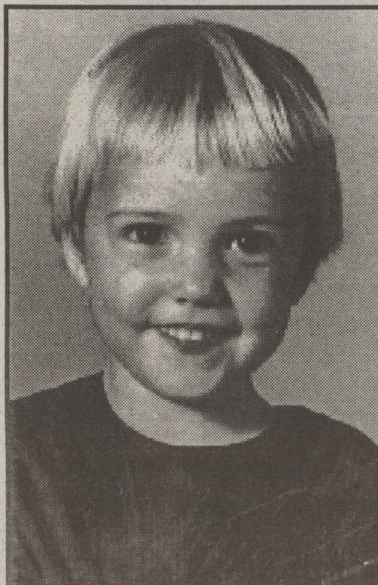
Sessions were given on many topics such as digital cameras, community leadership, veterinary science and meat judging projects, as well as a volunteer leader's and 4-H Council meeting. The participants enjoyed the sessions and said they learned many new skills for 4-H.

A Distinguished Leader luncheon was held to recognize 4-H leaders in each county in the Panhandle. Jennifer Pigg from Briscoe County was recognized and honored with a plaque for her hard work and dedication to Briscoe 4-H.

"The day was filled with many new experiences and learning opportunities. We hope to get more 4-H members and leaders to attend next year to represent Briscoe County 4-H," Ms. Karber said.

I have a tip that can take five strokes off anyone's golf game: it's called an eraser.

Arnold Palmer



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Water District Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Rate

The Mackenzie Municipal Water Authority will hold a public hearing on a proposed tax rate for the tax year 2005 on September 20, 2005, at 7:00 p.m., at the Administrative Offices of MMWA. Your individual taxes may increase or decrease, depending on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property and the tax rate that is adopted.

FOR Jeffery Johnson, Edward Marks, Philip Smitherman, Joe Adams, Mitch Martin, Dwight Ramsey, and Gordon Lowrey.

AGAINST the proposal: None

PRESENT and not voting: None

ABSENT: Jimmy Kemp

The following table compares taxes on an average residence homestead in this taxing unit last year to taxes proposed on the average residence homestead this year.

	Last Year	This Year
	0.2425/\$100	.2408/\$100
	Adopted	Proposed
Total tax rate (per \$100 of value)	0.2425/\$100	.2408/\$100
Difference in rates per \$100 of value		\$.0017/\$100
Percentage increase/decrease in rates(+/-)		-0.706%
Average appraised value	\$ 29,402	\$ 30,949
General exemptions available (excluding senior citizen's or disabled person's exemptions)	\$ 0	\$ 0
Average taxable value	\$ 29,402	\$ 30,949
Tax on average residence homestead	\$ 71.29	\$ 74.52
Annual increase/decrease in taxes if proposed tax rate is adopted (+/-)		\$ 3.23
and percentage of increase (+/-)		4%

NOTICE OF TAXPAYERS' RIGHT TO ROLLBACK ELECTION

If taxes on the average residence homestead increase by more than eight percent, the qualified voters of the district by petition may require that an election be held to determine whether to reduce the operation and maintenance tax rate to the rollback tax rate under Section 49.236(d), Water Code.

35-3tc

Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Increase

Last year, the City of Silverton property tax rate was \$.5340. That rate raised \$ 73,102.31, a portion of which was used to fund operations such as:

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This year, City of Silverton is proposing a property tax rate of \$.5600. That rate would raise \$ 79,172.87, which is \$ 6,070.56 more than taxes imposed last year.

There will be two public hearings to consider that increase. The first public hearing will be held on SEPTEMBER 8 at 7:00 p.m.. The second hearing will be held on SEPTEMBER 12 at 6:30 p.m.

You have a right to attend the hearings and make comments. You are encouraged to attend and make comments if you wish.

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The Silverton Parrot Heads Club

I want to thank everyone that has come by to visit me since I have been recuperating at home from knee surgery. I appreciate the cards, phone calls and especially the prayers.

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How fair is a garden amid the trials and passions of existence.

Benjamin Disraeli

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