

## All Around The Town

By Mary Ann Sarchet



Enrollment in our school is down slightly this fall. The number of students in our school is presently 239, as compared with 244 last spring (5-23-03) and last fall (8-10-02) when it was 242.

The National Cowboy Symposium & Celebration will be held at the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center September 4-7, 2003.

The National Championship Cookoff will be held Saturday, September 6, with 36 chuckwagons entered in the competition. The meal will be served at noon on Saturday.

Taking part will be the chuckwagons from Double Diamond Ranch and Circle Dot Ranch.

Virginia Taylor of Circle Dot Ranch will be presenting a poetry segment on the early Friday night show, 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.

Jimmy Burson of Double Diamond Ranch will be presenting music at the theater during the 11:00 until 11:50 a.m. segment Friday.

An immunization clinic will be held at the Silverton School September 12, 2003, from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m.

The clinic will offer the vaccines that give protection against childhood diseases.

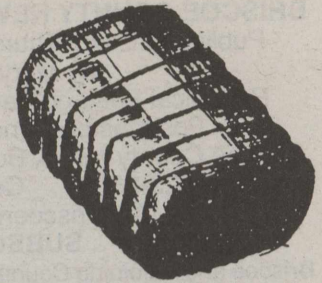
Lataine Dillard provided the following two items: Charlie Parker's daughter, Susie, was here visiting this weekend. She is an English teacher at Midland Lee. Accompanying her was a friend, Gerald Yarborough. She enjoyed seeing her dad and her cousin, Mike Norris, and friends Doris and Alan Grimland.

Shirley Reynolds, Bobbye Bean and Lataine Dillard traveled to Channing with the Panhandle Singing Women of Texas on Sunday. They are looking forward to having all the group here in Silverton at First Baptist Church on Sunday, September 21, at 6:00 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend. You will enjoy the beautiful music sung by this 23+ member group. They live in Canyon, Amarillo and Panhandle.



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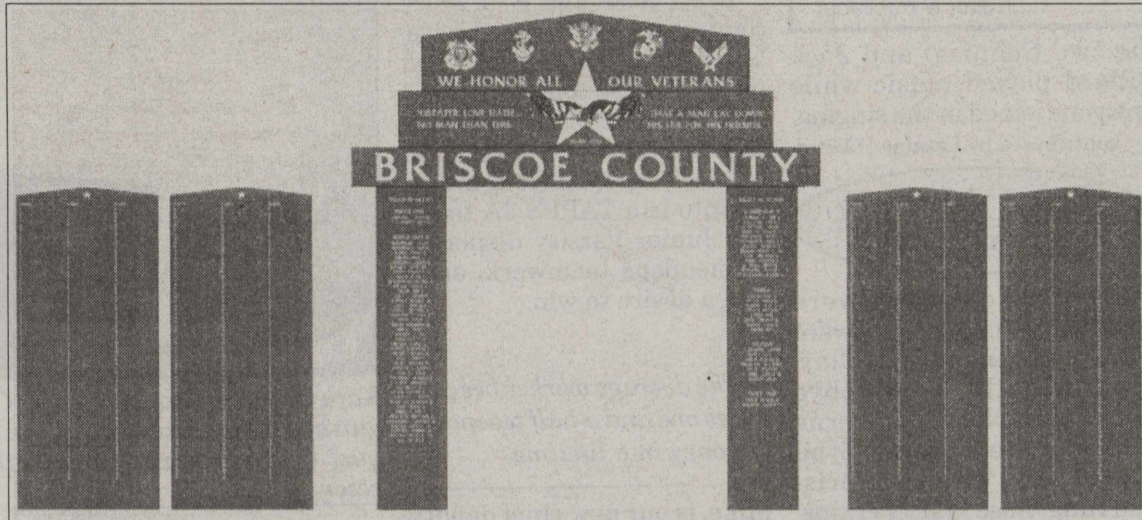
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Pictured above is the Briscoe County Veterans Memorial, honoring all veterans of all wars who live or have lived in the county, or who are buried here. Donations are being accepted toward the building of this monument on the corner of the Courthouse lawn, and it is hoped that the dedication can be held during the Silverton School Homecoming and County Birthday Celebration in 2004.

## Owls Have First Game Called Because of Lightning Storm

Silverton's Owls drove to Chillicothe for their first game of the season Friday night, only to have the game called because of lightning with 6:50 remaining in the second quarter.

The Owls had done very well in the early going of the game, and looked especially good to those who realize they are in a rebuilding year.

Opening the game by kicking off, the Owls threw the Eagles for a four-yard loss on a pass completion before giving up a touchdown on a long run with 9:07 remaining in the first quarter. They passed complete for the point after touchdown, and moved into a 7-0 lead over the Owls.

When Chillicothe kicked off, Colt Smith returned the ball to the Silverton 31. Yance Forbes picked up a couple of yards, after which the Owls fumbled, and Smith recovered. Forbes picked up another seven yards on the next play, after an incomplete pass caused the ball to go over on downs.

Chillicothe came back with a six-yard run and a penalty back to the original line of

scrimmage. They carried a touchdown on fourth down, which was called back by the referees because of an infraction. The Eagles punted to the Silverton eight, and the Owls went back on offense.

Beau Brock ran for five yards, and Chance Rhoderick ran to the 21. Brock made a first down on the 39, then carried to the Chillicothe 33. A pass completion by Smith to Max Comer was good for a touchdown with 2:16 remaining in the first quarter. Caleb Francis held and Comer booted the PAT, to give the Owls an 8-7 lead in the game.

Comer teed up the ball and Caleb executed the onside kick. The Eagles got a first down on a pass interference call against the Owls. The Eagles scored with 1:22 remaining in the first quarter, and the Owls blocked the PAT kick. This gave Chillicothe a 13-8 lead.

Brock opened the next offensive series for the Owls by picking up seven yards, and a pass from Smith to Comer was good for a first down on the Eagle 35. Another pass from

Smith to Comer went for a touchdown, Comer kicked the PAT, and the Owls moved into a 16-13 lead.

Caleb Francis once again executed the onside kick, recovered it, and put the Owls back in business on their 33.

As the second quarter began, Smith picked up six yards to the 27, and a pass from Smith to Payton Estes was good for a first down on the Chillicothe 13. Smith hit Jacob Francis with a touchdown pass with 8:37 still to be played in the quarter. Comer kicked the PAT, and the Owls moved into a 24-13 lead.

On the last play of the game, the Owls held and prevented a first down by the Eagles.

The Owls will travel to Lazbuddie for a 7:30 p.m. kick-off Friday night.

## Pep Rally Will Be On Football Field

This week's Pep Rally will begin at 2:30 p.m. at the football field.

*A good listener is not only popular everywhere, but after a while he knows something.*

Wilson Mizner

*Some lobsters can live to be more than 100 years old.*

## Silverton ISD Facing Financial Crisis at Present

From the Administration and Staff of Silverton ISD

For more than 70 years the Silverton community and the Silverton Independent School District have played a vital role in the development and education of Silverton's children. We have been a recognized school district each year since the 1995 school year and in the 2000-2001 school year we earned the Exemplary rating from the Texas Education Agency. Last school year our teachers successfully prepared our students for the transition to the TAKS test. Overall our TAKS test results were good and we were especially pleased that all third graders passed the Reading part of the TAKS test on the first attempt. Students graduating from Silverton High School are successful in college, careers, and in life. The faculty and staff of Silverton ISD take great pride in educating your children to be the best citizens and well-rounded individuals they can possibly be.

Currently our school district is facing a financial crisis. This is due to a number of factors. In 1999-2000, SISD had a fund balance of approximately \$400,000.00. Since that time the fund balance has shown a steady decline to a projected fund balance of between \$65,000.00 and \$85,000.00 at the end of this year. (The September audit will give us a final actual fund balance amount.) This has occurred due to losses in student enrollment and over-estimating the amount of revenue from the state of Texas.

Silverton ISD is working diligently to correct problems in the budget by across-the-board cuts including teacher supplies and travel. This has

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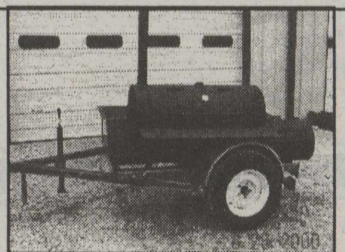
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## Silverton Girls' Cross Country Opens Saturday

The Silverton Lady Owls are preparing for another Cross Country season. They open in Plainview Saturday, Sept. 6, at Running Water Draw Regional Park, which is located behind Furr's, off I-27 and US 70.

Times for the competition are 9:00-JV girls and 9:30-Div. I girls.

## YARD SALE

Yard Sale: Gas Heaters, Doors, miscellaneous. Starts Friday at Lighthouse Church, 6th & Broadway. 806-684-2240. 36-1tnc

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I girls.

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through town until you get to Austin Street. Turn south on Austin and continue until you come to the park.

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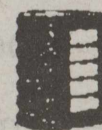
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Ladies Bible Study.....6:30 p.m.  
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Unit. Meth. Women..... 9:30 a.m.  
WEDNESDAY:  
In-home Bible Study..... 7:00 p.m.  
FRIDAY:  
Unit. Meth. Men..... 6:30 a.m.

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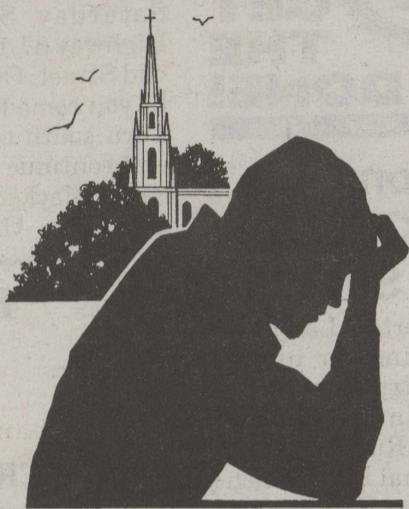
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Worship Service.....11:00 a.m.  
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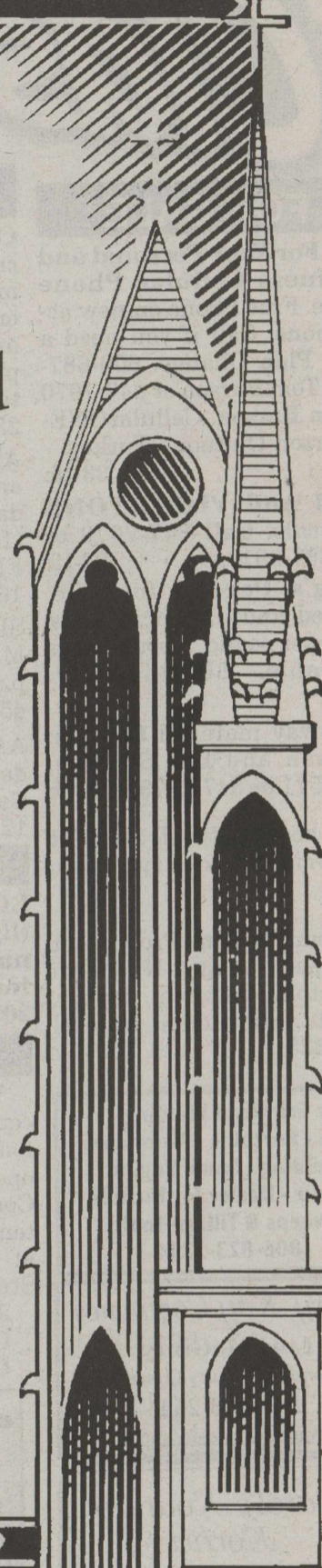
# Cast Your Anxieties On The Lord

Some people have a tendency to overly concern themselves with every situation with which they are faced. Most things that they become concerned with are not really that important and they just cause themselves undue stress and anxiety. We should try to understand those things that are truly important in our lives, and then determine which of these should really concern us. We should not worry about minor things or things that we cannot control.

God wants our lives to be peaceful, loving, and as free from difficulties as possible. He does not want us to dwell on the negative things that have happened to us in the past, or worry about things of the future. We will never be able to totally control or know everything about every situation in our lives, and being anxious about everything can be exhausting and depressing. We can however, adopt a new motto for our lives; "I'll do my best, and leave the rest to God." Psalm 29:11 tells us that the Lord gives strength to his people and blesses them with peace.

*Cast your burden on the Lord, and  
He will sustain you....*

Revised Standard Version Psalm 55:22



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**74th Birthday is Celebrated Here**

Doris Grimland Yates celebrated her 74th birthday on Saturday with friends and family. She was gifted with a fancy keyboard and seemed to take to it right off. She said it was the best birthday she ever had.

There to wish her the best were her sons, Terry Grimland and his wife, Sally, and Alan Grimland; a daughter, Connie Davis, her husband, Jim, and the twins, Jeremiah and Jesse; her sisters, Juanell Graves from Lubbock and Dorothy Ellis and husband, Garland, from Ralls; friends, Connie and Lynn Smith and Doris' brother, Jack Dillard and wife, Lataine.

Her daughter made her a rich chocolate cake with "47" on it. Alan Grimland grilled pork chops and potatoes.

Following the delicious meal, Connie Smith (known by the group as Connie "Guitar" to distinguish between

the twoConnies) and Jack Dillard played music while everyone joined in the singing.

contributed by Lataine Dilliard



All the quilters were present August 28. They were Wanda Strange, Ada Clay, Nadyne Childress, Bobbye Bean, Ann Norris, Laverne Stephens, Evelyn Smith, Sybil King, Oleta Warren, Christine King, Rose Mary Perkins, Diane Norris, Joy Stodghill and Nina Martin.

My quilt--*Broken Dishes*--was finished last week. Ada's Friendship Quilt is almost finished. Bobbye put in a quilt for her sister, Jontha Lee Mercer of Lockney. Jontha is helping quilt the *Stack and Whack*.

We had a business meeting and voted to support the Veterans' Memorial by having a quilt show during the Homecoming next August. Wanda Strange has donated a pieced *Tulip* top for us to quilt for a fundraiser.

Diane Norris' husband,

**Silverton JV Team Loses First Game**

The Silverton Junior Varsity Owls lost a hard-fought contest last Thursday evening against San Jacinto's Varsity by a score of 52-26.

Thor Patton scored on a one-yard run behind the blocking of Jesse Reynolds, Ory Johnson, Albert DeLeon and Thomas Craiker.

Drew Reed and E. J. Ivory connected on a 30-yard pass, 45-yard pass, and 55-yard pass for three touchdowns.

The Silverton Junior Varsity had close to 300 yards in total offense. Although San Jacinto is a TAPPS 3A team, the Junior Varsity displayed tremendous teamwork, skill, and a desire to win.

*The average worker bee produces one and a half teaspoons of honey in a lifetime.*

Mike, is our new chief deputy. Her son, Richard Ray, his wife, Stephanie, and daughter, Kali, have recently moved to Silverton. Richard is a volunteer EMT for Silverton. He started EMT I Wednesday, August 27. Mike Norris' daughter, Andrea Norris, of Fort Worth is to marry Andy Zahasky on September 13.

Clifton Stodghill had knee surgery September 2.

Elton Cantwell visited his daughter, Debbie and family, last week at Raton, New Mexico. He went to a Studebaker car show in Trinidad, Colorado while there.

My grandson, James Zorger, has spent two weeks painting on my house. He lives in Bethany, Oklahoma. He will come back later to finish.

Recipe--

**Big Cowboy Cookies**

Blend together 2 sticks butter, 2 sticks oleo, 2 cups sugar, 1 lb. brown sugar. Mix in 4 large eggs, 1 tbsp. vanilla, 4 cups flour, 1 tsp. baking powder, 2 tsp. baking soda, 4 cups oatmeal, 4 cups crushed cornflakes, 8 oz. chopped dates, chocolate chips and pecans.

I let the dough chill and then made long rolls wrapped in waxed paper to put in the freezer. The cook on PBS made giant cookies. I sliced the frozen rolls and baked 8 minutes at 350°.



Kathy Fuston and Larry Bob Clay were presented the Distinguished Leader Awards at the annual 4-H Achievement Banquet held at the pavillion at the Briscoe County Courthouse recently.

Extension Service Photo

**Caprock SWCD Taking Orders For Fruit Trees**

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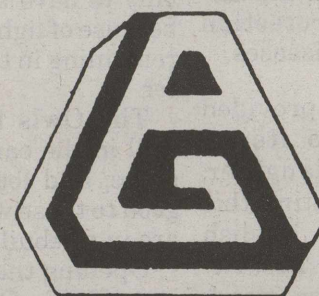
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## LOOKING BACK

through the files of the  
Briscoe County News

**July 21, 1983**--A tree at the Ware Fogerson home was struck by lightning last week during an electrical storm that raked the area . . . Tom Bridges, who is married to the former Dianne Davis, landed here last week and took Mrs. Stella Davis, 88, on a plane ride . . . Ron Ledbetter to conduct revival services at First Baptist Church here . . . G. Mayfield, 82, taken by death . . . Miss Connie Rowell, bride-elect of Mitchell Simpson, was honored at a miscellaneous shower in the Pioneer Room at First State Bank in Silverton . . .

**July 22, 1993**--New highway to connect Quitaque with 207 north of South Plains . . . Bill Saunders, producer for Phillips Productions, Inc. of Dallas, was in Silverton last week to film a program from the studio of J. Christopher White, woodcarver, for the Texas Country Reporter series . . . The Amarillo Area Foundation has announced recipients of the Senator Grady and Andrine Hazlewood Scholarships, and these include Casey Frizzell, an honor student and outstanding athlete in Silverton High School . . . Christi Comer, daughter of Buddy and Connie Comer of Cuero, was a spring graduate of the College of Education at The University of Texas in Austin . . . Ben and Pat Whitfill have been enjoying the visits of their children and grandchildren . . . Derrel Johnson is continuing to recover from the injuries he received when a piece of equipment fell on him at the gin . . . Dusty Martin won a fifth-place medal in the skeet contest and a plaque for being the runner-up Overall Individual in the Open class of trap shooting at the District 24-H Trap and Skeet Shoot . . . Jeremiah Brooks has been accepted as a junior member of the American Hereford Association . . .

**July 19, 1973**--A new cash crop--cucumbers--is now being harvested here. Two Silverton farmers, Riley Harris and Jimmy Myers, planted a total of 44 acres of cucumbers this year and have contracted them . . . Mr. and Mrs.

John Lee Francis have moved to Plainview . . . Wedding vows were exchanged by Miss Janinne Pigg of Flomot and Mr. Bill Brooks of Amarillo in a formal garden ceremony at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Pigg . . . Miss Tisa Haberer to marry Gene Whitfill August 21 . . . Miss Mary Jo Thomas and Wade A. Brannon exchanged wedding vows in the home of the bridegroom's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Seymour Brannon. Parents of the bride are Windle Thomas of Silverton and Mrs. Michael Stephens of Amarillo . . .

**July 4, 1963**--Briscoe County Agricultural Agent Leon Grosdidier announced that 100,000 sterile screw-worm flies were dropped in a ranch area near here last week. The plane took off at Sweetwater carrying 600,000 of the sterile flies, and made other drops, one of which was in Floyd County, before arriving in this area. The flies are "packaged" in boxes with a total of 400 flies in each box . . . Last rites held here for Billy Joe Hale, 29 . . . Mr. and Mrs. Ted Strange left Lubbock by

plane for Dallas Saturday and he entered Baylor Hospital for lung surgery on Wednesday . . . Jimmy and Floyd Perkins spent the weekend here with relatives. Both are employed in Amarillo . . . Kate Fowler buys hotel in Quitaque . . . Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie Wofford, Keila Ann and Vicky Lynn, have moved here from Plainview and are now at home in the house just north of Mrs. C. R. Badgett on Braidfoot Street. He is employed by Pioneer Natural Gas Company . . . Joann Turner is attending summer school at Arizona State College in Flagstaff . . . Mr. and Mrs. Bill Baird, Christi and Billy Van have been weekend visitors with Mr. and Mrs. Jean Grundy and Carol Ann . . . Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Malone are parents of a daughter, Eugenia Kay . . .

**June 25, 1953**--FFA Rodeo to be held Friday and Saturday nights . . . Mrs. M. A. Graham was involved in a near-serious car accident on Friday. She and another woman were returning to the Graham home from Kress on a farm-to-market road, when their car collided with a pickup . . . Baptist Youth Rally will be held at Quitaque . . . Mr. and Mrs. George Long are parents of a son, Nicky Wayne, born Thursday . . . Miss Jewel Hodges of

Lubbock visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Hodges, on Sunday . . . Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Swann and children left for their home in Dallas Sunday after spending a week with her mother, Mrs. Una Burson . . . Mmes. J. W. Brannon, sr. and Richard Hill were business visitors in Lubbock Thursday . . .

**May 27, 1943**--Winona Francis is valedictorian and Ruby Weast is salutatorian of the graduating class. Joe Earl Deavenport is the honor boy . . . Dora Ann Amason and Pat Northcutt were the favorites of the Fourth Grade and were named as the King and Queen of the Victory Bond Rally . . . Modine Yates is valedictorian and Jack Paige is salutatorian of the Eighth Grade class. The other graduates are W. E. Autry, Joe Lyn Allard, John Arthur Arnold, John Arville Boling, Kenneth Bean, Mann Bingham, Hubert Brooks, Jean Brian, Ruby Jewell Chappell, Nelma Joyce Chappell, Charles Herbert Carthel, A. S. Chitty, Roy Chitty, Glen Denham, Maxine Graham, L. B. Garvin, Robert Lee Isbell, Glenna Lee, Alma Jewell Leuty, Alvie Morris, C. G. McEwin, Stella Louise Perkins, Arthur Richard Pfeil, Bobbie Jean Smith, Dewey Leroy Sample, Roy Dean Seaney, Hansel Sanders, Fred

Strange, Rance Stephens, Armsted William Self, Jerry Simpson, Paul Howard Webb, Wilton Whitehead, Jonnie Eudine Watters, Julia Estley and Leroy Vardell . . . Mrs. Warner Reid visited in the U. D. Brown home Wednesday afternoon . . . Don Bomar, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. O. Bomar, won first in the April Rally, both for most bonds sold and most scrap collected. He is in the Fourth Grade . . . Lily Jack Wafford was among the spring graduates at WTSTC in Canyon Sunday . . . Lucille Weast and Jack O'Neal will be graduated from The University of Texas this week . . .

## Happy Birthday-

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  
September 8 -- Christa Tucker, Kay McWilliams  
September 9 -- DeLyn Sanders, Isabel Colunga, Lesa Johnson  
September 10 -- Heath May, Benjamin Castillo, Regina Reed, Carol Martin

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## Region 16 School Tax Rate Survey

| School                      | 2001 Rate | 2002 Rate |
|-----------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Adrian                      | 1.416     | 1.410     |
| Allison                     | 1.00      | 1.45      |
| Amarillo                    | 1.535     | 1.59      |
| Booker                      | 1.275     | 1.50      |
| Borger                      | 1.456     | 1.50      |
| Bovina                      | 1.10      | 1.14      |
| Bushland                    | 1.36      | 1.45      |
| Canadian                    | 1.41      | 1.467     |
| Canyon                      | 1.47      | 1.606     |
| Channing                    | 1.199     | 1.36      |
| Childress                   | 1.48      | 1.60      |
| Clarendon                   | 1.305     | 1.375     |
| Claude                      | 1.08      | 1.36      |
| Dalhart                     | 1.33      | 1.38      |
| Darrrouzett                 | 1.475     | 1.50      |
| Dimmitt                     | 1.365     | 1.396     |
| Dumas                       | 1.40      | 1.43      |
| Farwell                     | 1.295     | 1.345     |
| Follett                     | 1.41      | 1.50      |
| Fort Elliott                | 1.07      | 1.278     |
| Friona                      | 1.11      | 1.145     |
| Grandview-                  |           |           |
| Hopkins                     | 1.28      | 1.32      |
| Groom                       | 1.61      | 1.60      |
| Gruver                      | 1.31      | 1.50      |
| Happy                       | 1.296     | 1.439     |
| Hart                        | 1.30      | 1.30      |
| Hartley                     | 1.47      | 1.609     |
| Hedley                      | 1.39      | 1.37      |
| Hereford                    | 1.50      | 1.50      |
| Higgins                     | 1.50      | 1.50      |
| Highland                    |           |           |
| Park                        | 1.535     | 1.53      |
| Kelton                      | .948      | .94       |
| Kress                       | 1.42      | 1.42      |
| Lazbuddie                   | 1.50      | 1.498     |
| Lefors                      | 1.62      | 1.67      |
| McLean                      | 1.078     | 1.50      |
| Memphis                     | 1.317     | 1.328     |
| Miami                       | 1.24      | 1.45      |
| Nazareth                    | 1.36      | 1.41      |
| Pampa                       | 1.545     | 1.554     |
| Panhandle                   | 1.35      | 1.48      |
| Perryton                    | 1.428     | 1.602     |
| Plemons-                    |           |           |
| Stinnett-                   |           |           |
| Phillips                    | 1.496     | 1.488     |
| Pringle-                    |           |           |
| Morse                       | 1.337     | 1.38      |
| River Road                  | 1.556     | 1.57      |
| Samn'wood                   | 1.24      | 1.35      |
| Sanford-                    |           |           |
| Fritch                      | 1.50      | 1.587     |
| Shamrock                    | 1.13      | 1.225     |
| Silverton                   | 1.01      | 1.04      |
| Spearman                    | 1.334     | 1.587     |
| Spring                      |           |           |
| Creek                       | .947      | 1.375     |
| Stratford                   | 1.234     | 1.41      |
| Sunray                      | 1.57      | 1.57      |
| Texhoma                     | .89       | 1.45      |
| Texline                     | 1.409     | 1.454     |
| Tulia                       | 1.379     | 1.379     |
| Turkey-                     |           |           |
| Quitaque                    | 1.219     | 1.32      |
| Vega                        | 1.27      | 1.319     |
| Walcott                     | .975      | .975      |
| Wellington                  | 1.34      | 1.37      |
| Wheeler                     | 1.47      | 1.50      |
| White Deer                  | 1.49      | 1.49      |
| Wildorado                   | 1.48      | 1.50      |
| Region 16 Average Tax Rates | 1.33      | 1.42      |



Mrs. Niall Collins

### Austin Ceremony Unites Miss Cami Comer, Niall Collins

In a late evening ceremony at One World Theatre in Austin on August 9, Miss Cami Comer became the bride of Niall Collins. Pat Abbott officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Buddy and Connie Comer of Lubbock, former Silverton residents. Parents of the bridegroom are Cornelius and Philomena Collins of Bandon, County Cork, Ireland.

Matron of honor was Christi Daily of Abilene, sister of the bride. Best man was Maurice Whelan, friend of the bridegroom of Listowel, County Kerry, Ireland.

Bridal attendants included Laura Richards of Tampa, Florida, Laura Dixon of Austin, Jenny Stocker of Dallas, Mary Taylor and Lori Hutson of Santa Monica, California and Annie Kopecky of Houston. Junior bridesmaid was Brooke Daily, niece of the bride, of Abilene.

Groomsmen were Richard Hall, Gauray Chand, Patrick Fanning and Mark Ruschitzko, all of Austin.

Bridesmaids were attired in street-length after-five ensembles in black and carried nosegays of vari-colored summer flowers.

Flower girl was Alison Daily of Abilene, niece of the bride. She wore a white ballerina-length gown.

For her wedding, the bride chose a full-length satin gown with a fitted strapless bodice and flared skirt. Her fingertip veil was held in place by a bandeau and she carried long-stemmed white tulips.

A string quartet played pre-nuptial selections preceding the ceremony. A buffet meal was served to those attending and a five-tiered wedding cake was served with punch at a reception

which followed. The houseparty included Nancy Arnold of Frisco, Texas, Sarah Dixon of Los Angeles, California and Katie Steger of Austin.

Among family members of the bride attending the ceremony were Buddy and Connie Comer of Lubbock, parents of the bride; Darrell and Bryson Daily of Abilene, brother-in-law and nephew of the bride; aunts and uncles, including Carol and Mary Davis of Silverton, Hop and Jeanne Graham of Lovington, New Mexico, and Camellia Comer of Mesquite, Texas; and cousins and families, Max and Andi Davis and daughters, Brandi and Sheri of Arlington,

Texas and Jason and Stefanie Brandt and daughter, Julia, of Garland, Texas.

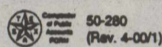
Family members and friends attending the wedding were Cornelius and Philomena Collins of Bandon, County Cork, Ireland, parents of the bridegroom; sisters and brothers-in-law including Noel and Ruth Melvin of Lucan, County Dublin, Ireland; Deirdre Collins of Bandon, County Cork, Ireland; Claire Collins of Douglas, County Cork, Ireland; and Ray and Edal Burke and son, Eoghan of Corbally, County Limerick, Ireland; and close family friends, David and Irene Madden of Bandon, County Cork, Ireland.

The bride is a graduate of The University of Texas in Austin and the bridegroom is a graduate of University College Cork in Ireland. Both are employed by Dell Computer Corporation at Round Rock, Texas.

Following a wedding trip to St. John, U. S. Virgin Islands, the couple will be at home in Austin, Texas

The bride is the granddaughter of the late Milton and Zelda Dudley and the late Leo and Willene Comer. She is the niece of Larry and Cindy Comer of Silverton.

*The way to love anything is to realize that it may be lost.*  
G. K. Chesterton



### NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The Silverton Independent School District will hold a public meeting at Silverton High School in Room 1 at 1:00 P.M.

September 12, 2003. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

#### Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates

|  | Maintenance & Operations | Interest & Sinking Fund* | Total     | Local Revenue Per Student | State Revenue Per Student |
|--|--------------------------|--------------------------|-----------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| Last Year's Rate   | \$1.0400                 | \$0.000 *                | \$ 1.0400 | \$ 2,096                  | \$4,824                   |
| Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service | 1.1595                   | 0.000                    | 1.1595    | 2,316                     | 4,604                     |
| Proposed Rate  | \$1.3000                 | \$ 0.000 *               | \$ 1.3000 | \$ 2,677                  | \$ 4,533                  |

\* The Interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both. The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.

#### Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year's Levy on Average Residence

|   | Last Year | This Year |
|---|-----------|-----------|
| Average Market Value of Residences                    | \$ 35,000 | \$ 35,000 |
| Average Taxable Value of Residences                   | \$ 20,000 | \$ 20,000 |
| Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value | \$ 1.04   | \$ 1.30   |
| Taxes Due on Average Residence                        | \$ 208.00 | \$ 260.00 |
| Increase (Decrease) in Taxes                          |           | \$ 52.00  |

Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in tax rate or property value.

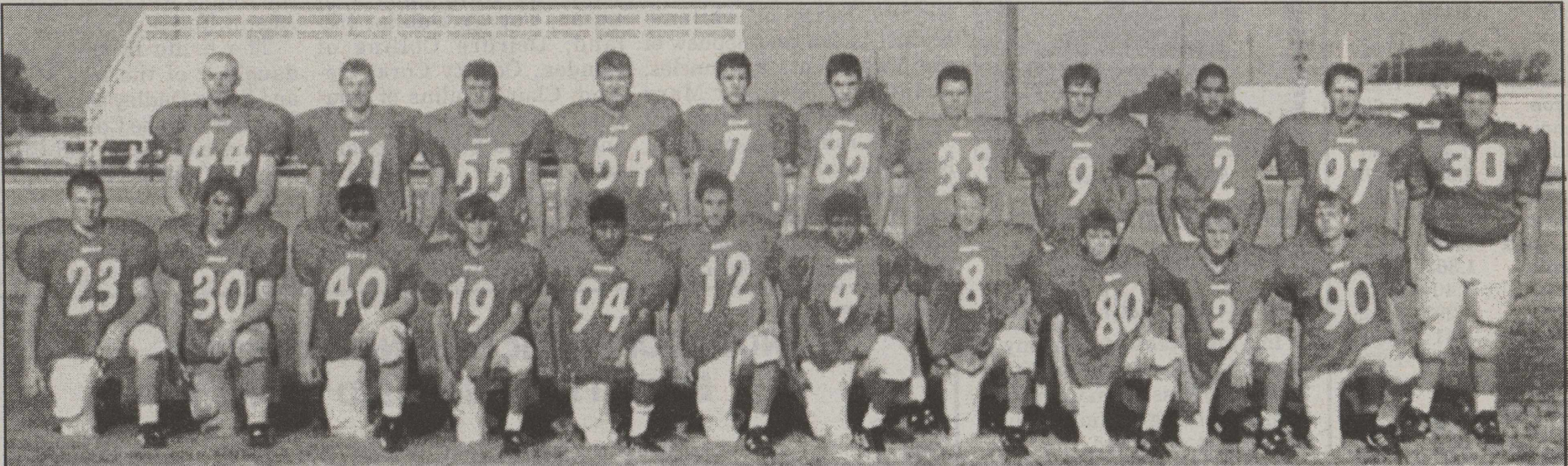
Notice of Rollback Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is \$ 1.1230. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of \$ 1.1230.

#### Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment:

|  |           |
|--|-----------|
| Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s) | \$ 65,000 |
| Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)         | \$        |

# ***Best Wishes to the Silverton Owls During Football Season!***



*The Owls (back row, left to right) : Chance Rhoderick, Payton Estes, Beau Brock, Eric Minyard, Gid Mayfield, Jesse Reynolds, Colt Smith, Drew Reed, E. J. Ivory, Ory Johnson, Tim Brown; (front row) James Tiffin, Max Comer, Jacob Francis, Caleb Francis, Ernesto Ferrusca, Yance Forbes, Albert DeLeon, Thor Patton, Aaron Darling, Zak Perkins, Brock Darling. Photo by Plainview Daily Herald*

## **Silverton vs. Lazbuddie**

**There, September 5 at 7:30 p.m.**

## **Silverton JV vs. Motley County**

**There, September 4 at 6:00 p.m.**

**Johnson's Gin  
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The Altman Group, Inc.  
H. & H. Fertilizer**

**First National Bank, Quitaque  
Fleming Well Service  
Briscoe County News  
Silverton Oil Company  
Lighthouse Electric  
Silvercot Gin, Inc.**

## Silverton School Lunch Menu

Monday, Sept. 8--Pizza, Salad, Chocolate Pudding, Milk

Tuesday, Sept. 9--Beef Stroganoff, Beans, Bread, Fruit, Milk

Wednesday, Sept. 10--Fajita Salad, Chips, Hot Sauce, Peaches, Milk

Thursday, Sept. 11--Steak, Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Baked Beans, Hot Roll, Honey & Butter, Milk

Friday, Sept. 12--Sloppy Joe, Cheese Fries, Fruit, Salad, Milk

## September Events

### At Caprock Canyons

September events at Caprock Canyons State Park include the following:

**September 6: South Prong Nature Hike, 8:30 a.m.**

Join the park interpreter for a nature hike along the South Prong Trail. Learn about mammals, animal signs, birds, reptiles, plants and the geology of the canyons. The hike will last about 1.5 hours. Meet at the South Prong parking area and bring plenty of water. Regular park fees apply.

**September 6: Geology of Caprock Canyons State Park, 8:00 p.m.**

Join park officials for an evening slideshow and discussion about the geology of Caprock Canyons. How the canyons were formed and what the earth looked like when the sandstone and gypsum were deposited will be discussed. Meet at the amphitheatre to enjoy a beautiful sunset. Regular park fees apply.

### Happy Anniversary-

September 4--Mr. and Mrs. David Johnston

September 5--Mr. and Mrs. Jim Myers

## WEATHER

August Readings at 6:00 a.m. Daily

High Low Precip.

|                       | High | Low | Precip.  |
|-----------------------|------|-----|----------|
| 1                     |      |     |          |
| 2                     |      |     | Vacation |
| 3                     |      |     |          |
| 4                     | 95   | 77  |          |
| 5                     | 103  | 76  |          |
| 6                     | 103  | 70  |          |
| 7                     | 101  | 68  |          |
| 8                     | 104  | 68  |          |
| 9                     | 105  | 72  |          |
| 10                    | 88   | 64  |          |
| 11                    | 94   | 67  |          |
| 12                    | 97   | 67  |          |
| 13                    | 86   | 61  |          |
| 14                    | 84   | 61  |          |
| 15                    | 82   | 61  |          |
| 16                    | 87   | 65  |          |
| 17                    | 92   | 65  |          |
| 18                    | 95   | 66  |          |
| 19                    | 97   | 67  |          |
| 20                    | 95   | 64  |          |
| 21                    | 95   | 66  |          |
| 22                    | 98   | 65  |          |
| 23                    | 96   | 62  |          |
| 24                    | 92   | 64  |          |
| 25                    | 92   | 63  |          |
| 26                    | 93   | 64  | .50      |
| 27                    | 92   | 65  |          |
| 28                    | 94   | 67  |          |
| 29                    | 97   | 55  |          |
| 30                    | 84   | 66  | T        |
| 31                    | 77   | 60  |          |
| August Precip.        |      |     | .50      |
| Normal Aug. Precip.   |      |     | 2.64     |
| Total Precip. in 2003 |      |     | 9.25     |
| Normal Annual Precip. |      |     | 15.59    |

## Silverton School Activities

Thursday, September 4--JV vs. Motley County, there, 6:00 p.m.

Friday, September 5--Owls vs. Lazbuddie, there, 7:30

Tuesday, September 9--Junior Class Fundraiser

Thursday, September 11--JV vs Amherst, here, 7:00; Board meeting

## School Crisis--

Continued From Page One  
amounted to \$80,000.00 in cuts and another \$76,500.00 has been cut through reduction in staffing. Even with these total cuts of \$156,500.00 we are still approximately \$100,000.00 short of the amount needed to write a balanced budget. Due to the continued declining student enrollment the only other way to balance the budget is to raise the tax rate significantly.

If our deficit budgeting is greater than our fund balance, a red flag goes up and the Texas Education Agency will step in and do a master financial plan. Without the tax rate increase we will not be able to generate enough revenue to stop this and the reality is that we will eventually be forced to close the school. In the event of the school closing, all Silverton students would have to be consolidated into a surrounding district where we would have to pay their tax rate. All of the schools surrounding us currently have higher tax rates than the \$1.30 that we are proposing.

All teachers and employees are working vigilantly to cut costs for the next two years in order for us to regain our financial stability. With the school and community working together, along with the passage of the proposed tax rate, the residents of Silverton will continue to enjoy the benefits of a quality public school. (See related information on Page 6.)

Para mas de 70 anos la comunidad de Silverton y la escuela Silverton Independent School District ha tenido un papel vital en el desarrollo y educacion de los ninos de Silverton. Hemos sido una escuela reconocida cada ano desde 1995 y en el ano 2000-2001 fuimos reconocidos como una escuela ejemplar por la Agencia de Educacion de Texas. (Texas Education Agency) El ano pasado nuestros maestros han preparado los estudiantes con exito para el examen TAKS. Los resultados fueron buenos y estamos orgullosos que todos los estudiantes del tercer grado aprobaron la parte de leer (reading) del examen TAKS la primera vez que lo intentaron. Los estudiantes graduados de Silverton High School han sido un exito en la universidad, en sus carreras y en la vida. La facultad de

Silverton ISD tiene el orgullo de educara sus hijos para ser los mejores ciudadanos que puedan ser.

En este momento la escuela esta sufriendo una crisis financiera. Esto esta debido a varias cosas. En 1999-2000, SISD ha tenido una balanza de fondos de aproximadamente \$400,000.00. Desde ese tiempo la balanza de fondos ha bajado hasta \$65,000.00 - \$85,000.00 al final de este ano. (La revision de septiembre nos va a dar la balanza de fondo actual. (Esto ha ocurrido por la falta de nuevos estudiantes y la sobre predicacion de los ingresos del estado de Texas.) Silverton ISD esta trabajando para corregir problemas en el presupuesto haciendo cortes en el presupuesto incluyendo viajes escolares y provisiones para la clase. Esto ha ayudado cortar del presupuesto \$80,000.00 y otro \$76,500.00 se ha cortado en reduciendo empleados escolares. Igual con estos cortes de \$156,500.00 todavia nos falta \$100,000.00 para balancear el presupuesto. Debido a la falta de estudiantes nuevos el unico recurso es subir impuestos.

Si no se puede balancear el presupuesto la Agencia de Educacion de Texas (Texas Education Agency) puede venir a la escuela y hacer un plan financiero. Sin subir impuestos no podriamos generar dinero suficiente para parar que venga la Agencia y



Khaki Scrivner received a plaque for the Bronze Star Award at the 2003 County 4-H Achievement Banquet.

tendriamos que cerrar la escuela. En el evento que se cierre esta escuela, todos los estudiantes tendrian que ir a otra escuela de alrededor donde se tendria que pagar los impuestos de esa escuela. Todas las escuelas alrededores tienen un impuesto mas alto que el \$1.30 que estamos proponiendo.

Todos las maestros y empleados estan trabajando para cortar costos para los 2 anos siguientes para reestablecer la estabilidad financiera. Con la escuela y la comunidad trabajando juntos, tambien con la aprobacion del impuesto, los residentes de Silverton van a continuar de gozar de una escuela de calidad.



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