

All Around The Town

By Mary Ann Sarchet



We had a hard time getting the paper out last week. Our main computer crashed on Monday, and the printer that processes the labels crashed on Tuesday. For this reason, some things that should have been in the paper didn't get in. Thanks to John Mes for getting us back in business!

Happy belated birthday to these who should have been in last week:

December 11 -- Dock Wallace, Kori Land

December 12--Tom Burson, Dora Storie, Lupe Hernandez, Jonathan Perkins, Paloma DeLeon

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

December 14--Mark Burk, Mandy Couch

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

December 16 -- Virgal Minyard, Stanley Gamble

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

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This is the 51st issue of the Briscoe County News in 2003. After this, only the Christmas Edition remains. Time flies when you're having fun!

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An acquaintance of Jack Mayfield sent him a video they made immediately after Silverton's tornado in 1957. It will be placed in the public library in the courthouse, where it will be available for viewing.

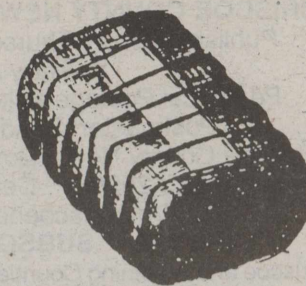
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Briscoe County Activities Association has announced plans to sponsor a Christmas Lighting Contest this year.

Judging will be done on Monday, December 22. Please be sure to leave your lights turned on that evening so the judges will see your display at its best.

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It is time to get your Santa letters in for publication in the Christmas edition of the Briscoe County News. Deadline is Dec. 19. Take them by the newspaper office or mail them in the special box at the Post Office.



Briscoe County News

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2003

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Mike Juarez and Obelia Bullock gave blood recently when the blood bank was in Silverton. Attendants Edna Harris and Terry Rodriguez were the phlebotomists and Randi Belflower took information. It was a successful day for the Amarillo Blood Bank. They had 17 donors, and each received a beautiful Christmas ornament. Others giving blood were Jimmy Burson, Melba Gillihan, Juanita Howard, Wanda Strange, Lataine Dillard, Jimmy Myers, Bill Mayfield, Lana Burson, Harlen Vernon, John Schott, Judy Segura, Perry Brunson, Carl Minyard, Kari Patton and Ramona Martin. The blood bank will be in Silverton again January 27, 2004. Photo Story by Lataine Dillard

Newspaper Will Be Printed Early

The Briscoe County News will be printed early next week, due to the Christmas holiday being on Thursday.

All news and advertising will need to be turned in to the newspaper office not later than Monday morning. If you could have them to the office on Friday it would be appreciated.

Strawn Wins State Six-Man Football Championship

Strawn's six-man football team won the state championship from Fort Davis at Odessa last Friday night.

Strawn is coached by Dewaine Lee, who coached here before going to Strawn.

Clifton Baker, who lives with Dewaine and Denise Lee, was an important part of the team, and should be under consideration for state honors.

School Receives Christmas Gift

Silverton School Superintendent Bill Mayfield has received a letter from Larry Elms, stating that he and his sister, Shirley (Elms) Cates, are making a \$10,000 gift in memory of their mother, Letha Elms, who was a first grade teacher here from 1950-1979.

They wish to purchase library books for the elementary grades.

Parenting 101 Class Has Been Rescheduled

Provided by Cory Edwards
Texas Cooperative Extension
Family & Consumer Sciences
Briscoe County

The final Parenting 101 class will be held Thursday, Dec. 18, 2003 in the basement of the Silverton United Methodist Church.

This final class of the four-week series will cover "Communicating with Young Children." Rita Huron from the Tulia Head Start program will be the speaker.

Refreshments, door prizes and babysitting services will

SBA Economic Injury Disaster Loans Available for Victims

Businesses in some Texas counties can now apply for low interest Economic Injury Disaster Loans from the U. S. Small Business Administration (SBA). These loans are available to help businesses meet normal operating expenses that cannot be met due to the effects of a disaster. Excessive rain, hail, high winds and lightning that occurred on June 22, 2003, caused many farmers and ranchers to experience reduced incomes which may have had an adverse economic effect on businesses depending upon these producers. Farmers and ranchers are not eligible for this loan program but may be eligible for disaster assistance through other Federal agencies. Businesses in the following counties are eligible to apply: Briscoe, Collingsworth, Donley, Motley, Childress, Cottle and Hall.

To obtain an application or receive additional information, interested business owners

may call the SBA toll-free at 1-800-366-6303 or TDD 817-267-4688 for the hearing impaired. The deadline for filing an application is July 6, 2004.

Due to the weather, many producers experienced crop losses and were not able to purchase goods and services at normal levels. The loan can help a business meet installments on long-term debt, accounts payable and overhead expenses that would have been met had the disaster not occurred. Refinancing of long-term debt, however, is not eligible under this program. The loan is designed for those businesses with substantial disaster-related needs and is intended to supplement monies the business owner can't provide from other sources.

Loans may be approved for up to \$1,500,000 for actual disaster-related financial needs of the business. Interest rate is 2.953 percent.

Honesty is one part of eloquence. We persuade others by being in earnest ourselves.

William Hazlitt

4-H To Have Ham and Turkey Shoot Dec. 20

Provided by Brandon McGinty
CEA-Ag
Texas Cooperative Extension
Briscoe County

Briscoe County 4-H Shooting Sports Club is sponsoring a Turkey and Ham Shoot on Saturday, Dec. 20, 2003, at 1:00 p.m. west of Silverton.

The range is located two miles west of Silverton on the south side of Hwy. 86.

Gifts certificates from United Supermarkets will be given away along with cash prizes. The cost is \$5.00/round with a 50% payback.

be provided for those who attend.

For more information, contact the Briscoe County Extension Office at 823-2521. Attend this informative class, and be the best mom that you can be!

RockSalt Selling 2004 Calendars

RockSalt Youth Group is selling beautiful 2004 calendars that includes unique pictures of various wood sculptures by John Christopher White.

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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

The Briscoe County & District Clerk's office is now taking applications for Deputy County & District Clerk. Position is a 9-5 job, Monday through Friday. You may come by the Clerk's office located in the Briscoe County Courthouse to pick up an application. Applications will be accepted through January 3, 2004. Briscoe County is an equal opportunity employer, dedicated to a policy of non-discrimination in employment on any basis including race, color, age, sex, religion, disability or national origin. 50-2tc

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CARDS OF THANKS

To my family and many friends--your prayers, cards, calls, visits, flowers and gifts were just overwhelming during my stay in the hospital.

May God richly bless each of you.

Sincerely,
Donnie Meriwether Bowman

Boosting Potatoes Natural Ability to Protect Themselves

Provided by Cory Edwards, CEA-FCS
Texas Cooperative Extension
Briscoe County

USDA scientists are testing plant defense mechanisms. Systematic Acquired Resistance (SAR) is a natural signaling compound that triggers a protective plant response; however, some plants don't mobilize these defenses in time to do much good against disease or insect damage. This is why scientists are testing ways to snap sluggish plants to attention. By spraying plants with salicylic acid, an aspirin-like substance, they discovered they were able to trigger SAR. This could help producers grow healthier plants and reduce pesticide use.

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Thomas Fuller

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Junior High Teams Play Games in Clarendon Tourney

Both Silverton's seventh and eighth grade Owls played in the Clarendon Junior High Tournament Saturday, Dec. 13.

The seventh grade played Wellington, losing a 44-37 decision. Cord Griffin led the scoring with a big 14-point effort and True Burson also scored in double figures, ringing up 11 points. Adding to the score were Shawn Johnson and Cade Holt, four points each; Blake Strange and Carlos Garcia, two points each.

7th Owls	14	16	22	37
Wellington	10	24	32	44

The seventh grade Owls also dropped a 32-19 game to Clarendon. Scoring for the Owls were True Burson, six; Cord Griffin, five; Shawn Johnson, four; Reese Scarborough, three; Carlos Garcia, one point.

7th Owls	4	8	12	19
Clarendon	10	18	28	32

The eighth grade Owls dropped a game to Clarendon, 62-15.

Scoring was by Gabriel Vargas, seven; Shane Estes, Davin Fabela, Butler Otis and Calvin Daugherty, two points each. A shot from downtown was hit by Vargas.

8th Owls	4	10	10	15
Clarendon	13	32	44	62

The eighth graders also dropped a match to Wellington, 50-24. Gabriel Vargas led the scoring with 10 points. Shane Estes rang up six points. Davin Fabela, Butler Otis, Calvin Daugherty and Chad Watson hit two points each.

8th Owls	5	6	17	24
Wellington	14	26	35	50

Owls Drop Game To Clarendon

Silverton's varsity Owls dropped a 59-42 match to Clarendon here Friday night.

Gid Mayfield led the scoring with 15 points. Adding to the score were Payton Estes, nine; Eric Minyard and Colt Smith, seven points each; Ty Reed, four points.

Owls	11	22	34	42
Clarendon	2	16	38	59

Lady Owls Host Clarendon

Silverton's Lady Owls hosted Clarendon for a game here Friday night, dropping the match 57-35.

Krista Hale led the scoring with 12 points. Rounding out the score were Kelcy Simpson and Lori Griffin, six points each; Kelsie Estes, five; Haylee Simpson, four; Sasha Wood, two points.

Lady Owls	9	19	22	35
Clarendon	12	35	41	57

Junior Varsity Owls Play Games at Tulia

Silverton's Junior Varsity Owls played a good game against Hale Center at Tulia, losing 32-21.

Scoring for the red Owls were Ory Johnson, six; Joshua Maciel, four; Eric Ballasteros, a three pointer; Dusty Burson, Zakkary Perkins and Clay Strange, two points each.

JV Owls	4	7	16	21
Hale Center	8	18	24	32

Against Tulia, the Junior Varsity Owls lost 65-24.

Josh Maciel rang up 12 points for the Owls, while Dusty Burson got five; Ory Johnson, four; Clay Strange, three points.

JV Owls	6	9	15	24
Tulia	15	35	50	65

Miss Renouard is Wedding Shower Honoree Here

A miscellaneous wedding shower was given for Adria Renouard, bride-elect of Miles Comer, on Sunday afternoon,

December 7, 2003, in the Pioneer Room of City Bank-Silverton.

Guests were greeted and registered by Bena Hester. Special guests included Cindy Comer, mother of the prospective bridegroom, and Cory Renouard of Lubbock, sister of the bride-elect.

The refreshment table was covered with a white lace cloth. The centerpiece was a beautiful ceramic Santa and sled surrounded by a garland. Crystal and silver appointments were used to serve cranberry punch, cookies and cake.

The hostess gift to the couple was a king-size comforter, sheets, pillow shams and dust ruffle. Hostesses for the shower were Bena Hester, Kathy Kingery, JonEtta Ziegler, Beverly Minyard, Sheila Reagan, Lisa Cherry, Deb Burson, Marsha Brunson, Michelle Francis, Mary Ann Sarchet, Gail Wyatt and Janinne Brooks.

The couple will be married in January, 2004.

Perry Thomas--
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ness associates and friends.

The family suggested memorials be made to the Silverton Veterans Memorial in care of Fred Strange in Silverton or to a favorite Silverton School scholarship fund.

Update on Veterans' Memorial Monument

An update of the Memorial for Veterans shows that funds collected so far total \$24,000.

If you are a veteran, you need to send in your name and the years you were in the service. This needs to be done within the next two or three weeks, so we can get your name on the list that we will

An exaggeration is a truth that has lost its temper.

Kahlil Gibran

Silverton School Activities

Thursday, Dec. 18--Even Semester Tests; Employee Supper, 7:00 p.m.

Friday, Dec. 19--Odd Semester Tests; Varsity at Kress, 4:00 p.m.

Monday, Dec. 22--School's Christmas Holiday begins

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Dec. 29-30-31--High School in Tournament at Clarendon

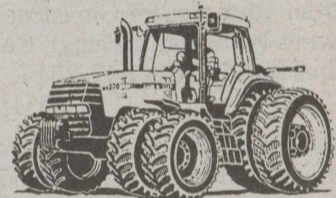
be sending to Wallace Monument Company.

During this Christmas season, most of you will have relatives in for the holidays, or you will be going to their house. Tell them about this monument; maybe they know of a veteran who lived in this county, that they would like to have his/her name on the monument, and would like to make a donation.

In last week's Valley Tribune, I had all the names of veterans who are buried in the Quitaque Cemetery who had a government marker with their name on it. If you have a veteran buried there, and he/she doesn't have a government marker, please send me their name so I can include it on my list. Also if you know of those who were veterans and lived in Briscoe County and are buried in the Fairmont Cemetery or the Flomot Cemetery, I need their names.

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Obituary

FAYE WHITFILL

Graveside services for Una Faye Whitfill were conducted at 2:00 p.m. Friday, December 12, 2003, in the Silverton Cemetery, with Cody Neil Whitfill officiating. He is the minister of Cody Whitfill Summit Ministries. Burial will be under the direction of Moore-Rose-White Funeral Home of Lockney.

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Mrs. Whitfill departed this life at the age of 77 on December 9, 2003 at Mangold Memorial Hospital in Lockney.

She was born September 16, 1926 in Lockney, to the late Luther and Mamie Wofford. After graduating from Lockney High School, she attended Texas Tech. She married Charles Whitfill in Lockney March 25, 1948 and they moved to Silverton. She was a homemaker and enjoyed needlepointing and crocheting. She was a Christian and a member of First Baptist Church in Silverton.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, Lloyd and Leon Wofford, and a sister, Wynona Allison.

Survivors include her husband; a son, Gary Neil and wife, Melinda, of Wolfforth; a daughter, Mary Lane Younger and husband, Aaron, of Silverton; a brother, B. J.

Wofford and wife, Gay, of Lockney; a sister, Gwenn McPherson of Midland; grandchildren, Rhett and April Montague, Cody Neil and Melinda Whitfill and Leah Whitfill; and great-grandchildren, Olivia Morgan and Creed Neil Whitfill.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials to Hospice Hands of West Texas, 305 N. Main, Lockney, Texas 79241 or the Silverton Cemetery.



PERRY W. THOMAS, JR.

Funeral services for Perry William Thomas, jr., 84, were conducted at 2:00 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 17, 2003 at the Silverton United Methodist Church with Edwin Norris and Rance Young officiating. Burial was in the Silverton Cemetery, with arrangements made by Myers-Long Funeral Directors.

Mr. Thomas died at 6:05 a.m. Monday at the home of his daughter in rural Randall County near Amarillo.

Born March 30, 1919, in the old Thomas home place in the southwest corner of Silverton, he was the seventh of nine children of Florence Elizabeth Underwood and Perry W. Thomas, sr. He attended Silverton Schools and was graduated with the Class of 1937.

He married Emma Estelle Mayfield December 22, 1937 in Plainview. They had known one another since childhood, when their mothers would visit. As a young couple they worked to build their life together and opened their own shoe repair business. Starting first in Flomot, then moving back to Silverton in 1939 and opening their business which remained in operation for 63 years, closing Dec. 31, 2002.

Perry's first pair of handmade boots was for his son's third birthday and from that his reputation as a bootmaker grew. He made boots for Gene Autry, Jim Shoulders and other known cowboys, but his

favorite customers were the local cowboys and cowgirls. During his years in business he not only made cowboy boots but also many other beautiful leathercraft items. He was a certified orthopedic shoemaker and made many special shoes for handicapped persons. He received several awards for his bootmaking the last in 2002 for outstanding craftsmanship and longevity in business.

Perry enjoyed HAM Radio under the call of K5YWJ, getting his license in 1958. His love of electronics was expanded in his Navy career and was reinitiated by his son when Don became K5VHE, now W0PEA. Perry received a number of service awards for his radio-work during disasters.

He served in the U. S. Navy in 1945 as a sound specialist and projectionist. He also trained as an underwater demolition expert and on V-J Day was holding orders that would have taken him to Yokosuka Bay, Japan to mine

the Japanese war ships.

He served on the Silverton Fire Department from 1942 to 1955 and held the position of Fire Chief for a time in the 1940's. He was a Deacon of the Presbyterian Church when it was present in Silverton and was an inactive member of the Masonic Lodge.

Survivors include his wife of 66 years, Estelle; a son and daughter-in-law, Don and Jean Thomas of Wichita, Kansas; a daughter, E. J. (Becky) Woods of Amarillo; granddaughters, Juannah and husband, Andy Brice, Melissa and husband, Travis Williamson, all of Amarillo; grandson, Jeff and wife, Alison Thomas, and great-granddaughter, Avery, of Beaufort, South Carolina; granddaughter, Amy Price, and great-grandchildren, Sage and Ryan of Norristown, Pennsylvania; a sister, Ruth Parker of Graham; numerous nieces and nephews, his favorite family pet, RAT, a faithful little dog, and a host of busi-

**See Perry Thomas--
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LOOKING BACK

through the files of the
 Briscoe County News

November 4, 1993--Pat Cagle Rice was sworn in as Postmaster of the Silvertown Post Office last Friday. She and her husband, Tommie, have moved to Silvertown from Floydada . . . Kristi Smith placed fourth at the District 6-1A cross country meet, and will compete in the Regional meet Nov. 6 at Mae Simmons Park in Lubbock . . . Ashleigh Wyatt and Matt Francis, seniors, chosen as Queen and King of the Fall Festival. Bryn Mayfield and Adam Enloe chosen as Fall Festival Princess and Prince . . . Fall Festival costume contest winners in the three-year and under division were Skyler Brannon and CoDee Grabbe. Winners in the four- and five-year-old division were Gid Mayfield and Yance Forbes. Clifton Baker and Stormy Brannon were winners in the grades 1-3 division. In the division for grades 4-6 winners were Kurby Garvin and Kina Garrison. In the seventh grade through adult division, the winners were Lorn Estes, Brandon Sarchet and Dewayne Juarez . . . Kelly and Mary McMurtry of Amarillo are parents of a daughter, Lexi Frances, born Oct. 18 . . .

November 3, 1983--Silvertown's varsity Owls dropped their game to Midland Christian 45-32 here Friday evening, but played well against the tough evenly-sized Mustangs . . . Paramedic Lynn Frizzell and paramedic-in-training James Edwards gave a demonstration of cardiopulmonary resuscitation for the third graders in the Silvertown School . . . Silvertown assigned to six-man football district . . . Jeni Denton is attending Angelo State University on a \$2,500 Carr Academic Scholarship. Valedictorian of the Class of 1984, Miss Denton is majoring in business . . .

November 1, 1973--The Halloween Queen candidates representing the senior and fourth grade classes, Gloria Fabela and Katy Francis, were crowned at the ceremony held Saturday night. Miss Fabela was escorted by Tim Marshall and Miss Francis was escorted by Casey Bean . . . District 2-A race in three-way tie between Claude,

Clarendon and Memphis . . . Mr. and Mrs. Don Thomas are parents of an adopted daughter, Amy Lynn, who came to live with the Thomases Oct. 26 in Champagne, Illinois . . . Mrs. J. W. McCracken and her daughter, Joyce, were in Silvertown Wednesday of last week, visiting friends and attending to business . . . Paula Mayfield to marry Johnnie Roy Weaver Jan. 12 in Lubbock . . .

October 31, 1963--Monty Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. Vinson Smith, received leg injuries in the football game at Idalou Friday night . . . Gail Bullock was listed in satisfactory condition today after having been crushed about noon Monday when the front-end loader he was driving overturned about one mile north of Quitaque . . . Army convoy to stop here Monday morning . . . Coach and Mrs. Joe Granato are parents of a son, Todd, born at Tulia Oct. 24 . . . Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Dickerson and Mr. and Mrs. Datis Martin attended homecoming at WTSU Saturday . . . Rev. Carlos McLeod, Lyndon Dunn and Leon Grosdidier were visitors with R. E. Stephens at the Plainview Hospital Monday . . .

September 24, 1953--M. J. O'Neal invited to address Institute in London, England . . . Silvertown Owls win homecoming game 21-13 over Locket . . . Gordon Alexander elected president of Ex-Students . . . Senior Class officers are Jack Williamson, president; Faith Smithee, vice-president; Anne Brown, secretary; Ruby Underwood, treasurer; Patsy Crass, reporter . . . Riley Ziegler, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Ziegler, was among the group of novice boxers at Naval Base Arena recently in Guam All-Naval Novice Boxing tournament. Ziegler, weight 125 pounds, scored a KO in one minute 56 seconds of the second round after mauling a game Tom Sparks throughout the first period . . . Nancy Jane Brooks celebrated her tenth birthday Sept. 4 with a party in the City Park . . . Mr. and Mrs. John Arthur Arnold are parents of a daughter, Patricia Elaine . . .

July 29, 1943--Joy Seaney,

10-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elma Seaney, is in the Plainview Sanitarium suffering from Infantile Paralysis. She is the first person to contract this dangerous disease in the Silvertown area . . . First Baptist Church is planning meeting soon . . . The LTD Club met Tuesday with Mrs. Arnold Brown. Defense stamps were drawn by Mrs. J. W. Lyon, jr., and the Guess What, a crystal ash tray, went to Mrs. Roy Hahn. Others attending were Mmes. Dutch Tidwell, Ware Fogerson, J. T. Luke, Jeff Peeler, Durward Brown, T. T. Crass and Lem Weaver . . . Mrs. Mart Norris and children left Tuesday to visit her sister in Kansas . . . Mr. and Mrs. Frank Gamble spent the weekend in Abernathy with relatives . . . Mrs. Milton Dudley was out of Brown's Hardware Monday because of illness . . . Mr. and Mrs. Billie McDaniel had as guests Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Joe McWaters and baby and Cross McDaniel . . .

Happy Birthday-

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

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

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

December 22--Carl Bomar, Donnie Perkins, Sonya Bitner

December 23 -- Kim Mayfield, Jeannita Ellison, Matthew Rowell

December 24 -- Jack Robertson, jr., Sally Grimland

August 5, 1943--It's Hotternell! Feed and cotton crops are being rapidly exterminated this week in Briscoe County by a heat wave that is reaching new highs all over the state. Crops that last week were looking fair, are this week drooping lifelessly . . . W. Coffee, jr. has purchased the local hardware, furniture and implement store from H. Roy

Happy Anniversary-

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

December 19--Mr. and Mrs. Greg Hill

December 21--Mr. and Mrs. Kelly Sanders, Mr. and Mrs. Robert McWaters, Mr. and Mrs. David Warren

December 22--Mr. and Mrs. Terry West

Brown . . . Miss Lucile Weast who will become the bride of Sgt. Robert L. Smith of Mac Dill Field, Florida, was honored Tuesday evening with a shower and garden party on the spacious lawn of Mr. and Mrs. Billy Staniforth at South Plains . . . Mrs. Alpha Kitchens and James Davis were honored at an ice cream supper at the Vinson Smith home Saturday evening. James left Sunday for Dallas where he entered the Navy . . .

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Owls Earn 59-32 Win Over Lazbuddie

Silverton's Owls earned a big 59-32 victory over Lazbuddie on December 9.

Payton Estes led the offense by scoring 15 points, including three baskets from downtown, and Gid Mayfield scored 12, including two three pointers.

Also scoring were Caleb Francis, eight, including a three pointer; Ty Reed, six; Jacob Francis, five; Eric Minyard and Colt Smith, four points each; Jesse Reynolds, a three pointer, and Drew Reed, two points.

Owls	15	28	42	59
Lazbuddie	9	14	23	32

Junior High Owls Drop Hedley Game

Silverton's Junior High Owls dropped their game to Hedley, 43-19, December 8.

Scoring for the Owls were Cord Griffin, eight; Davin Fabela, four; Gabriel Vargas, Shawn Johnson and Calvin Daugherty, two points each.

JH Owls	2	10	14	19
Hedley	6	21	32	43

NOTICE OF SCHEDULED ENTRY INTO FIELDS

Notice of Scheduled Entry Into Fields, Pursuant to Tex. Agric. Code Ann., Section 74.117 (Vernon Supp. 2003). Cotton producers in the Permian Basin Boll Weevil Eradication Zone, which consists of Dawson, Ector, Howard, Martin, and portions of Borden and Midland counties are hereby notified that Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation personnel will be conducting eradication activities in and around their fields, beginning **January 1, 2004**. All cotton fields will be mapped, and treatment will begin during late season. For notification prior to any chemical treat-

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Bits & Pieces of News

by Lataine Dillard

On Friday night, Dec. 12, deacons and their wives of First Baptist Church hosted a dinner for local widows and widowers. They also included the staff of the church. This is an annual event. Ham, green

From the Patio by Nina Martin

Last Thursday the quilters were Nadyne Childress, Linda Bearden, Christine King, Rose Mary Perkins, Ann Norris, Bobbye Bean, Evelyn Smith, Sybil King and myself.

I talked to Laverne Stephens Monday morning. Her granddaughter, Stormy Brannon, had an allergic reaction to medicine and her surgery had to be postponed. Her brother, Aaron Younger, is recovering well from his surgery. Her husband, Loyd, had good results from his tests.

Joy Stodghill is still suffering from her foot surgery.

Rose Mary Perkins, Peggy Garvin, Pat McJimsey and Eudean Crow attended the Christmas program at the Fair Theatre in Plainview. They enjoyed the Otwell Twins and the Texas Express group.

We have raised about \$200.00 from the quilt project for the Veterans Memorial. A whole lot more is needed!

ment, call 1-800-687-1212 with the exact location of your field and appropriate telephone numbers. Field entry and treatment is expected to last until all cotton is harvested in the zone. For more information regarding this program, please call the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation at 800-687-1212.

beans, sweet potatoes and pecan pie were served. The fellowship hall was festively decorated and the group was entertained by Pastor Jerry Becknal.

Widows attending were Lottie Garrison, Melba Gillihan, Doris Yates, Bette Cogdell, Carrie Dickerson, Tina Davis, Edna Estes, Christine King, Melba Smart, Mary Martin, Laverne Mercer, Loretha Rhoderick, Betty Nan Tiffin.

Staff attending were LaRue and Beffie Garvin, Vicki and Jeff Tiffin.

Deacons and wives were Bud and Glenda Couch, Walter and Bobbye Bean, Gordon and Carolyn Lowrey, Gary and Ramona Martin, Duane and Shirley Reynolds, Loyd and

Laverne Stephens and Roy Mack Walker.

We were all saddened at the passing of Faye Whitfill. Our love and prayers go to Chas. Whitfill, Gary and Melinda Whitfill, Mary Lane and Aaron Younger, and the family. Grandson Cory Whitfill brought a beautiful message of the love of Christ and how his "Granny" was in heaven with the Lord now because of Jesus.

Glenda and Bud Couch enjoyed visiting with Rena Schott in Stephenville before Thanksgiving. Rena saw their fifth wheel mobile home and said she could come back to Silverton and stay in their trailer! She sends a hello and greetings to all her dear

friends here.

Carmalita Hook of Hobbs and Virginia Shelton of Midland were here with their sister, Lataine Dillard, to go for a "Walk to Bethlehem." It was such a wonderful experience and the new things added this year were just great. They were impressed with the production and talked of how much work it was to put it on.

Clifton and Joy Stodghill were in Denison Thursday and Friday to attend the funeral of Joy's cousin's husband. He was killed in an automobile accident. Our love and prayers go out to the family.

Bud and Stan Couch's sister, Mary Ann, and husband, Marv, arrived here from Las Vegas last week. They are watching their new home being built here.

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there). That phone number can be called for emergency assistance on the highway or wherever you happen to have trouble while in your car.

A service truck will be sent to you. This service is state operated and paid for with your tax dollars. If you are ever stranded, just call the number on the back of your driver's license, and help will

Cinnamon Produces Healthier Blood

Provided by Cory Edwards, CEA-FCS
Texas Cooperative Extension
Briscoe County

Half a teaspoon of cinnamon per day can reduce a be on the way. A state trooper will be dispatched to make sure all is well. Pass this tip on to everyone you know.

contributed by Tammy Smith

diabetic's blood sugar level. This was accidentally discovered by a USDA scientist studying the effects of common foods on blood sugar. In laboratory tests, people given cinnamon capsules had 20 percent lower blood sugar within weeks; however, blood sugar started creeping up again after the diabetics stopped taking cinnamon. The

December Events at Caprock Canyons

Dec. 20--Geology of South Prong Canyon, 9:00 a.m.

Dec. 27--Eagle Point Family Nature Hike, 9:00 a.m.

spice was also found to lower bad cholesterol, which is partly controlled by insulin.



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Junior Varsity Owls Defeat Claude in Tourn.

Silverton's Junior Varsity Owls defeated Claude in the final round of the Clarendon Tournament Saturday.

Jesse Reynolds hit three shots from downtown and led the offense with 11 points.

Also scoring were Drew Reed, seven; Clay Strange, six; Albert DeLeon and Dusty Burson with a three pointer each; Joshua Maciel, two points.

JV Owls	13	17	22	32
Claude	1	4	19	28

The Owls dropped a game to Highland Park 38-29. Drew Reed led the scoring with a big 20-point effort, including a

three pointer. Also scoring were Jesse Reynolds, five; Albert DeLeon, a three pointer; Dusty Burson, one point.

JV Owls	7	16	23	29
Highland Pk.	10	22	26	38

The JV Owls dropped a heart-breaker to Clarendon, 37-35.

Ory Johnson led the scoring with 13 points. Adding to the

score were Drew Reed, nine; Jesse Reynolds, six; Clay Strange, three; Dusty Burson and Landon Fisher, two points each.

JV Owls	15	20	27	35
Clarendon	4	19	29	37

Your work is to discover your work and then with all your heart to give yourself to it.

Buddha

Ah, summer, what power you have to make us suffer and like it!

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