

## All Around The Town

By Mary Ann Sarchet

Jeremy Holt is the recipient of a bachelor of science degree from West Texas A&M University in Canyon. He participated in graduation ceremonies held Friday, December 12, 2003, at the WTAMU Event Center.

He received a degree in sports and exercise science. He was on the dean's list in academic standing his senior year.

While attending WT, he was involved in the Athletic Training Student Association. He worked with the football team, both men's and women's basketball teams, and with the women's soccer team.

He plans to pursue further studies and establish a career in the area of sports training.

Daniel Reagan, a senior at WTAMU, posted a 3.75 gpa for the fall semester. He also has been inducted into National Honor Society, and recently was elected commander of the Sigma Nu fraternity. A 2000 graduate of Silverton High School, Daniel was honored this year with a \$500 scholarship, given in memory of L. V. Currey, a beloved member of Sigma Nu, who died in a car accident in 2002.

We received the following letter from Glen Kingery:

Greetings, Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all at the BCN.

I am renewing my subscription of another year so I can keep in tune with what goes on in what I consider my hometown, even if I only lived there for a little over three years. You probably do not even remember me, even though I graduated a year after your son. My family is still there and I have many close friends in the area.

I visited my folks a few days after Thanksgiving. While driving into Silverton I was treated to a very exciting play-off football game, on the radio, that involved Valley HS. I have waited a few weeks to read about this game in the BCN. To date there has not been a word. I pulled out a map and was surprised to discover, (redistricting not withstanding) that Valley HS still

THURSDAY, JANUARY 1, 2004

lies within the boundaries of Briscoe County.

Does the BCN cover only the events take place on top of the Cap Rock or the whole county as implied by the banner page?

I await your response.

R. Glen Kingery

Yes, Glen, I do remember you. Your parents and other relatives here are very special people to me.

My husband and I are operating a very small newspaper, a Mom and Pop operation, you might accurately say. The Briscoe County News is beginning its 96th year this week, and the name was given to the paper many years before we were born. Times have changed a lot during those years, and where advertising and printing were once readily available to us, they just aren't anymore. The expense of operating a newspaper goes on week after week, whether or not we have any advertising. For that reason, we have to limit the number of pages we print. This means that we cover our local events first and foremost, and other events on a space-available basis.

If, however, you wish to read news about the Valley School and other events in Quitaque and Turkey, they have a newspaper, The Valley Tribune, that covers those events very well.

Printing availability also has declined with so many people having computers. You wouldn't take your needs to a print shop if you could do them yourself on your own computer.

If Charlie and I weren't at retirement age, this would bother us a lot; however, since we are and choose to continue working, this is a perfect situation for us. We work about six or seven hours a day to get the job done.

We are proud of the accomplishments of the Valley athletic teams, as are most everyone else in the county. We just don't have the manpower to cover those games.

## 2004 CEU Events

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Briscoe County

Here are some CEU (Continuing Education Units for Pesticide Applicator Training) events in the Panhandle area. If you have questions, please call the contact person listed for the location and time.

Jan. 6--Ornamental and Turf, Lavon Harman, 806-358-7285

Jan. 12, 13, 15, 16--Pioneer Crop Production Meetings

Jan. 12--High Plains Vegetable Conference, Greta Schuster, 806-651-2280

Jan. 13--Western Rolling Plains Chemical Conference, Toby Oliver, 806-623-5552

Jan. 22--2004 Grain Elevator Workshop (5 CEUs), Carl Patrick, 806-577-5600, Amarillo Civic Center

## Hale County 4-H To Have Shoot

Hale County 4-H Shooting Sports is sponsoring a turkey shoot Sunday, January 4, 2004, at 2:00 p.m.

The trap field is located 1/4 mile west of Excel on county road 50, and 1/4 mile south on the turnrow.

For more information, call Pete Chambliss, 296-9277.

## Immunization Clinic To Be Held Here Soon

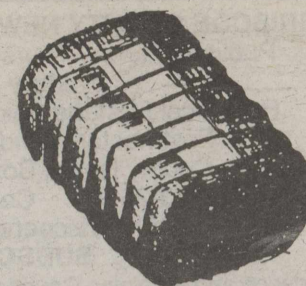
An immunization clinic offering the vaccines that give protection against childhood diseases is scheduled for January 23 at the Silverton Elementary School from 9:30 a.m. until 12:00 p.m.

## Quilt is Fundraiser

The Friendship Quilters recently completed a quilt that is to be given away as a fundraiser for the Veterans Memorial Monument. The quilt is on display at City Bank-Silverton and information can be had there as to how to have a chance to win it.

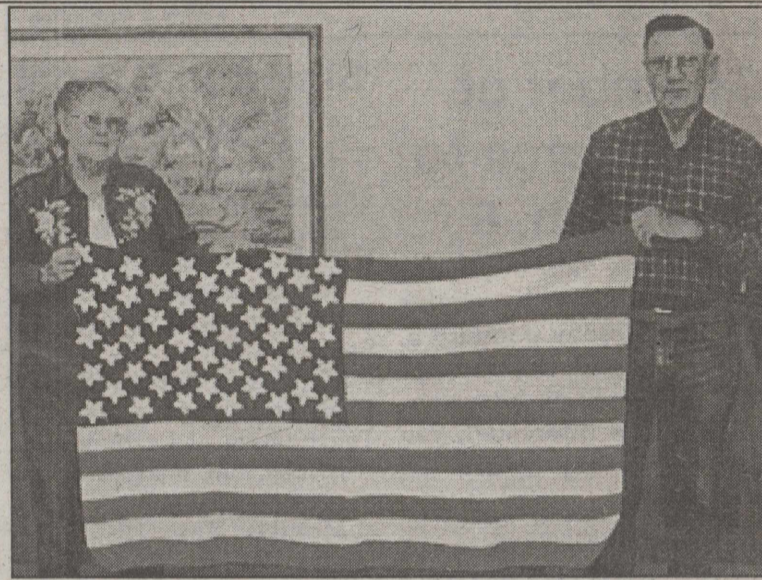
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Faye Childers is pictured with Fred Strange and the flag afghan she crocheted especially for the Veterans Memorial Fund and donated as a fundraiser for the memorial. The afghan is being displayed at City Bank-Silverton, and you can receive a chance to win it at the bank.

Briscoe County News Photo

## Veteran's Memorial Fund Growing

If you haven't sent the name of a veteran that you want on this memorial, you should do so within the next few days. Also if you have not donated to this Memorial Fund, we would appreciate it very much if you would send in a donation today. At the present time we have received over \$26,000 to build this memorial monument. The VFW Post, and its members, are going to have this memorial built; all we're asking is for a little help from the citizens of Briscoe County.

Sometime in January, we will list all the names that we have to put on the memorial in the Briscoe County News and the Valley Tribune. If you are a veteran, I hope your name will be on the list.

Fred Strange  
Box 774  
Silverton, TX 79257

## Did You Know?

(NAPSA)-According to the "Circuit City Campus Survival Survey" an overwhelming 98 percent of college students agreed, computers are the electronic devices most useful for their studies. The majority of college students (59 percent) say a PC would not only help them get better grades, but would also be useful with their social lives. With prices for desktop computers starting as low as \$399.99, they're within easy reach. In fact, many colleges now re-



quire students to have their own personal computers or laptops. Parents can find a great research tool, the "back-to-school center," online at circuitcity.com where they can also read customer ratings and reviews and compare products before setting foot in the store.

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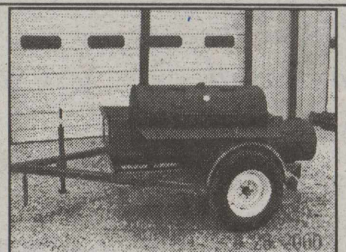
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## CARDS OF THANKS

The family of Tommy Strange wants to thank all of you for your prayers, cards, calls and visits during Tommy's stay in the hospital and the rest home. Thanks to all who attended his funeral and brought food to the Baptist Church for the family after the services.

God bless each of you!  
Robert, Terri and Ashley Williams

Debie Donaho and family  
Sylvia Fowler and family  
Jack Strange and family  
Mae Pitts and family  
Norman Strange and family

Fred Strange and family  
Helen Strange and family  
Gwynn Carman  
Sandra Steele  
Sue Breedlove

Many thanks for all the cards and prayers.  
Carlene Johnson

To find words, to adequately express our gratitude to the people of Silverton and the surrounding area for your cards, calls, expressions of sympathy and your support during our time of loss, is difficult. We realize that we were on many of your thoughts and prayers during Perry's illness. Time will help to ease the pain of our loss but remembering your kindness will also aid the process. God bless and keep all of our friends and community.

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Thanks for all the phone calls, cards, food and the prayers during Tommy's ill-

ness and his death. We appreciate everything that was done during these past few months!  
Fred & Wanda Strange

*Don't bite the hand that has your allowance in it.*

Paul Dickson

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SUNDAY:  
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 Morning Worship.....10:00 a.m.  
 Evening Worship.....6:00 p.m.  
 WEDNESDAY:  
 Bible Study.....7:00 p.m.

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH**

Jerry Becknal, Interim Pastor

SUNDAY:  
 Sunday School..... 9:30 a.m.  
 Morning Worship.....10:30 a.m.  
 Evening Worship.....6:00 p.m.  
 MONDAY:  
 Ladies Bible Study.....8:30 a.m.  
 WEDNESDAY:  
 Ladies Bible Study.....6:30 p.m.  
 Rock Salt Youth Group.....7:00 p.m.  
 Bible Study, Prayer Meeting  
 Mission Friends, GAs, RAs  
 SECOND WEDNESDAY:  
 Fellowship Meal.....6:30 p.m.  
 Ladies Bible Study.....6:30 p.m.  
 Business Meeting.....7:00 p.m.  
 Mission Friends, GAs.....7:00 p.m.  
 RAs, Rock Salt Youth.....7:00 p.m.  
 THURSDAY  
 Men's Group.....6:30 a.m.

**SILVERTON UNITED  
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Rance Young, Pastor

SUNDAY:  
 Sunday School.....10:00 a.m.  
 Worship Service.....10:55 a.m.  
 Choir Practice..... 5:00 p.m.  
 Evening Bible Study..... 6:00 p.m.  
 TUESDAY:  
 Unit. Meth. Women..... 9:30 a.m.  
 WEDNESDAY:  
 In-home Bible Study..... 7:00 p.m.  
 FRIDAY:  
 Unit. Meth. Men..... 6:30 a.m.

**NEW FELLOWSHIP  
BAPTIST MISSION**

SUNDAY:  
 Sunday School.....9:45 a.m.  
 Worship Service.....11:00 a.m.  
 Training Union.....5:00 p.m.  
 Evening Service.....6:00 p.m.  
 WEDNESDAY:  
 Choir Rehearsal.....7:00 p.m.  
 Prayer Service.....8:00 p.m.

**OUR LADY OF LORETO  
CATHOLIC CHURCH**

SUNDAY:  
 Mass.....9:00 a.m.  
 WEDNESDAY:  
 Doctrina Class.....4:30-5:30 p.m.  
 Junior & Senior  
 High.....4:30-5:30 p.m.

**ROCK CREEK  
CHURCH OF CHRIST**

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

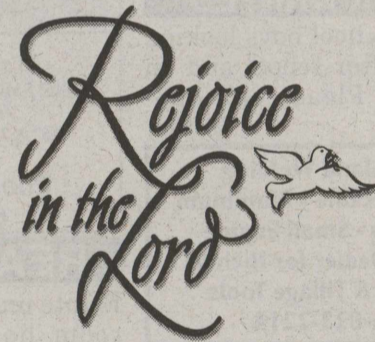
# Making and Breaking New Year's Resolutions

*What new year's resolutions should we make for the year 2001? The usual ones like trying to exercise more, going on a diet, or giving something up, just do not seem to work that well with most people. I very seldom get past January before my determined resolutions have gone along the wayside. Perhaps we should make resolutions that are not so demanding and that are more enjoyable for everyone. For example, we could try to be more positive and expect only good things to happen to us; every day we could tell our spouse that we love them; we could try to be a better listener and not do all of the talking; we could say something nice to someone each day; we could pray, praise and thank God throughout each day for all of His many blessings; and we could try to live a better life and set good examples for our family, friends and coworkers. Although making and breaking our new year's resolutions helps to show us our faults and shortcomings, by following the love of our Lord and striving each day to be a better person, we will meet with God's approval.*



*I can do all things  
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strengthen me.*

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**Chamber of Commerce to Meet Jan. 6**

Silverton Chamber of Commerce will have its regular meeting Tuesday, January 6, at 7:00 p.m. in the Pioneer room at City Bank-Silverton. If you are interested, you are invited to be present at the meeting.

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**Silverton School Activities**

Friday, Jan. 2--High School at Clarendon, 3:00 p.m.  
 Monday, Jan. 5--Petersburg High School, here, 6:30 p.m.  
 Wednesday, Jan. 7--DeVry Univ. meets with Juniors and Seniors, 1:25  
 Thursday, Jan. 8--Junior High and Junior Varsity in Tournament at Lazbuddie  
 Friday, Jan. 9--High School at Groom, 6:30 p.m.  
 Monday, Jan. 12--Junior High at Valley, 5:30 p.m.  
 Tuesday, Jan. 13--Valley High School here, 4:00 p.m.

**Silverton School Lunch Menu**

Monday, Jan. 5--Corn Dog, Beans, Cheese, Fruit, Milk  
 Tuesday, Jan. 6--Spaghetti, Corn, Bread Sticks, Jello, Milk

**Bits & Pieces of News**

by Lataine Dillard

LaNelle and Bailey Hill and daughter, Sylvia, were glad to have their son and brother, Ralph, and his wife, Janice, for Christmas dinner. Their pastor, Joyce Cooper, also joined them.

John and Maebelle Francis had their family home for Christmas. They included Lisa and James Johnson and their children, Jonathan and Angela, Lori and Gary House, Page and Cara, and a friend of Cara's, Michael, all of Lubbock.

Theta and Rex Holt had a houseful of family home for Christmas. Karen and Doug Turner and sons, Neal and Dee, came from Lubbock. Another son, Chad Turner, and his wife, Kellye, came from Mesa, Arizona. David and Debbie Holt, Jonathan, Jeremy and Cade were there to join in the fun. Lance and Tessa Holt were there, too. Kent and his wife, Donna, and their daughters, Maci and Amanda, also came. Theta said that Rex got a gift he would be glad to share with at least three more people. All you have to do is ask. Call him this week. He is very generous!

And it was Jeremy, not Lance, who got his college degree.

In the same ceremony, Brandon McGinty, husband of Lori, son-in-law of Mary Jo and Wade Brannon and grandson-in-law of Ruby and Seymour Brannon, received a degree in science.

Christine King has really been ill the past two weeks. That flu bug or whatever it is going around, is a mean one! She did finally get well enough to go to the home of her daughter, Kathy Via, in Canyon for Christmas. Joining them there were Kathy's daughter, Brenda, and her husband, Earl Rowan, from Floydada. Their daughters, Misty, who lives in Lubbock, and Amy, who resides in Dallas, came to celebrate too. Christine's grandson, Will Via, flew in

Wednesday, Jan. 7--Pizza, Salad, Fruit, Milk

Thursday, Jan. 8--Steak, Gravy, Potatoes, Green Beans, Hot Roll, Honey, Butter, Milk

Friday, Jan. 9--Hamburger, Cheese, Salad, Fries, Pudding, Milk

from Atlanta, Georgia. He is a horse trainer and does lots of traveling. After Christmas, he flew to Florida.

Tonnette and Scott Perkins, Whitney, Zak and Johnathon spent Christmas Day with Tonnette's grandmother, Mary Alice Wilkinson. Mary Alice has been in the hospital at Lockney with a broken hip. She's 84 years young and Tonnette would not tell us what her grandmother was

doing when she broke her hip but I'll bet she was putting up Christmas decorations!

*It is good to have an end to journey towards; but it is the journey that matters in the end.*  
 Ursula LeGuin

*Time is the money of love.*  
 Oscar Kokoschka

*Nothing is as contagious as enthusiasm.*  
 Edward Bulwer-Lytton

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS SILVERTON ISD's State Financial Accountability Rating**

Silverton ISD will hold a public meeting at 12:00 noon, January 15, 2004 in Room 1 700 Loretta Street, Silverton

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## LOOKING BACK

through the files of the  
Briscoe County News

**November 11, 1993--** Clayton Fowler provides new software for banks . . . Silverton ISD has adopted a NO SMOKING policy that states there will be no smoking in the gymnasium at any time . . . Mr. and Mrs. Terry Grimland and Dr. and Mrs. Max Garrison announce the engagement of their children,

Jennifer Leigh Grimland and Walt Lee Garrison. The couple plan to marry Dec. 18, 1993 at the First Baptist Church in Silverton . . . Stella and Jesse C. Hall to celebrate their fiftieth wedding anniversary at a reception . . .

**November 10, 1983--**O. R. Stark, president of the First National Bank in Quitaque, was elected to the board of trustees of Wayland Baptist University . . . The Valley Patriots will enter the state football playoffs by meeting Anton, second-place team in the South Zone of the District today . . . Owls finish with win over New Life Christian of Lubbock . . . Old photographs of the Fort Worth & Denver Train Depots in Silverton, Quitaque and Turkey are needed for a historical survey of South Plains railroad depots for the Texas Tech University division of architecture . . . Cary Fleming underwent knee surgery at High Plains Baptist Hospital in Amarillo Friday morning of last week . . . Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Jones to celebrate fifty years of marriage . . . Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell Roehr of Cisco are parents of a daughter, Kimberly Michell . . . Children and grandchildren of Mrs. Zelda Dudley met in Ruidoso, New Mexico over the weekend to celebrate her 75th birthday which was November 2 . . . Mrs. Sharon Strange and her infant son, Matt, were honored at a shower in the home of Mrs. Paula Bomar . . .

**November 8, 1973--** Aoudad season opens Saturday . . . Owl spirit was at an all-time high Friday night as the team closed out its 1973 home schedule with a 46-0 win over the Valley High Patriots. Dean Ziegler opened the action by taking the opening kickoff 75 yards for a touchdown. Craig Culwell

kicked the extra point, and the Owls held a 7-0 lead with 11:47 remaining to be played in the first quarter . . . Mr. and Mrs. Dana Martin are parents of a son, born Nov. 1 at Lockney . . . Mr. and Mrs. Johnny McGavock are parents of a son, Gabriel, born Nov. 5 in Oklahoma City . . . Miss Rita Joy Taylor and Leland Hugh Wood exchanged wedding vows Nov. 3 in Las Vegas, Nevada . . .

**September 19, 1963--**Tule Creek Watershed supporters organize steering committee . . . Mr. and Mrs. Jack Sutton are parents of a daughter, Melinda Kay, born Sept. 17 in Plainview . . . Mrs. Lula Bellinger and Mrs. Pat L. Northcutt, Susan and Sally attended the Tri-State Fair in Amarillo Monday . . . Silverton Riding Club won the first-place trophy in the Floyd County Fair parade recently . . . Clyde R. Hutsell was injured in an automobile accident four miles west of Quitaque Tuesday evening . . . Joe Grabbe underwent an emergency appendectomy in Oklahoma City Monday afternoon. He and L. R. Drewry were there to attend a showing of the new Chevrolets and schooling . . . Rainfall in Silverton Thursday and Sunday totaled 1.50 inches, while rural areas received amounts varying up to four inches . . . Silverton's first bale of cotton was delivered to Tomlin-Fleming Gin last Friday afternoon by B. L. Stephens . . . Capt. and Mrs. Carol D. Davis and Alex of Lawton, Oklahoma visited relatives here Sunday and Monday . . . Mr. and Mrs. Lenton Lanham are vacationing at their cabin on Lake Cisco . . . Jerry Brannon and Fred Scott Dunham are attending Tarleton State College in Stephenville . . . Riley Harris is new FFA president. The other officers are Jim Myers, vice-president; Jim Smith, secretary; Guinn Turner, treasurer; Joe Bob Watson, reporter, and Garner Garrison, sentinel . . .

**October 1, 1953--**Sophomore Class officers are Clayton Elkins, president; Roxanna McJimsey, vice-president; Sue Smith, secretary;

Mike Reid, treasurer; Jo Ann Rowland, reporter. Buddy Travis is the class sponsor . . . Roy Teeter, who has been confined to his home for several months on account of illness, is able to be out again and in his office part of the time . . .

Mr. and Mrs. Darrell McWilliams and son, Ricky, and Marshal Pebsworth were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Gregory Shoemake at Earth . . . Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Byrd returned home Monday after having spent a week visiting their daughters in Coke County and other relatives in Fisher County . . . Mrs. W. K. Grimland visited last week with her daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Durham and children, at Turkey . . . Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Smith of Quitaque and Mr. and Mrs. Ben Bingham enjoyed an outing at Burson Lake over the weekend . . .

**August 12, 1943--**George Strange, young farmer of southeast of Silverton is in the Plainview Sanitarium suffering from a broken back as a result of a fall from a high windmill Saturday . . . The City

## Happy Birthday -

January 1--Jackie Mercer, Dwight Rampley, Dane Roys, Mike Curry

January 2--Cade Holt  
January 3 -- Shawn Johnson, Rene Rampley,

Tailors is closed now and will be for several days while undergoing repairs . . . The Orville Turners moved to their farm Tuesday and Mr. and Mrs. Lem Weaver moved to the house the Turners vacated on Wednesday . . . The small son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Cowart has the whooping cough . . . Carl Crow and Frank Hunt took over the active management of the Magnolia Station the first of the week . . . Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Baldwin visited Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Strange Sunday . . . Faith Smithee, Ann and Joy Belle Brown spent Thursday night with Teresa and Pat Crass . . . Mr. J. L. Francis is receiving treatment at Hot Springs, New Mexico . . . Mr. and Mrs. Frank Fisch spent Sunday in Canyon . . . Glenda Jo Johnson and Linda Beth McDaniel were on the sick list last week . . .

Luree Burson

January 4--John Colby McCoy, Winter Dudley, Wendell Reed, Valeria Weaver, Able Asebedo, Jon Ivory, Gail Arnold

January 5--Amy Fuston, Glenda May, Angie Aguilar  
January 6--Lindsey Sweet, Will Hester, Connie Netro, Todd Towe

January 7--Maynard Greeson, Rose Marie Trevino

## Happy Anniversary-

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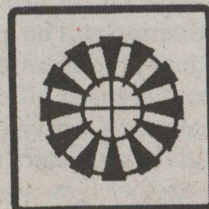
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# Cotton Market weekly

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Cotton futures prices on the New York Cotton Exchange (NYCE) experienced a four-day week of slow, subdued, pre-holiday trade.

Traders remarked that activity ahead of the Christmas holiday already had dwindled to a trickle by Tuesday with the trading ring at times half empty as dealers milled around the NYCE floor or sat on the sidelines.

In fact, analysts are expecting very little excitement at the exchange as trading will be on a shortened scheduled the next two weeks. The NYCE cotton futures and options market were closed Dec. 25 and 26 and again on Jan. 1 and 2, leaving only three trading days each week.

Traders may have found some encouragement from unconfirmed reports of higher prices being paid for cotton in China and a declining U. S. cotton cheaper to buy in international markets.

Market observers also were encouraged by better-than-expected mill use data released this week. According to data compiled by the National Cotton Council (NCC), U. S. textile mills used cotton on a seasonally adjusted annualized rate of 6.64 million bales in November. The figure is down from 7.6 million bales in November 2002 but still is higher than the October figure. In addition, the NCC revised its October figure to 6.16 million from its previous estimate 6.12 million bales.

The only upsetting information for the week came on Wednesday as news of the first-ever U. S. case of bovine spongiform encephalopathy, or mad-cow disease, pressured U. S. commodity prices across the board.

"The news of mad-cow disease in the U. S. easily ruled the day," said one analyst. "Grains and meat commodities were down, and almost the whole Chicago Board of Trade got pulled down with them, so of course we felt the tremor in the NYCE as well,"

the analyst continued.

In other news, USDA's weekly export sales report was delayed due to the Christmas holiday, however, sales on the spot cotton scene remained strong. Online sales by Texas, Oklahoma and Kansas producers in the four trading days ended Dec. 24 totaled 45,297 bales, significantly higher than the previous week's sales of 30,060 bales. Prices received by producers selling their cotton online ranged from 60.54 to 63.33 cents per pound range.

Meanwhile, the U. S. cotton harvest is nearing a close. Favorable conditions in most areas have allowed farmers on the Texas High and Rolling Plains to make great strides the past week in getting the remaining cotton off the stalk. Many have finished harvesting and land preparation is nearing completion. Ginning activities, however, continue in various stages. Some gins still have backlogs of seed cotton to process while others now are reducing hours of operation. In Arizona, final picking is drawing to a close. Modules are increasing there, and many ginners plan to work well into January.

(NAPSA)-If you're among America's estimated 50 million anglers-or would like to be-heeding a few hints may help.

- Careful casting is key to keep from getting hooked. Casters may need up to 30 feet behind them.

- Some fish have spines that can hurt your hands. Use a hook extractor, wire cutter or needlenose pliers to handle such fish and wear sturdy gloves.

- Don't eat fish raw. That can expose you to intestinal parasites.

- Wear a hat, sunscreen and sunglasses and a personal flotation device if you fish from a boat.

- Carry a first-aid kit, including adhesive bandage strips and disinfectant.

## More Bits & Pieces of News

by Lataine Dillard

All the Dillard family gathered at Jack and Lataine's home for Christmas dinner. Everyone brought food and drink, so it was an easy dinner. Dorothy, the matriarch of the family, and her husband, Garland, came from Ralls. Garland is a great cook and made chess pies and Dorothy made cranberry sauce. The family wanted to have Mexican food for dinner, but Christmas just doesn't seem like Christmas without turkey and dressing; we had both. Doris Dillard Yates made a Mexican

casserole. Sally Grimland brought Santa Fe Soup. Alison Grimland Tipton brought chocolate cake with butter cream icing and her famous hot sauce. Alan and Terry Grimland, Dwain, Matthew and Abbie Tipton and Rick Hutsell were there. We had not really wanted to have 13 there, but Connie Grimland Davis, and husband, Jim, and sons, Jesse and Jeremiah, were all ill with that nasty bug!

Jack and I were in Tulia one day and someone was honking their horn and just kept on and on! When the honkers got out of their vehicle, I saw it was Dean and Jean Mullin from Turkey. They were

laughing. Jack had not met them before. We enjoyed visiting with the folks of our former pastor, Randy Mullin. They are just the neatest couple. They were on their way to a Christmas play in Amarillo. I had not heard of it, but they say it is wonderful. And it does not cost to see it; but you need a ticket to go.

Get lots of rest and eat well; take your vitamins and stay well! Lack of rest usually is the culprit in getting sick. Your body needs rest to stay well!

Thank God for what you have, TRUST GOD for what you need, and remember that all your wants are not always needs! John 3:16



## Good Luck To The Owls and Lady Owls This Season!



**Jan. 2, 2004--High School teams at Clarendon, 3:00 p.m.**

**Jan. 5, 2004--Petersburg High School, Here, 6:30 p.m.**

**Jan. 8, 2004--Junior High and Junior Varsity Tournament, at Lazbuddie**

**Jan. 9--High School at Groom, 6:30 p.m.**



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## Plains Trail Slated to Become Heritage Tourism Destination

The Texas Historical Commission (THC) and its local partners hosted a successful meeting in Tulia to help the Texas Plains Trail Region begin its work as the next Texas Heritage Trail.

"The meeting was a success. From museum directors to mayors, there was a great local turnout," said Janie Headrick, director of the THC's Texas Heritage Trails Program. "This diverse group has one thing in common--they are all interested in working together to develop the region as a heritage tourism destination."

Approximately 200 people attended the inaugural meeting on September 15, 2003. Headrick discussed the benefits of heritage tourism to the local economy. A board of directors was elected and officers were selected. Phil Barefield from Quitaque was elected president of the organization. The public was invited to a second meeting in Post.

The Texas Plains Trail Region is the sixth area to participate in the THC's regional tourism initiative, the Texas Heritage Trails Program. The program increases tourism traffic to cultural and heritage sites, revitalizes local economies through regional marketing, increases awareness of the importance of historic preservation to tourism and fosters effective local tourism leadership. The THC will provide the area with technical, marketing and financial assistance for a minimum of three years.

Initial steps to incorporate the area into the program include developing a local board, hiring a regional trail coordinator, assessing and reporting on the region's heritage tourism readiness and creating a travel guide for the region.

The region consists of 52 counties: Armstrong, Bailey, Borden, Briscoe, Carson, Castro, Childress, Cochran, Collingsworth, Cottle, Crosby, Dallas, Dawson, Deaf Smith, Dickens, Donley, Floyd, Foard, Gaines, Garza, Gray, Hale, Hall, Hansford, Hardeman, Hartley, Hemphill, Hockley, Howard, Hutchinson, Kent, King, Knox, Lamb, Lipscomb, Lubbock, Lynn, Mitchell, Moore, Motley, Ochiltree,

Oldham, Parmer, Potter, Randall, Roberts, Scurry, Sherman, Swisher, Terry, Wheeler and Yoakum. Resources in all counties will be developed for tourism.

The THC offers free travel guides highlighting the people and places that shaped Texas history. Visit [www.thc.state.tx.us/travel](http://www.thc.state.tx.us/travel) or call the THC at 512-463-6254 for free copies.

The Texas Historical Commission is the state agency for historic preservation. The agency administers a variety of programs to preserve the archeological, historical and cultural resources of Texas.

## Bits & Pieces of News

by Lataine Dillard

This item was omitted last week:

Billy Graham had just finished a tour of the Florida East Coast and was taking a limousine to the airport. Having never driven a limo, he asked the chauffeur if he could drive for a while. Well, the chauffeur didn't have much of a choice, so he got in the back of the limo and Billy took the wheel. He turned onto I-95 and accelerated to about 90 mph. WHAM!

The bluelights of the State Highway Patrol flashed in his rearview mirror. He pulled over and a trooper came to his window. When the trooper saw who it was, he said, "Just a moment, please. I need to call in." The trooper radioed in and asked for the chief. He said, "I have a REALLY important person pulled over and I need to know what to do." The chief replied, "Who is it, not Ted Kennedy again?" The trooper said, "No, even more important." "It isn't Governor Jed Bush, is it?" asked the chief. "No, even more important," replied the trooper. "It isn't President George Bush, is it?" "No," replied the trooper, "even more important." "Well, WHO in the WORLD is it?" screamed the chief. The trooper responded: "I don't know for sure but I think it might be Jesus, because his chauffeur is Billy Graham!"

*The Basenji, a kind of dog found in Africa, cannot bark.*

## Tree Seedlings For Conservation

Order forms for conservation seedlings are now available from the Texas Forest Service West Texas Nursery in Lubbock or local Soil and Water Conservation District. Several varieties of evergreens and deciduous trees and shrubs are available.

Each year, West Texas Nursery provides adapted conservation seedlings, at cost, to assist landowners in incorporating trees and shrubs into their farming and/or ranching operation.

"Windbreaks are trees and shrubs systematically planted adjacent to fields, homesteads, or feedlots as a barrier to reduce or redirect the wind," says Robert Fewin, Texas Forest Service forester, Lubbock. "And when properly planted, they become a management tool that affects every aspect of the farm or ranch."

Windbreaks or any type of conservation planting creates permanent, natural protection and habitat for wildlife, reduce erosion, and increase land value and aesthetics.

Evergreens are sold in boxes of 30 for \$52 and the bare-root hardwoods in bundles of 100 for \$50. All prices include tax, shipping and handling. Seedlings ordered this fall will be shipped or delivered in the spring of 2004.

Wildlife packets for habitat establishment also are available. Each of the four wildlife packets contain 100 bare-root trees and shrubs, which cater specifically to the habitat needs of quail and pheasant, deer, turkey or squirrel. Each wildlife packet is \$48.

West Texas Nursery's primary objective is to produce and sell quality seedlings at a price landowners can afford, allowing them to plant large quantities of trees for conservation. Landowners are encouraged to purchase seedlings now before preferred stock is sold out.

To order windbreak trees or for more information contact the Texas Forest Service West Texas Nursery at 806-746-5801 or your local Soil and Water Conservation District.

*A verbal art like poetry is reflective; it stops to think. Music is immediate; it goes on to become.*

W. H. Auden

## WEATHER

Daily December Readings  
Taken at 6:00 a.m.

	High	Low	Precip.
1	73	39	
2	55	33	
3	63	44	
4	61	29	
5	66	27	
6	45	17	
7	51	18	
8	76	40	
9	69	35	
10	39	20	
11	49	20	
12	52	19	
13	30	18	
14	53	15	
15	68	21	
16	55	30	
17	47	20	
18	65	19	
19	53	22	
20			
21	67	22	
22	77	36	
23	49	24	
24	58	20	
25	63	22	
26	64	31	
27	71	29	

## Senior Citizens To Have Birthday Party Tuesday

Silverton Senior Citizens will have their monthly birthday party at the Center Tuesday, January 6, beginning at 6:00 p.m.

"Everyone's welcome!" said Christine King.

## Childress Elks Lodge to Sponsor Charity Bingo Jan. 5

Childress Elks Lodge #1113 will sponsor a charity Bingo event Monday, January 5, at the Elks Lodge on Hwy. 83 North in Childress.

The Bingo packets sell for \$15.00, and include Bingo cards, etc.

28	54	19
29	46	14
December Precip.		.00
Normal Dec. Precip.		.68
Total Precip. in 2003	10.53	
Normal Annual Precip.	21.22	

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## Owls Drop Pair Of Games at Claude

Silverton's varsity and junior varsity Owls dropped a pair of games at Claude on December 16.

The Junior Varsity team were outscored 34-27 in their outing.

Albert DeLeon and Clay Strange led the scoring with six points each. Dusty Burson rang up five; Joshua Maciel, four; Zakkary Maciel, Ory Johnson and a Claude player rang up two points each. Burson hit one shot from downtown.

JV Owls	9 17 23 27
Claude	5 17 26 34

When the Varsity Owls took the court, they were led in scoring by Gid Mayfield, who caged 11 points, including three from three-point range. Adding to the score were Payton Estes, including two three pointers, eight; Colt Smith, six; Ty Reed, four; Jesse Reynolds, three; Jacob Francis and James Tiffin, two points each. Smith and Reynolds each hit one shot from downtown.

Owls	13 26 28 36
Claude	15 28 50 73

The varsity teams played in a tournament at Clarendon Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of this week.

*The influence of each human being on others in this life is a kind of immortality.*

John Quincy Adams

*You have to accept whatever comes, and the only important thing is that you meet it with the best you have to give.*

Eleanor Roosevelt

*Be grateful for luck, but don't depend on it.*

William Feather

## What New Brides Need to Remember About Social Security Numbers

by Mary Jane Shanes

Social Security Manager in Plainview

Last year there were more than 2.2 million marriages in the United States--and, not surprisingly, June continues as the most popular month for exchanging vows. If you are among this month's or this year's brides, you also may be exchanging your maiden name for a married name. And that would include those women who plan to use hyphenated surnames, such as Smith-Jones.

So if you're working and you choose to change your name, it's very important to tell Social Security right away. Letting us know about your name change will help us record your earnings properly. If you don't your earnings under your new name may not be credited to your record and you may have a problem when you apply for retirement, disability or survivors benefits. Also, if the Internal Revenue Service and Social Security records don't show the same name and Social Security number, your tax refund could be delayed.

You should also know that your employer cannot update your Social Security record to show your name change. Only you can do that.

Even if you don't plan to work outside the home, you still need to report any name change to Social Security. When you report a new name, your Social Security record will show your married name, making it easier if you apply for benefits on your husband's earnings record.

Of course, today many

women continue to use their maiden name after marriage. If you continue to use your maiden name consistently throughout your working years, you don't need to contact us. But if you decide to change your name at a later time, you should let us know so that we can update your Social Security record.

The name change process is simple and free. You'll need to complete an *Application for a Social Security Card*, and show us originals or certified copies of either your marriage certificate showing your old and new names or two documents--one with your former name and one with your married name.

To get a copy of an *Application for a Social Security Card*, visit [www.ssa.gov](http://www.ssa.gov), our Internet website; call our toll-free number, 1-800-772-1213 (TTY 1-800-325-0778), or visit your local Social Security office. Remember: the process is simple and free. But there are some companies that may contact you and try to charge you for a service that shouldn't cost you anything. So don't pay someone else to get you a Social Security card with your new name.

## Goat Breeders Benefit From a New Program

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

Expected progeny differences, or EPDs, will now be available for boer goat breeders. Thanks to the American Boer Goat Association and Texas Agricultural Experiment Station, producers will now be able to select breeding stock based on specific measurable traits. Members of the ABGA will collect performance information needed to help breeders make genetic improvement. Documentation of animals which are genetically superior for growth and reproduction will be available to all goat producers. This will lead to increased efficiency of production. Selecting breeding stock gives producers the ability to predict how next year's kid crop will perform. EPDs have been available to cattle breeders for years.



## Texas Cooperative Extension

MAKE POTLUCK HOLIDAY MEALS RISK FREE

Cory Edwards, Briscoe County Extension Agent-FCS

When participating in a holiday meal, like a potluck dinner, it is important to eliminate risks of food-borne illness. Don't leave perishable foods in the danger zone--between forty and one hundred and forty degrees--for more than two hours. Perishable foods include meat, poultry, seafood, eggs, cooked vegetables, and dairy products. Foods prepared ahead of time should be kept refrigerated until time to leave, and reheated at the event. Use food thermometers to make sure internal temperature has reached one hundred and sixty-five degrees when reheating, and keep cold foods below forty degrees until serving time. Make sure everything that comes into contact with the foods is clean. Wash hands often, and keep raw meat separate from foods that will not be cooked. Experts stress the importance of the temperature danger zone, and say "If in doubt, throw it out."

## HOLIDAY EAT-A-THON IS OVER

The holiday eat-a-thon is over. It's time to test the scales and face the fact that we have work to do. On average, people gain seven pounds during the holidays. Extension nutritionist Dymple Cooksey points out how that if that weight goes unchecked, in three years, you will have gained 21 pounds. In ten years, you will weigh 70 pounds more. That should be enough to convince you to do something about the weight

right now. Regular exercise is a critical component. So is eating healthy. Return to planning meals around the food guide pyramid. Cooksey says keep it simple and sensible. Grill and steam instead of frying. Prepare dishes made with grains, vegetables and fruits. And by all means, get rid of any leftover holiday sweets.

## GOOD NUTRITION POSSIBLE DURING HOLIDAYS

The holiday season is over, and gone are the delicious, high-fat foods that make it easy to overindulge. Some traditional holiday foods have nutritional value, but many have dietary trade-offs. For example, a one-cup serving of eggnog contains one-third of the suggested daily allowance for calcium; however, it is also very high in calories, especially if alcohol is added. Pumpkin pie contains less fat than apple or pecan pie and is high in vitamin A. For holiday dinners, it was best to try skinless roast turkey; wild rice pilaf; broccoli with lemon juice; and a whole-grain roll. If you attended a party, it was best to snack before you went to take the edge off your appetite. It is suggested that party-goers move away from the buffet tables to eliminate the tendency to dip into the food while standing and talking. If drinking alcoholic beverages, it is best to do so in moderation and choose those made with diet or club soda instead of juice or full-calorie soda.

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