

## All Around The Town

By Mary Ann Sarchet



The monthly luncheon and business meeting of the Silverton Senior Citizens will be held Friday, Dec. 17, at the Center.

Members of the Baptist Church will host the luncheon.

Briscoe County Activities Association will be sponsoring a Christmas lighting and decoration contest this holiday season. Decorations should be in place by December 23.

Silverton Chamber of Commerce, in conjunction with the Ozark Trail Association's Christmas Tour, is encouraging local businesses and homes along Highway 86, to decorate and hang Christmas lights. The tour will be held Dec. 11-12, and includes the communities of Estelline, Turkey, Quitaque, Silverton, Tulia and Dimmitt.

Menus for Tri-County Meals next week were not received in time to appear in the newspaper.

It is time to get your letters to Santa written and to the Briscoe County News if you wish to have them printed in the Christmas Edition of the newspaper which will come out December 23. Please try to get the letters in to the newspaper not later than December 17. All letters will be forwarded to Santa at the North Pole after they have been copied for the newspaper. Bring your letters to the newspaper office or mail them to Briscoe County News, Box 130, Silverton 79257.

Quite a few from Silverton have been following the Valley Patriots as they advance to the state championship six-man football game which will kick off at 6:00 p.m. Saturday at Shotwell Stadium in Abilene.

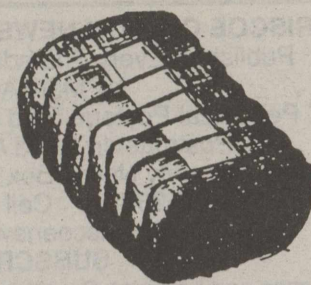
This is fantastic that the winner of Silverton's district is on the threshold of winning the state championship.

Bless you for helping with the Angel Tree. If you helped last year, we thank you from the bottom of our hearts. Every needy child that was identified was helped and their Christmas was blessed. If this is your first year to help with the Angel Tree, we are so thankful for your willingness to help.

Needs for each child: shirt, pants, socks, underwear, something age appropriate (a toy, some music or a game). Please provide



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Mid-Plains Rural Telephone Cooperative assisted the City of Silverton by putting up Christmas decorations along Lone Star and Main streets. Briscoe County News Photo

all items on the needs list for your Angel. Individuals or groups may sponsor an angel.

Gifts for the child should be gift wrapped in *one package* and ready for delivery. The packages should be clearly marked with the child's identification letter and brought to the school nurse's office by noon December 17, 2004. Santa will come BEFORE Christmas and deliver the packages to their homes. Please include a gift receipt in case a size exchange is needed.

In order for us to make sure that each child is remembered this Christmas, please sign next to the letter of the angel you select. We also need a phone number where we can contact you. If you have any questions, you may call Ruby or Lana at 823-2476.

*The world is a looking glass and gives back to every man the reflection of his own face. Frown at it and it will in turn look sourly upon you; laugh at it and with it and it is a jolly kind companion.*

William Makepeace Thackeray

*The world is so filled with interesting things to do that the longest human life could not exhaust more than a small fraction of them.*

Frank Gaines

## TxDOT Preparing Roadways For Winter Driving

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), Briscoe County Maintenance section, has been busy preparing roadways for winter.

"In November, we have been hauling excess dirt and gravel from the SH 256 project," says Gary Clinton, Briscoe County Maintenance Supervisor. "We are hauling these materials and placing them at various intersections on Farm-to-Market roads where the pavement ends and the dirt road begins," continued Clinton.

This operation will help prevent the mud from tracking onto the pavement and causing a hazard for the traveling public.

Anyone with questions about this, or any other TxDOT project should call Barbara Seal, TxDOT Public Information Officer, 940-937-7145.

*Nature has made occupation a necessity to us; society makes it a duty; habit makes it a pleasure.*

Capelle

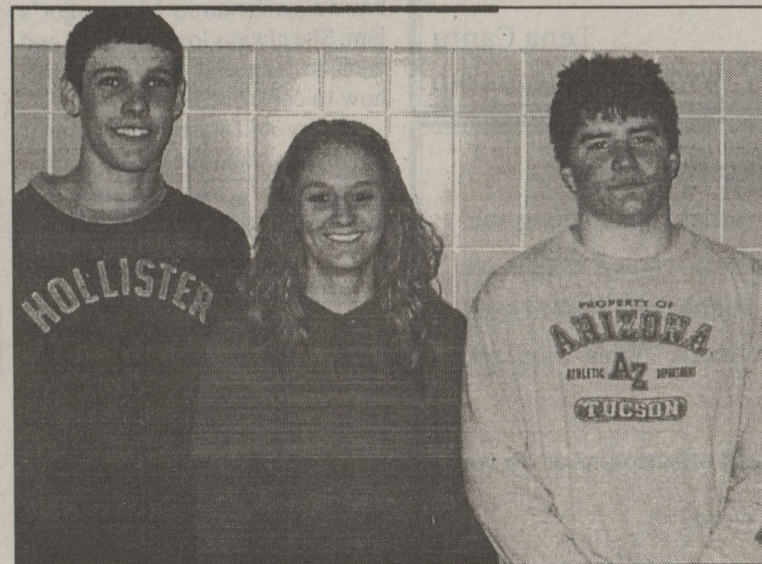
letters will be sent off to the north pole until Thursday, Dec. 23.

The employees at the Silverton post office want to extend to the community warm wishes and holiday blessings for this Christmas season. They hope to see everyone at the open house.

## Post Office to Hold Open House

Postmaster Hoot Barker and staff announce their annual Christmas open house which will be held Tuesday, December 21. The open house will be from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. and will feature food, hot beverages and a cowboy Santa that was a big hit at last year's open house.

The Postmaster also wants to remind everyone to bring your Santa letters in to the Santa Box located inside the post office. The



Placed on the All-Tournament teams at the FM211 Tourney last weekend were Gid Mayfield, Krista Hale and Jacob Francis. See story on page five. Briscoe County News Photo



Koree Smith, a student in the Silverton Schools, pictured with his brother, Brandon Vincent

## Soldier in Iraq Expresses Thanks

Brandon Vincent, son of Gene and Rhonda Smith, has sent a message to residents of Silverton from his post in Iraq.

He wrote: "I want to thank you for all your prayers. That is something that I cherish more than any of you know. I also want to thank you for your continued friendship of my family. That also means a lot to me. Things here are not as bad as the media makes them out to be. I get hot showers daily, and also hot meals three times a day. But I ask only that you continue to pray for my family and myself. As the Christmas holiday gets closer, remember what it's about. It's not the presents, it's not the food, it's about family and your personal relationship with God and His Son. I will continue to keep the town of Silverton and its residents in my prayers and I want you to know that I love each and every one of you. Spc. Brandon J. Vincent"

*It marks a big step in a man's development when he comes to realize that other men can be called in to help him do a better job than he can do alone.*

Andrew Carnegie

*The trouble with being a parent is that by the time you are experienced, you are unemployed.*

Author Unknown

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**Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hill Have Big Surprise**

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hill had quite a surprise on Nov. 18. Their son, Richie, who has been stationed in Balad, Iraq, since March of 2004 came home for rest and relaxation. The surprise was they did not know he was coming. He made arrangements for some of his friends from Canyon to pick him up at the airport in Amarillo. He told them to keep his returning home a secret. They kept the secret pretty well and it was quite a surprise when Fred and Lois opened the door. Fred said he had just checked his e-mail to see if he had any messages from his son only to open the door and there he stood. Richie received his Combat Infantry Badge since being deployed to Iraq.

He was to return to his base in Iraq on Dec. 4.



*Shirliann Chalmers shows a teacher mug that would make a nice gift.*

**Shirliann Chalmers Makes Special Things**

Shirliann Chalmers came to Silverton from Scotland three years ago to make her home. Her favorite hobby is cooking and she is very good at that. She makes jams, jellies and curds. Do you like toffee apples? You will love her caramel apple jam. Ask Betty Nan Tiffin about the red grapefruit jelly. She thinks it is yummy. Shirliann makes rhubarb and strawberry jam, red hot candy jelly and lemon and orange curd.

**Kenneth Wyatt Picture To Be Given Away**

Seventh Street Pool will be selling chances on a Kenneth Wyatt picture. This fundraiser is being done to help with expenses that were acquired during the past summer, due to the rising cost of chemicals, electricity and everyday maintenance.

The pool is trying to avoid raising dues for next summer by having this fundraiser. Please help keep the pool in operation by supporting this project.

Tickets are available at City Bank-Silverton, where the picture is on display, or by a board member. Price for tickets is one ticket for each \$5.00 donation or five tickets for a \$20.00 donation.

Shirliann makes savory snacks like Scott eggs, sausage rolls and mince pastries. Her baked goods include Scottish snowballs, scones, millionaire's showbread, royal shortbread and Mars bars cakes. There are muffins of many flavors, spices, puddings and Gibby's chocolate caramels. Her dad, Gibby, made them every birthday and if they got one they were lucky.

Her daughter, Cara, likes her mom's Caralicious peppermint cremes. Shirliann's grandmother gave it to the kids to keep them quiet as they could not talk while they were chewing on them. Her name was Nellie and Shirliann says she was a wise woman.

She makes macarons and chocolate peanut trays are something special her brother likes. Daughter, Shevon's, favorites are called Fours. They are pecan caramel candies; cream and pecans or walnuts dipped in chocolate.

Shirliann learned to bake from her "Mum" and "Gran". High Dumpsey Dearie Jam is also known as Grannie Macgregor's jam. She always loved to cook and went to a special school to learn how to cook even better.

Go by and meet Shirliann if you haven't had the pleasure. She

**Basketball Schedules**

JV B&G, VB&G

- Dec. 9-11-Amherst Tourn., TBA, Var.
- Dec. 14-Clarendon, 4:00, here
- Dec. 17-Follett, 6:30, Clarendon JC, Varsity
- Dec. 28-30-Clarendon Tourn., TBA, Varsity
- Jan. 4-Motley Co., 5:00, here, JVG
- Jan. 6-8-Lazbuddie Tourn., TBA, JV G&B
- Jan. 7-Groom, 5:00, here, JVB
- Jan. 11-Valley, 4:00, there
- Jan. 14-McLean, 5:00, here, JVB
- Jan. 18-Sammorwood, 5:00, here, JVB
- Jan. 21-Hedley, 5:00, there, JVB
- Jan. 25-Groom, 5:00, there, JVB
- Jan. 28-Valley, 4:00, here
- Feb. 1-McLean, 5:00, there, JVB
- Feb. 4-Sammorwood, 5:00, there, JVB
- Feb. 8-Hedley, 5:00, here, JVB

JH G&B

- Dec. 13-Valley, 5:00, there
- Jan. 10-Valley, 5:30, here
- Jan. 17-Groom, 6:00, there
- Jan. 24-Amarillo T.F., 5:30, here
- Jan. 31-Hedley, 6:00, there

**Christmas Program To Be Held at the Gem Theatre**

The Gem Theatre in Turkey will be presenting a Christmas Show at 7:00 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 11.

There will be several groups performing and among these will be Grammy and Pop of Silverton and Gary Moore of Vigo-Park.

There will be no admission charge, so plan to come and bring all your friends.

is a delightful person and her Scottish accent is quite charming. She uses her "Mum's" and "Gran's" recipes, so if you want an unusual

**Silverton School Lunch Menu**

- Monday, Dec. 13-Mexican Caserole, Beans, Salsa, Chips, Fruit, Milk
- Tuesday, Dec. 14-Chili Cheese Fries, Salad, Fruit, Milk
- Wednesday, Dec. 15-Chicken Pot Pie, Salad, Bread, Jello, Milk
- Thursday, Dec. 16-Ham Slice, Potatoes au gratin, Green Beans, Hot Roll, Fruit Crisp, Milk
- Friday, Dec. 17-Hamburger, Cheese, Salad, Chips, Cookie, Milk

**Silverton School Activities**

- Thursday, Dec. 9-Board Meeting
- Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Dec. 9-11-Amherst Varsity Tournament
- Monday, Dec. 13-Junior High @ Valley, 5:00
- Tuesday, Dec. 14-Clarendon JV & V, here, 4:00; 4-H in cafeteria, 3:30
- Wednesday, Dec. 15-Robin Boedeker's Christmas Program, 7th period
- Thursday, Dec. 16-Employee Supper; even semester tests; Robin Boedeker's Christmas Program for parents
- Friday, Dec. 17-Odd semester tests; Owls vs. Follett @ Clarendon, 6:30

gift for a special person, come on by. She makes gift baskets with assortments of these items and many other food items and has a special one just for teachers.

Shirliann lives on Eighth Street between Main and Broadway between Betty Nan and the Tipton's. Her number is 806-823-2328.

by Lataine Dillard

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**What Happened to the Flea?**

A father was reading Bible stories to his young son. He read, "The man named Lot was warned to take his wife" and "flee out of the city, but his wife looked back and was turned to salt." His son asked, "What happened to the flea?"

Do we only scratch the surface of scripture or do we study to find the "meat" of the word?

If we can help feed your spirit please let us know.

**Rock Creek Church of Christ**

**WEATHER**

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

	High	Low	Precip.
1	46	18	
2	53	21	
3	47	23	
4	50	22	
5	62	26	.07
6	58	33	
7	57	30	.21
December Precipitation			.28
Normal Dec. Precip.			.68
Total Precip. in 2004			38.25
Normal Precip. to Date			20.54

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## LOOKING BACK

through the files of the  
Briscoe County News

**November 17, 1994**-Water Authority to pursue emergency measures for meeting needs . . . A state-championship quality game will be played in Silverton this week, with kickoff scheduled at 7:30 p.m. Friday between the Guthrie Jaguars, ranked No. 1 in the state, and the Lazbuddie Longhorns, who won the championship of the six-man district that includes Silverton . . . Retired Silverton, Quitaque and Turkey teachers and school personnel are invited to a meeting in the community room of First National Bank in Quitaque . . . Junior High takes three games from Motley County. Dara Johnston led the scoring for the Seventh Grade Lady Owls by scoring eight points. The Seventh Grade Owls were led in scoring by Jordan Sarchet, 10, and Nathan Francis, eight. Scoring for the Lady Owl Eighth Grade were Dara Ramsey, 14; Misty Wilkinson, 11; Lindsey Weaks; 10. Jared Holt scored 18 and Jay Arnold, 12, for the Eighth Grade Owls . . . Tara Smith to dance in "The Nutcracker" ballet in Plainview . . .

**November 29, 1984**-First-round games of Kress Tournament to be played here today. In the boys division, Silverton will play Petersburg, and Lockney will play Tulia. In the girls division, Silverton and Petersburg play, followed by Lockney and Tulia . . . Higgins and Jayton to play in an Area playoff here Friday night . . . Tim Mattheus has opened the Rock Creek Store, and in addition to gasoline, is selling groceries and ready-to-eat food items . . . Junior High Owlettes winning their first game of the season are Missy McClain, Traci Tomlin, Tara Nance, Keeley Burson, Penni Fogerson, Julie Towe, Tonia Perkins, DeLyn Patton and Avonna Miller . . . Mr. and Mrs. Carl Minyard, Missy and Amy hosted a family Thanksgiving dinner . . . Mr. and Mrs. Vinson Smith had Thanksgiving with Mr. and Mrs. Jim Smith and family in their new home in Amarillo . . . Mr. and Mrs. George Seaney celebrate 65th wedding anniversary . . .

**November 28, 1974**-Basketball teams win four games at Happy . . . Celia Martin represented the Silverton FFA Chapter in the Plainview District Sweetheart contest Monday night. She was one of the six finalists . . . Mrs. Glen Lindsey underwent surgery for the removal of a kidney Thursday . . . Donna Green, operator of Donna's

Beauty Shop here, received a medal for winning second in hair styling and second in hair cutting at the Top of Texas Beauty Show Sunday at the Villa Inn in Amarillo. Her model was Glenna Northcutt . . . Lem Weaver was injured Friday when his leg became caught in the cotton stripper he was operating on the farm near his home just south of the Silverton city limits . . .

**November 19, 1964**-D. M. Cogdell, 80, buried at Snyder . . . Pioneer Briscoe County rancher E. D. McMurtry, who moved to Briscoe County in 1907, passed away in Swisher County Hospital Friday, November 13, after an 11-day illness . . . SHS opened its basketball season Tuesday night with a pair of wins from Flomot here. Greg Towe, who finished playing football Friday night, led the Owls with 20 points, while George Calvert netted 23 for the losers. The final score was 60-48. The Owlettes blasted Flomot 62-8. Martina Williams led the Owlette scoring with 22 points . . . Mrs. Emilio Cruz has been a patient in the Lockney Hospital for several days . . . Max Garrison spent Friday night in Swisher County Hospital for treatment of a knee injury he had received as a result of playing football . . . Mrs. Carol D. Davis and Alex spent the weekend at Hart with her brother, Mr. and Mrs. Norlan Dudley and daughters . . .

**November 26, 1964**-Joni Faye Self and Wayne Nance were named winners of the 4-H Gold Star awards Saturday night at the annual County Awards Banquet . . . David House, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie House, was one of 45 men accepted into pledgship in Gamma Gamma chapter of Kappa Phi Pharmaceutical Fraternity this fall at The University of Texas College of Pharmacy . . . Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Stephens and Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Stephens were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Stephens, Cheryl, Bobby and Roy Gene in Turkey . . . Mike Norris, who is stationed at Fort Bragg, North Carolina, is spending a leave here with his mother, Mrs. Annie Williams . . . Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Reid, Bill, Rebecca and Nancy were in Lubbock Saturday. J. W. attended the Tech football game in the afternoon . . . Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Graham and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Graham, Mike and Connie were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Montgomery in Lubbock Saturday. All attended the Tech football game in the afternoon . . .

**November 18, 1954**-Silverton Owls will end season in battle with Turkey Turks . . . Robert Hill is Gold Star 4-H Club winner . . . Verlin Towe purchases Teeter's Insurance Agency . . . The Cogdell wildcat well which is being drilled 18 miles north of Silverton, was reported to be drilling below 5,400 feet in lime . . . Miss Darlene Burrows to wed Bill Tennison . . . Mrs. G. H. Dowdy is new Briscoe County Librarian . . . Officers of the Silverton 4-H Club are John H. Burson, president; Dave Schott, vice president; Eldon O'Neal, secretary-treasurer; Celene Lanham, song and game leader; Harry Thompson, Council member, and Joe Anderson, reporter . . . Miss Janice Turner pledges Buffalo Gals, campus service organization, at West Texas State College . . . The Silverton Girls basketball team defeated the girls from Quitaque in the season's opening game Thursday night . . . Mrs. A. L. McMurtry underwent an eye operation at Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo Wednesday . . . Mrs. Joy Stodghill and daughter, Mary Louise, went to El Paso and spent the weekend with Pvt. Clifton L. Stodghill, who is in basic training at Fort Bliss . . . Mrs. Wayne McCutchen honored her son, Richard, with a party on his fifth birthday. After swinging and playing in the park, refreshments were served to Jackie Carol Tate, Ruth Ann, Margaret and Marilyn Minyard, Karen Penn, Patricia Cagle, Johnny Roy, Sharon and Tina Weaver, Tommy Edwards, Mike May, Camellia, Buddy and Larry Comer, Montie Smith, Walter Richard Hill, Joy Ann McCutchen and the honoree . . .

**November 30, 1944**-The Silverton Owls are the bi-district football champions, with a 31-6 win over Oklaunion, champion of District 2 . . . Martell Grover has landed safely in England, according to word received by his wife, Zell Stevenson Grover . . . Jack E. Brown, S3-c, is with the Coast Guard. He entered service in August 1942, and now is in New Guinea . . . Editor Roy Hahn wrote: "Alvin Redin has been giving the coyotes fits for some time now. He has a couple of hungry old dogs that can walk up on a coyote like he was standing still. He rolled in Monday morning with a load that he got while he was feeding his cattle. Alvin likes to chase them but doesn't do it except while on a cattle feeding trip because of the gasoline shortage. If you spot a coyote, let Alvin know and he will round him up for you. His feeding hours are from 7:30 a.m. until 6:00 p.m." . . . Mr. and Mrs. Barney Stephens were in Floydada Friday



Baylee Deckard



Brittany Deckard

### Girls Win Places in Gymnastics

Baylee and Brittany Deckard participated in a gymnastic meet November 20 at Idalou. Baylee won first place in her class, and Brittany won third place in her class.

The girls are daughters of Barbara and Terry Deckard.

### Briscoe County Afghans Arrive

The 4-H afghans have arrived. This unique, custom-designed afghan makes a colorful accent for a chair, sofa or bed and is sure to become a treasured heirloom. 2.5 layer, 3-color (hunter green, cranberry red and natural) jackquard woven 100% cotton assures lightweight warmth and year-round coziness. Machine washable, 50"x65", it is fringed all around.

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*The sum of wisdom is that time is never lost that is devoted to work.* Ralph Waldo Emerson

. . . Miss Doris Holt returned Sunday from Plainview . . .

### Happy Birthday-

December 9-Danielle Netro, Hanna Shaleen James

December 10-Fay Perkins, Manuel Aguilar, Tim Mattheus, Brenda Harris

December 11-Dock Wallace, Kori Land

December 12-Tom Burson, Dora Storie, Lupe Hernandez, Johnathan 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

### Happy Anniversary-

December 11- Mr. and Mrs. Roger Cantwell

*Many times a day I realize how my own outer and inner life is built upon the labors of my fellow men, both living and dead, and how earnestly I must exert myself in return as much as I have received.*

Albert Einstein

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Harvey Mackay

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Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Thomas Warren

## Weeks-Warren Vows Exchanged Here

Misti Mae Weeks and Daniel Thomas Warren were united in

## Texas Water Development Board Measuring Water Well Levels Here

The Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) is the state agency charged with collecting and disseminating water-related data, assisting with regional planning and preparing the State Water Plan for the development of the state's water resources, and administering cost-effective financial programs for the construction of water supply, wastewater treatment, flood control and agricultural water conservation projects.

Staff from the TWDB's Groundwater Monitoring Section is visiting Briscoe and Swisher counties to measure water levels from water wells completed in the aquifers within those counties.

This information is stored in the TWDB's groundwater database. The database is available by county on the TWDB's Water Information

Integration and Dissemination (WIID) website at <http://wiiddev.twdb.state.tx.us>.

The survey began Monday, December 6, 2004, and will continue through December 16, 2004.

The TWDB conducts an active groundwater resource assessment program to collect data on the state's aquifer for water resource planning. This information includes the occurrence, availability, quality and quantity of groundwater present, and the current and projected demands on groundwater resources. This is done through the statewide groundwater level measurement program, groundwater quality sampling program and groundwater studies.

If you have questions or comments about the program, contact Janie Hopkins at 512-936-0841.

marriage Saturday afternoon, November 20, 2004 at 3:00 p.m. at the Silverton Church of Christ. David Frazee, College Minister of South Plains Church of Christ in Lubbock performed the ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Victor and Debbie Weeks of Lubbock and is the granddaughter of Bill and Della Boling of Silverton and the late Oscar and Elvira Weeks.

The groom is the son of Bob and Kyla Smith of Lubbock and is the grandson of Jessie Kate Springer of Kress and the late D. M. Springer and Thomas and Marie Warren of Floydada.

Candles were lit by Emilee and Linzie Smith, sisters of the groom.

A slide show, video and taped music was prepared and played by Eric Minyard, a cousin of the bride.

The bride was escorted to the

altar by her father, Victor Weeks. She wore an elegant gown of white matte satin by the designers of Mori Lee. The beaded strap gown featured a double asymmetrical waist embellished with crystals, bugle beads and sequins. The a-line skirt fell gracefully to the floor and swept into a chapel-length train. The hem was finished with a band adorned with the same bead work to mock the bodice. She chose an elbow-length veil held in place by a bugle bead and sequin tiara.

Dusti Weeks of Lubbock served her sister as maid of honor. Jennifer Smyer, Amanda Brown, friends of the bride, and Amanda Estes, cousin of the bride, were bridesmaids. They carried cascades of rosebuds with berries, greenery and baby's breath, and wore floor-length red dresses. Their dresses were designed with spaghetti

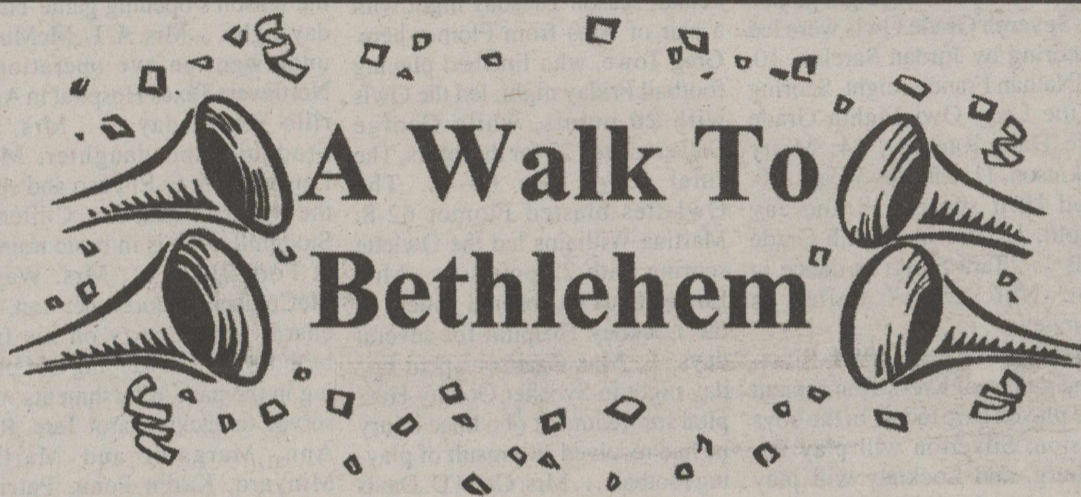
straps and a drape cascading down the back. Flower girl was Meredith McDonough of Plainview, cousin of the bride.

Bob Smith, father of the groom, was best man. Corey McEwen and Kent Mereness, friends of the groom, and Jeff Weeks, brother of the bride, were groomsmen. Zachary McDonough of Plainview, cousin of the bride, was the ringbearer.

Guests were seated by Ryan Minyard, cousin of the bride, and Bart Masters, friend of the groom.

A reception was held in the fellowship hall of the church following the ceremony. A rehearsal brunch was hosted Saturday morning by the groom's parents at the church.

The bride graduated from Cor-See Weeks-Warren-  
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**Walk the Ozark Trail in Silverton  
in an Interactive Drama. Be a part  
of the REAL Christmas story**

**Sunday, December 12  
5:30 – 9:00 PM**

- You are part of the story. Come along and:
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  - ◆ Walk down a crowded street in Bethlehem
  - ◆ Camp with shepherds and their animals
  - ◆ Sing with the angels
  - ◆ Seek Him with wise men
  - ◆ Enjoy a real CHRISTmas holiday occasion!



**Directions:** The "Walk" begins at City Bank one block south of the caution light. Enter the Conference Room of the bank (East side of building). A new tour begins every thirty minutes. As you wait you may sip coffee or hot chocolate to holiday music and visit with the locals. If you are in need of special assistance please inform a hostess at the bank.

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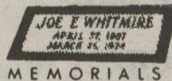
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Participating in the 4-H Clover Kids program for children in kindergarten through second grade were Maison Fuston, Tricia Curry, Baylee Deckard and Rachel Hancock; (back) County Extension Agent-Ag David Hancock.



First-place winners in the Intermediate Division were Marchell Curry, Emily Garcia and Khaki Scrivner.

### 4-H'ers Excell at County Food Show

Twenty Briscoe County 4-H'ers demonstrated the knowledge and skills they gained through their Food & Nutrition projects at the 2004 County 4-H Food Show which was held November 21, 2004 at the Silverton

Church of Christ annex. The seven first-place winners will advance to the District 1 4-H Food Show in Amarillo Saturday, December 11, 2004.

Junior placings included: Breads & Cereals 1st. Shelby Fuston; 2nd. Jacob Pigg; Fruits & Vegetables 1st. J. T. West; 2nd. Kodie Saul; Main Dish 1st. Brittany Deckard; 2nd. Molly Moore; 3rd. John Pigg; Nutritious Snacks Marchell Curry, Khaki Scrivner, Emily Garcia, 1st place.

Also participating under the Clover Kid program, which is for children in kindergarten through 2nd grade were Tricia Curry, Fruit & Vegetables; Baylee Deckard,

### Weeks-Warren-

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onado High School in Lubbock and is employed by Hastings. The groom graduated from Frenship High School and is employed by United Parcel Service. Both are students at Lubbock Christian University.

Following their honeymoon to Ruidoso, New Mexico, they are making their home in Lubbock.

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Junior Division 4-H'ers placing first in the Food & Nutrition project were J. T. West, Brewster Garcia, Brittany Deckard and Shelby Fuston. County Extension Agent-Ag David Hawkins is pictured in back.

Maison Fuston and Rachel Hancock, all with Nutritious Snacks.

Tasting for family and friends began promptly after the judging was complete. Participants were presented with prizes that were made possible by donations from local and area businesses and individuals.

4-H Food & Nutrition Project Leaders also were recognized. They were Norma Jones, Barbara

Deckard, Jeannine West, Jennifer Pigg, Danna Hancock, Darla Gwinn, Amy Fuston and Stephanie Watson.

Judges for the County Show were Deb Burson, Bena Hester, Sandy Fuston, Kathy Kingery, Angie and Kassie Martin.

Cookbooks from the Food Show will be available at the Extension Office for a nominal fee.

Provided by County Agent-Ag David Hawkins

### Owls Win Second in FM211 Tourney

The Owls won their first game in the FM211 tournament last week, beating Ira 62-57 and the Lady Owls dropped their game to Loop 42-49.

Gid Mayfield led the scoring for the Owls by dropping 47 big points, including three from downtown into the baskets. Jacob Francis also scored in double figures, with 14. Also scoring were Drew Reed and Yance Forbes, seven points each; E. J. Ivory, four, and Jesse Reynolds, three points.

The Lady Owls were led in scoring by Krista Hale, who caged 13 points. Also scoring were Haylee Simpson, seven, including one from outside the arc; Danielle Ramirez and Kelsi Birdsong, six points each; Kelsie Estes, five; Sasha Wood, three, and Shandy Forbes, two points.

Lady Owls 8 17 36 42  
Loop 12 19 36 49

Second game for the Lady Owls was a 55-27 win over Jayton. Leading the scoring were Kelsie Estes, 19; Haylee Simpson, 15, and Krista Hale, 12. Also scoring were Sasha Wood, five; Kelsi Birdsong, four; Shandy Estes, three.

Lady Owls 13 36 43 55  
Jayton 6 16 22 27

The Lady Owls defeated Dawson 56-39 in their second game of the day. Scoring in double figures

for the Owl ladies were Haylee Simpson, 14; Krista Hale, 13, and Kelsi Birdsong, 10 points. Adding to the score were Danielle Ramirez, seven; Kelsie Estes and Brittany Tiffin, four points each; Sasha Wood, two points.

Lady Owls 10 30 44 56  
Dawson 12 16 24 39

In the tournament's last game, the Lady Owls dropped a heart-breaker 45-49. Sasha Wood caged in double figures, with 13. Also scoring were Haylee Simpson and Kelsi Birdsong, eight points each; Danielle Ramirez, seven; Krista Hale, six; Kelsie Estes, three.

Lady Owls 9 21 32 45  
Ropes 17 25 31 49

In the tournament's second round, the Owls beat New Home, 49-34. Gid Mayfield led the scoring with 24 points. Also scoring were Yance Forbes, seven; Tanner

## First Annual Floyd County Meat Goat Jackpot Planned

Provided by David Hawkins  
CEA-Ag

Briscoe County Extension

The First Annual Floyd County Wrap-Up Meat Goat Jackpot, sponsored by the Floyd County 4-H, will be held Saturday, Dec. 18, 2004, with two shows and two showmanships. This JMGSC-sanctioned event will be held at the Floyd County Friends Unity Center at Muncy, on Highway 70 four miles north of Floydada or three miles south of Lockney.

Weight cards will be due at 9:00 a.m. for Show A. Showmanship will begin at 9:30 a.m. Show A begins following showmanship. Chad Coburn will be Judge A.

Weight cards for Show B will be due immediately after Show A. Show B begins following showmanship. Johnny Morris will be Judge B.

A clinic on selection, feed, care and showmanship will be held after Show B.

Entry fee will be \$20 per head. Showmanship \$5 at the gate. No late fees. Mail entries to Larry and Kellie Williams, Route 4, Box 160, Floydada, TX 79235.

JMGSC rules apply:

1. Weathers and does may be shown but will be shown together.
2. All goats must be slick shorn with 3/8 of an inch above the knee and hock.
3. No painting, powdering or dyeing of goats is permitted.
4. Goats must be dehorned or tipped
5. Official weigh-in
6. No tooth rule

For more information, contact Larry or Kellie Williams, 806-983-3075.

Young and E. J. Ivory, four points each; Jacob Francis and James Tiffin, three points; Drew Reed and Ory Johnson, two points each.

Owls 14 27 38 49  
New Home 4 13 22 34

The Owls dropped the championship game to Whitharrel, 51-25.

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**Owl Basketball-  
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Scoring for the Owls were Jacob Francis, 11; Gid Mayfield, seven; Drew Reed, three; E. J. Ivory and Ory Johnson, one point each.

Owls	6	8	15	23
Whitharrel	10	21	37	51

On Tuesday night, Nov. 30, all four teams played Sanford-Fritch, with only the varsity Owls winning their game.

The action opened with the JV Lady Owls, who dropped their game 9-61. Scoring was by Trichelle Ramirez, three; Kassi Yancey, Lydia DeLeon and Ami Dunn, two points each.

JV Lady Owls	2	6	8	9
Sanford-Fritch	19	29	45	61

The varsity Lady Owls dropped their game to Sanford-Fritch 46-68.

Scoring for the Lady Owls were Sasha Wood, 20; Krista Hale, 13; Haylee Simpson, four; Kelsie Estes, Danielle Ramirez, Brittany Tiffin and Shandy Forbes, two points each; Kelsi Birdsong, one point.

Lady Owls	8	18	29	46
Sanford-Fritch	20	34	49	68

**Teams Split Games With Hedley**

Silverton's Junior High teams split a pair of games here with Hedley Monday night.

The Red Lady Owls dropped their game 59-15, and the Owls won 50-39.

Scoring for the Red Lady Owls was by Nichole Schott, three; Destiney Wilson, Marchelle Curry, Townlii Ziegler, Torrey Fuston, Wendi Garcia and Heather Tiffin, two points each.

Red Lady Owls	2	9	9	15
Hedley	17	33	52	59

**Community Natural  
Resource Conservation  
Meeting Planned Here**

The USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service invites the public and any agencies with interest to participate in a Program Development Group meeting to be held Dec. 10, 2004, from 10:00

The JV Owls dropped a two-point overtime game, 54-56, to Sanford-Fritch. Scoring was led by Gabriel Vargas and Dusty Burson, 13 points each; Cooper Cogdell, 10. Also scoring were Jonathan Garcia, eight; Zak Perkins, six; Shane Estes, two; Albert DeLeon, one point.

JV Owls	4	17	29	47	54
Sanford-Fritch	10	27	38	47	56

The varsity Owls won their game 52-44. Gid Mayfield led the scoring with 21 points. Others scoring were E. J. Ivory, eight; Jesse Reynolds and Yance Forbes, seven points each; Drew Reed, four; Ory Johnson, three; James Tiffin, two points.

Owls	14	21	34	52
Sanford-Fritch	5	20	33	44

December 13, the Junior High teams will host the teams from Hedley at 5:30 p.m.

The following day, December 14, the junior varsity Lady Owls and Owls and varsity Owls and Lady Owls will host the teams from Clarendon beginning at 4:00 p.m. On December 17, the varsity teams will play Follett beginning at 6:30 p.m. at Clarendon College.

The Red Owls were led in scoring by Blake Strange, 10 points. Other scoring was by Shawn Johnson, nine; Cord Griffin, seven; True Burson, Reece Scarborough and Cord Stidham, six points each; Cade Holt, four; Brooks Brock, two points.

Red Owls	12	26	37	50
Hedley	10	18	27	39

The junior high teams will travel to Valley Monday, Dec. 13, for games at 5:00 p.m.

a.m. until 12:00 p.m. at City Bank in Silverton. Purpose of the meeting is to request participation and invite comments from a broad range of local agencies, organizations, businesses, and individuals that have an interest in natural resource conditions and needs.

Conservation programs are locally led. The meetings are open to the public.

**Don't Stay Home  
Alone Christmas**

A Christmas dinner is being planned for anyone in the community who does not have plans to be with family members on Christmas Day.

The meal will be served in the school cafeteria from 11:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. and can be delivered to those not able to come.

Please call First Baptist Church, 823-2412, as soon as possible if you would like to make a reservation. Deadline for calling will be December 20.

The menu will consist of turkey, dressing, gravy, green beans, sweet potatoes, corn and dessert.

The earlier the responses come in, the better they will be able to complete plans. 49-3tnc

**Official Rules Given  
For Silver City Great  
Cookie Exchange**

In the official rules for the first annual Silver City Mercantile Co. Great Cookie Exchange, you are asked to RSVP by Dec. 14 @ 823-2374.

Submit your favorite Christmas cookie recipe to Silver City, Box 606, Silverton, or bring by the store by Dec. 16.

Prepare six dozen of this favorite cookie and bring to the party. All cookies must be homemade. Bring a foil-lined box or a plastic container for the take-home bounty.

Arrive with cookies at Silver City Mercantile Co. for the Great Cookie Exchange at 5:00 p.m. on Dec. 18. Only participants may attend this fun-filled evening. No children, please.

Light appetizers will be served.

Tasting and voting will begin promptly at 5:30 p.m.

Prizes will be awarded for Best Presentation, Best Looking Cookie, and Best Tastin' Cookie.

If you are unable to participate, let Silver City know ASAP. They have a waiting list and need you to help make this exchange a success.

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This Season!**

**GAMES THIS WEEK**

**Dec. 9-11-Amherst Varsity Tournament, v G&B**

**Dec. 13-Hedley Junior High, 5:00, There**

**Dec. 14-Clarendon, 4:00, Here, JV G&B & V G&B**

**Dec. 17-Follett, 6:30, Clarendon College v G&B**

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**LEGAL NOTICE**

The Panhandle Regional Planning Commission is in the process of electing a minority representative to fill a position on its Board of Directors. The meeting is to be held on Thursday, December 16, 2004, at 6:30 p.m. at Tulia City Hall, Tulia, Texas. All minority citizens in Briscoe, Castro, Deaf Smith, Parmer and Swisher Counties are invited to attend this meeting. Information regarding this election may be obtained from Rebecca Rusk at PRPC, (806) 372-3381. 50-1tc

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Thanks again,  
**Bill Smith**

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WEDNESDAY:  
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2nd & 4th TUESDAY:  
Womens Bible Study  
WEDNESDAY:  
Rock Salt Youth Group.....7:00 p.m.  
Bible Study, Prayer Meeting  
SECOND WEDNESDAY:  
Fellowship Meal.....6:30 p.m.  
Business Meeting.....7:00 p.m.  
RAs, Rock Salt Youth.....7:00 p.m.  
THURSDAY  
Men's Group.....6:30 a.m.

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Choir Practice..... 5:00 p.m.  
Evening Bible Study..... 6:00 p.m.  
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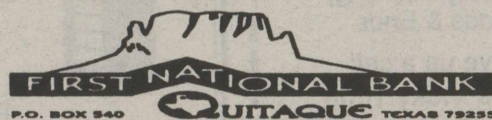
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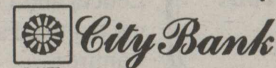
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We want to thank JoDee, Ruby and Fay from the EMS team for helping our family take my father to the emergency room in Plainview. Thank you, also, to Leticia and Lance Stidham and to my aunt and uncle, Mary and Fred Ramirez.

Thank you all, God bless,  
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Silverton Volunteer Fire Department

Thank the Lord for taking care of us.

Thank you for your prayers and support for Lavern while she had her aorta graft operation.

She is home and recovering nicely.

Thank you for all your prayers. Love,  
Lavern and Loyd Stephens

We would like to thank everyone in the community for supporting us during our fruit and meat sales. We greatly appreciate your financial support and generosity throughout the year. Thanks again! Silverton FFA

We want to say thanks to family and friends for the lovely reception on our 50th anniversary. Thanks to those who attended, for the beautiful cards and gifts. Thanks to our children for hosting the party.

Heraclio and Esther Ramirez

We wish to express our love and appreciation shown during our time of sorrow and loss of our dear husband, Daddy, Grandad, brother, uncle and brother-in-law.

A special thanks to JoDee Robison, Fay Perkins and Ruby Lee, who responded to our 911 call.

A special thanks to the ones who brought food to the home and to the church for lunch. Thanks for the beautiful flowers, cards and contributions made in Seymour's memory.

We love each and everyone for your love and sympathy during this time of our loss of our dear one.

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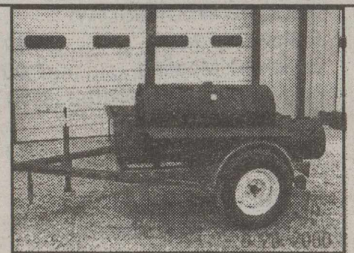
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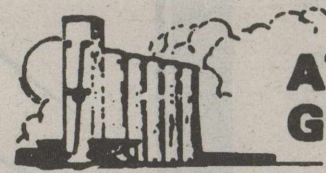
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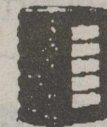
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