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All Around The Town

By Mary Ann Sarchet

Menus for Tri-County Meals next week are:

Monday, January 10-Roast, Gravy, Creamed Potatoes, Green Peas, Brownie, Roll

Wednesday, January 12-Turkey, Rice, Buttered Carrots, Sweet Peas, Fruit, Pie

Friday, January 14-Ham & Cheese on Bun, Lettuce, Tomato, Pickle, Soup, Stewed Apricots

Menu subject to change.

Joni Mayfield is recovering at home following a hip replacement and surgery to repair her broken femur. She underwent both surgeries in Amarillo in November.

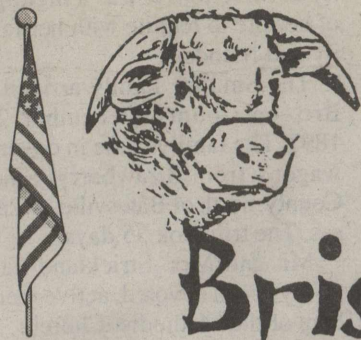
She has had several of her family members there to help her, and when I spoke to Joni last week, Dayne and his family were still there.

I would like to extend my apology to Donnie and Carol Martin for omitting their names from the list on the Christmas Greeting Page. They did donate their money and I thought I had placed it on the special page. Guess I got caught up in the before-Christmas rush and failed to do my job.

Sorry.

Bryn Mayfield is in New York City doing missions with the West Texas A&M University Baptist Student Ministry. They are involved in a building project to assist the New York Evangelical Seminary by painting, cleaning and preparing the facility for use. They also have been participating in street evangelism in Times Square and other locations in New York City.

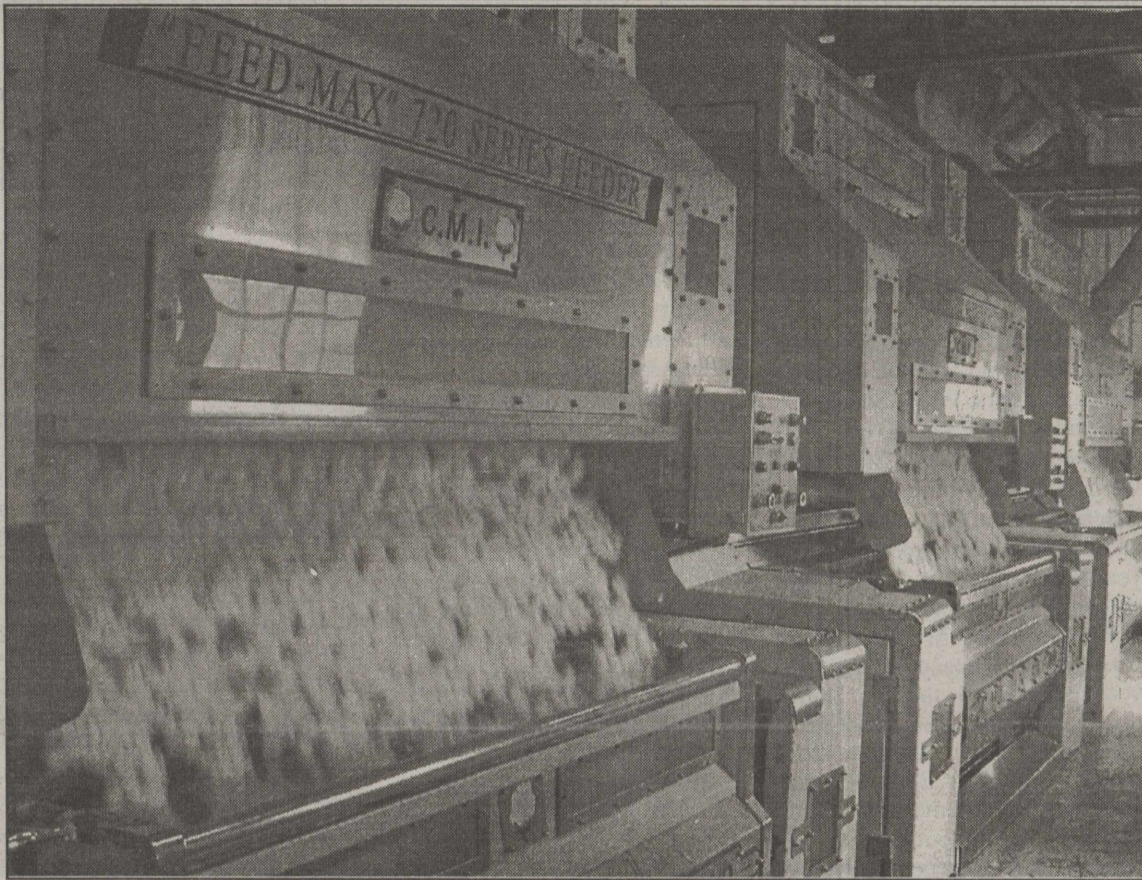
The Self family saw the year 2004 out, not with a bang but a splash. J. L. and Faye Self (brother and sister-in-law), Deal McGowen (sister from Colorado), Lou Younger (sister) and Zobie (sister) went to the pool at the YMCA in Amarillo for a class for arthritis. The class instructor worked diligently trying to teach the Haylakers about water aerobics-he spent most of his time in laughter. The regular class members warmly welcomed the newcomers with introductions and additional instructions-which were promptly ignored by the Self clan (so what new?) The highlight of the event was Lou coming down the kiddie slide. She found it a bit narrow and when she finally dislodged herself she entered the three-foot level of



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Cotton harvest and ginning is going at a fast pace in the Silverton area. Johnson's Gin and Silvercot are very busy. In some places they say ginning will go on up until May 2005. Briscoe County News Photo

JV Teams in Tournament at Lazbuddie

Silverton's Junior Varsity Owls and Lady Owls are playing in a tournament at Lazbuddie Jan. 6-8.

The Lady Owls will open their participation in the tournament with Farwell at 10:00 a.m. Thursday, and the Owls will play Farwell beginning at 11:30 a.m. Thursday.

the pool with a vengeance. After blowing a few bubbles, she arose from the depth with glasses and humor intact. The instructor excused himself into another room where he was seen doubled over with laughter. Deal then decided they would all dive under the water and see which one could hold his breath the longest-this from a sister who cannot swim a stroke. After the laughter subsided, the group showered and descended upon the Chinese Buffet-the pool and the buffet will never be the same.

Scholarships Available For Students

Texas Department of Transportation's (TxDOT) Don't Mess with Texas campaign announced its second annual scholarship program, offering a unique opportunity to graduating high school students who work hard to keep Texas litter-free.

The Don't Mess with Texas Scholarship, sponsored by a donation from Advantage Rent-A-Car, recognizes the valuable contributions of Texas high school seniors who have taken actions to prevent litter in their schools or communities. One \$3,000 scholarship and two \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded in the spring of 2005. Applications are due April 1, 2005, and are now available to be completed online at www.dontmesswithtexas.org or

The other girls teams in the tournament are Dimmitt, Nazareth, Hart, Happy, Vega and Lazbuddie.

The other boys teams are Dimmitt, Nazareth, Hart, Happy, Vega and Kress.

through high school counselors.

Last year's scholarship winners were rewarded for their creative and sustainable efforts, leaving behind inspiring legacies in their hometowns. Macey Bielski of Waller won the first-ever \$3,000 Don't Mess with Texas scholarship by creating an environmental student group called Project Earth and organizing communitywide litter cleanups in the Waller area.

Who is Eligible?

•Any high school senior graduating spring 2005 and who currently resides and attends school in Texas.

•Seniors planning to further their education at an accredited two- or four-year college or university (public or private) in Texas.

What Are the Requirements?

•An essay of 300 to 350 words identifying a litter problem in the student's school or community and the action he or she took to address it.

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Instructor Training Slated in Lubbock

Texas Cooperative Extension will offer a 4-H shooting sports and coaches workshop Feb. 25-27 at the Texas A&M University System Agricultural Research and Extension at Lubbock. The center is located 1/2 mile east of Interstate Highway 27 on FM 1294.

"4-H members gain the opportunity to test their shooting, hunting and sportsmanship skills by participating in our shooting sports program," said Brad Davis, Extension 4-H and youth specialist based at the Lubbock center. "They can participate in county, regional, state and national competitions, and some even advance to Olympic shooting sports competition."

Local 4-H shooting sports clubs are open to all youth aged 8 and in the 3rd grade to 18. 4-H teaches shooting sports to more than 300,000 youngsters nationwide each year. Volunteer leaders help county Extension Agents coordinate local 4-H Clubs. Volunteers who are interested in shooting sports can become involved in existing county clubs, or work with Extension Agents to help establish a shooting sports club.

"All volunteers who attend our shooting sports instructor workshops are trained by state instructors certified to teach these courses," Davis said. "Volunteers who complete shooting sports instructor workshops and demonstrate experience with a local club can qualify to serve as instructors and coordinators with state and national 4-H shooting sports teams."

"The workshop we are offering at Lubbock in February, 2005, is a perfect opportunity for volunteers to get started with the 4-H shooting sports program."

The February workshop will cover archery, pistol, rifle, shotgun, black powder shooting and instruction specifically geared for coordinating a local shooting sports club or program. Instructors will cover teaching and coaching techniques, the fundamentals of safety and firearms nomenclature, and

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Obituaries

GLADYS SMITHEE STRICKLAND

Funeral services for Gladys Smithee Strickland, 94, of Albany,

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

Pursuant to chapter 59 Texas Property Code Greenbelt Mini Storage at 408 Lone Star, Silverton, Texas 79257 will hold a public sale of property to satisfy Landlord Lien. Property will be sold to highest bidder for cash. Property must be removed immediately and space cleaned. Seller reserves the right to reject any bid and to withdraw property from sale.

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Georgia, will be conducted Saturday, January 8, at 10:30 a.m. at the Silverton United Methodist Church with burial in the Silverton Cemetery. Officiating at the service will be Rev. Rance Young and Wayne Nance, both of Silverton, and Keith Green of Turkey.

Mrs. Strickland died Tuesday, January 4, 2005.

Born Oct. 27, 1910 in Silverton, Mrs. Strickland was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Willie Smithee.

Sunday, May 31, 1931, Gladys Smithee and Chester Strickland were married at high noon in the basement of the Silverton Methodist Church. The couple spent five years teaching at Kress. They also taught at Skelleytown, White Deer District, where Mr. Strickland served as superintendent. After one year at Hereford, the Stricklands moved to Denton. He served as superintendent in Denton from 1942 to 1969. Mrs. Strickland was active in community and church activities throughout her life. Af-

ter retiring in 1969, the Stricklands enjoyed many years of traveling in a trailer.

In 1981, the Stricklands moved to Lubbock to be near their family. In 1991, the Stricklands moved to Albany, Georgia to be near their daughter and son-in-law, Kaynelle and Lynn Wylie.

Survivors include her daughter, Kaynelle Wylie (Lynn) of Albany; a granddaughter, Sherri Wylie (Sam Hardin) of Atlanta; two grandsons, Roger Wylie (Daiva Tautvydas) of Seattle, Washington and Cliff Wylie (Neema Amatya) of Los Angeles, California, and four great-grandchildren, Beth Wylie Hardin, Zach Wylie Hardin, Asta Wylie and Aidan Wylie. A sister, Einell Bramblett of Plainview, also survives her. Preceding her in death were her parents, her husband, Chester Strickland, who died in February 1997, one sister, Kathleen Green, and a brother, Willie Amel Smithee.

Despite living in different areas of the country, Mrs. Strickland remained a West Texan at heart. Her love for the people of the area, the plains, and the open spaces marked her life and the lives of those around her. Her desire to help, serve, and love began with her strong family and extended fam-

ily in Silverton. It was a highlight of her life to reunite with her family and friends.

The Smithee family arrived in Briscoe County December 23, 1897. The family came in covered wagons from Strawberry, Sharp County, north of Batesville, Arkansas. The trip took 35 days.

Mr. and Mrs. Strickland have always been devoted, active members of the Methodist Church.

DAVID L. LAWRENCE

David L. Lawrence, 83, of Amarillo, died Monday, Jan. 3, 2005.

Services were scheduled at 11:00 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 5, in Memorial Park Cemetery Mausoleum Chapel with the Rev. Edwin Cooley of First Presbyterian Church of Pampa officiating. Burial was to be in Memorial Park Cemetery by N. S. Griggs and Sons Funeral Directors.

Mr. Lawrence was born in Hall County to Everett and Minnie Lawrence. He was a long-time resident of Amarillo before moving to Eunice, New Mexico in 2001. He joined the Marines in 1942 and served in the South Pacific during World War II. He was discharged in 1945.

He was employed by Phillips Petroleum for 39 years before retiring in 1984 as plant operator. He married Anne Crawford Jan. 3, 1952. Mr. Lawrence was a member of American Legion Post No. 45 in Eunice and VFW Post No. 1789 in Amarillo.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers; and two sisters.

Survivors include his wife, of Eunice; a daughter, Jackie Pearson of Eunice; two sons, Jim Crawford and Tom Crawford, both of Amarillo; two sisters, Dene McClendon

UMW Enjoys Lunch at El Camino

Silverton United Methodist Women met at the Methodist Church Tuesday, Dec. 14, and traveled as a group to the El Camino restaurant in Tulia for lunch. The group later shopped in Tulia for gifts for the two children from the Angel Tree at the courthouse. When the ladies arrived back in Silverton, they wrapped the gifts and took them to the school nurse, Lana Burson.

Everyone enjoyed the day out very much.

Those attending were Dorothy Bomar, Annette Davis, Diane Mayfield, Audra Hunt, Rose Mary Perkins, Othel Long, Norma Vaughan and Nadyne Childress.

Silverton School Lunch Menu

- Monday, Jan. 10-Chicken Chalupa, Salad, Chips, Salsa, Jello, Milk
- Tuesday, Jan. 11-Chili Cheese Fries, Beans, Fruit, Milk
- Wednesday, Jan. 12-Beef-Veg Soup, Toasted Cheese Sandwich, Crackers, Fruit, Milk
- Thursday, Jan. 13-Chicken Strips, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Beans, Hot Roll, Butter, Jelly, Milk
- Friday, Jan. 14-Steak Sandwich, Salad, Chips, Pudding, Milk

of Fort Worth and Patricia McJimsey of Silverton; a brother, Jerry Lawrence of Midland; seven grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

The family suggested memorials be to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 332 N. Lauderdale St., Memphis, TN 38105-2479.

WEATHER

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

	High	Low	Precip.
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3	47	23	
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December Precipitation			.52
Normal Dec. Precip.			.68
Total Precip. in 2004			38.49
Normal Precip. to Date			21.22

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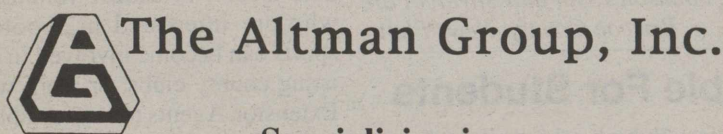
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10 STEPS TO DESTROY CHRISTIANITY

Alice Bailey has played a big part in influencing Western minds. She was born in 1880. She made a pact with a demon's Grandmaster and opened her spirit to guides from the spirit world, including a master from the Tibetan world. She wrote many books, claiming she was dictating what the spirit guide said. Her main book is called, "The Plan." What is the plan? To set people free from the restrictions of Christianity, so they can enjoy the liberty of life. The principles of this book have been implemented in the Western world as law.

Each week for the next few weeks there will be a strategy as listed in her book. Please continue to pray for America asking God to defeat these steps.

The First step is as follows: Push God out of the schools. If the people grow up without reference to God, then they will consider God irrelevant to day-to-day life.

Please pray for American schools.

Rock Creek Church of Christ

LOOKING BACK

through the files of the
Briscoe County News

December 8, 1994-Paul Donahoo and Daniel Reagan, seventh graders, presented the first-place project at the PTA Science Fair Saturday morning . . . The Texas Tech Art Department recently held a show of jewelry designed and created by Lori Reid, a senior jewelry design major. She presented eighteen original pieces. She is the daughter of Jim and Sheila Reid of Amarillo, and is the granddaughter of Pauline Jarnagin and J. W. and Betty Reid, all of Silverton . . . Teams in Valley tournament this weekend . . . Lady Owls win second at Smyer . . .

December 20, 1984-Rain during the past week amounted to 1.10 inches . . . Senior Citizens to have Christmas and New Year's party . . . James Clemmer was taken to Swisher Memorial Hospital Thursday after becoming ill . . . Funeral services conducted for Silverton pharmacist Jack Robertson, 45. Pallbearers were Dick Roehr, Bill Boling, Wayne Nance, Troy Jones, Fred Strange and Beryl Long. Honorary pallbearers were Keyth Tiffin, J. D. McGavock and Joe Ted Edwards . . . Eural Vaughan was taken by ambulance to Central Plains Hospital last Thursday after falling at his home. He received a cut on his forehead that required several stitches to close . . . "I want a motorcycle," Ryan Minyard told Santa when the gentleman made his early visit here . . .

December 17, 1964-The Owls and Owlettes hosted the annual Invitational Basketball Tournament last weekend. Both teams played in the finals, with the Owlettes taking a 33-26 win from the Hedley girls, and the Owls dropping a 63-61 decision to Hedley. Pat Cagle, Tena Williams, Margaret Minyard and Martha Mills won individual All-tournament Awards, while Greg Towe, Ike Bruton and Fred Stafford won honors on the boys All-Tournament team . . . The Owls took a 55-48 win from the Claude Mustangs Tuesday, and the Owlettes defeated Claude 46-33 . . . Dr. and Mrs. R. N. Muckleroy and children visited friends in Big Spring Sunday. As they were returning home a tire blew out and the car rolled. Miraculously, no one was injured . . . John Schott bagged an aoudad sheep on the Schott Ranch Friday morning. The animal, which dressed out at 205 pounds, was one of the largest killed to date. Its horns measured 30 inches around

the curve. Johnnie Burson bagged another of the sheep Saturday on his ranch and another was killed on the Cogdell Ranch which reportedly set a world record with a horn measurement of 34 inches. About fifty of the sheep were released in the Palo Duro and Tule Canyons about five years ago . . .

December 19, 1964-John Burson named Mr. Clarendon College . . . Owls break into win column at McLean . . . Keyth Tiffin recently underwent tests at the hospital in Floydada . . . Buck Payne was in the cardiac care unit at St. Anthony's Hospital last week, but has been moved into a room . . . Mr. and Mrs. Jay Miller are parents of a daughter, April Dawn . . . Mr. and Mrs. Mart Self to observe golden wedding anniversary . . .

December 16, 1954-Silverton Owls, both boys and girls, won championship honors at the annual Matador Invitational Basketball Tournament Saturday night. Making the all-tournament team for the girls were Pat Redin, Sharon Gilkeyson and Jonett Reynolds; on the boys team were Steve Jarnagin and Buz Bailey . . . The father of E. A. Birdwell was killed and his mother was seriously injured in an auto accident in Oklahoma. The collision occurred when the son of the driver of the other car pulled the sun visor down in front of his father, causing the car to veer across the highway. The child was seriously injured and his mother was critically hurt . . . Local folks attending the funeral of Martin C. Potter, 95, pioneer resident of Crosby and Briscoe counties, included Messrs. and Mmes. John E. Arnold, R. M. Haverty, Arnold Turner and Mmes. Jeff Simpson and R. M. Hill and Messrs. C. C. Garrison and Johnnie Lanham . . . Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Marlin Jarnagin and family included her parents and brothers and sisters. Present were Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Davis, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Davis and family, Mr. and Mrs. James Davis and children, Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Rampley and sons, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Stanford and daughters . . . Several friends presented Mrs. Gid Mayfield with a friendship quilt and other gifts in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Lightsey last Thursday . . . Messrs. and Mmes. Norman Strange, Robert McPherson and Don Brown spent several days recently at Carlsbad Caverns, El Paso, Texas and Juarez, Mexico . . . Miss Helen Vaughan, bride-elect of Clifford

Youngquist, was honored with a tea and bridal shower in the home of Mrs. Tony Burson Saturday . . .

December 21, 1944-Pvt. Gordon L. Durham is with the Army Engineers. He entered service in April 1944 and is now in England. He is married to Florene Grimland and they have three sons, Gordon, jr., William Lee and Bobby . . . Pfc. Billy Roy Grimland is with the Army and is now in New Guinea. He entered service in May 1944 . . . Pvt. Walter Grimland is in the Army. He entered service in May 1942 and is now in New Caledonia in the South Pacific. He works in the replacement center and has been overseas 14 months . . . Pvt. R. L. Grimland entered the Army in April 1944. He is at Camp Shelby, Mississippi. He is married and his wife and two daughters are in Mississippi with him. He is in the Medical Corps training in a hospital . . . John Louis Francis, son of J. W. and Nancy Francis, was born November 8, 1863 at Bells in Grayson County, and passed away December 14, 1944 at the age of 81 in Hot Springs, New Mexico . . . Willie Wesley, 15, son of Mr. and Mrs. Buck Wesley, was accidentally shot Sunday while hunting--or rather while getting ready to hunt. He was driving the car and the .22 rifle was accidentally discharged from the back seat. The bullet entered the fleshy part of his back . . .

Happy Birthday-

January 6-Lindsey Sweet, Will Hester, Connie Netro, Todd Towe

January 7-Maynard Greeson, Rose Marie Trevino

January 8-Dedra Johnston Wiggins, Leo Fleming, Lupe Couch, Elton Cantwell, Terry West, Christian Joseph Taitano

January 9-Debbie Burk, Loyd Stephens, Larry B. Stephens, Doris McDonald, Richard Roehr, Dewey Estes

January 11-Townlii Ziegler, Rex Holt, Cy Comer, Melissa Woods Williamson, Debra Grabbe

January 12-Cecilia Castillo, Jimmy Myers, Tomas Rampley

Music is one of the greatest gifts of all. It asks nothing in return but that we listen.

Anonymous

A state without some means of change is without the means of its conservation.

Edmund Burke

Our opinion of people depends less upon what we see in them than in what they make us see in ourselves.

Sarah Grand

Instructor Training-

Continued From Page One

strategies for success in youth program leadership.

In addition to these general session topics, participants can choose one extra study track in archery, program coordination, pistol, rifle or shotgun, Davis said.

"We will also offer hand loading and reloading classes, if there is sufficient interest. Reloading classes will require a minimum of four participants, but we would prefer at least 10," he said. "The workshop offers volunteers hands-on instruction in all sessions, dedicated to teaching marksmanship in each shooting sports discipline."

Volunteers who complete the training also qualify to become National Rifle Association certified smokeless and black powder firearm instructors in the discipline they take. Those who complete the archery training can qualify for instructor certification with the National Archery Association and National Field Archery Association.

The deadline to register for the shooting sports instructors workshop in Lubbock is Jan. 28, Davis said. Registration forms and other information is available at County Extension Offices, or by calling Davis at 806-746-6101.

Summer Jobs Available at Texas 4-H Center

Looking for a break from college studies? Looking for a job that offers the opportunity to interact with young people, ages 8-18 on a daily basis? Would you like that job that is rewarding, fun and short term?

The Texas 4-H Center, located at Lake Brownwood, is accepting applications for Summer Staff employment. Qualified applicants must have successfully completed one year of college and be at least 18 years of age. In addition, applicants must be enthusiastic, possess a positive attitude, be hard working, exhibit creativity and be dependable. Previous membership

in a 4-H program is not required, but may prove useful. Texas 4-H Center Summer Staff work long hours, but the rewards are immeasurable. You will have the opportunity to make a difference in the life of many young people as well as develop your own personal leadership skills.

Previous summer staff have commented that working at the 4-H Center is the best hands-on work experience they have ever had. If your future career is in Education, Sports and Recreation or other related fields, working at the 4-H Center provides opportunities to develop communication skills, classroom management techniques, time management and team building skills.

Positions are available for an Assistant Program Director, Aquatics Supervisor, Program Assistants, and Lifeguards for the period of May 19 through Aug. 6, 2005. Counselor positions are available for the period of June 30 through Aug. 6, 2005. Interviews for these positions will be held March 11-13, 2005 at the Texas 4-H Center. All Summer Staff must participate in training May 19-28, 2005 at the Texas 4-H Center.

Each position provides a weekly salary, meals and lodging. Salary rates begin at \$180 per week and are based on experience and expertise.

Application packets may be obtained from the Briscoe County Extension Office or from the Texas 4-H Center website, <http://texas4h-ctr.tamu.edu>. Applications must be received by March 1, 2005 at the Texas 4-H Center, 5600 FM 3021, Brownwood, TX 76801. For additional information, please contact B. Darlene Locke, Program Director, 325-784-5482 or d-locke@tamu.edu.

Happy Anniversary-

January 6-Mr. and Mrs. Russell Bingham

January 9-Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Edwards

A tree that affords thee shade, do not order it to be cut down.

Arabian proverb

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Owls Defeat Follett in a Pre-Holiday Outing at Clarendon

Silverton's Owls played a game with Follett in Clarendon Friday, December 17, and brought home a big 69-58 victory.

Scoring leaders were E. J. Ivory, 19 points; Gid Mayfield, 14; Drew Reed, 11, and Jacob Francis, 10 points. Also scoring were James Tiffin, five; Yance Forbes, four; Jesse Reynolds, Tanner Young and Ory Johnson, two points each.

Three-point shots were hit by Reed (1) and Mayfield (3).

Owls	13	29	45	69
Follett	8	17	31	58

Owls Participate In Holiday Tourney

The Owls opened their participation in the Clarendon Tournament by defeating Clarendon Junior Varsity 64-29.

Gid Mayfield led the scoring with 18 points to his credit. Also scoring were E. J. Ivory, nine; Drew Reed and Tanner Young, eight points each; James Tiffin, seven; Ory Johnson, five; Jacob Francis and Jesse Reynolds, four points each; Yance Forbes, three.

Tiffin hit a shot from downtown.

Owls	15	31	48	64
Clarendon JV	7	16	27	29

The Owls dropped their second game of the tournament to Panhandle, 71-32.

Gid Mayfield dropped in 18 points for the Owls, and those adding to the score were E. J. Ivory, seven; Jacob Francis, five; Tanner Young, two points.

Mayfield and Reed each hit a three-point shot from beyond the arc.

Owls	5	12	21	32
Panhandle	17	35	54	71

The Owls dropped a close game to Grady, New Mexico, 49-45.

Offensive leaders for the Owls were Drew Reed, 17, and Gid Mayfield, 14, points. Reed (3) and Mayfield (2) each hit three-point shots in the game.

Also scoring were E. J. Ivory, eight; Jacob Francis and James

Tiffin, two points each.

Owls	12	22	35	45
Grady	6	17	29	49

Silverton's Lady Owls dropped their first game of the tournament to Trinity, 58-48.

Haylee Simpson led the offense for the Lady Owls by dropped 22 points into the baskets. Sasha Wood added 11. Also scoring were Kelsie Estes, five; Krista Hale and Kelsi Birdsong, four points each, and Shandy Forbes, two points.

Lady Owls	8	22	39	48
Trinity	10	21	42	58

The Lady Owls defeated Wellington 63-58 in the tournament's second round.

Sasha Wood led the offense by tossing 19 points into the baskets. Shandy Forbes added 12 and Krista Hale rang up 10 points. Also scoring were Haylee Simpson, seven; Kelsie Estes and Kelsi Birdsong, six points each; Danielle Ramirez, three points (a shot from downtown).

Lady Owls	8	24	42	63
Wellington	17	29	46	58

The Lady Owls dropped their last game to Valley, 51-29.

Scoring for Silverton was by Kelsie Estes, nine; Danielle Ramirez and Krista Hale, six points each; Haylee Simpson, four; Sasha Wood, three points, and Kelsi Birdsong, one point.

Lady Owls	8	14	21	29
Valley	6	19	30	51

Silverton School Activities

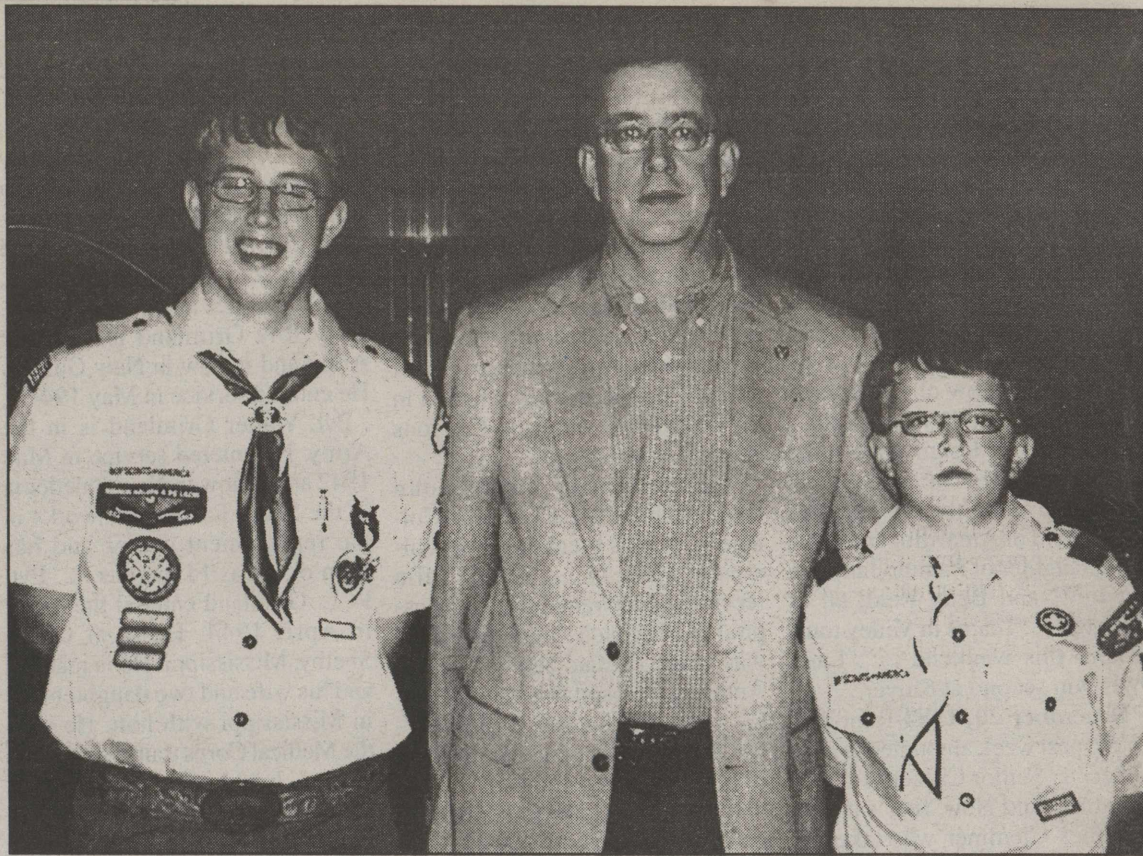
Friday, Jan. 7-End of first semester; Groom, here, 6:30

Monday, Jan. 10-JH Valley Patriots, here, 5:30

Tuesday, Jan. 11-Owl varsity at Valley, 4:00

Friday, Jan. 14-McLean varsity here, 5:00

Sunday, Jan. 16-Sophomore class dinner



Landon Gill, Cris Gill and Zachary Gill

New Eagle Scout Honored at Scout Court of Honor

Landon Gill, son of Cris Gill and of Brenda Gill, all of Fort Worth, was recently presented his Eagle Scout rank in a Court of Honor at Mira Vista Country Club at Fort Worth.

Eighteen-year-old Landon is a senior at North Crowley High

School. He has been manager of the North Crowley High Basketball Team for three years.

Since he became sixteen he has been a lifeguard in summers and a dining room employee on weekends and nights through the school year at Mira Vista Country Club.

Last summer he spent most of June touring the British Isles on a Person-to-Person tour.

Grandparents John and Wilma Gill and an aunt and uncle, Winona and Cecil Franks of Amarillo, drove to Fort Worth to attend the Court of Honor.

Senior Citizens Have Regular Meeting, Luncheon

Silverton Senior Citizens met in regular session Dec. 17, at the Senior Citizens Center. Members of First Baptist Church hosted the luncheon.

Ed Norris gave the devotional. New officers were elected for 2005. Lataine Dillard led the singing of Christmas songs.

Fred Strange dismissed the meeting with a prayer. Members of the Silverton Church of Christ will host the luncheon in January.

All seniors are invited to come and enjoy a good meal at noon and fellowship with their friends and neighbors.

From the Patio

by Nina Martin

The holidays have come and gone. I spent Christmas Day with Dana and Dorothy Martin. I enjoyed a great lunch and I enjoyed visiting with grandson Brian and his son Mayson.

Elton Cantwell spent Christmas with daughter Debbie Burk at Raton, New Mexico. This week Brenda and family came down to visit Elton. They live at Sundown,



Andy Bullock, jr., Brendan Bullock, Trista Bullock and Brylon Alexander Bullock

New Baby Born in Naples, Italy

Trista and Andy Bullock, jr. and son, Brendon, welcomed a new baby, Brylon Alexander Bullock, into their family at USNH in Naples, Italy November 16, 2004. He weighed seven pounds, eight and one-half ounces. He was 20 inches long.

His father is in the Navy in Italy. A brother, Austin Bullock, lives in Amarillo.

Grandparents are Tomamy Davis, Brenda Cowdrey, Obelia Bullock, all of Silverton, and Andy Bullock, sr. of Amarillo.

Texas.

The quilters on Dec. 30 were Wanda Strange, Lallie Patton, Christene King, Ann Norris, Rose Mary Perkins, Joy Stodghill, Nina Martin and Laverne Stephens.

Sybil King is recovering from knee surgery.

We have finished Nina's "Wild Card" and put in Sybil's "Double T". We're still quilting on Lallie's "Indian Quilt."

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Ag Conferences Slated

South Plains producers can update their skills in everything from crop production to pest management and earn continuing education units at any of the upcoming Texas Cooperative Extension conferences in January and February. "These conferences are designed to provide farmers with the latest information on ways to improve their operations," said Bob Robinson, Texas Cooperative Extension Region I Program Director. "Each conference is designed to help producers in that particular region by providing a look at the latest research information and new production techniques."

Conference dates and locations include:

- Jan. 26: Caprock Cotton Conference at the Plains Baptist Assembly south of Floydada runs from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. with at least four continuing education units offered. Call the Extension office in Floyd County at 806-983-

4912 or in Crosby County at 806-675-2347 for more details.

- Feb. 11: The Hale and Swisher County Cotton Conference in Plainview begins with registration at 8:30 a.m. and runs until 4:00 p.m. Five continuing education units will be offered. Call the Extension office in Hale County at 806-291-5267 or in Swisher County at 806-995-3726 for more details.

Vegetables To Be Topic Jan. 11

Vegetable growers, processors, market gardeners and master gardeners can renew their production and marketing skills and gain new insight on biotechnology, africanized bees, retail marketing and other topics at the Jan. 11 High Plains Vegetable Conference in Canyon.

"The conference will feature more than seven hours of presentations and discussions with experienced growers, researchers, Extension specialists and agribusiness representatives," said Russ Wallace, Texas Cooperative Extension vegetable specialist at the Texas A&M University System Agricultural Research and Extension Center at Lubbock. "The speakers will deliver science-based information designed to help growers who are interested in sustainable vegetable production."

The event begins with registration at 7:45 a.m. at West Texas A&M University's Alumni Banquet Facility at North 3rd and 25th Streets. Registration costs \$25 per person before Dec. 31, 2004 and

\$30 per person at the door. This fee covers all handouts and materials, and lunch. Door prizes donated by agribusiness exhibitors will be awarded during the day.

"Our speakers will cover several interesting topics. There also will be time to visit with agribusiness exhibitors," Wallace said. "Those who attend can qualify for continuing education units and certified crop advisor credits approved by the Texas Department of Agriculture, and Master Gardener certification credits."

Morning sessions will focus on pesticides and safety issues and vegetable technology. Speakers will address herbicides and weed control, fungicides, West Nile virus, the Texas Department of Agriculture's pesticide regulations, biotechnology and the watermelon breeding program at Texas A&M University.

Afternoon sessions will address marketing and management concerns. Speakers will address africanized bees, retail farm markets, drip irrigation, the Texas Department of Agriculture's Go Texan program, personnel management, labor regulations and estate planning. Conference sponsors include Extension, the High Plains Vegetable Growers and Shippers Council, Texas Agricultural and Experiment Station, West Texas A&M University, and the Texas Department of Agriculture. For registration or exhibit information, contact Wallace or Wendy Durrett at 806-746-6101.

Right intention is to the actions of a man what the soul is to the body, or the root to the tree.

Jeremy Taylor

No great man ever complains of want of opportunity.

Ralph Waldo Emerson

WEATHER

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

	High	Low	Precip.
1	67	31	
2	65	41	
3	56	44	
4	58	35	
January Precipitation			.00
Normal Jan. Precip.			.65
Total Precip. in 2005			.00
Normal Precip. to Date			.65

The block of granite which was an obstacle in the path of the weak, becomes a steppingstone in the path of the strong.

Thomas Carlyle

Small opportunities are often the beginning of great enterprises.

Demosthenes

Scholarship-

Continued From Page One

- Two letters of recommendation - one from a school-related source and the other from a non-school-related source.

- A completed Don't Mess with Texas Scholarship application online or by mail.

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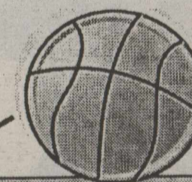
Lady Owls vs. Farwell, 10:00 a.m. Thursday

Owls vs. Farwell, 11:30 a.m., Thursday

Jan. 7: Groom, here, 5:00 JVB & VG&B

Jan. 10: Valley, here, 5:30 JHG&B

Jan. 11: Valley, there, 4:00 JVG&B VG&B

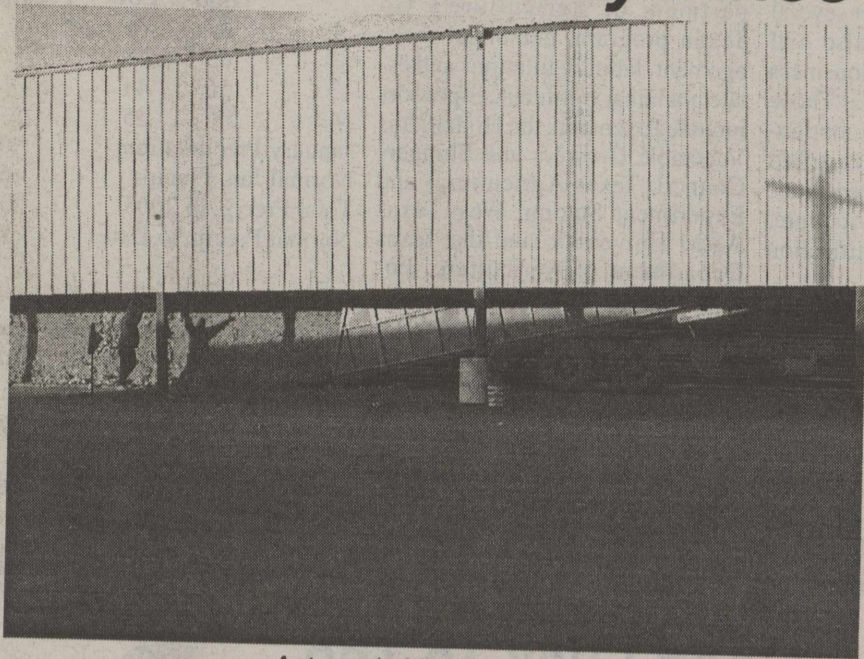


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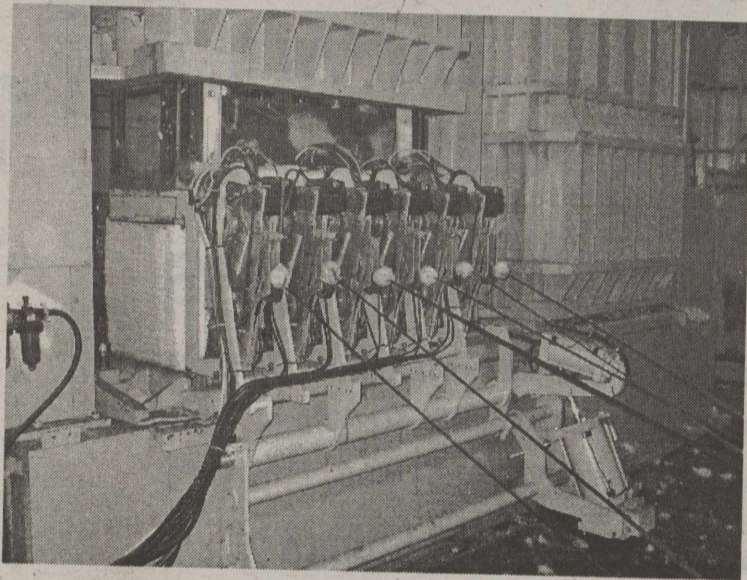
Cotton Harvesting and Ginning have come a long way since the early days



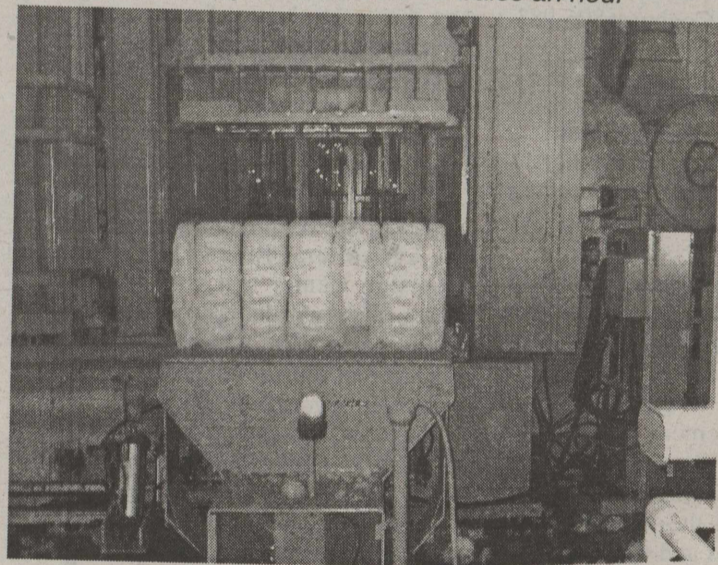
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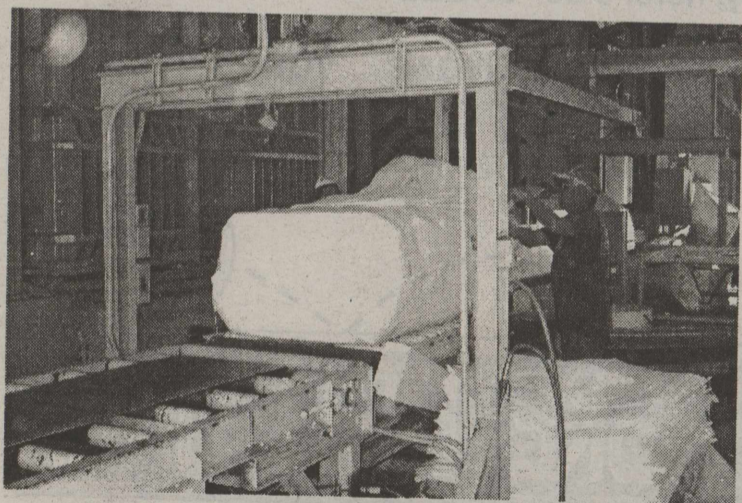
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The old gins could do 5-12 bales an hour



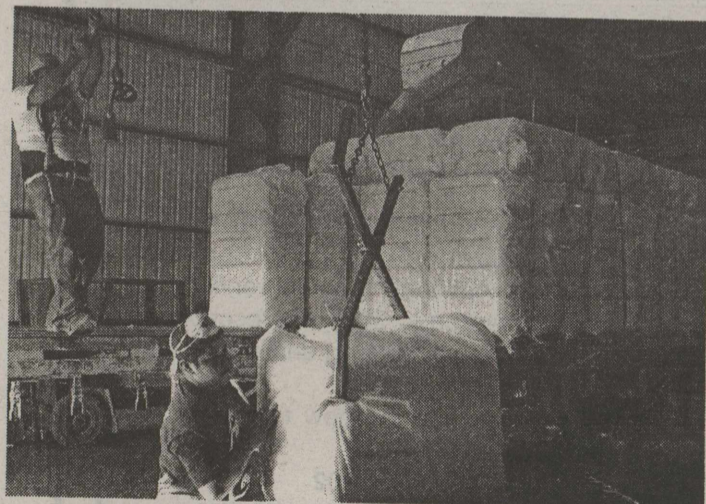
Automatic bale ties speed up processor



Gins now produce small bales



Cotton bales are fully sacked



Modern lifts make handling of bales easier

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

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THURSDAY:
7:00 p.m.-Mid Week Worship
SATURDAY:
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BLESSINGS *for the* NEW YEAR

On Divine Forgiveness

It seems that human nature is such that no one likes to admit being wrong. Perhaps we hesitate to admit being wrong, and tend to blame others, because we fear reprisals and do not want to lose face.

However, as the poet said, "To err is human, to forgive divine." Everyone makes mistakes, and if we cannot admit them out loud, at least we can make peace in our hearts.

God ordained forgiveness, and the Bible tells us that if we are truly sorry for our sins, He will forgive us. Jesus told Peter that he should forgive not seven times, but seven times seventy.

Our lives are truly our own responsibilities. If we regret our mistakes, God will forgive us; and if God can forgive us, perhaps we can find it in our hearts to forgive those who have wronged us. Truly, the gift of forgiveness comes from our Heavenly Father.



*And forgive us our debts,
as we forgive our debtors.*

K.J.V. Matthew 6:12

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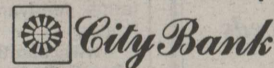
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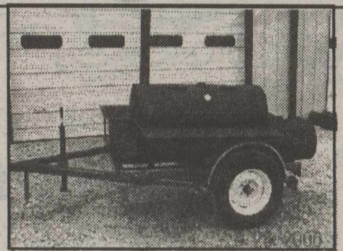
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Joni

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Our hope is for a safe New Year to each of you!

Members of the Silverton Volunteer Fire Department

I would not waste the springtime of my youth in idle dalliance; I would plant rich seeds to blossom in my manhood, and bear fruit when I am old.

Hillhouse

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