

## All Around The Town

By Mary Ann Sarchet

Menus for Tri-County Meals next week are:

Monday, January 24-Chicken Strips, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Broccoli & Rice Casserole, Fluff

Wednesday, January 26-Meat Loaf, Whole Potatoes, Peas & Carrots, Pudding

Friday, January 28-Barbecue on a Bun, Coleslaw, Beans, Cake

Menu subject to change.

Caprock Soil and Water Conservation District is currently taking orders for windbreak trees. Tree seedlings will be offered from Texas and Colorado Forest Service. Orders will be taken for larger trees from New Mexico as well. Caprock SWCD also sells drip supplies for optimum care for the trees.

A minimum order may be required on the seedling orders. There is no minimum on the larger trees. The earlier you order, the better chance you have of getting the varieties you want. Many of the trees will be sold out in a short time.

For more information, call 806-823-2341, Extension 101, or go by the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) office in Silverton located at 410 Lone Star.

Silverton's Volunteer Fire Department is working on a couple of fundraisers. One is the annual Fireman's Ball to be held at the Showbarn in Silverton Saturday, February 19. Admission is \$15.00. A steak dinner prepared by the members of the department will be served, and music will be provided by a live band.

Another Fire Department project now underway is a gun raffle. Tickets are \$5.00 and there is a limited number for sale. The gun will be given away at the Fireman's Ball.

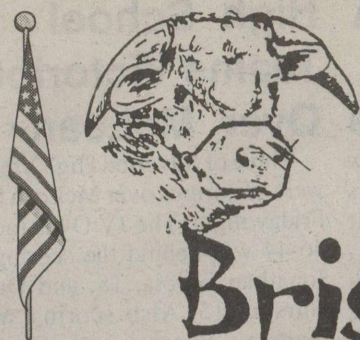
On February 10, you will have the opportunity to feature your grandchildren in the Briscoe County News. Cost per valentine is \$9.50. Deadline for this is February 4. Be getting your kids' pictures in to the Briscoe County News now, because, believe it or not, January is almost gone!

*When my kids become wild and unruly, I use a nice, safe playpen. When they're finished, I climb out.*

Erma Bombeck

*You will always be your child's favorite toy.*

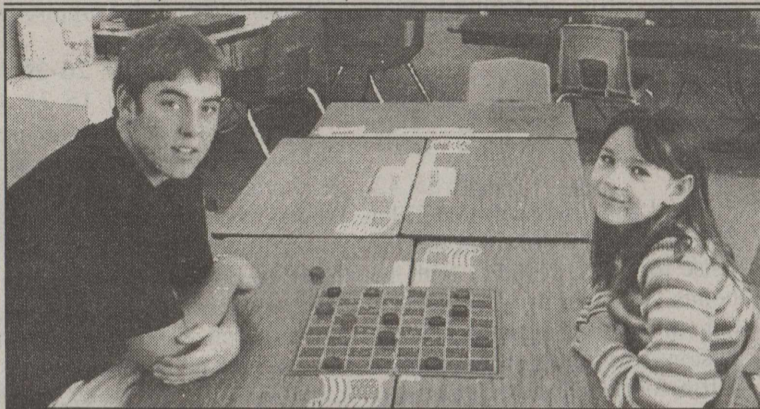
Vicki Lansky



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Brittney Grabbe was the first-place winner in the third-grade checkers tournament that is a bad-weather activity after the Christmas holidays. She played a game with senior Max Comer, who was the first-place winner when he was in third grade. *Briscoe County News Photo*

## Briscoe County Livestock Show Opens Today, Continues Saturday

This year's Briscoe County Livestock Show and Sale will begin today (January 20) and continue Saturday, January 22, at the Vance Price Memorial Show Barn at the Valley School.

Schedule of show events will be: Thursday, Jan. 20, 5:00 p.m.: Beef Heifer Show, Market Steer Show, Sheep Show, Market Goat Show.

On Saturday, Jan. 22, the show continues at 8:30 a.m. with the Market Gilt Show and Market Barrow Show.

The Brisket Supper begins at 5:00 p.m., followed by the Awards Presentation at 6:30, and the Premium Sale.

Your generous donations in the past have made the Premium Sale at the Livestock Show the conclusion of an excellent learning experience for all the Briscoe County 4-H and FFA students who participated in the show.

### Basketball Schedules

#### JV B&G, VB&G

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

Jan. 24-Amarillo T.F., 5:30, here

Jan. 31-Hedley, 6:00, there

*To bring up a child in the way he should go, travel that way yourself once in a while.*

Josh Billings

*Insanity is hereditary-you get it from your kids.* Sam Levenson

## Liquor Election Coming February 5

A petition has been presented and an election for legalizing the sale of alcoholic beverages for off-premise consumption in Briscoe County Justice of the Peace Precinct 1 has been called Saturday, February 5, 2005.

Voting places will be:  
Precinct 1: Silverton City Hall  
Precinct 3: Pioneer Room, City Bank-Silverton

Precinct 4: O. C. Rampley Field House

Precinct 5: Coronado Shores fire house

Polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on election day.

Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday in the office of Briscoe County & District Clerk Bena Hester in the Courthouse each day between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. beginning January 20, 2005 through February 1, 2005.

Applications for ballot by mail shall be mailed to: Bena Hester, Early Voting Clerk, P. O. Box 555, Silverton, Texas 79257 and must be received no later than the close of business on January 28, 2005.

## Liquor Election Information Given

On Saturday, February 5, 2005, the citizens of Briscoe County Justice of the Peace Precinct 1 will have the responsibility and opportunity to vote in a local option election to determine whether or not alcohol will be sold in that precinct for off-premise consumption; in other words, a package store, or from the shelf in a convenience store such as Allsup's. **This will involve all registered voters west of the caprock.** Local polling places include Precinct 1 at Silverton City Hall, Precinct 3 in the Pioneer Room of City Bank in Silverton, Precinct 4 at O. C. Rampley Field House and Precinct 5 at Coronado Shores Fire House. Early voting will begin on January 20, 2005, at 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. and ends February 1, 2005.

Alcohol is the state's number one drug problem. The overall cost from alcohol abuse is tremendous. While it may be believed that alcohol will generate revenue for the city or county, neighboring counties who contend with alcohol sales indicate that this is not necessarily true due to the cost of the problems that are associated with alcohol and its abuses. Records from Castro County in point indicate that the revenue gained through taxes from the sale of alcohol is insignificant. Revenues from Elmer's, a liquor store in that county, are reported at \$2,686, \$1,483.45 in real estate taxes and \$1,203 in inventory taxes. Since the store is located outside the city limits, no sales tax was collected for the city; all the sales tax went to the state.

Commissioners indicate a sheriff's deputy and car costs about \$30,000 a year. At the same rate of revenue as that of Elmer's in Castro County it would take more than 10 years of revenue to pay for one deputy with a car for one year. While a fee may be collected by a city or town for a permit to sell alcohol, it cannot exceed one-half of the state fees for each permit issued for premises located within the county. This guarantees the commission that taxes due the county will be paid or the permit can be revoked.

As far as Silverton Independent School District is concerned, any tax revenue generated from property taxes and inventory taxes would be off-set by decreased state funding, resulting in **NO** benefit for the school system.

The city would not realize any tax revenue for a building outside the city limits, and the city would gain only 1 percent of sales tax revenue for a business inside the city limits. For example, if a store generated a total sale of \$5,000 per month, the City of Silverton would receive \$50.00. By the same token, at the other end of the spectrum, if a store had yearly sales of \$120,000 a year, the City of Silverton would receive \$1,200.00.

Examples of revenue from inventory and property taxes are estimated as follows:

•Example 1: Existing Business with \$20,000 inventory in the city limits - \$559.50. Outside the city limits - \$403.92.

•Example 2: Existing Business with \$80,000 inventory in the city limits - \$2,238.00. Outside the city limits - \$1,615.50.

•Example 3: New Business with property value of \$60,000, and inventory of \$20,000 - In the city limits \$2,238.00. Outside the city limits - \$1,615.68.

•Example 4: New Business with property value \$60,000 and inventory of \$80,000 in the city limits - \$3,916.50. Outside the city limits - \$2,827.44.

The total tax rate within the city limits is \$2.7975, and outside the city limits the rate is \$2.0196. Monies collected are then divided as follows: 48% to Silverton ISD, 24% to Briscoe County, 19% to the City of Silverton, and 9% to Mackenzie Municipal Water Authority. **Bear in mind that as previously mentioned the revenue due the Silverton ISD would be offset by decreased state funding in direct proportion.**

According to the statistics reported, the sale of alcohol does not generate enough revenue to pay for the extra costs of emergency calls to accidents, and the costs of legal **See Liquor Election-Continued on Page Four**

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**Obituary**

**BETTIE EMMITT**

Bettie Emmitt, 77, died Friday, Jan. 14, 2005, in Amarillo.

Services were conducted at 2:00 p.m. Monday at Kornerstone Funeral Directors Chapel with the Rev. Charles Davenport, pastor of First Baptist Church, officiating. Burial followed in Rose Hill Cemetery.

Mrs. Emmitt was born Oct. 24, 1927, in Lockney where she grew up and graduated from Lockney High School in 1943. She married John E. Emmitt July 1, 1945, in Silverton. They returned to Tulia in 1953 after John graduated from the University of Texas, earning a degree in pharmacy.

She was employed by Dr. W. B. Childress in the late 1950s and at City Drug Store until 1982.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 56 years in 2001.

Survivors include a daughter, Sandy Wilkerson and husband Hal of Tulia; a son, John C. Emmitt and wife Regina of Wimberly; two granddaughters, Erin Emmitt of Wimberly and Amy Wilkerson of Longmont, Colorado; a sister, Iwana Monroe of Tulia; twin brothers, Tom and Charles Simpson and their families, all of Amarillo. She was the aunt of Carlye Fleming of Silverton, Mary Strange of Kress and Marsha Miller of Roscoe.

The family suggested memorials be to Tulia Cemetery Association or the Panhandle MS Society.

*It's not only children who grow. Parents do too. As much as we watch to see what our children do with their lives, they are watching us to see what we do with ours. I can't tell my children to reach for the sun. All I can do is reach for it, myself.*

Joyce Maynard

**White Owls, PCA Win Junior High Tournament Here**

The White Owls and Plainview Christian Academy were winners of a Junior High tournament played here last Saturday.

The Lady Owls lost to PCA 45-13 in the first game. Scoring for the Owl ladies was by Townlii Ziegler, seven; Nichole Schott, Heather Tiffin and Emily Garcia, two points each; Torrey Fuston, one point.

Lady Owls	1	3	5	13
PCA	21	27	41	45
Tulia	2	5	9	9
PCA	14	30	35	42

The Lady Owls defeated Tulia 36-16. Wendy Garcia led the offense for the Owl ladies with 14 points. Also scoring were Nichole Schott, Townlii Ziegler and Torrey Fuston, five points each; Heather Tiffin, four, and Emily Garcia, two points.

Lady Owls	10	15	26	36
Tulia	0	6	14	16

The Silverton White Owls defeated Tulia 55-15 in the first round and went on to win the tournament with a 77-18 victory over PCA.

Scoring in the game with Tulia were Shawn Johnson, 13; Nick Garcia, 11; Carlos Garcia and Brooks Brock, eight points each; Cord Griffin and Cade Holt, six points each; True Burson, three points.

White Owls	15	33	41	55
Tulia	2	5	10	15

Leading the scoring were Brooks Brock, 17; Cord Griffin, 15; Shawn Johnson, 12; Nick Garcia, 10. Also scoring were Carlos Garcia, five; True Burson, Cade Holt, Reese Scarborough, four points each; Blake Strange, three points.

White Owls	16	31	53	77
PCA	8	14	14	18

Tulia defeated the Red Owls 51-16. Scoring for the Owls were Tyler Garvin and Chase Stidham, four points each; CoDee Grabbe and Thomas Watson, three points; Joshua Garcia, two points.

Red Owls	2	10	12	16
Tulia	10	19	35	51

*Remember, nothing that's good works by iteself, just to please you. You've got to make the damn thing work.*

Thomas Alva Edison

*The human heart is like a ship on a stormy sea driven by winds blowing from all four corners of heaven.*

Martin Luther

*Money is better than poverty, if only for financial reasons.*

Woody Allen

**High School Teams Victorious Over McLean**

Three of Silverton High's teams were victorious over McLean here Friday night. The JV Owls took a 46-44 win behind the scoring of Jonathan Garcia, 18, and Dusty Burson, 15. Also scoring were Gabriel Vargas and Cooper Cogdell, four points each; Albert DeLeon, three; Zak Perkins, two points.

JV Owls	7	20	29	46
McLean	6	16	33	44

The Lady Owls outscored McLean 79-22 behind the scoring of Haylee Simpson and Sasha Wood, who burned the baskets with 23 points each. Krista Hale threw 14 points into the baskets. Also scoring were Kelsi Birdsong, seven; Kelsie Estes and Danielle Ramirez, six points each.

Lady Owls	21	47	66	79
McLean	4	10	15	22

The Owls' game with McLean was close all the way, with the Owls taking a 45-40 win.

Gid Mayfield led the scoring with 16 points. Also scoring were Drew Reed, nine; Yance Forbes, eight; Jacob Francis, four; E. J. Ivory and James Tiffin, three points each; Jesse Reynolds, two points. Three-point shots were hit by Reed, Forbes and Johnson, one each.

Owls	8	17	32	45
McLean	8	17	27	40

*The measure of success is not whether you have a tough problem, but whether it's the same problem you had last year.*

John Foster Dulles

**Silverton School Lunch Menu**

Monday, Jan. 24-Mexican Casserole, Salad, Chips, Salsa, Fruit, Milk

Tuesday, Jan. 25-Beef & Cheese Nachos, Beans, Pepper Slices, Fruit, Milk

Wednesday, Jan. 26-Corn Dog, Beans, Potato Salad, Fruit Roll-up, Milk

Thursday, Jan. 27-Meat Loaf, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Hot Roll, Butter, Jelly, Milk

Friday, Jan 28-Ham & Cheese Sandwich, Salad, Chips, Brownie, Milk

*Many of our fears are tissue-paper thin, and a single courageous step would carry us clear through them.*

Brendan Francis

*An actor is a sculptor who carves in snow.*

Lawrence Barrett

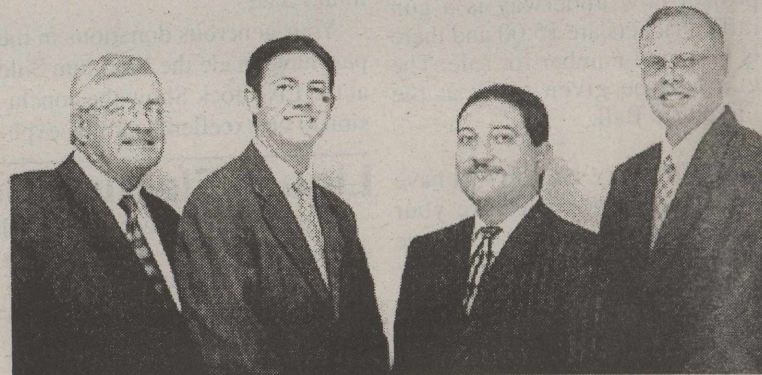


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Love, Jane, Tommy, Chrissie

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**Destroying Christianity**  
 (Continued from last week)  
 The third step in Alice Baily's book on how to destroy Christianity is as follows:  
 Remove the restrictions on sex. Sex is the biggest joy, and Christianity robs people of this. People must be freed to enjoy it, without restrictions. It's not just for marrieds, it's for everybody.  
 Scripture says: "Marriage should be honored by all, and the marriage bed kept pure, for God will judge the adulterers and all the sexually immoral." Heb. 13:4  
 Please read Rom. 1:24 through 32.  
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# LOOKING BACK

through the files of the  
Briscoe County News

**December 22, 1994**-Playing for the Lady Owls this year are Michelle Warren, Molly Bomar, Leslee Weeks, Kenzie Burson, Dedra Johnston, Brandi Brunson, Lacy Brunson, Lori Brannon, Kimmie Blazier, Molly Brooks, Holly Nance, Shannon Weaver and Shauna Kingery. Their team managers are Heidi Tiffin and Kara Kingery, and their coach is Roger Whipkey . . . The Owl team is made up of Zeb Holt, Brandon Sarchet, Jack Cherry, Cy Comer, Will Hester, Jon Ivory, Hector Martinez, Arnold Garza, Chris Justice, Trey Wyatt, Jared Francis, Andy Bullock and Leland Wood. Manager is Michael Reagan, and the team is coached by Donnie Dutton . . . Players for the Eighth Grade Owls are Lorn Estes, Donny Burson, Jared Holt, David Donahoo, Jay Arnold, Jeremy Holt, Matt Martin and Junior Castillo . . . Playing for the Junior High Lady Owls this season are Lori Edwards, Lindsey Weeks, Kenda Wood, Constance Gillenwater, Celeste Gardner, Lisa Comer, Lindsey Jennings, Dara Ramsey, Dara Johnston, Sara Kirchoffner, Misty Wilkinson, Tyra Younger, Vanessa Reyna, Leslie Burkart and Destiny Ivory. They are coached by Roger Whipkey . . . Seventh Grade Owls team members are Mickey Juarez, Nathan Francis, Jordan Sarchet, Paul Segura, Paul Donahoo, Ryan Minyard and Daniel Reagan. They are coached by Donnie Dutton . . .

**December 29, 1994**-Silverton's Hoot-Out will be held January 5-6-7, and teams entered in the boys and girls divisions along with the Owls and Lady Owls are Kress, Hedley, Smyer, Valley, Motley County, McLean and Patton Springs . . . Stanley Gamble has graduated from Texas State Technical College in Amarillo with a certificate from the Diesel Mechanics Technology Program . . . Robyn Lane and Brian Martin were honored with a bridal tea and shower Dec. 10 in the home of Marsha Brunson . . . Amherst is the state six-man champion, and is the dominant team in All-District selections. The Owls, who placed last in the district, managed to receive only two honorable mentions and these went to Jack Cherry on offense and Jeremiah Brooks on defense . . . Services conducted for Earlene Ledbetter, 82, and Vivian Merrell, 91 . . .

**December 24, 1964**-The Silverton Owls and Owlettes

emerged as the second and third place winners at the Hale Center Basketball Tournament last weekend. Fred Stafford, Greg Towe and Martha Mills were named to the All-Tournament teams. . . Bonnie Watters, who teaches in Yuma, Arizona, and Fred Scott Dunham, a student at WTSU, arrived Friday for a holiday visit with Walter Watters, Mrs. Maxine Morris, Walter Dunham and other relatives and friends . . . Mr. and Mrs. Elton Cantwell plan to spend Christmas with relatives in Austin . . . A. L. McMurtry has recently spent several days as a patient in the hospital . . . Mr. and Mrs. Larry West are parents of a son, Daniel (Dannye) Loyd . . . Mr. and Mrs. Joe Lynn Allard are parents of a son, Christopher Lee . . . Dear Santa, Please bring me a Barbie wrist watch and a Miss Barbie and a Posey Pixie and a banana seat and a big handle bar. Cynthia Walker . . . Dear Santa Claus, Will you please bring me a V-room loader and dump and a super crane. I am seven years old. Mikel D. Griffin . . . Dear Santa, I am seven years old. I wanted a horse for Christmas but I decided to wait until next year for that. Please bring me a Skipper and some Barbie clothes and a record player. I love Santa, Ruth Ann Cline . . . Dear Santa, For Christmas please bring me a chemistry set, a paratrooper jumpmaster, a 3-stage rocket and Hamilton's Invaders. We will leave something for you to eat and something for your reindeer. I have tried to be a good boy. Ken Sarchet, age 6 . . .

**December 30, 1954**-The Christmas program for the 1925 Study Club was given at the clubroom Wednesday with Mrs. Alton Steele and Mrs. Grady Wimberly as hostesses. Mrs. Ben O. King related Henry Van Duke's famous story, "The Other Wise Man" . . . Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Howard had all their children, grandchildren and in-laws home for Christmas. They included Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Williams, Martina and Annette, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Bigham and Rickey . . . Christmas Day dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Perry Whittemore, Walter, Peggy and C. L. were Messrs. and Mmes. W. Allard, Dean Allard, Joe Lynn Allard and daughter, Mrs. Minnie Stevenson and Shot Allard . . . Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Grimland and sons and Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Jasper and children visited Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Dillard and family at Siloam Springs, Arkansas from Wednesday until Monday . . . Mr.

and Mrs. George Seaney spent Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Seaney at Erick, Oklahoma . . . People of Silverton and the surrounding area who are friends of Mrs. Gertrude Braidfoot Arnold, will be listening over station KFLD Sunday. Her topic for this broadcast will be "New Year Meditation" . . .

## Now You're Cooking!

(NAPSA)—At a time when fast food is frequently on the menu for family dinners, Barbara Anderson, Ed. D., encourages parents to cook with their children.

Anderson, vice president of education for KinderCare Learning



Photo Credit: KinderCare Learning Centers

Centers, which operates 1,230 early childhood education and child care centers nationwide, says: "Cooking with your children encourages participation in household activities and teaches basic skills. Even preschoolers will begin to learn math as they measure ingredients. And cooking gives you an opportunity to talk about good nutrition. Children should understand the relationship between food choices and such diseases as obesity, diabetes and hyperactivity."

Anderson suggests starting with simple favorites like pudding mixes, where all that's needed is measuring milk and stirring. With adult supervision, children can assemble their favorite sandwich, microwave soup or hot cereal, toss salads or spread peanut butter or soft cheese on celery stalks. Most children enjoy using a blender to create smoothies with milk or yogurt and their favorite fruit.

"Be sure to emphasize the importance of careful hand washing," says Anderson. And, of course, setting the table and helping clear after meals are traditional roles for young family members as they learn to do their share. Helping plan the menu, shop for groceries and participate in preparation may make fussy eaters more enthusiastic about mealtimes, as well.

*Once you make a decision, the universe conspires to make it happen.*

Ralph Waldo Emerson

*What people say you cannot do, you try and find that you can.*

Henry Thoreau

*My best friend is the one who brings out the best in me.*

Henry Ford

## Silverton School Honor Roll

### Third Six Weeks

Second Grade: Sarah Branham, Riley Cogdell, Koree Smith, Giselle Yanez

Third Grade: Candy Kate Carpenter, Harlee Cogdell, Karina Garcia, Brittney Grabbe, Molly Moore

Fourth Grade: Brittany Deckard, Shelby Fuston, Jeremy Hall

Fifth Grade: Kammi Birdsong, Ryder Carpenter, Braden Estes, Bryce Patton, Samantha Hall, Tanner Schott

Seventh Grade: Blaze Cogdell, Logan Fabela, Wendy Garcia, Emily Long

Eighth Grade: Eloy Beltran, Torrey Fuston, Charla Rhoderick, Reese Scarborough, Nichole Schott, Blake Strange

Ninth Grade: Cooper Cogdell, Shandy Forbes, Laura Scarborough

Tenth Grade: Dusty Burson, Ami Dunn, Ory Johnson, Drew Reed, Haylee Simpson, Clay Strange

Eleventh Grade: Jacob Francis, Ethan Long, Joshua Maciel, Gid Mayfield, Jesse Reynolds, Tanner Young

Twelfth Grade: Max Comer, Kelsie Estes, James Tiffin, Sasha Wood

### FIRST SEMESTER HONOR ROLL

Second Grade: Sarah Branham, Riley Cogdell, Koree Smith, Giselle Yanez

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Ninth Grade: Cooper Cogdell, Shane Estes, Shandy Forbes, Laura Scarborough

Tenth Grade: Dusty Burson, Ory Johnson, Drew Reed, Clay Strange

Eleventh Grade: Will Boedeker, Jacob Francis, Ethan Long, Joshua Maciel, Gid Mayfield, Jesse Reynolds, Tanner Young

Twelfth Grade: Max Comer, Kelsie Estes

## Happy Birthday-

January 20 - Daryl-Ann Reynolds, Ruby Graham, Barry Grant Wheeler

January 21-Judy Barbo, Lois Ziegler, Fred Sweet

January 22-Dianna Hill, Rick Hutsell

January 23-Carrie Baird, Carl Hall, Ken Wood, Jack Davis

January 24-DeLana Jarnagin, Jimmy Castillo, Christine Casillas

January 25-Cameron Burk, Mary Lou Campbell, Earl Payne, Tracy Stark, Davin Fabela

January 26-Dusty Martin, Lyndon Couch, Catherine Reyna, Rudy Ramirez

## Happy Anniversary-

January 23-Mr. and Mrs. Leo Fleming

January 24-Mr. and Mrs. Ted Daugherty



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## Liquor Election Information -

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fees and court costs. In order to calculate the revenue collected, it must be recalculated to include the added costs that come with the consequences that occur with the sale of alcohol. When considering the costs associated with the sale of alcohol, there are additional costs that cannot be calculated in dollars. The losses that occur to an individual's health, to families, to

the workplace are tremendous. In addition there are additional costs for the criminal justice system. Bear in mind that Briscoe County does not have a county jail in which to house offenders, and the county must pay for the use of jails in other counties. There are numerous statistics available that show the negative impact alcohol has on our society.



Karina Garcia, third-place checkers winner in the third grade, played her final game with Principal Sheryl Weaver.

Briscoe County News Photo

### Will Treatment Strike Out at Lou Gehrig's Disease?

(NAPSA)-Thanks to new developments known as gene silencing, there may be hope for those facing the degenerative disease ALS - commonly known as Lou Gehrig's disease.

In the U.S., approximately 30,000 people are living with ALS and almost 6,000 cases are diagnosed each year. According to the ALS Association, the course of the disease may include the following:

- muscle weakness in the hands, arms, legs, including muscles that control speech, swallowing or breathing
- twitching (fasciculation) and cramping of muscles, especially those in the hands and feet
- in more advanced stages, patients experience shortness of breath and difficulty in breathing and swallowing. When the breathing muscles become affected, ulti-

mately, the patient will need oxygen support in order to survive.

The life expectancy of an ALS patient averages about two to five years from the time of diagnosis.

Recently, CytRx Corporation, through its strategic alliance and exclusive license agreements with the University of Massachusetts Medical School (UMMS), acquired the rights to a portfolio of gene silencing technologies, called RNA Interference (RNAi). CytRx is a biopharmaceutical company focused on the development and commercialization of products primarily in the area of RNAi for a variety of therapeutic categories. The company trades on the Nasdaq Exchange under the symbol CYTR.

*The hardest work of all: Doing nothing.*  
Malcolm Forbes

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As the second-place winner in the third-grade checkers tournament, Candy Kate Carpenter played her final game with Superintendent Jerry Birdsong.

Briscoe County News Photo

### From the Bird's Nest

by Jerry Birdsong  
Superintendent  
Silverton ISD

### Say "thanks!" to our school board members

School boards can be one of the most misunderstood political positions in today's society. There seems to be more restrictions to the power of the individual board member than any other governmental body. State statute gives the authority to running the day-to-day operations to the superintendent, while the board serves as trustees to the school operation. Their main areas of oversight are in local policy and the budget process.

We have an effective chain of command at the Silverton ISD. Sometimes a board member receives a phone call or is visited with around town by a concerned citizen. Although all of our board members are interested in a quick answer to the situation, they understand the most effective and professional way to reach a solution is to direct people to the superintendent's office or to the appropriate school personnel.

At Silverton ISD, we welcome your concerns. If you are not satisfied with the response from a teacher and/or coach - make an appointment with Mrs. Weaver, the campus administrator. The superintendent's office is next in the chain of command with the board being the final authority. Nearly all situations are solved at the teacher level in the chain of command. I appreciated those in the community that understand our chain of command.

The month of January has been designated "School Board Recognition Month" for the State of Texas by Governor Rick Perry. Our board is one of 1,042 district and county school boards across the state. These boards enable us to

have local control of the public schools, meaning that decisions on school programming are made by local, elected representatives who understand the community's unique problems, values, culture, and circumstances.

Through dedicated, responsible endeavors, school board members serve the public interest in public education and serve the needs of our kids. They ensure decisions about public schools are made as close to the needs of our communities as possible. The public service is an excellent example for young and old alike of the tradition of volunteerism that is a hallmark of American society.

Being an effective school board member is no easy task, particularly in today's climate of change and challenge. School board members need to be knowledgeable about many complex educational and social issues and carry out initiatives and directives from both federal and state governments.

Silverton ISD is fortunate to be served by Zane Mayfield, Bill

## Silverton School Activities

Thursday, Jan. 20-Briscoe County Stock Show begins

Friday, Jan. 21-Varsity teams at Hedley, 4:00 p.m.

Monday, Jan. 24-Amarillo Fellowship Junior High, here, 5:30

Tuesday, Jan. 25-ELA fieldtest for 11th Graders; Owls at Groom, 6:30

Friday, Jan. 28-Valley, here, 4:00

Monday, Jan. 31-Junior High teams at Hedley, 6:00 p.m.

Strange, Penny Carpenter, Linda Moore, Tom Burson, Jim Estes and James Alan Patton. These folks put in countless hours to ensure that our district provides a quality education to all of the children in the district.

This is a time to show our appreciation and understand how local trustees work with the school personnel and community to provide a better future for our children. Join with others throughout our district to salute the men and women who provide grassroots governance of public schools. Make a special effort to tell each school board member that his or her hard work has been noticed and is truly appreciated.

*Far and away the best prize that life offers is the chance to work hard at work worth doing.*

Theodore Roosevelt

*What's money? A man is a success if he gets up in the morning and gets to bed at night and in between does what he wants to do.*

Bob Dylan

*Money doesn't care who makes it.*

Old retail saying

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## Teams Lose Some Close Basketball Matches at Valley

Silverton's basketball teams lost some close matches at Valley on Tuesday night of last week.

The Junior Varsity Lady Owls led off the action with a 48-23 loss to the Lady Patriots.

Scoring for the Lady Owls was by Abby Reyna, nine; Trichelle Ramirez and Laura Scarborough, six points each, and Ami Dunn, two points.

JV Lady Owls	3	9	14	23
Valley	13	27	38	48

This game was followed by a one-point loss by the JV Owls, in which the Silverton boys led all the way until the end.

Cooper Cogdell led the scoring with 10 points, with Zak Perkins close behind with eight. Also scoring were Albert DeLeon, five; Jonathan Garcia, four; Gabriel Vargas and Dusty Burson, two points each. Shots from downtown were hit by DeLeon (1), Garcia (1) and Perkins (2)

JV Owls	13	21	28	31
Valley	9	16	25	32

The Lady Owls dropped their game 57-38. Scoring for the Silverton ladies were Krista Hale, 11; Kelsie Estes, seven; Haylee Simpson, Danielle Ramirez, Sasha Wood and Shandy Forbes, four points each; Brittany Tiffin, three; Kelsi Birdsong, two points.

Lady Owls	9	19	25	38
Valley	16	27	41	57

Silverton's Owls dropped their match, 49-43, in a game that was close from beginning to end.

Leading the scoring were Gid Mayfield, 16, and Drew Reed, 13. Adding to the score were Yance Forbes, five; James Tiffin and E. Ivory, three points each; Jacob

Francis, two points.

Shots from outside the arc were hit by Mayfield (1), Forbes (1), and Reed (2).

Owls	3	23	32	43
Valley	6	26	34	49

*He that never changes his opinions, never corrects his mistakes, will never be wiser on the morrow than he is today.*

Tryon Edwards

*With money in your pocket, you are wise and you are handsome and you sing well too.*

Yiddish proverb

## 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	
5	38	23	.56
6	25	18	
7	32	18	
8	49	23	
9	64	26	
10	73	36	
11	68	38	
12	67	37	
13	55	27	
14	50	23	
15	51	16	
16	23	13	
17	22	15	
18	40	14	
January Precipitation			.56
Normal Jan. Precip.			.65
Total Precip. in 2005			.56
Normal Precip. to Date			.65

## Junior High Teams Split Pair of Wins At Groom Monday

Silverton's Junior High Owls and Lady Owls drove to Groom Monday afternoon, and brought home a 59-14 loss and a 33-18 win.

Scoring for the Lady Owls were Emily Garcia, five; Heather Tiffin, four; Nichole Schott and Wendy Garcia, two points each; and Torrey Fuston, one point.

JH Lady Owls	4	7	11	14
Groom	17	26	39	51

The JH Owls led at the end of each period in their game. Scoring was by Shawn Johnson, eight; Brooks Brock, seven; Cord Griffin and Cade Holt, six points each; True Burson, Reese Scarborough and Blake Strange, two points each.

## New Technology Protects America's Corn Crop

(NAPSA)-Farmers are increasingly depending on new biotech products as important weapons in the battle against two of the corn crop's biggest enemies-the rootworm and the corn borer.

An independent study, which included interviews with more than 350 growers across the corn belt, found that nine out of ten growers who planted YieldGard(r) Rootworm or new YieldGard(r) Plus Corn were highly satisfied with the results. These biotech corn products from Monsanto provide in-plant insect protection that enables roots to reach full potential and

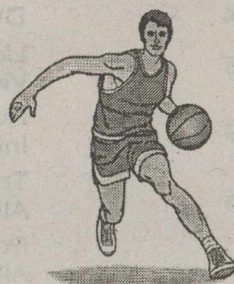
JH Owls	8	13	27	33
Groom	2	8	12	18

Griffin hit one shot from downtown.

stalks to stay healthy and strong.

YieldGard Plus combines YieldGard Rootworm and YieldGard Corn Borer protection in one seed. In all cases where growers conducted their own on-farm trial of YieldGard Plus or YieldGard Rootworm their satisfaction levels were at least ten percentage points higher with YieldGard protected corn versus seed treatments or soil-applied insecticides.

Some growers indicated that rootworm pressure levels were higher than previous years. To protect against rootworm pressure, 43 percent of growers surveyed reported that they were using YieldGard Plus or YieldGard Rootworm on their corn-on-corn acres, while 63 percent said they were using soil or seed-applied treatments.



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

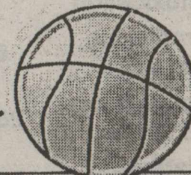


## UPCOMING GAMES

Jan. 21-Hedley, there, 5:00 JVB VG&B

Jan. 24-Amarillo T. F., here, 5:30 JHG&B

Jan. 25-Groom, there, 5:00 JVB VG&B



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Arrest Category	Hall County (wet)							
	Number of Arrests							
	2003	2002	2001	2000	1999	1998	1997	1996
DWI	48	41	22	65	32	51	54	64
Liquor Law Violations	0	0	0	0	1	3	3	5
Public Intoxication	19	17	11	35	19	49	42	29
Trafficking, All Drugs	0	5	2	1	5	1	0	5
Possession, All Drugs	24	25	18	31	0	32	8	11
Trafficking, Marijuana	0	3	1	1	0	1	0	4
Possession, Marijuana	12	20	15	31	15	30	8	11
All Drug Offenses	33	30	20	32	25	33	8	16
Violent Crimes	2	3	1	1	1	11	10	8

## Comparison #1

Arrest Category	Briscoe County (dry)							
	Number of Arrests							
	2003	2002	2001	2000	1999	1998	1997	1996
DWI	1	1	7	5	3	10	32	33
Liquor Law Violations	0	1	2	1	8	16	20	14
Public Intoxication	1	1	2	1	0	0	7	0
Trafficking, All Drugs	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0
Possession, All Drugs	0	0	3	2	0	4	6	3
Trafficking, Marijuana	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0
Possession, Marijuana	0	0	2	2	4	2	6	3
All Drug Offenses	2	0	3	4	4	6	6	3
Violent Crimes	0	4	1	0	2	3	15	2

Arrest Category	Dickens County (wet)							
	Number of Arrests							
	2003	2002	2001	2000	1999	1998	1997	1996
DWI	42	20	20	33	31	38	33	52
Liquor Law Violations	17	19	7	26	12	11	36	7
Public Intoxication	14	9	26	20	9	27	22	22
Trafficking, All Drugs	0	2	2	4	3	7	13	6
Possession, All Drugs	28	5	14	10	0	27	35	12
Trafficking, Marijuana	0	2	2	4	1	6	12	6
Possession, Marijuana	24	5	8	6	20	24	31	12
All Drug Offenses	34	7	16	14	23	34	48	18
Violent Crimes	0	3	1	3	1	1	2	8

## Comparison #2

Arrest Category	Motley County (dry)							
	Number of Arrests							
	2003	2002	2001	2000	1999	1998	1997	1996
DWI	2	5	3	1	5	14	22	19
Liquor Law Violations	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0
Public Intoxication	4	6	4	2	0	5	5	17
Trafficking, All Drugs	0	0	0	1	3	0	0	0
Possession, All Drugs	1	2	0	1	0	4	8	7
Trafficking, Marijuana	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Possession, Marijuana	1	2	0	1	1	2	8	6
All Drug Offenses	1	2	0	2	4	4	8	7
Violent Crimes	0	3	0	1	1	0	0	1

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# BLESSINGS *for the* NEW YEAR

**SILVERTON CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
James Mayfield  
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SUNDAY:  
Sunday School.....9:00 a.m.  
Morning Worship.....10:00 a.m.  
Evening Worship.....6:00 p.m.  
WEDNESDAY:  
Bible Study.....7:00 p.m.

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Chad King, Pastor

SUNDAY:  
Sunday School..... 9:30 a.m.  
Morning Worship.....10:30 a.m.  
Evening Worship.....6:00 p.m.  
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.

**SILVERTON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
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.

**CANYON RIDGE FELLOWSHIP**  
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THURSDAY:  
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7:00 p.m.-Singing

## Accepting the Unchangeable

It is important for us to accept and be aware of the many things in our lives that we cannot change. Accepting something does not necessarily mean we have to approve of it; however, acceptance may be good for our own peace of mind. If it is going to rain, there is nothing we can do about it; however, it is up to us to decide whether rain is a pleasant or an unpleasant thing.

Although we do not have control over whether we are born wealthy or beautiful, that does not preclude us from trying to gain wealth, or to improve our appearance.

The difficulty is in understanding exactly what we can control. The "Serenity Prayer" alludes to this difficulty: "God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, courage to change the things I can, and the wisdom to know the difference." As we grow into adulthood, we learn that many things which may, at first, seem impossible to us, are possible with God.

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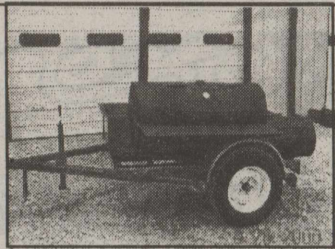
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Love,  
Donaleta Garrison

Dear Friends and Neighbors,  
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Thank you for each card or call. We are doing fine. In Christian love,  
Vernell and J. D. Nance

*Before I got married I had theories about bringing up children; now I have six children, and no theories.*

John Wilms

*Labor Day is a glorious holiday because your child will be going back to school the next day. It would have been called Independence Day, but that name was already taken.*

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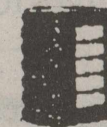
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