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## All Around The Town

By Mary Ann Sarchet



Menus for Tri-County Meals next week are:

Monday, January 31-Chicken Ravioli, Tossed Salad, Mixed Vegetables, Jello

Wednesday, February 2-Stew, Cornbread, Cottage Cheese & Peaches, Cake

Friday, February 4-Baked Ham, Potato Salad, Greens, Cookies & Fruit

Menu subject to change.

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 (400) for sale. The gun will be given away at the Fireman's Ball in a reverse drawing.

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!

No results from the Briscoe County Livestock Show were provided to the Briscoe County News in time for inclusion in this week's newspaper.

We inadvertently omitted several names from the Christmas Greeting Page. They are Donnie and Carol Martin and Bill, Delane and Ashley Smith. Please accept our apologies!

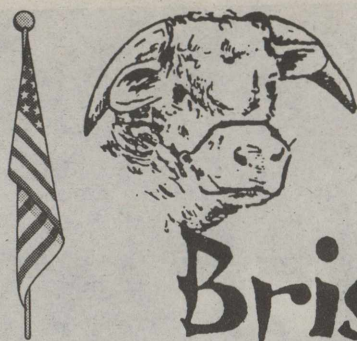
Lallie Patton underwent back surgery at Covenant Hospital in Lubbock Tuesday.

Nothing is more completely the child of art than a garden.

Sir Walter Scott

## BCAA To Meet Tonight at 'Barn

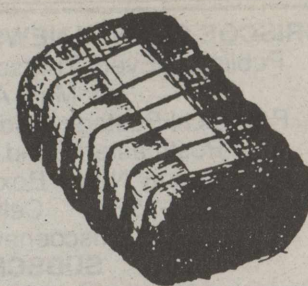
Briscoe County Activities Association will meet at 7:00 p.m. today (Jan. 27) at the Showbarn in Silverton.



THURSDAY, JANUARY 27, 2005

# Briscoe County News

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## Local Option Election Coming Feb. 5

by Mary Ann Sarchet

I had a very stressful few days last week (not due to anything related to the election), and omitted something that I should have put in the newspaper. The article on the front page of the paper came out of the meeting that was held by the people who are against the sale of alcohol in our county. It wasn't written by just one, but was a combination of the opinions of several.

Sorry I didn't say so when the article was printed, because, as always, unsigned letters to the editor can't be used.

At this time I would like to urge you to keep the election date and time in mind: Saturday, February 5, 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m.

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

The last day of early voting is Tuesday, February 1, in the office of County & District Clerk Bena Hester in the Courthouse.

It is very important in this matter of voting on whether or not to sell alcoholic beverages in Silverton that everyone who is registered to vote cast a ballot on the question. The outcome of this needs to have been decided by a large majority of the voters.

## Briscoe County Relay For Life Receives State Recognition

The American Cancer Society signature fund-raising event, Relay For Life, was held in 243 locations throughout Texas last year and netted \$14.4 million. In June of 2004, the Briscoe County Relay For Life netted \$16,699, which was \$9.42 per capita. This great amount ranked Briscoe County as third in the state of Texas, and 15th in the nation, based on the per capita amount. The Briscoe County Relay For Life includes Silverton, Quitaque, Turkey and Flomot. Without the generous support from all these communities, Relay would not have seen the successes it has in the past years. The Relay For Life has brought these communities together to fight cancer.

Monies raised from Relay For Life help support over \$31.5 million in cancer research in Texas at

12 institutions. The Society also offers prevention and early detection programs, and services for cancer patients such as transportation and support groups. Through Relay For Life, the American Cancer Society was able to fund over \$595,000 in childhood cancer scholarships over the past three years.

To participate in a Relay For Life event near you, please call 1-800-ACS-2345 or visit [www.cancer.org](http://www.cancer.org).

The American Cancer Society is the nationwide, community-based, voluntary health organization dedicated to eliminating cancer as a major health problem by preventing cancer, saving lives and diminishing suffering from cancer, through research, education, advocacy and service.

## Panhandle Community Services Receives Funding

Panhandle Community Services has received funding for the Comprehensive Energy Assistance Program (CEAP) for the fiscal year 2005.

This program provides emergency utility assistance for low-income, elderly and disabled/handicapped families. The CEAP assistance is not an entitlement pro-

gram. Assistance will be provided only to those families who have been determined by a priority matrix system as most in need.

To apply, Social Security cards for everyone in the household, proof of income, current electric and gas bill, and a 12-month billing history of electric and gas bills must be furnished.

## Commissioners Have Business Meeting Jan. 10

Present for the meeting of the Briscoe County Commissioners on Jan. 10, 2005, were Wayne Nance, judge; Terry Grimland, Commissioner, Pct. 1; Danny Maynard, Commissioner, Pct. 2; Larry Comer, Commissioner, Pct. 3; Gary Weeks, Commissioner, Pct. 4; Bena Hester, county clerk.

Items of business approved included:

- Minutes of Dec. 13 and Dec. 16 meetings as read.
- Holiday schedule
- Martin Luther King, jr. Day, Jan. 17

- President's Day, Feb. 21
- Good Friday, Mar. 25
- Memorial Day, May 30
- Independence Day, July 4
- Labor Day, Sept. 5
- Veterans Day, Nov. 11
- Thanksgiving, Nov. 24-25
- Christmas, Dec. 23 and 26
- New Year's, Jan. 2

- Upgrading KELLPRO court management program and pay for training, with all expenses to be deducted from Clerk's Records Management Fund.

- Voting places for Order of Local Option Liquor Election to Legalize the Sale of All Alcoholic Beverages For Off-Premise Consumption Only.

- CIRA agreement which appoints Briscoe County Judge Wayne Nance as the Point of Contact.

- To Donate the sheriff's department car to a non-profit organization since no sealed bids were received.

- To allow monthly reports.
- To pay monthly bills presented.
- To pay salaries and line items.

## UIL Awards Assembly Is This Afternoon

The UIL Awards Assembly for junior high and elementary students will begin at 1:25 p.m. today (Thursday, January 27) in the school auditorium.

Applicants may call their local Panhandle Community Services office for more information.

## Letter to the Editor

While I respect the opinions of those who oppose the sale of alcohol, the idea of an election on the issue isn't really a pro or anti-alcohol issue.

The positive contributions of the industry extend to more than simply extra economic output for the country, but also to state and federal tax revenue, estimated at \$27.6 billion, generated by the industry and its consumers.

These figures once again demonstrate that the beer industry is one of the principal economic engines that drives the U. S. economy, creating 1.6 million direct and indirect jobs and providing American workers with nearly \$48 billion in annual wages.

The beer industry's preeminence as a critical economic sector in the nation, not just through its direct impact, but also in the massive economic ripple effects it creates.

Market analysis indicates that for every dollar spent in a grocery store on beer and wine, \$3 or more are spent on other products like groceries and gas. Nobody wants to go to the grocery store twice, once for beer and again for groceries.

1. Increase sales tax revenue to help offset potential property tax increases and help maintain current level of critical city services.

2. Increase tax revenue to bolster our city coffers-bring sales tax revenue from beer and wine in Silverton instead of giving it to surrounding cities.

3. Retail growth will provide new jobs and more choices for our citizens.

It's hard for me to believe that we wouldn't do something that would add economic benefits to the city.

It could create a job or two for those who want to stay in Silverton but are forced to drive out of town for employment.

Mark Eddelman

Children are natural mimics who act like their parents despite every effort to teach them good manners.

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**Obituary**

**RUTH PHELPS**

Graveside services for Ruth Phelps, 84, of Quitaque were

scheduled for 10:00 a.m. Wednesday, January 26, 2005, in Resthaven Cemetery at Quitaque with Rev. Jeff Addison of First Baptist Church officiating.

Mrs. Phelps died January 23,

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**More on Alice Baily's "The Plan"**

(Continued from last week)

Step four in Alice's advice on destroying Christianity: Since sex is the greatest expression of man's enjoyment of life, man must be free to express sex in all its forms. (The rest of her "step 4" is not suitable for this article.

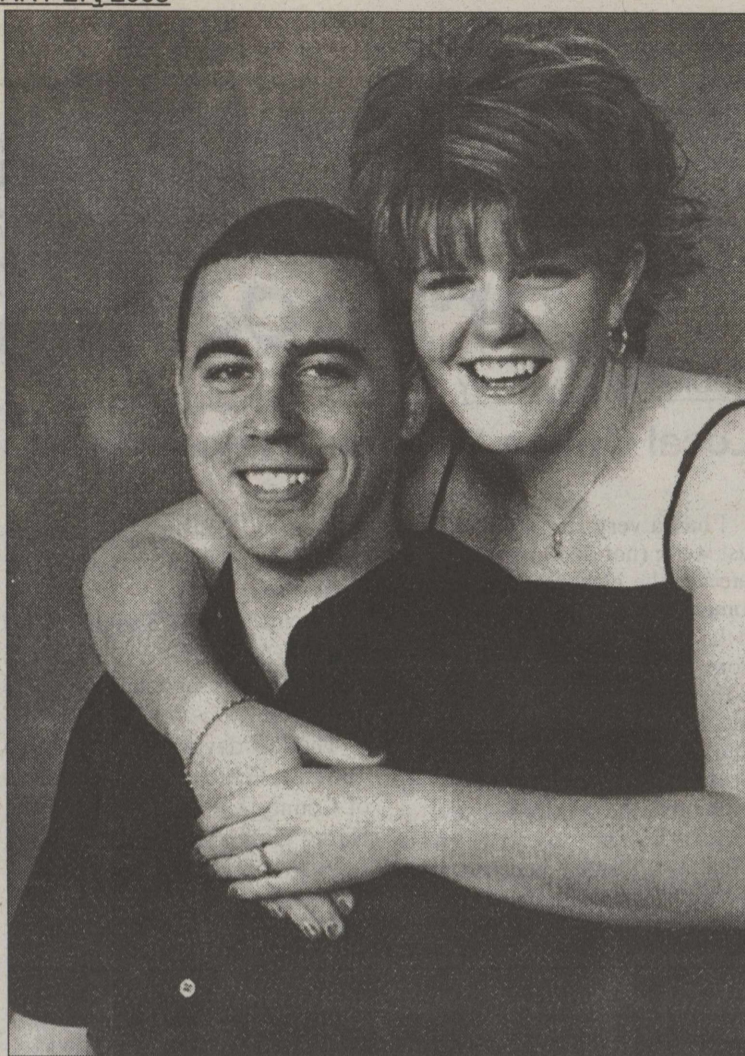
Please pray for our young, as they are being bombarded with this kind of thinking every day, and also limit their time spent on computers, watching TV, and activities without parental supervision.

Parents, you have the power to mold your child into a spiritually strong adult. What are you doing to combat outside forces?

Continue to pray for parents and children.

You're always welcome at

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Jason Sellers and Kasi Birdsong

**Couple to Marry February 13, 2005**

Jerry and Stephanie Birdsong of Silverton are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Kasi Birdsong, to Jason Sellers, son of Dale Sellers and Michelle Sellers of Denver City.

Together with family and close friends, the couple will marry on Sunday, February 13, 2005, at 4:00

*I don't believe professional athletes should be role models. I believe parents should be role models.*

Charles Barkley

*There is only one pretty child in the world, and every mother has it.*

Chinese proverb

2005, in Lockney.

Mrs. Phelps was born February 17, 1920 in Quitaque. She was a life-long resident of Quitaque. She married R. D. Phelps March 26, 1939 in Clovis, New Mexico. She was a homemaker.

She is survived by two sons, Tom Phelps and Rob Phelps, both of Lubbock; one brother, Duke Woods of Quitaque; five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

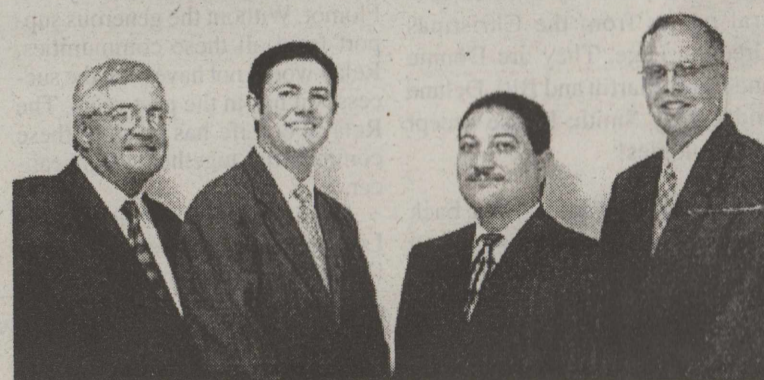
The family suggests memorials be to Hospice Hands of West Texas, 305 N. Main Street, Lockney, TX 79241.

p.m. at the First United Methodist Church in Denver City.

The bride-elect is a 2004 graduate of Denver City High School and is currently pursuing a degree in secondary education at West Texas A&M University in Canyon. Her fiance also is a 2004 graduate of Denver City High School. He is currently serving in the United States Army.

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Socrates

*If your kids are giving you a headache, follow the directions on the aspirin bottle, especially the part that says "keep away from children."*

Susan Savannah

**DIA de ELECTION SABADO 5 de FEBRERO, 2005**

Eleccion Especial para le galizar la venta de Bebidas alcoholicas para consumir fuera de el expendio. Solamente en el territoris de el condado de Briscoe. Juez de Paz Precincto #1 Location para votar Precincto #1 Silverton City Hall Precincto #3 Pioneer Room City Bank Precincto #4 O. C. Rampley Field House -en el lado olste- Precincto #5 Coronado Shores Fire House

Para votar temprano de el 20 a el

1 de Feb. 2005 de 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. en la casa corte de el condado de Briscoe.

En la officinia clerk de Bena Hester. Las aplicaciones Para la Boleta las Puede obtener con Bena Hester.

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# LOOKING BACK

through the files of the  
Briscoe County News

**January 4, 1996**-Steve Miller has announced that he is a candidate for the office of Briscoe County Sheriff . . . Fire Department to have work day on the 18-wheel tanker that the Texas Forest Service gave to them recently and other equipment which needs repairs . . . Douglas Coleman, sr., 62, taken by death . . . Teams take pair of games at Patton Springs . . . Tracy Rhea Miller and Kirk Fogerson were united in marriage at the Neil Chapel Carrilon in Lubbock. The bride is the daughter of Ronnie and Sue Miller of Silverton . . .

**January 2, 1986**-Russell Simpson recently was named as the Six-Man Football Player of the Year by the Amarillo News-Globe . . . Jones Dept. Store sold last week to Rex and Mary Tiffin . . . Mr. and Mrs. Bob Olive, Mr. and Mrs. Steve Olive, Jenny and Lee Ann of Petersburg visited Betty Olive December 21 . . . Graveside services held for Lowell Jarrett . . . Owls, Owlettes playing in Claude Tournament this weekend . . . Fourteen people-10 coaches, including Coach Jack Shely of Silverton, and four athletes-were honored during the regular monthly luncheon of the Amarillo Chamber of Commerce Sports Committee at noon December 18. Coach Shely was honored for guiding his Silverton six-man football team to a 9-3 season record. The Owls advanced to the quarterfinal round of the six-man state football playoffs before losing to eventual state champion Jayton . . . Claytonville Baptist Church was the setting for the double-ring ceremony which united in marriage Miss Angela Grace Stark of Claytonville and Mitcheal Ray Martin of Silverton at five o'clock in the afternoon on December 18. Performing the cer-



Happy Birthday  
To a Classmate!

emony was Rev. Dennis Williams, pastor . . . Birthday reception honors Mrs. Frank Yeary, 80 . . .

**January 1, 1976**-Worth Alexander dies in California . . . Silverton teams to play Thursday in Claude Tournament . . . Mr. and Mrs. Maynard Greeson, Chad and Clay of Sublette, Kansas have been visitors with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Davis . . . Johnny Quillen buried at Fort Sam Houston . . . Walter Fleming continues to receive treatment at Bethania Hospital in Wichita Falls . . . Mrs. Jim Clemmer was taken to Tulia by the Silverton Volunteer Ambulance Service Monday after a fall at Ray Thompson Implement . . . Robertson-Elms vows exchanged in Abilene church ceremony . . .

**January 6, 1966**-Elaine Boyles has been announced as winner of the Daughters of the American Revolution Good Citizens Award for 1966. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Boyles. She will be honored along with other DAR Good Citizens of the area high schools at a luncheon in Plainview . . . Troy Jones, manager of Salem Dry Goods, has announced that as of January 1, he is co-owner and partner in the Silverton store, with Tom Salem of Turkey . . . Miss Anna Lee Anderson spent last week visiting relatives and friends in Amarillo, Hereford and Kress. Lalla Brown of Amarillo and Miss Anderson were New Year's Day dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Hutcherson in Dimmitt . . . Mr. and Mrs. John Gill and children were hosts at a family dinner on Christmas Day. Guests were Mr. and Mrs. J. Lee Francis and Dale, Mr. and Mrs. Garland Francis and Jace. They were joined by Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Franks and family of Amarillo . . . J. R. Steele and Kim spent last week in Los Angeles, California, visiting relatives . . . Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Vaughan, Douglas and Delton spent a long Christmas weekend in Wichita Falls with Mr. and Mrs. Felton Adams . . . The Rock Creek Club honored Mrs. W. W. Reid, a former member of the club, with a Christmas visit recently on their regular meeting day . . . Pvt. Ray Mattheus left Dallas by plane January 1 for Fort Monmouth, New Jersey, where he expects to undergo three weeks of training in the Army . . . Mrs. R. C. Green of Turkey took her mother, Mrs. Will Smithee, to Memphis for a checkup with her doctor on Tuesday of last week . . . Mr. and Mrs. Roy Allard, Mr. and Mrs. Shafe

Weaver and Johnnie Roy were guests of Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Farnsworth in Amarillo Christmas Day . . . Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Cantwell, Doris and Randy spent the Christmas holidays in Houston . . .

**January 5, 1956**-Both the boys and girls were able to win their divisions to take the Hi-Plains tournament which was played here in Silverton last weekend. Teams entered were Memphis, Turkey, Quitaque and Silverton . . . Cars driven by Bill Helms of Quitaque and Alan True of Plainview were involved in a wreck recently between the Caprock Filling Station and Quitaque. Both cars were badly damaged . . . Mr. and Mrs. Warner Reid and daughters returned Saturday from a most enjoyable and interesting business trip to Monterey, Mexico . . . Mmes. P. D. Jasper and L. B. Garvin visited their uncle and wife, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Smith, at Gasoline last Wednesday . . . Mr. and Mrs. Fred Mercer, Mike and Ann returned home Saturday after a holiday vacation spent in California . . . Mrs. M. L. Porter and daughter, Mrs. Bernice Hancock of Lubbock arrived here Friday to spend a few days at the Porter home . . . Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Hamilton and children have recently moved to El Paso where he will be employed . . . Mr. and Mrs. Lee D. Bomar, Mr. and Mrs. Donnell Alexander, James Ross and Donnellynn, Mrs. Wayne Crawford and Mary, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Lee Bomar and Kaedean and Mr. and Mrs. Guinn Fitzgerald returned early last week after having spent the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Morton at Goree . . . Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Montague and Ted Hancock visited Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Smithee and children in Memphis Sunday . . .

**January 2, 1936**-Jake Honea out for re-election . . . All school patrons who are interested in organizing a PTA for the Silverton School are requested to be present Friday at 3:30 at the home economics cottage . . . Mr. and Mrs. Bob Williams and son and a young man by the name of Womack, all of Quitaque, were driving west this side of the Caprock on Highway 86. They drove around a detour sign and drove off into a deep cut where a bridge had been taken out . . . Watch out folks. Cupid is at work in these parts. Friends were surprised to hear of the marriage of two well known couples, Lois Rowell and Miss Laura Wallace, and Fred Rowell and Miss Luretta Wallace. The brides are the twin daughters of Offie Wallace of the Wallace community and the grooms are sons of Elzie Rowell of the Rock Creek community . . .

Miss Vernelle Gresham becomes bride of Charles Cowart at the home of County Judge W. W. Martin . . . Miss Lizzie Gregg spent Christmas in Quitaque with relatives and friends . . . Miss Mildred Bean who is attending Wayland College was here for the holidays, returning to her studies the first of the week . . . Miss Doris Kirk, who has been working on the Briscoe County News for the past few months, has resigned her position and will enter Draughon's Business College in Lubbock . . . Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Steele are the proud parents of a fine nine pound boy, making his arrival on December 27th . . . A marriage license was issued to Lawrence Bedwell and Lois Morrison on December 24 . . . Little Junice Mae Mercer is on the sick list . . .

## Happy Anniversary-

Jan. 29-Mr. and Mrs. Jim Reid, III

*The most important thing is to be whatever you are without shame.*

Rod Steiger

*The dog was created especially for children. He is the god of frolic.*  
Henry Ward Beecher

## Happy Birthday-

Jan. 27-Edwina Davis, Andrew Boyd, Dorothy Martin, Derinda Patton

Jan. 28-Claudine Peery

Jan. 29-Wanda Wallace, Jo Ann Ramirez, Lola Stephens

Jan. 30-Fern Minyard, Magan Renee Sweet, Sylvia Ramirez, Lambert Taitano

Jan. 31-Brian West, Tamara Roehr, Mari Patino

Feb. 1-Bonnie Chappell, Corey Robertson, Faye Self, Austin Speiser

Feb. 2-Colleen Reed, Dee Whittington, Kevin Drew, J. L. Self, Barbara Banister



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## Silverton Teams Sweep Three Games From Samnorwood

Silverton's High School teams hosted three teams from Samnorwood Tuesday night of last week, and took victories from all of them.

The Junior Varsity Lady Owls took the first match, 37-24. Scoring were Angie Lewis, nine; Trichelle Ramirez, seven; Ami Dunn, five; Hanna James, Abby Reyna and Laura Scarborough, four points each; Courtney Perkins and Barb Ahearn, two points each.

JV Lady Owls 10 14 27 37  
Samnorwood 6 14 22 24

The Varsity Lady Owls did a good job in their 71-49 victory over Samnorwood, led in scoring by Sasha Wood, 16; Haylee Simpson, 12; Brittany Tiffin and Krista Hale, 10 points each. Also scoring were Kelsie Estes, nine; Danielle Ramirez and Kelsi Birdsong, six

points each; Shandy Forbes, two points.

The Lady Owls opened with a large first-quarter lead and ran with it throughout the game.

Lady Owls 19 44 63 71  
Samnorwood 6 21 35 49

The Owls defeated Samnorwood 82-47 behind the scoring of Gid Mayfield, who rang up 31 big points, and Drew Reed, who added 19 points. Each of these players contributed two three pointers.

Also scoring were Jesse Reynolds, eight; Ory Johnson, six; Yance Forbes, five; Jacob Francis and E. J. Ivory, four points each; James Tiffin, three; Tanner Young, two points.

Owls 16 44 62 82  
Samnorwood 14 28 36 47

## Owls Drop 59-58 Game at Hedley

Hedley's Green Owls had to come from behind in the fourth quarter to defeat the Red Owls 59-58 Friday night at Hedley.

Drew Reed led the offense for Silverton with 28 points, while Gid Mayfield tossed 19 points into the baskets. Drew hit six shots from downtown, while Gid added four and Yance Forbes hit one from long range.

Also scoring were Jacob Francis, five; Jesse Reynolds and Yance Forbes, three points each.

Silverton Owls 10 31 44 58  
Hedley 18 32 41 59

Silverton's Lady Owls suffered a 49-31 defeat at the hands of the Green Lady Owls.

Scoring for Silverton were Haylee Simpson and Krista Hale, eight points each; Danielle Ramirez and Sasha Wood, six points each; Shandy Forbes, two and Kelsi Birdsong, one point. A three-point shot was hit by Danielle.

Silverton 2 12 24 31  
Hedley 11 24 38 49

### Letter to the Editor

I am concerned regarding the upcoming liquor election. I am not trying to discredit anyone for their opinion but, no one has said anything positive regarding the legal sale of alcohol and its effect on this town and county. It appears to me that nearly every business in Silverton has failed. One could also presume that if another business opened, perhaps there would be an opportunity for employment at home rather than out of town.

Every time a person gets into

their car to go anywhere to purchase alcohol, there is a chance they may be involved in a car accident whether alcohol is involved or not. I would rather have my loved one go a few blocks to purchase alcohol rather than have them drive 55-75 miles.

As far as the school system is concerned. It was reported that the school would not profit from the taxes because the state would take away any funding that the Silverton School system takes in, in taxes. What would be wrong

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## 4-H, FFA Record Entries in Houston Livestock Show

Excitement continues to build as thousands of Texas 4-H and FFA members make their final preparations before heading to Reliant Center to exhibit their livestock at the 2005 Houston Livestock Show March 1 through 20.

4-H members planning to take animals to the show include:

Brittany Deckard, one junior market lamb and one junior market goat; Nichole Schott, one junior market barrow; Jacob Pigg, one junior market steer; Jayson Pigg, one junior market steer; John Pigg, one junior market steer; Kaitlan Reagan, one junior market goat; Marchell Curry, one junior market barrow; Mitchell Curry, one junior market barrow; Tanner Schott, one junior market barrow.

Silverton FFA members who are planning to take animals to Houston are:

Beau Brock, one junior market steer, one junior market barrow; Brooks Brock, one junior market steer, one junior market barrow; Drew Reed, one junior market barrow; Dusty Burson, one junior market barrow; Jacob Francis, one junior market barrow; True Burson, one junior market barrow; Ory Johnson, one junior market barrow; Shawn Johnson, one junior market barrow; Tanner Young, one junior market barrow; Zack

with that? The less money the state gives us, the more money for another poor school system within the State of Texas!

As most of the parents know, the stock shows are suffering because of lack of funds for prizes. The show committee has always depended on liquor stores for donations. Does anyone know how much money the Coors company donates to those who live in a wet county? Think about the rodeo and what Coors or Budweiser might do to help generate more prize money for the contestants. (Which would in turn mean more patrons at the rodeo) If we don't do something to boost the interest, the rodeo will be gone before long too.

The statistics that were reported in the paper were probably correct. However does anyone know that Hall County has two DPS units on duty at all times. They also have a sheriff and two deputies that work the county. When you have that many people patrolling the highways the result is more citations given, whether they are alcohol related or not. Isn't that just one more way to get money in the county?

I know there are some that will

Burson, one junior market barrow.

The junior show, which showcases the animal projects of 4-H

*You don't really understand human nature unless you know why a child on a merry-go-round will wave at his parents every time around--and why his parents will always wave back.*

William D. Tammeus

abuse alcohol if voted in, but has anyone considered the sale of tobacco? It is an addiction that has been abused far too long. It has also been proven time and time again that cigarettes kill and cause as many harmful effects on the body as alcohol does.

Signed Chris Wadlow  
Concerned Resident of  
Silverton

## Silverton School Activities

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

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

and FFA exhibitors, as well as agricultural mechanics projects, begins with livestock competition on Wednesday, March 2.

Almost 17,000 entries, representing about 1,100 Texas 4-H Clubs and FFA Chapters, will compete in this year's junior show. A wide variety of animals will be shown in the junior divisions of the livestock competition, including market steers, barrows, lambs, goats and poultry; beef and dairy heifers; breeding gilts and sheep; and commercial steers. Many of these exhibitors will compete in the 4-H and FFA judging contests.



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## Alcohol: Realities and Impact

by Rance Young

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-premises 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 began January 20, 2005, from 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 of alcohol abuse is tremendous. While it may be true that alcohol sales will generate revenue for the city and county, the revenues generated are very small when compared with the costs associated with alcohol sales. The costs of increased law enforcement, additional demand for emergency calls, increased legal fees and court costs quickly off-set any gains created by property taxes, inventory taxes, and a 1% sales tax for the city. The end result of alcohol sales in the city and county

is that a liability is created rather than an asset. As far as Silverton ISD is concerned, any revenue generated by property taxes and inventory taxes is directly off-set by decreased state funding, resulting in no gain to the school system.

When considering the costs associated with alcohol sales, there are areas of loss and suffering that cannot be measured in dollars. Alcohol is a key factor in violence and criminal activity and contributes to many serious medical disorders. Alcohol abuse is also associated with high rates of child abuse, suicide, divorce, unwanted pregnancy, disability, unemployment, poverty, and homelessness. There is no way to quantify these losses. Here are just a few statistics indicating the serious impact alcohol has on our society:

**\*The most important thing for us to remember is that statistics represent people.\***

\*Alcohol contributes to 100,000 deaths annually. This makes alcohol the third leading cause of preventable deaths in the U. S.

\*One in four Texas children live in families that includes an alcoholic. These families are three times more likely to suffer divorce.

\*42% of automobile accidents involve alcohol or drugs.

\*In 2000, 727 babies were born with fetal alcohol syndrome.

\*In three out of four cases of domestic violence, it was reported that alcohol or drugs had been a factor.

\*Parental abuse of alcohol or drugs causes or contributes to seven out of ten cases of child abuse and neglect.

\*One fourth of the people on welfare assistance have a substance abuse problem that creates a substantial barrier to finding and keeping a job.

Statistics come from Texas Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse (TCADA).

Researchers have found that with increasing alcohol use, there is a corresponding increase in adverse effects of alcohol. Abusing alcohol has serious, negative consequences in the abuser's job, marriage, relationships, and health; therefore has serious negative consequences to our society as a whole.

## From the Patio

by Nina Martin

Gee willikers! how time flies! I cannot believe it's 2005.

The Senior Citizens had a wonderful lunch hosted by the Silverton Church of Christ on Friday. Gary Weaks and Theda Rowell entertained.

January 13, the quilters were Sybil King, Lallie Patton, Christene King, Rose Mary Perkins, Wanda Strange, Laverne Stephens, Joy Stodghill, Nadyne Childress, Ann Norris and Nina Martin. Joy brought her "Colonial Doll" to put in the frames.

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## Silverton School Lunch Menu

Monday, Jan. 31-Steak, Gravy, Macaroni Salad, English Pea Salad, Fruit, Milk

Tuesday, Feb. 1-Chili Cheese Corn Chip Pie, Salad, Fruit, Milk

Wednesday, Feb. 2-Pig in a Blanket, Potato Salad, Beans, Jello, Milk

Thursday, Feb. 3-Steak, Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Hot Roll, Butter, Jelly, Milk

Friday, Feb. 4-Hamburger, Cheese, Salad, Fries, Pudding, Milk

A decision was made to have a quilt for fund raising. It is to be the "Colonial Doll" like Joy's quilt.

Loretha Rhoderick brought us a DAR quilting calendar for 2005. Thank you, Loretha.



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

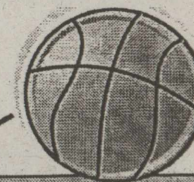


## UPCOMING GAMES

Jan. 28-Valley, here, 4:00 JV G&B VG&B

Jan. 31-Hedley, there, 6:00 JH G&B

Feb. 1-McLean, there, 5:00 JVB VG&B



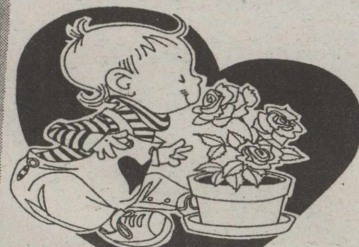
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**Briscoe County News**

# We can't afford to let alcohol be sold in our county.

Look at statistics from surrounding counties!!

The Texas Department of Public Safety collects data on Texas arrests for alcohol, drug, and violent crimes committed in Texas. DWI, liquor law violations, drug possession, and other related violations are recorded for the Texas population at large by counties

Castro County (wet)									Comparison									Swisher County (dry)								
Arrest Category	Number of Arrests								Arrest Category	Number of Arrests								Arrest Category	Number of Arrests							
	2003	2002	2001	2000	1999	1998	1997	1996		2003	2002	2001	2000	1999	1998	1997	1996		2003	2002	2001	2000	1999	1998	1997	1996
DWI	73	171	110	122	133	128	73	46	DWI	5	10	20	26	35	177	128	139	DWI	5	10	20	26	35	177	128	139
Liquor Law Violations	50	26	22	58	50	39	48	26	Liquor Law Violations	7	6	18	17	38	42	29	34	Liquor Law Violations	7	6	18	17	38	42	29	34
Public Intoxication	27	59	34	46	35	35	53	27	Public Intoxication	5	1	7	10	24	51	45	56	Public Intoxication	5	1	7	10	24	51	45	56
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All Drug Offenses	18	21	36	28	26	19	21	12	All Drug Offenses	3	12	2	11	43	66	43	40	All Drug Offenses	3	12	2	11	43	66	43	40
Violent Crimes	21	18	11	18	20	26	18	13	Violent Crimes	6	6	6	11	21	27	26	25	Violent Crimes	6	6	6	11	21	27	26	25

Briscoe County (dry)								
Arrest Category	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

Are willing to take a chance on these numbers increasing?

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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.

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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**  
C. D. Lawhon, Minister

SUNDAY:  
10:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m. Worship  
THURSDAY:  
7:00 p.m.-Mid Week Worship  
SATURDAY:  
7:00 p.m.-Singing

# BLESSINGS *for the* NEW YEAR

## Everyone Needs Encouragement

*Most well-adjusted and successful people have probably been motivated and encouraged by someone they respect and admire. Encouragement builds confidence, and gives support and hope to those in need.*

*Most parents and teachers realize that when dealing with children, encouragement achieves more favorable results than criticism. We should all learn to give positive encouragement to our loved ones, and to those around us who deserve our respect and admiration.*

*Prayer is self-encouragement, and motivates one to be a better person. When faced with a difficult situation or problem, prayer will help. God knows that everyone needs encouraging support, and drawing closer to Him will help us have a happier and more fulfilling life. God gives us encouragement through the Bible where He tells us that, He will never leave or forsake us, but is with us always.*



*...as I was with Moses,  
so I will be with thee:  
I will not fail thee,  
nor forsake thee.*

K.J.V. Joshua 1:5

Lavy Pump Service

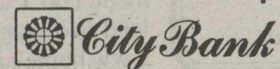
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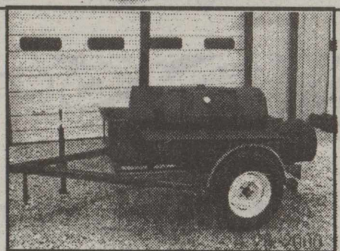
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The flowers, cards and especially the prayers were certainly appreciated.

Our love,  
Neil and Sybil

There's no place like Silverton. And we still live here by first choice. There's no way to effectively express how we feel about all the encouraging phone calls, cards, prayers from individuals and all the churches during my days in the hospital and since I've been home. All this has done as much good as the pacemaker.

Thanks to each and everyone of you!  
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I thank you, my friends and neighbors, for being such a supportive and encouraging community. I am doing well now, but keep up your prayers. I know that is what has brought me this far and all our future depends on our link with God.

God bless you all,  
Dick Roehr

We would like to thank everyone for being there for our mother and us during her illness, and since her departure to be with the Lord. The cards, food, flowers and prayers are much appreciated. What a great community we live in. Thank you all and God bless.

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