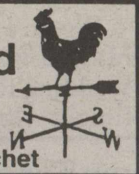


All Around The Town

By Mary Ann Sarchet



A severe infection in Swisher County awaits laboratory test confirmation to determine whether it is West Nile virus or St. Louis encephalitis. Both are mosquito-borne illnesses, and it is said that mosquitoes can travel as far as 10 miles from their breeding site.

I really hate being bitten by mosquitoes, and keep myself indoors as much as possible. The bites itch so much and I can't keep from scratching them and wind up with scabs on them--which I hate.

Public health officials advise prevention measures:

- staying indoors at dawn, dusk and early evening;
- wearing long-sleeve shirts, long pants and socks outdoors;
- using DEET-containing insect repellent; making sure window screens fit tightly and have no holes, or leaving windows shut;
- and not letting water stagnate in old tires, flowerpots, trash containers and the like.

Jerry and Brenda Patton recently enjoyed a driving tour of several points of interest in Louisiana.

Tobe Riddell tells us that he received .60 of an inch of rain at his home southeast of Silverton Monday morning, and that a neighbor of his got 1.30. In town it lightened and thundered and dropped a trace of moisture.

Bess McWilliams said at Lake Mackenzie they had a dry lightning and thunder storm also.

Later Monday, the clouds opened up and dropped .60 of an inch of precipitation along with some hail at our house.

Sybil Thomas went home from the Tulia hospital last week, but had to return because of pneumonia.

Do not go where the path may lead, go instead where there is no path and leave a trail.

Ralph Waldo Emerson

Fishing is great discipline in the equality of men--because all men are equal before fish!

Herbert Hoover



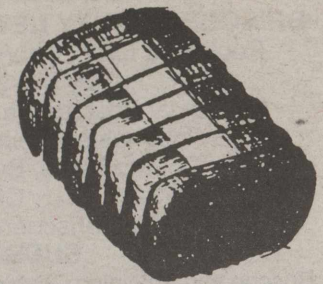
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FSA Reminds Producers of Briscoe County Committee Nominations

Briscoe County Farm Service Agency (FSA) reminds farmers, ranchers and other agricultural producers that the U. S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) FSA County Committee nomination process is underway. September 3, 2004 is the deadline for eligible voters to nominate themselves or local producers to serve on the FSA County Committee.

According to CED Joe Potter, County Committees play an important role in the local implementation and oversight of FSA programs, but the committee system is only as successful as the election process.

"A successful election requires maximum participation from all eligible individuals," Potter said.

Potter clarifies that in Briscoe County, a seat on the county committee is currently open for Local Administrative Area (LAA) #2. This area includes roughly all land east of

the Caprock Escarpment in Briscoe County or for the communities of Quitaque and Antelope Flats.

Individuals elected to serve on county committees help ensure FSA agricultural programs adequately serve the needs of local producers. Committees make decisions on county commodity price-support loan eligibility, establishment of allotments and yields, conservation programs, disaster programs, employment and other issues important to the local agriculture community. USDA is implementing an enhanced outreach program to encourage greater participation in the county election process by socially disadvantaged and minority producers.

Nomination forms (FSA-669A) can be obtained from local FSA offices or USDA Service Centers online at <http://forms.sc.egov.usda.gov/eforms/mainservlet>.

TxDOT Working to Preserve Its Transportation System

Texas Department of Transportation's Briscoe County Maintenance Office is responsible for the maintenance of 326 lane miles of roadway.

"In this district we emphasize safety, quality and accountability. The department expects it, and the public deserves it," says Terry Keener, Childress District Engineer.

Statewide, TxDOT spends more of its budget on maintenance than any other category.

"We're perceived as a big road-building machine," says Mike Behrens, executive director, "but the reality is that we spent more resources on making sure the roads, bridges and rest areas that we already have are kept in the best possible condition for the

traveling public."

Texas' roads and bridges represent a \$50 billion investment in the basics that keep people and goods moving safely throughout the state. Toward that end, TxDOT in Briscoe county in 2003:

- Resurfaced 59,268 square yards of highway
- Filled nearly 1,878 pot-holes
- Mowed 214 acres of grass
- Picked up 2,638 acres of litter
- Repaired 25 linear feet of guard rail
- Applied 710,860 linear feet of highway striping and reflective beading

The department devotes some 6,700 employees to that job--46 percent of its workforce. In Silverton,

40 Days of Purpose Campaign To Be Launched Here Sept. 19

When Silverton United Methodist Church launches its "40 Days of Purpose Campaign" September 19-November 7, it will join a worldwide network of thousands of churches.

Inspired by remarkable stories of spiritual renewal and growth, an estimated 13,000 churches from 60 denominations have experienced the purpose-driven phenomena inspired by a California pastor's best-selling book.

At the center of the campaign is the fastest-selling hard-cover nonfiction book in history. *The Purpose Driven Life* has sold more than 16 million copies since the book's release in 2002.

The book's author, Rich Warren, is senior pastor of one of America's largest churches, Saddleback Church in Lake Forest, California. Following its 40 Days of Purpose Campaign two years ago, Saddleback Church baptized 671 new believers, and added almost 1,200 new members, and increased average attendance by 2,000.

Two years ago the first 1,500 churches to hold a 40 Days of Purpose Campaign reported their worship attendance increased an average of 22 percent.

During the 40 Days of Purpose Campaign at Silverton United Methodist Church, the truths about God's five purposes for people--worship, fellowship, discipleship, ministry and evangelism--will be communicated repeatedly in five ways:

1. An all-church Simulcast seminar on September 19.
2. A weekly message by the pastor.
3. A personal or family daily devotional reading.

TxDOT's Briscoe County Maintenance Office employs 10 people.

4. A weekly Scripture memory verse that everyone memorizes.

5. A weekly small group or Sunday school lesson.

"People will hear about God's purposes for their lives in many different ways," Pastor Rance Young said. "This will allow for the truths to sink deeper into our hearts, which is essential for any permanent life change."

"Discovering God's purposes for our lives not only affects us as individuals, but has a huge impact on our churches, our community, our nation, and our world. Please consider being a part of this 40 Days of Purpose Campaign."

Senior Citizens To Have Birthday Party September 7

Silverton Senior Citizens will have their monthly birthday party Tuesday, September 7, at the Center.

Everyone is invited to attend the party which begins at 7:00 p.m.

Owls Play First Game at Home

Silverton's varsity Owls will be at home for their first game of the new season with the Motley County Matadors. Kickoff time is at 7:30 p.m.

It is hoped that a large contingent of fans will be at the game to cheer the Owls on to victory.

On the roster are Beau Brock, Max Comer, Ignacio Gamez, Chance Rhoderick, James Tiffin, Humberto Vasquez, seniors; Yance Forbes, Jacob Francis, Gid Mayfield, Thor Patton, Jesse Reynolds, juniors; E. J. Ivory, Ory Johnson, Zak Perkins, Drew Reed, sophomores; Cooper Cogdell, Calvin Daugherty, Shane Estes, Davin Fabela, Gabriel Vargas, freshmen.

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Obituaries

OTTIS (B. G.) TOLER

Services for Ottis (B. G.) Toler, 74, of Amarillo were conducted at 2:00 p.m. Monday, August 30, 2004, at the First Baptist Church in Silverton, with Chad King, pastor, officiating. Burial was in the Silverton Cemetery, with arrangements made by Boxwell Brothers Funeral Directors, 2800 Paramount, Amarillo.

Mr. Toler died Friday, August 27.

Born September 24, 1929, at Flomot, he was a retired truck driver and volunteered for Outreach for Shut-Ins. He was a Baptist. He served in the Army during the Korean War.

Survivors include two daughters, Mary Vick and

Norma Toler, a son, Billy Toler, his brother, Richard W. Toler, all of Amarillo; seven grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

His family asked that memorials be to the Disabled Veterans Association, Chapter 26, P. O. Box 864, Amarillo, TX 79105-0864.

WILMA HUNT

Services for Wilma Hunt, 89, will be conducted at 2:00 p.m. Thursday at the Silverton United Methodist Church. A son-in-law, Rev. Ronald Ledbetter, pastor of Sunset Baptist Church in Ponca City, Oklahoma, will officiate assisted by Pastor Rance Young of Silverton. Burial will be in the Silverton Cemetery by Myers-Long Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Hunt died Monday, August 30, 2004.

Born September 8, 1914 at Mertens, Texas, she married

From the Patio

by Nina Martin

Friendship Quilters on August 19 were Laverne Stephens, Linda Bearden, Oleta Warren, Ada Clay, Sybil King, Evelyn Smith, Christene King, Lallie Patton, Rose Mary Perkins, Nadyne Childress and Nina Martin.

Rose Mary went on a trip to New Mexico with her daughter and family. Everyone had a good time.

Christene and Sybil attended the funeral of their brother-in-law, Obert King, in Amarillo.

Our sympathies are with Joy Stodghill in the loss of her husband, Clifton.

Friendship Quilters on August 26 were Ada Clay, Oleta Warren, Nadyne Childress, Wanda Strange, Laverne Stephens, Rose Mary Perkins, Christene King, Lallie Patton, Evelyn Smith, Sybil King and Nina Martin.

Ada brought a beautiful Indian quilt that she and Lee have just finished.

During our break, the group made plans for a Beans and Frank Hunt July 3, 1934 in Memphis. She was a homemaker and a member of the Silverton United Methodist Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband; a grandson, Gary Don Ledbetter; five brothers and two sisters.

Survivors include one son, Gary Hunt and wife Nena of Clarendon; one daughter, Frankie Ledbetter and husband Ronald of Ponca City, Oklahoma; four grandchildren, Clint Hunt of Silverton, Kayla Lindley of Lakeview, Teri Johnson of Hollis, OK, Chris Ledbetter of Ponca City, OK; nine great-grandchildren, Zane Hunt of Silverton, Kortni, Kamri and Kelbi Lindley of Lakeview, Shacy Woods of Lawton, OK, Chisum Johnson of Hollis, OK, Cari and Michael Ledbetter of Chickasha, OK and Sabrina Ledbetter of Moore, OK; one great-great-grandchild, Drew Woods of Lawton, OK; three brothers, C. L. McWilliams of Silverton, Bobby and Billy McWilliams, both of Quitaque; a sister, Mary Sue Bingham of Amarillo; several nieces and nephews.

The family suggests memorials be to Silverton United Methodist Church or Silverton Cemetery Association.

Cornbread lunch for a We are quilting on Rose fundraiser for our carpet fund. Mary's whole cloth "Double The date is tentatively set for Wedding Ring," and Ann's Baltimore Album. Friday, October 1.

Silverton Oil Company: Teach Children After-School Rules for Propane Safety

When school starts, thousands of Texas children will be home alone each school day afternoon, waiting for mom or dad to come home from work. Dewey Estes of Silverton Oil Company suggests that now is a good time for parents to talk with their children about staying safe while they are home alone. That includes safety around gas appliances.

"Let your children know what typical noises appliances such as the furnace, water heater or refrigerator can make; they will be less fearful on their own when they know that the water heater is supposed to gurgle, or that the furnace sometimes makes a sound like footsteps in the hall," Estes said.

For parents whose homes are fueled by propane gas, this is also a good time to let your children know some basic propane appliance safety rules, like: never turn on propane gas appliances without parental supervision; keep papers and toys away from gas furnaces, space heaters and fireplaces; stay away from propane tanks and shut-off valves; and, of course, never play with matches.

"Propane gas has an odorant added to help identify any gas leak. Show your child how to identify that 'rotten egg' smell by using a 'scratch and sniff' brochure available from your propane supplier," explained Estes. Tell your children that if they smell gas they should exit the home immediately and they should not use any electric switches or appliances. Children should go to a trusted neighbor's home for help, or call mom or dad or the fire department from there.

Another thing that will bring peace of mind to all in the family is to have your propane supplier do a complete appliance safety check in the home. A certified service technician can examine your propane water heater and other appliances and make sure everything is operating in tip-top shape.

The Texas Railroad Commission, which is in charge of propane safety for the state, suggests that parents can ensure an adequate supply of gas for the winter months is to have their home propane delivery account put on "automatic." That way there will always be enough propane gas for heating and cooking, no matter how cold it gets, or how treacherous the driving conditions for gas delivery trucks. The Railroad Commission's Alternative Fuels Research and Education Division (AFRED) has a free brochure on basic grill safety tips, as well as information about other propane uses and rebates. Call toll-free 800-64-CLEAR (800-642-5327). 36-1tc

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4. Have I sought an opportunity to do him a favor? yes - no
5. Do I secretly rejoice at some "ill will" that happens to him? yes - no
6. Do I have a "scriptural" reason to have "ought" against him? yes - no

Read Matt. 6:14-15 and 18:15-22

Rock Creek Church of Christ

LOOKING BACK

through the files of the
Briscoe County News

August 4, 1994--This year, 1994, is the centennial of the Briscoe County Jail . . . Mackenzie Municipal Water Authority has announced that it will buy the Cactus Cove Marina at Lake Mackenzie within the next few days . . . Toby Miller is new vocational agriculture teacher at Tulia . . . Gladys Steele, 72, taken by death . . . School homecoming set for August 13 . . . Rex and Theta Holt to celebrate fifty years of marriage . . .

August 11, 1994--Ashel and Mildred McDaniel selected as Pioneers of the Day . . . Silverton's School ranks high in the state based on student scores on the Texas Assessment of Academic Skills (TASS) . . . Snooks and Margaret Frizzell to celebrate fifty-fifth wedding anniversary . . . Miss Penni Jan Fogerson became the bride of William Chad Bentley Saturday, July 30, at the Silverton Church of Christ . . . Miss Amy Payne, bride-elect of Jeffrey Grimland, was honored at a miscellaneous shower Saturday morning in the Pioneer Room . . . The Brown Sisters met at Roy's Place in Ruidoso last week for a reunion . . . The Montague family is having a reunion at the Senior Citizens Center in Silverton August 13 . . .

July 26, 1984--H. E. Squier Paving of Lubbock is retopping all of Silverton's streets at a cost of \$62,000.00 . . . Mr. and Mrs. Roger Cantwell are parents of a son, Devin Keith . . . Dr. and Mrs. James Chua Tuan are parents of a son, John James . . . The Children's Rainbow Preschool, directed by Gail Wyatt, is now enrolling for the fall semester . . . Youth have Polaroid Scavenger Hunt at Methodist Church parsonage . . . Among those attending the Ramsey family reunion Saturday and Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Ramsey, Bryan, Amy, Kayla and Dara, Eck Curtis, Pam, Cristy and Brandon Nease . . . Randy Clay is new cage coach at Plains . . .

August 2, 1984--July showers bring year's rainfall to 8.84 inches . . . County roping to be held Tuesday night . . . The graduating classes of 1954 and 1955 are invited to

a reunion in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Spud Tiffin . . . Mrs. Wade Steele underwent surgery this week to repair some of the injuries she received when she and her husband were involved in a two-car accident in Lubbock last Friday night . . . Edwin and Claudine May were in Ruidoso, New Mexico last weekend where they hosted a get-together for her brothers and sisters . . . Lynn Dale McDonald of Lake Ransom Canyon near Lubbock left July 10 for an approximate five-month stay in North Africa where he will be a hybrid sorghum production consultant for Washington State University . . . Fire Department trying to raise money for equipment . . . After having successfully completed all requirements of the summer session of the Gregg School of Auctioneering, Dana Martin is now qualified to cry and completely manage any type of auction sale . . .

August 8, 1974--Girls vying for Rodeo Queen this year are Peggy Kitchens, Connie Younger, Tammy Stephens, Lee Ann McMurtry, Dara Garvin and Jeanette Arnold . . . Silverton ready for County's 82nd birthday celebration . . . The shooting deaths last Thursday afternoon of Gregorio Ortega, 36, and his ex-wife, Lidia, 34, were apparently a murder and suicide. Law officers said Friday that Ortega apparently shot himself after shooting his ex-wife. Deputy Sheriff Pete Stockton said that the couple's five children were in the house at the time of the shootings . . . Bruce Womack buried here Friday . . . Grover Thomas was taken to Caprock Hospital in Floydada by ambulance about 5:00 a.m. Wednesday. Dwain Henderson and Mrs. Becky Woods were ambulance attendants on the run . . . Ken Wood of the Briscoe County 4-H finished second in break-away roping at the Texas State 4-H Horse Show in Dallas . . . Miss Sharon Jarrett, bride-elect of Robert Bell, was honoree at a shower here Saturday . . . Approaching marriage of Miss Brenda Leigh Skinner and Joe Daniel Anderson is announced . . . W. H. (Bill) Martin underwent surgery Sunday at

Northwest Texas Hospital . . .

July 30, 1964--Conservative water use asked by City . . . H. M. Baggary, editor and publisher of The Tulia Herald, will be guest speaker for a meeting of the Briscoe County League of Democratic Women . . . The Silverton Campfire Girls and their leaders, Mrs. Bern May and Mrs. A. R. Martin, enjoyed a 24-hour camp-out at the May farm last week. Those who attended included Janelle McDaniel, Donna Sissney, Melba Meason, Lynda Childress, Dorothy Yancey, Mary Stodghill, Lynette Martin, Annette Williams, Pam Vaughan, Jeanetta Cowan and Sue Lynn Allard . . . There will be a swim meet at the Silverton Pool Saturday for members only. The contests will include free-style speed, back-stroke speed, underwater distance, four-man relay, swan dive and most difficult dive . . . Those present at the meeting of the T.E.L. Sunday School Class in the home of Mrs. J. M. Thompson were Manemma Hutsell, Blanche Newman, Annie Grabbe, Viola Boyles, Lois McKenney, Ollie McMinn, Lorene Voyles, Lucille Dempsey, Ruby Garvin, Opal Hyatt, Jessie Bomar . . . Silverton art classes plan outdoor exhibit during rodeo activities . . . A Fitzgerald family reunion was held at Tule Lake Sunday. Attending from here were Mr. and Mrs. Wayland Fitzgerald, Mr. and Mrs. Guinn Fitzgerald, Nanette and Suzette, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Durham and Kirk, Mr. and Mrs. Norvell Breedlove, Craig and Chris . . . Mr. and Mrs. Jack Strange and Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Griffin attended the performance of the Navy Blue Angels at Tule Lake last week . . . Miss Era Jealeta Eddleman and Jerry Baird exchanged wedding vows in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Cantwell Friday evening . . . Mrs. Ben Lesley honored with going-away party in the home of Mrs. Leo Fleming . . .

July 22, 1954--Going into the last round of play in the Lockney League, Silverton is leading with an 8-3 record with South Plains and Gulf Service right behind with 7-4 records. The Silverton roster now consists of J. L. Self, catcher; Robert McJimsey, Buzz Bailey, Donald Bean, Bill Satterfield, Carl Satterfield, Fred Brannon and Buddy Travis, infield; Ralph Glover; Tommy Strange, Sid Marshall,

Robert Isbell and Steve Jarnagin, outfield; Robert Ledbetter and Glenn Bunch, pitchers . . . Mrs. Flora Dickerson and family held a get-together at the City Park on July 15 . . . Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Stodghill are parents of a daughter, Mary Louise . . . Cpl. and Mrs. Rex Long and Michael left for their home at Fort Hood Wednesday . . . First award in the "You All Come Day" Saturday went to Bee Effie Kincade who was present to receive the \$25. The second place award of \$15 went to Mrs. Bruce Womack, and the third place award of \$10 was received by Doris Grimland . . . Bill McCracken's mother is seriously ill at Bronte . . . Silverton Riding Club placed second in Tulia parade Saturday . . .

August 3, 1944--Memorial service conducted for Pvt. Nig Smith . . . Staff Sergeant Alton B. Walker is still listed as "missing in action" and this week his mother, Mrs. E. C. Newman, received a letter telling her that her son had won the Air Medal with three

Oak-leaf clusters and the Purple Heart award for wounds he received in September . . . Sergeant Virgil Crow is one of the non-commissioned officers in the automotive pool at the AAF Station . . . Pfc. Lee McIntyre, son of W. H. McIntyre, has been in service 16 months. He has been in England three months . . .



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Point of Sale Sticker Printing Introduced in Briscoe County

Point of Sale Sticker Printing (POSSP) and a new vehicle registration sticker design are being introduced in Briscoe County. The new registration stickers feature several improvements to deter sticker misuse and eliminate the need for state inventory control.

The new process was piloted in Caldwell and Bastrop counties and will be implemented in 185 counties across the state beginning August 25. This initial phase involves counties that do not process transactions through subcontractor stations (e.g. grocery stores) or automobile

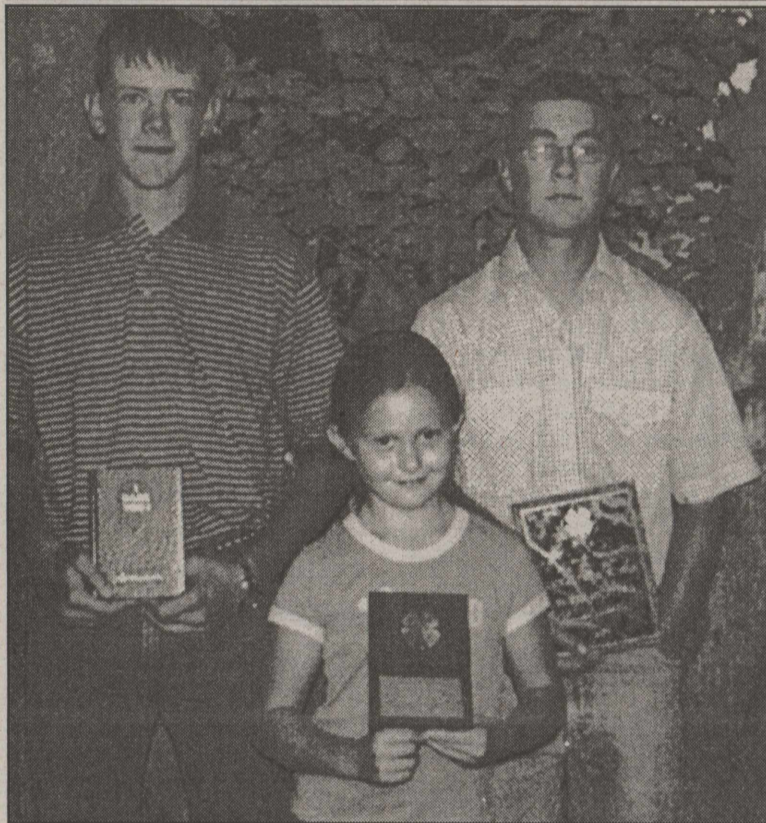
dealerships. These latter types of transactions will be piloted in four other counties over the next few months, with full statewide implementation expected to be completed by early 2005.

Registration stickers will now be printed at the point of sale. Information specific to the registered vehicle will be printed directly on the sticker, which will help deter theft. Each sticker will show the last eight digits of the vehicle identification number, the license plate number, county of registration, and registration month and year.

Because each windshield and plate sticker is vehicle-specific, it is important for customers who own more than one vehicle to be sure they apply the sticker to the correct vehicle.

"This new method is a significant improvement in our process," said Betty Ann Stephens, Briscoe County Tax Assessor-Collector. "It offers greater protection for vehicle owners by making the stickers worthless if they're stolen. We also expect to improve our customer service efficiency. Because POSSP prints the sticker on the customer's receipt, county employees will no longer have to staple registration stickers to receipts and maintain manual sticker books and inventories."

Registration transactions will be tracked through the state's automated Registration and Title System in much the same way as the previous method.



Drew Reed, Brittany Deckard and Zack Burson

Drew Reed was recipient of the "I Dare You" award which recognizes leadership and dares young people to achieve their highest potential to influence others through a life of service. Dusty Burson received the Gold Star award which is given to an outstanding senior 4-H'er who completes a recordbook. Brittany Deckard was recipient of the Bronze Star award, which is presented to an outstanding 4-H'er who completes a recordbook. The awards were presented at the 4-H Achievement Banquet August 16, 2004.



District 4-H recordbook award winners included (back row, left to right) Drew Reed, Zack Burson, Dusty Burson; (front) Khaki Scrivner and Brittany Deckard. Drew and Zack placed second, Dusty received third place, Khaki and Brittany received first-place awards. The awards were presented at the annual 4-H Achievement Banquet on August 16, 2004.



Barbara Deckard was recipient of the Distinguished Leader award at the 4-H Achievement Banquet. She will be recognized at a district luncheon on November 6, 2004.



Russell Pawlik and Megan Hardin

Couple to Exchange Vows October 9

The forthcoming marriage of Megan Hardin and Russell Pawlik has been announced by her parents, Wendell and Nedra Hardin of San Antonio. Vows will be exchanged Saturday, October 9, 2004, in San Antonio. Mr. Pawlik is the son of Roger and Donna Miller of San Antonio. The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Buck and Loretta Hardin of Silverton, Jarus and Jo Ann Flowers of Plainview and LaTrella Flowers of Amarillo.



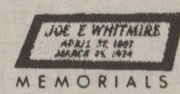
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Silverton School Lunch Menu

Monday, Sept. 6--No School
 Tuesday, Sept. 7--Taco Salad, Chips, Hot Sauce, Jello, Milk
 Wednesday, Sept. 8--Corn Dog, Macaroni & Cheese, Beans, Fruit, Milk
 Thursday, Sept. 9--Steak Fingers, Green Beans, Potatoes, Biscuit, Honey, Butter, Milk
 Friday, Sept. 10--Hamburger, Cheese, Salad, Fries, Fruit Rollup, Milk

Silverton School Activities

Thursday, Sept. 2--JV Owls at Motley Co., 5:30
 Friday, Sept. 3--Motley Co. here, 7:30
 Monday, Sept. 6--No School
 Tuesday, Sept. 7--CRP Training, 7:00 - 9:00
 Thursday, Sept. 9--Board Meeting; JH and JV at Amherst, 5:00
 Friday, Sept. 10--Amherst here, 7:30
A poem is never finished, only abandoned. Paul Valery

Happy Birthday--

Sept. 2--Shonda Wills, Lisa Covington, Nancy Wood, Les Baker
 Sept. 3--Janice Hill, Haley Jackson, D' Kitchens
 Sept. 4--Rick Minyard, J. P. Myers
 Sept. 5--Zane Mayfield, Kayla Coleman
 Sept. 6--Brenda Cowdry, Danny Mac Francis
 Sept. 7--Nikki Pat Lavy, Terry Grimland, John Gill, Jeremiah Brooks, John Richard Fudge, Cordero Stidham, Tori Perkins
 Sept. 8--Christa Tucker, Kay McWilliams

Happy Anniversary--

Sept. 4--Mr. and Mrs. David Johnston
 Sept. 5--Mr. and Mrs. Jim Myers

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Henry Boye

Concession Stand Proceeds Used To Host Annual Athletic Banquet

Proceeds from the concession stand are used to host the Athletic Banquet. All athletes are invited and Booster Club pays for their meals. Each one who does his/her part to make the concession stand a success is appreciated.

First name on the Worker's List is in charge of:

1. Ice down drinks 3-4 hours prior to game
2. Start chili and cheese 2-3 hours prior to game

3. Call workers on the list to confirm

Each person on the list is responsible for finding a replacement if you cannot fulfill your time slot.

Last crew is responsible for:

1. Cleaning concession stand
2. Restocking the coolers with drinks for next game
3. Making list of any items needing to be purchased for next game.

Date	Time	Owl Team	Opponent	Workers
Sep. 3	7:30	Varsity	Motley Co.	Ross & Melissa Estes Scott & Tonnette Perkins Amy & Kyle Fuston Darrell & Dixie Johnson
Sep. 10	7:30	Varsity	Amherst	Rick & Jana Beesinger Michael & Laura Long Liz Griffin Kippi & Dick Cogdell
Sep. 16	5:00	JH	Wheeler	Jeff & Vicky Tiffin Mitchell & Connie Simpson
	6:30	JV	Wheeler	Bryan & Lana Burson David & Debbie Holt

A happy family is but an earlier heaven. John Bowring
I was once a young man but I recovered. Howard Baker

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Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Increase

The City of Silverton will hold a public hearing on a proposal to increase total tax revenues from properties on the tax roll in the preceding year by .425 percent. Your individual taxes may increase at a greater or lesser rate, or even decrease, depending on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property and the tax rate that is adopted.

The public hearing will be held on Sept 7, 2004 at 6:00p.m.

FOR the proposal: Councilmembers Henderson, Fuston, Reed, Smith and Tipton

AGAINST the proposal: None

PRESENT and not voting: Mayor Garvin

ABSENT: None

The following table compares taxes on an average home in this taxing unit last year to taxes proposed on the average home this year. Again, your individual taxes may be higher or lower, depending on the taxable value of your property.

	Last Year	This Year
Average residence homestead value	\$ <u>35,000</u>	\$ <u>35,000</u>
General exemptions available (amount available on the average homestead, not including senior citizen's or disabled person's exemptions)	\$ <u>-0-</u>	\$ <u>-0-</u>
Average taxable value	\$ <u>35,000</u>	\$ <u>35,000</u>
Tax rate	<u>.5125c</u>	<u>.5343c</u>
Tax	\$ <u>179.38</u>	\$ <u>187.00</u>

Under this proposal, taxes on the average homestead would Increase by \$ 7.62 or .425% percent compared with last year's taxes. Comparing tax rates without adjusting for changes in property value, the tax rate would Increase by \$.0218 per \$100 of taxable value or .7% percent compared to last year's tax rate. These tax rate figures are not adjusted for changes in the taxable value of property.

Criminal Justice Mandate (for counties):

The _____ County Auditor certifies that _____ County has spent \$ _____ in the previous 12 months beginning _____, _____, for the maintenance and operations cost of keeping inmates sentenced to the Texas Department of Criminal Justice. _____ County Sheriff has provided information on these costs, minus the state revenues received for reimbursement of such costs.

Enhanced Indigent Health Care Expenditures (use if applicable):

The _____ spent \$ _____ from _____ to _____ on enhanced indigent health care at the increased minimum eligibility standards, less the amount of state assistance. For the current tax year, the amount of increase above last year's enhanced indigent health care expenditures is _____.

Notice

Of vote on Tax Rate

The City of Silverton will

conduct a public hearing on proposal

to increase the total tax revenues of the

City of Silverton

from properties on the tax roll in the preceding

year by .425% percent

on September 7, 2004 at 6:00p.m.

The City of Silverton

is scheduled to vote on the tax rate that

will result in that tax increase at a public

meeting to be held

on September 13, 2004, at 7:00p.m.

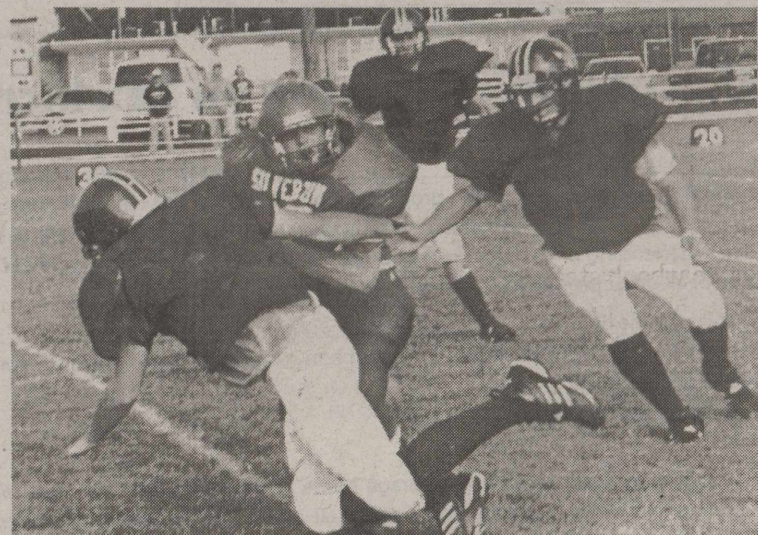
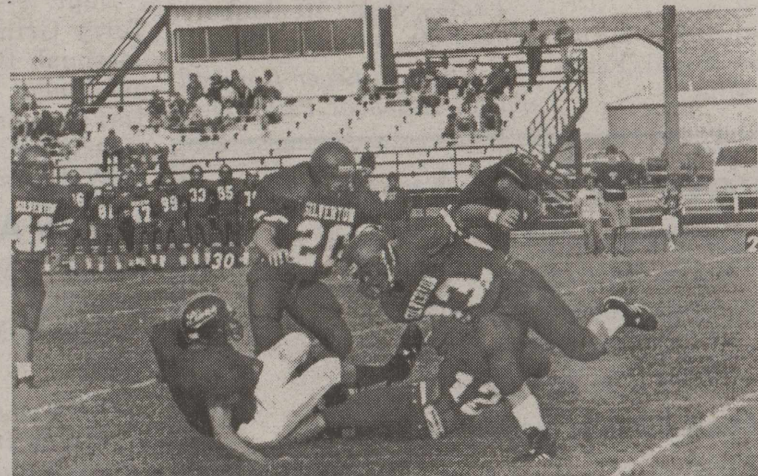
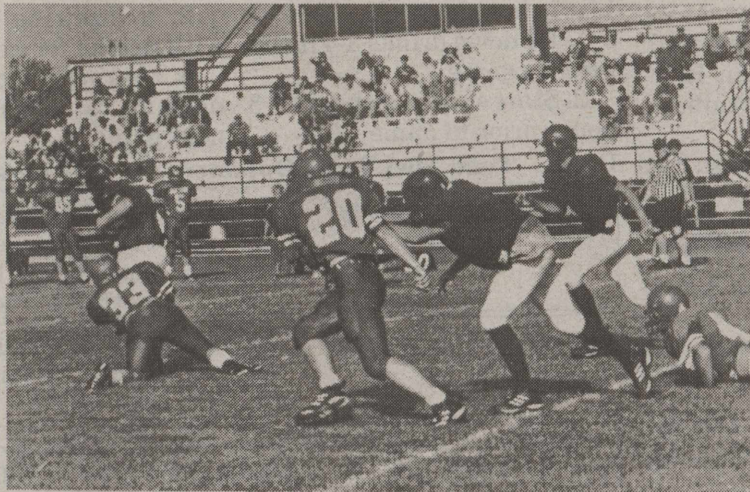
at Silverton City Hall, 409 Broadway Street



We Wish The Owls



The Best This Season!

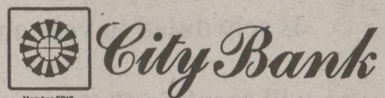


Silverton vs. Motley County, Sept. 3, Here, 7:30

J.V. Owls vs. Motley County, Sept. 2, There, 5:30

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Briscoe County News

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Labor Day Lock-in Starts Friday PCS Receives State Award

Remember Kids! Labor Day Lock-in is September 3 and 4, from 7:00 p.m. until 7:00 a.m. at Gospel Lighthouse Church. This will be for kindergarten through sixth grade boys and girls.

All kids wanting to attend must bring a parent to register.

Cards of Thanks

Thank you so much for the prayers, cards, phone calls, and visits while I was in the hospital and since I returned home.

A special thank you to the First Baptist Church, the Friendship SS Class, First Baptist Church, and the Prayer Chain of the United Methodist Church. Once again, our prayers were heard and God's healing hands were witnessed.

I'll never be able to express my appreciation to my Mom and Gary. They both were always there and gave me comfort and love. I love you both so very much.

I am so fortunate to live in this loving and caring community.

Sincerely,
Sharon McMullen

The Silverton yearbook staff of 2003-04 would like to apologize to City Bank of Silverton for their ad being omitted from the cover of the yearbook. City Bank has always very generously supported our organization and we sincerely regret this mistake.

Colleen Reed
Yearbook Advisor

We have been overwhelmed by the outpouring of love shown us since Clifton's sudden passing away. The beautiful flowers, the delicious food, the cards, phone calls and visits have all been such a wonderful blessing to us. But most of all, we appreciate all the prayers that were said for us. Only in Silverton could such caring and friendship be found. A very special thanks to Rance Young, Clint Hunt and Wayne Nance. We are so appreciative of every kindness shown to us and can only say "Thank You" from the bottom of our hearts.

May God richly bless each and every one of you.

Joy Stodghill
Mary Garner
Donna Majors
Carol Easterling
Matt Garner
Nick and Beth Garner
and Tristen

ter you and be only a phone call away if needed.

Bring your pillow and favorite blankie, Bible, and if you would like a snack to add to the variety that will be available.

Parents are encouraged to stay and help or to just attend activities with child.

Please call before Wednesday, September 1, to confirm attendance (we want to be sure we have enough food and space).

Activities include: movies and popcorn, Bible study, make-up party for the girls, outdoor adventure for the boys, crafts, board games, music and lots of yummy snacks. Come join your friends for 12 hours of fun and fellowship.

Call 823-2011, Venita Asebedo Howell

You are indeed charitable when you give, and, while giving, turn your face away so that you may not see the shyness of the receiver.

Kahlil Gibran

At 18, our convictions are hills from which we look; at 45, they are caves in which we hide.

F. Scott Fitzgerald

Animals in the wild are always off on some errand. They have appointments to keep. It's only we humans who wonder what we're here for.

Diane Ackerman

I would like to express appreciation to the 18 who gave blood at the latest blood drive. Thanks to the City Hall for the use of its facilities.

Lou Younger

Silverton Library wishes to thank the Briscoe County Citizens for Natural Weather for their nice contribution. This will help repair the Library's computers.

We would like to express our thanks to the City Bank for the first-place donation to Coronado Shores Property Owners at lake Mackenzie for our float in the Homecoming Parade. Also a special thanks to all of the members who worked so hard getting the float ready.

Coronado Shores
Property Owners

PCS Receives State Award

Panhandle Community Services has again been named by Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs as one of the top agencies in the state. This is the fourteenth time that PCS has won this prestigious award.

The award is given in San Antonio at the Executive Directors Conference and in recognition of the agency for providing excellent services, and for transitioning persons in the Texas Panhandle out of poverty.

The mission of the agency is not only to help families

that are in crisis, but to help them in such a way that they get on their feet and reach a point where they no longer need assistance.

For fourteen years PCS has exceeded the goal set by the Texas Department of housing and Community Affairs for the entire state as to the number of families helped out of poverty and who have become self-sufficient.

This year, 287 families obtained self-sufficiency through the PCS program, with thousands of persons making this transition during the fourteen years of the entire program.

The voice of the sea speaks to the soul. The touch of the sea is sensuous, enfolding the body in its soft, close embrace.

Kate Chopin

People do think that if they avoid the truth, it might change to something better before they have to hear it.

Marsha Norman

How often things occur by the merest chance, which we dared not even hope for!

Terenci

Cleaning your house while your kids are still growing up is like shoveling the walk before it stops snowing.

Phyllis Diller

Water District Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Rate

The Mackenzie Municipal Water Authority will hold a public hearing on a proposed tax rate for the tax year 2004 on **September 14, 2004 at 7:00 p.m. at the Administrative Offices on the south side of Lake Mackenzie.** Your individual taxes may increase or decrease, depending on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property and the tax rate that is adopted.

FOR the proposal: Gordon Lowrey, Gary Carthel, Joe Adams, Dwight Ramsey

AGAINST proposal: None

PRESENT and not voting: Jeffery Johnson

ABSENT: Jimmy Kemp, Mitch Martin

The following table compares taxes on an average residence homestead in this taxing unit last year to taxes proposed on the average residence homestead this year.

	<u>Last Year</u>	<u>This Year</u>
	Adopted	Proposed
Total Tax Rate (per \$100 of value)	2397/\$100	2425/\$100
Difference in rates per \$100 of value		.0028/\$100
Percentage increase/decrease in rates (+/-)		%1.169
Average appraised value	\$28,959	\$29,402
Average taxable value	\$28,959	\$29,402
Tax on average residence homestead	\$69.41	\$71.30
Annual increase in taxes if proposed tax rate is adopted (+/-)		\$1.89
And percentage of increase (+/-)		%2.71

NOTICE OF TAXPAYER'S RIGHTS TO ROLLBACK ELECTION

If taxes on the average residence homestead increase by more than eight percent, the qualified voters of the district by petition may require that an election be held to determine whether to reduce the operation and maintenance tax rate to the rollback tax rate under Section 49.236(d), Water Code

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For Sale: This Year's Crop Pecans, one pound and three pound bags available. \$5.00 a pound. 847-2617. 11-tfc

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For Sale: Smoker on two-wheel trailer. \$1200.00. Good for tailgating. 806-744-4457.

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Employment Opportunities

Tri-County Meals is currently taking applications for •director/cook •cook. Hours will be approximately 3 days/week - 8 hrs. day. Applications can be picked up by contacting Kay Calvert at First National Bank, Quitauque, or Dorothy Johnson, 806-455-1441, or 806-823-2223. 35-1tnc

REAL ESTATE

For Sale: Home at 1101 S. Main. Three bedrooms, two baths, one-car garage plus carport. Cellar, storage building, fenced yard. Central h/a.

House For Sale: \$12,000. 1105 Braidfoot. Call Pat Rice, 806-675-1125. 9-tfc

Home For Rent: three bedroom, one bath. 1202 S. Main. Call 823-2213. 24-tfc

For Sale: Brick Home at 902 S. Main Street. Contact LaQuetta Schott, 823-2233.

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WANTED

Wanted: Someone to shred a small acreage. Mary Martin, 823-2213. 36-2tc

GARAGE SALES

Garage Sale: Saturday, September 4, 2004, 705 Loretta Street. 9:00 til we are gone. Brooks and friends. For a small fee our stuff can be your stuff. 36-1tc

Saturday, Sept. 4, 2004, 8:00 a.m., located behind Rick's Muffler Shop: Queen-size sofa sleeper, full-size mattress with box spring and frame, two small kitchen tables, and lots more goodies. 36-1tc

ESTATE SALE

Estate Sale: Home of Josephine Anderson, Floydada Hwy. 207, 1/4 mile south of Hwy. 86, Saturday, Sept. 4., 11:00 a.m. Furniture, Books, Linens, Collectibles, Household Items, Pictures. 36-1tp

CARD OF THANKS

The family of Wilma Hunt would like to extend a special thanks to the Clarendon Medical Center Nursing Home Administration and Staff and Mary and Johnny Asebedo of Silverton for extending their loving care to our dear Mother.

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