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All Around The Town

By Mary Ann Sarchet

The menu for Tri-County Meals for next week includes:

Monday, December 5-Beef Tips, Rice, Sweet Peas, Squash, Mandarin Oranges and Jello, Milk

Wednesday, December 7-German Sausage, Navy Beans, Mixed Greens, Chocolate Pie/Diabetic Pie, Roll, Milk

Friday, December 9-Salmon Patties, Okra & Tomatoes, Whole Potatoes, Jello Fluff/Diabetic Fluff, Cornbread, Milk

Menu subject to change without notice.

The telephone number for Tri-County Meals at the Hope Center is 455-1053.

Gifts to Tri-County Meals can be sent to Box 421, Quitaque, TX 79255.

Briscoe County Activities Association will sponsor a Christmas Lighting Contest to be judged Thursday, December 22. First, second and third prizes will be given.

Joy Stodghill spent Thanksgiving in Amarillo with Mary and Fred Grice. Also attending were Donna Majors of Lubbock; Nick and Beth Garner of Denver, Colorado, and Hazel Grice of Amarillo. Afternoon visitors were Steve and Pam Butler of Amarillo.

Losses caused by this year's drought could reach \$1 billion by next spring, according to a release provided by Briscoe County CEA-Ag David Hawkins, Texas Cooperative Extension.

Only half of the hay crop was harvestable, and livestock will have to be fed supplements for an extra three to five months. Stocker calves are fewer and being shipped at lighter weights, and fall market calf prices are low; however, Far West Texas is benefitting from record early spring rains and good summer and fall rains. The extra moisture supported a record cotton crop. Yields are estimated at 7.8 million bales, while average yields are about five million bales.

People with goals succeed, because they know where they're going.

Earl Nightingale

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



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Basketball Owls Off to Good Start

Silverton's Owls are off to a very good start in their basketball campaign, having won their first two games against Amherst and Patton Springs.

The young Lady Owls have played well in their first games, dropping a one-point game to Patton Springs and losing to Amherst.

Led in scoring by the 31-point effort of Gid Mayfield, the Owls also had three others players in double figures: Drew Reed, 16

points; Jesse Reynolds, 12; Cooper Cogdell, 10, in their game at Amherst.

The Junior Varsity Owls also won their game at Amherst, led in scoring by Cord Griffin and Zak Perkins.

Mayfield led the scoring with 30 points at Patton Springs. Also scoring in double figures were Reynolds, 17, and Jon Garcia, 10.

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Christmas Teen Dance/Skate Night

A community-sponsored Teen Dance/Skate Night will be held December 17, 2005, at the Showbarn. The goal is to raise \$2,000 for the repair and upkeep of the Showbarn in Silverton.

No adults will be allowed except parents of the teens or chaperones. There will be security on the premises. No loitering around the Showbarn will be allowed. The kids will be encouraged to stay inside or asked to leave. This is planned to be something positive for the kids to do while benefitting the community by paying for main-

tenance repairs the Showbarn needs.

If the dance proves to be successful, there is a possibility that it could be continued, maybe monthly.

The idea of a Family Dance Night was brought up, which could be a good thing-a place to take the family for fun without the presence of alcohol.

Surrounding communities will be invited to join the festivities. If you would like to contribute snacks or help, please call Venita, 823-2011.

George Reed Announces For Pct. 4 Commissioner

George Reed has announced that he is a candidate for Briscoe County Commissioner, Precinct 4, subject to the action of the Republican Party Primary.

In making this statement, he said that he has time to spend on the job and will try to get the input of the people in the county business.

Experience a Virtual Nativity

People of all ages may journey by foot and wagon ride to Bethlehem this Christmas in Silverton during their ninth annual production of "Walk to Bethlehem." The "Walk" is not just an outdoor play, but more an interactive drama and virtual experience of the nativity story. Guides accompany participants, or "travelers" watching for road thieves and bandits. All must dodge harrassing Roman soldiers, aid sly zealots and stroll down village streets in Judea and Bethlehem.

Owls, Lady Owls In Tournament December 1-3

Silverton's Owls and Lady Owls will be playing in a tournament at New Home December 1-3, 2005.

First games for the local teams will be at 3:00 p.m. on Thursday, when the Lady Owls take on Sands. This will be followed by the Owls vs. Sands at 4:30 p.m.

Second-round games will be Friday at 6:00 and 7:30 p.m. for the winners, and at 12:00 and 1:30 p.m. for the losers.

The other teams in the girls bracket are Loop, Spade, Amherst, Grady, Dawson and New Home. In the boys bracket, the other teams are Loop, New Home JV, Amherst, Grady, Dawson and New Home.

"Travelers" get to know a fictional Bible-time family and their chance encounter with the nativity story. The audience and cast move within 17 settings-two of them indoor and the other 15 around historic Silverton United Methodist Church. The story is told by a cast and crew of over 130 members of the church and community.

Silverton may be reached via highways 207 or 86. Arriving in town, turn south at the caution light and enter the City Bank building one-and-a-half blocks on the right. Groups of 30 to 40 leave from the Pioneer Room about every half hour beginning at 5:30 p.m. Sunday evening, December 11. While waiting to begin your journey, you may have a cookie, sip hot chocolate with the locals, or have an inexpensive group picture made in Bible costume. A collection of Nativity sets will be on display at the entrance to the "Walk."

"Walk to Bethlehem" is free, a gift from the community of Silverton and created solely to enable friends and family to observe a real CHRISTmas season.

Success is to be measured not so much by the position that one has reached in life as by the obstacles which he has overcome while trying to succeed.

Booker T. Washington



A scene from the "Walk to Bethlehem" presented in 2004 includes (back row) Reno Fabela, Bryce Patton, Forrest Otis, Jonathan Perkins, Isaac Reyna, Chad Williams, Tyler Garvin, Katy Fuston; (front) J. T. West, Davin Fabela, Zane Hunt and Blaine Patton.

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Christmas in Tulia
 Tulia Chamber of Commerce will sponsor "Christmas in Tulia" Saturday, Dec. 3, in downtown Tulia. Shops will open from 1:00 till 6:00 p.m. You will have refreshments and the opportunity to win Tulia Chamber Bucks. Participat-

ing shops include Baskets, Etc., Linda's Professional Styling, Jeannett's Art & Design, The Indian Shop, Friends & Neighbors, Merle Norman Hair Design & Trends, Tule Creek Antique Mall. Beginning at 6:00, the Ministerial Alliance will present the Liv-

Notice of Public Hearing

The City of Silverton will hold two public hearings in regards to a proposed junk vehicle ordinance. The first public hearing will be held on Thursday, December 1, 2005, at 7:00 p.m. in the City Bank Pioneer Room. The second public hearing will be held December 8, 2005 in the City Bank Pioneer Room. A copy of the ordinance can be picked up at the Silverton City Hall, 409 Broadway Street. The proposed junk vehicle ordinance may be considered for adoption at the December 12th regular meeting of the Silverton City Council. 47-3tc

Upcoming Meetings

Second Monday of each month-County Commissioners meet at 10:00 a.m. in the County Courtroom; City Council meets at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall
 Second Tuesday of each month-Silverton Chamber of Commerce, 7:00 p.m., Pioneer Room at City Bank-Silverton; Silverton School Board, boardroom, 8:00 p.m.
 First and third Thursdays of each month-Silverton Fire Department, 7:00 p.m., City Hall
 Fourth Thursday of each month-Briscoe County Activities Association, 7:00 p.m., Showbarn in Silverton.

Parable of the Spoons

A holy man was having a conversation with the Lord one day and said, "Lord, I would like to know what Heaven and Hell are like."

The Lord led the holy man to two doors.

He opened one of the doors and the holy man looked in. In the middle of the room was a large round table. In the middle of the table was a large pot of stew which smelled delicious and made the holy man's mouth water.

The people sitting around the table were thin and sickly. They appeared to be famished. They were holding spoons with very long handles and each found it possible to reach into the pot of stew and take a spoonful, but because the handle was longer than their arms, they could not get the spoons back into their mouths.

The holy man shuddered at the sight of their misery and suffering. The Lord said, "You have seen Hell."

They went to the next room and opened the door. It was exactly the same as the first one. There was the large round table with the large pot of stew which made the holy man's mouth water. The people were equipped with the same long-handled spoons, but here the people were well nourished and plump, laughing and talking.

The holy man said, "I don't understand."

"It is simple," said the Lord, "it requires but one skill. You see, they have learned to feed each other while the greedy think only of themselves."

Rock Creek Church of Christ
 Sunday 10:30 a.m.-6:00 p.m. Wednesday 8:00 p.m.

WEATHER

Recorded at 6:00 a.m.
 During November 2005

	High	Low	Precip.
1	61	33	
2	75	34	
3	78	39	
4	86	43	
5	82	44	
6	81	34	
7	79	37	
8	83	44	
9	83	45	
10	60	30	
11	71	29	
12	79	38	
13	77	38	
14	59	30	
15	76	31	
16	46	14	
17	49	13	
18	59	24	
19	57	22	
20	54	25	
21	59	27	
22	68	28	
23	76	27	
24	77	29	
25	65	30	
26	63	33	
27	73	34	
28	51	24	.05
29	49	20	
Total November Precip.			.05
Normal November Precip.			.71
Normal Precip. to date			20.54
Precip. Rec'd to date			22.48

ing Nativity that was so popular last year. Santa Claus will arrive in Tulia at 6:30 on a fire truck and visit with children at the Courthouse Gazebo.

Caprock SWCD Taking Orders For Windbreak Trees

Caprock Soil and Water Conservation District is currently taking orders for windbreak trees. Tree seedlings will be offered from Texas Forest Service. Orders will be taken for larger trees as well. Container-grown fruit trees are now available for order. Caprock SWCD also sells drip supplies for optimum care of your trees. A minimum order is required on the seedlings 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.

Newfoundland and Labrador are on Newfoundland time, which is one-half hour ahead of Atlantic time in eastern Canada and 1 1/2 hours ahead of Eastern time.

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It's Time to Put Your Family Names On the Christmas Greeting Page

Century of Progress Study Club will sponsor the Christmas Greeting Page in the Briscoe County News, and invites your family to take part in this by donating the money you would have spent mailing Christmas cards locally.

Organizations chosen to share the proceeds from the project will include Silverton Volunteer Fire Department, Silverton Public Library and Silverton Volunteer Ambulance Service.

The Christmas Greeting Page will be a feature of the last issue of the Briscoe County News printed before Christmas. Deadline for getting your name on the page is December 6.

Please print your name below as you would like for it to appear on the greeting page, and mail along with your donation to: CENTURY OF PROGRESS STUDY CLUB

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Faye Rampley
 Annell Davis
 Loretha Rhoderick

Norma Vaughan
 Jackie Mercer

Name For Greeting Page _____
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LOOKING BACK

through the files of the
Briscoe County News

November 7, 1996-Michael David Reagan, Leona Trista Davis and Brandon Michael Sarchet named to Junior Banking Board of Directors sponsored by First State Bank in Silverton . . . Bill Smith campaigned as a write-in for the position of Briscoe County Attorney and received 615 votes in Tuesday's General Election. He carried all the election precincts. He was opposed by another write-in candidate, Kelly K. Dunbar, who polled 161 votes . . . Owls end game with Amherst under mercy rule, 54-8 . . . Junior High Owls defeat Amherst 50-18 . . . School secretaries took part in costume day last week. They are Jealeta Baird and Ramona Martin. Mrs. Baird is secretary to Superintendent Frank Kirchoffner and Mrs. Martin is secretary to Principal Sheryl Weaver . . .

November 27, 1986-Jimmie Estes was in stable condition late Saturday at Central Plains Hospital in Plainview with injuries she received when a grain truck collided with her automobile nine miles northeast of Plainview about 1:00 p.m. Saturday . . . Cortney Hill has been undergoing some tests recently. The family will be going to Dallas December 15 for her checkup and regulation of her medication . . . Services conducted here for Stella Davis, 91 . . . Varsity Owlettes take big 67-21 victory from Patton Springs . . . 4-H Food Show winners are Amy Ramsey, Penni Fogerson, Julie Towe, Julie Ross, Bubba Powell, Patrick O'Neal, Josh Brooks, Jeremiah Brooks, Christa Tucker, Amy Payne and Celeste Sperry . . . Kirk Saul, Valley High School quarterback, passed himself into the national schoolboy record books as the Patriots defeated the Bronte Longhorns for the bi-district championship at Post last Friday night. Saul passed for 357 yards and four touchdowns, capturing the national record for single-season TD passes in the process . . .

December 2, 1976-Silverton Volunteer Firemen were called to the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Holt Friday, where a fire was contained in the bathroom . . . Don Garrison was named a member of the DeKalb Yieldmasters Club for producing 6346.41 pounds of sorghum per acre in 1976 . . . Weather hearings postponed; people to vote on weather modification and control activities . . . Lori Francis House won top honors in the se-

nior division of the district "Make It Yourself With Wool" contest held in Lubbock Saturday . . . Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Nance will be spending two months in Africa with Mr. and Mrs. Jack Hutton, missionaries . . . Mr. and Mrs. Bern May spent Thanksgiving at Denison with her brother and sisters and their families . . . Mr. and Mrs. Kerry Sim Reeves are the parents of a son, Kellas Austin . . . Mr. and Mrs. Johnney Turner are parents of a daughter, Heather Ann . . . Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Hester are parents of a daughter, Jennifer Adrienne . . .

December 1, 1966-Van May, Randy Hughes, Harvey Masey and Buddy Comer were named as members of the 2-A All-District football team . . . Debbie and Dudley McMinn spent the weekend with their father, Travis McMinn, and their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Bud McMinn . . . Danny Thompson was a patient in Swisher Memorial Hospital recently . . . Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Nance honored on silver wedding anniversary . . . Mrs. T. G. Olive was a patient in Lockney General Hospital several days last week, and returned home Saturday . . . Mr. and Mrs. Walter Bean, Kyle, Brent and Casey spent Thanksgiving with Mr. and Mrs. Lyndon Dunn and children at Lenorah . . . Mrs. H. C. Mercer was a patient in an Amarillo hospital early last week . . . Mr. and Mrs. Wayland Fitzgerald have been business visitors in Ada, Oklahoma . . . Sandra Watters, a student at WTSU, spent the holiday vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dud Watters . . . J. R. Steele spent the holiday vacation in Dallas visiting a nephew, Mr. and Mrs. Dwain Steele and family, and Mr. and Mrs. Grady Martin, Rick and Lynette . . . Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Sweek and Rhonda spent the Thanksgiving holidays in Mineral Wells with his mother, Mrs. J. B. Sweek, and other relatives . . .

December 27, 1956-Alonzo Barham, 50, of Flomot suffered a compound fracture of the left leg Saturday night when he was hit by a car while attempting to hitch a ride. The accident occurred on Highway 86, west of Silverton . . . J. C. Morton, 80, father of Mmes. Lee D. Bomar, Wayne Crawford and Don Alexander, passed away Monday, December 24 . . . President John H. Burson called the meeting to order and Eldon O'Neal led the Pledge, Motto and a few songs at the Senior 4-H meeting December 19 . . . Gene Hardin, L.

E. Paige, Mr. and Mrs. Dean McWilliams, Patsy Jean Crass and Clayton Dale Elkins, students at Texas Tech, are spending the Christmas vacation here with their parents and friends . . . Shirley Elms, Janice and Janet Turner, Dwain Wilmeth, Patsy Brannon, Joe Wayne Brooks, Charles Wayne Mayfield, Mike Reid and Jimmy Baird, students at WTSC, are spending the Christmas vacation at home . . . Mr. and Mrs. Rex Dickerson are parents of a daughter, Julia Jane . . . Miss Bonnie Watters, a teacher in the public schools of Williams, Arizona, arrived here for the Christmas vacation Saturday. She is a guest of her father, Walter Watters, and her sisters, Mrs. Gene Morris and Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Dickerson, other relatives and friends . . . Mr. and Mrs. Doug Coleman spent Christmas here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lem Weaver . . .

November 26, 1936-Mrs. Opal Parker and Mr. Herbert North were married Sunday, November 22, in Plainview . . . Miss Frances Buchanan, attractive daughter of Mrs. Buchanan of Silverton, and Joe B. Maynor, son of Mrs. Morris Maynor of this city, were married Saturday evening . . . Pat Pavlicek and Jim Cline were visiting in Floydada and Plainview Sunday . . . Mr. and Mrs. Fulton Gregg of the Lakeview community visited in the L. A. Tibbets home Sunday . . . Buster Dickerson is now working at the Taegell Garage in Plainview . . . Fred Biffle and two friends from Amarillo were here Sunday visiting with his mother and enjoying a little hunting excursion . . . Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Francis are driving a new Buick sedan . . . Wilma Lee Francis visited Winona Faye Brown Sunday . . . Mrs. C. W. Graves returned home Saturday after a two-week stay in the Memphis hospital . . .

November 26, 1925-Thelma Nix, daughter of G. A. Nix, local blacksmith, left Silverton a little more than a year ago to go to Globe, Arizona, where she had employment in a restaurant. Until last Saturday, Mr. Nix had not heard from his daughter . . . Saturday night the Junior girls and part of the Seniors went to a slumber party at Miss Anna Burson's. Lunch was served at midnight and breakfast was served at nine. The girls present were Misses Dickerson, Pyeatt, Morgan, Bomar, Cloyd, Jackson, Crawford, Coffey, Frieze and Burson . . . Robert Crouthers of Crouthers Cash Store is announcing a big special sale in this issue of the News . . . J. F. Cowsar of Knox County, who has bought a lease on the P. A. Jones place, arrived here Monday with his household effects . . . Miss Jessie Cox,

Happy Birthday-

December 1-Bailey Jordan Bounds, Estella Trevino, Norma Jones, Christi McWaters
December 2-Brenda Gaskins, Jena McFall, Cameron Stephens
December 3-Fernando Patino, Beryl Long, Penny Carpenter
December 4-Desiree Star Casillas, Lori Griffin, Elsie Cornett, Jimmy D. Stone, Rick Beesinger
December 5-Anita Ramsey
December 6-Ethan Long, Robert Cole Burson, Donaleta Garrison, Perry Brunson, Rose Mary Perkins, Roy Wood, Leland Wood, Carol Braddock
December 7-Jamie Frizzell, Dee McWilliams, Michael Rampley, Joshua Wade Bounds

Happy Anniversary-

December 1-Mr. and Mrs. Danny Perkins, Mr. and Mrs. Doug Turner
December 3-Mr. and Mrs. Ted Kingery
December 7-Mr. and Mrs. Jeff George, Mr. and Mrs. Duane Reynolds

who has been living with the A. A. Turner family, was married to Mr. Hillary Sanders of Amarillo, Tuesday . . .

Silverton School Lunch Menu

Monday, Dec. 5-Chili Cheese Fries, Pork & Beans, Carrot Sticks, Brownie, Milk
Tuesday, Dec. 6-Riobrut, Aadsl, Phesi, Eheecs, Ohtuseac, Ritfu, Limk
Wednesday, Dec. 7-Chili Con Carne, Toasted Cheese Sandwich, Crackers, Fruit, Milk
Thursday, Dec. 8-Barbecued Wieners, Mashed Potatoes, Corn, Rolls, Butter, Honey, Milk
Friday, Dec. 9-Hamburger, Cheese, Salad, Fries, Pudding, Milk


Silverton School Activities

December 1-3-New Home Varsity Tournament
December 8-10-Whitharral Varsity Tournament


Sandra Day O'Conner, the first woman appointed to the U. S. Supreme Court, was sworn in as an associate justice in 1981.

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Sample Ordinance

An Ordinance To Protect The Public Health and Promote The Public Welfare Of The City of Silverton, Texas, By Prohibiting Junked Vehicles

WHEREAS, it is deemed by the City Council of the City of Silverton, Texas, that a junked vehicle that is located in a place where it is visible from a public place of public right-of-way is detrimental to the safety and welfare of the general public, tends to reduce the value of private property, and invites vandalism, creates fire hazards, constitutes an unattractive nuisance creating a hazard to the health and safety of minors, and is detrimental to the economic welfare of the state by producing urban blight adverse to maintenance and continuing development of the municipalities in the state, and is a public nuisance.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Silverton, Texas:

Section 1. That it is unlawful for any person to maintain a public nuisance as determined under this ordinance.

Section 2. "Junked vehicle" means a motor vehicle as defined in Section 621.001 of the Texas Transportation Code, as amended:

- A. that is inoperative, and
- B. that does not have lawfully affixed to it either an unexpired license plate or a valid Motor Vehicle Safety Inspection Certificate, that is wrecked, dismantled, par-

tially dismantled, or discarded, or that remains inoperable for a continuous period of more than 45 days.

Section 3. The following procedures are hereby adopted for the abatement and removal of a junked vehicle or a part of a junked vehicle as a public nuisance from private property, that it must be removed and abated within 10 days and that a request for a hearing must be made before expiration of the 10-day period. The notice must be mailed, by certified mail with a 5 day return requested, to the last known owner of the junked motor vehicle, and lien holder of record, and the owner or occupant of the private premises upon which the public nuisance exists. If any notice is returned undelivered by the United States Post Office, official action to abate the nuisance shall be continued to a date not less than 10 days after the date of the return.

Section 4. For a nuisance on public property, the procedures consist of not less than 10 days notice, stating the nature of the public nuisance on public property or on a public right-of-way, that the nuisance must be removed and abated within 10 days, and that a request for a hearing must be made before expiration of the 10-day period. The notice must be mailed, by certified mail with a 5 day return requested, to the last known registered owner of this junked motor vehicle, any lien holder of record, and the owner or occupant of the public right-of-way on

which the public nuisance exists. If the notice is returned undelivered by the United States Post Office, official action to abate the nuisance shall be continued to a date not less than 10 days after the date of the return.

Section 5. After the expiration of the 10-day period described above, if there has been no request for hearing, the City may remove and abate the nuisance. The costs and expenses incurred by the City may be charged to the person, firm or entity responsible for causing the nuisance.

Section 6. A vehicle may not be reconstructed or made operative after it has been removed in accordance with the foregoing procedures.

Section 7. If requested, a public hearing must be held before the removal of the vehicle or vehicle part as a public nuisance. The hearing shall be held before the governing body of the City, if the owner or occupant of the public or private premises requests a hearing by the owner or occupant of the premises adjacent to the public right-of-way on which the vehicle is located, within 10 days after service of the notice to abate the nuisance. A resolution or order requiring the removal of a vehicle or vehicle part must include a description of the vehicle and the correct identification number and license number of the vehicle if the information is available at the site.

Section 8. Notice must also be given to the State Department of Highways and Public Transportation not later than the 5th day after the date of the removal. The notice must identify the vehicle or vehicle part.

Section 9. A person authorized by the City to administer the procedures authorized by this ordinance may enter private property for the purposes specified in the procedures to examine a vehicle or vehicle part, obtain information as to the identity of the vehicle, and remove or cause the removal of a vehicle part that constitutes a nuisance.

Section 10. Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary contained herein, the procedures for removal and abatement of a public nuisance must comply with Chapter 391 of the Texas Transportation Code, as amended.

Section 11. Any person, firm or entity who shall violate any of the provisions of this ordinance shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction shall be fined in a sum not exceeding \$200.00, and each and every days violations shall constitute a separate and distinct offense. On conviction, the Court shall order removal and abatement of the nuisance.

TxDOT To Hold Workshop Dec. 6

Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) officials are seeking candidate projects for the State-wide Transportation Enhancement Program, which provides funding to cities and counties for projects with a relationship to the surface transportation system. A workshop for interested community leaders will be held at the TxDOT District Office in Childress, 7599 U.S. 287 on December 6, starting at 1:30 p.m. At this workshop, TxDOT officials will be able to answer questions concerning specific projects, provide assistance on what type of language is best suited for this project and assist in filling out the application. Previous program calls have funded the restoration of the railroad depot in Quanah; construction of the Childress Walking Trail and the restoration of the 501 Engine in Childress; restoration of the U-Drop Inn in Shamrock; restoration of the railroad depot at the Saints Roost Museum in Clarendon; improvements at the railroad depot in Paducah as a museum; restoration of the railroad depot in Roaring Springs; a walking trail in Knox City and the Rails to Trails from Estelline to the South Plains, an equestrian, hiking and biking trail.

The new federal highway legislation, entitled Safe, Accountable, Flexible and Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU) has funding for non-traditional, transportation-related activities that have a relationship to the surface transportation system.

TxDOT's goal for the program is to encourage different kinds of transportation investment, strengthen partnerships between state and local governments, and promote citizen involvement in transportation decisions.

Approved projects will receive funding on a cost reimbursement

Section 12. The invalidity of any section or provision of this ordinance shall not invalidate other sections or provisions hereof.

Section 13. This ordinance is made accumulative to all other ordinances and shall not be construed as repealing any ordinance.

Section 14. This ordinance shall be in full force and effective from and after its passage and publication as provided by law.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS ___ day of _____, 2005.

Lane B. Garvin
Mayor, City of Silverton
ATTEST
Jerry Patton,
City of Silverton, Secretary

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Guinn and Pat Fitzgerald 1956

Couple to Celebrate Fiftieth Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Guinn Fitzgerald will be celebrating their fiftieth wedding anniversary on December 8th. They were married in the home of her parents, Lee D. and Jessie Bomar, by Bro. G. A. Elrod. They have four daughters, Nannette Kennedy and husband, Rodger, of Abilene; Suzette Nistler and husband, Ron, of Amarillo; Kimberly Oldham and husband, Clifford, of Shamrock, and DeLynn Fitzgerald of Amarillo.

They have six grandchildren, Russ Kennedy and wife, Angela, Korey Kennedy, Amanda Kennedy, Brian Nistler, Amber Oldham and Zack Fitzgerald.

The Fitzgerald girls would like to ask friends and family to help them celebrate this special time by sending a card or letter to their parents. Their address is: 9256 Hwy. 86, Silverton, Texas 79257.



The ancient Greeks named the Arctic region for a constellation that they called Arktos (the bear).



Cornelius Van de Steeg of Perry, Iowa was a practicing lawyer until the age of 101.

basis. The funding does not constitute a grant. Enhancement projects are eligible for reimbursement for up to 80% of allowable costs. The entity nominating a project is responsible for the remaining cost share, including all cost overruns.

The program calls for the submission of candidate enhancement projects to begin on Nov. 1 and will end on April 28, 2006.

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Margaret Ann Gentry Kaegi,
if deceased;

All of the Southwest One-quarter (SW/4) of Section Sixty-One (61), in Block B-1, Certificate No. 1/753, issued to Beaty, Seale and Forwood, Abstract 85, patented to John Jay French, Assignee, on August 4, 1880, Patent No. 462, Volume 32, Briscoe County, Texas; and if Margaret Ann Gentry Kaegi is dead, the heirs and legal representatives of said named Defendant, and the unknown heirs and legal representatives of said named Defendant, if living, and if dead, the legal representatives of the unknown heirs of each of said named Defendant; and the unknown heirs of the unknown heirs of said named Defendant, if living, and if dead, then the heirs and legal representatives of the unknown heirs of the unknown heirs of said named Defendant, GREETINGS:

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the Judicial District Court of Briscoe County, Texas at the Courthouse thereof in Silverton, Texas by filing a written answer, at or before 10:00 a.m. on the first Monday after the expiration of forty-two (42) days from the date of the issuances of this citation, same being the 9th day of January 2006, to Plaintiffs' First Amended Original in Trespass to Try Title Suit, filed in this Court on the 28th day of September 2005, in this cause numbered 3121 on the docket of said Court and styled Robert A. Gentry and B. Davis Gentry, Administrator of the Estate of Bruce E. Gentry, Jr. v. Glenda Kay Gentry, Loyce Wanda Gentry, Dianne Lynn Gentry Prather and Margaret Ann Gentry Kaegi.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit:

A trespass to try title suit in which Plaintiffs for cause of action would respectfully show the Court the following, to-wit:

BRUCE E. GENTRY, JR. and ROBERT A. GENTRY own an undivided three-quarter interest and Defendants own as cotenants an undivided one-quarter interest in the following land in Briscoe County, Texas:

All of the Southwest One-quarter (SW/4) of Section Sixty-One (61), in Block B-1, Certificate No. 1/753, issued to Beaty, Seale and Forwood, Abstract 85, patented to John Jay French, Assignee, on August 4, 1880, Patent No. 462, Volume 32, Briscoe County, Texas.

On March 27, 1973, BRUCE E. GENTRY, JR. and ROBERT S. GENTRY obtained exclusive possession of the land by repudiating the title of Defendants and holding adversely by the conveyance of the entire tract of land through warranty deed from Ella Gentry to Bruce E. Gentry, Jr. and Robert S. Gentry. Notice of Plaintiffs' repudiation of cotenancy by Plaintiffs' possession coupled with the warranty deed from Ella Gentry which amounted to a conveyance of a portion of that claimed by Defendants, is of such unequivocal notoriety as to convey to Defendants or their predecessors notice of the adverse claim. Since March 27, 1973, Bruce E. Gentry, Jr. and Robert A. Gentry have occupied the entire tract personally and have claimed full ownership and the right to exclusive possession of the premises. Plaintiffs pray for judgment and possession of said land, and for other and further relief to which they are entitled as is more fully shown by Plaintiffs' petition on file in said suit. That Plaintiffs further own the above described tract of land under the 10 and 25 year statutes of limitations, and that title to the above tract of land is presumed to be in Plaintiffs, respectively, as alleged, as a result of peaceable and adverse possession under duly recorded deeds and claims of right and payment of taxes on said property, respectively.

You have been sued. You may employ an attorney. If you or your attorney do not file a written answer with the clerk who issued this citation by 10:00 a.m. on the Monday next following the expiration of forty-two (42) days after the date of issuance of this citation and petition, a default judgment may be taken against you.

The officer executing this writ shall promptly serve the same according to requirements of law, and the mandates thereof, and make due return as the law directs. The name of Plaintiffs' attorney and his address are Andy Aycock, FIELD, MANNING, STONE, HAWTHORNE & AYCOCK, P. C., 2112 Indiana Avenue, Lubbock, Texas 79410.

Issued and given under my hand and seal of said Court of Silverton, Briscoe County, Texas, this the 21st day of November 2005.

BENA HESTER,
Clerk of the District Court
Briscoe County, Texas
P. O. Box 555
Silverton, Texas 79257
By: /s/ Bena Hester

48-4tc

From the Bird's Nest

by Jerry Birdsong
Superintendent
Silverton ISD

**DELAYED FROM
LAST WEEK**

We have made it--the holiday is upon us. Since Labor Day, Silverton ISD faculty and students have worked tirelessly over the past 56 days. We have had open house, football games, basketball games, UIL academic competitions, fall festival and many other school-related events. The students have worked diligently in the classroom to prepare for the spring state-mandated test along with learning many other skills that will give them the opportunity to have a better life. These days off will be a great opportunity to recharge some batteries.

I recently attended the TASB/TASA convention in Dallas and had the opportunity to listen to Dr. Shirley Neeley, the Texas Commissioner of Education and Dr. Raymund Paredes, Texas Commissioner of Higher Education. There were a couple of themes in their presentation that caused me to pause. One was the impact of reading and interacting with babies and toddlers prior to their entry into the public education system. They stressed that reading to your babies builds vocabulary and provides them an opportunity to be successful in school. School readiness translates into later school successes.

The second theme centered on preparing all students to attend college. When I was a high school principal, I felt my job was to get them a high school diploma. What they did after that was up to them. But the more I have been fortunate enough to have college degrees and a professional position in society, I can still choose to work a labor-intensive occupation. Many good decent hardworking folks have chosen that route. But without education, choices can be limited. We should encourage and maybe even expect our young people to further their education, so they can keep their choices open as long as possible.

The football season came to a tearful end in Lazbuddie a couple of weeks ago. It was great to see a bunch of seniors passionate about a sport that they love. Their efforts were meaningful and emotion is a part of the game. The Owls may not have reached all of their goals for the season, but it was a great season and the boys did a great job of representing their school and community. With winning records in at the junior varsity and junior high levels, we are on the way to having

a run of winning seasons.

Basketball is going full speed ahead. At the time of press deadlines, the Owls were off to a 2-0 start, while the youthful Lady Owls had played their first four games on the road with mixed results. Basketball brings a different kind of intensity in a confined setting. Last year's NBA brawls is a great example of something out of sync. High school and junior high games are played by high school and junior high students. We are encouraging our students to show good sportsmanship--to be positive in their support of the Lady Owls and Owls and hopefully we can leave some of the yelling at referees and chastising the other school's players at home.

We fed 317 people at our Thanksgiving lunch last Thursday on nearly 12 plump turkeys. The Thanksgiving meal is always a special day at Silverton ISD. The students enjoy eating a meal with the community and as always, the third-grade pen pals were a hit. Ruby Lee and cafeteria ladies prepared an awesome meal. If you didn't get a chance to eat with some of our young people this time, you are welcome to join us at another time.

The Veteran's Day assembly was another great event for our student body and the community. Freedom is not free and it is good for our kids to remember that someone sacrificed for them.

We recently hosted the Elementary/Junior High UIL Academic competition. A lot of time went into preparing our kids for the competition. Because of their effort we placed 89 times in various events, including 14 district championships. Thanks to Mrs. Weaver for the time she put into organizing the many contests and other duties that went along with the competition. With all hands on deck--from hospitality rooms to custodial care to extended cafeteria operations--everyone was part of the successful day.

The board and I are continuing to work on our performance contract with Digital Air. The process has slowed just a bit as we work through details of the project and try to get vendors in to look at the work that we are proposing. We want to make sure that we are thorough and get the best bang for our buck.

I was touched by a letter to the editor in the Globe-News written concerning God's place in our public schools. I was even more proud when I read the writer was none other but one of ours. I am thankful that we live in a country that will allow a man to speak his mind and in a country that we through

Obituary**SIMONA FLORES**

Services for Simona Flores, 84, of Plainview were conducted at 2:00 p.m. Wednesday, November 23, 2005, at St. Theresa Catholic Church in Hale Center with the Rev. John Smith officiating. Burial was in Hale Center Cemetery by Bartley Funeral Home of Plainview.

Mrs. Flores died Monday, November 21, 2005.

Born October 28, 1921, in Palestine, she married Alfredo Flores in 1941 in Palestine.

Survivors include five sons, Paul Flores of Dimmitt, Alfred Flores, jr., Juan Flores and Ramon Flores, all of Plainview, and Joe Angel Flores of Lubbock; seven daughters, Catarina Quintero of McAllen, Anita Castillo and Carolina Flores, both of Plainview, Rosa Linda Vargas of Silverton, Beatrice of Lubbock, Sylvia Guerrero and Teresa Gerhardt, both of Hale Center; 58 grandchildren; 67 great-grandchildren, and four great-great-grandchildren.

Did You Know?

One family pastime that's gaining in popularity is Game Night. Not only are board games a fun way to interact as a family, but they're an inexpensive form of entertainment that gets everyone involved. One example is the Cranium Family Fun Game, which packs in loads of new, innovative activities in less than 40 minutes. The creative challenges encourage players, young and old, to have their moment in the spotlight, build self-esteem and laugh out loud. To learn more, visit www.cranium.com/fun.

Families should periodically re-evaluate their insurance protection as their responsibilities change over time, advise the experts at Mutual of Omaha. For more information, visit www.mutualofomaha.com.

About nine percent of the American population was born in another country.

our actions can be examples in accordance to our beliefs. I think most people would rather see a sermon than hear one.

As I reflect on Thanksgiving, we have many things to be thankful for. We are blessed with a great community, our school district is excellent, and our kids are second to none. We sometimes get caught up in the trivial, but in the big picture, our lives are blessed to live in a country filled with opportunities. We do face crisis from time to time, but we always seem to be taken care of. Thank God for Silverton, Texas.

Owls Off to a Good Start on Season

The Owls, Lady Owls and Owl Junior Varsity teams opened their basketball season on November 15 at Amherst.

The Lady Owls were led in scoring by Haylee Simpson, who caged 18 points, and Kelsi Birdsong, who added 10. Others scoring were Trichelle Ramirez, seven; Brittany Tiffin, six; Carina Vasquez and Shandy Forbes, two points each.

Lady Owls 13 19 33 45
Amherst 21 43 57 70

The Junior Varsity Owls played to a big 57-19 victory over Amherst. Cord Griffin led the offense with 13 points. Also scoring in double figures was Zak Perkins,

11. Also scoring were Kanon McGee, nine; Shane Estes, eight; True Burson and Reese Scarborough, six points each; Josh Garcia and Landon Fisher, two points each.

Owl JV 13 26 41 57
Amherst 2 5 14 19

At halftime of their game, the Owls had enough points to win the game and went on to put 102 points in the basket before the final buzzer. Gid Mayfield led the offense with 31 points, followed by Drew Reed, 16; Jesse Reynolds, 12; Cooper Cogdell, 10. Also scoring were Jon Garcia, seven; Ory Johnson, five; Dusty

Burson, Shawn Johnson and Jacob Francis, four points each; Joshua Maciel, Tanner Young and Yance Forbes, three points each.

Owls 29 54 82 102
Amherst 8 18 26 39

The next series of games was played November 18 at Patton Springs.

Brittany Tiffin led the scoring with 15 points, followed by Haylee Simpson, 14; Kelsi Birdsong, 13, and Shandy Forbes, 10. Adding to the score were Trichelle Ramirez, six, and Townlii Ziegler, four.

Lady Owls 11 37 51 62
Patton Springs 11 25 40 63

The Junior Varsity Lady Owls played to a 21-19 victory over Patton Springs. Scoring were

Abby Reyna, seven; Babara Ahearn, six; Camisha Wilson, four; Lydia DeLeon, three, and Nichole Schott, one point.

Lady Owl JV 8 9 17 21
Patton Springs 4 6 7 19

Scoring in double figures for the Owls at Patton Springs were Mayfield, 30; Reynolds, 17; Garcia, 10. Adding to the score were Ory Johnson, nine; Francis and Maciel, four points each; Burson, three; Young and Cogdell, two points each; Reed, Forbes and Shawn Johnson, one point each.

Owls 24 46 58 84
Patton Springs 18 30 38 46

Next games for the varsity Owls and Lady Owls will be in a tournament at New Home December 1-3, and for the varsity and junior varsity teams at Lazbuddie on December 6.

JUNIOR HIGH TEAMS PLAY GAMES AT TRINITY FELLOWSHIP

Scoring for the Junior High Lady Owls at Trinity Fellowship was by Wendy Garcia, six; Kaitlan Reagan and Marchell Curry, two points each.

J. H. Lady Owls 0 6 8 10
Trinity Fellowship 10 16 41 49

Scoring for the Junior High Owls at Trinity Fellowship were Brooks Brock, 10; Weston Howell, four, and Skyler Beesinger, two.

J. H. Owls 2 6 12 16
Trinity Fellowship 6 11 18 31

Next games for the Junior High teams will be December 5 at home with Groom.



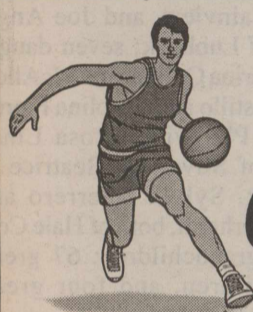
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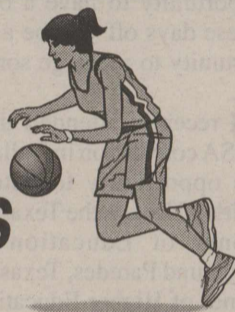
Experiment Station scientists are testing subsurface drip irrigation systems. They are comparing systems to see how lower-cost designs affect water distribution, crop performance, and total yields.

Earlier tests have shown that subsurface systems maximize water use efficiency, boost crop yields, and require less labor. But, these systems cost more to install. Since 2001, scientists have been testing to see if lower design standards can also provide high yields, but minimize the cost of installation. Preliminary results show that while water distribution is less even, standards can be lowered without affecting overall yield.

A recent Extension study can assist wildlife managers in selecting supplemental feed. Dr. Susan Cooper found a way to effectively monitor deer consumption in the wild. Using retail security technology, she linked a motion-activated video to a waterproof scale with a bowl of supplemental feed. The video recorded every animal that ate from the bowl, how much time it spent, and its rate of consumption. Research provided information about deer consumption, what supplement feeds they prefer, and how much food was eaten by other animals. For research results and further information, visit agnews.tamu.edu.



Good Luck To The Owls and Lady Owls



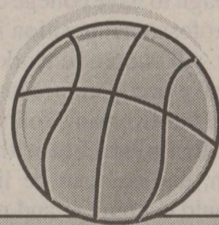
HIGH SCHOOL GAMES

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In many instances trusting in God, and being yourself, may be all that is needed to be respected and successful. God doesn't want us to be lazy, and He does expect us to do our best; but accepting our potential, and not jeopardizing our moral standards are important.

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