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## Chief Appraiser says state laws required reappraisal

The Runnels County Appraisal District office has been besieged with phone calls and visits from property owners since the mail-out of value notices week before last. Chief Appraiser Sandee Giles says the reappraisal was required to bring Runnels County into compliance with several state laws. She also says there were some honest mistakes in values mailed out to property owners.

"We are only human and have made some mistakes in keying in data on property, but we have tried and will continue to try to correct any mistakes we may have made," she said.

As for the increases in values of property in most cases, Mrs. Giles says "the Texas Property Tax Code requires all property to be reappraised at least once every three years. The reappraisal in Runnels County was needed to solve several problems, including property previously left off the appraisal roll, some values which were very unequal and some values very low."

Some types of property have been under-appraised for many years, meaning some have been paying less than their share of taxes. This reappraisal was required by both the Texas Prop-

erty Tax Code and the Texas Education Code. The Tax Code requires the State Property Tax Board in Austin to audit an appraisal district's operation when their values become too low and equality poor.

Giles said "we narrowly escaped being audited this year, due to last year's values being so bad. This audit would have cost the taxpayers approximately \$25,000." Even though the real estate market has been in a downward trend, some property value increased because it was previously under appraised.

The objective of all appraisal districts is to estimate market value of all property within the county. This market value standard means all property owners will be taxed equally. Giles went on to say it is important to remember that the school district's state funding is based on the quality of appraisals. The lower the quality of the appraisal, the less state money the school district will receive, and consequently the higher the school tax rate to offset this loss.

"Most residential property stayed close to last year's value. Some adjustments were made to house values so that similar houses

would have similar values. Commercial property increased more than any other type of property in the county," said Giles. She also added that "the commercial property had been under-appraised for several years."

After the reappraisal, the total property value of the county increased only about one percent. "This means that even though some property went up in value from last year, many property values went down," stated Giles.

Mrs. Giles said "anyone wanting an explanation or a review of their value should call or come by the appraisal district office. All citizens have the right to know how we arrived at their property's value."

If property owners are still not satisfied after reviewing the records with the appraisal district staff, they will be scheduled for a hearing with the Appraisal Review Board. This board will make the final decision as to the correct value. "Please be aware that the Appraisal Review Board can only act on values, not taxes," said Giles. The amount of tax and tax rates must be addressed to the local government or taxing entity such as county, city or school district.



Tears of sadness and joy could be seen at commencement exercises last Friday night as 49 seniors received their diplomas from Winters High School.

Other highlights of the evening were the naming of Bhavnita Patel and Billy Wallar as recipients of the Jake Joyce Memorial Award, and Billy Frank Belew as recipient of the Pearl Jackson scholarship.



Jumping for joy are these seniors on their last day at WHS.

### Project Graduation - a huge success!



Bodie Collins, WHS graduating senior at far right, doesn't appear very pleased at the outcome of his "investment" at the craps table. Giving advice (from the left) are dealers Coach Jimmy Randolph, school board president Gary Pinkerton, and Coach Chuck Cathey.



Seniors Eric Snuffer (left) and Marc Woffenden (right) receive a hug and a special bag of goodies from Bag Lady (Frances) Bredemeyer, WHS teacher.

### Sales tax check down for City

The City of Winters sales tax rebate payment from the State Comptroller's office was down almost 20% from the same period last year. The rebate received in May reflects sales taxes collected on March sales and reported in April. The April returns also reflect taxes reported by those businesses which file quarterly returns for sales made in January, February and March.

Overall, the sales tax rebates in the state are up more than 10 percent in 1991 when compared to 1990.

Winters received a check for \$17,688.77, compared to last May's rebate of \$21,993.87, or a 19.57% decrease. For the first five months of 1991 payments to the City of Winters total \$73,721.40, compared to 1990's \$67,418.75. This is an increase of 9.35% over last year.

Ballinger's rebate was also down 17.46% for the month compared to last year. Their total sales tax rebate for the year has been \$188,484.46 compared to last year's \$167,475.19 or an increase of 12.54%. The City of Miles sales taxes have remained about even with last year.

Runnels County's sales tax rebate totaled \$26,103.64 compared to 1990's \$31,917.92, down 18.22%. Sales tax collections for the year for the county are down 2.87%.

Merchants collect the state's 6 1/4 percent sales tax and all local sales taxes and send them to the Comptroller's Office with their tax returns. Businesses file returns monthly, quarterly or annually, depending on the amount of sales taxes they collect. The state then retains its share and returns to cities, counties and other taxing entities their local portion of the sales tax.

### Reception for Johnny Bob Smith

The Winters Independent School District Board of Trustees invites the public to a reception honoring Johnny Bob Smith. The reception will be held Sunday, June 9 at the School Administration Office at 603 North Heights Street in Winters from 2:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m.

Smith is retiring as Business Manager and Tax Collector for the school district after 37 years of service.

### Immunization Clinic June 6

The Texas Department of Health will hold an Immunization Clinic on Thursday, June 6 from 9:30 a.m.-12 noon and 1:30 p.m.-3:00 p.m.

Location is in the Professional Building, Suite 108 on Grant Street Entry. For more information call 754-4945 between the hours of 9:00 a.m.-12 noon Monday through Friday.

**Congratulations to Michael Rodriguez Nolte for winning the \$1,000 cash at "Project Graduation!"**

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### Industrial Golf Tournament Sat.

The 25th Annual Industrial-Commercial Golf tournament will be held Saturday, June 1, at the Winters Country Club. Tee-off time is 9 a.m. Entry fee is \$125 per team.

Door prizes will be given away, including new golf clubs donated by Pee Wee and Craig Gehrels, and a round-trip ticket on Southwest Airlines donated by George and Cleo Brown.

Sandwiches and tea will be available for purchase from the Ladies' Golf Association. A limited number of golf carts is available for rent.

Anyone interested in playing, even if playing on the same team as in the past, is asked to call Dickie Clough 754-4640 after 6 p.m. or the Winters Country Club 754-4679.

### Graduation pictures available

The Winters Enterprise has individual graduation pictures available for sale at 104 N. Main.

### \$1000 prize in Bass Classic

The Winters Area Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring the fifth annual Bass Classic to be held at area lakes on Saturday, June 8.

Fishing will be at Elm Creek Reservoir, Hords Creek and Ballinger Lake. Entry forms are available at the Chamber of Commerce office.

Entry fee is \$30 per person. First prize in the contest will be \$1000. Co-sponsor of the tournament is The Reedy Company and lunch will be furnished by Lawrence Bros. IGA of Winters.

### WHAT'S HAPPENING?

- May 30-Senior Citizens Meal
- VA Followup Clinic at Dyess
- June 1-9 a.m. Industrial Golf Tournament, Country Club
- 6 pm WHS Class of '41 to meet at The Shed
- June 2-1:30 pm Cancer Society Memorial Dedication
- Jr. Sr. Miss Texas Farm Bureau & Talent Find Contest
- June 3-Senior Citizens Meal
- WTC courses begin in Winters
- 5:15 Cancer Society Meeting Chamber Office
- VFW Auxiliary to meet
- June 4-6 State 4-H Roundup at A&M
- June 4-Noon Lions Club Community Center
- 5 pm Z.I. Hale Museum meeting-Rock Hotel
- June 5-Senior Citizens Meal
- Deadline to enter Winters Enterprise Coloring Contest
- Noon Chamber Directors to meet
- June 6-Immunization clinic 9:30-12 & 1:30-3
- 6-10 Defensive Driving Course
- June 7-Senior Citizens Meal
- Defensive Driving Course 6-10
- June 8-Bass Classic area lakes 6 am - 4 pm
- WHS Class of '51 Reunion at Country Club
- 6-8 4-H Swim Party Ballinger Park
- Coleman Summer Fest & Cook-off

# OIL BUSINESS

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I found out something the other day that is a little bit alarming considering that I am a petroleum engineer.

It turns out that, according to PBS's "Nova" TV series, all that is required to find oil is a geologist. No one else need be called on to locate and produce this precious resource.

As the narrator said: "...the only thing standing between an unlimited supply of oil in the world and the current finite supply is a yet-unrealized geologist's dream." Somebody's dreaming, alright.

I am sorry but this idea is a tad oversimplified for my tastes. I know it betrays my (and my profession's) relative disdain for geologists, but it is just how I feel.

I am being a little harsh, though. Geologists do fill a role in oil and gas development, especially in exploration wildcatting. Despite our 'disdain', engineers do respect their professional contributions to the petroleum business.

But, you should know that geologists and engineers have always thought each was a little better than the other. Engineers think geologists are scientists who are oblivious to the practical nature of our business, while geologists think engineers are glorified mechanics who should refrain from associating 'scientist or scientific' with anything in our profession.

So, you see, there has always been a mutual lack of respect. What is amazing is how well the two professions have worked together over the years, considering the situation.

But, back to the PBS show. It was mainly trying to enlighten the normal everyday PBS watcher (all 27 of them) who knows little or nothing about the oil patch. It covers a multitude of topics in the same manner, and I have always enjoyed watching it.

But now, I know how the marine biologists or nuclear physicists must feel after seeing his or her profession condensed down to 55 minutes of narrative and pictures. Like the cartoon of atoms being released to generate energy (shown as tiny birds leaving their nest) or the mating of two whales illustrated by two stick-fishing very close together with a mysterious dashed-line connecting them.

These heavy-duty scientists must be sitting at home saying: "Can you believe they are trivializing our 25 years of research on a small boat in the middle of the

Pacific ocean as the 'Discovery of the Dating Habits of the Wallawalla Fish?'"

I was enjoying the show so much I forgot to notice how silly or oversimplified the show could appear.

So, (back to our original subject, finally) it should be obvious to readers of this column that it takes many professionals from pumper to roughneck to secretary to engineer to geologist to find oil and produce it. As high class as a show like "Nova" is, it misses the point when it states "a geologist is the only hope a company has when it begins its search for oil."

If a geologist is our only hope, let's get into the windmill business. (My apologies to all good geologists who have the good sense to know an engineer is more important than any 16 geologists, combined.)

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## HIGHLIGHTS OF AREA DRILLING ACTIVITY COMPLETIONS

**Callahan County**  
Nosivad oil has completed two wells in the Nosivad Field (6 miles NW of Oplin). The Barnard #10 potential at 21 BOPD & 5 BWPD in the Hope Sand (perfs 1796-97) and is loc. 2450 FNL & 1780 FEL of G.W. Denton Sur. 362, A-140. The Barnard #9 potential at 20 BOPD in the Cook Sand (perfs 1739-45) and is loc. 2220 FSL & 2220 FWL of same Sur.

Kasle Energy has completed the Boren #6 in the Seranton Field (3 miles S of Seranton) at an initial rate of 60 BOPD in an unreported zone (perfs 1731-1735). Loc. is 200 FSL & 468 FWL of Blk. 18, A.T. Burnely Sur., A-10.

Dixon Exploration has completed the J.L. Estes #1 in the Callahan County Regular Field (8 miles NW of Clyde) at wildcat 9 miles NE of Bronte (Depth 5925). Loc. is 2235 FNL & 3197 FNL of J. Perez Sur. 431.

Oryx Energy has applied to recompleate two wells in the Jameson Field (Depth 5960). The J.B. Walker #6 (7 miles S of Silver) is 2200 FSWL & 275 FSEL of Sec. 527, Blk. 1, C. Bengendorf Sur., A-24. The C.E. Mathers #3 (4 miles SW of Silver) is loc. 1980 FNL & 1075 FEL of Sec. 459, Blk. 1-A, H&T Sur.

**Coleman County**  
Western Sky has staked the Graves-B-#3 in the Ed&Patsy Field 3 miles E of Silver Valley (Depth 2900). Loc. is 1010 FSL & 2334 FWL of Sec. 31, Blk. 2, GH&H Sur.

**Concho County**  
Bentley & Laing has staked the V. Armour -D- #1A in the SE Speck Field 6 miles SW of Eden (Depth 4000). Loc. is 467 FSL & 467 FEL of Sec. 2, T. Hunt Sur., A-1600.

**Taylor County**  
Beta-Tex Corp. has staked the G. Lindley -C- #1 in the O-B Oils Field (4 miles SW of Potosi (Depth 5000)). Loc. is 630 FSL & 386 FEL of Sec. 1, Blk. 1, SPRR Sur.

an initial rate of 8 BOPD & 26 BWPD in the Lower Tannehill (perfs 1630-37). Loc. is 700 FEL & 2200 FNL of Sec. 64, Blk. 14, T&P Sur., A-1398.

**Coke County**  
Wagman Petroleum has completed the Chadbourne Ranch -431- #2 in the Fort Chadbourne Field (8 miles N of Bronte) at an initial rate of 150 BOPD & 50 BWPD in the Odom (perfs 5540-74). Loc. is 3524 FNL & 3191 FNL of the J. Perez Sur. 431.

**Coleman County**  
Santa Anna Partners LP has completed the D. Evans #1A in the Trickham Field (10 miles S of Santa Anna) at an initial rate of 222 MCFPD (AOF) in the Fry SS (perfs 1316-19). Loc. is 6260 FNL & 5150 FSL of P. Young Sur. 494, A-727.

Plains Petroleum has completed the Novice Unit #8028 in the Novice Field (4 miles NW of Novice) at an initial rate of 5.2 MMCFPD (AOF) in an unreported zone (perfs 3762-80). Loc. is 2614 FEL & 340 FSL of J.R. Stone Sur. #6, A-1126.

**Concho County**  
Wisner oil has completed three wells 5 miles W of Eden. The Jacoby -A- #10 potential at 50 BOPD in the Agartia Field King Sand (perfs 2092-2102) and is loc. 1740 FNL & 1740 FEL of Sec. 71, BS&F Sur., A-95. The Jacoby -B- #6 potential at 80 BOPD in the Lonesome Dove II Field Goen (perfs 3666-92) and is loc. 467 FSL & 467 FWL of same Sec. The Jacoby -B- #4 potential at 40 BOPD in the Agartia Field King Sand (perfs 2090-96) and is loc. 1822 FSL & 1650 FEL of same Sec.

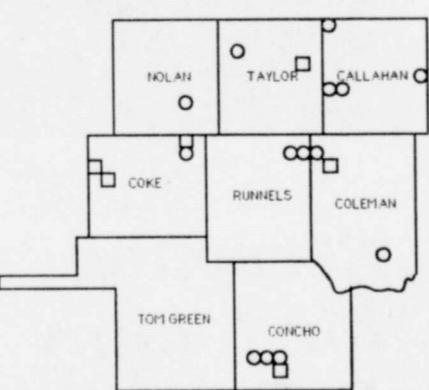
**Nolan County**  
Pro-Gas has completed the TXL -AAA- #1 in the NW Hylton Field (3 miles NW of Hylton) at an initial rate of 24 BOPD in the Canyon Reef (perfs 4479-84). Loc. is 330 FSL & 330 FNL of Sec. 21, Blk. Z, T&P Sur.

**Runnels County**  
MSR Exploration has completed KKK two wells in the Winters Capps Field (4 miles NE of jWinters) in the Capps. The Marks #6 potential at 40 BOPD & 120 BWPD (perfs 3854-66) and is loc. 1790 FSL & 467 FWL of Sec. 327, Blk. 64, H&T Sur., A-302. The White #1 potential at 25 BOPD & 51 BWPD (perfs 3912-20) and is loc. 467 FSL & 467 FWL of Sec. 10, Blk. 64, E.L. Cox Sur., A-1227.

**Taylor County**  
R.A. Beard Operating has completed the S.A. Hoffer #1 in the Taylor County Regular Field (3 miles SE of Trent) at an initial rate of 18 BOPD & 20 BWPD in the Saddle Creek (perfs 2740-46). Loc. is 660 FEL & 700 FNL of Sec. 50, Blk. 19, T&P Sur.

## STAKINGS

**Coke County**  
Adams Branch Exploration has staked the Chadbourne Ranch -431- #1 as a



NEW COMPLETION STAKED

## Ladies Auxiliary of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 9193 to meet

The Ladies Auxiliary to Winters Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 9193 will have their regular meeting Monday, June 3, 1991 in the Post Home at 7:30 p.m.

Members who have continuous membership of 5 to 35 years will be honored at this time with pins for every 5th year. All members are encouraged to attend. Refreshments will be served.



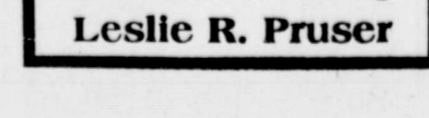
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## Poe's Corner

By Charles Poe

### Winters Bank Robbery Recalled

It has been many years since the Winters State Bank was robbed early one morning. The break-in netted the men a small amount of money and some Liberty bonds that were of no value to them, but they did considerable damage, scattering valuable papers and cutting all the telephone lines into town.

The story has been told and retold through the intervening years, but few details about the capture of these men has been available until recently when my Abilene friend was doing some research and found the story in a March 6, 1919 *Abilene Reporter News*, which she passed on to me. The story follows:

In a pitched battle between four alleged yeggs and a posse of Winters officers in front of the Nazarene Church at Buffalo Gap at 10:45 o'clock Wednesday night, one of the robbers was probably fatally wounded and one officer received a bullet abrasion, but was not seriously injured. The wounded man was taken to Abilene Thursday morning where he died in a local hospital at 2:30 p.m. without making a statement or giving his name. He did say that he was 53 years of age, single, and an Englishman. The dead man had on his person \$31,000 worth of Liberty bonds which carried the names of Winters people. In addition he had two Smith and Wesson .38 calibre pistols, a vial of nitroglycerin, but no identifying papers.

According to information from Buffalo Gap, officers Guy McDonald, Claude Hightower, and Cliff Komegay of Winters went to Buffalo Gap Wednesday night after tracing the men believed to have robbed the Winters bank.

The officers were proceeding down the main street of Buffalo Gap when they saw a car stopped with four men gathered around it. They did not suspect the men as being the ones they were searching for, but stopped to offer a helping hand. It was rejected and

the officers went on their way but soon grew suspicious and returned. The car was a Ford, stolen from Mrs. Fisher, superintendent of the Buffalo Gap Public Schools.

The man who died in the Abilene hospital was the one who opened fire on the officers. His bullet struck Komegay in the side, passing through his clothes, but he wasn't aware he had been hit until he removed his coat. Komegay was quick to return the fire which fatally wounded the assailant. In the exchange of shots that followed the other three men made a break in different directions. One of the men passed through the yard of Mrs. Rysinger, another crossed Elm Creek just west of the Nazarene Church, and another was seen going east. However, it was observed that one of the men still at liberty had been shot and the trio was soon together again.

A posse was quickly formed to search the hills west of Buffalo Gap during the remainder of the night and up to noon Thursday.

One of the men was apprehended south of Merkel at a residence where had applied for breakfast and lodging. He was asleep when arrested. Two revolvers were found, both locked where his blanket was pulled down. There was also a sack filled with cartridges, a pair of pliers and wire cutters. He had \$65 in money and said his name was Harris. He was brought to Abilene and lodged in the county jail although he claimed to have nothing to do with the Winters robbery.

Two men were captured near Sweetwater. They gave their names as Jack Johnson and Willis Newton alias "Skinny Newton." He walked with a limp which led the officers to believe he was one of the men because one had been wounded in the fight at Buffalo Gap. The men were placed in the custody of Sheriff Perkins and were taken by automobile to Ballinger.

Both men were placed in the

Ballinger jail where they escaped by cutting a hole in the ceiling and going out the skylight. No further mention was made of Harris, perhaps there was no evidence to indict him.

The dead man was taken to Dan Laughter Undertaking Company and was being held at the morgue pending authorization from the court as to its disposal. Scores of local people came to view the body. The dead man was of medium height, partly bald, with tinges of grey hair about the temples, had well developed arm muscles and a deep chest, and on his left arm were three separate tattoo marks, one of a sailor body holding the flag of the United States.

Perhaps in an effort to identify the man, his body was shipped to Winters where it stayed for some time before identification was made. Throngs of people here visited the funeral home before the body was sent to Kansas City for burial where he had relatives.

It was later learned that the burglars were members of the Newton gang of Uvalde.

### 2nd Annual Coleman Olm Summer Fest Brisket & Chili Cook-Off Saturday, June 8

The Coleman Our Little Miss will host the 2nd Annual Summer Fest and Cook-Off Saturday, June 8, at the Coleman City Park. There will be lots of fun for the whole family such as games and pony rides for kids, arts & crafts and live entertainment for Mom and a horseshoe pitching tournament or the cook-off for Dad, brisket and/or chili.

Entry fees are \$20 for each entry or \$30 if you enter both. Prizes for the cook-off are as follows: (For each category) 1st - \$50 cash and a trophy, 2nd - \$25 cash and a trophy, 3rd place cook, friendliest cook, and showmanship will receive a trophy.

Flea Market and Arts and Crafts booths will be available for \$15 (no food booths please). Non-profit groups will be able to get booths at no charge.

There will be live entertainment throughout the day so if you would like to entertain please come and join us. There will be concession stands set up and there will be barbeque plates available throughout the day so please bring your lawn chairs and enjoy the day in the shade.

Last year's event was a success because of the local support. This year, it is hoped, will be just as big or bigger. Please contact Donna Coleman at (915) 625-3260 or write 308 E. 2nd, Coleman, TX 76834.

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# WTU requests lower fuel rates

Customers of West Texas Utilities Co. could be paying less for their electric service starting in July if the Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUC) grants the company's request to lower fuel factors. WTU filed the request May 21 as an update to the original fuel filing it made in February.

Gary Moore, WTU's local manager in Winters said "the company is asking for interim factors to be effective in July and fixed factors effective in October. Based on the company's expected cost of fuel this summer, the interim factors produce a decrease, compared to current costs, of 7.8 percent or \$4.42 a month on consumption of 660 kilowatt-hours per month." In October the fixed factors will mean a decrease from today's costs of 2.6 percent (\$1.49) a month for 660 kilowatt-hours.

Although the commission still must approve the company's request, WTU is optimistic that the lower factors will be the ones used to calculate customers' July bills, Moore said. Other customer

groups will see similar decreases in their costs as a result of the lower fuel factors.

The company made the initial filing in February because the PUC had said that fuel costs should be reconciled at least every three years either through a rate case or a fuel reconciliation case such as the present filing. WTU's fuel costs were last reconciled in a rate case which covered a period ending with March 31, 1987, almost four years ago.

Although WTU's February request was for an increase in factors, the company said then that it intended to update the information this May to include current fuel cost information. That has allowed the company to pass along the benefits of its cost control efforts.

Those efforts include renegotiation of a lower cost coal transportation agreement with Burlington Northern Railroad and lower costs for spot gas. Previous efforts include construction of a gas pipeline to the Fort Phantom power station near Abilene to provide access to more suppliers,

renegotiation of supply and transportation contracts for fuel and improvements in the efficiency of some plants so they burn less fuel to make electricity.

Costs to residential customers are essentially divided into two major parts, base rate and fuel factor. The fuel charge makes up about twenty eight percent of the total cost to customers.

Base rates cover all the other costs of providing electric service. To comply with the State's energy conservation efforts, WTU uses winter rates from November to April and summer rates from May to October. Summer rates are higher to encourage conservation when temperatures make air conditioners work long hours and help produce the greatest demand for electricity of any time during the year.

If the company's request to implement the new factors on July bills is granted, the lower costs will be in effect for most of the air conditioning season.

WTU provides electric service to 177,000 customers in 52 counties stretching from the Red River to the Rio Grande.

## Nursing courses to begin at WTC

Two biology courses of special interest to nursing students have been added to the summer schedule at Western Texas College.

Biology 241, Human Anatomy and Physiology, will meet from 8-9:40 a.m. Monday through Thursday with lab time to follow from 9:45-12:15.

Nutrition 231, Nutrition and Diet Therapy, will meet from 6-10 p.m. on Thursday.

Registration for summer classes at WTC will be held on June 3 and classes will also begin on that day. Information about registration and courses on the summer schedule can be obtained by calling the college at 573-8511.

## Bronte to unveil Texas Historical Marker June 1

Saturday, June 1st, will be the date for three important events at the Old Railroad Depot in Bronte beginning at 10:00 a.m.

Activities begin with a dedication of the Bronte Masonic Hall followed by the unveiling of the Texas Historical Marker at the depot. Next will be a dedication ceremony for the Capitol gazebo recently given to the City of Bronte.

A brunch will be hosted by the Bronte Chapter Order of Eastern Star at 9:30 a.m.

The public is invited to attend the unveiling of the historical marker and dedication of the Capitol gazebo.

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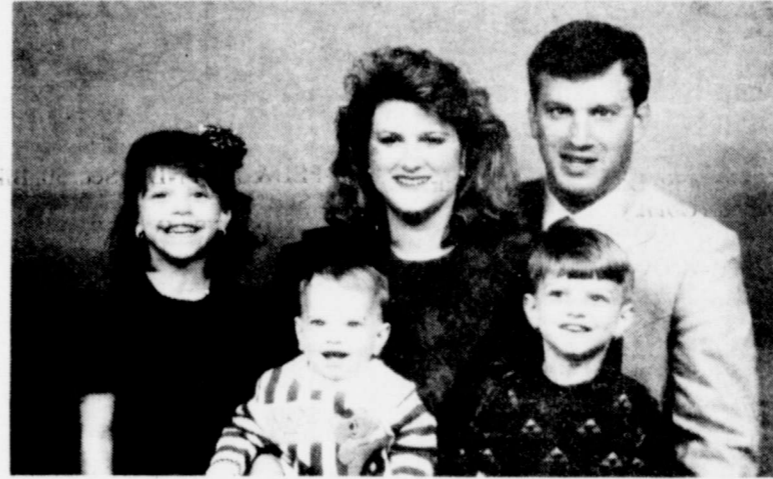
Senior Cindy Esquivel empties her locker for the last time at WHS and needed only one trash can.



Katie, bar the door! Science teacher Clifton Poe seems to be restraining freshmen Tandy Reagan (left) and Shana Poehls (center) from an early exit.



School counselor Susie Johnson throws caution (and paperwork) to the wind as the final bell rings.



## Bishop receives Grantham Scholarship

The recipient of the Michael G. Grantham Memorial Scholarship for 1991 is Page Bishop. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Allen Bishop and is planning to attend Western Texas College in Snyder. He will major in Agricultural Education.

The scholarship is given annually to a graduating senior of Winters High School who is planning to attend an institution of higher learning.

Donations for the memorial fund are encouraged and may be given at any time during the year as memorials or honorariums. Your support is solicited for this fund. Donations may be presented at AmWest Savings or the First United Methodist Church office. Your support for the fund this year is greatly appreciated.

here and you all will be deeply missed by our whole family.

Runnels County will always be a second home to our family. You will always be in our prayers.

Don & Amy Johnston  
Debra, Don Jr. & James

## We will miss you!

As we plan our move to Tishomingo, Oklahoma, we would like to say goodbye to all the good people of Runnels County. We have made many good friends

## Winters Community Calendar for June 1991

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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1:30 pm Cancer Society Memorial Dedication	5:15 Cancer Society Meeting at Chamber Office	State 4-H Roundup Texas A&M Noon Lions Club Community Ctr 5 pm Z.I. Hale Museum Meeting-Rock Hotel	State 4-H Roundup-Texas A&M 9 am Ministerial Alliance Winters Bakery Noon-C of C Directors-ofc	State 4-H Roundup-Texas A&M 9 am Defensive Driving Course-above City Hall 6-10 pm	Defensive Driving Course-above City Hall 6-10 pm	Base Class 6-8:00 am-4:00 pm W-5 Class 5:1 Reunion Country Club 6-8 pm 4-H Swim Party-Ballinger Prk
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
	6:00 p.m. City Council-City Hall 7:30 p.m. North Runnels Hospital Board meeting-Hospital	Noon-Lions Club Cmnty Ctr 5:30 p.m. 4-H Rec Bk Wrkshp, Crthse 7 p.m. Elm Creek Wtr Bd 7:30 p.m. WISD Board	9 am Ministerial Alliance, Winters Bakery	11:30-1 Community Lunch		Ladies Golf Championship-Country Club W-5 Class of '71 Reunion, Ted Meyer Park & Country Club
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
		Noon-Lions Club Community Ctr	9 am Ministerial Alliance, Winters Bakery		4-H Clothing Camp, Texas 4-H Ctr, Brownwood	4-H Clothing Camp, Texas 4-H Ctr, Brownwood
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
4-H Clothing Camp, Texas 4-H Ctr, Brownwood	9:30-10:30 Social Security Rep at Winters Housing Authority 6:00 p.m. City Council, City Hall	Noon-Lions Club, Community Ctr	9 am Ministerial Alliance, Winters Bakery			
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
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One Second Runner Up - receives 2 free tickets

Week 2-May 30 with June 5 deadline  
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(Winners of first week are not eligible for competition the second week)

**Spirit Filled Happenings**

by Dixie Leverett  
Church Editor

Have you ever fallen upon your knees completely aware of how far into the depths of despair you had fallen? The rut you are in brings the same old feeling day after day. Every time you try to get up the dirt of your life falls in around you and buries you beneath your burdens. You wish someone would knock upon your door, reach out a helping hand and pull up into the sunlight. There is someone who will knock (whose name is Jesus Christ) and if you will say enter, he will come in with those beloved nail scarred hands stretched forth to pull you up into his loving arms. Once in Jesus' arms, the forces of darkness may come, but by the grace of God and through his perfect love you will forever overcome. Praise be to God!

"Behold, I stand at the door and knock: If any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come into him, and will sup with him, and he with me." Revelation 3:20

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Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.  
Morning Worship: 11:00 a.m.  
Evening Service: 6:00 p.m.  
Wednesday Service: 7:00 p.m.

**First Baptist's Beat**

Melissa Simmons will be serving as Youth Assistant for the summer at First Baptist Church in Winters. She is a student at Southwestern Seminary in Ft. Worth, pursuing a Master of Religious Education degree.

Miss Simmons is a graduate of Wayland Baptist University in Plainview with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology. She is a native of Midland.

Melissa has worked with youth in various capacities at First Baptist Church in Midland and First Baptist Church of Kenedy. She has also been a case worker at South Texas Children's Home in Beeville.

Youth who have completed the 6th grade through the 12th grade are invited to come and see what the youth program at First Baptist has in store for them this summer.

**Senior Citizens Nursing Home News**  
By Billie Ruth Bishop

Mr. Eduardo Villa Nueva has entered the nursing home. He is in Room 1A and would appreciate your cards, letters, and visits.

Mr. John Gardner has returned to the nursing home following a stay in North Runnels Hospital. Mrs. Rose Henley has also returned from North Runnels Hospital.

Mrs. Cheryl Webb is the beautician at Senior Citizens Nursing Home. She will be available every Tuesday beginning at 9:00 a.m.

**HSU to host Girl's Basketball Camp**

There will be a Big Country Girl's Basketball Camp on the campus of Hardin-Simmons University, June 3rd thru the 7th, from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. each day. The camp is for girls entering the 6th thru the 12th grades. Cost for the camp is \$70. Final registration will start at 12 noon on Monday, June 3rd. Walk-ins are welcome. For more information call MaK R. Adams at (915) 670-1468 or 672-8613.

**Wingate Class of 1941 reunion**

The 1941 Class of Wingate High School will be having a reunion on Saturday, June 1, at 6 p.m. at The Shed at Wingate.

Each individual is asked to call The Shed at 743-6142 for reservations.

**The Methodist's Message**

The sermon this Sunday is entitled "True Christians Go Straight Ahead" and the scripture is taken from Acts 20:12-35. Rev. Melvin Mathis will be bringing the holy word.

**Return of the Bible Bowl**

This coming Sunday in the fellowship hall at 9:30 a.m., we will introduce and kick off the beginning of the Bible Bowl for the summer. It is important that children, youth and their parents be present for the kick-off so you might be fully aware of the tremendous value of this summer program. Children ages 4 through grade 5 will be included.

**Youth Rally & Splash Day**  
The Youth Rally will be held at Texas Wesleyan University on

Friday and Saturday, June 7 and 8. We will depart from the church at 4:00 pm on Friday and return by 2:00 pm on Saturday. The cost for the event is \$12.00. Anyone entering 6th grade through 12th grade is invited to attend. Permission slips are available at the church office.

Splash Day is Sunday, June 9, from 2 to 10 pm at Oak Creek Lake. The cost is \$3.00 per person.

**UMYF & Choir Change**  
UMYF and choir rehearsal have moved to Wednesday evenings. Choir begins at 6:30 followed by UMYF at 7:30. Snack Supper follows UMYF at 8:45 pm.

**Recipients named in Lutheran Living Faith Program**

Robert Bedford and Mark Deike of Winters were presented the Lutheran Living Faith emblem at St. John's Lutheran Church of Winters on Sunday, May 19. The recipients are the sons of Nadine Bedford, and Michael and Mitzie Deike, respectively, and members of Troop 249 of the Boy Scouts of America.

The Lutheran Living Faith program is a religious growth program which fosters in Lutheran youth in civic youth-serving agencies a deepening understanding of the relevance of their Christian faith to life and strengthens their relationship to God and their Church, pastor and community. Recipients must give evidence that they have a meaningful knowledge of the Christian faith, that their worship life reflects their love for God and their desire to communicate with Him often, that they witness to their faith in word

and deed, that they are concerned for the spiritual and physical welfare of their fellowmen and that they render worthwhile service to their church and community.

Robert Parramore, leader of Troop 249 presented the candidates for this special recognition by the church. The Rev. Steve Byrne, pastor of the church, officiated at the presentation ceremony.

The Lutheran Living Faith program is administered nationally by Programs of Religious Activities with Youth, 8520 Mackenzie Road St. Louis, MO 63123 on behalf of the The American Lutheran Church, Lutheran Church in America, the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod and Association of Evangelical Lutheran Churches upon the recommendation of the youth's pastor and a congregational review committee appointed by him.

**Making a Splash!**



Highway department crew? Looks like it with two working and five hanging around, but they've really gotten most of the work done. Assisting in the installation of a new high diving board at the City Pool are, left to right, Bodie Collins, Josh Awalt, Dan Killough, Kelly Spill, Chris Matthews, T.J. Shields, and Brandon Killough.



He needs more practice! Unidentified first day swimmer is in a precarious position. Really, the camera caught him in mid-somersault off the high board. The City Pool opened last week to good crowds according to Dottie Loudermilk, manager.

Pool Hours:		Night Swims	
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**Smith graduates from Tarleton**

Monty Dean Smith of Winters received his Bachelor of Science Degree in Criminal Justice during commencement exercises held Saturday, May 18 on the Tarleton State University campus. Tarleton graduated its largest class in history during two commencement exercises held that day. Dr. Robert Furgason, president of Corpus Christi State University, was speaker at the morning exercises and Dr. Manuel L. Ibanez, president of Texas A&I University, spoke at the afternoon ceremonies.

**Public Record**  
**DISTRICT COURT**  
 Julie Ann Deeds Ferguson and Jim Bob Ferguson, 05-22-91, Divorce  
 Phyllis Lynn Palmertree and George Washington Palmertree, III, 05-23-91, Divorce  
 The State of Texas vs. Raymond L. Hale, 05-23-91, Original petition for reimbursement  
 Dayton Lynn Smith and Judy Lynn Graves Smith, 05-23-91, Divorce  
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 Ervin Leigh Burnham and Ruth Anne Blackshear, 05-20-91  
**COUNTY COURT**  
 Pauline Utzman, 05-13-91, Theft of groceries by check; motion and order dismissing, this case was combined with 17,619  
 Evelyn Conley, 05-13-91, Theft of medicine by check; motion and order dismissing, this case was combined with 17,619

**Town Criers**

Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Boles of Natchitoches, La. proudly announce the arrival of a son, Nathan Edward Boles. Nathan was born at 3:31 a.m. Saturday, May 25, 1991. He weighed 6 lbs. 11 oz. and was 19 inches long. He is also welcomed by his big sister Katie Rene.  
 Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Ed Gasque of Birmingham, Al.  
 Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Roeneal Boles of Winters. Paternal great grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Boles of Winters.

Caleb Andrew Jones was born Thursday, May 16, 1991, at 8:00 p.m. at Shannon Medical Center in San Angelo, Texas.  
 He weighed 8 lbs. 5 oz. and was 20 inches long.  
 Proud parents are Eldon and Lesli Jones. A 16 month old sister, Madalyn Elizabeth, welcomes Caleb home.  
 Grandparents are Jerry Dean and Lana Watkins.  
 Great grandparents are L.B. and Mary Watkins and Delle Bolin.

Quest Jeremy Yarbrough was born Sunday, May 26, 1991, at 7:08 a.m. at Harris Methodist H.E.B. Hospital.  
 He weighed 7 lbs. 15 oz. and was 20 inches long.  
 Proud parents are Shane and Cheryle Yarbrough.  
 Grandparents are Rita DeBusk, Jerry Powers, and Harold and Ruby Yarbrough.  
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# Obituaries

## Hulda Elizabeth Spill

Hulda Elizabeth Spill, 89, of Winters, died Sunday, May 19 at North Runnels Hospital in Winters.

She was born Hulda Elizabeth Schroeder on March 11, 1902 in Wied, Lavaca County, Texas. She married Robert Spill on June 30, 1926 in Yorktown, Texas. They came to Runnels County in 1926, settling in the Dale Community.

She was a homemaker and a farmer. She was baptized into the Lutheran Faith and was confirmed in 1918 in St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Yorktown. She had lived in Winters since 1957. She was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church and the Ladies Aid. Services were held Tuesday, May 21 at St. John's Lutheran Church in Winters with Rev. Steve Byrne officiating. Burial was in Lutheran Cemetery under the direction of Winters Funeral Home.

Survivors include her husband, Robert Spill of Winters; two daughters, Marian Querin of San Marcos and Nancy Spill, Winters; two sisters, Emma Wessels of Winters and Anita Lipkpe of Comfort; two grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Frank Carter, Clarence Wessels, L. W. Kettler, Edward Bredemeyer, Van Ray Spill and James Spill.

## Robert O. Kraatz

Robert O. Kraatz, Jr., 52, of Winters died Monday, May 20 in Shannon Memorial Hospital in San Angelo.

He was born March 9, 1939 in Winters and lived in the Winters area most of his life. He married Linda Lou Saylor in 1955 in Ballinger. He was a plumber and a rancher. Mr. Kraatz was affiliated with the Pioneer Church of God in Winters.

Services were held Thursday, May 23 in the Winters Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Leonard Pringle officiating.

Survivors include his father, Robert O. "Boots" Kraatz, Sr. of Winters; one son, Robbie Kraatz of Ballinger; one daughter, Vickie Collett of Dallas; one brother, Jerry Kraatz of Winters; one sister, Shelih Steward of San Angelo, five grandchildren and a friend, Joyce Little of Dallas.

## Tommie Gray, Sr.

Tommie Gray, Sr., 59, of Winters, died Monday, May 20 at St. John's Hospital in San Angelo.

He was born August 22, 1931 in Ranger. He married Dorothy Joiner September 15, 1951 in Paint Rock and came to Winters in 1965. He worked in a paint and body shop and the oil field until his retirement in 1987.

He was a member of Grace Baptist Church in Ballinger.

Services were held Wednesday, May 22 at the Winters Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Glenn Shoemaker officiating. Burial was in Old Runnels Cemetery under the direction of Winters Funeral Home.

Survivors include his wife, Dorothy Joiner Gray of Winters; two sons, Gary Wayne Gray of Fort Worth and Tommie Gray, Jr. of San Angelo; four daughters, Kay Frances Russell of Winters, Debra Clough of Arlington, Carol Ann Yates of Abilene and Pamela Sue Price of Miles; seven brothers, Monroe Gray of Big Lake, C. A. Gray, Junction, William Gray, Houston, Franklin Gray, Herchel Gray, Clarence Gray, all of Ballinger and Bobby Gray of Winters; one sister, Mary Tinney of San Angelo; 15 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Robert Russell, Joe McKinley, Dennis Hobbs, Jackie Clough, Johnny Yates, Joe Adams and Dickie Clough.

## Phillip Nunez Mata

Phillip Nunez Mata, 78, of Ballinger died Thursday, May 23 at Ballinger Memorial Hospital. Mr. Mata was born March 23, 1913 at Terlingua, Texas. He was a restaurant cook.

He married Felicitana Lara at Ballinger July 24, 1938.

Rosary was held at Rains-Seale Funeral Chapel in Ballinger on Friday, May 24. Services were held at St. Mary's Catholic Church on Saturday, May 25 with Father Louis Moeller officiating. Mr. Mata was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church.

Survivors include his wife; two daughters, Martha Mendiola, Grand Prairie and Hope Balderas of Denver City; three sons, Frank Mata of Ballinger, George Mata of San Angelo and Phillip Mata of Abilene; 14 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren.

## John E. Campbell

Cross Plains - John E. Campbell, 69, died Tuesday, May 21 in an Abilene hospital.

Services were Friday, May 24 at Higginbotham Funeral Home Chapel at Cross Plains with Michael Hale officiating. Burial was in the Cross Plains Cemetery.

Mr. Campbell was born in Ballinger. He was a Baptist and a U.S. Army veteran of World War II in which he was in a Nazi prisoner of war camp for 19 months.

Survivors include two sons, Stephen Douglas Campbell and John E. Campbell Jr., both of Alvin; four daughters, Donna Truitt of Leander, Brenda Martensen of Monticello, Iowa, Sue Moore of Dallas and Deborah Turner of Pioneer; a brother, C. B. Campbell of Abilene; two aunts, Mrs. Charles Kruse, Jr. of Winters and Mrs. O. C. Adami of Vemon; 21 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

## Mickey McCarty

Mickey McCarty, 74, of Winters, died Monday evening, May 27, 1991, at Hendrick Medical Center in Abilene.

He was born March 11, 1917 in Killeen and came to Runnels County as a child. She graduated from Ballinger High School and attended college in San Angelo. She was a retired bookkeeper and a member of the Baptist Church.

Survivors are several cousins and friends.

Graveside services were held Wednesday, May 29, 1991, at the Fairview Cemetery with Rev. Gayland Broadstreet officiating. Burial followed under the direction of the Winters Funeral Home.

## Martin Kennedy

Bryan - Martin Kennedy, 79, died Saturday at a College Station hospital.

Services were held Sunday in the Winters Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Glenn Shoemaker officiating. Burial was in Lakeview Cemetery under the direction of Winters Funeral Home.

Mr. Kennedy was born in Ballinger, June 11, 1911, and moved to Winters in October, 1937, when he married his wife, Merle Coward. He moved to Abilene in 1955 and then to Bryan in 1985. He was a farmer and truck driver and a member of the Baptist Church. He was preceded in death by his wife on Feb. 23, 1982.

Survivors include a son, Kenneth Kennedy of Bryan; a daughter, Reta Kay Rouse of Conroe; a brother, Foster Kennedy of El Paso; three grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

## Sew and Sew Club met on May 14

On May 14 the Wingate Sew & Sew Club met at the Lions Building with 9 members answering roll call. They were Pauline Huckaby, Lorine Kinard, Annie Faye King, Chris O'Dell, Martha O'Dell, Oma Lee Overman, Mildred Patton, Ethel Polk and Lessie Robinson. Ryan Bland was there with his grandmother, Chris O'Dell. Martha's grandchildren Randy and Amanda Cotter came by after school.

Ethel Polk, the president, appointed a committee, Lorine Kinard and Mildred Patton to recommend officers for the coming year.

Refreshments were enjoyed by all.

Mildred Patton's quilt was finished and a custom quilt was also done.

At the next meeting on May 28, another custom quilt will be done and dues will also be paid that day.

Hope to see you all at that meeting.

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Loans, net	621,589,000	Other liabilities	70,743,000		
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Regulatory Capital (Balances in thousands, unaudited.)					
Requirement	Actual	Requirement	Excess		
	\$ %	\$ %	\$ %		
Tangible	106,394 3.37	47,292 1.50	59,102 1.87		
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### Card of Thanks

We wish to express our heartfelt thanks and deepest appreciation for all the loving support shown to us by family and friends during our time of grief, upon losing our loving father and husband, Tommie Gray Sr. A special thanks to Mike and staff of the Winters Funeral Home. It is only through these acts of kindness shown by everyone, that we are able to gather our strength to continue to travel life's paths.  
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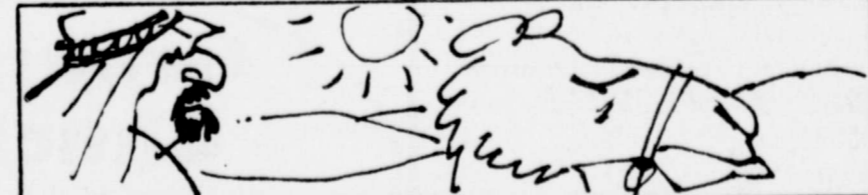
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The dates that this regulation are in effect is May 26 to October 1, 1991. All persons within the designated area are asked to abide with these regulations.  
The regulation reads as follows:  
That portion of Runnels County beginning on the west county line at the point of intersection with the Colorado River, east-southeastly along the Colorado River to its intersection with U.S. Highway 83; THENCE North along U.S. Highway 83 to its intersection with the North county line; THENCE westerly along the North Runnels County line to the Northwest corner of the county; THENCE southerly along the West county line to the Colorado River, the point of beginning, is regulated by the Texas Herbicide Law. In regulated areas, no permit is required from October 1 to May 28 of the year following. Use of regulated herbicides is prohibited between May 26 and October 1 of each year. And further, amine and other nonvolatile formulations may be used in the regulated area between the days of May 26 and October 1 each year, provided that the user obtain a permit as prescribed by the law prior to such use.  
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The basic class is a prerequisite to all futher advanced work in the paramedics field. TSTI will start the class on June 6 after registration on June 3. The class will run through September 10, 1991.

Joni Parr, an instructor in TSTI's paramedicine program, said, "There are considerable job opportunities out there---whether for private providers, hospital districts, fire departments, industrial safety departments---for EMT-certified people. Plus, it's a stepping stone toward the advanced skill levels."  
The class will be held in the evenings from 6:00 to 10:00 on various nights of the week, but primarily on Mondays and Thursdays.

### Garage Sales

**Garage Sale: Saturday, June 1, 1991,** 605 Broadway.  
2-22 (1tp)

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**COLLEGE STUDENTS:** We have a Bible Study Class just for you. Join us any time you're in town. 9:30 a.m. Sundays. First Baptist Church, 754-5521  
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*Crews News* by Hilda Kurtz

Experience is what tells you to watch your step and it's what you get if you don't.

Fred and Brenda Watkins and Doris Wood were unable to be hosts for the Saturday night supper and game. Mike and Eileen Prater, Therin and Nila Osborne hope to see a good turnout of folks to enjoy the sandwiches and homemade freezer ice cream. Bring your own bowl, any size. Starts at 7:00 p.m.

Hopewell church service visitors on Sunday were Amantina Faubion; Carolyn and Melinda Kraatz; Sherry and Bryant Mike-ska; Mable White of Menard; Scott Gerhart; Page and Allen Bishop; Winnie, Fred and Woodrow Worthington, of Banning, California; Doris Wood; Bobbie Calcote and boys.

After services Sunday at Hopewell Church, 3 graduates were honored with a dinner: Page Bishop, Gene Faubion, and Keith Gerhart. Each was presented with a Bible. Janie Fanning read the life of Gene and Keith. Janie also brought a large cookie can that the ladies filled with cookies and the men each brought the boys pairs of socks.

Pat Cooper's brother and wife, J. R. and Tessie Lacy, of Bloom-inville, California, spent Saturday with the Coopers. Brenda, Richard, and Gina Chambliss, of Blackwell, and a friend Neal Chambliss, Ray, Sherry, Amanda, and J.T. Coopers spent Sunday with the Earl Coopers.

Mike Hill of Sweetwater spent Sunday with his mother Claudia Hill, and Gary Hill, of Eastland, came Thursday and spent the night.

Spending Sunday with Margie and Bill Mathis and children were her mother and dad, Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Whaley of Denton. Also visiting was great uncle Jay Archer of Los Angeles, California.

Carolyn and Mike Kozelsky honored daughter Kathryn with a supper on her graduation. Brenda Jacob and Margie Jacob and 25 or

more joined in the many games later.

Obet Fuller and a friend came Tuesday evening from Coleman and had a nice visit with Cora Petree. Neysa and Luke Sommer-ville of San Antonio came Satur-day. On Sunday after church ser-vices for lunch at the Peachtree Plaza, they were joined by Pat and Cecil Hambright and Toni and Arthur Sprag of Abilene.

Sue Campbell, Lois Osborne, Wesley, Karen, John, and Stephine McGallian were supper guests with Nila and Therin Osborne.

On Wednesday, Hildegard and W.A. Asbury and Rebra Grosham of San Angelo and I picked buckets of the Faubion's blackberries. Afterwards they had lunch with me.

Nila and Therin Osborne en-tertained the Gene Faubion and Keith Gerhart families with bar-beque hamburgers and all the trim-mings Wednesday night.

On Wednesday, Kathy Phil-lips of Abilene, Melvena Gerhart, and Bernice Faubion ate lunch at the Casa Cabana.

Georgia and Connie Gibbs attended their granddaughter Amy Gibbs' graduation in Menard on Friday night. So did Linda and Travis Ford of Rising Star. Jean and Connie Mac Gibbs spent Monday with Georgia and Con-nie.

The few I remember that at-tended the graduation Friday night in Winters were Nila and Therin Osborne, Harvey Mae and Noble Faubion, Kathy and Danny Phil-lips, Melvena and Marvin Gerhart, Myrtle Wright, Bernice and Rodney Faubion, and Janie and Bro. Oscar Fanning.

Deepest sympathy to the Jerry Kraatz family and Boots Kraatz and other relatives due to the death of a son and brother, Robert Kraatz, 53, buried Thursday morning in Winters.

Walter Jacob returned home Friday after several days in St. John's Hospital in San Angelo. Daughter Brenda of San Angelo has been staying out here during

the week.

Natalia and Adolph Minzen-meyer of Norton carried Marie Kurtz to her doctor for her checkup Thursday. Katherine and Luke Thomas took her to place flowers at the cemetery Memorial Day.

Ruth Pape's sons, Craig and David, returned home to Houston on Tuesday after spending 4 days. They went to the berry patch which was an experience for the boys.

On Sunday Bradley was in Temple for his doctor's checkup. On Monday Ruth shopped in Coleman and Abilene. Walter Pape and Gladys Cotton were out to see Ruth, Bradley, Harvey Mac, and Noble on Monday.

Saturday Wesley, John, and Stephine McGallian helped Nila and Therin Osborne put ear tags on their cattle; Stephine at the back gate, John at the front gate. One can't beat good helpers.

Doris Wood spent most of the week with her sisters Louise Walters and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Brantley and some friends in Fort Worth.

Jim Webb of Dallas spent Wednesday with Harvey Mae and Noble Faubion. The next day he visited his son and daughter-in-law, Lonnie and Carla Webb, in San Angelo.

I attended 2 year old Keegan Shane Kurtz's birthday party at Darrell and Sherry Kurtz's home Sunday, May 26. We had ham-burgers, cake, and ice cream. People attending were Jacalyn, Kayla, Kaci, and Cody Pruser; Reggie, Becky, Mitchem, and Margot Boles; R.C. and Mary Kurtz; Randall and Janice Kurtz; Troy and Oneta McKnight; Fred, Emily, Mandy, Jason, and Amber Hall; Walter and Alvina Gerhart; Sherri and Bryant Mikeska; Kim West; and Emily Parks.

**Bedford receives kinesiology degree**

Perry Marvin Bedford II, son of Mrs. John B. Bedford and the late John B. Bedford, received his bachelor of science degree in kinesiology at ASU commencement exercises held May 10 at the San Angelo Coliseum.

Perry is customer service manager at Wal-Mart in San Angelo.

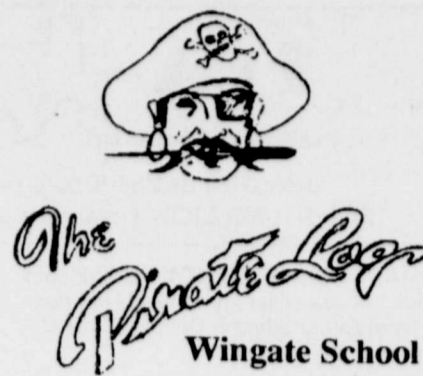
Those attending the com-mencement services were Mrs. Bedford, Robert and Lisa of Win-ters; Mr. and Mrs. John Rendon, Heather and Britney of Euless; and Miss Gail Morgan of Dallas.

**Pre-Natal Classes**

Ballinger Family Health Cen-ter is conducting free pre-natal classes. These classes began Tuesday, May 28, and will con-tinue for 2 weeks, 3 to 4 evenings a week, 7:30 to 9:00 p.m.

Dr. Antoine Albert is the in-structor. Classes teach the aspects of pregnancy, demonstrate and teach breathing and conditioning exercises to help with labor and delivery, and offer one to one coaching.

Pre-registration is required. Call 1-800-375-3597 or 365-3507.



Congratulations to Ms. Em.ry's daughter, Margie Willtrout, on her graduation and commission from Angelo State University.

It was nice to see a familiar Wingate face in the paper last week. Marcie Pritchard was named "Girl of the Month" at Winters Jr. High. We always like to see our students go on to Win-ters and do well.

First and second grade students have been busy in their classes. In science, they are studying the solar system so they have made mo-biles of the planets and are learn-ing how the planets are all differ-ent. In social studies, they are studying about Texas. Each stu-dent is compiling a folder con-taining important facts and infor-mation about our state.

Six weeks and semester tests are being given this week. This is your last chance to make those good grades this year.

We will be having a reception on the last day of school, May 29. Awards will be presented in the auditorium at 2:30 with the re-ception following, to end at 4:00 p.m. We hope parents of children who will be attending school at Wingate next year will be able to come and look over our facilities and meet our staff.

**RUNNELS COUNTY CRIMESTOPPERS**

Between May 18th and 19th a theft took place 3 1/2 miles East of Miles, Tx. Taken was a 1980 Model 1086 International farm tractor; white cab, black trim, air conditioner, heater and radio. The tractor is red in color with four rear wheels. If you have any in-formation about this theft please call RUNNELS COUNTY CRIMESTOPPERS at 365-3591 or any local law enforcement agency. You do not have to give your name. Crimestoppers will pay a cash reward of up to \$1,000.00 for information that leads to the arrest and indictment of the person(s) responsible.

**Understanding Property Taxes**

Like most taxpayers in Texas, you probably equate increases in the assessed value of your property with increases in taxes. However, this is not always accurate. An understanding of the tax system indicates the reason.

**Two Steps in Raising Revenues**

Raising revenues for local taxing units through the ad valorem property tax is a two-step process. First, the taxing unit plans and adopts a budget. Second, the central appraisal office assigns an assessed value to the properties in the taxing unit. From these two values, the assessor calculates the tax rate that determines individual tax liabilities.

The property tax system includes tax unit budgets, tax appraisals, tax rates and tax liabilities. Taxpayers who discern the difference between property value issues and spending issues can evaluate property tax changes more astutely.

Independent school districts, counties, cities, water districts and navigation districts are examples of taxing units that provide services ranging from public education to road maintenance. To achieve statutorily specified objectives, these taxing units incur expenses that typically fall into two categories: capital expenditures such as build-ings, pipelines and roads and operating expenditures such as main-taining plants and performing functions of the unit.

**Planning the Budget**

For school districts, capital expenditures are supported by an account called an interest and sinking fund or simply I&S fund. The operating accounts come under the heading of the maintenance and operating fund, or M&O fund. Account designations vary from one unit to another, but the general breakdown between indebtedness and operation is a common one.

Planning the budget for each year requires the governing body for the taxing unit—a school board, for example—to project both I&S and M&O expenses. The revenue required to pay interest and princi-pal on outstanding long-term debt makes up the I&S budget. The amount depends on issuing or retiring bonds and other forms of debt.

The size of the M&O budget depends on the operating activities of the taxing unit. Generally, the more a taxing unit does for its taxpayers, the larger the M&O budget. Schools pay salaries for teachers, admin-istrators and custodians and purchase a wide variety of supplies such as paper, books and instructional equipment. Water districts pay pumping costs and salaries.

The tax base supporting these activities is the total assessed value of taxable property within the taxing unit. The size of the tax base depends on the numbers and kinds of properties in the taxing unit and their assessed values. Because commercial and industrial properties normally have high values, a taxing unit with a considerable amount of commercial and industrial property probably will have a larger tax base than a unit of identical geographic size that includes mostly residential properties.

Similarly, the central appraisal district can aggressively appraise all property at or near market value or allow a margin of error by appraising at less than market value. A taxing unit in the district with ambitious appraisal practices will have a larger tax base than an identical unit with a more conservative approach.

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