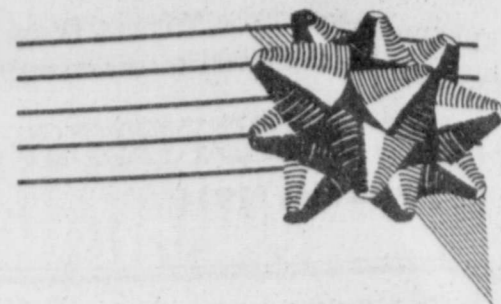




Merry Christmas



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It came upon a midnight clear

How a hometown paper was reborn

Editor's Note: As you may be aware, we are celebrating our 5th year in business since reviving *The Winters Enterprise* in December of 1989. What follows is Reg's (one of the brotherly owners of this publication) version of how things started out 5 years ago.

This is the story of how things just kinda work out for the best, sometimes, despite all of the obstacles that may stand in the way.

About five years ago this September, *The Winters Enterprise* stopped publishing for the first time since 1905. A sad event marked by many of the nearby daily newspapers as part of the changing times of rural Texas. Several weeklies in nearby towns also noted the passing in their pages.

My brothers and I were very distressed about it all, but only after some time had passed did we consider re-starting the paper. And, only after some more time had passed did we really seriously consider getting into the newspaper business.

This was a big leap, because none of us really knew anything about the newspaper business. Roeneal had worked at *The Enterprise* when he was a teenager and he had some experience publishing books with Phyllis (his wife), but this hardly made him an experienced hand at putting out a paper. Of course, none of the rest of us knew anything about running a newspaper, and Rick (another brother) and I were hundreds of miles away with our own full-time jobs.

There was one guy nearby (Randall-the other brother), and Roeneal was in a position to move back, so a plan started to form.

With help from our local banker and some sound financial planning, we decided it was something we could do. We admitted to ourselves it would take some time to get it right (owing to our lack of experience), but we wanted to get started as soon as possible.

After a week or two of financial work, we set about remodeling the current sight of the paper to sustain not only a newspaper but also a full service printshop. Our Dad (Monroe) guided us through this part of the process by telling us which end of a nail went in first and so on.

Rick came and organized our electrical wiring and built several items (tables, paste-up easels, etc.) that we needed in the pressroom. LaVem, his wife, brought food to sustain us all.

Finally, the computer equipment was installed in mid-December and we were ready. I should say at this point that "we" were Roeneal and Randall and their wives.

After some well-placed questions to our pressman in San Angelo and others already in the newspaper business, Roeneal and Randall had an idea of what it took to get a paper together.

Roeneal went out and sold a few ads to some wary but supportive business people in Winters, took some pictures of Christmas trees, shoppers, and such, and came up with some story ideas.

Randall stopped by after getting off work on Tuesday evening and the task was begun. The paper had to be at the printer on early Wednesday morning, the 20th of December, 1989.

They worked almost all night (thus the title of this story "It came upon a midnight clear...") and barely made their printing deadline Wednesday. That afternoon the first edition of *The "new" Winters Enterprise* (dated Thursday, December 21, 1989) was put in the racks and delivered (free for two months) to mailboxes all over Winters.

We were all so proud of what my brothers had accomplished starting from absolute zero. Roeneal had the guts to actually get it done, and Randall (as he still does today) works the paper like a

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Going ... going ... gone



AND THE WALLS CAME TUMBLING DOWN as workers continued demolition and cleanup of the old cafeteria site.

Cafeteria demolition completed

History was made on Monday, December 12, 1994, when a 2,700 pound wrecking ball crashed into the walls of the Winters school cafeteria to begin demolition of the 71-year-old structure.

In October of this year, WISD trustees voted to erect a new cafeteria to replace the present facility.

C. R. Pinkerton of Winters Welding Works was awarded the bid for demolition of the cafeteria.

The two-story structure was built in 1923 and originally served as a new grade school building to help alleviate the over-crowded conditions of the school.

In 1920, the fourth and fifth grade students were able to have only half-day sessions until the First Baptist Church basement was secured for classroom space. The first grade that year, with an enrollment of 125 pupils, was probably rather stressful for one teacher.

On April 29, 1922, a bond election was held for the purpose of constructing a new grade school building. The bond issue was passed, and in July the contract to erect the new building was given to C. E. Woodrow.

The structure, which was completed in 1923, later became the school cafeteria.

A new cafeteria is planned with construction to be completed by October, 1995.

At the present time, students are being served their meals in the Student Activity Building.

Raymond Lindsey named Fireman of the Year, 1994



VOLUNTEER Raymond Lindsey (left) accepts congratulations and a plaque in recognition as Fireman of the Year, 1994, from WVFD President Bob Lindley.

Raymond Earl Lindsey, a lifelong resident of the Winters area, was named Fireman of the Year for 1994 at their Tuesday meeting on December 13.

Elected into the department on November 12, 1974, Mr. Lindsey

served until August 11, 1981, at which time he resigned due to his job. He was re-elected in January of 1988 and has served the fire department for a total of thirteen years and nine months. During this time, he has held several offices in the Winters Volunteer Fire Department.

Raymond has attended fire school in Abilene, San Angelo and at Texas A&M. He has actively attended the Hill Country Firemen's Conventions and has been a member of the racing team, also encouraging his family to be active at these conventions.

He and his wife, Debra, have three daughters, Carla, Teri and Darci. They attend Saint John's Lutheran Church in Winters.

Raymond's hobbies are hunting, fishing, gardening and attending his children's school activities.

Enterprise office will be closed Friday, Dec. 23, for Christmas

So that we may enjoy the holidays with our families and friends, The Winters Enterprise office will be closed Friday, December 23.

There will be no interruption in publication of the newspaper.



Subscription rates to increase Jan. 1, 1995

With postage rates expected to increase in January and a rise in paper cost, subscription rates for *The Winters Enterprise* will also increase.

Effective January 1, 1995, rates will be \$15.00 for Runnels County residents, \$17.00 for out-of-county residents, and \$19.00 for out-of-state residents.

The Winters Enterprise will continue to provide the finest in local coverage of news, events and people of Winters and the surrounding area.

Thank you for reading and supporting *The Winters Enterprise*.

WHAT'S HAPPENING ?

- December 22-6-9 p.m., ESL Class
- 7 p.m., Aerobics Class
- 7-8 p.m., AA meets at 105 W. Truett
- December 23-Noon, Senior Citizen Meal
- The Winters Enterprise* Closed
- December 24-6 p.m., St. John's Lutheran Church Candle-Lighting Service & Caroling
- December 25-Christmas, The Birthday of Christ
- 10 a.m., St. John's Lutheran Church Nativity Service
- December 26-5:30 p.m., 4-H Meeting, Catholic Hall
- 6-9 p.m., ESL Class
- December 27-Noon, Lions Club
- 7 p.m., WVFD & Auxiliary
- 7 p.m., Aerobics Class
- 7-8 p.m., AA meets at 105 W. Truett
- Knights of Columbus
- December 28-Noon, Senior Citizen Meal
- December 29-7 p.m., Winters Squares, Community Center
- 6-9 p.m., ESL Class
- 7 p.m., Aerobics Class
- 7-8 p.m., AA meets at 105 W. Truett
- December 30-Noon, Senior Citizen Meal
- 9 a.m.-1 p.m., School Tax Office Open
- The Winters Enterprise* Closed



THE BOLES BUNCH, owners of *The Winters Enterprise, Inc.*, are (left to right) dad, Monroe, and brothers, Rick, Roeneal, Reg and Randall. The *Winters Enterprise* celebrated its fifth anniversary on December 21.

OIL BUSINESS . . .

By Reg Boles ©1994



I heard someone described as an "oilman" the other day, and it got me to thinkin'. Just what constitutes an "oilman" or "oilwoman" these days.

There are several perspectives on the idea, I'm sure. It depends on who you ask and whom you ask about, I suppose.

For me, an oilman is a person who has certain qualities. Now, others may use different criteria than I, but I have my reasons for my idea of an oilman.

It seems that the media and the public at-large have a certain image of the oilman. This view centers on the big-time accomplishments of the person with various "score-keeping" related to the wealth of the individual. He or she has to be a flashy, bigger-than-life type individual.

Only then will the public embrace that person as a heroic figure of the oil patch, even going so far as to consider that person as having worked in an industry worthy of respect. "Respect" is not high on the list of John Q. Public's idea of the oil business, while "mistrust" is right up there. So, it is something special when the oil patch is respected through its heroes.

This makes it all the more important to be careful who we label as true oilmen, as they may shape history's view of the oil patch.

While recognizing the importance of the designation "oilman", I have a somewhat different view of an oilman than general public.

He or she is the person who threads the pipe for the new tank battery and cares enough to do it right. A pumper who responds to a 2 a.m. call to keep the production going is an oilman.

The roughneck who takes the extra time to check the samples for the geologist or takes a second reading on the mud velocity to help out the mudman is an oilman. The technician who stays out way past suppertime to check the oil bypass rates on a new free water knockout (to keep any from being pumped down an injector) is an oilman.

The poor-boy wildcatter who believes in his dream is an oilman. Even if he doesn't hit the big one, he believes in the opportunities that await and appreciates the place where it can happen.

This kind of faith is what built this country and the oil business. Anybody that has this type of spirit is a true oilman no matter how much money he has in the bank.

HIGHLIGHTS OF AREA DRILLING ACTIVITY

COMPLETIONS

None This Week

STAKINGS

Callahan County

Kasle Energy has applied to deepen the Isbell #1 in the County Regular Field, 3 miles S of Scranton (Depth 3950). Loc. is 330 FWL & 943 FSL of Lot 26, A. Burnley Sur., A-10.

R.W. Thompson has applied to re-enter the Snyder #1 as a Wildcat, 6 miles

SW of Cross Plains (Depth 1800). Loc. is 2067 FNL & 4924 FEL of Sec. 189, J.P. Carson Sur., A-106.

Concho County

Bridwell Oil has staked the Denis Ranch - B- #1 in the Siego Purco Field, 14 miles W of Eden (Depth 3000). Loc. is 1900 FSL & 850 FEL of Sec. 22, E.F. Lewis Sur., A-1317.

Bridwell has also applied to re-enter the Denis Ranch - A- #2 as a Wildcat, 14 miles W of Eden (Depth 3600). Loc. is 1300 FNL & 1260 FEL of Sec. 40, H&TC Sur., A-1816.

Nolan County

Sams Energy has staked the J. Little #1 in the White Flat Field, 20 miles E of Sweetwater (Depth 3000). Loc. is 730 FWL & 330 FNL of Sec. 25, Blk. 20, T&PRR Sur., A-375.

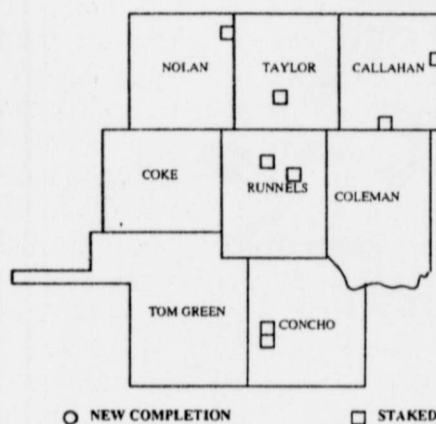
Runnels County

EDCO Petroleum has staked the Gottschalk #1A in the West Dorman Field, 7 miles W of Winters (Depth 4800). Loc. is 2750 FNL & 6941 FEL of J. Lynch Sur. No. 442, A-346.

Pioneer Energy has applied to plug-back the Cederholm #1 in the Tom Miller Field, 1 mile SW of Hatchel (Depth 4170). Loc. is 1400 FWL & 914 FSL of J. Eakin Sur. No. 527, A-142.

Taylor County

Principal Oil has staked the Shaffer #1 in the Herber Field, 5 miles NW of Bradshaw (Depth 4999). Loc. is 2539 FSL & 330 FEL of R. Triplett Sur., A-506.



Sr. Citizens Nursing Home News

by Billie Ruth Bishop

The ladies of the Church of Christ hosted a great birthday party Thursday. Leona Chapmond decorated the table in the Christmas theme with a lot of response from the residents. Everyone had lots of fun. The ladies furnished refreshments of cookies and punch and afterward presented the honorees with a birthday gift. Floy Hodge led the group in singing carols. We thank each and every one of you.

Mr. Jim Barnes passed away last week. Our sympathy is extended to his family.

Thanks to the following: June Dimesi for the beautiful afghan, Mike Meyers for ham, Wingate Sew & Sew for the Christmas gifts, Juanita Wilson for the diabetic pies, and Dorothy Carpenter for the subscription to "Reader's Digest". We appreciate all of you for your thoughtfulness. Also thanks to the American Legion Auxiliary for wrapping paper and men's socks.

We are looking forward to our Christmas Pageant which will be Thursday at 4 p.m. at the nursing home.

Wingate Masonic Lodge presents awards

The annual Wingate Masonic Lodge Christmas Party was held on Monday, December 12, at The Shed Restaurant.

A 25-year membership award was awarded to Hollis Dean of Wingate. Mrs. Marie Allen of Winters was awarded a Community Builder award by the Wingate Lodge. This award is presented to someone who has put forth an extra effort in helping the community. Until her recent retirement, Mrs. Allen was the director

of the Winters Senior Citizens Center. Marie is also a past Grand Worthy Matron of the Winters Order of the Eastern Star.

Over 53 people attended the Christmas Party Dinner. In addition to the members of the Wingate Lodge, other masonic lodges and Order of the Eastern Star were represented including Winters, Hylton, Miles, Bronte, San Angelo, Tyler, and the Hesperian Lodge in Santa Maria, California.



HOLLIS DEAN (left), currently the Masonic Relations Officer of the 105th District and member resident of the Wingate Lodge, received a 25-year membership pin from Master Mason C.R. Dean.



MARIE ALLEN of Winters was awarded the Community Builder award for helping residents of this area. The award was presented by Worshipful Master Bob Walker (left) and Master Mason C.R. Dean, both of the Wingate Masonic Lodge.

New post office hours during the holidays

For customers' convenience, the post office will extend business hours during the Christmas holidays. The postal windows will be open until 12 noon each Saturday through December 24, 1994.

Card of Thanks

A special "thanks" to all the moms that transported the 49 4-H'ers to "Our House" for caroling. The smiles and expressions of joy were so rewarding. I'm sure it made you feel good, too. Our children did a fine job and brought the Christmas spirit and happiness to many.

Noleta, thank you for the after-school snack. It kept the group going.

Thanks to all the moms that sent refreshments at the church. The kids were very excited and hungry.

All and all it was a heart-warming experience.

Happy Holidays to all! See ya in '95.

Barbara Heathcott

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Michelle Wheeler receives Respiratory Therapy certification

Michelle Wheeler of San Angelo has received certification in Respiratory Therapy from Howard College. She is currently employed at Shannon Medical Center with plans to further her education in the field of respiratory care.

Michelle is the daughter of Henry and Ann Wheeler of Somerville and the sister of Rhonda Cook of Winters.

Obituaries

Mrs. Ramon (Ella) Hudson

WINTERS—Mrs. Ramon (Ella) Hudson, 80, died Thursday morning, December 15, 1994, at Shannon Medical Center in San Angelo. She was born December 23, 1913, in Henrietta, Oklahoma. She married Ramon Hudson December 6, 1946, in Dallas. They came to Runnels County in 1950, settling in Bradshaw then moving to Winters in 1962.

Mrs. Hudson worked for Dry Manufacturing for 16 years and was a member of Southside Baptist Church.

Survivors include her husband, Ramon Hudson, of Winters; one daughter, Martha Lou Hammock of Cedar Creek Lake, Dallas; one brother, Bill Brashears of Richardson; two grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Services were held Saturday, December 17, 1994, at the Winters Funeral Home Chapel with Reverend Gayland Broadstreet officiating. Burial was in Bradshaw Cemetery under the direction of the Winters Funeral Home.

Pallbearers were Hal Dry, Jim Prine, Clyde Reid, L.A. Sargent, Charles Wearden, and Carl Young.

Etta Marks

BRONTE—Etta Marks, 102, passed away Sunday, December 18, 1994, at Heritage Oaks Estate.

She was born December 24, 1891, in Milam County, Texas. She married Lonzo Ash on October 17, 1911, in Marie, Texas. He preceded her in death in February, 1919. She married James Nick Marks in November, 1920, at Ballinger. He preceded her in death January 6, 1954.

Mrs. Marks was a homemaker.

Survivors include two sons, Virgil Lonzo Ash of San Antonio and William Leon Marks of San Francisco, California; two daughters, Lorena Landers of Bronte and Juanita Mitchell of Atlanta, Georgia; two sisters, Euphema Cone of Sacramento, California, and Ioma Ellis; 7 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; and 8 great-great-grandchildren.

Graveside services were held Tuesday, December 20, 1994, at Fairview Cemetery in Bronte with Nevada St. Clair officiating. Burial followed under the direction of Rains-Seale Funeral Home, Ballinger. A memorial service has been scheduled for a later date.

Mildred Hooker Everitt

BRONTE—Mildred Hooker Everitt, 96, died Saturday evening, December 17, 1994, at the Baptist Memorial Geriatric Center in San Angelo.

She was born in Sterling City, Texas, on February 4, 1898. She attended school in Sterling City and married C.M. Everitt on December 15, 1920. He preceded her in death in 1971.

The Everitts ranched at Sterling City for over 40 years. Mrs. Everitt was an accomplished musician and artist.

Survivors include two daughters, Clydean Hearn of Talpa and Sue Higdon of Weatherford; a sister, June Jones of Eldorado; four grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

Services were held Tuesday, December 20, at the Rains-Seale Funeral Chapel in Ballinger. Burial followed at the Evergreen Cemetery, directed by Rains-Seale Funeral Home.

I. L. Lasater

BROWNWOOD—I.L. Lasater, 85, died Friday, December 16, 1994, at his home in Brownwood.

He was born in Denton, Texas, on February 10, 1909. He married Virgie Cowan at Denton May 31, 1931.

Mr. Lasater was a retired educator. He was Superintendent of the Winters Schools from 1945 to 1953. He was a member of the First Baptist Church, Brownwood, and the Order of Eastern Star. He was a 50-year member of both the Masonic Lodge #279 and the Lions Club.

Survivors include his wife, Virgie Lasater of Brownwood; four daughters, Karon Patty of Odessa, Ruth Wheelis of Brownwood, Kathy Bettis of Lewisville, and Rita Bibb of Arlington; one brother, Milton Lasater of Fort Worth; eight grandchildren; one great-grandchild; and two sisters, Agnes Wheeler of Fort Worth and Louise Sharer of Mena, Arkansas.

Services were held Monday, December 19, at First Baptist Church in Brownwood with Reverend Ron Cook officiating. Interment followed at Eastlawn Memorial Park, directed by Davis-Morris Funeral Home in Brownwood.

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Crews News

by Hilda Kurtz



HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO YOU ALL.

Even back in Grandpa's time, there was something to make you sleep, they called it work.

Between 50 and 60 people attended the Faubion Reunion Saturday, December 17, at the Hopewell Baptist Church.

Also included was the celebration of the 60th wedding anniversary for Harvey Mae and Noble Faubion. Relatives came from Lubbock, Abilene, Fort Worth, Dallas, and other places. A beautiful anniversary cake and coffee was served in the afternoon. It was baked by Eileen Cartwright. Noble presented Harvey Mae with a diamond cross necklace.

Hopewell Church congregation had their Christmas Dinner after services. All enjoyed the reading of poems and singing in the afternoon. Katherine and Luke Thomas, Odid Matthews, and Bena New were visitors.

Lynn and Carol Faubion of Fort Worth spent Saturday night with his folks.

Coleman Foreman's brother, Wayne of Arlington, forgot to send Coleman his birthday card so he called instead. Another brother, Weldon of Kerrville, also called to wish Coleman a happy birthday. Others wishing a happy birthday to Coleman were Dennis McBeth, Harvey Mae Faubion, and Kenny Cartwright.

Louis, Dana, and Scott Dietz of Wichita, Kansas, are spending the holiday week with Selma Dietz and other relatives.

Lee Ueckert of Houston spent several days with Ruth and Brad Pape. All went Christmas shopping in Abilene and ate out at Pancho's.

Hildegard Asbury of San Angelo spent Sunday afternoon with me.

Patsy Steven of Coleman spent Saturday with her parents, Leona and Charles Matthes.

Pat Cooper is recuperating nicely at home after being in the hospital several times during the past two weeks. We wish her a

speedy recovery.

Attending the Christmas Band Concert Sunday in Winters were Kenny and Eileen Cartwright; Jeremy and Tiffany Prater; Nila, Therin, and Louise Osborne; and Marqué, Desiré, and Will Mathis.

The Kenny Cartwrights attended the 4-H Christmas party Tuesday afternoon. Eileen also enjoyed the Pizza Hut Christmas Party Tuesday night.

Mildred and Haeward Morrison spent Wednesday through Saturday in Abilene. Haeward was receiving training for dialysis at the Dialysis Center. Selma Dietz and Louise Cecil visited the Morrisons on Sunday.

John and Stefanie McGallian spent part of Friday with Nila and Therin Osborne. The Osbornes went by and picked up the McGallian family at Wingate Saturday and went to see the beautiful Christmas lights in Robert Lee. Brian Faubion came by to see the Osbornes on Sunday night.

The Bill Mathis family was in Denton for several days visiting the Whalays. They had an early Christmas.

On Sunday, Bill's mother, Marguerite Mathis of Abilene, came down to hear the Winters High School Band. She spent the night. They also visited with Marqué's sister, Debbie Burdus, and family of Tulsa.

Dennis, Audine, and Roy McBeth attended their church Christmas singing. The McBeths visited his sister, Sybil Tounget, and other relatives in Lubbock. While there, they attended the Texas Tech gratulatory of a friend, Darla Graham. On the way home, they stopped in Post, Texas, and had a nice visit with cowboy evangelist, Glen Smith, and his wife Ann.

Carolyn Kraatz attended the Pizza Hut manager's meeting. Carolyn took her friend, Sandra Hamrick, out for a birthday lunch at the China Star in Abilene. Happy birthday, Sandra.

Tammy, Haley, and Mark Kaczyk spent Sunday with Connie and Georga Gibbs.

Literary & Service Club help Hospice by remembering past club members

The Literary and Service Club met Thursday evening, Dec. 15, at 6:30 in the home of Gloria Poehls.

The program was entitled "His Glory". The First Baptist Church choral group sang several Christmas songs. Members of the group are Renee Calcote, Susan Conner, Randall Boles, Beth Bradley, Donna Donica, Cheryl Sneed, Debbie Sudduth, and Bryan Webb.

Hostesses Gloria Poehls, Sue Prewit, Mary Margaret Leathers, Estella Bredemeyer, and Jo Olive Hancock served baked ham, green beans, scalloped potatoes, fruit salad, rolls, pecan and pumpkin pie with beautiful Christmas decorations throughout the kitchen and tables. Randall Boles gave the invocation.

A business meeting followed with Theresa Patterson presiding. Jo Olive Hancock led the flag pledges. Darlene Sims gave a special invocation. Eula Mae Kruse gave a federation report. A thank you card from the library for the memorial given in honor of Marie

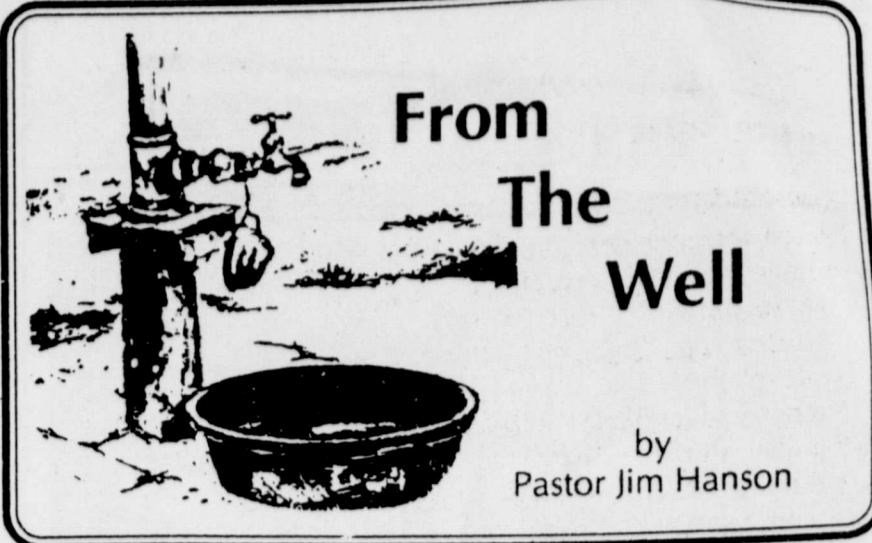
Wood was read. Sue Prewit made a motion to purchase a dove for Hospice in honor of deceased club members.

Christmas gifts were then chosen one at a time. Before anyone opened theirs they choose someone's they thought they would like better. A "Mother Goose" cookie jar made the rounds; however, Gloria Poehls was the lucky person who got to keep it.

Each member brought a gift for a child and food for the food pantry. The meeting adjourned.

Members present were Gwen Andrae, Estella Bredemeyer, Ethel Mae Clark, Selma Dietz, Noma Eoff, Pat Fenter, Jo Olive Hancock, Eula Mae Kruse, Mary Margaret Leathers, Billie Middlebrook, Shelia Paschal, Theresa Patterson, Emily Pendergrass, Gloria Poehls, Doris Prewit, Sue Prewit, Darlene Sims, and Lela Thormeyer.

The next meeting will be Jan. 19 at the home of Emily Pendergrass at 5:30 p.m. with Benny Polston Tax Tips.



Yesterday Ramona and I had a telephone conversation with our grandson Peter. Peter is five. He's in kindergarten. So, I asked him, "Peter, what have you learned?" At first he said, "I don't know," very shyly. Then all of a sudden he remembered, and you could hear the smile in his voice as he said, "I can say my A-B-C's." And in the next breath he sang them for us. "A B C D E F G. H I J K L M N O P. Q R S and T U V. W X and Y and Z. Now I've sung my A-B-C's. Next time won't you sing with me?" He learned them. By heart. The same way, the same song that Ramona and I had learned 60 years ago. It warmed our hearts.

To get stuff into our head, we have to memorize. Or, as we used to say, "learn it by heart". But it starts with the head. We repeat it over and over until it becomes a part of us. Like the pledge of allegiance to the flag. Like the 23rd Psalm. Like John 3:16. Like the Lord's Prayer.

Like the children's Christmas program. And, learning your "piece". When I was a child, that's what they called it. Your Christmas "piece". Usually it was a verse from the Bible, written or printed on a small piece of paper. You were to take it home, and, together with the help of your mother, memorize it. Learn it by heart. And, the night of the children's Christmas program, at the appointed time, you were to stand up and, in a loud clear voice, speak your piece. By heart. Sometimes it came out just fine. And, sometimes you panicked. But the point of it all was that some things are treasures, to be learned and stored in the heart.

The other morning, in the nursing home, we were helping our friends there prepare for the annual Christmas program. It's the senior version of the children's thing. They are not spectators. They do it. They sing the carols. They play the parts - Mary, Joseph, the shepherds, the wise men. They sing the solos and duets.

As we were getting into it, a dear little lady in her 90's popped up and said, "I can still say my Christmas pieces". And, she could. She said several of them - by heart. Later she told us that her mother would take her several places, where she would be part of the program, reciting her "pieces". She is so bright-eyed and alert. Learning by heart does that for you. It keeps your well full of good words. And the visions and images that accompany them. She made my day.

Have you ever wondered who first told the story of Jesus' birth? How it really happened? We read about it in Luke 2, but Luke wasn't present at the birth. Someone had to tell him the story that he wrote down. It had to be Mary. She remembered the story the shepherds told her of an angel and an angel's choir singing "Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace, good-will towards men." Now the angel said, "Be not afraid, for behold, I bring you good tidings of a great joy which shall be to all the people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And this will be a sign for you, you will find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, and lying in a manger." That's why they came to her and Joseph. What they told was amazing! But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart." So, when Luke asked her, "Mary, what really happened?" she could say, "In those days..." and you know the rest of the story.

"By heart?" I hope so. It is the treasure. It is the gift. Here. For you and for me. Our "piece", our "Christmas piece". To treasure, as Mary. To ponder in our hearts.

Tomorrow is the most important thing in life. Comes into us at midnight very clean. It's perfect when it arrives and puts itself in our hands. It hopes we've learned something from yesterday. —John Wayne

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second job without really getting much credit.

Jean (our sister-in-law) joined the paper in early 1990 and took over the editing duties when Roeneal was presented with some new opportunities and moved to Plainview.

All of our wives still wonder about us a little bit because of our dedication to keeping *The Enterprise* alive, but each of them supports the effort as part owners as they do in just about everything else we do. Becky, my wife, being from Winters, is especially happy we publish the paper, except when we mis-identify one of her relatives.

Our parents, especially Mom (Arlene), worries about us, but I think they are just a little proud of us as well. They should be proud of themselves, too, as they are a part of the whole thing as much as we are.

We also owe our gratitude to those who have gone before us in establishing *The Winters Enterprise* as an institution. Notably, George Hill and Richard (Dick) Thomas were responsible for the bulk of the 90-year history of *The Enterprise* and each were leaders in the community as well. Oneta McKnight, who worked many years for both Mr. Hill and Mr. Thomas (and also happens to be my mother-in-law), remembers her time there fondly. These men and those who worked with them made *The Enterprise* synonymous with Winters and made it a true fixture of life here.

I must also thank all of the readers and advertisers who have supported us and shown faith in us as we have learned this business. Without you, we would not exist.

I hope you will indulge us by reading our little story that I've just recounted. We didn't really do anything special, as we are just a few of the many who care deeply about Winters and that's what really led us to where we are today. We just thought it would be fun if you could help us celebrate being a part of things around here.

Lutheran Church to host Christmas celebration services

St. John's Lutheran Church will celebrate Christmas Eve with a special service of candle-lighting and carols at 6 p.m. this Saturday, December 24.

On Christmas day, there will be the celebration of the nativity service at 10:00 a.m.

Everyone who has no church home is especially invited.

Card of Thanks

Parents, Thanks for the food that was sent to the (basketball) tournament. The officials and coaches appreciate your help in making the tournament a success. Thanks again.

Coach Whittenburg
Coach Lipsey

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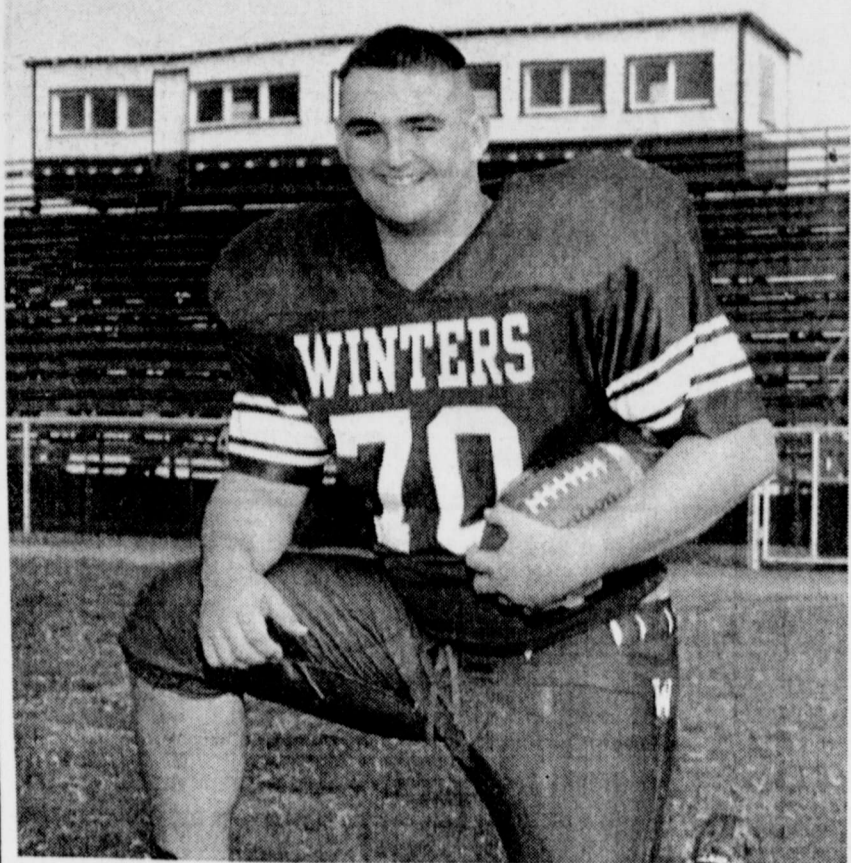
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ACROSS

- TXism: "an ornery old ..." (mean)
- fed. safety agency
- chicken fried steak, fried okra & tea
- in Van Zandt Co. on 80: ... wood
- rater of TX TV: ... Nielsen Co.
- TXism: "brave ... rodeo clown"
- TXism: "faster than a prairie fire with ... wind"
- TX Tommy Lee Jones film: "Born Killers" (94)
- TXism: "it's ... than Texas" (large)
- TXism: "duster"
- prenatal status of rare TX bird (2 wds.)
- TXism: "... red handed"
- TX has ... belt law
- TX cafe: "Good ..."
- TX wildflower
- TX Willie Nelson wrote "Hello ..."
- TXism: "hard ... keeps the fences up"
- former Rangers pitcher Scott
- Wurstfest is TX's biggest ...
- TX Eatherly flew scout plane for ... Gay bomber
- half of TX mohair goes to this continent
- "How 'bout ... CowBoys?"
- rebukes
- Galveston blesses the shrimp fleet in ... June
- mechanical bull: El ...
- TXism: "don't cotton ..." (distlike)
- This Premier directed TX Tierney in "Laura"
- honorary TX Ranger: ... Stanley Gardner
- TXism: "... snake can still bite" (beware)
- Finke, TX hosts National ... Day
- TXism: "I'm ... up!"
- Sam Rayburn served 48 of 'em in Cong. (abbr.)
- TXism: "... your drift" (understand)
- TXism: "could talk the ... off an iron stove" (talkative)
- Texans Detmer and Murray
- Mavericks '85 draft pick: ... Blab
- a TX Gattin (init.)
- Gov. ... Culbertson a Quarter...
- this Zapuder shot film of JFK assassination (init.)
- union at GM plant in Arlington
- News
- Waco hosts " ... Fast" in spring
- Travis Tritt's ...
- TX Pride's ... Losing You?"
- TX Willie platter
- TX-based ... Quinta
- TX Burnett (init.)
- in Williamson Co.
- TXism: "strike while the iron ..."
- TXism: "worth his weight ... (valuable)
- this Nick and TX JoBeth Williams were in "Teachers"
- TXism: "dull as weak ... soda pop"
- TX Meredith Mac ...
- TXism: "ugly ... sin"
- more morose
- chicken fried ...
- TXism: "tie up the loose ..."

Solutions for this puzzle appear in this issue.



CODY WHITTENBURG has been named to the Second Team All-State as offensive tackle. The 270-pound senior helped lead the 1994 Blizzards to the Regional Championship. Cody is the son of Van Ray (Puny) and Debra Whittenburg of Winters.

Students of the Month

Each month the junior high teachers select students from the 7th and 8th grades to be Boy and Girl of the Month. These selections are made on the basis of academics, leadership and citizenship.

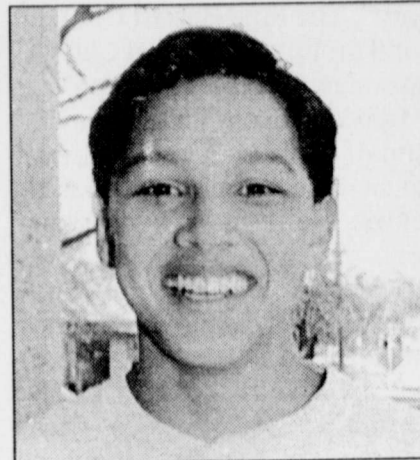
Joe Ortiz is "Boy of the Month" for December. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. Heriberto Ortiz.

Joe is 14-years-old and currently serves as the President of his 8th grade class. Computer and science are his favorite school subjects.

Joe enjoys sports, especially football and basketball. He watches T.V., works around the house and keeps his room clean.

The person Joe admires most is his father.

He plans to become a professional athlete.



Joe Ortiz
Boy of the Month

Kelli Slimp, 13, has been chosen as the "Girl of the Month" for December. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Slimp.

Kelli is in the seventh grade where her favorite subjects are life science and athletics. She is a cheerleader for the Breezes. In her spare time, she enjoys playing with her dog, jumping on the trampoline and reading. Playing piano is one of her hobbies.

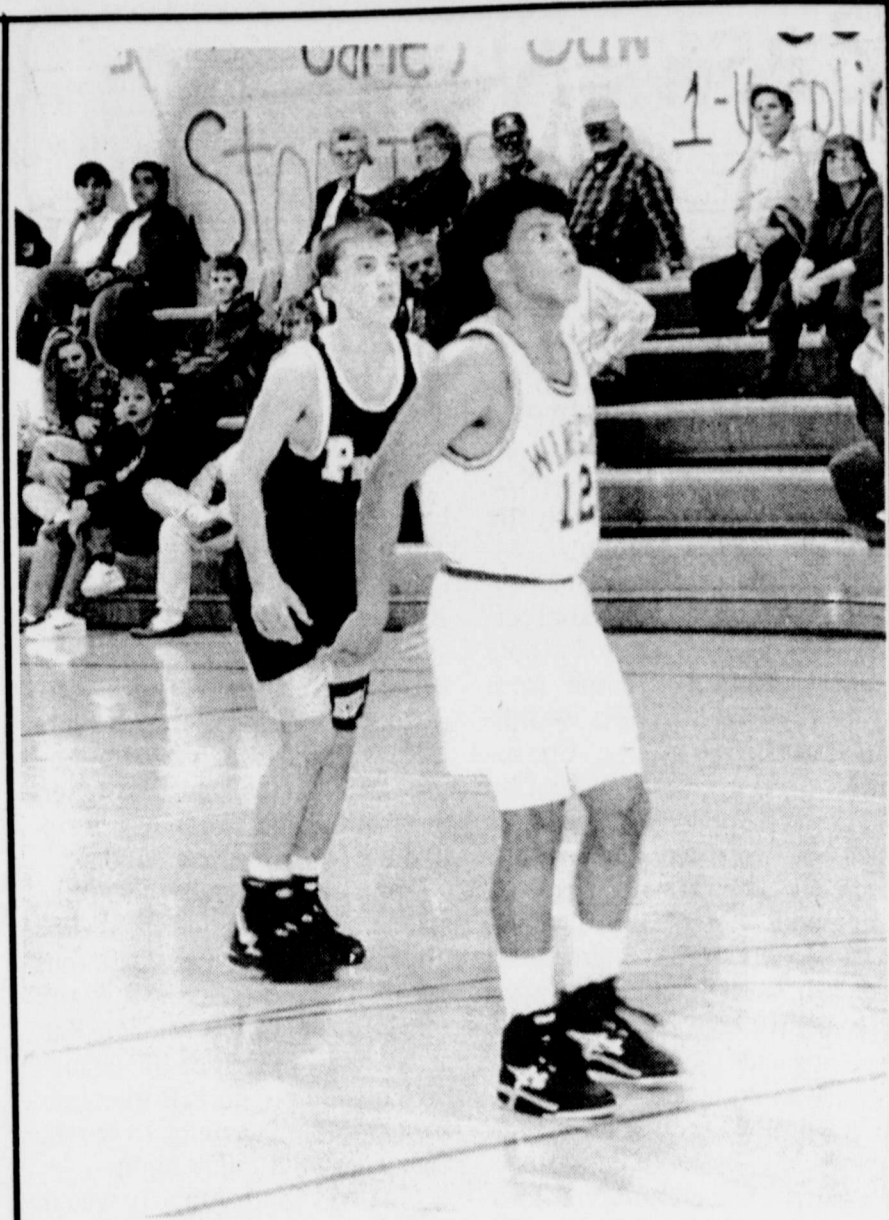
Her duties include watching her younger sister, taking out the trash and taking care of the animals.

She hopes to someday be a lawyer.

The people whom she most admires are her parents.



Kelli Slimp
Girl of the Month



RAMIE REYES watches the free throw fall good for another point for the varsity Blizzards.

Team: Junior Varsity Boys Coach: Chuck Lipsey
Opponent: Ballinger Date: December 13, 1994
Place: Ballinger

POINTS SCORED EACH QUARTER						
	1	2	3	4	OT	FIN.
WINTERS	5	4	11	13		33
OPPONENT	11	17	18	17		63

Free throws made:

Players Name	Points	Rebounds	Steals	Assists
Paige Bishop	0	0	0	1
Jonathan Cobb	0	1	0	0
Adam Cruz	1	2	2	3
Jonathan Gann	5	0	1	0
Josh Grohman*	8	13	0	2
Austin Jobe	0	0	0	0
Joe Luevano	2	0	0	0
Michael Mostad	2	3	4	0
Oliver Ortiz	0	0	1	1
Presiliano Sanchez	4	5	1	0
Abraham Vasquez	7	7	1	0
Jose Vega	0	0	0	0
George Villareal	3	0	0	1
Tony Walden	0	4	0	0
Corey Van Zandt		Injured		

*Denotes high point individual for Winters

Team: Junior Varsity Boys Coach: Chuck Lipsey
Opponent: Eula Date: December 16, 1994
Place: Eula

POINTS SCORED EACH QUARTER						
	1	2	3	4	OT	FIN.
WINTERS	15	3	10	9		37
OPPONENT	15	24	12	6		57

Free throws made: 5 of 16 for 32%

Players Name	Points	Rebounds	Steals	Assists
Eric Bernal	3	7	0	2
Paige Bishop	0	0	1	0
Jonathan Cobb	3	0	1	1
Adam Cruz	6	1	1	1
Jonathan Gann	0	0	1	0
Josh Grohman*	8	9	1	0
Austin Jobe	3	1	0	0
Joe Luevano	0	0	1	0
Oliver Ortiz	2	0	0	0
Presiliano Sanchez	1	6	1	0
Abraham Vasquez*	12	7	1	1
Jose Vega	0	0	2	0
George Villareal	0	3	1	0
Tony Walden	0	0	0	0
Corey Van Zandt		Injured		

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The legend of the first Christmas tree

One clear, cold Christmas Eve, a man walked through the snow toward his home. As he looked up through the branches of the evergreens along the way, he saw hundreds of stars twinkling like silver jewels.

He was enthralled and wished he might share this beauty with his small daughter, who was an invalid. He hurried home to fetch his axe and returned to find a beautiful evergreen with full branches. He chose the loveliest of all and took the tree into his home.

On its branches he placed lighted candles, so that his daughter would know something of the beauty of the stars shining through the branches of the trees. It was almost as if the light of heaven was within their small home.

Today, the twinkling lights on our tree remind us of the light from heaven above.

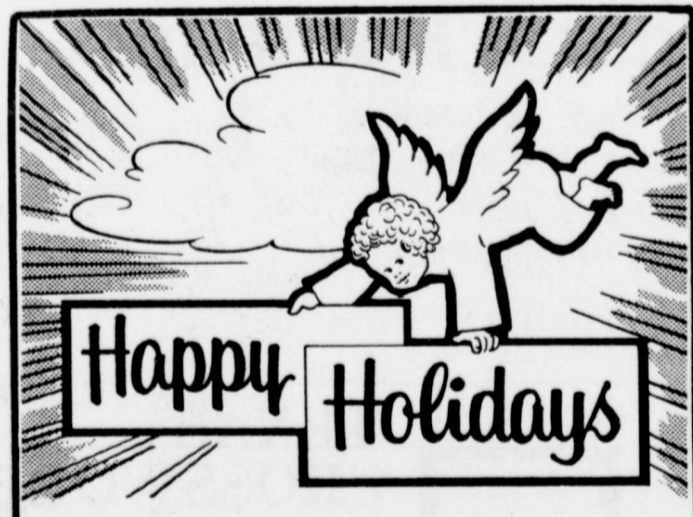
College Hotline to answer questions January 7 & 8

The Texas Association of College Admission Counselors (TACAC), a non-profit association of professional educators, and the Greater East Texas Higher Education Authority will co-sponsor a toll-free telephone College Information Hotline, available to all Texas residents, on Saturday, January 7, 1995, and Sunday, January 8, 1995, from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Anyone in the state of Texas may telephone, toll-free, 1-800-829-4599 and receive free information about college selection, admission, testing, and financial aid. The most up-to-date information regarding the application process, college majors, entrance requirements, financial aid, and meeting deadlines will be available.

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Saint John's Lutheran Church

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Team: Varsity C
Opponent: Qu
Place: Key City
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POINTS SCORED EACH QUARTER						
	1	2	3	4	OT	FIN.
WINTERS						
OPPONENT						

Free throws made:

Players Name	Points	Rebounds	Steals	Assists
Karolen Biddle				
Jamie Brown				
Janabeth Brya				
Rachel Edward				
Janet Guy				
Brooke Killou				
Robyn Parram				
Alisa Presley				
Marcie Pritche				
Araceli Vega				
Erika Vega				

*Denotes high point individual for Winters

Team: Varsity C
Opponent: Wyl
Place: Key City
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POINTS SCORED EACH QUARTER						
	1	2	3	4	OT	FIN.
WINTERS						
OPPONENT						

Free throws made:

Players Name	Points	Rebounds	Steals	Assists
Karolen Biddle				
Jamie Brown				
Janabeth Brya				
Rachel Edward				
Janet Guy				
Brooke Killou				
Robyn Parram				
Alisa Presley				
Marcie Pritche				
Araceli Vega				
Erika Vega				

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Team: 8th Gr
Opponent: Co
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POINTS SCORED EACH QUARTER						
	1	2	3	4	OT	FIN.
WINTERS						
OPPONENT						

Free throws made:

Players Name	Points	Rebounds	Steals	Assists
Lee				
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Team: 8th Gr
Opponent: Co
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POINTS SCORED EACH QUARTER						
	1	2	3	4	OT	FIN.
WINTERS						
OPPONENT						

Free throws made: 5 of 16 for 32%

Players Name	Points	Rebounds	Steals	Assists
Eric Bernal	3	7	0	2
Paige Bishop	0	0	1	0
Jonathan Cobb	3	0	1	1
Adam Cruz	6	1	1	1
Jonathan Gann	0	0	1	0
Josh Grohman*	8	9	1	0
Austin Jobe	3	1	0	0
Joe Luevano	0	0	1	0
Oliver Ortiz	2	0	0	0
Presiliano Sanchez	1	6	1	0
Abraham Vasquez*	12	7	1	1
Jose Vega	0	0	2	0
George Villareal	0	3	1	0
Tony Walden	0	0	0	0
Corey Van Zandt		Injured		

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Basketball Hoopla

Team: Varsity Girls Coach: Will Corley
Opponent: Quanah Date: December 8, 1994
Place: Key City Classic Tournament, HSU, Game 1

POINTS SCORED EACH QUARTER						
	1	2	3	4	OT	FIN.
WINTERS	6	16	10	16		48
OPPONENT	7	3	12	13		35

Free throws made: 12 of 26 for 46%

Players Name	Points	Rebounds	Steals	Assists
Karolen Biddix*	21	5	7	1
Jamie Brown	0	1	1	0
Janabeth Bryan	3	4	1	0
Rachel Edwards	10	5	6	1
Janet Guy	2	4	1	1
Brooke Killough		Injured		
Robyn Parramore	2	2	1	1
Alisa Presley	0	6	1	0
Marcie Pritchard	0	1	0	0
Araceli Vega	0	1	0	1
Erika Vega	10	6	1	5

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Coach's comments:

Team: Varsity Girls Coach: Will Corley
Opponent: Wylie Date: December 10, 1994
Place: Key City Classic Tournament, HSU, Game 3

POINTS SCORED EACH QUARTER						
	1	2	3	4	OT	FIN.
WINTERS	1	7	8	19		35
OPPONENT	8	17	14	9		47

Free throws made: 8 of 16 for 50%

Players Name	Points	Rebounds	Steals	Assists
Karolen Biddix	5	5	1	2
Jamie Brown	0	2	0	1
Janabeth Bryan	9	2	0	0
Rachel Edwards*	12	1	4	1
Janet Guy	7	4	3	0
Brooke Killough		Injured		
Robyn Parramore	0	0	0	1
Alisa Presley	2	6	1	0
Marcie Pritchard	0	1	0	1
Araceli Vega	0	2	0	0
Erika Vega	0	2	2	0

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Team: 8th Grade Boys Coach: Jim Bob Jacobs
Opponent: Coleman Date: December 12, 1994

POINTS SCORED EACH QUARTER						
	1	2	3	4	FINAL	
WINTERS	2	13	7	12	34	
OPPONENT	14	6	8	13	41	

Free throws made:
Points: Kenny Whittenburg 17
Lee Woffenden 7
Courtney Collom 4
Jeremy Alvarado 4
Avel Hicks 1

Team: Varsity Girls Coach: Will Corley
Opponent: Waco Midway Date: December 9, 1994
Place: Key City Classic Tournament, HSU, Game 2

POINTS SCORED EACH QUARTER						
	1	2	3	4	OT	FIN.
WINTERS	17	6	11	19		53
OPPONENT	19	18	9	16		62

Free throws made: 13 of 27 for 48%

Players Name	Points	Rebounds	Steals	Assists
Karolen Biddix*	28	3	2	1
Jamie Brown	0	0	0	0
Janabeth Bryan	0	0	0	1
Rachel Edwards	15	0	4	3
Janet Guy	5	4	1	2
Brooke Killough		Injured		
Robyn Parramore	0	0	0	0
Alisa Presley	3	5	2	1
Marcie Pritchard	0	0	0	0
Araceli Vega	0	1	0	0
Erika Vega	2	1	2	1

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Coach's comments:

Team: Varsity Girls Coach: Will Corley
Opponent: Hamlin Date: December 13, 1994
Place: Hamlin

POINTS SCORED EACH QUARTER						
	1	2	3	4	OT	FIN.
WINTERS	13	14	18	7		52
OPPONENT	5	11	15	10		41

Free throws made: 16 of 29 for 55%

Players Name	Points	Rebounds	Steals	Assists
Karolen Biddix	6	2	2	0
Jamie Brown	4	1	3	4
Janabeth Bryan	10	5	2	2
Rachel Edwards*	22	1	2	1
Janet Guy	0	1	3	2
Brooke Killough		Injured		
Robyn Parramore	0	0	0	0
Alisa Presley	6	5	1	1
Marcie Pritchard	0	0	0	1
Araceli Vega	4	4	2	0
Erika Vega		Injured		

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Team: Varsity Boys Coach: Ed Henley
Opponent: Ballinger Date: December 13, 1994
Place: Ballinger

POINTS SCORED EACH QUARTER						
	1	2	3	4	OT	FIN.
WINTERS	2	9	17	8		36
OPPONENT	18	23	26	24		91

Free throws made:

Players Name	Points	Rebounds	Steals	Assists
John Belew		Injured		
John Biddix*	17	4	0	2
Charlie Burton		Injured		
Kevin Conner	9	7	0	0
Mark Deike	0	4	0	2
Zane Guy	3	5	0	1
Scott Kozelsky	2	3	0	1
Robert Reed	2	5	0	1
Chane Regan	0	0	0	0
Ramie Reyes	1	5	6	5
Trevor Richards	2	1	0	0
Kelly Thompson		Injured		

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Team: Varsity Girls Coach: Will Corley
Opponent: Eula Date: December 16, 1994
Place: Eula

POINTS SCORED EACH QUARTER						
	1	2	3	4	OT	FIN.
WINTERS	14	18	6	14		52
OPPONENT	12	15	11	10		48

Free throws made: 14 of 27 for 52%

Players Name	Points	Rebounds	Steals	Assists
Karolen Biddix	4	2	3	1
Jamie Brown	2	3	0	2
Janabeth Bryan	1	1	1	1
Rachel Edwards*	18	1	2	2
Janet Guy	6	4	0	3
Brooke Killough		Injured		
Robyn Parramore	0	0	1	0
Alisa Presley	2	2	1	0
Marcie Pritchard	2	0	1	0
Araceli Vega	2	0	1	0
Erika Vega	5	2	4	2

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Team: Varsity Boys Coach: Ed Henley
Opponent: Eula Date: December 16, 1994
Place: Eula

POINTS SCORED EACH QUARTER						
	1	2	3	4	OT	FIN.
WINTERS	10	17	12	17		56
OPPONENT	25	8	15	14		62

Free throws made: 8 of 12 for 67%

Players Name	Points	Rebounds	Steals	Assists
John Belew		Injured		
John Biddix	7	4	4	4
Charlie Burton		Injured		
Kevin Conner	10	5	1	0
Mark Deike	5	3	2	2
Zane Guy	11	4	4	3
Scott Kozelsky	2	4	2	2
Robert Reed	4	2	9	2
Michael Mostad	0	0	0	2
Ramie Reyes*	15	3	3	4
Trevor Richards	2	0	1	0
Bear Nitsch	0	0		

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Coach's comments:

Team: Freshmen Boys Coach: Chris Wilde
Opponent: Coleman Date: December 12, 1994
Place: Coleman

POINTS SCORED EACH QUARTER						
	1	2	3	4	OT	FIN.
WINTERS	4	23	14	8		49
OPPONENT	6	12	9	7		38

Free throws made:

Players Name	Points	Rebounds	Steals	Assists
Eric Bernal	9	0	0	0
Dennis Conner	10	0	0	0
Ricky Luz	2	0	0	0
Justin Minzenmeyer	6	0	0	0
Bear Nitsch*	13	0	0	0
Michael Pritchard	2	0	0	0
Chris Soto	7	0	0	0

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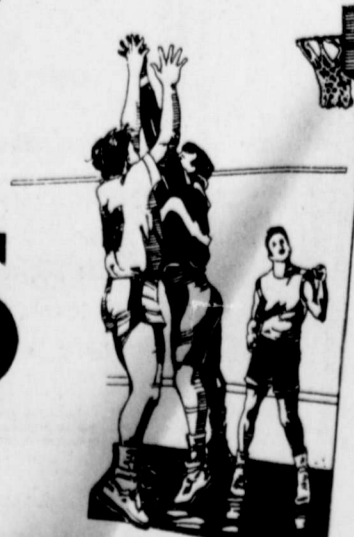
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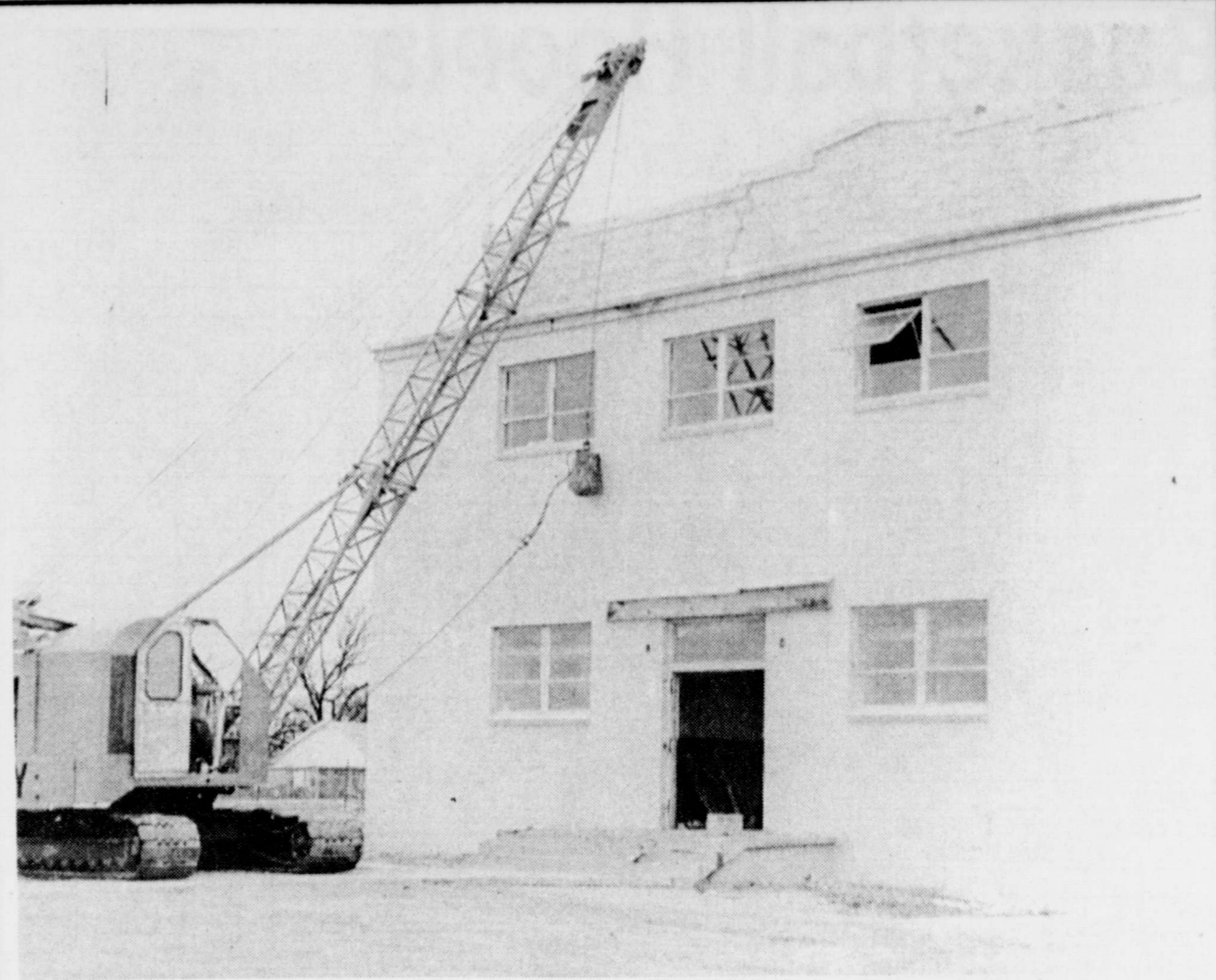
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Time flies when you're having fun (or, how I've survived the past five years)

by Jean Boles

I hope you have taken the time to read Reg's story regarding the "birth" of "our" newspaper. I say "our" because, as Reg said, our family takes great pride in this publication. Along with the work required to put out a newspaper week after week, we feel very honored and privileged to be a part of this wonderful community.

Now I'd like to add a few words, if you'll bear with me. Besides, you know how we women sometimes need to get in the last word.

I started working with *The Winters Enterprise* while sitting around the big dining table at my in-laws. I was listening to my husband and his brothers discuss this wild idea of re-starting "The Surprise" as I had always heard it called.

I've been in this family for quite a long time and heard all sorts of stories about all sorts of topics. But not once had I ever heard that anybody in our group knew the slightest thing about running a newspaper and print shop.

But I did know that the family roots run deep and we all felt there was a need for the hometown paper. So after much planning and

praying, we began.

I began my journalism career by helping out at the newspaper office during my lunch hour and after my job at a local bank. I "officially" joined the staff in about February, 1990, selling advertising and printing, taking pictures, and writing.

It was a giant adventure and so different from anything I'd ever done before.

Then my brother-in-law and founding editor, Roeneal, moved to Plainview and I became editor. More adventures.

I love to write but must admit it's pretty scary sometimes when I think that something I write or photograph might be kept in somebody's scrapbook or family Bible (not to mention my writing being taken to court). And when we make a mistake, it's right there in black and white for all the world to see.

Maybe I should confess that I have no formal training whatsoever in journalism. I studied nursing in college (but I have put to use my years of psychiatric training).

While I say I have no formal journalism training, I want to tell

you that during my twelve years of schooling in Winters I had some of the finest teachers to be found anywhere and I constantly draw on their teaching and influence. (I probably dangled a participle or split an infinitive somewhere in this story and these teachers are, as we speak, circling my errors with a red pen).

Seriously, thank you, Mrs. Jack, for teaching me to write and introducing me to reading in first grade; to Mrs. Randolph who had the most beautiful handwriting I've ever seen; to Mrs. Steele who scared me to death but taught me how to conjugate a verb; to Mrs. Hancock who never let me say, "where's it at"; to Mr. Powers who had the patience of Job and taught me how to spell; to Mrs. Bredemeyer for teaching me to type and be "professional"; to Mrs. Bauer who challenged me to make sense when I wrote; and to Mrs. Kruse who made me learn the Prologue to *The Canterbury Tales* (which I can still recite after 25 years — ouch!). Mrs. Kruse gets an extra "thank you" because she still comes to my rescue when I need her.

And I've certainly needed lots

of help because this is the most unique job I've ever had. It's many things and most of all, never boring.

I've been privileged to share some really fun and emotional experiences and also been obligated to present some not-so-fun, difficult news.

Trying to concentrate on a good camera angle for a picture of a little girl hit by a car is not fun. Neither is writing an obituary on a relative or writing a story about controversy between friends.

No, it's not fun. But it is necessary and I take it very seriously.

I also take seriously the fun assignments like interviewing Andrae Agassi at a tennis tournament, photographing Troy Aikman at the Cowboys training camp in Austin, hanging off the high school building to get a special picture, flying over Lake Ivie for a story and pictures, watching a ferrier work his craft, and — my favorite — covering all the neat things the kids do at school.

And speaking of kids at school, yes, I have considered having a special section for "Relative of the Week" since I seem to have a family member in each issue. Of

course, this has not been a difficult task because I seem to have nieces and nephews in every grade and activity.

But I can handle the criticism and comments. Sometimes they even make me laugh. These are some of my favorites —

"Do you ever put anything interesting in the paper?"

"Do you ever take any pictures for your paper?"

"Put my ad on a page that people read."

"Don't put my ad on the page with the obituaries."

"Put my ad with the obituaries 'cause everybody reads those."

"Why don't you report where all the police go?"

My favorite criticism thus far was being reprimanded after I wrote a story calling Mr. Ellis Ueckert an apiarian (another name for beekeeper). An elderly man called me and sternly informed me that he had gone to church with Mr. Ueckert for more than 70 years and he had always been Lutheran — not apiarian.

As I said, there's never a dull moment and I wouldn't trade this job for any other job, in spite of

the weird hours, the constant search for creativity and the never-ending deadlines.

We deeply appreciate the network of wonderful folks who help keep us going. A great big "thank you" to our advertisers, to our subscribers and to all of you who call or send news items. We hope you have enjoyed *The Winters Enterprise* for the past five years, and we look forward to bringing you the news for many years to come.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS



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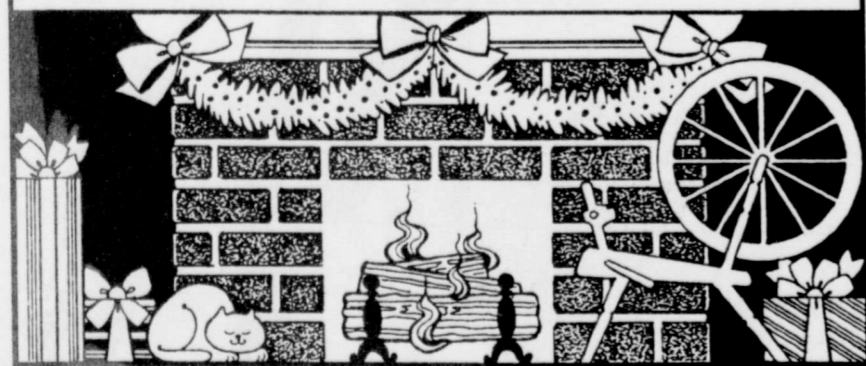
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Season's Greetings

From The Runnels Co. Appraisal District

We wish each of you a very safe and happy Holiday Season.

Gene Stewart
Chief Appraiser
and staff, Tylene, Kathy, Vivian, Beaunita, and Mary

Joyous Noel

Christmas is on the way. And we hope its holy light shines brightly upon everyone with peace and cheer. We are grateful for your friendship and loyal patronage.

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A GENTLE TOUCH is shown by nurse Elaine Miller, left, as she applies a "bandage" to the arm of a pre-kindergarten student. Approximately 100 pre-K and kindergarten pupils toured North Runnels Hospital Monday morning for some "hands on" experiences.



PRE-KINDERGARTENERS wait their turn for a tour of the ambulance during their recent field trip to North Runnels Hospital.

Hilda Kurtz, 85, featured as pin-up calendar girl for Lions

The Winters Lions Club is offering a very special 1995 pin-up calendar as a fundraiser for the organization.

The calendar features 85-year-old Hilda Kurtz modeling a stunning 90-year-old, all wool swimsuit manufactured in California by relatives.

Along with several other ladies, Hilda prepares a homecooked meal each week for the Lions Club meeting. She milks a cow every day and takes care of her chickens, sheep, geese and a dog. She also writes a weekly column, The Crews News, for local newspapers and is always cooking or doing a kind deed for friends, family or neighbors.

Calendars may be purchased for only \$2.00 at Farmers Seed and Supply, Winters Funeral Home, or The Winters Enterprise.

Methodist Church hosted community churchwide singing

Sunday, December 11, First United Methodist Church hosted a community churchwide Christmas singing. Approximately two hundred attended.

Celebrating the Christmas season in song and heavenly melodic music were: Maria Bellinger; Stacy Bishop; Catholic Youth; Bob and Billie Dickson; John Morris Edwards; Megan, Danielle, Jacob and Joshua Felty; Todd and Twyla Felty; Lou Hamilton; Justin Kaczyk; Methodist Mamas; Moro Baptist Church; Roy and Noleta Rice; Cheryl Sneed; the Summerlin family and the children of First United Methodist Church.

Bountiful food donations were given to the Winters Food Pantry. First United Methodist Church wants to thank each of you who participated and those who came to hear and sing praises to the Lord. Thank you for the food and money donations to the Winters Food Pantry, each is appreciated.

May the peace, hope and love of this special season be yours.

Winters Squares postpone dance

The Winters Squares will NOT host a monthly dance Saturday, December 24.

Lessons in dancing will NOT be held Monday, December 26, but will be held Thursday, December 29, at 7 p.m. at the Winters Community Center.

Everyone is invited to come join.

DID YOU KNOW?

The term "Xmas" is not an attempt to take Christ out of Christmas.

Actually, it is merely an abbreviation of the word itself. The X in Xmas is the Greek letter Chi, the first letter of Christ's name when written in that language. This simple abbreviation dates back to about the 12th century.



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Margarette Smith
County Treasurer

Yuletide Greetings to all!

Let's hear it for a Christmas season filled with the sounds of happiness! Its been a pleasure serving you.

Loretta Michalewicz
District Clerk

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Merry Christmas

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WAL-MART

OF BALLINGER

Letters to Santa

He's checking his list twice to see who's been naughty or nice...



**MRS. BRYAN'S
PRE-KINDERGARTEN CLASS**

Dear Santa,
I have been good. I want a sleeping Barbie and a Barbie car.
Thank you,
LeAnn Lopez

Dear Santa Claus,
I have been nice. I want a Mighty Morphin Power Ranger.
Sincerely,
Christian Jacquez

Dear Santa,
I have been nice. I want a blue and a red Power Ranger. I want a yellow and pink Power Ranger.
Thank you,
Trayson Lange

Dear Santa,
I have been nice. I want a Barbie, a Barbie horse, and a lunchbox.
I Love You,
Adrianna Rodriguez

Dear Santa Claus,
I have been nice. I want Dr. Kegul - you put some stuff in the skeleton and then pull it out - and a ninetindo tape.
Thank you,
Juanita Simpson

Dear Santa Claus,
I have been good. I want a Power Ranger tent and a sleeping bag.
Thank you,
Garland Herridge

Dear Santa Claus,
I have been nice. I want 2 batman cars, a batman helicopter and a batman airplane.
Thank you,
Russell Walker

Dear Santa Claus,
I have been nice. I want a red Power Ranger, a motorcycle, and a car.
I Love You,
Jerardo Perez

Dear Santa Claus,
I have been nice. I want a Power Ranger bed, a Power Ranger poster, and Power Ranger sheets.
Thank you,
Vincent Torres

Dear Mr. Santa Claus,
I have been nice. I want a Power Ranger, a Ninja Turtle, and a Power Ranger game.
Thank you,
Rudy Torres

Dear Santa Claus,
I have been nice. I want a Beauty and the Beast movie, a Mickey Mouse doll and a Barney.
Thank you,
Aracelie Flores

Dear Santa Claus,
I have been good. I want a coloring book, a black toy, and a choo-choo train for Christmas.
I love you,
Courtney Hubach

Dear Santa Claus,
I have been good. I want a trampoline, a Barney game, and a watch.
Sincerely,
Laura Armendariz

Dear Santa Claus,
I have been good. I want some Power Ranger stickers, a Power Ranger coloring book, a Power Ranger pillow, a Power Ranger sleeping bag and backpack.
I Love You,
David Lara

Dear Santa Claus,
I have been good. I want a Teddy Bear, a Mickey and Minnie Mouse, and a Barney.
Love,
Asnette Vasquez

Dear Santa,
I have been good. I want a car and a motorcycle.
Love,
Anthony Esquivel

Dear Santa,
I have been good. I want a bike, a rocking chair, and a doll for Christmas.
Love,
Sarah Rodriguez

Dear Santa Claus,
I have been nice. I want a Barbie who has a Wedding Dress, a hat, and a play toy horse.
Love,
Cassi Mendoza

Dear Santa,
I have been good. I want Power Ranger skates, a Power Ranger watch and a Ninja turtle hat with glasses.
Thank you Santa,
Kaighan Price

Dear Santa Claus,
I have been good. I want yellow books, a ball, and a shirt.
Thank you,
Jessie Fernandez

Dear Santa Claus,
I have been good. I want some blocks, a Ninja turtle, and some new paper.
Thank you,
Cody Johnson

Dear Santa Claus,
I have been good. I want a water gun, a Power Ranger, and a car for Christmas.
I Love You,
Cameron Buson

Dear Santa Claus,
I have been good. I want a trampoline, a Power Ranger bike, and a Power Ranger toy that when you push the button it goes.
Thank you,
Garrett Nitsch

Dear Santa Claus,
I have been good. I want a house, a car, and a choo-choo train.
I Love You,
Bobby Roman

Dear Santa,
I have been good. I want a Teddy Bear, a toy, and a little box.
Love,
Christina Guerrero

Dear Mr. Santa Claus,
I have been good. I want a blue Power Ranger - you push the button and the head changes to another head - a motorcycle, a bike, and an orange hot wheels car.
I Love You,
Alex Harrison

Dear Mr. Santa Claus,
I have been nice. I want a necklace, paper, and a house.
Thank you,
Rashae Martinez

Dear Santa Claus,
I have been good. I want a police car for Christmas. I want some cowboy boots and a horse.
I Love You,
Eddie Cortez

Dear Santa Claus,
I have been good. I want a bike, a toy Santa Claus, and a locker for my baby.
Thank you,
Natalie Rangel

Dear Santa Claus,
I have been good. I want a necklace, a ring, and some clothes for Christmas.
I love you,
Erica Roman

Dear Santa,
I have been nice. I want some race cars, trucks, and Power Rangers.
I Love You,
Andrew Sanchez

Dear Santa Claus,
I have been nice. I want a Talkboy, blue roller blades, and a skateboard.
Sincerely,
Patrick Escalona

Dear Santa,
I was being nice. I want a Power Ranger with everything with it and a motorcycle and a Bigfoot.
I Love You,
Joe Luis Medina

Dear Santa Claus,
I have been nice. I want a purple Power Ranger sword, a Power Ranger gun, and a white Ranger sword.
Love,
Cory Stewart

Dear Santa Claus,
I have been nice. I want a car, a Barbie, and a bicycle.
I Love You,
Lillian Garcia

Dear Santa Claus,
I have been nice. I want a present.
Sincerely,
Reina Aragon

Dear Santa Claus,
I have been nice. I want a Power Ranger, a candy cane and a Bigfoot.
I Love You,
Justin Medina

**MRS. CAVAZOS'
FIRST GRADE CLASS**

Dear Santa Ker rocket tap rat and tv na ver tas
Crystal Rodriguez

I Wt a big borbye. I Love Santuclos. I Wt a ver anb tv anb et. I Wt a cane.
Lucia Chavez

I wish I could hav a cat. sataclos i wish i could hav a dog.
Armando Nava

To Santa
I Love You Santa. You aer the bast. I want a hat.
Amanda Blackshear

can I have a big black Pig and a kint and a ball and a bat and a Sangu.
Richard Boyd

Dear Santa,
I wish I colub Have This gified uadr The Christmas tree and This One to.
Love Jessica Hamilton

I Love you santa. The bast you run.
M'Kenna Anderson

Dir santa
I Bin a vere god girl this yir win you cam on crismis ev plis brig me a Big red car.
Vanessa Page

I Love you Santa. Wot will I got?
Manuel Vega

Dir Santa,
rocket radio dinosaur mosos bick bat Jonathan Meyer

Dir Santa,
I wot a parajr mufi and a grapuni and a brigip and a babi and a ball. tangle? I bin Elizabeth Sartor

Merry Christmas many ways. Winter. Powe Rangers.
Martin Luviano

Dir sed
I MOPt a saurf fir yow mill yow gif it to me. and I mot a tido.
Dustin Burton

I Love you Santa Wot Will I got?
Amber Totten

I love you Santa I won a tanble gles lat be A big one. and a swig set. and a seg gam.
Angela Deike

I wat a bear four cerisms. toeu you four tho bear four sat cos. tag you satclos.
Justin Fenwick

dear Santa orange cat
Rosendo Ovalles

I with I cold met you but I can't but if the slad brig me wht I wont I wont a saga game Power ragrs game.
David Scates

I wiase i colde git a nrf buoo and a roe ples. Santuclose I wude lik it thanc you santuclos can you do it.
Jordan Sanchez

Dear Santa Claus please bring me a baby dog, a ring a horse.
Love Erica Lujano

**MRS. COLBURN'S
FIRST GRADE CLASS**

Dear Santa Claus
bring me a morosicko. reindeer. can you bring me a horsas two. motdricks.
Love Juan Rodriguez

Dear Santa Claus
Kayla. I wand a Tammy telephone my
Kayla Horton

Dear Santa I. want a Rudolph. I want a greer Power Ranger. Dear Santa I want a red Power Ranger Dear Santa I want levw a coks lion
Frank Perez

Dear Santa Claus will yoy ples bring me a realrider. And a power ranger. And with some cook
Lav Stevan Clark

Dear Santa, I wad like walkman and Katie kiss and a picture of Rudolph. And p picture of Santa and a' and a'bot the Rudolph picture I wod lick a reat
Love Raysha Garcia

Dear Santa Claus, Playhouse I Want Segaga I want a motorcycle coop I Wanta Cat I Want real MOTOrcycle I POWerrangersred.
Love Jo Cruz

Dear Santa will you sind me sum. shos for Christmas. will you sind me a dolls.
Love, Paige Geistmann

Dear santa claus, Will you Bring Me a bike Dear Rudolph I Want you to tell santa to Bring Me a Power rang
Randy Jackson

Dear Santa Claus, I want noew shoes t.v. cool tools a doll sister im gonon leve cookies and milk.
Love Jessica Meyer

Dear Santa, I want a necklace, jeans, real Sega game, a cap and Frosty. Lion King.
Love Nephthali Estrado

Santa is coming mommy look. I want a sega. merry Christmas santa. santa I've been good.
by: L.J. Nitsch

Dear Santa Claus I want a Comet. I woodlike a megis. I wanta lot uv presents.
Love Luke Hale

Dear Santa Claus, I want a Katiekiss and a picture of Rudolp. I want a real puppy and a Game Gear with a Lion King Sega Game. I want a pink power ranger.
Love Krystal Gibbens

Dear Santa Claus
I want a sega.
Love Jesus you Santa.
Love Jesus Rubio

Dear Santa Claus, wud you sind me a pupy? A her Bowe. Lion King movie. Sonic pils. A bike. Nel pils. A pusi. A dol. A flag. The pink power Ranger. A Book. I wus good, I will leve you som coeese and milk. AND mabe som piy. And a loch box. A pils. A teshrt. We wish you a meree crisms.
Love Amanda Polk

Dear Santa Clus
I want presents - a reindeer, a snowman, some jeans. Merry Christmas love Israel Guerrero

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a Talkboy. Santa I've been so good to get a present.
Love Michael Reeves

Dear Santa, I want a bol I am going two leve sum.
Love Emerald Medina

**MRS. SNEED'S
FIRST GRADE CLASS**

Dear Santa,
My name is Dylan Perrie. I will lef you some cookies with milk. I want a motor cikl. I want a G.I. Jo truck and I want a G.I. Jo.
Love,
Dylan Perrie

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a b.b. gun.
Angel Ramirez

Dear Santa,
I want a bik.
Lov,
Trent Wall

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a nluw bike.
I want a snow sled.
I liv in Wintns. I will lev you green and red im n nims.
Merry Christmas.
Love,
Aaron Colburn

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a watch and swim pool and a Barbi. Ho Ho Ho Merry Christmas.
Love,
Beca Morrison

Dear Santa Clus,
I want a barbe and I want a mickmouse watch and I want a bick and I want a stereo and I want a puzzle and mickmouse. I want two pets mouses and two dogs.
by
Jennifer Green

Dear Santa,
I want a watch.
Luv,
Josh Soto

Dear Santa,
I want one monkey.
I want some money.
I want a horse
I want a sega.
I want a swimming pool.
I want some crayons.
Tod Martin

Dear Santa Claus
Hi. I want you to bring me some roller blade, computer, cloth, shoes, socks. Santa I want you to bring my cusion Domingue a doll, shoes, cloths.
Priscilla Vara

Dear Santa,
My Name is Eric Wyatt, I live on 104 Penny Lane. I Want a: Power Ranger. My Brother Want's some Tool's. My MoM want's a Rock Polisher. My DaD want's a new tie.
Signed: Eric Wyatt

Dear santa claus,
I want a sega.
I want a drum.
I want a truck.
by James Vasquez

Dear Santa
I want a house to play with. I love Santa.
Samantha, Martin

Dear Santa,
I want a swimming pul. I want a doll house, and I want a dog. my name is Vickie Santoya.

Dear Santa Claus,
My name is Jennifer Esquivel. I want sum rolrblads. I liv in Wintns. My little brown want a totyrack.

Dear Santa,
I want a toy. I want a truck, I want a motrciel.
Luv,
Chris Guerrero

Dear Santa Claus,
Men name is Matt Tekell. I want montin bike. My brother Eric Tekell.
Matt Tekell

Dear Santa claus,
I wot Franknsting
My brother wants a power ranger game. I want a little golden car. I want clos. I want a dog and car. I want a sega. I want a Power ranger.
Frank Perez

Dear Santa Claus,
I wod lick a brbe car.
Luv,
Ana Diaz

Dear Santa
Will you bring me a snow scei I will lev you Milk and cookies
Love
Bryce Wilkerson

My name is Marcus Tubbs.
Dear Santa Claus,
I want the Power Rangers gun and the white Ranger sword, Santa Claus.
Marcus Tubbs
The End

Dear Santa Claus
I live at 811 would street my mom Name is Lue and my dad Name is Bill and my sisters Name is Kelly and Kari I dont have a brother but you now what Santa I love my family and I Love you to
Love
Kindy Walker



Poe's Corner by Charlsie Poe



A light was on the town

Myriads of lights glow in the darkness as shades of night settle across the streets of Winters on this Christmas season.

The Christmas Parade of Lights set the pace and houses all over town took up the challenge, making a fairy land in the darkness. Familiar store buildings take on a cozy look and memories are stirred as they stand silhouetted against a black velvet sky.

Louis Gonzales has decorated his home for the first time. He says that he used two strings of clear lights with which he outlines his house and trees with a striking effect. "It is up to us to make our town attractive and many people come to see how we have decorated," he says.

The first decorating on a large scale began in 1973 when the Watsons, recently married, began to entertain their grandchildren: she had 38 and Buck had four.

The first year they strung lights around the door and the two windows. The second year Santa Claus was on the roof and the grandchildren had such a fit over him that he was moved closer--to the eaves accompanied by two big lights.

The project started out as entertainment for their grandchildren and ended in being for all children. Many visitors came by and stopped. They began to bring the children by pickup loads and buses to the house at 317 N. Melwood.

The third year lights were placed around the rose arbor and in 1977 many additions were made. A cross and star were anchored on the roof and lights strung on each side of the walk. Snowmen and little elves settled on the lawn, also several small Santas driving reindeer.

The next year two tall candles joined the scenery. Inside decorations included a decorated tree loaded with presents, poinsettias everywhere, a snowman in the window and candle holders adorned with holly.

The huge display that grew every year became so popular that from the first day until the last there was a constant stream of visitors.

Watson, a disabled World War II veteran, had two sons, George and his family who live nearby and Larry who lives at home.

Larry put up the lights and decorations. Machine gun fire amputated Watson's leg in a battle at Salerno, Italy, and he was unable to help. He later lost his eyesight. After his death, Larry tried to continue the exhibit but vandals broke out the lights by throwing rocks at them.

George and Alene Watson began entering parades last year by decorating a trailer and pulling it with their three-wheel 1986 Yamaha. In Christmas parades, they won first place at Coleman both last year and this and third at Ballinger, first place at Brady this year on July 4th, also first Sept. 14 at Buffalo Gap in the rodeo parade.

The couple decorated their yard last year to some extent, but this year they went all out with rotating lights around their fenced-in yard with a snowman in the middle and a tall candle on each side. Santa Claus and four Christmas trees are on the scene as well as the parade trailer loaded with stuffed animals.

"We throw out candy to the kids at the Christmas parade and we are planning several additions to our decorating," says Mrs. Watson.

Christmas tree contest winners

The Women's Service League of Winters would like to say "Thank You" to the participants in the third annual Christmas Tree Contest.

Following is a list of people who made the contest a success: Brownie Troop #179, Brownie Troop #163, Brownie Troop #180, Club Scout Pack #249, Dry's Manufacturing, Nancy and Frank Foreman, Girl Scout Troop #162, Gerhart Cleaners, The Winters 4-H Club, Bahman Jewelers, The Winters Enterprise, West Texas Utilities, First State Bank and Noleta Rice.

The winners in the business category are: 1st-Dry's Manufacturing, 2nd-Gerhart Cleaners, 3rd-The Winters Enterprise. In the homemade category, the winners are: 1st-The Winters 4-H Club, 2nd-Cub Scout Pack #249, 3rd-Frank and Nancy Foreman.

The contest was a huge success, just as it was last year. About

167 cans of food, 55 toys and 155 articles of clothing were collected for the Winters Multi-Purpose Center. Five of the Christmas trees will be donated to families in Winters.

Your participation in this contest made Christmas a little brighter for others in town. Have a Merry Christmas.



Call 754-4958 to place an ad



NEW CHAMBER OF COMMERCE DIRECTORS are front row, left to right, Carl Grenwelve, Terry Wyatt, Brenda Briley, and J'Lynn Cooper. Back row, left to right, Larry Suit, Joe Pritchard (vice-president), Shirley Hall, Teresa Davis (secretary), and Jerry Sartor (president). Not pictured are Dawn Green (secretary), Beth Bradley, Gene Bernal, and Mike Madden.

Pioneer Church of God News

King of Kings

The Pioneer Church of God had their Christmas dinner, December 15. Everyone enjoyed the fellowship. Christmas carols were sung before all went home.

On December 16, 20 youth and 7 adults went on a hayride around Winters singing Christmas carols to all the town. Thanks to Bill and Helen Ivey for making it possible for the hayride. Everyone had a cold and great time!

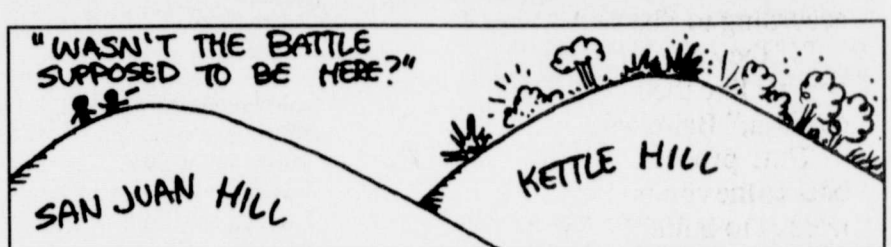
On Sunday morning, Pioneer Church had special guest singers, Carl and Mary Ann Ivey. They ministered to members through gospel music. Sunday night, Reverend J.O. Mitchell spoke to the congregation about Jesus dying on the cross. Gifts for the youth, pastor, and Sister Treva were given.

The Pioneer Church of God will be open Christmas Day from 11-12 for those who want to come in and pray.

Pioneer Church of God wishes everyone in Winters and the surrounding area a wonderful and safe Christmas!

May God richly bless each and everyone!

WEDNESDAY
Night Services 7 p.m.
SUNDAY
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Praise & Worship 10:45 a.m.
Prayer 5:30 p.m.
Praise & Worship 6 p.m.



The famous charge of the Rough Riders during the Spanish American War was actually on Kettle Hill, not San Juan Hill, which is nearby, but has a better name.

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AWARD-WINNING students of TIPS received recognition December 14 from Rodney Winters (back row, second from left), area manager of Diamond Shamrock; Don Poindexter (back, middle), president of Wes-T-Go; and John Thacker (back, second from right), chairman of Western Marketing. A certificate and \$500 check were presented to Principal Terry Wyatt by Diamond Shamrock in honor of the TIPS after-school homework assistance and tutoring program directed by Fran Kidwell. Winters was one of ten schools selected as a finalist in the "Hooray for Excellence" program.

County offices to be closed Dec. 23-26

All Runnels County offices will be closed Friday, December 23, through Monday, December 26, in observance of the Christmas holidays.

Business will resume December 27 at the regular time.



Woman's Club tours Abilene

The Winters Woman's Club members and guests met Tuesday, December 13, to celebrate the Christmas season by going to Abilene. They caught the Christmas spirit as they boarded two Abilene CityLink buses for a tour of lights and decorations of the different residential areas.

After a two-hour tour of magnificent beauty of lights and singing of Christmas carols, they enjoyed fellowship and food at IHOP's.

Members attending were Jane Allecom, Dolly Airhart, Joyce Bahlman, Beth Briley, Virginia Brown, Cheryl Bryan, Margaret Burton, Betty John Byrns, Edna England, Bernie Faubion, Melvena Gerhart, Sandy Griffin, Lois Jones, Hortie Joyce, Ceclia Kniffin, Dorothea Laughon, Marthiel Russell, Marsha Shoemaker, Ginger Test, Lavera Sharp, and Uvah Hollander. Guests were Onita Williams, Nila Osborne, J Lynn Cooper, Maurine Davis, Audine McBeth, and Nita Collingsworth.

Students selected to "Who's Who"

A total of 85 students from this area are included in the 28th annual edition of "Who's Who Among American High School Students," 1993-94.

"Who's Who," published by Educational Communications, Inc., Lake Forest, Illinois, is the largest high school recognition publication in the country. Students are nominated by high school principals and guidance counselors, national youth groups, churches, and educational organizations based upon students' academic achievement and involvement in extracurricular activities. Traditionally, 99% of "Who's Who" students have a grade point average of 'B' or better and 97% are college bound.

The 28th edition of "Who's Who," published in 16 regional volumes features approximately 720,000 students or just 6% of the nation's 12,000,000 high school students. They represent approximately 18,000 of the 22,000 public, private, and parochial high schools in the country.

"Who's Who" students also compete for \$150,000 in scholarship awards and participate in the publication's annual opinion poll of teen attitudes. The book is distributed to up to 15,000 high schools, colleges, universities, and public libraries throughout the country.

Local students selected include: Abernathie, Jennifer D. Angel, Justin W. Barnes, Lenora A. Bedford, Robert M. Belew, John P. Bellinger, James E. Bethel, Rhonda K. Biddix, John A. Biddix, Karolen F. Briley, Kevin J. Brown, Rebecca S. Bryan, Janabeth Burton, Charles R. Burton, Cristi D. Calcote, Christy M. Cathey, Hollie A. Clough, Gayla M. Collins, Nathan J. Crouch, Curtis Z. Cruz, Adam Deike, Kristin Deike, Mark L. Donica, Tiffany M.

Edwards, Rachel L. Fernandez, Adela M. Flores, Stephenie Gray, Brandi M. Green, Kyle R. Hale, Mande R. Hamrick, Eric W. Heidenheimer, Jefferson G. Herrera, Genevieve Jacob, Brent G. Jobe, Austin T. Jobe, Lori N. Jordan, Jason D. Killough, Brooke L. Kozelsky, Scott M. Miller, Lesley Jeff Moreno, Elvia Mostad, Michael C. Plumley, Catherine D. Poindexter, Sherry L. Prewit, Jennifer L. Reyna, Jennifer S. Richards, Keith T. Rocha, Andy S. Russell, Chad E. Santoya, Misty E. Silva, Sonia I. Smith, LisAnne Thompson, Kelly W. Torres, Elodia Torres, Missy A. Villareal, Carlos L. Waldrop, Alicia K. Watkins, Heath A. Ballinger students selected include:

Bailey, Jon Baird, Michael Barton, Zach Blackmon, Jeremy Boone, April Cabrera, Teresa Duggan, Will Escobar, Lori A. Fischer, Lyndi R. Frey, Jill Fulton, Renee Halfmann, Shauna Harrison, Matthew Kjome, Kim Lee, Julie Mansell, Brandon McLarty, Cody Murman, Chris Nixon, Jennifer Rutledge, Steven Sauvain, Chad

Slaughter, Lacy Thornhill, Sharla A. Thorton, Anne Wilde, Heather Wiley, Justin Wilson, Alan



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Wishing you a Safe and Happy Holiday Season!

Sheriff Bill Baird and the Runnels County Sheriff's Department

No matter how you say it, we're wishing everyone a wonderful holiday season!

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HAPPY HOLIDAYS!
Here's wishing you and your family all things merry and bright this Christmas. Thanks for lighting up our season.

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Merry Christmas

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Judy, Sharan, and Rhonda

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Extension News & Views

by Patricia Hohensee
Runnels County Extension Agent-HE

Traveling turkey basics

When cooking a holiday meal in advance, divide foods into small, shallow containers and cool quickly. This includes the carved turkey.

Do not attempt to partially cook meat and poultry ahead of time and then finish cooking at the destination.

Transport cold or frozen foods in an insulated cooler with a cold source.

Hot foods should be kept hot, and should not be held at room temperature over two hours. Wrap well to insulate.

Keep hot foods HOT and colds food COLD.

Sometimes it's safer just to give up on the idea of taking your feast across the country. Look for new traditions when you get there.

If you are cooking foods ahead of time for your party be sure to cook foods thoroughly to safe temperatures. Cook fresh roast beef to at least 145 degrees Fahrenheit for medium rare and 160 degrees Fahrenheit for medium doneness. Bake whole poultry to 180 degrees and poultry breasts to 170 degrees. Ground turkey and poultry should be cooked to 165 degrees. All other meat, fish and ground red meats should be cooked to 160 degrees.

Divide cooked foods into small

shallow containers to store in the refrigerator or freezer until serving. This encourages rapid, even cooling. Reheat hot foods to 165 degrees. Arrange and serve food hot in the oven (set at 200-250 degrees) or cold in the refrigerator until serving time. This way foods will be held at a safe temperature for a longer period of time. Replace empty platters rather than adding fresh food to a dish that already had food in it. Many people's hands may have been taking food from the dish, which has also been sitting out at room temperature for awhile.

The two hour rule should always be observed. Foods should not sit at room temperature for more than two hours. Keep track of how long foods have been sitting on the buffet table and discard anything there two hours or more.

Keep hot foods HOT and cold foods COLD. Hot foods should be held at 140 degrees or warmer. On the buffet table you can keep hot foods hot with chafing dishes, crock pots and warming trays.

If you have other questions about meat and poultry safety, call a turkey genie-us at the USDA Meat and Poultry Hotline, 1-800-535-4555.



"CAN YOU FEEL THE LOVE TONIGHT" may have been the thoughts of the congregation gathered during the community-wide singing hosted by the First United Methodist Church as they listened to John Morris Edwards (left) and Justin Kaczyk perform. Many individuals and groups sang in praise and enjoyed fellowship.

Livestock Association elects superintendents

The Winters Livestock Show Association met on December 14 to discuss the local junior livestock show and to elect superintendents for the 1995 stock show. They are as follows:

- General**
 - Jim West
 - Tad Cason - Assistant
 - Steer & Heifer**
 - Jack Burton
 - Denny Heathcott - Assistant
 - Sheep & Goat**
 - Bobby Briley
 - Larry Donica - Assistant
 - Swine**
 - Jim Jordan
 - Greg Donica - Assistant
 - Rabbits**
 - Steve Pritchard
 - Glen Hoppe Jr. - Assistant
 - Little Britches Show**
 - Penny Pritchard
 - Monte Angel - Assistant
- There will be a general Work Day on Saturday, January 7, starting at 8 a.m.

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County Clerk

Letter to the Editor

Ex-student, always a Blizzard, says "thanks" to players and students

I was very impressed by the article "Thanks, Blizzards, for the great season!" which appears in the December 15th edition of your fine paper.

You are absolutely correct when you say there were many Blizzards following the season very closely. Notice I say Blizzards and NOT ex-Blizzards.

I was following a Class 1A team as my primary team this season because a close friend has a son who plays. This particular district had two top 10 Class 1A teams in it, so we knew we'd see some excellent football games. The eventual State Champion was from this district.

As I followed the Blizzards via the *Austin American Statesman* I was sometimes forced to wait until Sunday morning when they published a state round-up of scores to see how Winters had done. I began to talk them up down here when they were 4-0, and as the season came down to the final game, I had many supporters who had never heard of Winters and hadn't the faintest idea where it was, pulling for an undefeated season for the Blizzards.

Of course we know that didn't happen, but as they marched through the playoffs, I was able to get the scores on Friday night on the Texas Sports Network radio broadcast. Then they got everyone's attention with the up-

set of Springlake-Earth. By now they were being mentioned regularly on the Alamo Extra High School Football Report on television each Sunday morning.

I find only one flaw with your article. In a day of political correctness, you shouldn't belittle persons who are not as fortunate as you are to live in Winters. The dictionary I am looking at lists one of the definitions of "ex" as . . . a person who formerly occupied some position. I may be an "ex-student" of Winters High School, but I will always be a Blizzard!

Since I do not live in Winters, just refer to me as "geographically challenged".

Thank you Jean and thank you Blizzard players, coaches, and students of WHS, for I know it was a team effort.

Joe Eckols and Family
Georgetown, Texas

End-of-Year reminders from Social Security

As the end of the year approaches, there are certain Social Security-related matters you should know about.

If you have a child age one or older who doesn't have a Social Security number, make sure you get one before you file your tax return next year. The law requires you to list a Social Security number on your tax return for all dependents over age one.

If you changed your name this year (through marriage, divorce, or any other reason), make sure your new name is listed on your Social Security card and in Social Security's records. If you don't do this, there may be problems posting your earnings to Social Security's files. (This could reduce your future Social Security benefits.) Also, the Internal Revenue Service may have problems processing your tax return.

If you're already getting Social Security benefits and you moved this year, make sure we have your correct address. (Sometimes people who have their checks sent directly to their bank forget to tell us about a change in their mailing address.) It's important we have your correct address because early next year we're going to send you a form that shows the total benefits you received in 1994. You may need this form for income tax or other purposes.

If you receive Social Security and work, remember that you can earn more money in 1995 before your benefits are reduced. If you're under 65, you can earn up to \$8,160 next year with no reduction in benefits. If you're 65 to 69, you can earn up to \$11,280 in 1995 with no reduction. If you're 70 or older, there is no limit on your earnings.

If you received benefits and worked in 1994, you need to report your earnings to Social Security by April 15, 1995. The 1994 limits were \$8,040 for people under 65 and \$11,160 for people 65-69.

Season's Greetings
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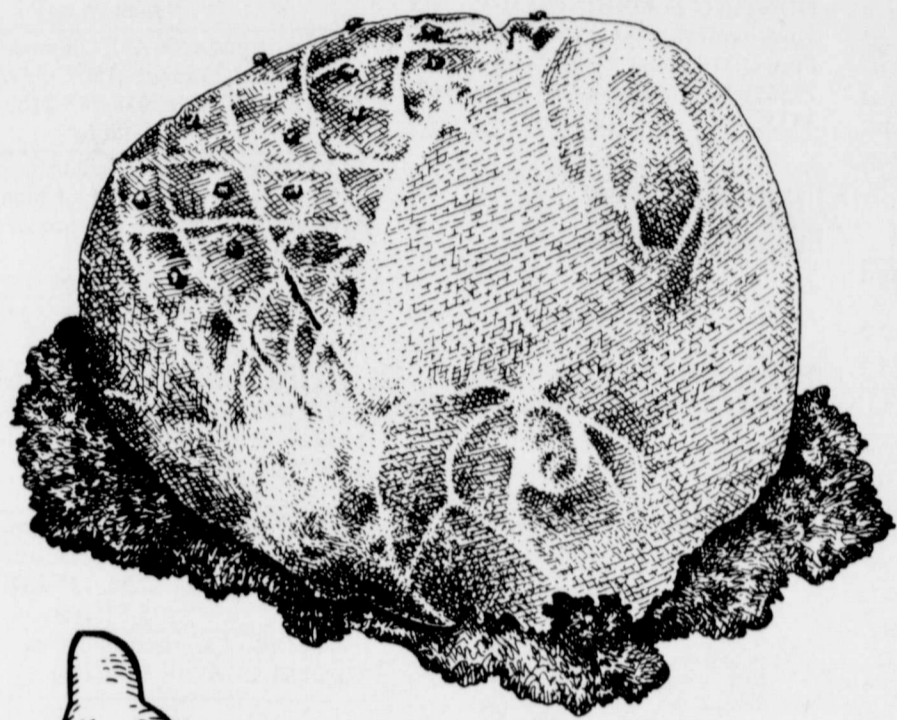
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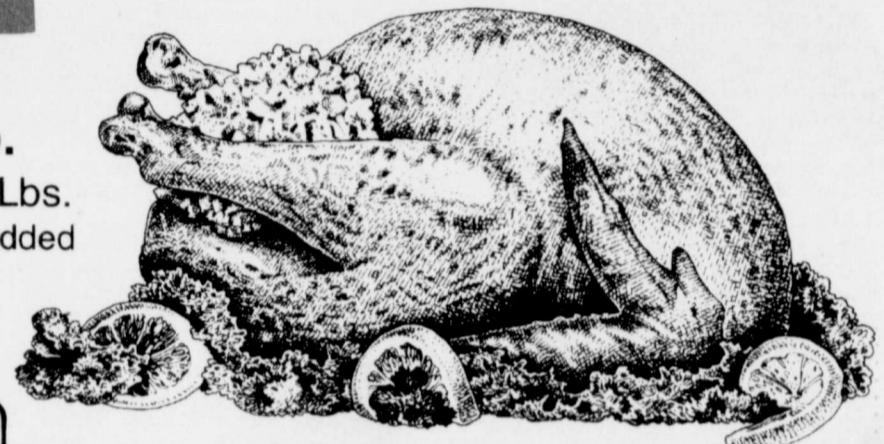
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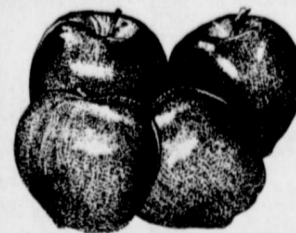
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