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# THE WINTERS ENTERPRISE

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## WHS Graduation 1995 — certainly one to remember

Graduation is always a memorable occasion but the commencement ceremony for the WHS Class of 1995 is one for the record books.

As with most of the unpredictable spring weather, sunshine beamed throughout most of the day, then thunderclouds loomed as 46 seniors began their graduation at 8:30 Friday night in Blizzard stadium.

The Blizzard Band played the processional as the smiling graduates made the long walk to the center of the field. Glenn Shoemaker, pastor of the First Baptist Church, gave a short baccalaureate devotional because, in

his words, "if I preach too long, it'll probably rain."

Light rain began to fall as Alisa Presley gave the salutatory address followed by the valedictory address given by LisAnne Smith.

Superintendent Tommy Lancaster presented the Pearl Jackson Memorial Scholarship to Kelly Thompson and the Floy Hodge Scholarship to Jamie Sims.

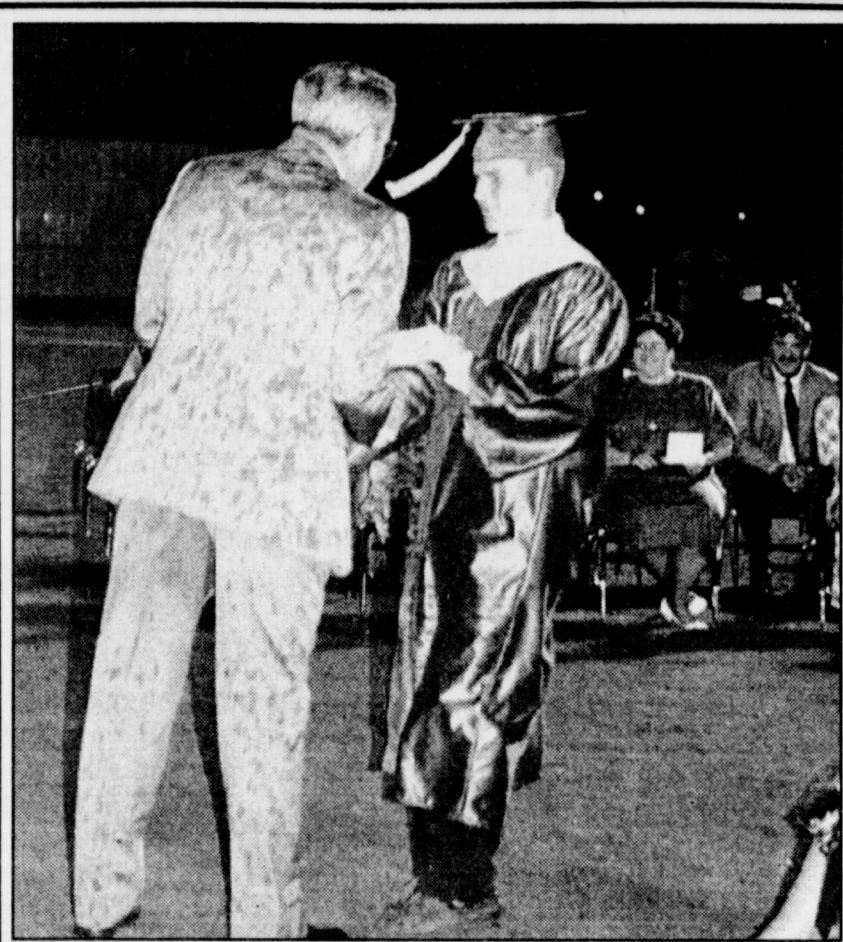
About 30 minutes into the ceremony, the clouds opened and let loose a tremendous rainstorm sending graduates, family members and guests running for cover. School officials announced that the graduation proceedings would

continue in the school gymnasium.

After about a fifteen minute break, graduates were seated in the middle of the gym and a capacity crowd of wet well-wishers proudly looked on.

Chane Reagan and LisAnne Smith were recipients of the Jake Joyce Memorial Awards for outstanding male and female students.

Following the presentation of diplomas, the benediction was given and the graduated class of 1995 became part of Winters High School history.



**KELLY THOMPSON** receives the Pearl Jackson Memorial Scholarship Award from Superintendent Tommy Lancaster during rainy graduation ceremonies Friday night.

## Charles Allcorn elected President of School Board

The Board of Trustees of the Winters Independent School District met in a called session Tuesday, May 23, 1995, to canvass the results of the May 6 election and name School Board officers.

A committee, composed of board members Allcorn, Presley, and Bryan, reported results of the election. In Place 1, candidate Sealy Bryan received 30 votes and Allen Andrae received a total of 44 votes. The oath of office was administered to newly-elected Place 1 Trustee Allen Andrae.

Charles Allcorn was elected by acclamation as president of the Board of Trustees for the Winters Independent School District.

Joe Bryan will serve as vice president and Ronald Presley as secretary.

Prior to adjournment, outgoing board member Bob Webb was recognized for twelve years of service to the Winters I.S.D.

## Winters Funeral Home to hold Open House Sunday, June 4

Winters Funeral Home will host an Open House on Sunday, June 4 from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. Refreshments will be served to visitors who are invited to tour the facility.

Recent remodeling includes an enlarged embalming room and a casket display room. A handicapped accessible bathroom has also been added.

Winters Funeral Home began as Spill Bros. & Company, established in 1905 by the late Albert Spill, Winters pioneer. The company consisted of a furniture business and funeral home and was located at the corner of Main and State, in the present area of the Video Hut and parking lot.

Soon after the business was begun, Albert's brother, the late Ben Spill, became a partner in 1906.

In 1912, a large, two-story building was built at the present

location of Spill Brothers Furniture. This building became the new home of Spill Bros. & Company.

In 1919 Albert Afflerbach of Ballinger joined his uncles as a third member of the firm. Then a sister, Emma, and her husband Ernest Adami, came into the business in 1921, to become the fourth member of the Spill family to operate the furniture and funeral business in Winters.

The "undertaking" business was rapidly changing so a separate funeral home was built around 1929, at the present location at 120 State street.

At the death of the founders, Albert in 1935, and Ben in 1947, their interests were inherited by their heirs.

Mrs. Albert Spill and her daughter, Mrs. John (Mildred) Gardner, and her son, Merrick Spill inherited interest from Albert

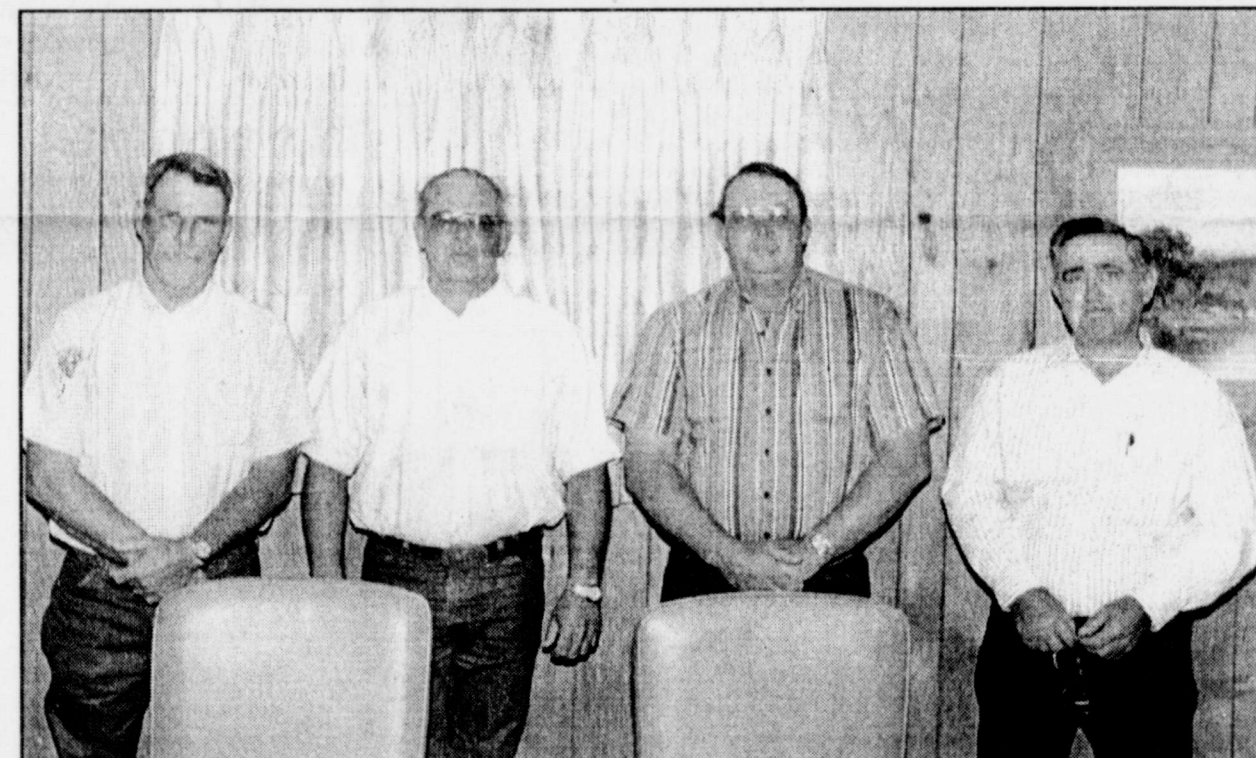
Spill. Mrs. Bendena Ashburn and her brother, C. B. Spill, retained interest in the business from their father, the late Ben Spill.

Extensive remodeling was begun in September, 1954, and completed in December, 1954. It had been used as a funeral home for 25 years but growth of Winters and the surrounding area demanded the necessity for more space and modernization of the funeral home.

The chapel at the funeral home was finished the latter part of 1954, and was named Spill Memorial Chapel as a tribute to Ben and Albert Spill.

On September 30, 1956, Ted Meyer went to work at Spill Furniture and Funeral Home. He and

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**WISD BOARD OF TRUSTEES** include (left to right) recently elected Allen Andrae, Charles Allcorn who was elected President of the Board, Ronald Presley as secretary and Joe Bryan as vice-president.

## The passing of an era

by **BILLY JOE EMMERT**  
 Longtime member of the Winters American Legion Post

The old American Legion building is coming down—another indication of the passing of an era. Believed to be the home of the old Pucket school building, the lot was leased by the Legion from the City of Winters for an undetermined number of years for \$15.00.

Since its beginning, the American Legion has been involved in serving the people in the Winters community by helping those who were victims of fires, death, sickness, poverty, or whatever their need.

Funding was raised in many different ways over the years—barbecues, garage sales, raffles, and other activities. After World War II, the building was rented by groups for parties and anniversaries, family reunions, etc. For a time, the square dance club rented it for their dances. They did the rebracing of the floor in the main room. An insurance company rented it once as a meeting place.

The American Legion brought flags and purchased flag holders to go on the parking meters in downtown on Main and Dale streets. Merchants paid \$12.50 a year to have a flag put in the holder in front of their business for holidays. This stayed in effect until the membership of the Legion dropped and was turned over

to Ted Meyer and the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

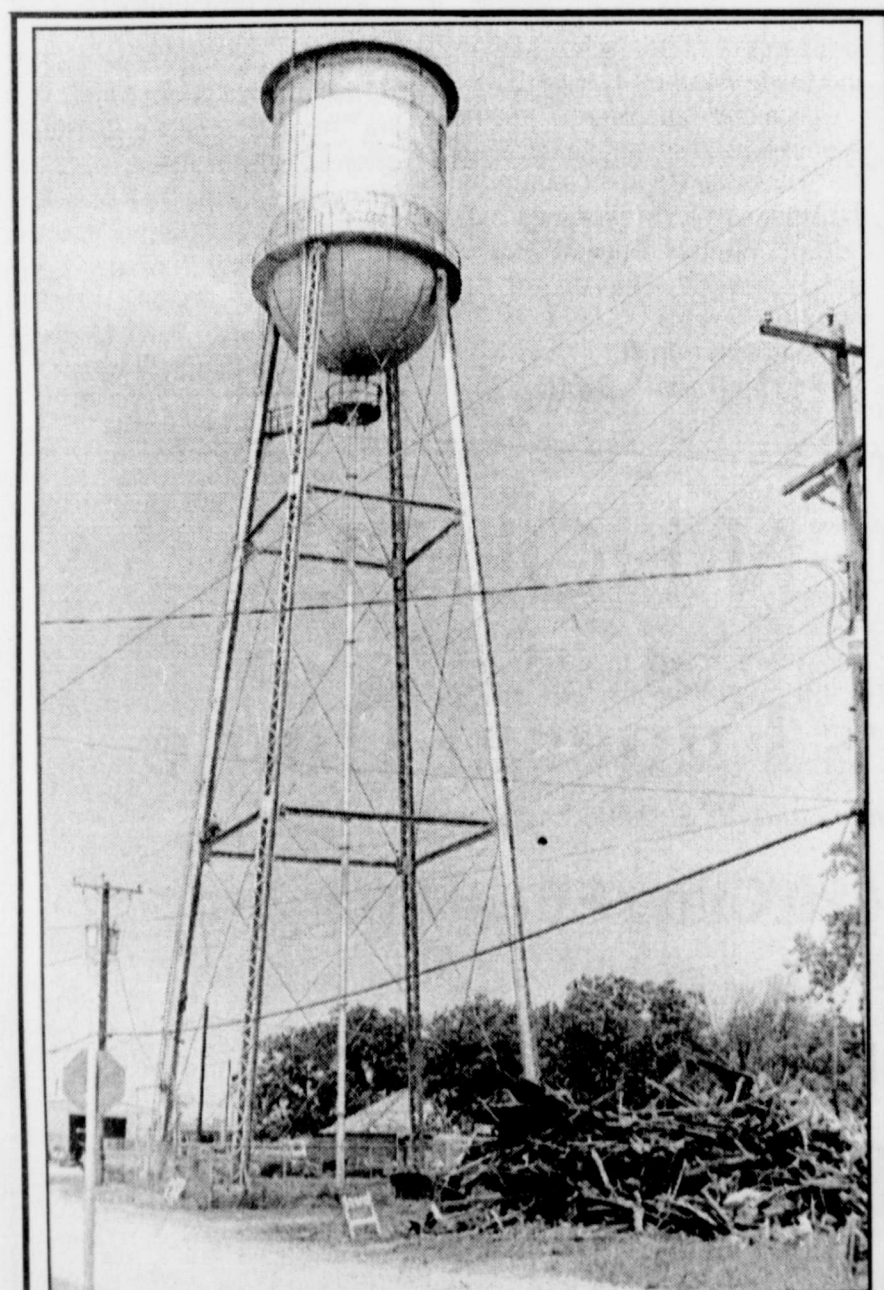
On November 11th each year, the American Legion placed a small flag on all the graves of veterans in the local cemeteries, as well as at Wingate, Wilmet, Crews, Bradshaw and other numerous rural cemeteries, at exactly 11:00 o'clock. All the cotton gins sounded horns. Other horns and alarms were sounded as well.

In the era of the Vietnam War, the American Legion membership dwindled. The building was ignored and was in need of being repaired or torn down. Windows were broken out by vandals, doors were knocked down, dust was everywhere and much of the equipment came up missing.

A church group was in need of a building. Arrangements were made for them to rent the building and do most of the repair, with the Legion furnishing the materials. The tin was first put back on the roof, and the building was cleaned out. The windows and doors were fixed, and the plumbing repaired.

Now much of the old lumber is still good and has been salvaged.

It is only fitting that the city should make a small park where the American Legion building stood and served for so many years.



**ON THE WAY OUT** are the south water tower and this pile of boards that used to be the American Legion Hall at the corner of Grant and Wood streets. The Hall was demolished in preparation for the new water tower.

The Winters Area Chamber of Commerce  
**Old Fashioned  
 Box Supper**  
*has been postponed until July 4, 1995.*

More details will follow.

**WHAT'S HAPPENING ?**

June 1-7-8 p.m., AA meets at 105 W. Truett  
 7:30 p.m., Winters Masonic Lodge  
 Farm Bureau Contest Deadline

June 2-11:30 a.m., Senior Citizens Meal  
 6 p.m., 4-H Field and Stream Project, County Courthouse  
 7:30 p.m., Ballinger Community Choir, Carnegie Library  
 Fish Delivery by RSWCD

June 3-1-6 p.m., Hunter Education Course, Winters City Hall  
 7 p.m., Team Penning, Ballinger Arena  
 7:30 p.m., Ballinger Community Choir, Carnegie Library  
**FREE Fishing Day (No Fishing Licenses Required)**  
 Miss Farm Bureau Contest and Talent Find

June 5-9 a.m.-Noon, Insect Scout School, San Angelo  
 11:30 a.m., Senior Citizens Meal  
 7 p.m., American Legion  
 7 p.m., Winters Squares, Community Center  
 7 p.m., Knights of Columbus  
 Winters Basketball Camp Begins

June 6-10 a.m., Commissioners Court, Ballinger Courthouse  
 Noon, Lions Club  
 7 p.m., WVFD  
 7-8 p.m., AA meets at 105 W. Truett

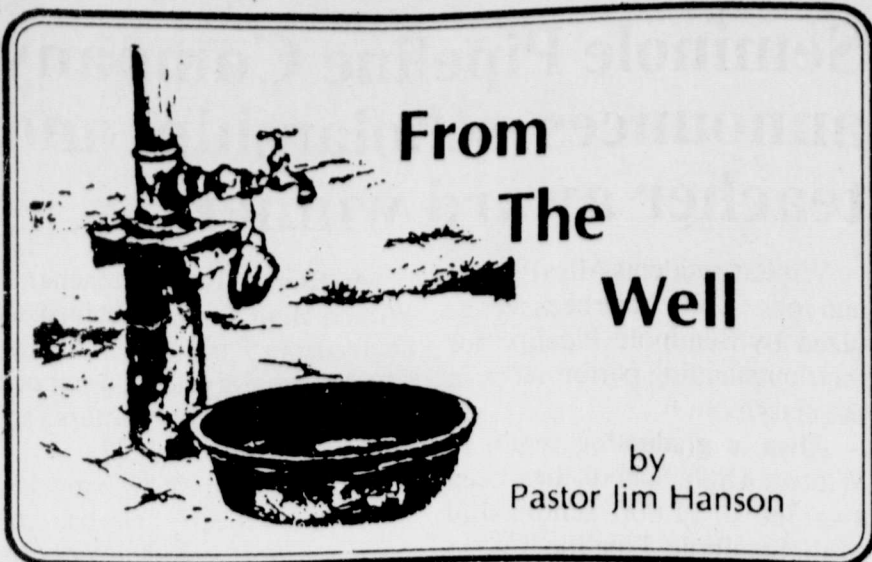
June 7-9 a.m.-1:30 p.m., WIC, Winters Housing Authority  
 11:30 a.m., Senior Citizens Meal

June 8-2:30-4:30 p.m., Commodities, Winters Multi-Purpose Center  
 7-8 p.m., AA meets at 105 W. Truett









## From The Well

by  
Pastor Jim Hanson

The other day I helped Mike Madden do a funeral. It was a very special time. Ethel Harkins was a special person. Over 90 years old. Like my mother. Like my grandmother. Wonderful woman.

What makes them so special? They are heart people. Their lives are rooted and grounded in love. They know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge. To be in their presence is to sense the presence of another. To be in my grandmother's room was to be in a sanctuary—the room had the feel of many prayers and a quiet that filled you with peace.

Heart people are home-grown. They grow up in a family of full-time parents, with brothers and sisters. At home they learned the 3 R's—respect, responsibility, and resourcefulness. At home, they learned to work. At home, they learned to love, to "do things together." And, to forgive before the sun went down.

They are raised to have a heart for God. They learned the godly things—by heart. Songs like "Jesus Loves Me," "Into My Heart," "The Old Rugged Cross," "What A Friend We Have In Jesus," "Tis So Sweet To Trust In Jesus." Bible verses too. John 3:16: "For God so loved the world." Psalm 23: "The Lord is my shepherd." Songs and scriptures, stored up in their soul. "Thy word have I laid up in my heart." One never knows when one of those songs or verses might be just the one needed to lift you up, or turn you around.

Raised to have a heart for learning. According to her daughter Dorothy, Ethel loved school. She and her sister Verdine had the same double-desk at Pleasant Retreat. They shared the same books and supplies. After grade nine they went on to the Methodist Academy at Stamford where the rooting and grounding continued—with chapel and vespers as well as algebra, history, English, piano, and music.

Raised in a home where love was known, she was raised to have a heart for her husband. You learned how to live together, and work together, and pray together and play together by watching your folks. So that one day when you got married, you were ready to "have and to hold, to love and to cherish, in good times and in bad, in sickness and in health, til death us do part." Solid. Grounded in love.

So that when Carl first laid eyes on Ethel at a fish fry in 1909 at the McNeill farm—she was nine and Carl was thirteen, had long hair, wore a white dress, and gave a "recitation"—he knew that very day in his heart she was the one for him. So that year's later, after serving in the Navy in World War I, and after courting Ethel off and on during those years, when he popped the question she said "yes," he knew and she knew, and they sealed their consent with their first kiss and went on to live a honeymoon of 52 years.

Together, in the only true love—relationship, the marriage bond of love—they worked together, prayed together, played together, raised two wonderful children, lost one, farmed in Texas and Missouri, lived in Dallas for a few years, and came home to Winters in 1969. After four years Carl died. But Ethel didn't.

Rooted and grounded in love, she carried on with love concerns—her family, her church, her friends. On her 90th birthday, her daughter Dorothy and son-in-law Hoy wrote up a 13-page single-spaced story of her life. What a wonderful gift! A heart-gift!

As we stood around her grave, children, grandchildren, neighbors and friends spoke from their heart about this heart woman. Like Proverbs 31:28, "Her children rise up and call her blessed...a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised." And she was. "Blessed are the pure in heart." And blessed are we who have been blessed to know them.

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### Funeral Home, cont'd.

his wife, Ellen, had moved to Winters from Abilene.

Meyer was born in New York and came to Fayetteville, Texas, as an infant. He was detached from the Navy to the Marines in World War II and served as a litter bearer in the medical corp. He was hospitalized for nine months following an injury from a bomb concussion and then received a medical discharge from the service.

He met Ellen Crabtree while taking his funeral director's apprenticeship in Dalhart, Texas. They were married June 5, 1948, and moved from Dalhart to Abilene to Winters.

Meyer, his family, and associates bought the funeral home on July 29, 1977, and changed the name to Winters Funeral Home.

On September 12, 1977, Nelan and Celesta Bahlman and J. W. and Joyce Bahlman purchased the furniture store which is still named Spill Brothers Furniture.

Ted Meyer operated the funeral home until his death in January, 1987. He was assisted by his son, Mike, who began working for Spill's at the age of 12. He graduated from Winters High School in 1975, and took his apprenticeship for one year at Spill Funeral Home. In September, 1976, he enrolled in the Dallas Institute of Mortuary Science. He graduated in August, 1977, and returned to Winters. He received his funeral director's license in December, 1977, and his embalmer's license in March, 1979.

Mike Meyer is married to the former Frances Cooper and they have four children.

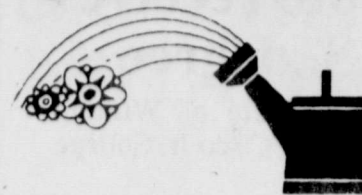
A sister, Theresa Meyer Patterson who is Assistant Cashier at First State Bank of Winters, serves as secretary-treasurer and bookkeeper of Winters Funeral Home and assists in the office. One of her sons, Chuck Patterson, is a graduate of Dallas Mortuary School and works for Robert-Massie Funeral Home in San Angelo.

Mike's brother, Tim, is co-owner of Winters Welding Works.

Linda Tischler Dry has worked for the funeral home for the past fourteen years. Of Linda's service, Mike Meyer said, "Because of her dedication, the Meyer family chose to include her in the ownership."

The funeral home is located at 120 State Street. In addition to the interior remodeling, Mike Meyer purchased the Butts property across the street, tore down the house and converted the area into an attractive parking area completed with park benches and tables set beneath large shade trees.

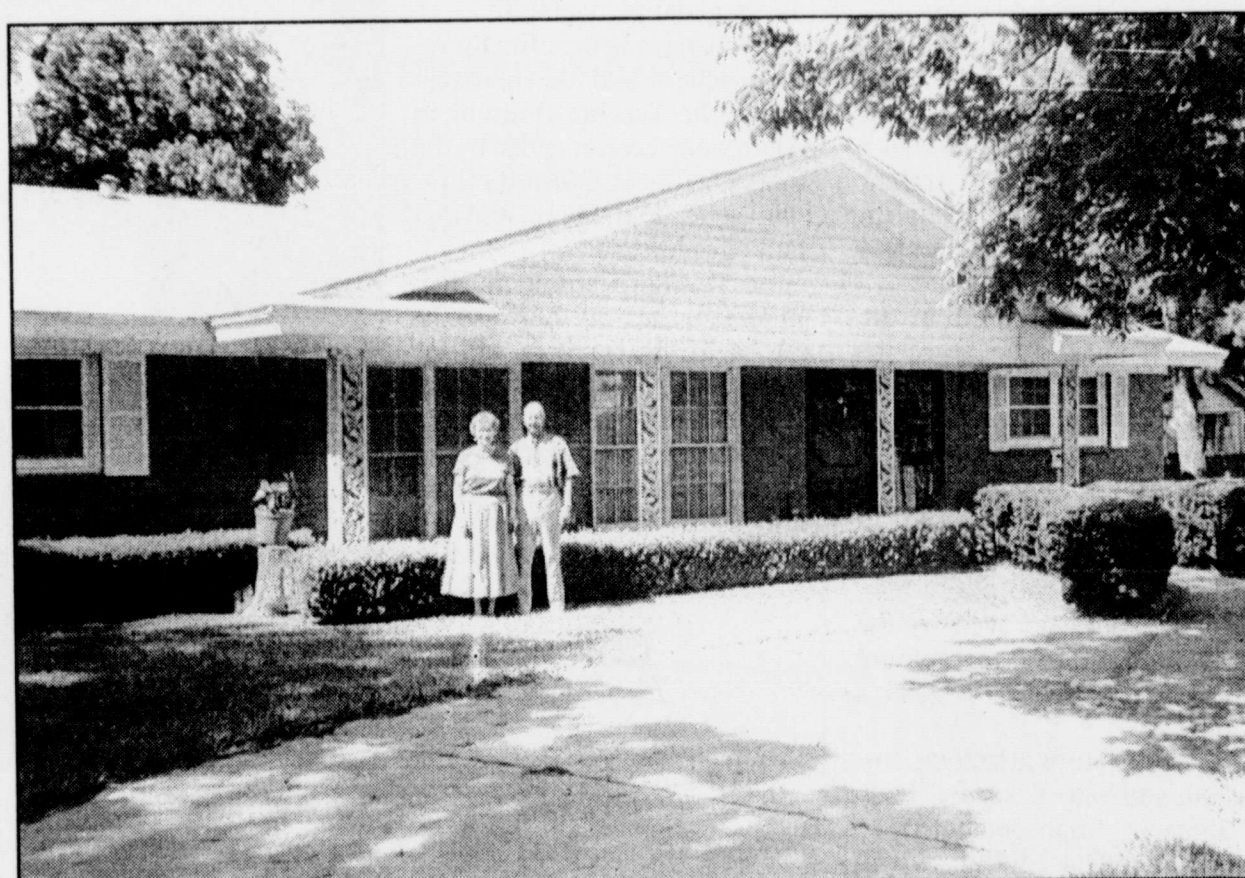
## Winters Chamber of Commerce Yards of the Month



**NORTHEAST SECTION** — Mrs. Ruby Nell Rougas at 101 Penny Lane displays geraniums, impatiens, and petunias in her front yard. Day lilies, cannas, dusty miller, and achillea accent a back corner. An assortment of shrubs surround around her home.



**NORTHWEST SECTION** — Robert and Kay Russell at 600 Alexander are currently remodeling their home. Zinnias, cannas, crepe myrtles, irises, daisies, and begonias are planted in their yard. Old fashioned flowers are seen in backyard flower gardens shaped in their homestates, Texas and Oklahoma.



**SOUTHEAST SECTION** — The home of Clifton and Jo Poe at 410 E. Tinkle is accented by a front circle drive and is surrounded with thick St. Augustine grass. Beautiful shrubs trim the home and huge pecan trees shade the front yard.



**SOUTHWEST SECTION** — Joe N. and Mary Rodriguez at 500 S. Melwood spend a lot of time in their gardens. The vegetable garden, in the backyard, has growing squash, tomatoes, cucumbers, okra, and popcorn. Tulips, Sweet Williams, geraniums, and pansies are seen in their flower garden. An assortment of trees and shrubs can be found around their home.

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## Calcote receives A.A.S. degree

Danny Calcote of Winters graduated from Cisco Jr. College this May, 1995.

He received an Associate of Applied Science degree in Electronic Technology and is employed by Dry Manufacturing.

Danny is married to the former Sherry Vogler. They have two children, Travis, 15, and Sandy, 13.

In his spare time, Danny enjoys programming and repairing computers.

## Jones and Ortiz participated in graduation at ACU

Robert Jones Jr. and Rene Lee Ortiz of Winters were two of the 402 students to participate in spring undergraduate commencement at Abilene Christian University.

ACU is a private university affiliated with the churches of Christ with an enrollment of more than 4,000 students, making it one of the largest private universities in the Southwest.

The university offers 117 bachelor's programs through its three colleges, Arts and Sciences, Biblical and Family Studies and Business, and the School of Nursing. The ACU Graduate School offers 39 master's programs and one doctoral program.

For more information about ACU, call toll free 1-800-888-0228 or in Abilene 674-2000.

## Record benefits increase planned for retired Texas teachers

by BOB BULLOCK, Lt. Governor

Texas' retired teachers will receive the largest benefit increase in history as a result of a bill approved by the Texas Senate and House.

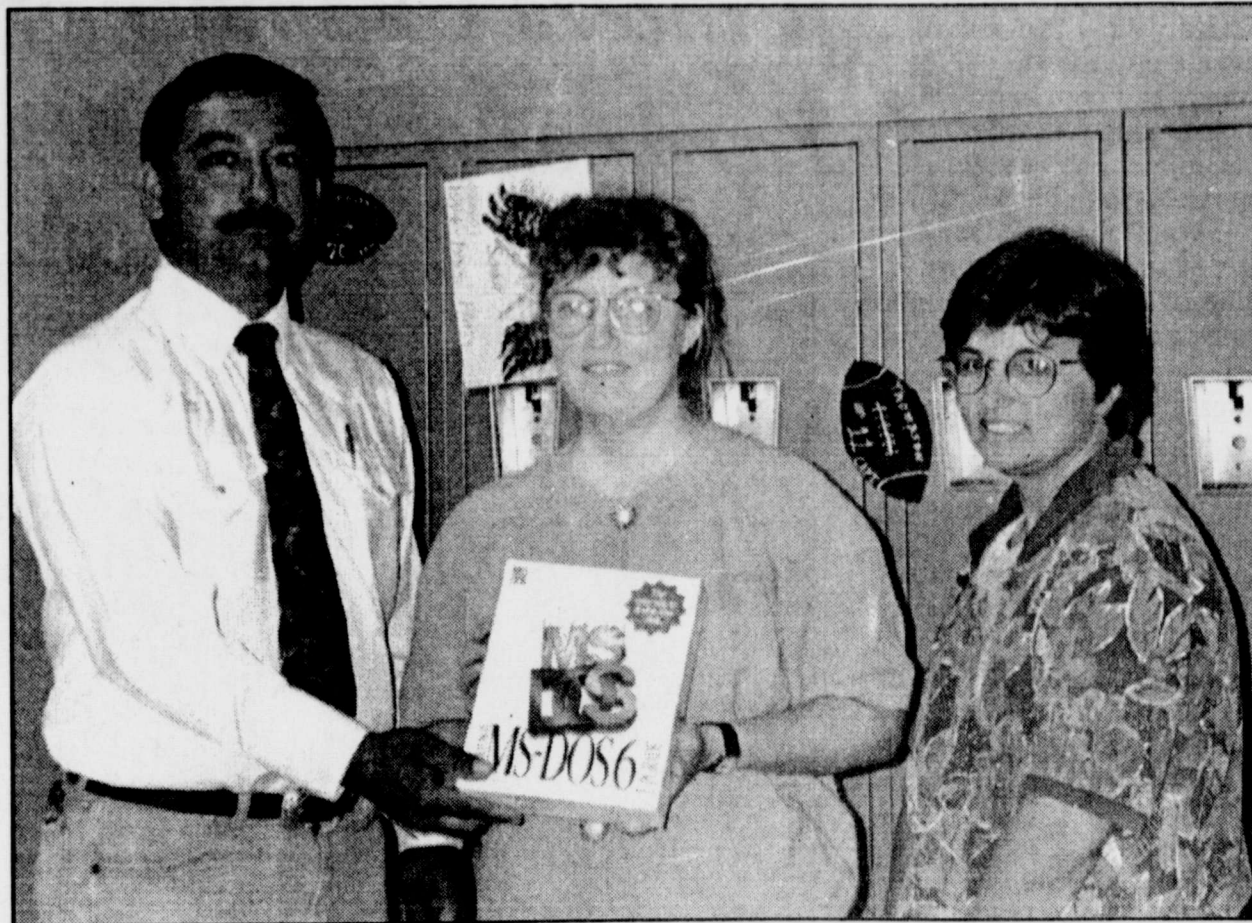
Retired teachers have dedicated their lives to Texas and to the children attending public schools. They couldn't be more worthy, the future of Texas has been in their hands. An increase in retirement benefits is the least that can be done to care for them just as they have cared for so many.

The teacher retirement bill will increase benefits for all 128,000 retired teachers in Texas with an average increase of \$1,800 per year. The amount each retired teacher receives will depend on the salary earned as a teacher and the retirement year.

Teachers who retired in the 1960's will receive the largest increases, since those teachers are earning benefits that are below the federal poverty level.

For instance, a teacher who retired with 30 years of service in 1960 currently receives a retirement check of \$580 per month. Under the bill approved by the Senate and the House, that amount will nearly double to \$1,099 a month.

The Legislature also took another step to help Texas teachers by tightening management controls over the Teacher Retirement



CONCHO VALLEY RC&D AREA ACTING COORDINATOR TONY RESENDEZ presented 35 packages of MS DOS 6.0 Upgrades, valued at \$1575, through Gifts In Kind America to Winters High School teachers Dr. Alicia Wyatt (center) and Beth Wortham.

## Computer software donated to Winters High School

Big Country Resource Conservation and Development (RC&D) Area made its first request to Gifts In Kind America 3 years ago. Since then, the organization has received computer software donated by companies throughout the country. Some of the products are incorporated into existing programs such as health and education. "The items received made a

real difference in providing program services. The cost of supplies is less and the funds are redirected to client services," said Jimmy Apel, Executive Director.

Thirty-five packages of MS DOS 6.0 Upgrade were presented to the Winters High School recently for use in their computer classes. The software, valued at \$1575, was arranged by Big Country RC&D Area at no cost to the school through Gifts In Kind America.

Gifts In Kind America, the leading charity in the field of product philanthropy, encourages and manages product donations from

companies to support nonprofits addressing critical needs including housing, health care, education, youth development, and emergency relief. In the past decade, the organization has assisted hundreds of companies to donate well over one half billion dollars in products. Each year, more than 50,000 charities in this country and worldwide receive product donations through Gifts In Kind America.

To receive a membership application, interested charities should send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to Gifts In Kind America, 700 North Fairfax Street, Suite 300, Alexandria, VA, 22314.

## Seminole Pipeline Company announces scholarship and teacher award winners

Winters residents Alisa Presley and John G. Key have been recognized by Seminole Pipeline for their outstanding performance in the classroom.

Alisa, a graduating senior at Winters High School, has been awarded a \$1,000 scholarship from Seminole Pipeline Co. to apply toward her college education. The award is based on academic achievement, leadership qualities, and participation in school and community activities.

Alisa is scheduled to begin her course work at Texas A&M in the fall where she plans to study physical therapy and sports medicine. She is the daughter of Ronald and Mary Lynn Presley.

Also receiving an award from Seminole Pipeline Co. is teacher John G. Key. Upon the recommendation of scholarship winner Alisa Presley, Mr. Key has been awarded a \$500 Teacher Achievement Award. The award recognizes his tireless efforts in guiding, encouraging, and preparing Texas youth for the world of tomorrow.

Mr. Key, an English teacher at Winters High School, received his degree from Texas Tech University. He has 28 years experience as an educator in the Winters secondary school system.

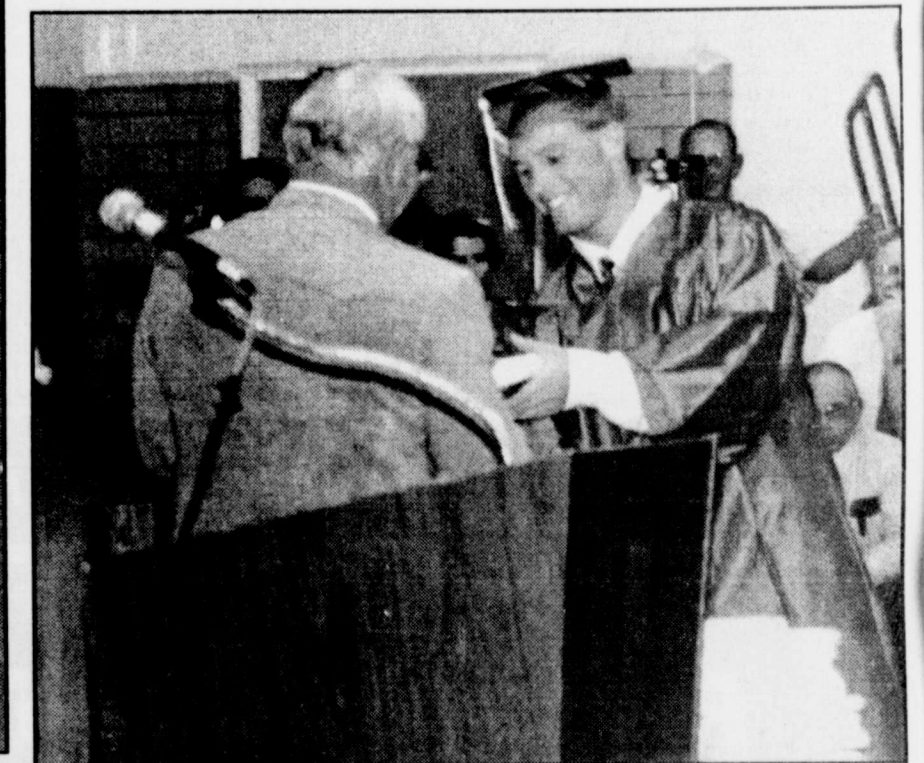
Alisa chose Mr. Key to receive the award because "He has encouraged me to broaden my horizons and helped me to see things in life that I would have otherwise overlooked," said Alisa.

Seminole Pipeline Co. recognized a total of 26 graduating seniors and 26 teachers from Texas high schools along the pipeline. Wendal North, Area Manager for Seminole Pipeline Co., said, "Education is a pillar in our society and it is a pleasure to honor these fine young men and women for their accomplishments and the teachers who have helped them see and realize their potential."

Seminole Pipeline Co. has 1,311 miles of pipeline which connect with the Mid-America Pipeline in West Texas and moves natural gas liquids to the petrochemical and refining industries on the Texas Gulf Coast.



LISANNE SMITH was named outstanding female student and received the Jake Joyce Memorial Award.



CHANE REAGAN received the Jake Joyce Memorial Award as outstanding male student from WHS principal Charles Kidwell.



JAMIE SIMS was awarded the Floy Hodge Scholarship during graduation ceremonies Friday night.

  
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## Are You Expecting An Addition To Your Family?

At Angelo Community Hospital, we're expecting a wonderful addition to our family--The Williams Family Center. Like you, we're eagerly awaiting the big day because our due date is just around the corner. If your due date is just around the corner or you've just discovered the wonderful news, give us a call at 947-6388.

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- Five new, beautifully decorated all-in-one labor, delivery and recovery rooms for your comfort.
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- Additional comfortable, inviting post-partum rooms that allow for personalized attention for you and your baby.
- New, state-of-the-art surgical suites and the latest in technology for advanced women's health care.
- You and your baby. (Of course!)




### You're Expecting:

- ☞ Compassionate medical care from board-certified obstetricians and pediatricians on staff at Angelo Community Hospital.
- ☞ Personalized attention just for you and your baby before, during and after delivery by our staff of caring nurses.
- ☞ Preparation for childbirth and parenthood through our A Family Affair education programs.
- ☞ Full range of benefits through our Stork Club and TwoFit programs.
- ☞ A baby. (Of course!)

So Are We.

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## Ballinger Community Choir to perform

The Ballinger Community Choir will present a program, "Love and Marriage!", Friday, June 2, and Saturday, June 3, at the Carnegie Library. Show time is 7:30 p.m.

Dale Ellis is director for the group and Mrs. Ida Ellis is accompanist.

Admission is \$3 for adults and \$1 for students under 12 years of age.

Make plans to attend this fun show.

## Men and Co-ed Tournery in Miles June 9-11

The Miles Ball Association will hold their 9th annual Benefit Baseball Tournament on June 9, 10, and 11. This year's event will be a Men's and Co-ed Tournament. Entry fee is \$100.00 and deadline to enter is June 7th at 5:00 p.m.

For more information, call Donna at 915/468-3611 or 915/468-2931, Connie at 915/468-3922, or Debbie at 915/468-5191.





CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS are (left to right) Tommy Russell, Nelan Bahlman, Shirley Hall (Mayor Pro-tem), City Administrator Aref Hassan, Mayor Dawson McGuffin, and Joe Gerhart.

## Council welcomes new Mayor and Aldermen

Mayor Dawson McGuffin and Aldermen Joe Gerhart and Tommy Russell were welcomed as newly-elected members during the Council meeting of May 22.

Former Mayor Joe Gerhart and outgoing Aldermen David Evans and Manuel Esquivel were presented proclamations and plaques.

Alderwoman Shirley Hall was elected as Mayor Pro-Tem.

David Aldridge presented a proposed plan for the remodeling of City Hall and noted that it was not a formal bid. A \$4,200 clause on hazardous material was included, but if none are found will be deleted from the proposal. Installation of a re-conditioned drive-in window was also discussed. Council members voted to accept formal bids for the remodeling of City Hall.

Dottie Loudermilk was hired as manager of the city swimming pool with recommended life-guards.

Administrator Aref Hassan reviewed the status of grants and capital improvement projects. A total of \$576,300 has been funded by grants for completed projects.

Current projects under development include the water tower, lake park, and community development plan, raising the total approved funding to \$1,014,550.

Grant applications are pending for home improvement, CBDA and airport improvement by TxDOT, solid waste, yard trimming (chipper), and Senior Citizens and community center building repairs. If all grants are ap-

proved, Winters will have received \$2,871,250 for development.

Routine payment of bills and minutes of the last meeting were approved.

## Local musician named Teacher of the Year by AMTA

Susan Conner of Winters has recently been selected as Teacher of the Year by the Abilene Music Teachers Association.

Mrs. Conner has taught piano in Winters for the past twenty years. She is actively involved in Abilene Music Teachers and has held many offices and positions. Currently, she is serving on the board of directors for the Texas Music Teachers Association.

She is a nationally certified teacher, having received a Bachelor of Music from Texas Tech in 1971.

Mrs. Conner also has served as a judge for other associations and for the National Guild of Piano Teachers. She is presently interim music director for First Baptist Church in Winters. Under her leadership, there has been a multi-congregational Christmas program in Winters the past two years.

She and her husband, Randall, have three teen-aged sons who are active in sports and scouts.

## Twirlers receive trophies, medals at NBTA Pageant



Rosie Rocha

Rosie Rocha, 1995-1996 Winters High School twirler, attended the National Baton Twirling Association (NBTA) contest in Lewisville, Texas, on Saturday, May 20.

Rosie competed in the Beginners Pageant in Solo, Strut, and Modeling divisions. She received a fifth place Pageant trophy.

Rosie received first place and a trophy in the Beginners Solo competition, and medals for 3rd in Military Strut, 5th place Best Appearance, and 5th Dress Model.

In the individual division of competition, Rosie received first place and a trophy for her Beginners "X" Strut and second and a medal for her Beginners Solo.

Rosie will attend the NBTA State Pageant in June. Congratulations, Rosie!



Kristian Cadena

Kristian Cadena, 12-years-old and a 1995-1996 twirler for Winters Junior High, also attended the National Baton Twirling Association (NBTA) contest in Lewisville, Texas, on Saturday, May 20.

Kristian competed in the Beginners Pageant against eighteen (18) other girls in her division.

She received third place and a gold medal for her Novice Solo.

In the individual division of competition, Kristian placed first in Novice Solo and received a trophy. She also competed in Basic Strut, receiving a two and a medal.

Kristian is in the sixth grade and has only been twirling since November, 1994. Kristian's family and friends are very proud of her accomplishments.



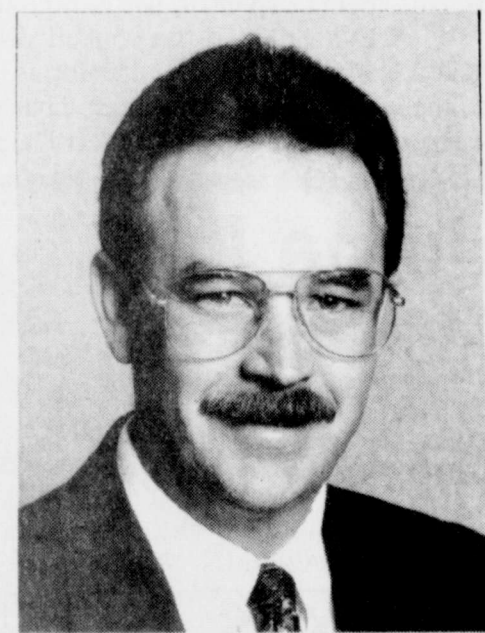
WINTERS FLAG CORPS MEMBERS FOR 1995-1996 are (left to right) Lisa Poindexter, Alison Wells, Jamie Bishop, Tamra Thorpe, Jessica Medina, Tara Burns, and (front) Brooke Toungel. Not pictured is Mechelle Gonzales.



WINNERS OF THE GIRLS JUNIOR GOLF CLUB DIVISION in the tournament played May 13 at the Winters Country Club were (left to right) Gayla Clough, first place; Mechelle Gonzales, second place; and Lacy Torres, third place.

## Bank Names New Branch Manager

(Abilene) Ray Howe, President of United Bank and Trust of Abilene has announced Kevin McSherry has joined the bank as Vice-President, and will also serve as Branch Manager of the soon to open Buffalo Gap Branch of the bank.



Operations of the Buffalo Gap branch will begin in July of 1995. The branch location will specialize in agri-business loans, SBA Small Business loans, other commercial loans, as well as consumer loans. Construction is currently in progress on the new location in the center of Buffalo Gap.

McSherry comes to the bank from Danka Business Systems, where he has been General Manager since 1991. Prior to that, he spent three years at the First National Bank of El Campo, Texas and three years with Production Credit Association, also in El Campo. He is a 1983 graduate of Abilene Christian University, with a B.S. in Agricultural Business. His activities include the Kiwanis Club and Texas Bankers Association. He and his wife, Connie, have two children. They are Luke, age 12, and Leah, age 10.

"This is a really great opportunity for all of us at United Bank. The agriculture industry is so strong in this area, and serves as a real backbone for our economy," stated McSherry. "We are really looking forward to working with the people from Buffalo Gap, Tuscola, Lawn, Ovala, Bradshaw, Winters and all the other communities in this area," he added.

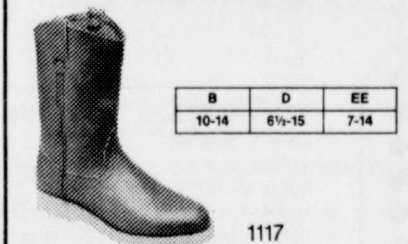
## Doris Richards is lucky winner

The Women's Service League is proud to announce that Doris Richards of Norton is the winner of \$100 in meat from Sonny's West Dale Grocery.

The League would like to thank everyone who purchased tickets from club members.

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# Poe's Corner by Charlsie Poe



## There is always a way

It was a clear and cloudless morning on May 17. Perfect weather for the senior adults who would be traveling in the Baptist bus to Lake Brownwood for a day's outing. It was a three-day encampment but we were going for one day only.

Since we were not leaving until 9 a.m., I was leisurely dressing when the telephone rang with an urgent sound.

Pat Simpson's voice rang out clearly as she said, "We're in trouble!"

"What now?" I froze. "Frank Foreman got sick in the night and he is not able to go." (He's our bus driver.)

"Have you talked to Bryan Webb, our standby?"

"Yes, he baled hay until 3 a.m. and doesn't feel up to making a trip today. There is one alternative, I've thought of," Pat said in her calm and collected way.

"Tell me quick!" Those who were going would be arriving soon and we didn't want them to be disappointed. We'd had no time to notify them.

"We can go in cars," she said. What a simple solution, I could take my car. I had filled it with gas and had the windshield washed the day before. Isn't that all it takes?

"And my car is available," said Pat. She had the list of those going and it would be five in each car.

Contrary to what some might think, senior adults can make up their minds quickly when it comes to traveling. Jo Olive Hancock got in the front seat of Pat's car so she would have room for her breathing machine. Elsie Sanders, Lillian Eubanks, and Louis Wade rode in the back seat.

My travelers were Lee Claxton, Vivian Foster, Eunice Polk, and Dorothy Long. Without delay, we started on our way. As we drove eastward, the more variety of green trees and shrubs we saw and the more lush the growth became.

## Women's Service League hosts GOM reception

by SHERRY CALCOTE

Women's Service League held their final meeting for the 94-95 year May 18, 1995. The Girls of the Month and their mothers were honored with refreshments and a gift.

Hostesses for the evening were Lea Angel, Fran Walker, and Mandi England. The tables were decorated with purple tablecloths, fresh English ivy, and fresh pansies in crystal glasses.

Following the reception for the Girls of the Month, we conducted our business meeting. Old and new business were discussed. Melinda Hoppe gave the financial report for the end of the year.

When we reached the sign on the Brownwood Highway that pointed us to the Baptist Encampment, I thought we had it made. Several of us had been going to camp for many years, but none of us had been there in about five years. Things do change and there was a lot of building going on. As a result, we turned right when we should have turned left.

We saw the Methodist Camp and several miles of pavement, but turned back in time to hear the excellent program and eat lunch in the new cafeteria where our destination was.

Over the past 45 years, the encampment has grown from a dream to a year-round Christian outreach facility that ministers to thousands of people young and old each year.

The first church cabin was constructed by First Baptist Church, Winters, in 1950. The WMU Lodge was also built that year. During 1948, a sturdy tabernacle of native rock, concrete, and steel with a seating capacity of 1,000 was constructed.

For years, the camp had been plagued with septic system problems. In 1990, the camp was cited for the violation of some sections of the Texas water code. Texas Baptists said that none of the present system will meet existing design standards. They got busy, bought more land, and built a wastewater treatment facility.

We drove around the campus to see the improvements. The stakes have already been driven to begin a hotel on the grounds.

On our way home, we stopped in Coleman to see what the city had to offer in the way of shopping. Several made purchases. I missed Eunice and inquired if anyone had seen her. "Why are you worrying about her?" someone asked.

"Because she's so little she may fall through one of these cracks on the boardwalk. She's in my car

and she is my responsibility," was my reply.

Soon I saw her sitting in a chair outside a building drinking a cold drink with Elsie and Vivian and all was well.

We reached home with only one more small incident, which I will not discuss. But I'm going to recommend that a few more signs be posted along the way—that is, to point the way home.

## Claude Eubank celebrated 90th birthday

Claude Eubank celebrated his 90th birthday Saturday, May 13, 1995, with a birthday party given in the Winters home of his son and daughter-in-law, James A. and Christine Eubank.

Hosts were his grandchildren, Truitt Eubank of Lufkin and Margie Holloway of Norton, and great-grandson, Christopher Holloway.

Approximately twenty-five people attended and enjoyed lots of food.

## Letter to the Editor

### Sheriff thanks residents and asks for continuing support of D.A.R.E. program

The start of another school year also means the start of another year of helping educate our local students about the war against drugs. The Runnels County Sheriff's Department will again work with the local schools in providing an educational program to make students aware of the growing drug problem.

D.A.R.E., the program used by the Runnels County Sheriff's Department, represents a long-term solution to a problem that has developed over several years. Many people believe, that over time, a change in public attitudes will reduce the demand for drugs. The D.A.R.E. program seeks to promote that change in attitudes. Equally important is that D.A.R.E. instructors help children develop mature decision making capabilities that the students can apply to a variety of situations.

The goal of the D.A.R.E. program is to prevent substance abuse among school children. D.A.R.E. targets children before they are likely to be led by their peers to experiment with tobacco, drugs, and alcohol by reaching children at an age when they are most receptive to drug prevention education. The D.A.R.E. program seeks to prevent adolescent drug trafficking by eliminating the demand for drugs.

This year the D.A.R.E. program hopes to introduce to the local schools the Jr. High program. The program is designed for students in the seventh or eighth grade levels.

The D.A.R.E. program is a non-profit organization which is oper-



## Summer reading program begins June 20 at library

by JOYCE KRAUSE, Librarian

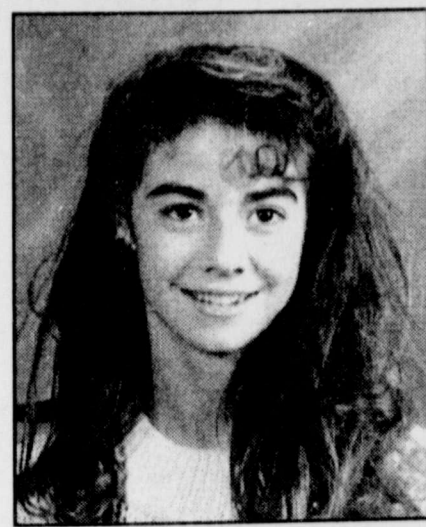
The fun begins June 20th at 10 a.m. with the Texas Reading Club program, "Once Upon A Planet." The Club is open to boys and girls ages 4 through 12.

Children will participate in a variety of activities such as viewing puppet shows, listening to stories, and making crafts. Through these activities, children will discover a love of reading and learn to take an active part in conserving the environment and to treasure the world in which we live.

There will be a reward to those who read the required number of books and there will be a drawing to see who wins Fiesta Texas tickets.

For further information, come by the Winters Public Library and register and, if you do not already have a library card, apply for one.

## Kristan De La Cruz receives Academic Achievement awards



Kristan De La Cruz, a sophomore at Eastland High School, was recognized and presented a plaque for Academic Achievement '94-'95 at the school awards dinner on May 15, 1995. This is her second year to receive this award. She also received a second

year plaque for Outstanding Student.

Kristan is a member of the Beta Club at EHS. She is also very active in their athletic program, being one of few who participate in three sports. Kristan is the center fielder for the Lady Mavs Softball Team, winning Bi-District this year. She ran varsity track at EHS (reaching Regionals her freshman year), and was the point guard (ball handler) on the Lady Mavs J.V. Basketball Team, who also won their district this year.

Kristan is the 15-year-old daughter of Sherri Collins De La Cruz of Eastland and Ricky De La Cruz of Eastland. She is the granddaughter of Jose and Nadine De La Cruz of Winters and the late Weldon and Louise Collins of Winters.

## Rhonda Bethal, Kenyon Black engaged to be married

Linda Bethal of Winters and Ronnie Bethel of Coleman announce the engagement of their daughter, Rhonda Kay Bethel.

Rhonda is the bride-elect of Kenyon Don Black, son of Loy Don and Joyce Black of Winters.

Rhonda is a 1994 graduate of Winters High School and is currently attending Aladdin Beauty College. She is employed at the Grazin' Patch in Winters.

Kenyon graduated from Winters High School in 1990 and Cisco Junior College in 1992. He is employed by the Runnels County Sheriff's Department.

A June wedding is set.

## Girls Scouts to host golf tournament fund raiser

Attention golfers! It is time, once again, to tee-off for a good cause. The Heart of Texas Girl Scout Council will sponsor its second annual "H.O.T. Shot Classic" Saturday, June 3, at Sugar Tree Golf Club in Dennis, Texas (near Weatherford). This is a great opportunity to enjoy a day on a beautiful golf course, support a worthy organization at the same time, and maybe even come home with a new automobile.

Eva Siller, Fund Development Director for Heart of Texas Girl Scout Council, says that "this tournament will play an important part in helping the council retain its national charter." The council is prohibited by Girl Scouts of the U.S.A. from using more than 50% of the Girl Scout cookie sale proceeds to finance general operations. The council is currently facing the prospect of losing its charter because 82% of its annual budget is financed by the cookie sale.

The council has been given a two-year charter (rather than the normal six-year charter) because

of its financial condition. If, at the end of 1996, the council has not made significant progress in raising more adult-generated funds, GSUSA will begin the process of merging this council with a larger, more viable Girl Scout council. If this happens, Girl Scouting will probably cease to exist in a lot of communities in Central Texas, simply because they are too small to warrant much attention from a larger council.

Siller says that "the council hopes golfers from all over Central Texas — and beyond — will participate in this special tournament. The council is also soliciting 'sponsors' from area businesses." All proceeds from the tournament will be used to promote Girl Scouting from Ballinger to Weatherford and from Throckmorton to Lampasas.

If you are interested in participating in this tournament or in being a sponsor, you may contact Eva Siller at the council office 915/646-1516. Entry forms are available at the Winters Chamber of Commerce, 118 West Dale.

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- 3 TXism: "off limits" at Fort Hood (2 wds.)
- 4 TXism: "medicine man of Spurs, Astros or Oilers (2 wds.)"
- 5 TXism: "Andrews radio station 50 DFW arrival guess"
- 6 TXism: "TX Dr Pepper was named after this Charlies (init.)"
- 7 TXism: "Astros ex-owner (abbr.)"
- 8 TXism: "got" (Texas) (kind)
- 9 TXism: "ticket holders who don't go (2 wds.)"
- 10 TXism: "LBJ performed this with his dog (2 wds.)"
- 11 TXism: "Concho Co. town & Genesis garden"
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# Crews News by Hilda Kurtz



*I have had more trouble with myself than with any other woman I have ever met.*

Brother Kenneth Jones of Abilene was guest speaker at Hopewell Baptist Church on Sunday. His wife Mary, Juanita Shields and her two daughters, Jackie of San Antonio and Jennie of Houston, were visitors. Jennie also brought a friend.

The Crews community game and supper will be Saturday, June 3, at 6:30 p.m. Bring your favorite dish. Everyone is welcome to come.

Bill Mathis and a few more persons flew to Indiana last week to attend a manager's meeting. While they were there, they visited the Indianapolis 500 race track.

Brother Mike and Joanna Madden of Winters had dinner with the Bill Mathis family on Thursday night.

Marqué and Desiré Mathis and grandmother Marquerite of Abilene attend the graduation ceremonies on Friday night in Winters. Marquerite spent the weekend and helped Bill celebrate his 42nd birthday. Happy birthday, Bill!

Spending Sunday and having lunch with Pat and Earl Cooper were Brenda and Richard Chambliss of Blackwell and Ray and J.T. Cooper of Winters.

Steve, Bill Grissom, and Wanda McLarty celebrated their birthdays Sunday in the home of Adeline Grissom in Ballinger. Steve is from Fort Worth; Bill and Shawn are from Colorado City; and Wanda is from Ballinger. Katherine Thomas was a guest. Happy birthday, kiddos.

Nila and Therin Osborne spent Thursday night with grandson John McGallian. On Friday, they attended the Winters school graduation.

Brad Pape goes to San Angelo once a week for his treatment. Brian Faubion will be his driver.

## Texas Statehood Stamp to feature Painted Rocks at cancellation

A pictorial cancellation of the Texas Statehood Stamp will be held in Paint Rock on June 17, 1995, at the Concho County Show Barn.

The cancellation will depict the Painted Rocks. Time is 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Envelopes with the cancellation stamp will be available.

Lions Club will have a fish fry from 11:30 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. Tours of the Painted Rocks and Lake Ivie will be available.

The Paint Rock Cheerleaders will have T-shirts. The Paint Rock 4-H Club will be selling cold drinks.

Everyone is welcome. For more information, please contact Oveta Higginbotham, President, Paint Rock Area Senior Citizen, (915) 732-4237.

Thursday week. Brad got a phone call Sunday from Ruth in Old Mexico.

Ann and Jerry Terhune of Arlington spent the holiday weekend and attended graduation with Lily Presley. They watched Heath Watkins receive his diploma.

As I write it is raining. Sunday night's gauge showed 2-6/10" of rain and too much hail.

Carolyn and Jerry Kraatz are keeping their grandson Nicholas while his parents, Keith and Krissey, are on a business trip. Wayne, Carrie, and Zachary Kraatz came to visit on Sunday evening.

Dennis, Audine, and Roy McBeth attended the horse show Saturday and Sunday in Abilene. The McBeths spent Monday with Dennis's sister, Sybil Tounget, at Oak Creek Lake. Sybil's son, Craig of Lubbock, joined them.

Doris Wood and daughter, Frances Mincey of Big Spring, helped Pat Bryant and Connie Bryant celebrate their birthday in Ballinger on Sunday. The Calcote family also came.

Doris Wood spent three days in North Runnels Hospital for tests. She came home on Sunday and will return to the hospital for more tests.

Haley, Tammy, Justin, and Mark Kaczyk of Winters spent Memorial Day with Georgia and Connie Gibbs.

Inez and Joe Kerby of Amarillo spent 3 days with Mildred and Haeward Morrison. Roland and Sammie Kerby of San Antonio came by awhile. Maurine, Bob, and Sara Scott of Sweetwater visited Saturday.

## Baird Trades Festival adds cowboy culture

Cowboy culture takes hold this year at the 22nd annual Baird Trades Festival. June 3rd has been set for Baird's annual day of fun and excitement.

Added to traditional activities and attractions will be the first annual Baird Cowboy Gathering. The cowboy gathering, sponsored by Hanner Dealerships, will offer cowboy poets and singers, a trade and trappings show, and five chuckwagons to demonstrate the cowboy culture and skills of range cooking. Stick horse barrel racing will be offered for younger buckaroos by the Baird 48 Study Club.

A giant arts and crafts tent is again featured among other activities such as antique shopping, buggy rides, mini train rides, quilt show, bar-b-q meal, food booths, ranch rodeo, and evening street dance.

Entertainers for the cowboy gathering are Jeff Gore, Tater Paschal, Jean and Gary Prescott, the Davis Family and Michael Dowd. Music for the street dance will be provided by "8 Seconds."

For more information and reservations for booth spaces, call the Baird Chamber of Commerce 915/854-2003.

Selma Dietz and Margie and Evelyn Jacob attended the Senior Citizens Day in Abilene last Tuesday. Margie and Brenda Jacob; Beverly, Corey, and Brad Van Zandt attended Scott Kozelsky's graduation Friday night. On Sunday, they attended the memorial service at the Runnels County Veterans Monument in Ballinger.

Mike and Carol Kozelsky honored son Scott on Sunday night with a barbeque supper. Attending were grandparents Joe and Dorene Kozelsky; Margie Jacob; Jerry and Sharon Engler; Jodie, Justin, and Bryce Bushenlehner; Brenda Jacob; Cookie, Corey, and Brad Van Zandt; Gary, Dinell, Brent, Angela, and Greg Jacob; Fred and Brenda, Heather and Heath Watkins; and most of Scott's school friends. A good time was enjoyed by all.

Louise Osborne and Brian Faubion ate lunch with Nila and Therin Osborne on Monday.

## Western heritage on display during Pioneer Day

The Old West will come alive for Pioneer Day, June 3, from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. at Abilene State Park.

Reenactors will provide visitors the chance to talk to cowboys and Buffalo Soliders; Boy Scouts will perform Native American dances; and a chuck-wagon camp and an Indian camp will be on display.

Games will include a buffalo-chip toss and a sack race. Volleyball and horseshoe tournaments also will be held, with prizes awarded for all these events.

The day ends with a dance at the swimming pool pavilion.

For more information, contact the Abilene State Park at (915) 572-3204.

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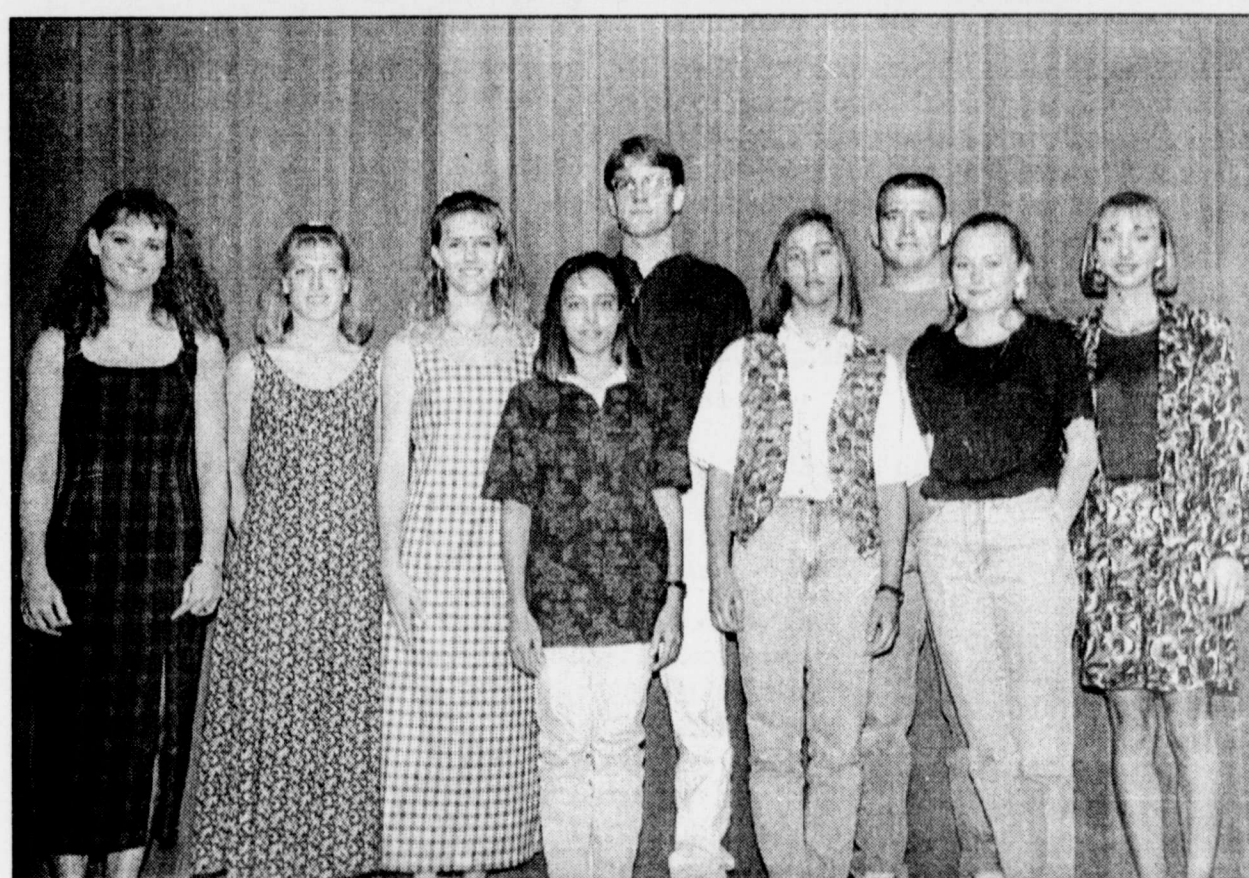
**A.** When adults need a shot, they know it's going to cause a short, stinging sensation. They expect the discomfort in advance and can prepare for it. But your baby isn't able to anticipate what is about to happen, so he may cry from the surprise as well as the sting. True, immunizations may startle and hurt a bit, but they give lifetime protection from serious diseases that can cause your baby much greater pain or even death.

Immunization methods have been developed to help avoid discomfort. Polio vaccine is given in drops that babies swallow. Other vaccines have been combined, making fewer shots necessary. For instance, measles, mumps and rubella vaccines are usually given in one injection. And *Haemophilus influenzae type b* vaccine has been combined with diphtheria, tetanus and pertussis vaccines.

If you think your baby's reaction to his shots was unusual, tell your doctor or nurse before the next series of immunizations.



JUMPIN' FOR JOY were these 1995 WHS seniors as they finished graduation rehearsal Friday morning.



ACADEMIC ALL-DISTRICT RECOGNITION during WHS Awards Day was given to (left to right) Rachel Edwards, Karolen Biddix, Robyn Parramore, Heather Watkins, Trevor Richards, Jeana Kozelsky, Kevin Conner, Holley Cathey and Alisa Presley. These students maintained "A" averages while participating in basketball and cross country.

## McMurry University to host Bi-State Honor Band and Choir June 4-10

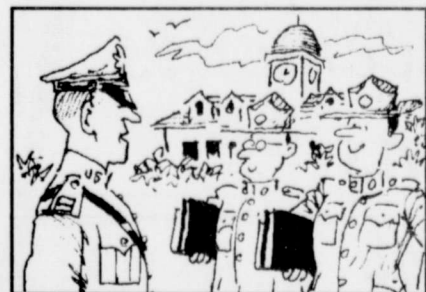
McMurry University's Music Department will sponsor the 16th annual Bi-State Honor Band and Choir June 4-10 for high school band and choral musicians in Texas and New Mexico.

Students will rehearse and perform with top musicians from across the states of Texas and New Mexico under the direction of McMurry University music faculty members.

Cost is \$50 per student, which includes tuition, room and board, and a \$10 non-refundable admission fee. Applications and audition tapes must be postmarked by

## Engagement announced

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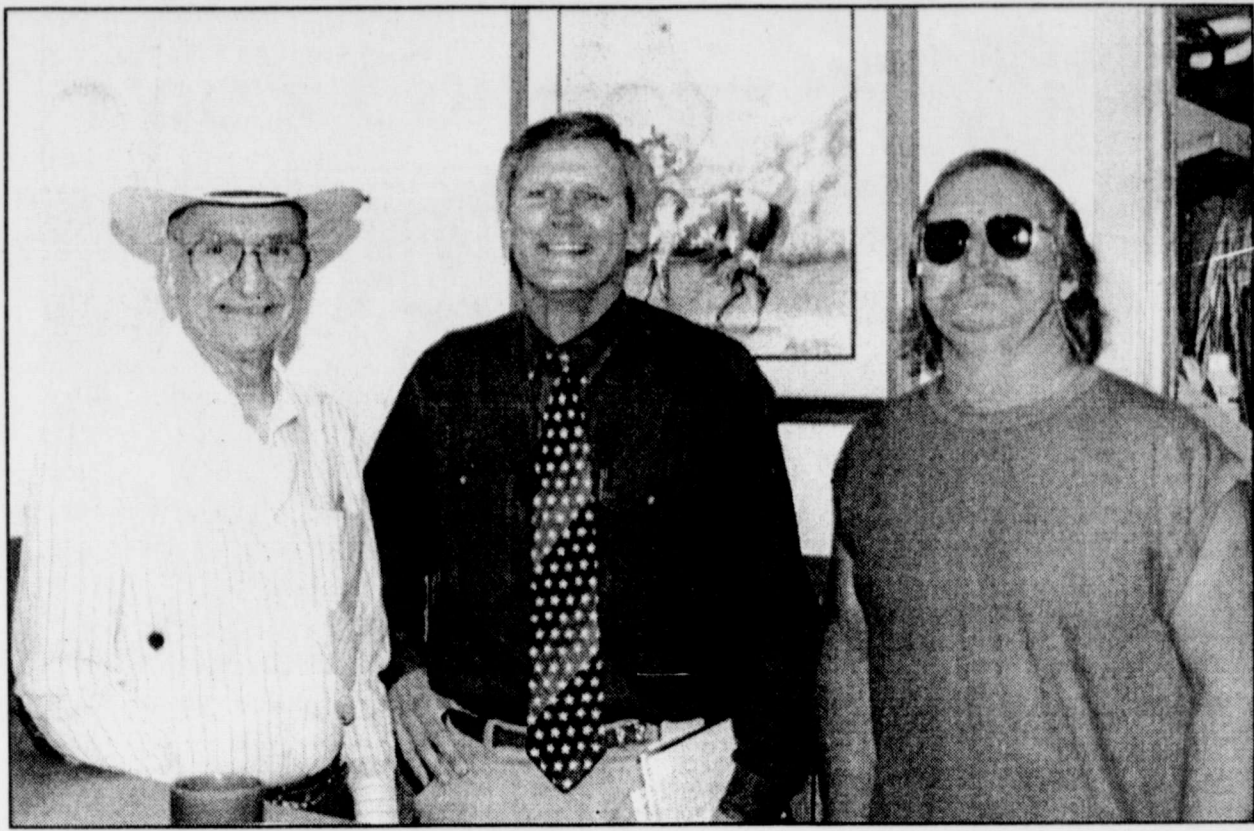


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RABIES was the topic of discussion recently as Dr. James Wright (center), veterinarian with the Texas Department of Health, stopped briefly at the Pioneer Vet Clinic. Meeting Dr. Wright were Ron Stovall (left), Investigator with the TDH, and Freddie Grohman, animal control officer for the City of Winters. Grohman has trapped more than 200 stray cats since January, 1995. Citizens are reminded to vaccinate all domestic farm animals as well as pets.

## Rabies cases continue to increase

by DR. JANE MAHLOW, Rabies Response Center  
Texas Department of Health  
Part 1 of 2

A woman is mauled by a bobcat on her own property.

While a man is "dog-sitting" a friend's puppy, the pup gets sick.

A rancher is hospitalized after being attacked by a cow.

A six-year-old girl was bitten on the face by her three-month-old puppy.

All of the animals involved in these incidents were rabid. The victims are four of the more than 300 West Central Texas residents who have undergone rabies treatment last year. Previously, these individuals had given little thought to the possibility that they might contract rabies.

Forty-four counties in West Central Texas are experiencing an epizootic (another word for an

epidemic in animals) of rabies in gray foxes. The southern boundary stretches along a line from Bexar County to Presidio County

while the northern boundary extends to Howard and Erath Counties. Although all mammals are susceptible to the rabies virus, this particular strain prefers foxes. Also, raccoons and livestock seem to be readily infected.

In Tom Green and the surrounding eight counties, the number of confirmed rabies cases in animals

in 1994 was three times higher than the previous year. The increase was due primarily to a high incidence of rabies in gray foxes. Reagan, Runnels, Schleicher, and

Sterling counties also are experiencing increased numbers of rabies cases this year. Although the number of rabies cases in Tom Green County declined in 1995, the total is still exceptionally high compared to other counties in the state and the nation.

A simultaneous rabies epizootic is occurring in coyotes and dogs in South Texas. Two people have died because of the South Texas rabies outbreak. So far, the West Central Texas epizootic has not resulted in any human deaths.

An essential prevention measure is to vaccinate all pets for rabies annually. To give area residents access to low-cost vaccinations, clinics will be held in San Angelo, Eldorado, Robert Lee, Eden, Mertzon, Sterling City, and Ballinger on Saturday, June 10, from 8 a.m. until 2 p.m. Cost will be \$5 per pet.

Pet owners can obtain information by calling their city offices or the Texas Department of Health (915-944-9545).

Confirmed Cases of Rabies in Animals  
Jan - Apr 1995

County	Fox	Raccoon	Skunk	Dog	Cat	Cow
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Concho	0	0	0	0	0	0
Irion	0	0	1	0	0	0
Menard	0	0	0	0	0	0
Reagan	3	0	1	0	0	0
Runnels	3	1	0	2	2	3
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Source: TX Dept of Health

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Lab results can help you pinpoint any potential problems and will provide guidelines for achieving a lush, green lawn. For example, your soil may be too acidic, in which case you can correct it with lime. Or if it's too alkaline, correct it with sulfur. Keep in mind that most lawns prefer slightly acidic soil. You may also find that your lawn needs extra iron or more of the basic nutrients — nitrogen, phosphorus, and potassium. Soil test results will tell you precisely what you need.

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Projects within the following 15 counties will be considered: Coke, Concho, Crockett, Edwards, Glasscock, Irion, Kimble, Menard, Reagan, Real, Runnels, Schleicher, Sterling, Sutton, and Tom Green.

A meeting will be held in San Angelo at the TxDOT District Office Assembly Room, 4502 Knickerbocker Road, at 1:30 p.m. on Tuesday, June 13, 1995.

A meeting will also be held at the Sonora City Council Chambers, 201 N.E. Main, at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, June 20, 1995.

The San Angelo meeting will be held in conjunction with the San Angelo Metropolitan Planning Organization (City of San Angelo) to solicit Transportation Improvement Enhancement projects located within the San Angelo Metropolitan Area Boundaries. The Texas Department of Transportation will solicit public input for projects outside the Metropolitan Area Boundaries.

All interested citizens are invited to attend and participate in these meetings. Persons attending the meetings who have special communication or accommodation needs are encouraged to contact the District Public Information Officer at 915/944-1501. Requests should be made no later than two days prior to the meeting. TxDOT will make every reasonable effort to accommodate these needs.



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CORY SMITH (right) TOOK FIRST PLACE in the May 13th Boys Junior Club Golf Tournament at the Winters Country Club. Michael Hernandez placed second.

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## The Education of a Small Town Doc

by Keith Boles



Keith Boles has signed a contract with North Runnels Hospital to practice medicine in Winters after he completes medical school and residency. At this time, he is a third year medical student at Texas Tech University in Lubbock.

Howdy, Winters! Since I wrote last, I've finished the Family Practice rotation, taken a week of Spring Break, and completed six weeks of Internal Medicine.

The Family Practice rotation was a nice break from the rest of the third year. It is mainly an outpatient clinical rotation, which means we saw patients in the family practice clinic instead of in the hospital. Several years ago, the state legislature passed a bill requiring all medical schools to offer a six-week Family Practice rotation. They did this to encourage more students to go into Family Practice.

Another neat thing about the Family Practice rotation is that one day a week, the students were assigned their own patients and their own nurse to help them...just as if they were real doctors! Imagine that!

In addition to helping in the clinic at the Health Sciences Center, we spent one morning a week at a clinic in Shallowater, about seven miles northwest of Lubbock, and we also saw patients in two clinics in downtown Lubbock.

The grading for the Family Practice rotation was 60% subjective evaluation, 20% board exam, and 20% practical exam

where we read x-rays, interpreted lab values, and performed histories and physicals on mock patients.

At present, I'm halfway through the twelve week Internal Medicine rotation. I know you're asking, what's Internal Medicine? It's easier to answer that question by explaining what Internal Medicine doctors don't do than what they do. They don't do surgery, they don't treat children, and they don't deliver babies. They do just about everything else. Probably their biggest claim to fame is being able to handle patients who have multiple, very complicated medical problems.

They have more of a hospital-based practice than most Family Practice doctors, mainly because most of their patients are sicker and require hospitalization more frequently.

A lot of Internal Medicine doctors go on to do "fellowships" in Cardiology, Gastroenterology, or Endocrinology. A fellowship is any training after residency. So if you see a Cardiologist, he or she has been through four years of medical school, three years of an Internal Medicine residency, and then three years of a Cardiology fellowship.

What's kind of funny is that Internal Medicine doctors (sometimes called "internists") and Surgeons don't get along. Surgeons call Internists "fleas" for reasons I haven't discovered yet, and Internists accuse Surgeons of having more testosterone than brain cells. These labels probably come from the fact that Internists practice a brand of medicine which requires lots of thinking and few invasive procedures, whereas surgeons deal with problems which don't allow much time for thinking and require more "doing" than pondering.

For us students, the Internal Medicine rotation consists of three months of hospital work and two weeks of an elective. We're on call every eighth night and our

days usually start around 6:30 a.m. It is a seven-day-a-week rotation with a lecture on Saturday morning and rounds on Saturday and Sunday mornings.

Another big difference between the Surgery rotation and the Internal Medicine rotation is the amount of time spent on rounds. On surgery, we started surgeries in the operating room at 7:45, so we had to have our rounds done pretty quickly. On Internal Medicine there are no surgeries, so we have all day to round. Some people call Internal Medicine "eternal" medicine because of this. Rounds take a long time because patients' problems on this rotation are usually complicated.

I spent my two week elective in the Intensive Care Unit (ICU). I learned about ventilators and other aspects of critical care.

The grading for Internal Medicine is 60% for the board exam, 20% for two oral exams, and 20% for write-ups of histories and physicals. This is the final rotation of the third year! It ends June 23 and the fourth year begins July 1.

Better go. See ya next time!

### Ghost acreage

In those situations where a program crop has failed after the final planting date for that crop, a subsequent crop planted on that acreage will be considered a "ghost" crop if the failed crop's total appraised and assigned production is less than 50% of the crop's APH (Actual Production History). This determination will be on a field by field basis.

If the crop is not insured, an APH for that crop will be computed. If you are contemplating the planting of a ghost crop, please provide the USDA with the crop appraisal and APH, if they are not your insurance carrier, so they can determine if the subsequent crop is a ghost crop or will count toward program acreage.

### FCIC production records

Those of you who purchased Catastrophic Crop Insurance from the USDA office are reminded of the need to turn in production records after crops are harvested.

Please call so that farm stored production can be measured, free of charge, for FCIC purposes.

Also, the USDA office needs to appraise any acreage which they insure where the crop won't be harvested.

### Small grain loans

Wheat, barley, and oats on farms participating in the 1995 farm program for each of those crops, or those crops harvested from eligible flex acreage from other participating program crops may be placed under Commodity Credit Corporation loan at the following Runnels County loan rates:

- Wheat \$2.65 per bushel,
- Barley \$1.79 per bushel,
- Oats \$1.05 per bushel.

The grain can be stored in a bin on the farm or in an approved commercial warehouse. CCC grain loans can be repaid at any time or forfeited to CCC at maturity.

### Approved warehouses

The following Runnels County grain warehouses have been approved for storage of grain under Commodity Credit Corporation loan for 1995:

- Alderman-Cave Milling & Grain (Winters)
- Ballinger Co-op Gin & Elevator
- Wingate Gin Corporation

Not one man in a thousand and not one woman in a million can resist an invitation to a free meal.—The Winters Enterprise, April 18, 1947

## Insect Scout School 4-H selling Six Flags tickets planned June 5

All cotton producers and other persons interested in cotton production are invited to attend the 1995 Insect Scout School which is to be held on Monday, June 5, at the Texas Agricultural Research and Extension Center in San Angelo. Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m. and the school will be conducted from 9:00 a.m. - Noon.

Topics to be covered include cotton plant physiology, the importance of plant mapping, early season cotton insect pests, biology, identification and damage of cotton bollworm and tobacco budworm, biology, identification and

damage of cotton boll weevil, identification of beneficial insects, secondary pests, cotton aphid identification, biology and scouting information, and cotton scouting techniques.

Two CEU's for pesticide applicator recertification can be earned by attending the Insect Scout School. (Please remember to bring your pesticide license number so the proper paperwork can be completed.)

For more information, contact Rick Minzenmayer, Extension Agent-Entomology (PM) at 915/365-5212.

### TPWD offers hunter education course in June

The Texas Parks and Wildlife department will be offering a hunter education course on Saturday, June 3, and Sunday, June 4 in Winters. The class will be held on the second floor of the City Hall building from 1:00 to 6:00 p.m. both days. Cost is \$5.00.

All hunters born on or after September 2, 1971, must have successfully completed a course to hunt in Texas. Minimum age for certification is 12 years of age.

To register contact Lane Pinckney, Runnels County Game Warden, at 915-365-5039. Pre-registration is required.

## Sign-up for early release of CRP-1

In December 1994, the USDA announced an intention to allow CRP participants to release all or part of their acreage under CRP-1 before the expiration date without penalty, along with other provisions.

The early release option shall be available to CRP participants with acreage devoted to certain practices, enrolled in sign-up periods 1 through 12 during a sign-up to be held through June 2, 1995.

After requests for release are approved, the acreage is no longer subject to the terms and conditions of CRP-1. However, producers planning to convert released acreage to agricultural uses, including crop production, harvest-

ing forage, grazing, or other similar agricultural activities, will be required to meet with NRCS to develop a basic conservation system or haying and grazing plan.

The acreage from the early release process is scheduled to be retargeted toward the enrollment of replacement acreage which will need enhanced environmental, wildlife, and conservation criteria.

### CRP one-year contract modifications

In August 1994, the USDA announced that CRP participants with acreage that expires from CRP on September 30, 1995, will have the option to modify all or part of CRP-1 to extend the period of one year at the same per acre payment rate.

This announcement provides participants with expiring 1986 contracts an opportunity to modify CRP-1 on all or part of the acreage in CRP until September 30, 1996.

Participants may submit requests until June 2, 1995, to modify eligible contracts to extend the expiration date.

If the acreage is spot-checked later this year, an accurate record of the failed crops disposition will be available and the farm will remain eligible for full program benefits.



## 4-H selling Six Flags tickets

Runnels County 4-H is selling Six Flags tickets again this summer.

Cost is \$23.00 each, which is a savings of \$7.12 from the cost of a ticket bought at the gate.

Also this year they are selling child's (48" tall and under) tickets for \$13.50, a savings of \$10.15.

Tickets may be purchased Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m.-12:00 Noon and 1:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. at the Runnels County Extension Office on the 3rd floor of the Runnels County Courthouse.

For more information, call (915) 365-5042 or (915) 365-2219.

## 4-H Field and Stream Project set June 2

by LANCE RASCH  
ACEA-AG, Runnels County

There will be a 4-H Field and Stream meeting on Friday, June 2, 1995, at 6:00 p.m. on the second floor of the Runnels County Courthouse.

Dave Caudle will discuss bass fishing, one of the most popular fish for Spring anglers.

Other topics will be strategies of catching fish, tackle, and laws and regulations. This information can be helpful to the success of catching the "big one."

Let's try to have a large attendance so that we may have a strong Field and Stream Project Group.

## Team penning Saturday

Runnels County Horse Club will have a team penning on Saturday, June 3, at the Ballinger arena on Highway 158 West.

Books open at 7 p.m. Penning starts at 8 p.m.

For more information, call (915) 365-3849 or (915) 365-2985.

### Final planting dates

The final planting dates for 1995 Runnels County crops are:

- Corn April 30
- Grain Sorghum June 20
- Cotton June 10

Crops that are planted by these dates and then fail after these dates do not have to be replanted to remain eligible for program benefits. Claims for prevented planting should be filed within 15 days of each date for their respective crop.

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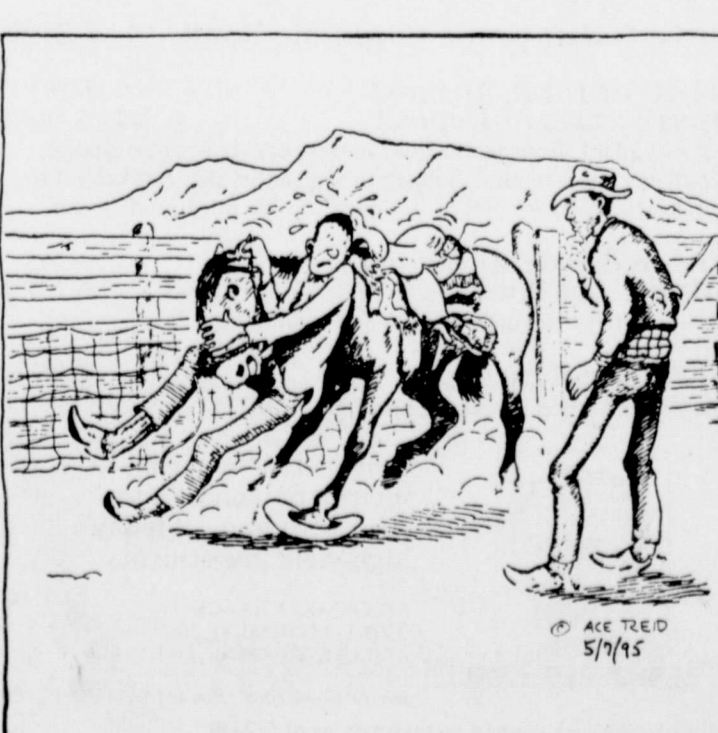
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