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Pastor Hanson 1995 Texas Rural Minister of the Year

St. John's Lutheran Church of Winters produces two top ministers in less than a decade

Bringing needed hospice care to a small town in West Texas has helped earn Reverend James H. Hanson of St. John's Lutheran Church in Winters a new title — The 1995 Texas Rural Minister of the Year. This is the second time in less than a decade that Winters and the same church have produced the top rural minister.

Reverend Steve Bryne, who preceded Hanson at St. John's, won the same title in 1986. A&M officials couldn't recall one community — much less one church — that generated more than one Minister of the Year since the program began in 1949.

Hanson received the award during the 50th Town and Country Church Conference at Texas A&M University on October 2. A minister for 41 years, he has lived in Texas for 10, serving in Odessa before coming to Winters in 1991.

For some time, congregation members had been trying to establish a hospice program in Winters before Hanson arrived. Volunteers had been trained, but larger cities were still reluctant to extend their services to the small

town. Hanson, a Minnesota native who had worked on the Board of Hospice while pastoring in Odessa, chaired a committee that eventually convinced Hospice of Abilene to establish a program in Winters.

"The contracts and agreements were made," said Ted Ahrens, church council president. "But in order to recruit volunteers, the community needed to know what hospice was and what hospice did."

The congregation was surprised when 30 volunteers showed up for training, he said. It was the largest group Hospice of Abilene had ever trained at one time.

"Folks are no longer sending the terminally ill away from home to die," Ahrens said. "They are keeping them home, and caring for them."

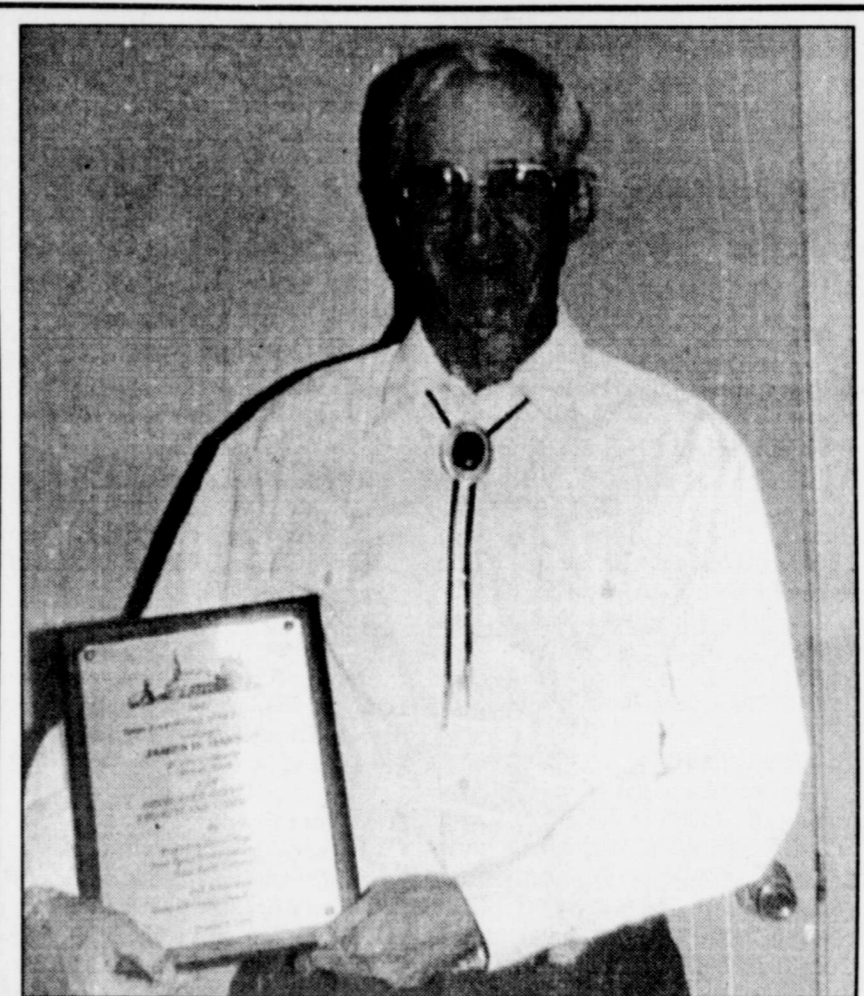
During the conference banquet another minister also received a special award. Reverend Virgie Holbrook of Lakeway United Methodist Church in Pottsboro

was honored as the Small Community Minister of the Year.

Hanson and Holbrook were chosen from 26 ministers from across Texas. Others among the top five candidates for the award were Bobby L. Myers, Eighth Avenue Baptist Church, Teague; Daniel R. Sebesta, First Presbyterian Church, Graham; and Robert J. Vitek, Grace Lutheran Church, Sinton.

The Rural Minister of the Year recognition program is a highlight of the two-day church conference, said Dr. Greg Taylor, program leader for community development with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service. The program, sponsored by the Extension Service and the publishers of Progressive Farmer, provides a showcase of outstanding work of nominees in small town and rural communities. Participants also gain useful information, ideas, and skills to help their ministers.

"Progressive Farmer has been involved in presenting the award since 1949 because we feel that the rural minister plays a vital role in the community life," said Del



PASTOR JIM HANSON displays his award after being named Texas Rural Minister of the Year. Pastor Hanson serves St. John's Lutheran Church of Winters.

Deterling of Dallas, the magazine's executive editor. "We feel that the church is the rallying point where people in rural areas unite, worship together, and celebrate together. People who are in leadership positions, particularly the pastors, do a superb job and should be recognized."

The magazine is not involved in the selection process. That difficult task is left to a committee, Deterling said.

"I believe that the committee looks to find well-rounded individuals who are not only doing excellent jobs of serving their congregations, but also in extending their reach out into the communities," he said.

As simple as it may sound, Hanson says becoming Minister of the Year means "everything" to him. He did not always live in rural America, but grew up dreaming of becoming a farmer or rancher, and ended up in ministry instead.

"But my ministry has always been in rural America in the Great

Mayor presents proclamation to Rev. Hanson; council has lengthy agenda

In the regular meeting of the Winters City Council Monday night, Mayor Dawson McGuffin presented Reverend Jim Hanson of St. John's Lutheran Church a proclamation for outstanding service. Rev. Hanson was recently named 1995 Texas Rural Minister of the Year.

Council members were reminded that the smoke test for the city sewer system will begin around October 16.

An update was given concerning the new park facilities at Elm Creek Reservoir. Aref Hassan, city manager, reported that the new sewer system and power lines are in the ground and ready. The pavilion is completed and bathrooms will soon be finished. A baseball field and a volleyball court are completed, and other landscaping with new shade trees is underway.

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ONETA MCKNIGHT — Coming Home Queen, escorted by her husband, Troy (Tip) McKnight

McKnight, Biddix honored during homecoming activities

Homecoming 1995 was almost picture-perfect. The weather was ideal for a football game, crisp but not too cold, with no wind or rain.

The Blizzards continued their winning streak with a 35-12 victory over the Anson Tigers before a standing room only crowd.

Beautiful young ladies were presented during halftime activities as the Blizzard Band performed.

Senior Karolen Biddix was named WHS Homecoming Queen. Other candidates were Rachel Edwards, Leslie Cobb and Marcie Pritchard.

The WHS student body selected Jason Carrillo as Homecoming King. Other candidates were John Belew, Jerry Esquivel and John Biddix.

Mrs. Troy (Oneta) McKnight was honored as Coming Home Queen by the Ex-Students Association.

Mrs. McKnight was born September 30, 1930, in Winters. Her

parents farmed in the Harmony and Eagle Branch communities which are located east of Winters. She attended the Independence School and Dale School before coming to Winters High School.

While in high school, she was a member of the Pep Squad, Melpomeneas Club, Future Homemakers of America and many other clubs and organizations. She graduated from WHS in 1947.

After graduation, she worked in the Runnels County Courthouse for one year. In 1948, she married a local farm boy, Troy (Tip) McKnight. They lived in San

Antonio, Albany and Munday before returning to Winters to manage the family farm.

Mrs. McKnight worked approximately eleven years at The Winters Enterprise as a teletype setter and another two years at Johns International as a receptionist.

While helping make a living, she was also busy managing a household and taking care of their five children, twins Troyce and Troylene (Lincycomb), Emily (Hall), Becky (Boles), and Sherry (Kurtz). All five of her children graduated from Winters High School.

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Harmless smoke tests begin Monday

The City of Winters announces that Hibbs & Todd Engineering firm of Abilene will be conducting smoke tests, formulated to find leaks in the sewer system, beginning Monday, October 16. According to Engineer John Voller, the tests will take approximately 3 to 4 weeks to complete. Plans are to begin testing in northeast Winters and work as far from the waterplant back towards it as possible.

During these tests, smoke may enter a residence or business if they have plumbing with improper traps or if there are other plumbing problems. This smoke is harmless and almost odorless, but can be a nuisance.

If any individual notices smoke inside their home or business, they should attempt to close off the area in which the smoke is entering, open windows or doors, and locate the testing crew or call City Hall at 754-4424 so that the problem can be noted and taken care of.

If smoke can get inside a residence or business so can deadly poisonous sewer gases. This is not a situation to be taken lightly. Please notify the proper authorities so that the problem can be fixed.

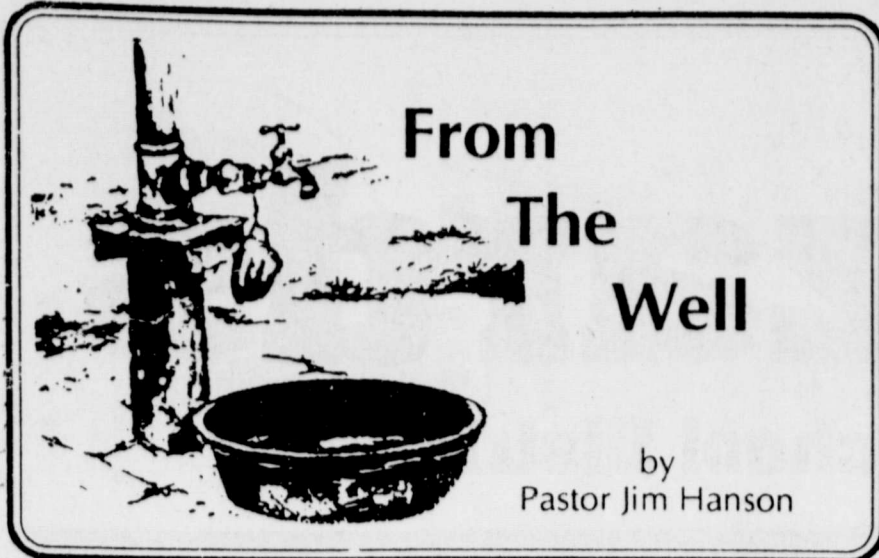
The City of Winters apologizes for any inconvenience this testing may cause, but would like you to know that this test helps make Winters as safe as possible.

Your patience is appreciated.



KAROLEN BIDDIX — Homecoming Queen, escorted by her father, Dr. Jerry Biddix

- #### WHAT'S HAPPENING ?
- Oct. 12-Jr. High, Open 6:30 p.m., J.V. vs. Coahoma, There 8 p.m., Choir to Perform at West Texas Funeral Directors Association, Abilene Country Club
 - Outdoor Classroom, 5th Grade Travels to Farm in Ballinger
 - Oct. 13-7 a.m., RSWCD Election, Norton Community Center
 - 11:30 a.m., Senior Citizens Meal
 - 3 p.m., Pep Rally, Blizzard Field
 - 7:30 p.m., Varsity vs. Coahoma, Here
 - After Game Fellowship, School Activity Bldg.
 - Oct. 14-9 a.m., Christmas in April Benefit Golf Tournament, Winters Country Club
 - 9 a.m.-12 noon, Jr. High Cheer Clinic, Old Gym
 - 10 a.m.-3 p.m., College Daze, Angelo State University, San Angelo
 - 11:30 a.m., Fall Fashion Show/Luncheon, Methodist Church, Ballinger
 - 1 p.m., WTRC Horse Sale, Abilene Auction Bldg.
 - 3 p.m., 4-H Bike-a-thon, Wal-Mart Parking Lot, Ballinger
 - Wingate Sew & Sew Club Quilt Show & Sale, Wingate Lions Bldg.
 - Oct. 15-8-9 a.m., Men's Breakfast, St. John's Lutheran Church
 - St. John's Quarterly Meeting
 - Safe Schools Week Begins
 - Oct. 16-8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m., Discipline Workshop, WHS Auditorium
 - 11:30 a.m., Senior Citizens Meal
 - 2 p.m., Runnels Baptist Association, First Baptist Church, Winters
 - 3:30-5:30 p.m., 4-H Meeting
 - 6-9 p.m., GED & ESL Classes, School Ag. Bldg.
 - 7:30 p.m., Eastern Star
 - SCHOOL HOLIDAY/STAFF DEVELOPMENT WORKDAY
 - Smoke Tests Begin
 - Oct. 17-9 a.m.-12 noon, TNRC Seminar, West Central COG, Abilene
 - Noon, Lions Club, Community Center
 - 6-9 p.m., GED & ESL Classes, School Ag. Bldg.
 - 7 p.m., Athletic Boosters, Blizzard Field
 - 7 p.m., WVFD, Fire Station
 - 7 p.m., Winters Squares, Community Center
 - 7-8 p.m., AA meets at 105 W. Truett
 - 8 p.m., Wingate Masonic Lodge
 - Anti-Violence Project at School
 - Oct. 18-9 a.m.-1:30 p.m., WIC, Winters Housing Authority
 - 11:30 a.m., Senior Citizens Meal
 - Oct. 19-9:30 a.m.-12 noon, 1:30-3:30 p.m., Flu Clinic, Senior Citizens Activity Bldg.
 - Jr. High, Open
 - 5 p.m., J.V. vs. Roscoe, Here
 - Literary & Service Club
 - TMCN Meeting, Civic Center, Abilene



From The Well

by
Pastor Jim Hanson

The place was a banquet hall at Texas A&M. It was about 8:00 p.m. on Monday night, October 2. The occasion was the 50th Town and Country Conference, co-sponsored by Texas Agricultural Extension Service, Texas A&M University System, and Texas Conference of Churches.

It had been a delightful evening. We were seated at round tables. White linen tablecloths, napkins, plates and silver - it was in grand style. We were served by college students, all looked so young and clean and fresh. We had a good meal, steak, no less. And all the trimmings. Ramona and I were surrounded by Estella Bredemeyer, Clara Bell Whittenberg, Elsie and Barbara Belk, all members of St. John's. They were there to celebrate the honoring of the nominees for the Texas Rural Minister of the Year Award. St. John's was one of 26 rural churches to nominate their pastor.

The "Singing Cadets," a male chorus of A&M students, presented a "singspirational" program. They were terrific. When you hear some sixty young men belting out "God Bless the U.S.A.," your spine tingles. They sang school songs, patriotic songs, and mostly hymns. I especially was moved by their singing "How Great Thou Art" and "Amazing Grace," two of my favorites.

Then came the time of the award. The nominees were asked to come forward as their names were read. Each of us received a certificate, honoring us as nominees. Then five of us received a special award for being in the final five. None of us knew who had been selected Minister of the Year. I really felt that I had gone as far as I could go. Was very happy. And pleased.

Then it was time to make the big award. The presenter announced, "The Texas Rural Minister of the Year Award this year is presented to James H. Hanson, pastor of St. John's Lutheran Church in Winters, Texas." I could hardly believe my ears. This was a complete surprise to me. (Apparently Ramona and I were the only ones who didn't know. It was the best kept secret in my life history. Who says folks in a small town can't keep a secret?)

How does one feel at such a moment? Excited! Your heart pounds. Joy and humility flood your soul. It is a wonderful honor. And, at the same time, humbling. All of those nominees were excellent candidates. How did it happen that you were selected? Then your heart fills with gratitude: to God, who called you into the ministry, and specifically to ministry in the rural areas. To your wife, who has always been there for you, who has built you up when you were down, and has humbled you when you were full of ego - because she loved you so. To the folks at St. John's, who are the first congregation to have had 2 pastors so recognized (Steve Byrne in '85 and me in '95); who called you, received you, and so loved and supported you. To the committee who assembled the book and sent it in, headed up by Ted Ahrens, president of St. John's, and Diann Whittenberg, who typed it. To the folks in Winters, some of whom encouraged St. John's to nominate me; folks like Rev. Mike Madden, Randall Conner, and Aref Hassan; to the folks who wrote letters of recommendation from outside the congregation. And so on. So many thanksgivings.

When asked what the award meant to me, I replied, "Everything." Not so much that I coveted the award and now got it. No, much more in that it is what I wanted to be and still want to be and will be as long as I can - a rural minister. I am proud to be so recognized. Just like I am proud to be a Christian. Proud to be an American. Proud to be a "hand" for the Lord, working in His vineyard "in the Land, with the people, under the Word." And, because of "How Great Thou Art," and His "Amazing Grace." Praise God.

Hanson, continued

Plains," Hanson said. "I try to have an encouraging word for my congregation at all times. It's tough living in rural American. There are a lot of winning moments. For example, we thought we had a good cotton crop coming in Runnels County, but the army-worm got there and nearly wiped us out.

"Folks who are on the land have the faith," he said. "It's just that encouraging words keep it going with a little hope, cheer, and a little love."

Members of St. John's know that Hanson not only gives encouragement, but is a hard worker.

Since the hospice program was established, "the attitude of the whole community has changed toward terminal illness, death, and the people affected," members wrote in their nomination application. "It really has become our version of Mother Teresa's ministry to the dying. It has brought new life and hope, not only to those served, but to those who are serving. And St. John's and our minister made it happen."

Homecoming, continued

School. Mr and Mrs. McKnight now have 13 grandchildren. She is an active member of the First United Methodist Church of Winters. Over the years, she has attended numerous football games, pep rallies and band contests. She and Tip still actively support the Blizzards.

Hale Museum members to host Quilt Show and Open House

Members of the Z.I. Hale Museum met for their monthly meeting Tuesday, Oct. 3, and voted to continue the Quilt Show and Open House.

The Quilt Show will be held the weekend of December 1 and 2, in conjunction with the Christmas activities planned by the Winters Chamber of Commerce, at a location to be announced at a later date.

Open House at the museum will be Tuesday, November 7, from 5-8 p.m. with emphasis placed on memorabilia from veterans of the area. This special display and open house will be held to complement plans being made by the Winters VFW commemorating Veterans Day.

The museum has a number of items appropriate for this special veterans display but will welcome other items from veterans and their families who would like to loan them to the museum. You can contact any member whose names are listed below.

Mary Margaret Leathers gave a program describing and showing drawings of the buildings which have served as capitols for the state of Texas since its beginning as a state. Edna England will give the program for the November meeting.

Anyone wishing to meet with the museum group is invited to come to the museum the first Tuesday of each month at 4 p.m. Yearly dues are \$10 per family.

Present were Charlsie Poe, Mary Margaret Leathers, Jewell Kraatz, Edna England, Kathalene Young, Nina Hale, and Kay Colburn.

Council, continued

thanks to the hard work of city employees Charles Grenwelle and Jack Davis, Jr. and lakekeeper Robert Czamecka.

One major concern is the construction and installation of a fishing pier or crappie house at the lake. Mr. Hassan reminded the council that a public facility must meet certain safety codes, disability criteria, and environmental regulations.

Formal bids for an acceptable design will be submitted for the council's consideration, including one from Mr. K. W. Cook of Winters.

John Voller of the engineering firm of Hibbs & Todd is working on the new water tower project. Of the \$256,500 grant budget, \$200,000 was allocated for the new water tower. However, the price of a new tower is more than \$200,000. Mr. Voller has received a bid from Pittsburg Tank & Tower, Co. which offered to sell a pre-owned tower for \$156,000 and \$30,000 to install piers. The same company has offered to tear down the old tank for \$12,310 if Winters will buy the new tower from them.

Mayor McGuffin reported that suggested amendments to the Enterprise and General Fund Budgets included \$3,220 from the Reserve Fund to the General Fund for a canopy type roof cover for city hall and \$16,520 from the Reserve Fund to the Waterworks Fund for the Radio Tower and Smoke Test. Motion carried.

The city hall remodeling is approximately 70 percent completed, reported Hassan, with plans to move into the new offices at the end of October. Also at the end of the month, the remodeling of the council chambers and facilities for public convenience will start.

Bud Busher and Preston Barker were re-nominated to the Runnels County Appraisal District Board of Directors.

Mr. Hassan said that a reminder had been sent to the Texas Department of Transportation for re-application of grant monies for the Main Street and Historical Building Project.

A letter has also been sent by Mr. Hassan to the Texas Aeronautical Facilities which will grant \$1.7 billion over the next five years for airport improvements. A \$4.5 million grant approved in 1991 for the Winters airport was never given because the land required to expand the runway was never obtained nor was the 10 percent matching funds for reconstruction of the runway.

Poe's Corner

by Charlsie Poe



Seeing double

The Winters High School Class of 1940 held their 55th Homecoming at the home of Alton Lowe Saturday near Abilene.

Among the 20 classmates attending were Johnny Oliver and wife from Salt Lake City and Harmon Marshall, whom some had not seen since graduation.

The Tucker twins, Annette and Jannette, were unable to attend their class reunion, but they both live in Arlington. A newspaper feature article about them has been passed around among friends. Born and raised in Winters, they thought nothing of being twins.

Of the 56 students in their high school class, there were two sets of identical twins and one pair of fraternal twins. The others were Floreta and Loreta White, Wilma and Weldon Lacy.

The Tucker twins not only liked being twins but they played it up. All their clothing was identical. They sang together, studied together, and even double-dated.

One of them played the guitar and the other the mandolin, and they sang together. They became so popular that they hardly had time for their school work. They were named the local and international Lions Club Sweethearts.

At the time the Tucker twins were ready for college, Baylor began seeking out twins as a publicity measure. They enrolled on a twins scholarship and used their twin status to help the school's public relations department.

One of their friends asked why they never talked to each other in their room, Jannette recalled. "We had nothing to say. We just knew everything," she said. But they decided to stop double-dating.

That cured their lack of conversation.

After graduating from Baylor in 1944, they wanted to teach but interviewed only in school districts that were hiring two teachers. The superintendent in Arlington hired both sisters, but he would not let them teach in the same building. He said they looked so much alike it would have been too confusing. So Annette taught at Arlington High School and Jannette went to South Side Elementary.

When they were still home in Winters, "Daddy's rule" was that "you speak to everybody. Even if you don't know them, they know you," Jannette said. Then the army camps came along, and Daddy said, "Don't you speak to anyone."

Annette married Gilmore L. Sanders, an air force officer from Winters - the only boy both sisters ever dated. Left behind, Jannette wasn't sure what to do, but she was sure she wasn't interested in a young man one of her friends picked out.

"I decided I'd date him once and tell him to get lost," she said. "That was in February of 1947. We were married in July." She and Bob Duncan are still married.

They stayed in Arlington, where he owned the company that has the garbage disposal for Arlington and five other cities. The Sanders family moved all around the country, but when he retired in 1972, they moved back to Arlington. Sanders is now deceased.

The sisters enjoy living where they can see their students who have grown up to be leaders at home and in the government.

Texas Midwest Community Network plans 2nd annual meeting Oct. 19

Community leaders from throughout the Texas Midwest will gather Oct. 19 at the Abilene Civic Center for the 2nd Annual Membership Meeting and Luncheon of Texas Midwest Community Network.

Thirty-three towns in 20 counties surrounding Abilene represent the charter voting membership of the Texas Midwest Community Network. A delegate from each town serves on the TMCN Council as the community liaison.

The 1996 officers and executive committee will be announced during the luncheon.

Luncheon speaker is Don Clark, formerly director of the

Texas Department of Transportation, Travel and Information Division. Clark retired from the TDOT this year and is currently executive director of the Texas Nature Tourism Association.

A highlight of the annual meeting will be a business exposition where businesses and service organizations in the region will be able to distribute current information and establish personal contact with regional community leaders.

Reservation deadline for the annual luncheon is Oct. 12th. Call 915/893-2099 for more information.

Oct. 30 deadline for free home repair assistance

Residents of Winters, Wingate and the surrounding area are reminded that October 30 is the absolute deadline for submitting applications for free home repairs through Christmas in April North Runnels, Inc.

The purpose of the organization is to provide free home repairs to low-income, elderly or handicapped individuals.

Applications may be picked up at West Texas Utilities, the Chamber of Commerce, The Winters Enterprise, and the Hair Post.

To subscribe, call 915/754-4958.

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Ex-Students to sell burgers & fries Friday

The Winters Ex-Student Association is hosting a Hamburger Supper prior to the Winters vs. Coahoma football game on Friday, October 13. Serving begins at 6 p.m.
 Hamburgers are \$2 each; French fries, \$1.
 Proceeds benefit various Ex-Student projects throughout the year.

VARSITY PEP RALLY
 Football Field
 (Weather Permitting)
 Friday, Oct. 13
 3 p.m.
 Grades 4 - 12

After game fellowship

St. John's Lutheran Church will be hosting the after game fellowship in the school activity center this coming Friday, October 13. Students from grades 7-12 are invited.
 The fellowship will conclude and the doors will be closed promptly at 11:00 p.m. Parents are encouraged to pick up their children no later than 11:00 p.m.

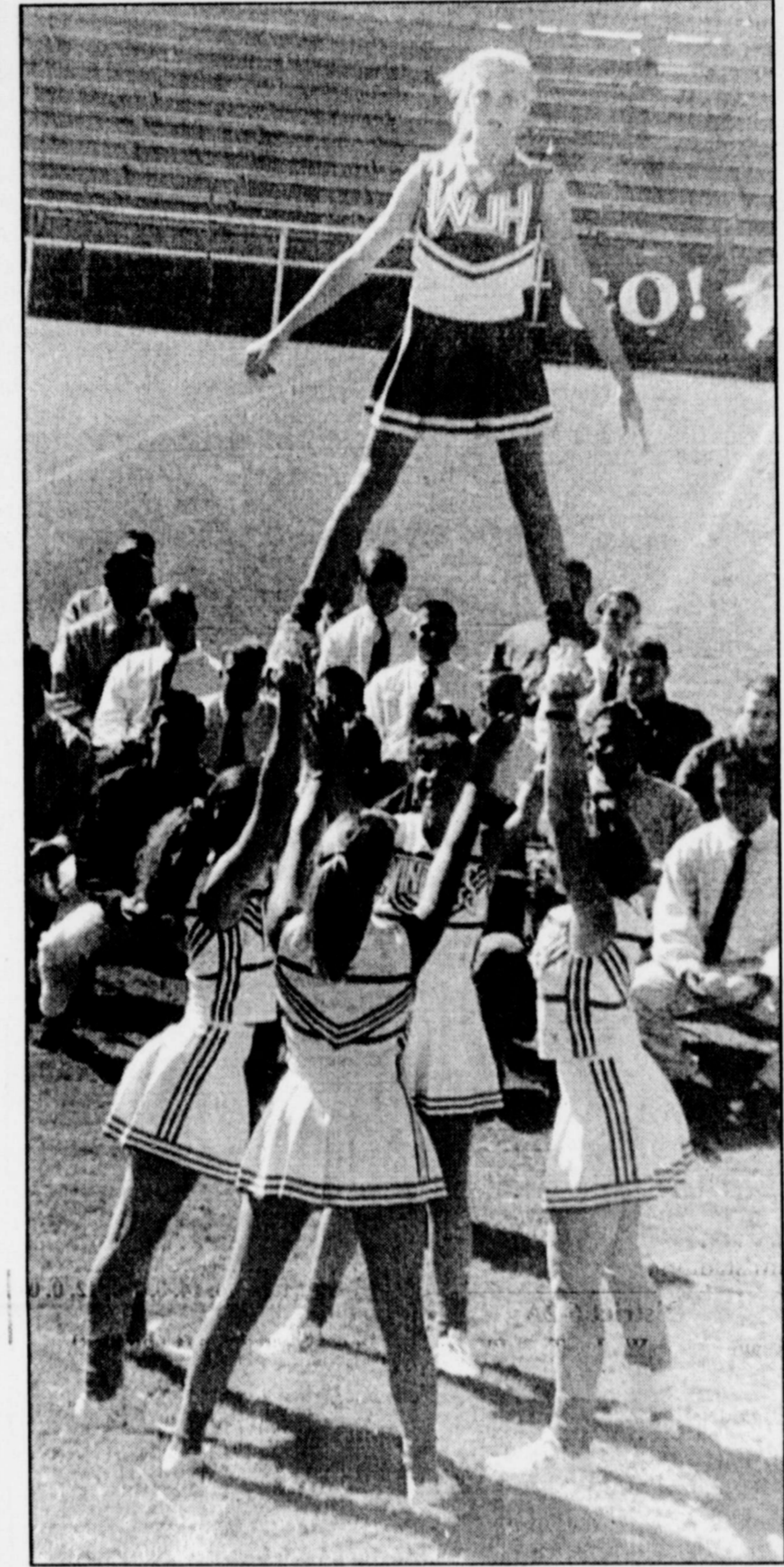
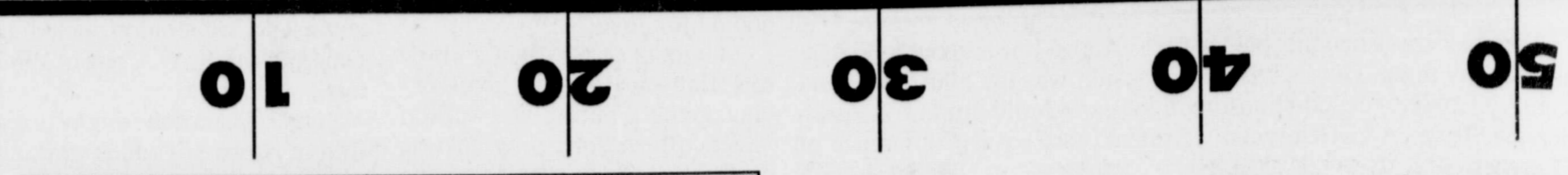
Directions to Coahoma Field

Football fans traveling to Coahoma in support of the Winters teams may find the following information useful.
 You may enter Coahoma on West Interstate 20. Interstate 20 through town is also Broadway Street. You should turn right off of Broadway onto North First Street. Once you cross the railroad tracks, go approximately five more blocks before coming to Coahoma School.
 The field sits at the intersection of North First Street and High School Drive.

Cheer Clinic continues

The Winters Jr. High Cheerleaders are continuing their Cheer Clinic Oct. 14 and Oct. 21. The Saturday clinics will be held from 9 a.m. to 12 noon in the old gym. The cost is \$5 per session.
 Girls from Pre-K through 6th grade are invited to attend.
 A drawing will be held at the last session for a special prize, with chances available for a 25¢ donation.


Pioneer Veterinary Clinic
 619 E. Broadway
 754-5487
 Jimmy Smith, D.V.M.
 Ginny Smith





HIGH ON BLIZZARD SPIRIT is junior high cheerleader Kelly Slimp as she gets a boost from the WHS varsity cheerleaders during the homecoming pep rally.


Back the Blizzards!


1995 Fearless Football Forecasters





 Jimmy Butler
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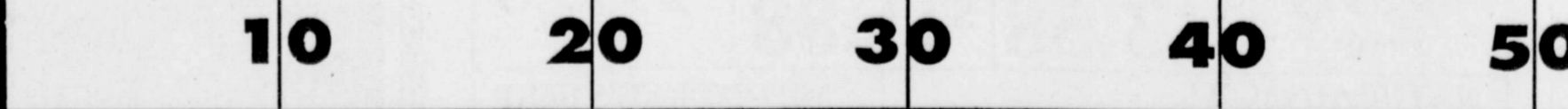

 Renee Calcote
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 Craig Gehrels
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 Garry Goff
37-13


 Jimmy Smith
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Coahoma at Winters	Winters Wall	Winters Jim Ned	Winters Wall	Winters Wall	Winters Jim Ned
Wall at Jim Ned	Wall Stamford	Jim Ned Stamford	Wall Stamford	Wall Stamford	Jim Ned Stamford
Stamford at Haskell	Ballinger at Breckenridge	Ballinger Eastland	Ballinger Eastland	Ballinger Eastland	Ballinger Eastland
Clyde at Eastland	Bronte at Robert Lee	Clyde Eastland	Robert Lee Eastland	Robert Lee Eastland	Tied Game
Albany at Dublin	Cisco at DeLeon	Albany Cisco	Dublin DeLeon	Albany Stanton	Albany DeLeon
Forsan at Stanton	Dallas at San Diego	Stanton Dallas	Stanton Dallas	Stanton Dallas	Stanton Dallas



Cross Country teams take 1st at ACU

The Winters girls won the ACU Invitational meet on Saturday. Top runner for the Lady Blizzards was Erika Vega who placed sixth overall.
 Other individual places and times follow:
 Cristin Corley 9th 14:29
 Kourtney Cathey 10th 14:31
 Noemi Vega 11th 14:32
 Heather Watkins 13th 14:38
 Janet Guy 35th 15:28
 Alison Wells 53rd 15:52
 Congratulations to the team on a good job.
 The district meet is Monday, October 16. It starts at 1:30 p.m. at Sherrod Park on Northeast 10th Street in Abilene.
 The boys also won their division at the ACU Invitational on Saturday, October 7.
 Individual stats of Winters runners who placed are as follows:
 Joe Luevano 4th 18:30
 Jose Vega 15th 19:32
 Adam Cruz 22nd 20:12
 Oliver Ortiz 25th 20:17
 George Villareal 31st 20:46
 V.J. Santoya 52nd 22:17
 Abraham Vasquez 58th 23:09
 Coach Ed Henley states, "We ran well as an entire group. Some of our times were up and some were down, but overall a good effort."
 Come out and watch your favorite Blizzard or Lady Blizzard run this Thursday at the 4th annual Blizzard Run. Start will be at 2:30 p.m. at the football field.

1995-1996 Varsity Football Schedule

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME	SCORE
Sept. 8	Roscoe	There	8:00	W21-R13
Sept. 15	Cisco	There	8:00	W27-C12
Sept. 22	Coleman	There	8:00	W38-C6
Sept. 29	Stamford	Home	7:30	W19-S7
Oct. 6	Anson *	Home	8:00	W35-A12
Oct. 13	Coahoma *	Home	7:30	
Oct. 20	Forsan *	There	7:30	
Oct. 27	Jim Ned *	Home	7:30	
Nov. 3	Stanton *	There	7:30	
Nov. 10	Wall *	Home	7:30	

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1995-1996 Jr. Varsity Football Schedule

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME	SCORE
Sept. 7	Roscoe	Home	6:30	W14-R0
Sept. 14	Cisco	Home	5:00	W7-C20
Sept. 21	Coleman	Home	6:30	W6-C8
Sept. 28	Stamford	There	7:30	W14-S0
Oct. 5	Anson	There	5:00	W15-A14
Oct. 12	Coahoma *	There	6:30	
Oct. 19	Roscoe	Home	5:00	
Oct. 26	Jim Ned *	There	6:30	
Nov. 2	Stanton *	Home	6:30	
Nov. 9	Wall *	There	6:30	

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Deike, Belew named as outstanding 7th Breezes defeated by Anson Tigers

Two Blizzard football players have received recognition from area newspapers. Mark Deike and John Belew were selected to the San Angelo *Standard-Times* Honor Roll for their performances against the Anson Tigers last Friday. Both Blizzards also received Honorable Mention by the *Abilene Reporter-News*. Deike scored three touchdowns on a 5-yard run, a 32-yard catch and a 3-yard run. Quarterback Belew was 19 of 29 passing for 293 yards and two touchdowns. He also scored on a 35-yard run. The Winters Blizzards are currently ranked 5th in the state polls for class 2A schools and are undefeated going into district competition this week against Coahoma.

"The 7th grade Breezes played one of their best games last week," said Coach White, "even if the score doesn't show it." The first half was played very tight, ending 6-8, with Aaron Pritchard providing the only Breeze touchdown on a 33-yard reverse run. The extra point attempt failed. "Time was our biggest problem in the second half because we only had the ball twice," stated White. Samson Jackson recovered two fumbles by the Tigers. Confusion by the referee caused the run on the second fumble to be stopped. The Anson Tigers scored three touchdowns and made the PAT, leaving the score 6 to 20. For the next two weeks, the junior high teams are open and will be preparing for their first district games. "Hopefully, by then, we will be full strength," said White.



HOMEcomings BONFIRE last Wednesday was a big success with a large crowd of Blizzard supporters on hand.

Blizzards capture homecoming win 35-12 over Anson Tigers

The Blizzard defense rested a little last Friday night but the offense heated up in a 35-12 win over the Anson Tigers. Winters is now 5-0 on the season. Anson rolled up 234 yards rushing and 55 yards passing for a total of 289 yards. This is the most yards the Blizzard defense has allowed in any contest this year. The Winters offense continued to roll, scoring with running and passing. John Paul Belew was 19 of 29 for 293 yards behind the great line blocking of center Kevin Conner, guards Luke Wyatt and Steven Cross, and tackles James Andrae and Presiliano Sanchez. The Blizzards took the opening kickoff and scored on their first possession in only 80 seconds. John Biddix caught a 50-yard pass from Belew and got the ball to the Anson 5-yard line. Mark Deike ran it in on the next play and Jonathan Cobb's kick was good to make the score Winters 7, Anson 0. The Tigers had the ball for three plays and then punted. The Blizzards then began a time-consuming 12-play drive. Quarterback Belew optioned around the right end for a 36-yard touchdown run. Cobb's extra point kick was on target again and Winters went ahead 14-0. Anson mounted a comeback campaign with some trick plays. A fake punt gained 20 yards and then a run up the middle for 36 yards set up a reverse for a touchdown for the Tigers. The two point try was thwarted by the Blizzard defense. Anson scored again on their next possession, and again the Big Blue defense stopped the two-point try. With 6:50 left in the first half, Winters' lead was cut to 2 points, 14-12. The Blizzard offense put together an effective mix of running and passing ending with a 32-yard pass to Mark Deike for the touchdown. Anson punted on their next possession with 1:13 left in the half. Using the no-huddle, two-minute offense, the Blizzards took just 41 seconds to cover 74 yards, and scored again. Belew's strong arm with passing left then right, left, right and then up the middle hit John Biddix for 20 yards for the touchdown. Cobb's kick was good and the halftime score was Winters 28, Anson 12. The third quarter had the Blizzard offense in control of the ball most of the time but unable to score. Converting on a 3 or 4 fourth down play, Winters marched down the field. On a 4th and 3 from the Anson 5-yard line, the pass fell incomplete and the Tigers took over to start the fourth quarter. The last Blizzard score came on a 2-yard run by workhorse Deike, after he and Biddix had caught passes from Belew for 15 and 27 yards, respectively. This ended the scoring with Winters taking the homecoming win 35 to 12. The Blizzards start district play this week hosting the Coahoma Bulldogs. Coahoma is 4-1 on the year with a win over Hawley last week, 42-13. Coahoma will be a new look to the Blizzards as this will be one of the smallest teams to line up against the Big Blue this year. The Bulldogs have 12 on their varsity team that weigh 160

District 6-2A

Team	W	L	T	PF	PA
Winters	5	0	0	140	51
Coahoma	4	1	0	137	67
Jim Ned	4	1	0	118	47
Stanton	4	1	0	128	97
Forsan	2	3	0	68	104
Wall	3	2	0	105	72

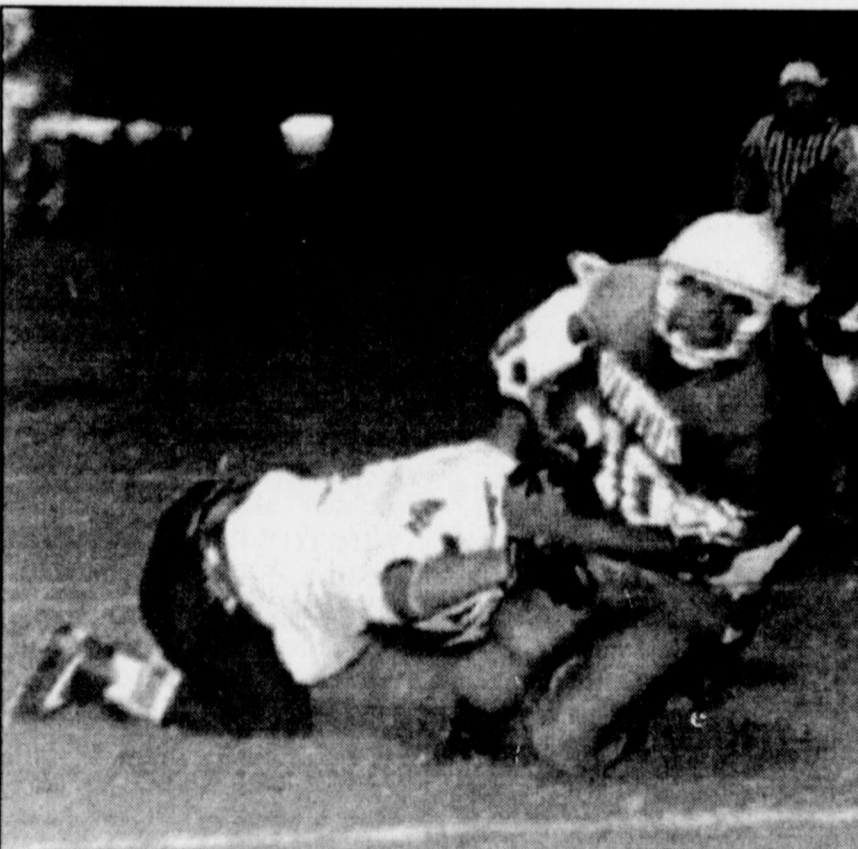
Last Week's Scores: Coahoma 42, Hawley 13; Sterling City 34, Forsan 6; Iraan 28, Stanton 0; Stamford 16, Jim Ned 14; Wall 23, Eldorado 8; Winters 35, Anson 12.
This Week's Games: Coahoma at Winters, Forsan at Stanton, Wall at Jim Ned.

VARSITY STATISTICAL SUMMARY

	Winters	Anson
First downs	28	13
Rushes-yards	37-175	43-234
Passing yards	293	55
Comp-Att-Int	19-29-1	3-11-1
Fumbles-lost	1-1	1-1
Penalties-yards	3-35	2-20

SCORING SUMMARY
By Quarters 14, 14, 0, 7, 0, 12, 0, 0

Winters
Deike, 5-yard run (Cobb kick)
Winters
Belew, 35-yard run (Cobb kick)
Anson
Franco, 24-yard run (run failed)
Anson
Glasgow, 7-yard run (run failed)
Winters
Deike, 32-yard pass from Belew (Cobb kick)
Winters
Biddix, 21-yard pass from Belew (Cobb kick)
Winters
Deike, 3-yard run (Cobb kick)



JERRY ESQUIVEL dives for the extra yard during action against Anson.

JV Blizzards slip by Anson Tigers 15-14

The Winters junior varsity squeaked by the Anson Tigers 15-14 in action last Thursday night. Blizzard Lee Woffenden blasted downfield on a 46-yard run for the second quarter score. Junior Barquera carried the ball across for the two-point conversion. Another key play came with only 30 seconds left in the first half when Jeremy Alvarado caught a 35-yard touchdown pass from Justin Minzenmeyer. Michael Prewit's PAT kick was good, pushing the Blizzard score to 15. The Blizzard defense really dug in their heels with less than a minute left in the game to hold off an Anson threat. Coach Chris Wilde said, "Blocking of the offensive line was a real key to the game. Also, we were able to run the ball successfully all night." The J.V. squad will travel to Coahoma Thursday to meet the Bulldogs for the first district game. Back the Blizzards!

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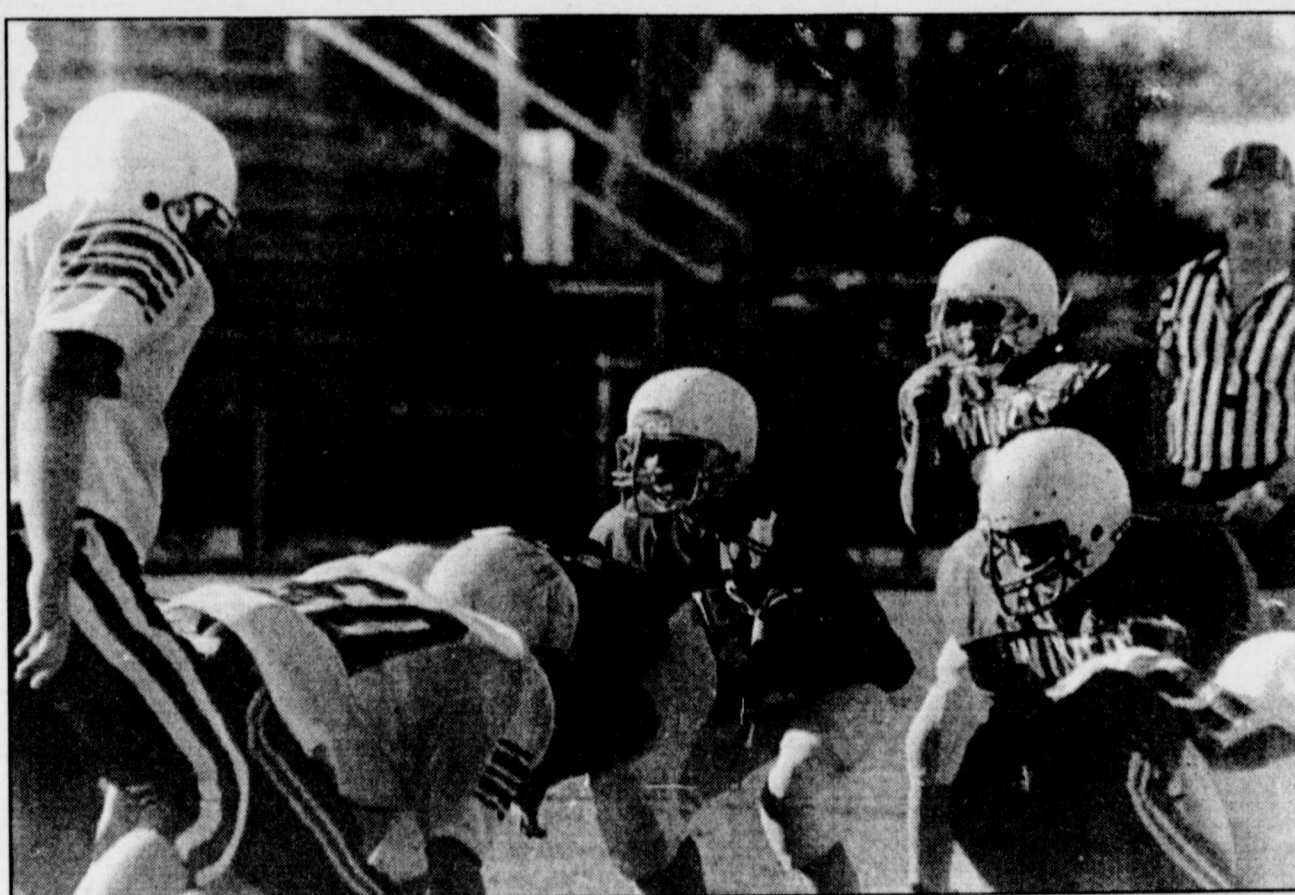
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Oct. 16 - Oct. 20
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Breakfast
Monday-Oct. 16
School Holiday
Tuesday-Oct. 17
Fruit Loops
English Muffins
Peach Half
Wednesday-Oct. 18
Honey Nut Cheerios
Raisin Bread
Sliced Peaches
Thursday-Oct. 19
Lucky Charms
Butter Bread
Mixed Fruit
Friday-Oct. 20
Trix
White Bread
Peach Half

Lunch
Monday-Oct. 16
School Holiday
Tuesday-Oct. 17
Corn Dog
Mustard/Mayonnaise
Mixed Vegetables
Sliced Peaches
Brownie
Wednesday-Oct. 18
Steak Fingers
Catsup
Green Beans
Rolls
Mixed Fruit
Thursday-Oct. 19
Bar-B-Q on Bun
Lettuce/Pickles
Potato Chips
Sliced Peaches
Friday-Oct. 20
Hamburger
Mustard/Mayonnaise
Lettuce/Pickles
Potato Chips
Peach Half

All meals served with milk



COLBY WALKER, 7th grade quarterback, gets ready to take the snap from center Ronald Curry, and probably hopes for some good blocking in light of the size of the Anson defender looming at left. Breezes runningback is Andrew Medina and guard is Luis Esquivel.

Student Council News

by RHEA PARRAMORE, Student Council Sponsor

The Winters Student Council members can be very proud of the successful Homecoming Dance Saturday night, September 30. Each member worked very hard on a committee and then as a group to make sure everything was just right. Jason Carrillo was elected by the student body as the WHS 1995 Homecoming King. What a great way to start off the Homecoming events!

Students had been participating with different themes each day. The Student Council also sponsored a locker decorating contest for Junior High students. Winners were: Cliff Wimberly, Shelly Meyer, and Tiffany Prater. We appreciate their spirit. Each night of the week was filled with pep rallies and students showing support for their favorite football team.

Student Council members will be preparing for Red Ribbon Week, Oct. 22-28. We will complete several activities to inform everyone in the community about drug awareness.

This month, on Oct 17th, the Council will participate in an anti-violence project. This project's purpose is to educate students, school staff, and community members on the increasing violence in and around schools in our country. This has not been a problem in our school or community, but we need to recognize the problem and give our support to other schools.

In closing, I want to say a special thanks to the following: Win-

ters Chamber of Commerce, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Brenda Burton, Bill Cathey, Charles Kidwell, Winters Athletic Booster Club, Beth Wortham, Wal-Mart of Ballinger, the Bearden Family, Robert Parramore, all Student Council members, and the Winters Student Body.

ACT software available

Winters High School has purchased new ACT preparation software to help college-bound students prepare for their critical college admissions exam.

The networked program provides both practice tests and guided study. It is available for use in Mrs. Parramore's lab during tutorial period. In addition, night sessions will be scheduled and announced.

For further information, contact Ketta Garduno or Rhea Parramore at Winters High School.

Exit-level TAAS testing does not include sophomores at this time

All WHS juniors and seniors who have not yet passed the exit-level TAAS will take the writing test on Oct. 23; math, Oct. 25; and reading, Oct. 26.

Score reports are expected the second week of December. For those who do not meet minimum expectations in October, re-testing will be in March and May, 1996.

All eligible students must pass this test in order to receive their high school diplomas. Sophomores will take the test in the spring of 1996.

Two writing contests allow students to win scholarships

The Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers Auxiliary and The American Sheep Industry Women's Auxiliary are sponsoring letter writing contests to encourage young people in Texas to take an interest in writing members of the U.S. Congress. The contests are open to High School students in grades 9-12 who are U.S. citizens. SUBJECT: "Why Private Property Rights Are Important To Your State"

DEADLINE: Entries must be postmarked by December 31, 1995 (TSGRA) and by March 1, 1996 (ASIWA).

PRIZES: 1st Prize - \$1,000 college scholarship, 2nd Prize - \$750 college scholarship, 3rd Prize - \$500 college scholarship, 4th to 10th prizes - \$100 U.S. Savings Bonds (all prizes awarded by each auxiliary).

GENERAL INFORMATION: Letters must be typewritten and not over two pages in length. The heading should have your address. The first paragraph must state the student's age, classification in school, and school attended. Then state that this letter expresses your views on property rights and requires no response. Address the member of Congress properly, be polite, be specific, be concise, and use examples to support your position on why private property rights are important to your state.

Letters will be judged in January, 1996, (TSGRA) and March, 1996, (ASIWA) by industry leaders.

WHO TO WRITE (for TSGRA contest): 1. Either Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison or Senator Phil Gramm. Mail the original letter to the senator of your choice. Mail a copy to: Ben Love, P.O. Box 387, Marathon, TX 79842.

2. Your U.S. Representative. Use the same letter but change the addressee to your national representative. Letters to state congressman will be disqualified. Mail the original letter to your U.S. Congressman and a copy of the letter to: Doris Haby, P.O. Box 1496, Brackettville, TX 78832.

WHO TO WRITE (for ASIWA contest): 1. Both of your state's National Senators. Mail the original letters to the senators. Mail a copy of each letter to: Doris Haby, P.O. Box 1496, Brackettville, TX 78832.

2. Your U.S. Representative. Use the same letter but change the addressee to your national representative. Mail the original letter to your U.S. Representative and a copy to: Doris Haby, P.O. Box 1496, Brackettville, TX 78832.

For the ASIWA contest, letters to state congressmen will be disqualified.

If you have questions, you can contact Mrs. Haby at 210-563-3020 or 563-9316.



School Days, School Days



Kathi Edwards
Business

Mrs. Edwards received a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Education from Texas Tech University, and was employed by Winters Independent School District in August, 1995.

Kathi is married to Murray Edwards, owner of Alderman-Cave Feed Mill. They have three children, Rachel, 17; John Morris, 14; and Lincoln, 10. They are Methodists.

In her spare time, Kathi enjoys sports and horseback riding.

Parents invited to hear Dr. Jane Bluestein speak on 21st century discipline Oct. 16

Monday, October 16, is a staff development day for Winters I.S.D. teachers and a holiday for students.

Parents are invited to attend a "21st Century Discipline" workshop from 8:30 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. in the Winters High School auditorium. Dr. Jane Bluestein's topic will be "21st Century Discipline, Building Responsibility, Self-Management & Self-Esteem."

A dynamic and entertaining speaker, Dr. Bluestein has worked with thousands of teachers, counselors, administrators, and parents world-wide, presenting keynote addresses, workshops, and classes on positive adult-child relationships.

Her down-to-earth speaking style, practicality, sense of humor, and numerous stories and

examples make her ideas clear and accessible to her audiences. Author of several books and numerous magazine articles, Dr. Bluestein specializes in developing healthy, functional relationships and interactions between adults and children, especially children at risk.

Formerly a classroom teacher (in inner-city Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania), crisis-intervention counselor, and teacher training program coordinator, Dr. Bluestein serves on the executive board of the National Council for Self-Esteem. Dr. Bluestein currently volunteers as a training and staff development resource at a middle school. She is also president of Instructional Support Services Inc., a consulting and resource firm in Albuquerque, New Mexico.



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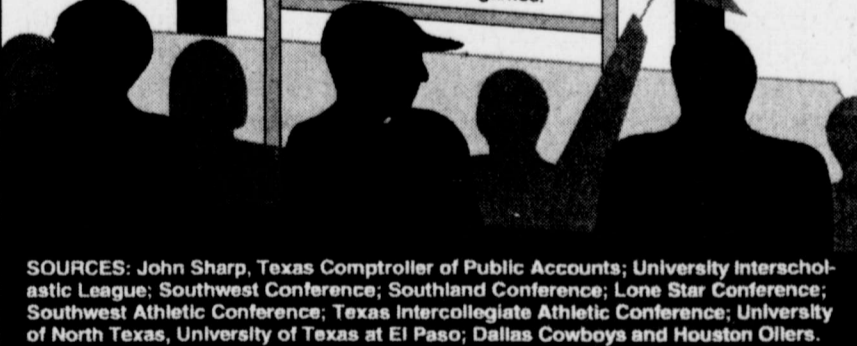
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Runnels Baptist Association meets October 16 in Winters



MR. BILL CATHEY
Guest Speaker

The Runnels Baptist Association will meet on October 16 for its 88th annual session. The annual meeting will be at First Baptist Church, Winters, Texas.

The afternoon session will begin at 2:00 p.m. Reports will be given by Association leaders. Representative from Texas Baptist children's homes, universities, and hospitals will speak.

The W.M.U. installation will begin at 5:00 p.m. The evening meal will be served at 6:00 p.m. The afternoon session will include an address by Bill Cathey. Mr. Cathey is director of Cooperative Program Promotion, with the Baptist General Convention of Texas.

The evening session will begin at 7:00 p.m. The evening session will include area committee reports. The annual sermon will be brought by Reverend Tony Gruben, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Paint Rock. Gayland Broadstreet, moderator, will preside at all sessions. The public is invited to attend.

Fellowship, food, and fun planned at Ballinger's Lord's Acre Festival

The First United Methodist Church in Ballinger invites everyone to The Lord's Acre Festival, Saturday, October 21, 1995.

A children's fair and a silent auction begin at 2 p.m. The live auction follows at 6 p.m.

An "All You Can Eat" BBQ meal will be served at 5 p.m. Tickets for adults are \$5, children \$3.

Shops open at 2 p.m. for your convenience and shopping pleasure.

Dorcas Class met Oct. 5

The Dorcas Sunday School Class of First Baptist Church met October 5 in the home of Dortha Lawrence with Linda Morrison as co-hostess.

Visitor Marcie Webb led the opening prayer.

There were no previous minutes since the class visited the Boys Ranch in Abilene. Due to the treasurer being absent, no treasurer's report was given. An offering was taken.

The devotional, the diversion, and the Bible drill was given by Charis Poe.

Refreshments were served to Lillian Eubanks, Dorothy Long, Charis Poe, Eunice Polk, and Marcie Webb.

Marcie Webb invited the class to her home for the November meeting. A date and time will be announced later.

Community-wide Men's Breakfast Sunday, 8-9 a.m.

St. John's Lutheran Church men are sponsoring a community-wide Men's Fellowship Breakfast on Sunday, October 15, at 8:00 a.m. If the weather is nice, the men will eat outside, in back of the church. If not, they'll eat in the church basement.

Ace Polk and Glenn Shoemaker will give the program. Eggs, bacon, sausage, biscuits and gravy, juice, coffee, milk will be served with lots of good Christian fellowship.

All men-folks are invited. There is no cost. Just come. Don't worry about missing church services, the fellowship will end at 9 a.m.



ABF TRUCKING has begun construction work for their new facility just north of town. The company hopes to finish the warehouse by the end of the year.

Baptist Youth Ministers to meet November 6-8

Josh McDowell, noted author and founder of the "Right From Wrong" campaign; Richard Ross, national director of the "True Love Waits" sexual purity campaign; and recording artist Michael W. Smith are among the featured program personalities at the 1995 Texas Baptist Youth Ministers Conclave on Nov. 6-8 at Plano Centre, Plano.

"Been There. Done That. Got the T-Shirt, Now What?" is the theme of the conclave, which is expected to attract at least 400 youth ministers from around the state.

Sponsored by the Sunday School, Discipleship Division of

the Baptist General Convention of Texas, the conclave will offer more than 30 special interest conferences on topics such as "Raising G-rated Kids in an R-rated World," "New Millennium-- Never Been There. Never Done That," "Dealing with Destructive Moral Choices" and "We're Not Willow Creek, But We Still Have Seekers."

Registration cost for the conclave is \$80 for youth ministers and \$65 for spouses which includes two meals, other refreshments, and conference materials. To register, contact the Baptist General Convention of Texas, Attn: Chris Liebrum, 333 N. Washington, Dallas 75246-1798.

Book Sale funds scholarships

The American Association of University Women, Abilene branch, will host their 28th Annual Book Sale Thursday through Saturday, October 12-14, at 3301 South 14th.

The sale begins Thursday at 12 noon and concludes for the day at 8:30 p.m. On Friday and Saturday, the sale begins each day at 10:00 a.m. and ends at 8:30 and 5:00 p.m., respectively.

First day book prices are \$1.50 for hardback and \$1.00 for paperback.

As the only fundraiser for AAUW, proceeds from the book sale go to fund undergraduate scholarships, one to each of the local Abilene universities, and one graduate scholarship, which can be used at any university.

For more information, contact Ann Lobdell (915) 692-1465 or Susan Humphrey (915) 698-2042.

Southside Baptist Church to hold revival Oct. 15-18

The Southside Baptist Church of Winters will hold revival services to "Lift Up the Name of the Lord" October 15-18.

Reverend J. H. Harding will be the evangelist. A variety of special music will be provided by such talents as Eugene Wheat, the Moro Singers, Taffy Bridges, Valerie Summerlin and Scott Turner and his wife.

Services will begin Sunday, October 15 at 10:50 a.m. and 6 p.m., then Monday through Wednesday at 7 p.m.

Gayland Broadstreet, pastor of Southside Baptist Church, extends a special invitation to everyone to attend these worship services.

Rick Cobb to be a guest speaker at Church of Christ seminar in Cisco

Have you ever wondered if angels or demons were real? Or what is the Holy Spirit? Or what Heaven is like?

These questions and more will be explored in a special seminar hosted by the Center for Biblical Studies -- a ministry of the Cisco Church of Christ.

The seminar, entitled "Spiritual Beings," will be held 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Monday nights, October 9 - November 6, 1995. Speakers and topics include:

- Oct. 9, Larry Roberts of Eastland, Angels;
- Oct. 16, Rick Cobb of Winters, God;
- Oct. 23, Jim Hall of Ranger,

- Satan; Oct. 30, Dick Stovall of Graham, Demons; and Nov. 6, Paul Landis of Anson, Heaven.

Location of the seminar is the Center for Biblical Studies (Bible Chair) on the Cisco Junior College campus south of the Administration Building.

All are welcome to attend regardless of religious affiliation.

The Center for Biblical Studies is a ministry of the Cisco and Breckenridge Churches of Christ. There is no charge for this seminar. No collections will be taken.

For more information, call 817-442-1450.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Norton Exchange has petitioned the Public Utility Commission of Texas to provide for Expanded Toll-Free Local calling to the Rowena, Miles, San Angelo, Wingate, and Winters exchanges. Expanded Toll-Free Local Calling Service will allow you to call and be called by the Rowena, Miles, San Angelo, Wingate, and Winters exchanges on a local call basis (no toll charges).

Within the next 15 days, Taylor Telephone Cooperative will mail ballots to all customers in the Norton exchange. After marking the ballot, customers should sign their name and return the ballot to the Public Utility Commission of Texas in the stamped, self-addressed envelope that accompanies the ballot.

All exchange(s) that pass the ballot will be added to your local calling area for a maximum monthly per line charge as follows:

First five exchanges: Up to \$3.50 for residence, \$7.00 for business (NOT up to \$3.50 or \$7.00 for each of the first five exchanges).

Each exchange over five exchanges: An extra \$1.50 per month, per exchange.

Example: the following fees would apply if seven exchanges were approved:

	Residence	Business
First five exchanges	up to \$3.50	up to \$7.00
Exchange #6	extra \$1.50	extra \$1.50
Exchange #7	extra \$1.50	extra \$1.50
Maximum Monthly Fee	\$6.50	\$10.00

If five or fewer exchanges pass the ballot and are approved, the maximum monthly fee would be \$3.50 for residence lines and \$7.00 for business lines. These fees would be added to the monthly telephone charge for local service.

The fees associated with ELC are mandatory. If any exchanges pass the ballot, the fees will be paid by all subscribers in the petitioning exchange. The fees will be in addition to your local monthly telephone service charges, and will be in effect until your telephone company's next general rate case, at which time all rates are subject to change.

At least 70% of the subscribers who return their ballots must vote in favor of expanded local calling on a per exchange basis for it to be provided. If the ballot fails for all exchanges, your service will not change, and no fees will apply. Only exchanges that pass the ballot will be added to your local calling area.

This ballot will indicate which, if any, exchanges are in a different Local Access and Transport Area (LATA). These exchanges will require a federal waiver, which may or may not be granted.

The Public Utility Commission has assigned this matter Project Number 14494. Interested persons should direct any comments that they may have about the petition to the Public Utility Commission, 7800 Shoal Creek Boulevard, Austin, Texas 78757, or they may call the Public Utility Commission information office at 512-458-0256 or 512-458-0221, teletypewriter for the deaf.

Support the Winters Area Chamber of Commerce

Quilt Show and Sale is Saturday

The Wingate Sew & Sew Club is hosting a Quilt Show and Sale on Saturday, October 14, beginning at 8 a.m. at the Wingate Lions Building.

Baked goods and crafts will also be for sale.

Please make plans now to attend.

Ex-Student Association

Hamburger Supper

Winters vs. Coahoma Game
Friday, October 13

Serving begins at 6:00 p.m.

Hamburger \$2 • Fries \$1

AVISO PUBLICO

El intercambio Norton ha hecho una demanda a la Comisión de Servicios Públicos de Texas para proveer el servicio de Expansión de Llamadas Con Tarifa Fija al intercambio de Rowena, Miles, San Angelo, Wingate, and Winters. El servicio de Expansión de Llamadas Locales Con Tarifa Fija le permitira llamar y ser llamado por el intercambio Rowena, Miles, San Angelo, Wingate, and Winters ha base de llamada local.

Dentro de quince días, Taylor Telephone Cooperative enviara boletas por correo ha todos los clientes del intercambio Norton. Despues de marcar su boleta, clientes deben de firmar su nombre y regresarte ha el Comisión de Servicios Públicos de Texas, en el sobre incluido con estampilla y direccione de retorno.

Todos los intercambios que pasen la boleta seran añadidos ha la área de sus llamadas locales por una tarifa mensual maxima por linea, en la siguiente manera:

Los Primeros Cinco Intercambios: Hasta \$3.50 por cada línea para servicio residencial y \$7.00 por cada línea para servicio comercial. (NO \$3.50 o \$7.00 por CADA uno de los primeros cinco intercambios).

Cada intercambio adicional (ha los primeros cinco intercambios): \$1.50 extra, por mes, por intercambio.

Porejemplo: las siguientes tarifas se aplicaran si siete intercambios son aprobados:

	Residencial	Comercial
Cinco primeros intercambios	Hasta \$ 3.50	Hasta \$ 7.00
Intercambio #6	Extra \$ 1.50	Extra \$ 1.50
Intercambio #7	Extra \$ 1.50	Extra \$ 1.50
Tarifa Maxima mensual	\$ 6.50	\$ 10.00

En caso de que menos de cinco intercambios pasen la boleta y sean aprobados, la tarifa maxima mensual sera \$3.50 por cada línea de servicio residencial y \$7.00 por cada línea de servicio comercial. Esta tarifa será añadida a su cuenta mensual.

Las tarifas asociadas con el servicio de expansión de llamadas locales sin cargo adicional son mandatorias. Si cualquier de los intercambios pasa la boleta, las tarifas seran pagadas por todos los suscriptores en el intercambio de demanda. Las tarifas seran añadidas ha los cargos de su servicio telefónico mensual focal y estaran en efecto hasta que su compañía telefónica realice la próxima revisión general de tarifas, ha la vez que todas las tarifas son sujetas ha modificación.

Para proveer el servicio se necesita que por la menos 70% de los suscriptores que regresan esta boleta aprueban el servicio. En caso de que la boleta talle a todos los intercambios, su servicio no camblara, y no se aplicara ninguna tarifa adicional. Solamente los intercambios que reciben suficientes votos a favor, a traves de la boleta incluida, seran añadidos dentro de su área de llamadas locales.

La boleta indicara cuales intercambios se encuentran en un Acceso Local y Área de Transporte (LATA) diferente al intercambio requerido. Se requiere renuncia federal para estos intercambios, que quizás pueda que si o pueda que no se conceda.

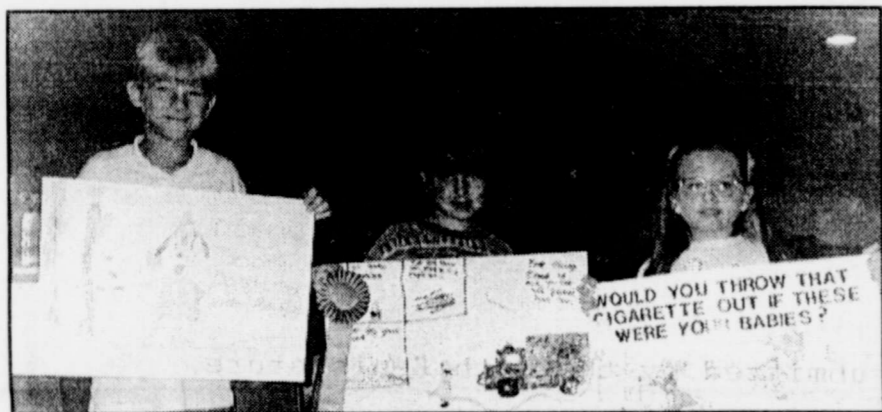
La Comision de Utilidad Pública de Texas le asigno el Número de Proyecto 14494 a esta solicitud. Personas interesadas en esta petición pueden dirigir sus comentarios a la Comisión de Utilidad Pública de Texas, 7800 Shoal Creek Blvd., Austin, TX 78757. Tambien se puede llamar a la Oficina de Información Pública del PUC at (512) 458-0256 o (512) 458-0221, telelipo para sordomados.



A FAMILY OF BLIZZARD BACKERS, complete with matching outfits, are sisters (left to right) Sonia, Juanita (in white shirt), and Laura Armendariz and their cousins Adriana Rodriguez and her sister Brenda. Sonia is in Pre-K, Juanita is in 6th grade, and Laura is in kindergarten. Adriana is also in kindergarten and Brenda is in third grade. The girls' uniforms were made by a seamstress in Ballinger.



INTERMEDIATE GRAND PRIZE WINNERS are (l to r) Tia Santoya, 1st place; Amber Green, 2nd; Marci Paschal, 3rd.



PRIMARY GRAND PRIZE WINNERS are (l to r) L. J. Nitsch, 2nd place; Jessica Hamilton, 1st; Raysha Garcia, 3rd.

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Fire Poster Contest Winners

As selected by The Winters Firemen's Auxiliary
in conjunction with National Fire Prevention Week, Oct. 8-14

KINDERGARTEN

- 1st Kevin Cook
"Do Not Throw Burning Cigarettes Out - A Grass Fire Could Start"
- 2nd Hawke Blackshear
"Fire Busters Prevent Forest and Grass Fires"
- 3rd Michael Blackshear
"Every Family Needs To Store Flammable Things Properly and Have a Good Escape Route"

FIRST GRADE

- 1st Keegan Kurtz
"Never Mix Gas With FIRE!"
- 2nd Anthony Ramirez
"Don't Be A Nut - Don't Smoke In Bed!"
- 3rd Trenton Grohman
Smoky says "Don't Play With Matches"

SECOND GRADE

- 1st Jessica Hamilton (Primary Division, 1st Grand Prize)
"One Spark Is All It Takes"
- 2nd L.J. Nitsch (Primary Division, 2nd Grand Prize)
"Don't Be Goofy - Don't Play With Matches"
- 3rd Raysha Garcia (Primary Division, 3rd Grand Prize)
"Would You Throw That Cigarette Out If These Were Your Babies"

THIRD GRADE

- 1st Amber Green (Intermediate Division, 2nd Grand Prize)
"Match + Child = FIRE, Don't Play With Matches"
- 2nd Marci Paschal (Intermediate Division, 3rd Grand Prize)
"Only You Can Prevent Fires"
- 3rd Aaron Cook
"Help Prevent Fires! Don't Play With Matches"

FOURTH GRADE

- 1st Kayla Calcote
"Don't Play With Fire" Comic Strip
- 2nd Elizabeth Pinon
"Never Let Kids Play With Matches..."
- 3rd Briana Parramore
"Playing With Matches Is Bad"

FIFTH GRADE

- 1st Tia Santoya (Intermediate Division, 1st Grand Prize)
"Fire Prevention & Safety Rules"
- 2nd Raquel Retana
"Don't Ruin Your Life With Matches"
- 3rd Grace Martinez
"Don't Let Dreams Be Lost By Fire"

SIXTH GRADE AND JR. DIVISION WINNERS

- 1st Steven Cavazos
"Prevent Fires, Keep Matches In A Safe Place"
- 2nd Ryan Bland
"If You Want Beauty Use Caution - Put Out Your Fire"
- 3rd Aaron Cox
"Think About Where You Are At Before Throwing A Match"

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Ballinger, TX 76821

915/365-5470
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Janis & David Jackson

Legioners attend convention, need memberships

Commander Walter Durham, Adjutant Billy Ray, and Unit President Wanda Durham attended the American Legion Convention October 6-8 in Kingsland, proudly representing Post #261 of Winters.

As her first charge of duty, District 21 Unit Vice President Wanda Durham reported that the meeting was very informative for Legioners.

Winters Post #261 has obtained a goal high of 132%, but still needs dues paid to reach a goal of 100%. All men interested in veterans programs are encouraged to become members — both current and new memberships are needed.

It's your voice of America and this is what makes veterans membership count. Many more changes are coming to help the veterans through the American Legion and a paid-up 1996 card is your ticket.

Be proud to be a member of the American Legion and help all veterans!

Crews News

by Hilda Kurtz



Life doesn't begin at 40 for those who turned 60 when they were 20.

Hopewell Church visitors on Sunday were Jamie Detrick and Rudy, Paula, Dee Bnea, and Ronnie New of Abilene. After services, Bro. Oscar and Janie Fanning drove to Hamby and attended their 41st celebration service.

Attendance at the community supper on Saturday night was small. Bill Mathis called the meeting to order, and minutes were read. Halloween plans were started. Dennis and Audine McBeth were elected to serve as president for the coming year. Kenny Cartwright will be vice president; Eileen, the secretary. Bill and Marqué Mathis just completed a 2-year term. Nila and Therin Osborne were supperhosts.

Eileen Cartwright and family prepared dinner on Sunday at the Noble Faubion home. Rodney Faubion and Jim Webb were guests.

Doris Wood spent Saturday with the Maloey Bryant family in Abilene.

Mildred Morrison visited several days with Vivian Brevard who is in Reunion Plaza Rest Home in Tyler. Vivian is doing fine and will celebrate an 88th birthday this week. "Happy birthday Vivian from all of us." Mildred also spent a night with her niece, Cathy Davis.

Spending the weekend with Mildred Morrison were Maurine, Sara, and Bradley Scott and Denise Bennett of Sweetwater.

Steve Grissom and a friend of Fort Worth were in Colorado City for the game Friday night. His brother, Bill, is a coach. Steve spent the night with Bill and Sharon. On Saturday, All enjoyed the outdoor cookout on the farm with Wanda McLarty. On Sun-

day, all watched the Dallas game on T.V. and had lunch with Adeline Grissom in Ballinger.

Brad Pape heard from Mexico, and Ruth is doing fine. Brad spent several days with his sister, Mary Louise, in the home of Jerry Kraatz.

Lynda Ford of Rising Stars spent Wednesday and Thursday with Georgia and Connie Gibbs. The Gibbses were in Brownwood Sunday to see David Dean who is on the sick list. On Saturday, they helped Kenny Gibbs celebrate his birthday in Winters.

Dorothy and Wallace Farris of Coleman and Leslie Miller of New Mexico spent Saturday with Josie and Bill Hoppe.

Spending Saturday with Rodney Faubion were Brian Faubion of Lubbock; Candance, son Devon of Childress, and her sister Jane of Lawton, Oklahoma; and Bernie Faubion of Abilene.

Gene Faubion is in base mission training.

Bill, Marqué, Desiree, and Will Mathis enjoyed the ball game in Winters on Friday night.

Paula, Rudy, Ronnie, and Dee Bnea New of Abilene spent part of Saturday and Sunday with Sam and Robbie Neal Faubion.

Brenda and Margie Jacob shopped Tuesday and ate out in San Angelo.

Father Zientek and Bryce Busenlehner of Brownwood spent Saturday fishing out at Margie's tank. On Saturday, Margie Jacob and Cookie, Corey, and Brad Van Zandt were in Abilene to shop and dine.

Margie Jacob and Evelyn Jacob attended the bridal shower at the housing authority for Sara Jackson, bride-elect of Chuck Patterson.

Hildegard and Homer spent Saturday with me. Hildegard did odd jobs while Homer fished.

Flu Clinic for seniors Oct. 19

The Texas Department of Health will hold a Flu Immunization Clinic on Thursday, October 19, 1995, from 9:30 a.m.-12 noon and 1:30-3:30 p.m. for seniors who are age 55 years and over, individuals who provide care to high risk persons, and individuals with

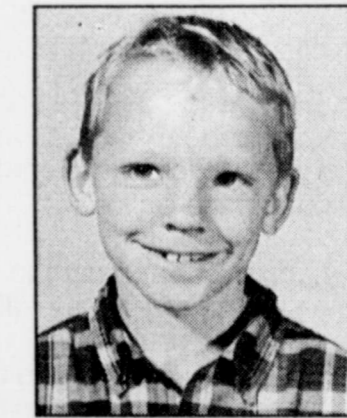
chronic illness. Location is in the Senior Citizen Center, 601 Wood Street.

Cost varies according to income. Medicare is accepted.

For more information call 754-4945 between the hours of 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon Monday-Friday.

37.... Believe it or not Occupation....you guess what?

Hint: Very seldom can you actually find him in his office, or even in town for that matter.



Answer: A traveling salesman (uh...excuse me... agent).

Happy Birthday

Identity of birthday boy is revealed elsewhere in this issue.

APPEARING THIS SATURDAY
October 14th From 1 to 4 PM

"The Artist of Texas" Dalhart Windberg

AT THE NOOK AND CRANNY
Southwest Plaza - San Angelo

Mr. Windberg will be visiting with patrons and autographing prints reproduced from his original oil paintings.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL:
(915) 949-7533

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5th graders learn about American Indians. Students designed villages during their week-long studies.



MRS. HOGAN'S CLASS — (back row, left to right) Ashley Burson, Kemari Hale, Kelly Bearden and Brandon Ripple. Front row is Priscilla Ontiveros, Matthew Moreno, Jose Vega, and Raquel Ratana.



MRS. BREWER'S CLASS — (back row, left to right) Joann Cortez, Tacarra Belk and Rosie Villarreal. Front row is Dustin Palmertree, Jeffrey Leverett, Matt Tounget, Mark Moreno and Connie Reyes.

Letter to the Editor

In response to a disgruntled former Blizzard Drum Major

I was very unhappy with your criticism of the 1995 WHS band. This is the kind of TRASH that brings down a program of this kind. The best thing for Friday night half-time critics is to sit down and shut up. I haven't noticed any UIL accredited professionals in the audience who were responsible for criticizing the band.

"Why did the Blizzard Band not perform?" you ask? How much music is played from the stands depends upon the football team itself. The coaching staff has asked the band not to play while Winters is on the offense. The athletes have trouble hearing snap counts, audibles, etc. So, before you condemn, look beyond the surface.

The talent in this band is great. It's commitment that is lacking. There is a very small percentage of band members who are truly committed. Instead of parents pointing fingers and placing blame on the band, give those students some encouragement. Let them know that their success is determined by how willing they are to work for it. The Blizzard football team went from a 1-9 team four years ago to a 12-2 state quarterfinalist last year. Because of their commitment and devout dedication, they're ranked #3 in the Texas 2AA polls and could go all the way.

There are a few parents in the band boosters whose children are not even in band (you know who

you are). Their purpose is to stir up trouble rather than working for the benefit of the band. They focus on complaining and finding fault. This is the kind of parental attitude that rubs off on children. Parents should show their children the importance of commitment and hard work in anything they do. This includes academics, athletics, and extra-curricular activities. The parents who show their kids what commitment is all about are to be commended.

A local college, who hosted us in a recent football game, was apparently very interested in some of our band students. This college professor practically begged these members to continue their education at his college, and invited them to play in a band who has travelled from Hawaii to Great Britain. I was in band three years of my high school career and I received a scholarship to attend a college. I accepted it and I would not have had the opportunity to attend college without it.

There is an answer to every question. So take a look: we have the talent, we have the tradition, and we have the pride. What we need is commitment, which can only be instilled in the home as young children. Please show some support.

Sincerely,
A former band and football
Blizzard and DARN proud
of it!!

Christmas in April Benefit Golf Tourney is Saturday

An ABC Christmas in April Benefit Golf Tournament will be Saturday, October 14, at the Winters County Club. Tee off time is 9:00 a.m.

For a \$10 donation to Christmas in April, one may participate. Golf balls will be awarded to members of the winning team. Other prizes will be given, as designated, for "Closest to the Pin," "Hole in One," "Longest Drive," "Mulligan," "Right-handers Hitting Left Handed Over the Creek," and "Left-handers Hitting Right Handed Over the Creek."

Barbecue sandwiches, chips, and drinks will be available for purchase at noon.

To enter, call Christmas in April Chairman for Finance Sue Spill at 915/754-4513 or leave a message at 915/754-4847. You may also contact Kenny Gibbs at 915/754-4779.

All area golfers are encouraged to come join in the fun games to benefit a most worthy project.

Cookbook for sale; reserve yours now

"Friends of Seniors" in Winters have compiled a cookbook that includes 439 good home cooking recipes that date as far back as the 1920s and are very simple to prepare.

The cookbook is on sale at the Winters Senior Citizens Activity Building, 601 Wood Street, at \$7.50 per book. The Center is open Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.

To reserve your copy, contact Janet Cason at (915) 754-4205, (915) 754-5205, or come by the Center.

Funds will be used to purchase a commercial dishwasher for the Center.

NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION (AVISO DE ELECCION ESPECIAL)

To the registered voters of the County of Runnels, Texas:
(a los votantes registrados del Condado de Runnels, Texas.)

Notice is hereby given that the polling places listed below will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., on November 7, 1995, for voting in a special election for the purpose of adopting or rejecting the proposed Constitutional Amendments as submitted by the 74th Legislature, Regular session, of the State of Texas.

(Noafiquese, por las presense, que las casillas electorales situadas abajo se abrirán desde las 7:00 a.m. hasta las 7:00 p.m. el 11-7 de 1995 para votar en la Elección Especial para adoptar o rechazar las enmiendas propuestas constitucionales asi como fueron sometidas por la 74a Legislatura Sesion Regular, de la Estado de Texas.)

LOCATION(S) OF POLLING PLACES (DIRECCIONES) DE LAS CASILLAS ELECTORALES)

- ELECTION PRECINCT 1 - Ballinger Runnels County Courthouse, Broadway & Hutchings
- ELECTION PRECINCT 3 - Winters Housing Authority Building, 300 N. Grant
- ELECTION PRECINCT 4 - Winters Runnels County Tax Branch Office, 143 W. Dale
- ELECTION PRECINCT 5 - Wingate Lion's Club Building
- ELECTION PRECINCT 6 - Norton Community Center
- ELECTION PRECINCT 7 - Ballinger Community Center, Crosson Avenue
- ELECTION PRECINCT 8 - Ballinger City Hall, Railroad Avenue
- ELECTION PRECINCT 9 - Miles City Hall, Robinson Street
- ELECTION PRECINCT 10 - Rowena Fire Station, Mary Street

Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at:
(La votación adelantada en persona se llevará a cabo de lunes a viernes en:)

the office of Linda Bruchmiller, County Clerk, Runnels County Courthouse, Hutchings & Broadway, Ballinger, Texas (Location) (sitio)

between the hours of 8:30-12:00 a.m. and 1:00-5:00 p.m. beginning on October 18, 1995 (date)
(entre las 8:30-12:00 de la mañana y las 1:00-5:00 de la tarde empezando el 29 de octubre de 1995 (fecha))

and ending on November 3, 1995 (date) by terminating el 3 de noviembre, 1995 (fecha)

Applications for ballot by mail shall be mailed to:
(Las solicitudes para boletas que se votarán adelantada por correo deberán enviarse a:)

Linda Bruchmiller, County Clerk, Runnels County
(Name of Early Voting Clerk) (Nombre del Secretario de la Votación Adelantada)

P.O. Box 189
(Address) (Dirección)

Ballinger, Texas 76821
(City) (Ciudad) (Zip Code) (Zona Postal)

Applications for ballots by mail must be received no later than the close of business on:
(Las solicitudes para boletas que se votarán adelantada por correo deberán recibirse para el fin de las horas de negocio el:)

October 31, 1995
(date) (fecha)

Issued this the 2nd day of October, 1995.
(Emisada este día 2nd de octubre, 1995.)

Marilyn Eggen
Signature of County Judge (Firma del Juez del Condado)

Annual FIREMEN'S BARBEQUE

Sunday, October 22
11 AM - 2 PM
School Activity Bldg.

Brisket, sausage, & all the trimmings
Age 12 & under \$3 • Adults \$6

Dear People of Ballinger and Runnels County:

City Eye Care is progressing on schedule. The walls are up and the plumbing is installed. We stare in amazement every weekend at the progress the contractors have made. Kelly and I have been very busy ordering equipment, setting up accounts, and organizing our business office. Some exciting developments have occurred since I last wrote to you, including: I have been accepted as a specialty provider on BlueChoice Insurance, Dr. Daniel Wilson has agreed to office with me one day per month for consultations on eye surgery cases, we found a place to live in Ballinger, and I was chosen "The Best Optometrist in Kerr County." We'll miss Kerrville, but Ballinger already feels like home.



After October 20, 1995, our telephones will be operable at City Eye Care and we will begin accepting appointments for November. The new number will be (915) 365-5755. City Eye Care's office hours will be Tues., Thurs., and Fri. from 8:30am to 5:30pm, Wed. from 10:30am to 7:30pm and Sat. from 8:30am to 12:30pm. Please stop by the office to say "hello" at 107 N. 8th Street right across from Slugginbotham's.

We look forward to seeing you soon!

Warmest Regards,
Michael Bacigalupi, O.D.

P.S. The photo is of me, my wife Kelly, and my son J.T. (age 2).

Geoff Connor named General Counsel at the TNRCC



Ballinger Native Winters Graduate

Geoff Connor, the Assistant Commissioner for Legal Affairs and the General Counsel for the Texas Department of Agriculture, has been named General Counsel

of the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission (TNRCC).

Connor, 32, was appointed September 27 by the three TNRCC Commissioners. He began work at the TNRCC on October 10.

Connor was named to his current position as the Agriculture Department's chief attorney in 1991 by Commissioner Rick Perry. He was responsible for the Enforcement and Hearings divisions of the department as well as in-house counsel functions. He previously served during the administration of Governor William P. Clements Jr. from 1988 to 1991. He served as Assistant General Counsel and the Deputy General Counsel to the Governor.

Connor is a graduate of Southwest Texas State University (B.A. 1985) and the University of Texas Law School. He was born in Ballinger and graduated from Winters High School in 1981.

Runnels County FCE club members attend convention

Runnels County Family Community Education (FCE) club members were welcomed by District 12 FCE members and the State Board to the annual state convention held September 19-21 at the South Padre Island Convention Center. Representing the county as delegates were Mildred Bigby and Sharon Rohmfeld. Also attending was Martha Crawford, who currently serves as the FCE State President. Crawford presided over all general assemblies and was instrumental in planning for the convention. Her term as President concludes after the '96 state meeting.

Carrying out the theme "FCE and Community - Committed to Changing Lives," educational seminars were presented on Nutrition, Literacy, Private Property Rights, Parliamentary Procedure, Young Family Issues, and Budgeting Your Time.

Opening festivities, a shopping tour to Old Mexico, Dolphin Watch excursions, tours of Padre

Island and Matamoros, and shopping at the trade show and the Country Store drew crowds of attendees. There was something for everyone.

Barbara Creager, District 6 Director, spoke on her trip as a Texas delegate to the ACWW Triennial Conference held in her native country of Christchurch, New Zealand.

Barbara and Pamela Jones, NAFCE Southern Region Director, also conducted a question and answer session on NAFCE.

Special awards were presented for individual, county, and district achievements. Sharon Rohmfeld received the District 7 1st Time Attendee Award that consisted of a \$100 scholarship.

The following state officers were elected: President-Elect Carrol Davig, Victoria Co.; Vice President for Programs Joan Frost of Swisher Co; and Treasurer Phyllis McMakin, Smith Co.

The 1995 TAFCE annual convention with over 800 attending closed Thursday night with a "Taste of Hawaii" Banquet, installation of officers, and entertainment.

Economic Losses Due to 1995 Beet Armyworm Infestation

	(in millions of dollars)		
	Production Losses	Additional Chemical Costs	Total Loss
Rio Grande Valley	\$130	\$13	\$143
Concho Valley	33	5	38
Coastal Bend	--	7	7
Winter Garden	--	1	1
South Plains	--	20	20
TOTAL	\$163	\$46	\$209

Economic losses due to infestation in the Texas cotton patch will surpass \$200 million

by JOHN SHARP, Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts

The cotton crops in several agricultural regions of Texas have experienced extensive and costly damage from a pest known as the 'beet armyworm.' The losses vary, ranging from severe devastation in the Rio Grande Valley to some significant yield reductions in the San Angelo/Concho Valley region to minor damage in the Corpus Christi and Winter Garden/Uvalde areas.

Farmers in the largest cotton producing region in the state, the South Plains area surrounding Lubbock, have been monitoring the situation closely as the beet armyworm has migrated northward through the state. Most growers in the South Plains cotton belt sprayed aggressively once the pest started to show up there in mid-August, thus thwarting serious crop damage in that region.

In some of the hardest hit areas—the Rio Grande Valley and the San Angelo area—farmers have already shredded some crops that have been declared a total loss and adjusted for insurance

purposes. In those and other cotton growing areas, the crops left will not be nearly as profitable as in normal years. Input costs are up, due to the high cost of additional pesticides, and yields are down because of the beet armyworm problem.

The economic impact of the beet armyworm infestation on Texas' cotton and cottonseed crop could total \$209 million in 1995. These losses result from crop yields being reduced—or destroyed—as well as the additional costs incurred in fighting off the insect. Direct reductions in the amount of acreage harvested or in expected yields (pounds of cotton and cottonseed per acre) could amount to \$163 million. Purchasing and applying chemicals to fend off the pest will add an additional \$46 million to the cost of the beet armyworm to Texas.

The value of production losses in the Rio Grande Valley could reach \$130 million, a decline of more than 85 percent in total production. Only 60,000 bales of an

expected crop of nearly 410,000 bales will be harvested. The magnitude of this loss is equivalent to all the yearly salaries of every public school teacher in Cameron County. The Concho Valley region, including the area around San Angelo, is expected to incur total production losses of \$33 million, which would equate to the total spent on teachers' salaries in the San Angelo School District in a year.

In the South Plains, Texas' dominant cotton producing region, the cost of treatment to prevent the destruction of the crop is significant, and could reach \$20 million. In all other producing regions, additional production costs attributable to fighting the armyworm total \$26 million.

Some cushion is available through crop insurance. While these policies may cover as much as 65 percent of the loss, many farmers have only 25 percent to 40 percent of their losses covered. Moreover, many of these policies only pay when crop loss exceeds 50 percent.

Hohensee, 4-H leader, speaks for food industry

A new public information campaign has been launched by the national 4-H and FFA organizations and Purina Mills, Inc., to educate consumers on the positive aspects of America's food supply and offset negative media coverage of the nation's food production industry.

"As an industry we have an obligation to meet consumer's demands about the foods we produce, and the first step in that process is to let consumers know that American agribusiness is the unequalled leader in producing foods as safe, abundant and affordable as possible."

To carry the food production industry's message to the public, a select group of top 4-H and FFA youth leaders from across the country has launched an aggressive campaign of media publicity and public presentations to educate the public on the demands facing the food production industry and how the industry is successfully responding.

Among these special leaders is Angie Hohensee, a graduate of Ballinger High School and currently a junior Agricultural Development/Food Science major at Texas A&M. She represents Texas 4-Hers in this public information campaign.

The Ambassadors are currently attending state fairs across the country carrying the message for the food production industry. During the opening weekend of the State Fair of Texas, Hohensee joined forces with the Texas Department of Agriculture in educating visitors to the Food and Fiber Exhibition Hall.

For more information on the new campaign, contact the American Agribusiness ambassadors at 314-721-8040.

Abilene Livestock Auction again sells donated horses to benefit WTRC

Saturday, October 14, Abilene Livestock Auction will take a break from their regular horse sale to sell donated horses to benefit West Texas Rehabilitation Center. After an absence of a couple of years, the horse sale will once again be a part of the Cattlemen's Round Up for Rehab. The Rehab Sale starts at 1:00 p.m.

Several good horses have already been donated for the special sale with the Rehab Center expecting more pledges as the sale approaches. Anyone with horses

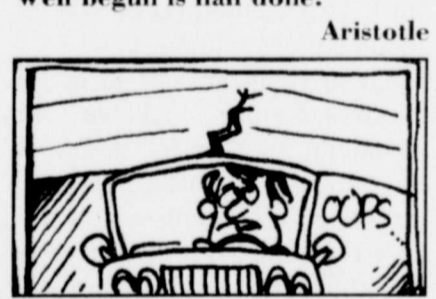
to donate should contact West Texas Rehabilitation Center at (915) 691-7290 in Abilene, or (915) 949-9535 in San Angelo.

Danny Isbell, WTRC coordinator for the sale, expressed his appreciation to Abilene Livestock Auction for making the Rehab Sale a part of their regular sale. The sale barn also hosted the CRR cattle sale on September 26 that raised almost \$112,000 for the Rehab Center.

Isbell said, "I am delighted to have the horse sale back as a part of the Round-Up and know that

our friends in the horse business will kick back in as generously as they have in the past."

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- TX negative former home of the Dallas Stars: "___ Cities"
- San Antonio concert pianist Samaroff
- TXism: "you hit the ___"
- (correct)
- San Antonio-based La Quinta Motor
- Sam Walton died of ___ cancer in '92
- TX Janis Joplin's drug death (abbr.)
- TXism: "get your ___ built" (be still)
- occupation of TX Larry McMurry
- TXism: "he's a good man not ___ with" (mean)
- TXism: "got an over-___ of woe" (sad)
- this Malouf wrote "Cattle Kings of TX"
- Mexican affirmative
- TXism: "so green he could hide ___"
- TX soldier beds
- Will Clark's wood
- in Johnson Co. off I-35
- TX teenager's 2nd year in h.s. (abbr.)
- TX Gene Autry's "Buttons and ___"
- TXism: "too many ___ fire"
- blackthorn fruit

DOWN

- TX Tanya hit: "San ___ a stick"
- the U.S. "interior ___ extends into no. central TX"
- TXism: "happy as ___ slop"
- crime code in TX
- "Big Tex wears his hand-me-downs" (fat)
- TXism: "plain as the ___ on your face"
- cable network that shows old TX films
- TXism: "___ two-steps to his own beat"
- book by TX Sandra Brown: "Franch ___"
- lottery director Linaires
- TX Nimitz was head of the Pacific ___
- globetrotter Meadowlark from Colleyville (init.)
- result of using a "Texas toothpick" (2 wds.)
- layered
- DFW arrival guess
- Pecos Co. legend: "The Treasure of Castle ___"
- Japanese ___ Yokado Co. bought 7-11 in '91
- former Waco attraction: ___ Tex Zoo
- TXism: "so many you couldn't stir ___"
- TX Evelyn Keyes book: "Scarlett O' Younger Sister"
- pen name of 42-across: ___ St. Claire
- San Antonio's "River ___ Show"
- TXism: "___ bark ___ tree"
- dog stink? (yes)
- 20 documents filed by TX lawyers in '48 and '52
- Dallas Zoo asks that ___ be tossed in seal pond
- TX electronics co.
- TXism for clothes
- TXism for pond
- TXism: "hitched but not churched"
- showed displeasure with the team
- the "S" in TX Bush's START 2 pact
- TX chili has a proper ___ of spices
- TXism: "___ a lick"
- TXism: "thar's a whole ___ of 'em" (many)
- song: "T ___ Texas"
- TXism: "equalizer"

The Original TEXAS CROSSWORD

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