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SOON TO BE AUSTINBOUND are excited members of the Winters Elementary Select Choir. The choir will perform at the Texas Elementary Principals and Supervisors Association (TEPSA) Convention in Austin on Thursday, June 13, at one o'clock in the afternoon. Approximately 1,500 principals, administrators, and supervisors will watch the 108-member group. The Winters Elementary Select Choir, under the instruction of Fran Kidwell, Joanie Prado, and Terry Wyatt, was chosen from all Texas schools who submitted a prerequisite taped performance. The children and their guides will also tour the Capitol during their full day excursion.

WISD trustees say no softball on east field

During their regular monthly meeting, the WISD board of trustees established a policy concerning the use of the school's baseball fields.

Allowed on the east field will be high school varsity baseball, junior varsity baseball and players age 13 and above in Little League. Base paths of 90 feet and the pitching mound of 60.5 feet will not be altered. No softball will be allowed on the east field.

High school softball, mixed summer league, local church organizations, Mayfest softball, Little League, Christmas in April and non-profit organization events which benefit children will be allowed on the west field.

The north field will host Mayfest softball, Little League, mixed summer league, local church organizations, Christmas in April and non-profit organization events which benefit children.

In other action by the board, the contract for Charles Kidwell as high school principal was extended for one year; the contract of Terry Wyatt as elementary prin-

icipal for one year with an increase in salary by \$1,200 was approved; and contracts for Robin Byrd as athletic director and Jimmy Butler as business manager were extended for one year.

The 1995-96 budget was amended to increase Miscellaneous Revenues \$15,000, Grounds Maintenance \$4,000 (for baseball field dirt fill-in), and Capital Expenditures \$6,704 (lighting of the school tennis courts).

Trustees voted to appoint the following individuals to hold an election on May 4, 1996: Emily Pendergrass, election judge, and Lois West, Edna England, Kay Colburn and Nadine DeLaCruz as election clerks.

Early voting will be conducted at the school business office beginning April 15, 1996, through April 30, 1996, with early voting clerks appointed as follows: Shirley Hill, Rhonda Goetz, Sherry Byrd and Jimmy Butler.

Trustees set the fee for driver's education for the 1995-96 school year at \$150.00 per student.

Fundamentals-based youth basketball program to start; meeting Feb. 27

Plans have been made to start a program that stresses the fundamentals of basketball for the youth of our community in grades K-6.

The participants will rotate through drills at different stations to be set up in the elementary activity center and the gyms. Special activities such as free throw contests, dribbling contests and games will also be a part of the program.

Commitment from parents and other volunteers is needed to staff these stations. Basketball knowledge is not as important as the willingness to be shown how to conduct the drills. Helpers will also be needed in other areas of

the program.

Tentative plans are to start the program March 5 and run through April 6 with no activity during spring break. Drills and play will be conducted one night a week and possibly Saturday mornings.

A meeting to finalize plans will be held Tuesday, February 27 at 7:00 p.m. in the council chambers at city hall. This is an extremely important meeting and your help and interest are needed to get this fun, learning program started.

For more information about this low-cost, basic basketball program call Phil Colburn at 754-5143.



TAKING THE PLUNGE in 40 degree water were Street Department employees (left to right) Mike Scarborough, Tony Torres and Chuck Cravens, as they worked to repair a broken water main damaged by previous freezing temperatures.

Lady Blizzards place five on All-District teams

Five Lady Blizzards have been selected to the Class 6-2A All-District basketball teams.

Janet Guy and Karolen Biddix, both 5'7" guards, were chosen on the first team all-district. Named to the second team was Rachel Edwards, a 5'8" post, who was plagued with a serious foot injury and missed much of the district competition.

Receiving honorable mention were Erika Vega, a 5'7" guard, and Cristin Corley, a 5'6" guard.

The Lady Blizzards were coached by Will Corley, assisted by Deb Whittenburg.

Three School Board positions to be available in May election

Three Winters Independent School District board positions expire in May and will be open in the 1996 election. Places 2, 5, and 6 are currently held by Charles Allcom, Gary Pinkerton, and Joe Bryan, respectively. With 6 being

an at large position, anyone living in the district may file as a candidate.

Candidates wishing to file are encouraged to pick up an application at the Administrative offices.

See School election pg. 3

Accounts set up for Weldon Lange, Runnels County burn victim

Weldon Lange of Runnels County was burned in an outdoors accident February 14, 1996, at his home between Winters and Ballinger. He is married to the former Juanell O'Dell from Winters.

Weldon received second and third degree burns over twenty-five percent of his body. He was airlifted to Texas Tech University Hospital in Lubbock on February 14, where he remains in the Intensive Care Unit.

The family has no medical insurance. Other family members are turning to the surrounding communities in their time of need.

Accounts have been set up at Security State Bank, both in Winters and Wingate, and at The First National Bank of Rotan-Ballinger Branch, and designated as the Weldon Lange Burn Fund.

Those who wish may send cards to the following address: Texas Tech University Medical Center, c/o Burn Unit - Weldon Lange; 602 Indiana Avenue; Lubbock, Texas 79415.

WHAT'S HAPPENING ?

- Feb. 22-Noon, 39+, First United Methodist Church
- 6-10 p.m., EMT Course, North Runnels Hospital
- 7 p.m., Band Boosters, Band Hall
- Feb. 23-8:30-3 p.m., Women's Service League Arts & Crafts Festival, School
- 10:30 a.m., Alexander American Cancer Golf Tournament Conference, Bentwood Country Club, San Angelo
- 11:30 a.m., Senior Citizens Meal
- 6:30-7:30 p.m., Baseball Sign-up, Catholic Church
- Deadline for Rural Hero Nominations
- Feb. 24-11 a.m.-2 p.m., Law Enforcement Officers Fundraiser, Lawrence Bros.
- 2-4 p.m., Outreach, Somebody Cares Ministries
- 7:30 p.m., Winters Squares Monthly Dance, Community Center
- Feb. 25-11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Little League Chicken Fried Steak Dinner, School Cafeteria
- Feb. 26-9:30-10:30 a.m., SS Rep, Winters Housing Authority
- 11:30 a.m., Senior Citizens Meal
- 5:30 p.m., Runnels Baptist Association, First Baptist Church, Winters
- 6 p.m., City Council
- 6-9 p.m., Registration for ESL Classes, School Ag Bldg.
- CTO Multi-Purpose Center Re-opens
- Feb. 27-Noon, Lions Club
- 6-10 p.m., EMT Course, North Runnels Hospital
- 7 p.m., WVFD
- Fire Dept. Auxiliary
- Feb. 28-11:30 a.m., Senior Citizens Meal
- 3:30-5:30 p.m., 4-H Sewing Session, Home Economics Bldg.
- Feb. 29-6-10 p.m., EMT Course, North Runnels Hospital
- 6:30-7 p.m., Winters Squares Line Dancing, Community Center
- 7 p.m., Winters Squares, Community Center
- 7:29 p.m., Ballinger Chamber of Commerce Banquet, Ballinger High School Cafeteria

OIL BIDNESS . . .

By Reg Boles ©1996

In this month's installment of "Oil Patch Basics," we are going to continue our study of oil field personnel by talking about the roustabout.

The roustabout is a colorful character who is exactly what the name implies -- a 'jack of all trades.' He or she is primarily responsible for the installation, repair, and maintenance of any and all surface equipment and related facilities.

There is really no limit as to what a roustabout may be asked to do. He/she can just about accomplish anything he/she is asked to do. Fixing leaks, laying a flow-line, installing a heater-treater, or chopping weeds are but a few examples of what a roustabout may be asked to do on any given day.

Normally, a roustabout is a part of a contract "gang" (group of roustabouts) that are led by a "pusher" (head roustabout). The gang is usually hired by a producing company to do any job that the operator or the pumper can't or won't do. It might include installing or repairing tank batteries, pumping units, or other surface facilities.

If a person wants to be diversified, being a roustabout is an excellent career choice. A roustabout learns how to use hundreds of tools, from the simplest wrenches to mechanized pipe-threading machines. They learn the basic principles of pressure, fluid flow, and leverage. It is a great education.

Although the working hours are a little better than those of the roughneck (see last month's Basics), a roustabout is still required to work late and long on occasion. Often, a six-day work week is the norm and hazards can be great, but there is no better job if you like to have your fingers in a little bit of everything.

Almost anyone with some sort of mechanical aptitude and a desire to do heavy manual labor can qualify as a "worm" (beginner) on a gang. Oil field experience is not necessarily required, but there

are advantages to understanding the basics of the oil patch. Especially, if a new gang member wants to avoid being made fun of.

Like a lot of oil field jobs, being a roustabout is a dirty one, so often, roustabouts are mistakenly considered dumb and lowly gophers. In my experience, just the opposite is often true. Innovation and initiative are prerequisites for this job, and roustabouts often outperform a lot of other oil field employees in these qualities, including engineers.

So, next time you see a gang truck heading down the highway with a bunch of filthy-looking folks inside, try to see them with a new perspective. Sure, they are looking at those girlie magazines during their break, but they just might be checking out the Popular Science in the glove compartment during lunch.

Never judge a book by its cover...

HIGHLIGHTS OF AREA DRILLING ACTIVITY

Coke County
Oryx Energy has staked the IAB Unit #530 in the IAB Field (9 miles NW of Robert Lee) at an initial rate of 164 BOPD & 1086 BWPD in the Pennsylvanian (perms 5540-89). Loc. is 100 FNL & 1100 FEL of Sec. 483, Blk. 1A, H&TC Sur., A-399.

Coleman County
Graystone Exploration has completed the J.E. Pauley #95-1 in the Glen Cove Field (6 miles NE of Talpa) at an initial rate of 112 MCFPD (AOF) in the Morris (perms 3030-3044). Loc. is 330 FEL & 130 FSL of Sec. 33, Blk. 1, GH&H Sur., A-277.

Runnels County
EDCO Petroleum has completed the Brown #1 (2 miles SE of Wilmet) at an initial rate of 52 BOPD in the Goen (perms 4471-81). Loc. is 538 FNWL & 1100 FSWL of R. Maltby Sur., A-663.

Callahan County
C&L Oil has staked the C. Payne #3 in the County Regular Field, 6 miles SW of Cross Plains (Depth 1000). Loc. is

1467 FNL & 365 FEL of Lbr. 43, Lge. 181, Comals CSL Sur., A-107.

Van Operating has staked the Snyder -99- Unit #1 in the Red Horse Field, 5 miles NW of Baird (Depth 5000). Loc. is 1415 FSL & 704 FWL of Sec. 99, BBB&C Sur.

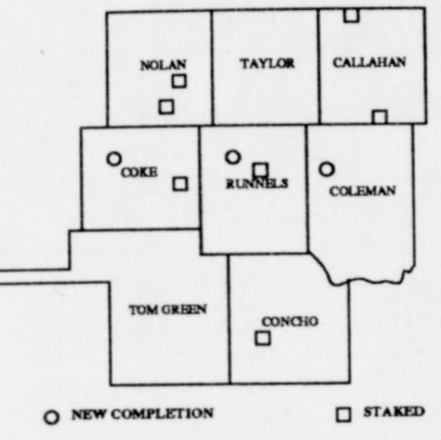
Coke County
Exxon has staked the Bronte Pato Pinto Unit #307 in the Bronte Field, 2 miles SW of Bronte (Depth 5700). Loc. is 2300 FNL & 1000 FEL of Sec. 5, C&M Sur.

Concho County
Trich Production has staked the Nutt #33-2 in the Mozelle Nutt Field, 8 miles W of Eden (Depth 4000). Loc. is 467 FSL & 2112 FWL of Sec. 33, Blk. 9, H&TC Sur., A-436.

Nolan County
Amerac Energy has staked the Coda-Whiteaker #8 in the North Blackwell Field, 3 miles N of Blackwell (Depth 6800). Loc. is 1640 FNL & 2509 FEL of Sec. 34, Blk. Z, T&PRR Sur.

Robertson Resources has applied to re-enter the Cochran Estate #4 in the Group Field, 5 miles SE of Maryneal (Depth 4120). Loc. is 660 FNL & 660 FEL of Sec. 105, Blk. 1A, H&TC Sur.

Runnels County
Enrich Oil has staked the F. Poe #2 in the Dorman Field, 5 miles SW of Winters (Depth 4900). Loc. is 900 FSL & 1832 FEL of Lot 15, Blk. 442, J.L. Lynch Sur., A-346.



Card of Thanks
The family of J.B. Guy Sr. wishes to thank everyone who sent flowers, cards, food, and prayers to us during this most difficult time.

A special "thank you" to Baptist minister Glen Shoemaker for services in Winters and to Rev. Cobb for visits to the hospital in Abilene. Also the ladies of the Church of Christ who brought food and served the family meal at the church.

May God bless you all.

Alexander to hold conference Friday on golf tourney

A press conference will be held by Lynn Alexander on Friday, Feb. 23, at Bentwood Country Club of San Angelo at 10:30 a.m. in the golf shop area.

Mr. Alexander will be announcing a new, totally revised format and schedule for the Lynn Alexander American Cancer Society Golf Tournament, as well as revealing the name of a major PGA tour member who will be participating.

Questions will be taken. Additional information will be provided. For more information, contact Michele Woodall at 915/653-2277.



GIRL SCOUT COOKIES ARE HERE and have been picked up by troop leaders and helpers for immediate delivery. Representing Brownie Troop #162, from left to right, are Heather Martin, Leaders Ann DeBerry and Saam Geistmann, Service Unit Cookie Chairman Teresa Davis, and Tod Martin. Tod was a courteous young gentleman and assisted his sister in loading her cases of cookies. Girl Scouts have until March 4th to deliver cookies and collect funds. If you would like to order more cookies, contact Mrs. Davis at 754-5422.

Social Security Rep. in Winters on February 26

Garland Gregg, representative for the San Angelo Social Security Office, has scheduled his February visit to Winters. He will be at the Winters Housing Project Office on Monday, February 26, between 9:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

Anyone who wants to file a claim for benefits, get information, or transact other business with the Social Security Administration may contact him at this time.

Your Social Security matters can be handled just as quickly by telephone. For help when you first want to sign up for Social Security or Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefits, call (915) 949-3718. The office is open every weekday (Monday through Friday) except holidays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. If you just need information or are already receiving benefits, call 1-800-772-1213 from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. every weekday except holidays.

If desired, write to the office at P.O. Box 3808, San Angelo, Texas 76902.

Senior Citizens Activity Center Menu

Feb. 26 thru March 1

- Subject to change*
- Monday, Feb. 26: Bar-B-Q on bun, pinto beans, potato salad, pickles & onions, and banana pudding.
 - Wednesday, Feb. 28: Roast & gravy, potatoes, green beans, rolls, and Jello cake.
 - Friday, March 1: Pork steak, macaroni & tomato, pea salad, cornbread, and cobbler.

Obituaries

Nancy Ann Hart

WINTERS—Nancy Ann Hart, 56, died Monday night, February 12, 1996, at her residence.

She was born on March 15, 1939, in Fredericksburg, Texas, and came to Winters as a young girl. She graduated from Winters High School in 1958, attended Clarendon Jr. College, and graduated from West Texas State University in Canyon. She married Edwin Hart on June 3, 1967, in Winters.

Mrs. Hart had taught school in Lockett and Winters. She was employed by Dry Manufacturing for 17 years, was a Sunday School teacher and a member of First Baptist Church.

Survivors include her husband, Edwin Hart of Winters; one son, Wesley Glenn Hart of San Angelo; one daughter and son-in-law, Ann and Eric Fine of San Angelo; four brothers, Carl Young and Joe Young of Winters, Clarence Young of Stephenville, and Glenn Young of Waxahachie; and one sister, Marilyn Rose of Winters.

Services were held at 2:30 p.m. on Thursday, February 15, at the First Baptist Church with Reverend Glenn Shoemaker officiating. Burial was in Lakeview Cemetery, directed by Winters Funeral Home.

Pallbearers were Jason Young, C.J. Young, John Krause, J.P. Drake, Dean Hukill, and Bill Cathey.

Memorials may be made to North Runnels Home Health Agency, P.O. Box 395, Winters, Texas, 79567.

S.K. (Kemper) Shelburne

BALLINGER—S.K. (Kemper) Shelburne, 86, formerly of Norton, died at 1:15 a.m. on Tuesday, February 13, 1996, at Heritage Oaks Estate.

He was born on October 28, 1909, in Midland County, Texas. He married Stella Williams at Paint Rock on August 28, 1926.

Mr. Shelburne was a retired farmer and a member of the Norton Lions Club and Norton Baptist Church where he was a past deacon.

Survivors include his wife, Stella Shelburne of Ballinger; a son, Milton Shelburne and his wife, Lela May, of Ballinger; a daughter, Betty Stewart and her husband, Neil, of Farwell, New Mexico; five grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

Services were held at 3 p.m. on Thursday, February 15, 1996, at the First Baptist Church in Ballinger with Reverend Jerry Howe officiating. Burial was in the Garden of Memories, directed by Rains-Seale Funeral Home.

Te Ess Berry

McCAMEY—Te Ess Berry, 86, formerly of Runnels County, died Sunday, February 18, 1996, in the McCamey Hospital.

He was born on February 24, 1909, in Runnels County, Texas, to Theodore Seveston Berry and Nannie Elizabeth Damron. He married Selma Lee Morrison on May 20, 1932, in Runnels County.

Mr. Berry was a farmer and was employed in road maintenance by the Texas Turnpike Authority. He was a member of the Texas National Guard and the Church of Christ.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Selma Lee Berry on February 3, 1996.

Survivors include two daughters, Charolotte Sutherland of McCamey and Gloria Berry of Austin; a sister, Annice Wooten of Fort Worth; five grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

Arrangements are pending with Richard W. Box Funeral Home in McCamey.

Support the Winters Area Chamber of Commerce

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The City of Winters, Texas shall conduct a public hearing to advise the public about the Texas Community Development Program as administered by the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs and to obtain citizen views and comments for the city's proposed application for funding through the Texas Community Development Program.

The public hearing shall include a discussion of the citizen participation plan, the development of housing and community development needs, the amount of funding available, all eligible activities under the Texas Community Development Program and a discussion of the city's previous involvement with the Texas Community Development Program. Citizens are encouraged to submit their views and proposals regarding community development and housing needs.

The public hearing shall be held as follows:
Date: February 26, 1996
Time: 4:30 PM
Place: Winters City Hall

If you are unable to attend, please submit your comments to City Secretary, City of Winters, 310 S. Main Street, Winters, Texas 79567. Should any non-English speaking residents desire to participate in the public hearing, an interpreter will be made available. Please contact the City Secretary prior to the hearing date at the above address in order to request interpreter assistance. Handicapped individuals that wish to attend this meeting should contact City Hall to arrange for assistance.

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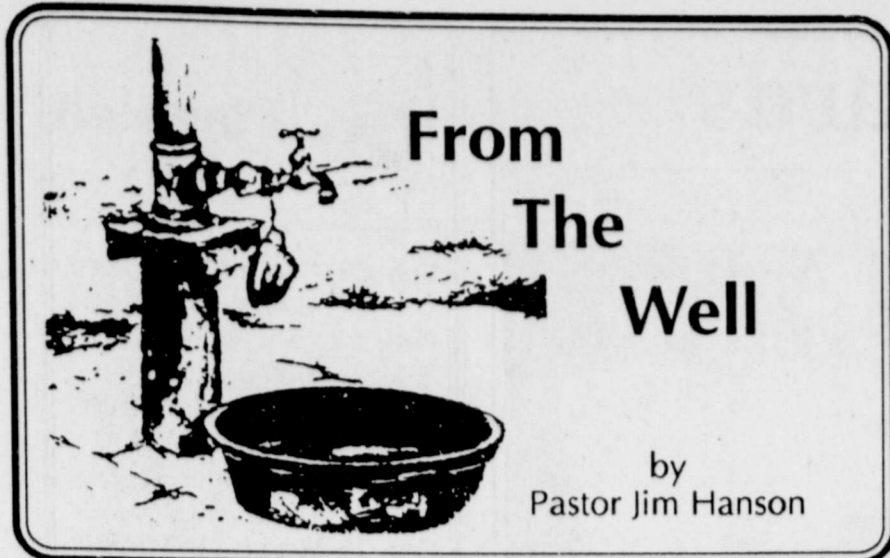
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From The Well

by Pastor Jim Hanson

As I write this column, Ramona and I are up in American Falls, Idaho. I am here at the invitation of a group of churches to conduct a "Seminar on Prayer." The meetings will be at St. John's Lutheran Church where our son Nathan serves as Pastor. He and his wife Ruth have three children, Ezekiel, Samuel, and Anna Elizabeth. We are having a great time.

Just yesterday Ramona and I had a unique experience. Little Anna, who is in grade 1, invited us to come to school with her. She told us that we were to be her "Show and Tell." Every week at school there is one day when the children are to bring something to school, and get up in front of the class, "show" and then "tell" them about the thing brought. That was a first for us—we have been a lot of "things" to lots of people, but we have never been "Show and Tell" until yesterday.

We had a delightful time. Hillcrest Elementary School is a wonderful place. Margaret Kruckeberg, Anna's teacher, met us as we walked toward her room. You could tell she loved her children and she loved her work. We were treated in grand style, and given "grown up" chairs to sit in—next to the teacher's desk.

Roll call was interesting. Instead of calling out the names and having the children answer "present," she asked, "Have any of you seen Andrea? Or Mary? Do you know if they are not feeling well?" You could tell this teacher was concerned that the children build relationships.

Then, they did the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag—these little ones stood so straight and put their hands over their hearts and said "the Pledge" loud and clear. Then there were some class announcements and some duties assigned. All this took just a few minutes. With all the "little stuff" tended to, we were introduced by Anna as her "Show and Tell." She was a little embarrassed about it when the time came, so when she came up front and I offered her my lap as a place from which to speak, she nestled in and said, "This is my grandpa and grandma." That's all she had to say. Enuf said. And then she went back to her chair. It was a big moment for her. An even bigger moment for us. When "Show and Tell" is someone's grandpa and grandma, you don't need to say a lot. Everybody knows what that means. That means "love."

Mrs. Kruckeberg then taught for the next hour. It was fascinating. She called the children up front to sit on a rug on the floor. They were in close to each other and close to her. She taught them "words" by first pointing to some incomplete sentences with blanks to be filled in by words on the chart. One of the words was "TYRANNOSAURUS". The class did so well. As she moved from her chair to her desk she said to Ramona and me "This year's class is just wonderful. They are marvelous children." She said this at least three or four times in the course of the morning. One time, she said to us, "I almost quit last year—the children just didn't behave." The class then read from a collection of stories "Let's Pretend," and the children took turns reading about a little beaver whose name was Percy, and Percy liked parsnips.

Teacher told us that the children like to read beaver stories because their school mascot was a beaver. One little fellow wore a sweatshirt, with a beaver on it and "Class of 2007" printed there. I must say Mrs. K. had a room full of "eager beavers" and "busy beavers."

It was so good. When we left, I felt so young again, and eager to discover and learn again. The "little child" in me was reborn. And, more than that, I saw a lot of hope for future years. I'm sure it would be the same at Winters Elementary. I take my hat off to all those teachers, who, like Mrs. Kruckeberg, love their children and love their work and ever so often have a class of eager, busy beavers. And I praise God that us older folks are always children in His eyes, and that as long as we live we can learn. And, most likely, even after we are promoted and move on to that place of Highest Education where God Himself is our teacher, we will keep on learning.

Primary Election early voting to be conducted through Friday, March 8

Early voting will be conducted until March 8th in the County Clerk's office located on the first floor of the Runnels County Courthouse for the First Primary Election to be held Tuesday, March 12, 1996. Voters may vote either Democratic or Republican. Any qualified voter is eligible to vote early in person. There are no restrictions other than to be a registered voter. The color of the current voter registration card is orange.

In order to study the ballot before voting, sample ballots may be obtained from the County Clerk's office.

The County Clerk's office is open from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon and 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Applications for early voting ballots by mail will be accepted through March 5th with the following qualifications: disabled, 65 years of age or older on election day, confined to jail or expected absence from the county of residence on election day and during the regular hours for early voting by personal appearance. If the voter is not disabled, 65 years of age or older or confined to jail, the application will have to be post-marked from outside the county and the ballot will have to be mailed to an address outside of the county.

In order to receive a ballot by mail, a voter must mail a request stating one of these reasons, sign the request, state either a Democratic or Republican ballot and mail it to County Clerk Linda Bruchmiller, P.O. Box 189, Ballinger, Texas, 76821. If there are any questions, call (915) 365-2720.

Weekend early voting will be conducted on Sunday, March 3rd, between the hours of 12:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. in the Runnels County Clerk's office in Ballinger and at the Runnels County tax branch office, 143 W. Dale, in Winters.

School election, cont'd.

603 N. Heights, beginning Monday, February 19. Filing continues through 4 p.m. on Wednesday, March 20.

Applications may be received any weekday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., excluding holidays.

Early or absentee voting for the school election begins April 15 and concludes April 30 at the Administrative Bldg. Ballots by mail must be requested from Jimmy Butler, Winters Independent School District, 603 N. Heights, Winters, Texas, 79567, and be received no later than April 26.

The election is scheduled for May 4 in the Winters Elementary School Library. Constituents have until 7 p.m. to cast their votes.

Ballinger C of C to host banquet Thursday, Feb. 29

The Ballinger Chamber of Commerce will celebrate its annual banquet, "Salute to Ballinger," Thursday, February 29, 1996, at 7:29 p.m. in the Ballinger High School Cafeteria.

The program will feature the honoring of 1995 Board Chairperson James Pechal by 1996 Board Chairperson David Springer, introduction of 1995 "Citizen of the Year" and 1995 "Business of the Year" along with awards to outgoing board members, and special presentations by the Junior Chamber of Commerce. Guest speaker is Spike Dykes, Texas Tech University head football coach.

Tickets will be \$10.00 in advance, \$12.00 at the door and may be purchased from any director or at the Chamber office.

For additional information, contact the Chamber of Commerce office at (915) 365-2333 or (915) 365-5611.

Poe's Corner by Charlsie Poe



The Fashion Shop

Winters has always been a progressive town. After it was organized, improvements and additions followed quickly.

Early in 1920, soldiers returning from the war realized the value of unity and organized the American Legion of World War Veterans with Dr. T.V. Jennings as post commander.

The Chamber of Commerce was organized in 1923 and in 1932 it sponsored the first beauty pageant of the town. In 1924, the streets were named and houses numbered. In May, the Lions Club was organized.

Outstanding events of 1925 were the assurance that Winters would get natural gas, the organization of the Diversity Club, the opening of a new lumber yard, and the addition of 14 business houses and 75 residences. The Tinkle Park was opened to the public by Dr. Fred Tinkle.

With other cultural and service organizations added through the years, it became imperative that women have a special place to buy fashionable clothing for such outstanding events.

Thus the Fashion Shop came into being. The first location was on Main Street north of the beauty shop, which is now the Beauty Center.

It was opened in the 1930s by Mrs. Gregory who greeted everyone with the same words, "And how are you this day?" It became familiar to the ladies sitting in the beauty parlor next door. Her assistant was a plump lady named Labenski, who was a great sales person.

"They had beautiful clothes," says Margaret Poe. "I bought a white dress from them for some event at school." The first time she wore it there was a down pour of rain; the dress shrank so much she could never wear it again.

Mrs. Labenski moved to Sonora

in the 40s. Mrs. Gregory sold the shop to Eve Burns and Freida Robertson. Beekie Poe was employed for alterations. Clifton Poe said his mother was still with them in the location north of town when she came home from college for a visit in 1953.

Sometime later the shop was moved to South Main Street in the old post office building which had bars on the back windows. Beekie was still with them and at Christmas I found her wrapping gifts in newspaper. She said, "These are for our gifts to each other in the shop—we are so tired of wrapping fancy packages."

Robertson sold out and Burns didn't like buying or bookkeeping and enticed Frances Campbell to be partners with her. Ara Busher worked for Burns and Campbell for awhile, but Poe had retired and Parri Carwile was hired.

Downtown was like a big family in those days. Mrs. Lee's flower shop, Harry Herman's men's clothing, and Farmers Merchandise (now Heidenheimer's) were north of the Fashion Shop. On the south was Belitz Bakery and Spill's Furniture.

Some of the men usually made the coffee in the morning. Ted Meyer had worked in Abilene at Thomson's ready-to-wear department store, and he was usually the provider. The back door was usually open at the Fashion Shop and people often took the short cut to the post office. Frequent visitors were Sally Bryant, Mrs. Mord Tucker, and Joe Ann Williams who stopped in for a cup of coffee.

Edna Ruth Self recalls working for Campbell in 1965. We went to market and she turned me loose. She said, "If you buy anything we can't sell, you'll have to put salt and pepper on it and eat it."

I worked five years and it was exciting. We had fashion shows on Saturday night in front of the store, at the school cafeteria twice a year, and other shows wherever

we could. After Kat Young took her youngest, Mary and Gary, off to college in 1966, she went to work for Frances at the shop as a clerk. She had been tied down at home with children; she thought it might be fun.

Campbell said she would hire her if she had a housekeeper once a week and keep a standing appointment at the beauty shop, which she did.

Although the back windows were covered with bars, someone with a long arm broke the windows and reached in to get garments in lay-away or to be altered. However, their arms were not quite long enough and they had to leave without the pants, Kat recalls.

She worked as a clerk until Frances retired and Joyce Bahlman bought the shop in 1970. Joyce said she would raise Kat's salary if she could do alterations. Kat agreed and stayed with it until retiring in 1985. "We had customers from Abilene, Sweetwater, San Angelo, Brownwood, and out of state also," said Joyce. "Those were busy days," she recalls. "Five trips to markets at Dallas were made each year to buy clothing a year ahead of time. We also made three trips to markets for the jewelry store."

Improvements added were refrigerated air, a hemmer for the sewing machine, and a remodeled dressing room. Parri continued in alterations. Dean Burns and school girls worked at busy times. No charge was made for alterations.

The shop was sold again to Rhuenell Poe in 1976. She did a complete renovation of the building and sold to Carolyn Gully in 1980. Her mother, Gracie Miller, assisted in carrying on the work for a number of years.

Gully sold to June Marks after a few years. Later a church occupied the building at one time.

It is now occupied by a branch bank of the Wingate Security State Bank.

Squares monthly dance is Feb. 24

The Winters Squares host their monthly square dance Saturday night, Feb. 24, at the Winters Community Center.

Line dancing starts at 7:30 with the Grand March beginning at 8 p.m.

If you tell the truth, you don't have to remember anything.
—Mark Twain

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38 football gear: shoulder ___			
39 Richardson's J. J. ___			

Solutions for this puzzle appear in this issue.

CAFETERIA MENU

Feb. 26 - March 1
Subject to change

Breakfast

- Monday-Feb. 26
Cheese Toast
Cereal
Applesauce or Fresh Fruit
- Tuesday-Feb. 27
Eggs
Hashbrowns
Butter Toast
Cereal
- Wednesday-Feb. 28
Sausage Cheese Roll
Cereal
Toast
Orange Juice
- Thursday-Feb. 29
Pancakes w/Syrup
Sausage Link
Cereal
Apple Juice
- Friday-March 1
Biscuits w/Gravy
Sausage
Cereal
Orange Juice

Lunch

- Monday-Feb. 26
Corn Dog
Baked Beans
Potato Salad
1/2 Orange
- Tuesday-Feb. 27
Spaghetti w/Meat Sauce
Broccoli
Garlic Roll
Fruit Salad
- Wednesday-Feb. 28
Burrito
Mexican Corn
Coleslaw
Peach Cobbler
- Thursday-Feb. 29
Chicken Enchiladas
Pinto Beans
Tossed Salad
Cobread
Jello
- Friday-March 1
Tacos
Taco Salad
Pinto Beans
Spanish Rice
Rosy Applesauce

All meals served with milk

April 8, no longer a school holiday

The WISD official school calendar designated April 8, 1996, as a student holiday or bad weather make-up day.

Students will attend school on this date to make up the day missed on Friday, February 2.

First Lady urges support of public school system

First Lady Laura Bush recently recorded a television public service announcement (PSA) in recognition of Texas Public Schools Week in which she urges citizens to keep Texas strong by educating "one child at a time."

The spot will air on TV stations statewide during March. Due to conflicting school calendars, each district will choose which week in March to celebrate. This year's Texas Public School Week theme is "Education - The Heart of Texas."

Mrs. Bush's announcement comes on the heels of a call by Governor George W. Bush to make literacy a state priority. The governor was responding to recent reports showing that some Texas high school students read far below grade level.

The PSA was produced by the Association of Texas Professional Educators. The 75,000-member group consists mostly of classroom teachers, but also includes administrators, paraprofessionals, and college students.

1995-1996 Freshmen Blizzards



Back, left to right:
Coach Chris Wilde
5 Felix Portillo
21 Kenny Whittenburg
25 Michael Prewitt
24 Jason Gray
15 Lee Woffenden
14 Chip White
5 Courtney Collom

Front:
20 Barrett Brown
12 John Morris Edwards
10 Justin Kaczyk
23 Jeremy Alvarado
22 Avel Hicks
11 Josh Lincycumb
4 Danny Martinez



UIL ACADEMIC STUDENTS who participated in the Heartland Classic in Early on Feb. 10 included these WHS students and sponsors. Front row, left to right, Robyn Parramore, Dr. Alicia Wyatt, Beth Wortham, Catherine Plumley, Elodia Torres, Julie Lancaster, Lori Jobe, Emily Maley, and Jennifer Tischler. Back row, from the left, Kathi Edwards, Mike Fowler, coach Cindy Davis, Kevin Conner, Mark Deike, Jason Jordan, Brandi Gray, Gayla Clough, Jana Jackson and Sherry Poindexter. Not pictured is J. W. Angel. See related article.

WHS students make fine showing at big UIL academic meet in Early

Eighteen Winters High School students recently participated in the 16th Annual Heartland Winter Classic All High School UIL Academic Contest. The contest was held February 10 at Early High School, and is a "practice session" for upcoming District UIL.

Winters was one of ten 2A schools to enter the competition under the guidance of UIL Coordinator Sharon Rice. Three 4A, twelve 3A, and seven 1A schools elected to enter as well.

First, second, and third place medals were awarded to winning individuals. Ribbons were awarded to 4th, 5th, and 6th places.

WHS students earning awards were:

- Gayla Clough, 3rd, Computer Applications;
- Robyn Parramore, 6th, Computer Applications;
- J.W. Angel, 5th Literary Criticism;
- Lori Jobe, 6th, Literary Criticism;
- Brandi Gray, 5th, Headline Writing;
- 6th, Current Events; and Karolen Biddix, 6th, Editorial Writing.

- WHS attendees included Gayla Clough and Robyn Parramore - Computer Application, coached by Alicia Wyatt; Mike Fowler, Sherry Poindexter, Jennifer Tischler, Catherine Plumley, and Elodia Torres - Accounting, coached by Kathi Edwards; Mark Deike, Jason Jordan, and Kevin Conner - Science, coached by Beth Wortham; Julie Lancaster, Emily Maley, Kevin Conner, and Brandi Gray - Current Events, coached by Biff White; Lori Jobe, Jana Jackson, and J.W. Angel -

Literary Criticism, coached by Cindy Davis; and Leslie Cobb, Brandi Gray, Karolen Biddix, and Jason Jordan - Journalism, coached by Cindy Davis.

Winters will compete in UIL at the District level on March 21 and 25 with high school students at Wall and junior high students at Lawn.

MS Association sponsors essay contest, to award scholarships

Over \$16,000 in 10 college scholarships are available to high school sophomores, juniors, and seniors through a nationwide essay competition sponsored by the Multiple Sclerosis Association of America.

Now in its third year, MSAA's "PROJECT: Learn MS™ '96" encourages students to write a 500-1000 word essay on MS, its effects on the family and how society can improve life for the physically challenged. All essays must include an official registration form, \$7.50 in prepaid sponsorship, and must be postmarked by May 27, 1996.

Information on the essay competition is available through local high school guidance offices or by calling MSAA at 1-800-LEARN-MS.

Known as the most common neurological disorder of young adults, multiple sclerosis affects as many as 500,000 Americans. Its crippling effects on the central nervous system can produce symptoms ranging from blindness to partial or complete paralysis. According to MSAA officials, "PROJECT: Learn MS™ '96" serves to educate students about MS, helps raise funds to support MSAA services and highlights the organization's national "May is MS Awareness Month."

Parents of band students have important meeting Feb. 22

All parents of all band students need to attend the special meeting on Thursday, February 22, at 7:00 p.m. in the new band hall.

The purpose of the meeting will be to discuss building a new concession stand as a joint venture with the Athletic Boosters.

This is a very important meeting and all band parents and other interested persons are encouraged to attend.

1996 BLIZZARD HIGH SCHOOL TRACK SCHEDULE

March 2	Boys - Goldthwaite
March 9	Boys/Girls - Eldorado
March 16	Girls - Mason
March 22-23	Girls - ACU
March 23	Boys - Roscoe
March 29-30	Boys - San Angelo Relays
March 30	Girls - Wall
April 1	Boys/Girls - Jim Ned
April 12	DISTRICT Boys/Girls - Stanton

1996 BREEZES JR. HIGH SCHOOL TRACK SCHEDULE

March 1	Boys - Wall
March 22	Boys/Girls - Jim Ned
March 29	Boys/Girls - Bangs
April 4	DISTRICT Boys/Girls - Stanton

Play Ball '96

- Feb. 23—Stamford, There, 4:30 p.m., VB
- Feb. 26—Early, There, 4:30 p.m., JVB
- Feb. 27—Eldorado, There, 4:30 p.m., VB
- Feb. 27—Ballinger, Here, 5 p.m., VG
- Feb. 29-March 2—Merkel Tourn., There, TBA, VB

VB-Varsity Boys VG-Varsity Girls
JVB-Junior Varsity Boys
*Denotes District Games

Little League offers second registration

Winters Little League will hold its second sign-up Friday, February 23, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Catholic Church.

Registration is \$25 per player plus a \$5 cap fee. Fees must be paid before tryouts.

Late sign-up date is Monday, March 4, with an additional \$5 due as a late fee (total of \$30 plus \$5 cap fee). No registrants will be taken after this date.

Parents should bring a birth certificate if their child has not played in the league before, this includes T-ball players. If you are not sure if your child has a certificate on file, call Brenda Anderson at 754-4167 after 5 p.m.

Winters Baseball Association to host chicken fried steak dinner on Sunday

A chicken fried steak dinner will be held Sunday, February 25, at the school cafeteria from 11:30 to 1:30 as a fund raiser for the Winters Baseball Association.

Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$3.50 for children 10 and under.

The meal will consist of steak, potatoes, green beans, hot rolls, dessert, and drink.

Parents will be asked to help with the meal and furnish homemade desserts.

GED classes to be offered at WISD

If you are interested in attending classes for GED preparation, please contact Ms. Nancy Evans at 754-5516 or Ms. Barbara Everett at 754-5574 for more information.

Classes will be Monday evenings from 6-9 p.m. at the school agricultural building.

There must be a minimum of eight (8) participants for the class to be offered by Winters Independent School District.

Register for ESL classes Feb. 26

Registration For ESL (English as a Second Language) classes will be February 26, 1996, from 6-9 p.m. at the Agricultural Building of Winters I.S.D.

There must be a minimum of eight (8) participants for the class. Classes will be Mondays only, beginning March 25. Certificates will be presented to students having completed the class.

For more information, contact Ms. Mary Ellen Estrada, (915) 754-5516, ext. 323; Ms. Barbara Everett, (915) 754-5574.

ESL clases serar 26 de Febrero

De nuevo ha llegado la fecha de empezar las clases de ESL (Ingles como la lengua secundaria).

Matriculaciones serán el dia 26 de Febrero, 1996, a las seis de la tarde.

Las clases serar en el Edificio de Agricultura de la Escuela Secundaria.

Se les entregaran certificados a los alumnos quienes terminaron el año.

Para mas informacion y preguntas llamen Snta. Estrada, (915) 754-5516, ext. 323; Snta. Everett, (915) 754-5574.

Las clases se llevaran acabo el lunes 6-9 de la noche.

Basketball Hoopla



Team: Varsity Girls Coach: Will Corley
Opponent: Coahoma Date: February 6, 1996
Place: Coahoma

POINTS SCORED EACH QUARTER					
	1	2	3	4	OT FIN.
WINTERS	16	14	10	18	58
OPONENT	16	13	19	19	67

Free throws made: 20 of 34 for 59%.

Players Name	Points	Rebounds	Steals	Assists
Karolen Biddix	16	5	2	2
JanaBeth Bryan	0	2	0	0
Cristin Corley	3	1	2	2
Rachel Edwards*	22	8	3	2
Janet Guy	8	5	2	3
Jeanna Kozelsky	3	0	0	0
Robyn Parramore	2	2	0	2
Marcie Pritchard	0	1	0	0
Eriki Vega	4	4	2	3

*Denotes high point individual for Winters

Team: Varsity Girls Coach: Will Corley
Opponent: Jim Ned Date: February 9, 1996
Place: Winters

POINTS SCORED EACH QUARTER					
	1	2	3	4	OT FIN.
WINTERS	10	11	16	1	38
OPONENT	11	11	5	13	40

Free throws made: 9 of 16 for 56%.

Players Name	Points	Rebounds	Steals	Assists
Karolen Biddix	8	2	1	1
JanaBeth Bryan	5	3	1	3
Cristin Corley	0	1	1	0
Rachel Edwards*	9	8	2	4
Janet Guy	5	1	0	1
Jeanna Kozelsky	0	1	0	0
Robyn Parramore	2	3	0	0
Marcie Pritchard	2	2	1	0
Eriki Vega	7	4	4	2

*Denotes high point individual for Winters



WHS ROYALTY named Glacier Queen and King are Karen Oats and Joe Ortiz. The couple was chosen by popular vote of the WHS student body on Feb. 13.



STUDENTS GET TO DRESS LIKE NURSES. Last week Elvia Gann R.N. informed the children of Ms. Hogan's and Ms. Brewer's 5th grade classes about what goes on during surgery. She brought hair nets, masks, and shoe coverings for the kids to try on and explained why the doctors and nurses have to wear all those things. The children were intrigued by her presentation.



WHS JUNIORS AND SENIORS enjoyed the college/vocational fair last week which was held in the school cafeteria. Representatives from various colleges, military branches and vocational schools were on hand to meet the students. Visiting with a representative from McMurry University are WHS juniors (from the left) Jennifer Tischler, Catherine Plumley, Kara Palmertree and Julie Flores.

Student Council News

The Winters Student Council is currently completing projects to be turned in February 28 at the District convention.

The Vocation and College Fair proved to be a success for secondary students. The Student Council enjoyed hosting and working on the project.

Council members handed out carnations during the *Glacier* activities. Thanks to everyone who participated.

"Health and Safety Week" provided information to students all last week.

The Energy Committee will soon start construction on their compost site, as one of many recycling projects.

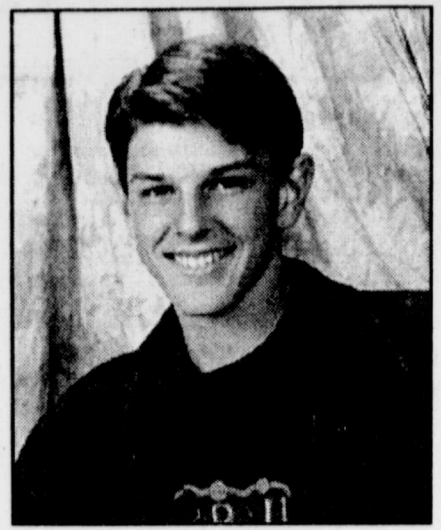
This month is going by so fast, it will almost be time for State.

Matthew Blake named All-American Student/Athlete by Sports Federation

Abilene Christian High School Senior Matthew Blake has been named an All-American Student/Athlete by the Christian International Sports Federation. Matthew is one of three in Texas and 25 across the nation that have been invited to participate in European Community tournaments in Switzerland and Belgium this summer.

Matthew is the son of Art and Susan Green of Abilene and the grandson of Virgil Roberts of Winters.

He has a 91.7 grade point average and scored 1080 on the ACT/SAT. His honors and extra-curricular activities include: President of the Student Council '95-'96, National Honor Society, First Team All-District Basketball '94-'95, State Tennis Finalist '95, Outstanding ACHS Student by the Breakfast Optimist Club, Nominee for the Wendy's High School Heisman Award, Counselor at Opportunity Camp '93-'95,



and Participant of McAllen Mission Trip '93-'95 and Young Ambassador's '93-'95.

Seventy-seven athletic associations and 909 Christian schools participate in Christian International Sports Federation's All-American program.

Matthew will graduate in May and plans to attend Abilene Christian University, majoring in Youth and Family Ministry.

Area artists to demonstrate skills to students at Arts and Crafts Festival

The fourth annual Arts and Crafts Festival, sponsored by the Women's Service League, will be Friday, February 23, at the Winters Elementary Activity Building from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Each year a variety of artists

Special Olympics to hold basketball tournament

The Area 14 Special Olympics basketball tournament will be held Saturday, March 2, at Ballinger High School. Opening ceremonies will start at 10:00 a.m.

Teams from Runnels County, Abilene, San Angelo, and Odessa will compete. The Runnels Co. Red team consists of players from Winters and Ballinger.

The winner of the tournament will be able to compete in the Texas Special Olympics in Austin later this year.

and craftspersons offer their time and talents to demonstrate or teach children about art. In return, they are rewarded with lunch, facilities to perform their arts and crafts, and the satisfaction of knowing the children of Winters have the opportunity to learn and be creative.

Children Pre-K through 6th grade always begin looking forward to the annual event long before a date is set for the festival. All parents are encouraged to attend the festival at any time.

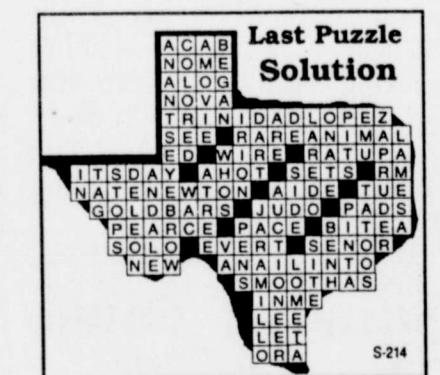
Area artists and craftspersons expected this year include Hugh Campbell of San Angelo with his black light art, Pat Zappe of Ballinger making pottery with a pottery wheel, Ginger Tess of Novice demonstrating watercolor painting, Ruth Jackson of Abilene with chalk art portraits and oil painting, Darrell Tapley of Valera making glass beads and jewelry, Phyllis Boles of Winters demonstrating painting on fabric with acrylics, and Martha Hatler of Winters teaching children to make flower gift sacks.

For those wishing to attend with their children's classes, a schedule follows listed by times and teachers:

- 8:30-10:00**
Bryan, Hatler, Wilkerson, Corley, Clark, Butler, Tekell, and Davis;
 - 10:00-11:30**
Prado, Mitchell, Grantham, Barker, Hogan, and Brewer;
 - 12:00-1:30**
Bryan, Meyers, Russell, Lincyncomb, Colburn, Cavazos, and Sneed;
 - 1:30-3:00**
Smith, Pringle, Ahrens, Shields, Butts, and Meyer.
- Appreciation should be shown to Elementary Principal Terry Wyatt for his time and efforts in helping make this festival possible each year.
- If you know of anyone with artistic talents who would be willing to share their knowledge with children next year, please contact Sherry Mikeska, 743-2198; Shelia Paschal, 723-2697; Donna Guy, 754-5708; or any member of the Women's Service League.



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Three WHS teams to compete in Small Schools Academic Competition at Coleman Sunday afternoon, Feb. 25

The Eighth Annual Area 8 Small Schools Academic Competition will be held Sunday afternoon, February 25th, beginning at 2:00 p.m. in the Coleman High School Gym.

Fifteen teams, representing six school districts, will be participating. Students will vie for approximately \$7,500.00 in scholarship money. Districts to participate include Ballinger, Bangs, Coleman, Mason, Santa Anna, and Winters.

Each team is composed of one "A" student, one "B" student, and one "C" student. The school districts pay a \$500.00 entry fee for each team and this money makes up the scholarship money to be divided among the top five teams.

Representing Winters on team #1 will be Kevin Conner, J.W. Angel, and Jeff Miller; on team Q

will be Lori Jobe, Brandi Gray, and Elodia Torres; on team U will be Jason Jordan, Chad Russell, and James Bellinger. Alternates are Leslie Cobb, Zane Crouch, and Jennifer Reyna.

The Texas Association of Community Schools sponsors the Small Schools Academic Competition and will sponsor the state competition which will be held March 31, 1996, at Tarleton State University in Stephenville, Texas. There will be seven area meets throughout the state and the top five teams from each area competition will proceed to the state competition. Approximately \$17,500.00 will be awarded at the state competition.

The competition is open to the public and a special invitation is extended to everyone to attend.

The Winters Enterprise is in need of your help!

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Paid for by Marilyn Egan, 217 CR 443, Ballinger, Texas 76821.

Crews News by Hilda Kurtz



A hungry little boy was beginning to eat dinner when his father reminded him they hadn't prayed yet. "We don't have to," said the boy. "Mommy is a good cook."

Te Berry, of McCamey, who was born and raised in the community, died Friday night in a hospital. Memorial services are Saturday, Feb. 24, at 1 p.m. at the Crews Cemetery.

Bro. Raymond Jones of Santa Anna held Hopewell services on Sunday. No night services were conducted. Next Sunday area missionary Roy Epperson will be the speaker.

On Wednesday night, Nila and Therin Osborne and Sue Campbell enjoyed supper with the Wesley McGallian family in Wingate. On Thursday, Nila and Mildred Morrison spent part of the day visiting with neighbors and friends: Mr. and Mrs. Edward Day, Pat and Allen Bishop, and Sally and Wilmer Gerhart. They also visited Corra Petrie, Nada McWilliam, Reba Norris, and Lawan Foreman. On Monday, Audine McBeth, Melvena Gerhart, and Nila Osborne spent the afternoon with Juanita Shields.

Leo Freeman and wife Donna visited Pat and Earl Cooper last week. Ray, Sherrie, Amanda and J.T. Cooper spent Saturday with Pat and Earl.

Honorees for three birthdays Sunday in the home of Doris Wood

were Frances Mincey of Big Spring, Wes Calcote of Winters, and Steven Cameron of Brownwood. The celebration party included supper and of course birthday cake. "Happy Birthday Guys."

Bill and Marqué Mathis spent last week in Ruidoso, New Mexico, skiing. They met with friends John and Maurie Whaley, Mitch and Carrie Beveney of Denton. Bill's mother, Marquerie Mathis of Abilene, came and entertained the kids, Desiree and Will Mathis, Karen Oats. One day they went out for lunch at The Shed in Wingate.

Desiree Mathis and Karen Oats attended the Winters ball game on Saturday. Will Mathis spent one day visiting little friend and neighbor, Roy McBeth.

Hildegard Asbury of San Angelo came and went to church with me and spent the rest of the day at the tank putting the boat where it belonged.

Rodney Faubion spent Sunday with his parents, Noble and Harvey Mae Faubion. Rodney was on his way to Rockford, Illinois. He will be there 1 to 2 weeks then will go on to Marquette, Michigan.

Noble and Harvey Mae, Lynn and Carrol of Fort Worth spent Wednesday night with the Kenny Cartwright family in Rotan.

Lynn and Carrol Faubion, Rodney Faubion, Melinda and

Carolyn Kraatz, Sam Faubion, and Nila and Therin Osborne visited the Noble Faubions on Sunday.

Gene Faubion and the Noble Faubions had a nice phone visit on Sunday. Gene called from a naval base in California.

Bud and Jeanne Minzenmayer of San Angelo hosted the supper and 42 party Saturday evening. Present were Margie Jacob, Frances and Jerry Holle, Herbert and Evelyn Jacob, Roy and Anita Schafer, and Annie Dankworth who all went together from Ballinger. Others attending were Alex and Kaye Cox and Hattie Minzenmayer. High prize winners were Alex, Roy, and Evelyn.

Mary Louise Dunivan's new home phone is 754-4258. Give her a call — she'd like that.

Sherri, Brad, Bryant, Bradon, and Bryce Mikeska; Scott Gerhart and Melissa spent Sunday with Marvin and Melvena Gerhart.

Steve Grissom and Penny of Fort Worth visited Katherine and Luke Thomas Sunday evening.

Elaine Miller carried Bill and Josie Hoppe to church Sunday afternoon.

Margie Jacob, Selma and Vemon Wilkerson of Brownwood spent Wednesday evening with Mildred Morrison playing 80.

Somebody Cares Ministries to conduct special outreach project

Somebody Cares Ministries will be having a special outreach on Saturday, February 24, 1996, from 2 to 4 p.m. at the church located at 1011 Trinity, Winters, Texas.

Clothing will be available for those who come and need it. There will also be counseling available for those who have problems and may need help and guidance with financial difficulties, family problems, health problems, or any other areas of need.

If you need work and would like help in finding a job or need help with child care or transportation to and from your job, please come as we will have sources of referral to try to assist in these areas also.

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Hope to see you Saturday!!!

Squares dance Thursday

The Winters Squares will dance on Thursday, Feb. 29, instead of the regular date of Monday, Feb. 26.

This is a one-time change and will be returning to Monday nights in the future.

This is the last free lesson for beginners—so come to the Winters Community Center at 7 p.m. if you would like to learn square dancing, our national folk dance.

Pottery program presented Feb. 13 to Woman's Club

Pat Zappe Billmeir, guest at the February 13th meeting of the Winters Woman's Club, presented an interesting program explaining how her pottery is made and types of clay used. She told of how her pottery is useful as well as beautiful.

Ms. Billmeir's pottery is sold in shops in Tennessee, Arkansas, New Mexico, and Texas. Her work can be found at The Parker Collection in Ballinger and in Buffalo Gap and various craft shows during the year.

Linda Parker assisted Pat in the display of her pottery.

A Valentine theme was used in the First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall and for refreshments. Hostesses were Hortense Joyce, Phyllis Boles, Marlene Smith, Tooter Harrison, and Edna England.

Other members present were Dolly Airhart, Pat Ambrose, Joyce Bahlman, Beth Briley, Virginia Brown, Cheryl Bryan, Betty Byrns, Kay Colburn, Melvena Gerhart, Sandy Griffin, Dorotha Laughon, Audine McBeth, Ouida Nichols, Marthiel Russell, Pat Russell, and Marlene Wood.

County Judge Marilyn Egan tells of duties

In their meeting of February 15, the Winters Literary and Service Club heard guest speaker Marilyn Egan, who currently serves as Runnels County Judge and has over 30 years of legal experience.

She told of her duties and explained that a county court has jurisdiction in civil, criminal, and juvenile matters, as well as in guardianship and probate affairs and emergency detention. In addition, the County Judge serves as budget officer for the county, presiding officer of the Commissioners Court, and is responsible for a portion of records management.

A program was then presented by Gloria Poehls. She showed her family tree on a king-size sheet. Completed with help from a cousin and other family members, the sheet is taken to the their Crockett family reunion in July and updated each year.

In the business session of the meeting, Mary Margaret Leathers led the American's Creed and Billie Middlebrook led the flag pledges. Theresa Patterson discussed the 1995-96 budget. A slate of officers for 1996-97 was presented by Noma Eoff.

Brenda Burton and Pat Fenter, hostesses, served sandwiches, chips and dip, cherry cheesecake, punch, and coffee using a Valentine theme.

Members present were Brenda Burton, Pat Fenter, Noma Eoff, Jo Olive Hancock, Mary Margaret Leathers, Billie Middlebrook, Theresa Patterson, Gloria Poehls, Darlene Sims, Lela Thomeyer, and Melinda Tucker.

The next meeting will be at 5:30 p.m. March 21 at First State Bank (formerly the Winters State Bank). Please bring a covered dish.



1996 VALENTINE KING & QUEEN
Mr. Robert Graham & Ms. Nada McMillan

Senior Citizens Nursing Home News

by Billie Ruth Bishop

Nada McMillan was crowned Queen and Robert Graham was crowned King of our nursing home on Wednesday, Valentine's Day, at our annual King and Queen party. The honorees were presented gifts after the crowns were placed on their heads. We were privileged to have our Queen from 1995, Edna Sudduth, with us. Mr. Bill Mayo, our 1995 king, has passed on. We truly miss him.

Neisia Cash, niece of Nada, sang several songs that were in keeping with Valentine's. Mr. Terry Wyatt, elementary principal, gave a brief speech, also with a Valentine theme. We enjoyed each each of our guests and hopefully they will pay us a return visit soon.

Also on Valentine's Day, Fran Kidwell brought the 3rd graders to sing for us. They presented Valentines to all the residents after the singing was over. We had a very good day, thanks to so many nice people.

On Thursday, Feb. 15, we celebrated with our monthly birthday party. Our honorees were: Irma Ueckert, Edna Parramore, Odella Coalson, and Frank Collins. The ladies from Drasco Baptist Church were the hostesses

and brought refreshments and gifts.

Leona Chapmond decorated our table for us both days with a beautiful Valentine theme. Thank you, Leona.

In the coming week, we will be entertained by the pre-school children under the direction of Mary Kurtz and Mandy England. Then on Thursday of that week, Nina Hale and Mary Stanfield will visit us and give us a report of their travels to New Zealand. We are looking forward to them.

Mr. and Mrs. Pinegar (Doc and Fay) have returned to their home. We hope they continue to have better days ahead.

Mr. Curtis Morrison is still in Hendricks Hospital in Abilene. Hopefully, he will be back soon to play bingo with us.

Mr. Walter Collins is a new admission. He is from Lawn. Mr. Collins' brother, Frank, has been a resident here for several years. They are enjoying being together and visiting each other.

Thanks to the Ladies Auxiliary of the VFW for the Valentines and poppies given to our residents. Also thanks to the kids of the Methodist Church for the door decorations.

Runnels Baptist Association to meet February 26 at Winters

The regular meeting of the Runnels Baptist Association will be held on Monday, February 26, at the First Baptist Church in Winters.

The Executive Board and W.M.U. will meet at 5:30 p.m. The evening meal will be served at 6:00 p.m.

At 7:00 p.m., a Music Festival will begin. The festival will consist of special music and presentations of church choirs, groups, and individuals. Dale Ellis, Association Music Director, is in charge of the program.

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 Michael Paul Hernandez, Winters, 02-06-96, Driving While Intoxicated.
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 Robert L. Huckabay, Ballinger, 02-09-96, Failure to Appear.
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 Jeff Wade Welch, Garland, 02-12-96, Driving While Intoxicated.
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 Sara Prendez, Ballinger, 02-15-96, Failure to Appear.
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 Alisha Manette Crenshaw, Winters, 02-15-96, Failure to Appear.
DISTRICT COURT
 David W. Vinson vs. Lori A. Vinson, 02-06-96, Divorce.
 Mark Anthony Green, Winters, 02-08-96, Unlawful Possession of a Firearm by a Felon.
 Jimmy Lee Carson, Ballinger, 02-08-96, Felony Driving While Intoxicated.
 Dawna Jo Robbins, aka Dawna Hodge Grant, Ballinger, 02-08-96, Driving While Intoxicated.
 Sandra Highsmith vs. Higgie Joe Highsmith, 02-12-96, Divorce.
DIVORCES GRANTED
 Keith Murray Collom and Jessie Lue Waldrop Collom, 02-09-96.
 Johnny L. Bland and Rebecca Bland, 02-15-96.
 Carla Gay Gentry and Gary Wayne Gentry, 02-15-96.
 Julie Ann Escobar and Tony Escobar, 02-16-96.
MARRIAGE LICENSES
 Demetrio Lara and Brenda Elizabeth Trevino, 02-13-96.

Runnels County Ag Day scheduled March 12 at Ballinger High School

Everyone is invited to attend the 11th Annual Runnels County Ag Day on Tuesday, March 12, 1996, at Ballinger High School. This year's theme is "Changing, Surviving, and Moving Forward in Agriculture" and will address a variety of issues such as cattle marketing opportunities, crop insurance and USDA Farm Programs, total resource management to sustain an agriculture lifestyle, family stress management during economic hard times, and future plans and strategies for the Boll Weevil Eradication Program.

The Trade Show will open at 10:30 a.m. Commercial exhibitors from various seed, chemical, insurance, banks, implement dealers, and other agriculture related businesses will be on hand to discuss their products and services. Implement dealers will also have a special outdoor exhibit showing the latest in farm equipment.

A complimentary catered noon meal will be served at noon followed by concurrent producers and ladies programs beginning at 1:00 p.m. Other activities throughout the day include the Southern Roll-

ing Plains Cotton Growers Association Gin Delegates Meeting, Youth Program, and a Health Fair.

A special evening of entertainment is planned which will feature the Awards Program recognizing the 1996 Farm Family and Agribusiness of the Year along with presentations of the 1996 Pat Lee Memorial Scholarships. The highlight of the evening will be keynote speaker, Jack Jackson, an inspiring motivational speaker with a positive message on how to stay ahead in today's rapidly changing economy.

Date change for line dancers

Line dancing has been changed from Monday, Feb. 26, to Thursday, Feb. 29. This is a one time change only; thereafter, it will return to Monday nights.

Come from 6:30 to 7 p.m. at the Winters Community Center; cost is \$1 per lesson.

FFA students win at San Antonio Show

Winters FFA students recently competed in the San Antonio Livestock Show.

Amy Heathcott, Chanda Hoppe, and Kyle Loudermilk placed as 4th high team in Livestock Judging in the cattle division. Also participating in judging were team members J.W. Angel, Robert Bedford, James Andrae, and Jason Jordan.

Amy Heathcott came home with 3rd high honors in the cattle division with 193 points and 5th high individual overall with 478 points.

Winners and participants by divisions included:

- GOATS**
Kim Crouch
7th, Med. HW Market Goat
Zane Crouch
Lori Jobe
Jessica Pritchard
- SWINE**
Misty Pritchard
11th, MW Duroc
Dustin Priddy
Jessica Pritchard
J.W. Angel
- CATTLE/STEERS**
Chanda Hoppe
2nd, HW Simmental
Shane Lewallen
Jennifer Prewit
Michael Prewit
James Andrae
Robert Bedford
T.J. Meyer
Shelley Meyer
Lacey Meyer.

Four-H will not conduct regular meeting; sewing sessions offered

The Winters 4-H Club will not have its regular meeting this month due to the busy stock show season.

Two sewing sessions have been scheduled for Wednesdays, Feb. 28 and March 6. Lori Smith, home economics teacher, will be instructing the classes after school in the homemaking cottage. Classes will last until 5:30 p.m.

The basic sewing skills will be introduced, and the group will make an "angel" wall hanging. Supplies needed are 1/4 yard printed cloth for dress, 3x15 inch scrap for bow, and thread to match.

To date, only a small group has signed up. If you are interested in joining, call 754-5610.

Texas Jail Standards Commission says Runnels County must continue effort to correct jail problems

Runnels County Commissioners heard Sheriff Bill Baird tell them that something would need to be done within 60 days on plans for a new jail at their regular meeting on Tuesday, February 13. Baird, reading from a letter received from the Texas Jail Standards Commission, told commissioners the commission had extended the variance allowed the current jail until April 12. The letter stated that it would be very unlikely the commission would extend the variance if no plan had been submitted showing good faith in working to correct the problems by that time.

Sheriff Baird recommended to commissioners that they go ahead and authorize an architect to draw plans and recommendations for a new jail. Several members of the jail study committee were present at the meeting and Johnny Schwartz Jr. spoke, recommending the appointment of four people from the study committee to work with the architect on what is actually needed in Runnels county.

Baird said if the county is not able to get an extension, then beds will have to be removed from the jail and he would expect the capacity to be dropped to 15-16 inmates. There were 34 persons housed in the jail on February 13. Baird said he would recommend retaining a firm named Wiginton and Fawcett to begin working with the county on a design proposal for a new jail. He said of all the jails visited by the study committee, those designed by that firm stood out as well built, very neat and the most cost effective.

Commissioner Skipper Wheelless asked Baird to review

for him and the rest of the commissioners what the jail standards commission had recommended. Baird said they recommended a 65 bed jail which would be expandable to 96 beds. He also told commissioners he had a videotape of all the jails visited by the jail committee if commissioners wished to see it.

Commissioner Skipper Wheelless moved that Runnels County hire Wiginton and Fawcett to give a proposal for a new jail facility for the county. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Ricky Strube and the motion passed unanimously.

Sheriff Baird then told commissioners that some of the county inmates had been used to work around the courthouse and legally the county is to have a certified jailer overseeing the inmates. Carlos Martinez, the janitor at the courthouse, is not presently certified but has agreed to begin working toward certification. Baird said it may take a year or more for Mr. Martinez to get certified.

Baird said several years ago the county had two janitors working, one for the building and one for grounds, and asked if that might not be a possibility now. He said that possibly someone who was a certified jailer or who is closer to being a certified jailer might be hired as the second janitor and could also supervise inmates working at the courthouse. The cost would probably be around \$20,000 per year.

Following some discussion as to where the money might be found to hire a second person, Skipper Wheelless moved to table

action on the request and it was seconded by Thurman Self. The motion passed unanimously.

The third major discussion of the meeting came when County Auditor Darlene Smith asked commissioners to give her some direction on an invoice from Zee Medical. She said the county has been billed for antacid tablets for the tax-assessor's office and Precinct 1 Commissioner Skipper Wheelless' county barn. Smith said County Attorney John McGregor said he felt the expense was a legitimate office expense. She said the auditor who audits the county's books says it is not a legitimate office expense because it is for the personal use of employees.

Commissioner Skipper Wheelless said that Zee Medical comes and refills a large first aid kit once a month and that he has no control over what they put in it, but he thought they just put back what was missing or out of date each month. Tax Assessor-Collector Robin Burgess said her office also has one of the large Zee Medical kits in it and confirmed Wheelless' statement. Commissioner Keith Collom said he thought the expense should be up to the individuals involved. Commissioner Wheelless said he also thought it ought to be up to the discretion of the department head and moved to continue restocking the first aid kit at the discretion of the department head. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Thurman Self and carried unanimously.

Other items of business handled at the meeting will be published in next week's edition.



WINTERS 4TH GRADE WINNERS of the RSWCD Poster Contest are (left to right) Jeremy Jordan, 1st; Pearl Guerrero, 2nd; and Justin Laird, 3rd.



WINTERS 5TH GRADE WINNERS of the RSWCD Poster Contest are (left to right) Lincoln Edwards, 1st; Lacey Meyer, 2nd; and Doris Johnson, 3rd.

Runnels SWCD announced winners of poster, essay contest

Each year, the Runnels Soil and Water Conservation District (RSWCD) is proud to sponsor the Conservation Poster and Essay Contest for area students. The themes for the contest were "The Living Waters" and "Harmony: People and Places." In all, 232 conservation posters and seven essays were received from students from the Ballinger, Winters, Miles, and Olfen school districts.

Ribbons were awarded for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place in each grade level at each school district. Other deserving posters and essays were given Honorable Mention ribbons. In addition, posters and essays from each grade level from all the schools were combined and judged to select the overall district winners.

Cash awards in the amount of \$25, \$15, and \$10, respectively, will be presented by the RSWCD at the San Angelo Area Awards Banquet to be held in March on the campus of Angelo State University. At the banquet, the first place overall winner will receive an engraved plaque signifying his accomplishments in conservation education. This winning conservation poster and essay will be

forwarded to compete in regional competition.

- Winners are as follows:
POSTER CONTEST
WINTERS 4TH GRADE
Jeremy Jordan, 1st
Pearl Guerrero, 2nd
Justin Laird, 3rd
WINTERS 5TH GRADE
Lincoln Edwards, 1st
Lacey Meyer, 2nd
Doris Johnson, 3rd
BALLINGER 5TH GRADE
Kortni Frenich, 1st, 2nd Overall
Zane Denton, 2nd
Roxanne Halfmann, 3rd
MILES 5TH GRADE
Neal Book, 1st, 1st Overall
Matthew Kalina, 2nd, 3rd Overall
- Overall**
Terrell Harris, 3rd
OLFEN 5TH GRADE
Dale Binder, 1st
Michael Ward, 2nd
ESSAY CONTEST
OLFEN JR. HIGH
Brad Binder, 1st
Darcy Schuman, 2nd
Cody Mobley, 3rd.
- The RSWCD would like to thank the many administrators, teachers, and students who helped make this year's Poster and Essay Contest educational and fun for all those who participated.

Letter to the Editor

Concerned farmers support eradication program

Dear Editor:

We, the undersigned, ask that you publish the following as an open letter to cotton farmers and landlords:

There is an attempt underway to call a referendum to discontinue the Boll Weevil Eradication Program. Please consider the following information before you sign a petition of recall.

The Boll Weevil Eradication Program is working. We have reduced boll weevil numbers by 94% since the program began. We have currently spent \$11.5 million on eradication in the Southern Rolling Plains and by the time the election can be held, \$14 million of a total program cost of \$16 million will have been spent.

Three-fourths of the actual spraying has already been done. The program is very close to the projected budget and weevil reductions at this stage are very close to those of similar, successful programs held previously in Arizona and the Southeastern United States. When this program was set up, the eradication phase was to last 4 years, with our payments for the program spread out over 6 years. If we opt out of the program at this time, we still have to pay the debt incurred.

Yes, there are problems within the program and everyone has an opinion on what should have been done or needs to be done. Despite these problems, we must keep in mind that over the years, the boll

weevil has caused far greater economic losses to area farmers than any other pest. If we cannot control the boll weevil, cotton production as we have known it in the past will cease to exist in Runnels, Tom Green, and surrounding counties.

We are well along the road to boll weevil eradication. The Foundation is working to solve the problems. There are hundreds of farmers who have worked hard for years and invested thousands of dollars each to see the reality of boll weevil eradication.

Successful boll weevil eradication is very important to cotton production in this part of Texas and to the economic survival of area agriculture. We don't need the hard work and the investment of millions of hard-earned farmers' dollars going down the drain.

Let's give the program a chance to work.

- Signed,
Mandie England, coordinator
Bill Wayne Walker
Rodrick Bredemeyer
Randall Sneed
Jack Pritchard
Mark Jacob
Phillip Springer
Brent Mikeska
Jerrrell Walker
Alfred J. Multer
Dennis Minzenmayer
Ray Dierschke
Daniel Redman
Doyle F. Lange
Anton J. Lange
Jean E. Lange
David C. Harrell
Mike Mitchell

- Malcolm Bredemeyer
Phil Colburn
Steve Pritchard
Bill Bredemeyer
Paul Airhart
Randall Conner
Brett Mikeska
John S. Belew
Lee Allen Jost
Wayne Gully
Neuman Smith
Kevin Busher
Richard Lange
Amanda Lange
Dennis Schaefer
Roy Niehues
Milton Patterson
Lanny England
B. J. Colburn
Johnny Bob Pritchard
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