

Apples of Gold
TEMPERANCE—Often the difference between a successful marriage and a mediocre one consists of leaving about three or four things a day unsaid.

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THE WINTERS ENTERPRISE

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Gary, Dinell, Brent, Craig, and Angela Jacob named 1996 Farm Family

The Gary Jacob Family of Winters was announced as the 1996 Farm Family at the recent Runnels County Ag Day held in Ballinger on Tuesday, March 12.

Gary Herbert Jacob graduated from Winters High School in 1969. He then attended TSTI in Waco, graduating in 1971 with a Diesel Mechanics Degree. He returned home to farm. His farming career started in 1968, helping his Dad farm. In 1971 after returning from TSTI, he ventured out on his own, farming 265 acres and still helping Dad with his farming. Then in 1972, he bought his first piece of land.

In February of 1974, he married Dinell Hirt of St. Lawrence. They made their home on this piece of land.

At one point and time, Gary and his dad, Herbert, were partners on almost 3,000 acres of land of wheat and milo. Presently he

farms about 1,150 acres and is still partners with Dad and a brother on farming another 1,850 acres.

Gary is a seed salesman for Warner Seed, Northrup King, and Mycegen. He serves on the Runnels County Farm Bureau Board, North Runnels Water Board, Mt. Carmel Catholic Church Council, and is a member of Winters Young Farmers.

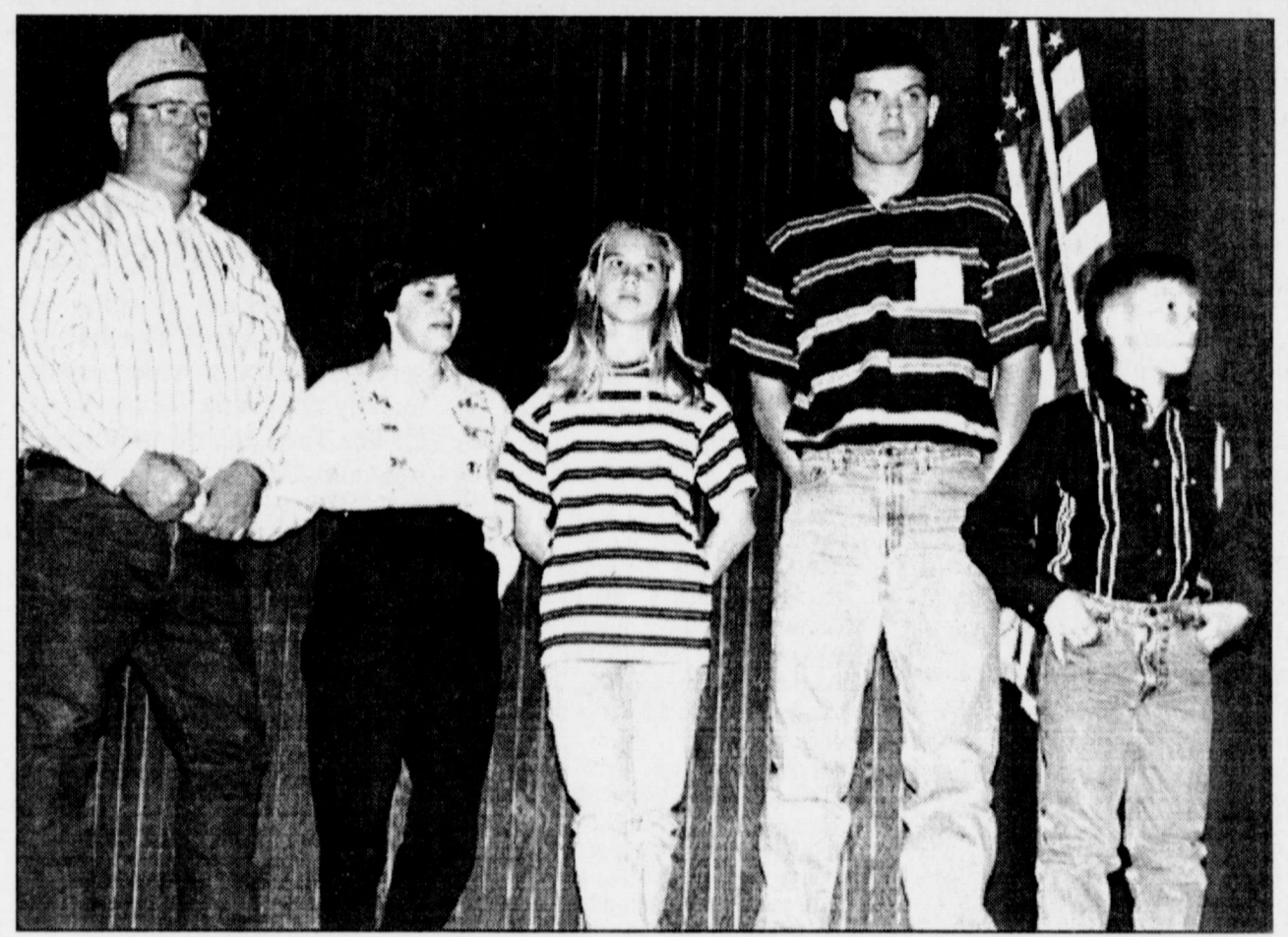
Dinell, a Garden City native, has been a supportive farm wife and partner. In 1990, she combined her roles of farm wife, agribusiness partner, and mother of 3 with becoming an ASU student majoring in Math and Science, minoring in English. Three years later, she graduated Cum Laude and as a member of Kappa Delta Phi Educational Honor Society.

She is a past Runnels County Outstanding Conservation Home-maker Award winner and an

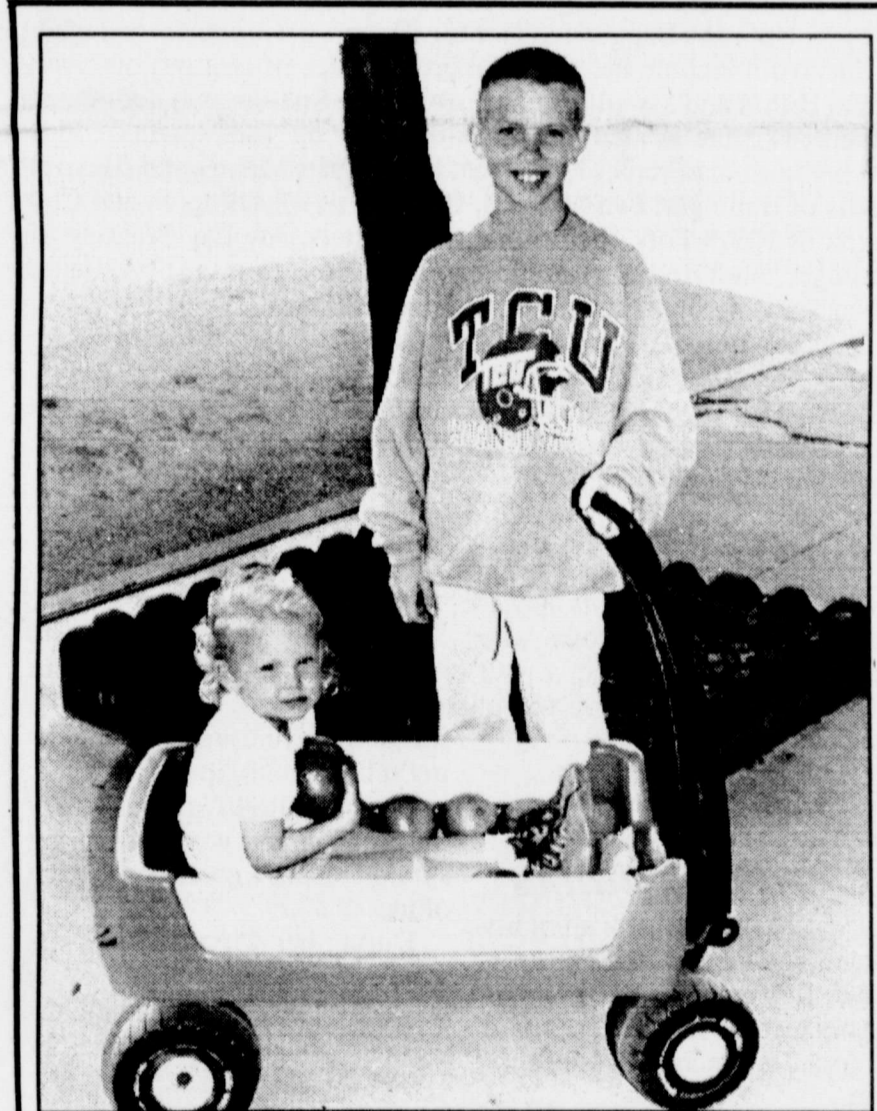
Outstanding Runnels County 4-H Leader. She is currently employed as a 5th grade science teacher at Ballinger Elementary and is coordinator of the CCD program at the family's church, Mt. Carmel Catholic Church of Winters.

All three of their children are stars in the 4-H program. Brent, a Gold Star honoree, participated in National 4-H Congress as a Texas Record Book Winner and attended Texas Range Camp. In school, he combines National Honor Society membership with active football, baseball, golf, and tennis participation.

Craig and Angela have both received Silver Star 4-H Awards and have garnered various competition and record book awards. Craig enjoys Jr. High football, band, and basketball. Angela participates in basketball, track, softball, tennis, band, and UIL.



1996 FARM FAMILY OF THE YEAR include (left to right) Gary, Dinell, Angela, Brent and Craig Jacob.



WHO COULD RESIST buying fresh grapefruit (or anything else) from these two young entrepreneurs who made some extra spending money during spring break. Zannie Slimp, age 2, was in charge of public relations while big brother Guy, age 11, provided transportation and quality control. They are the children of Kenneth and Mary Slimp.

Strube Packing Company, Agri-Business of the Year

Strube Packing Company of Rowena was named as Agri-Business of the Year at the recent Runnels County Ag Day. Strube Packing Co. is a firm that has grown from a mom & pop business into a company that trades internationally and employs over 50 people.

Strube Packing Company was built in 1973 by A.W. Strube Jr., who, in the early years, did custom processing of hogs, cattle, sheep, goats, and deer. In 1985, Al Strube III became the owner/operator and began specializing in the wholesale production of sheep and goat carcasses. Since it began, it has provided a much needed service to producers in this area as well as the entire state.

Through the years, Strube Packing Company has grown and expanded and has increased production by 400%. In 1983, the company employed 12 people. Many new markets for Texas-raised sheep and goat products have been opened by Strubes. They ship carcasses to over a dozen states from the East coast to the West coast and even some foreign countries. Today Strube Packing is the largest sheep and goat packing plant in Texas.

With an increased demand for Texas sheep and goats, they are, at this time, in the process of doubling the capacity of the plant. The expansion will be completed this summer.

With this expansion and increased production, it is projected that Strube Packing Co. will generate an 80 million dollar boost to the Texas economy.

In the midst of all of this activity, their doors are always open to 4-H and FFA meat judging teams as well as college teams. Research projects from Tarleton State University, Angelo State University, and Texas A & M University have used these facilities to evaluate carcasses for research trials.

Strube Packing has always been successful over the years due to the hard work and devotion of the entire family. Ann, Christy, Justin, and Jason all take an active part in the business from the dirtiest jobs up.

Runnels County is very proud of the Strube family and their participation in a wide variety of community, church, and school activities, and extremely proud that Strube Packing Company is this year's Runnels County Agri-Business of the year.

Methodist youth to sponsor luncheon benefiting "Christmas in April"

The youth of the First United Methodist Church, Winters, will sponsor a Mexican Luncheon, Sunday, March 31, 1996, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall of the church.

The meal will consist of a Mexican casserole, coleslaw, tea, and dessert. A freewill donation for the meal will be taken to benefit "Christmas in April." Carry-outs will be available.

Join the youth in supporting a worthwhile community project.

March city sales tax rebates show 39.17% increase

As reported by the office of State Comptroller John Sharp, March sales tax rebates for the city of Winters increased 39.17 percent as compared to the prior year's March payment. Rebates totaled \$12,799.63 this reporting period. For the reporting period in 1995, rebates totaled \$9,196.85.

This month's payments include taxes collected in January and reported by businesses filing monthly returns in February.

Receipts in Miles increased 23.01 percent; Ballinger increased 19.54 percent and reported \$31,014.37 in payments.

City sales tax rebates to date for Runnels County for the 1996 reporting period total \$198,060.69, an 8.00 percent increase as compared to last year's period total of \$183,381.31.

The current city sales tax rate for Winters and Ballinger is 1.5 percent. Miles is 1.00 percent.

Chamber Spring dance March 30

The Winters Area Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring a Spring dance at the Winters Community Center on Saturday, March 30. Entertainment will be provided by DJ Rudy Garza of Ballinger.

The dance begins at 8 p.m. and continues until midnight. Tickets will be \$4 at the door.

For more information, contact the Chamber office at (915) 754-5210.

WABIC seeking industrial sites; property needed

The Winters Area and Business Industrial Corporation has several companies that are considering locating in Winters and are currently looking for industrial sites. Sites must be 5-10 acres near Winters and/or buildings of about 12,000 square feet.

If you have commercial/industrial property that you would consider selling or leasing, please contact a member of the Industrial Board so that your property can be listed. In most cases, WABIC will only refer your property to these potential businesses and not get involved in negotiations.

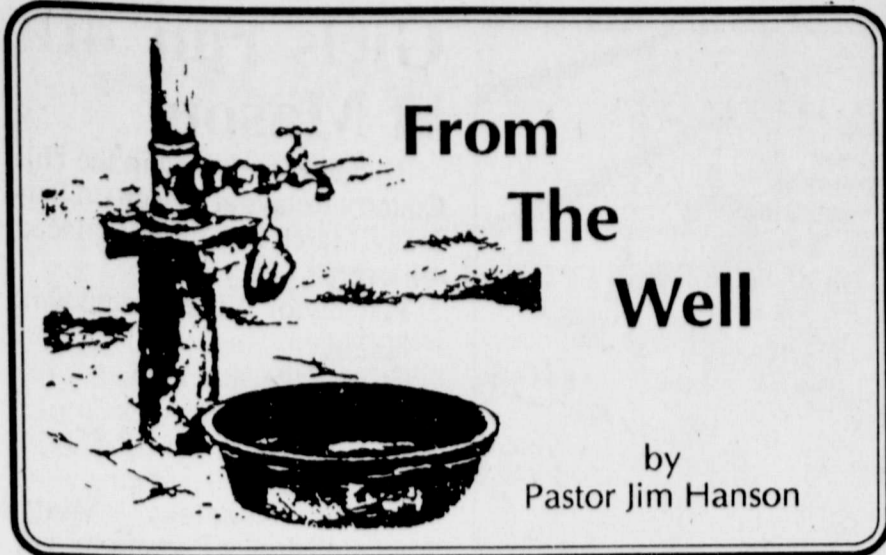
You or your realtor may contact Charles Bahlman at 754-5310, Randall Conner at 754-5373, or Gary Moore at 754-4541.



FIFTEEN ROUND BALES of hay make quite a load for this pickup but will probably be well received by some hungry cattle. Continued drought in the area is making grazing conditions extremely poor for livestock.

WHAT'S HAPPENING ?

- March 21-5:30 p.m., Literary & Service Club, First State Bank
- 6-10 p.m., EMT Course, North Runnels Hospital
- 7 p.m., Athletic Boosters, Blizzard Field House
- March 22-11:30 a.m., Senior Citizens Meal
- 7:30 p.m., Marriage Seminar, Church of Christ
- March 23-9:11:30 a.m., Marriage Seminar, Church of Christ
- 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Abilene Arts & Crafts Festival, Civic Center
- 1 p.m., Equine Nutrition & Management Series, Jackson Bros. Feed, Abilene
- 5-7:30 p.m., Norton Lions Pancake/Sausage Supper, Norton Community Center
- March 24-Noon-5 p.m., Abilene Arts & Crafts Festival, Civic Center
- 2-4:30 p.m., Girl Scout Celebration, Catholic Church Hall
- 6 p.m., Evangelism Rally, First Baptist Church, Ballinger
- 7-9 p.m., Somebody Cares Ministries Youth Crusade
- March 25-9:30-10:30 a.m., SS Rep, Winters Housing Authority
- 10:30-11:15 a.m., Medicare Seminar, Sr. Citizens Center
- 11:30 a.m., Senior Citizens Meal
- 6 p.m., City Council, City Hall Chambers
- 6 p.m., Public Hearing, City Hall Chambers
- 6-9 p.m., ESL Classes, School Ag Bldg.
- 6:30 p.m., Winters Squares, Community Center
- 7-9 p.m., Somebody Cares Ministries Youth Crusade
- 7:30 p.m., NRWSC Annual Meeting, Winters Community Center
- School Holiday (UIL Literary Meet)
- March 26-Noon, Lions Club
- 3:30 p.m., 4-H, School Activity Bldg.
- 5:30-6:30 p.m., Youth Basketball, Grades K-2, School Activity Bldg.
- 6-10 p.m., EMT Course, North Runnels Hospital
- 6:45-8 p.m., Youth Basketball, Grades 3-6, School Activity Bldg./Old Gym
- 7 p.m., WVED
- 7-9 p.m., Somebody Cares Ministries Youth Crusade
- Fire Dept. Auxiliary
- Student Council Officer Elections, Winters High School
- March 27-11:30 a.m., Senior Citizens Meal
- 7-9 p.m., Somebody Cares Ministries Youth Crusade
- Student Council Representatives Elections, Winters High School
- March 28-Noon, 39+, First United Methodist Church
- 6-10 p.m., EMT Course, North Runnels Hospital



From The Well

by Pastor Jim Hanson

The speaker was silver-haired and silver-tongued. He never used a note. He didn't stay behind the lectern on the stage. When it was his turn to speak, at the end of a full day's schedule, (because of some other folks taking more than the allotted time) he didn't complain. He just took the mike down from its holder, walked down into the crowd as far as the cord would let him, and talked with us.

To be sure, there was a crowd. But, in his style, delivery, and content, you might have thought he was talking just to you, personally. And he was really into his talk. He shared from his own life experiences — mostly family involvement. He talked fast, because he had a lot to say. He talked about "change," and how the changes in technology are changing the ways we do things.

He said, "There's nothing really new about change. Change has always been with us. What's new is the speed of it." What used to take centuries and years, now takes months and minutes. A friend of mine, a psychiatrist, once told some of us, "There have been more significant changes in technology in the past 30 years than in the previous 300. The problem is, most of us find it hard to keep up. And it stresses a lot of us."

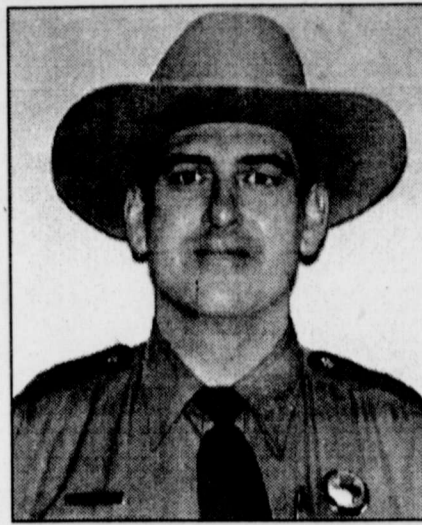
In a matter of minutes he demonstrated the truth of what he was saying. He reminded those of us who are gray-haired how long it took to "warm up the tubes" on the radio before you could really hear. Now, because of transistors, when you get into your car, before you turn the key, you'd better turn off the radio. Especially if you have teen-agers. The sonic boom will blow out your ear drums if you don't. Instant sound. Instant volume. In just a few years. The microwave, if you're not careful, will blow up your hot dog and bun before you get to the refrigerator — if you're not careful. Instant, or almost instant, heat. And now, they will examine your eyes, make your lenses, fit the frames — all in an hour. In the Mall. Where the people are. They bring the technology and all the stuff to where you are.

All of this affects us all. How we do things. How we live. Perhaps the hardest place to adjust is rural America. With all the technology and the speed of change — many of us are left breathless, and, if we're not careful, BROKEN.

But, it's the technology that changes. And the way we do things that changes. But, hopefully, the technology need not change who we are. We are not machines. We are people. We are fathers and mothers, sons and daughters. We are people. Created in the image of God. With real relationships with real people on a day-to-day face-to-face basis. Family is family. And, more important than the family farm is the farm family.

Our speaker, John Jackson, at the Runnels County Ag Day, has really been around. All over the globe — or so it seems. But he really wrapped it all together, and put the ribbon on the package when he said, "It is so good to be here. To see the folks. And, the awards. The scholarships to young men and women. The Farm Family of the Year. The couple that promotes Agri-business. Family. No matter what the technology may bring, it's families that produce people, and character, and love." And then he paused, and then he said, "There aren't many places that are doing what you are doing here tonight. It's truly wonderful." And it was. And is. A community event that celebrates agriculture, but where the big event focuses on family. God bless the folks who made it all take place. And thank God for Runnels County Ag Day each year.

Geoff Aycock is new DPS officer for Runnels County



Geoff Aycock was assigned as a new Department of Public Safety officer primarily for Runnels County, effective March 1. Aycock replaces retired DPS officer Tom Barkley.

Aycock came from Paducah, where he spent 8 1/2 years. He has been with the Department of Public Safety for nine years. He grew up in San Angelo and attended Angelo State and Texas Tech Universities.

He is married and has two children.

Commissioners okay grant application to Community Development Program

Runnels County Commissioners approved making application for grant from the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs for the Texas Community Development Program at their regular meeting on Monday, March 11, at the county courthouse.

Billy Don Everett of B.D. Everett & Company proposed making the grant application on behalf of Runnels County. Everett appeared at the commissioners court meeting, explaining his company would prepare the grant application at no charge to the county. The only cost to Runnels County would be the cost of newspaper advertising for two public hearings.

The monies received through the grant would be used for a housing rehabilitation program for low and moderate income homeowners outside incorporated areas.

If the grant is awarded, Everett's company would be paid an administrative fee based on 12% of the total grant. The application will ask for \$250,000 which would mean a fee of \$30,000, if awarded. Everett explained the fee payment would be spread over the life of the grant program, not paid all at once on the front end.

Everett also explained that his company would also charge \$500 for each work write-up (construction bid items) and a 4500 inspection fee on each home repaired. All of these fees would be paid from the grant funds at no expense to the county.

"This program can be of invaluable assistance to many low and moderate income families. In addition, the grant will provide an economic boost to your community, providing jobs for numerous small contractors and suppliers in your county," Everett told the county judge and commissioners.

On a motion by Commissioner

Skipper Wheelless and second by Ricky Strube, a motion to apply for the grant was approved unanimously.

In other business conducted at the meeting:

- Commissioners heard a report from Sherry Wheeler on the City of Ballinger's recycling project. Wheeler explained that when the recycling trailers are received and the program is instituted, recycling will be available to all county residents who wish to participate.

- Took no action on a request of J.C. Gore.

- Okayed an interlocal agreement with the Texas Department of Public Safety for the purchase of alcohol blood test kits for the period September 1, 1995 to August 31, 1997.

- Approved a required child abuse and protection plan as required by the State of Texas.

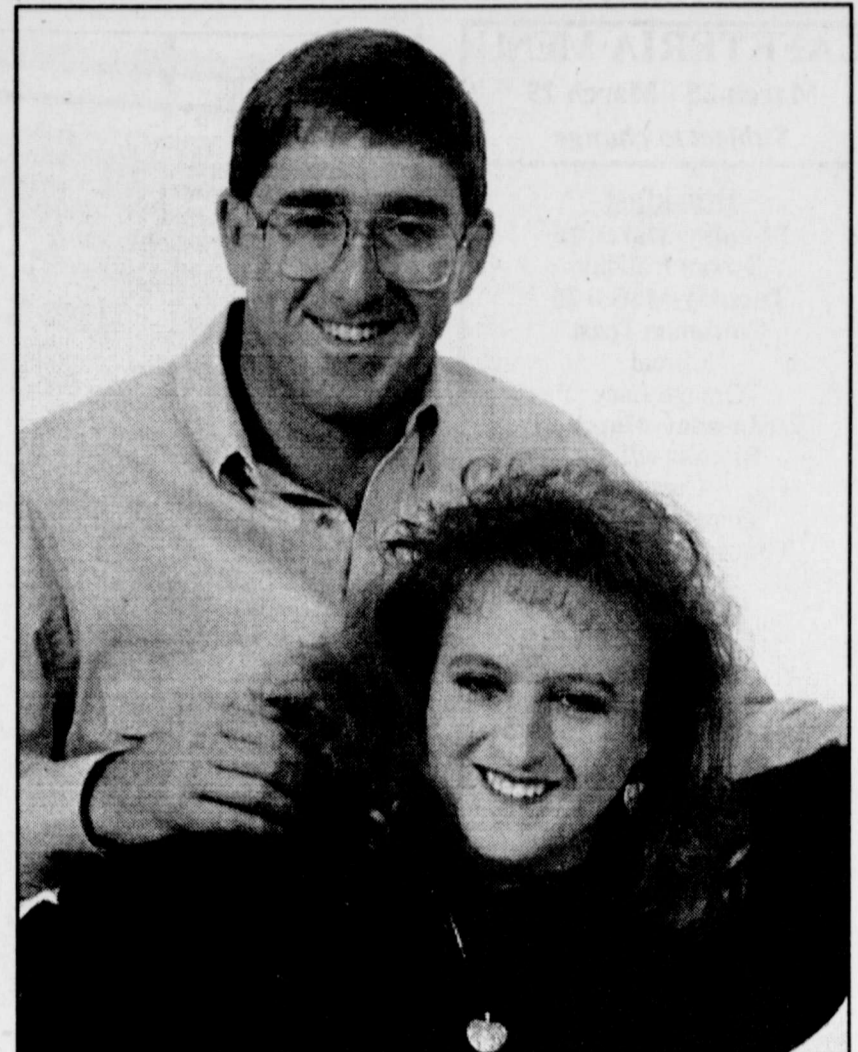
- Approved amendments to the contract with the Human Services Department, incorporating required language and increasing budgeted funds to be received.

- Adopted a resolution recognizing the 10th anniversary of Adopt-A-Beach program.

- Agreed to advertise for bids for asphalt and topping rock.

- Discussed garbage disposal during the state of disaster banning open burning in the county. BFI told Commissioner Keith Colom they would place 30-yard rolloff bins at county barns at a price of \$475 per full dumpster. After some discussion, it was decided only one or two precincts might be able to utilize the dumpsters. No action was taken on the agenda item and commissioners agreed citizens should use the citizen convenience centers in Winters and Ballinger or burn their trash in approved containers.

- Routinely approved the minutes of the previous meeting, the auditor's and treasurer's report and approved payment of current accounts.



SCOTT GERHART and MELISSA MINTS

Melissa Mints engaged to marry Scott Gerhart

Roy and Marilyn Mints of Hardin, Texas, announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Melissa Mints, of Ballinger, to Scott Gerhart of Winters. Scott is the son of Marvin and Melvena Gerhart of Winters.

Melissa is a May 1995 graduate of Tarleton State University and is a teacher for Winters Independent School District.

A graduate of Tarleton State University in May of 1989, Scott is employed by Mueller Supply, Inc.

A June 29th wedding is planned at 4:00 p.m. at First Baptist Church in Winters.

Sewing machine operators needed

The Winters Area Business and Industrial Corporation is working with a company that would like to locate in Winters. This company is a garment manufacturer and will need to hire local sewing machine operators in the latter half of 1996.

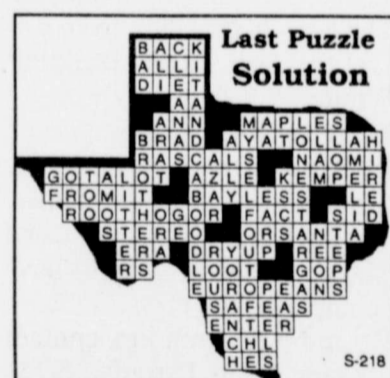
In order to assure this company of adequate employees, anyone who is interested in employment needs to provide their name, address, and phone number to the Winters Area Chamber of Commerce at 118 West Dale, Winters, Texas 79567 or call (915) 754-5210.

Three directors positions open on Hospital Board

Three positions on the North Runnels Hospital Board of Directors will be open for the election scheduled on May 4, 1996.

To date there have been no applications filed. Interested persons may pick up an application at the hospital administrative offices, Monday thru Friday from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

The deadline for filing applications is April 4, 1996.



Last Puzzle Solution

Legion Auxiliary to host bake sale to benefit local youth programs and CIA

The American Legion Auxiliary will be having a bake sale on Saturday, March 23, at the Post Home, 138 West Dale.

Also available will be beans, cornbread, and dessert or stew, cornbread, and dessert plus tea or coffee. Price is \$3.50 per person. Cakes will sell for \$5.00.

Proceeds will be used for American Legion Youth Programs and to help with Christmas in April in Winters.

Ballinger Ethnic Festival set last weekend in April

The 21st annual Texas State Festival of Ethnic Cultures and Arts and Crafts Show will be held in Ballinger again this year on the last full weekend in April ... the 27th and 28th. The festival will be on the Runnels County Courthouse lawn (or in case of inclement weather, the Community Center).

Saturday, the 27th, the event will kick off downtown at 9:00 a.m. with the Colorado River Bike Fest (100K, 35 mile, 18 mile, 5 mile), followed by a large parade at 9:30 a.m.

Ethnic food booths, hand-made arts & crafts, live entertainment, Antique Tractor and Farm Equipment Show, community booths, pony rides and games for the children will be included in the activities. A big Saturday night dance featuring the band "SWIGS" is planned. Also, Miss Ballinger will be crowned during this two day event!

Everyone's invited for two big fun filled days!

Articles received after Monday will be printed the following week

The Winters Enterprise reminds all individuals, clubs, and businesses of submission deadlines. Any news turned in after the deadline will be printed the following week.

Noon Monday is the latest date to turn in news articles and retail advertising. Classified ads will be accepted until 5 p.m. Monday.

The Winters Enterprise would like to encourage everyone to turn in information as soon as possible to ensure adequate time for typesetting and reservation of space. Thank you for your cooperation.

Mary's GREENHOUSE

Largest plant selection in Ballinger
Compare quality and price
You'll be pleased with both

Mary will meet or beat any plant price in Ballinger, San Angelo or Abilene

All plants sold at Mary's Greenhouse are GROWN RIGHT HERE
Specializing in
GERANIUMS

Located on the right service road just past Airport Road
365-2736

Bring in this ad and receive a 6-pack of Marigolds for \$1.29 or tomatoes for 20¢ each

Don't Let This Happen To You!

Fretting because you didn't receive your newspaper this week, and you want to know what's happening in the area.

Perhaps you forgot to check your subscription expiration date just above your name on your newspaper label. And failed to pay for a renewal to your subscription.

No Problem.

Just mail us your check, and we will gladly reinstate your subscription immediately.

Please be sure to include your name, complete address, and correct amount.

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The Winters
Enterprise

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Norton Lions annual Pancake, Sausage Supper this Saturday

The Norton Lions Club will host its annual Pancake and Home-made Sausage Supper on Saturday, March 23, from 5:00-7:30 p.m. at the Norton Community Center.

Price is \$3.00 per person for all you can eat.

Proceeds will be used for upkeep of the Norton Community Center.

INDIVIDUALS WITH MS

If you have a diagnosis of multiple sclerosis and are interested in filling out a research survey about your experiences with MS, please contact:

Alexa Stuijbergen, RN, PhD

1-800-687-8010

Monday through Friday
Between 9 am and 5 pm

University of Texas at Austin
School of Nursing

CAFETERIA MENU

March 25 - March 29
Subject to change

Breakfast
Monday-March 25
School Holiday
Tuesday-March 26
Cinnamon Toast
Cereal
Orange Juice
Wednesday-March 27
Biscuits w/Jelly
Cereal
Pineapple Juice
Thursday-March 28
Eggs
Sausage
Hashbrowns
Toast
Cereal
Friday-March 29
Waffles w/Syrup
Ham or Sausage
Cereal
Orange Juice

Lunch
Monday-March 25
School Holiday
Tuesday-March 26
Chicken Fried Steak
1/2 Baked Potato
Green Beans
Hot Roll
Vanilla Pudding w/Topping
Wednesday-March 27
Beef and Cheese Nachos
Tossed Salad
Cumbread
Pineapple-Orange Jello
Thursday-March 28
Corn Dog
Baked Beans
Potato Salad
Iced Cake
Friday-March 29
BBQ on Bun
French Fries
Sliced Pickles
Apple Wedges w/Dip

All meals served with milk

Cooper's piano students rate high marks at festival

Nine students of Lillian Cooper participated in "The Music Festival" of the Abilene Teachers Music Association at McMurry University on Saturday, March 2.

Those attending and playing a "Sonatina" by memory with SUPERIOR rating were: Amy Patterson and Shannon Tipton; EXCELLENT rating: Jessica Meyer, Luke Hale, Basilio Rocha, Lindsley Tipton, Amber Smith, Kemari Hale, and Heather Watkins.

Attention: WHS Students

The high school code required on ACT and SAT registration forms is 447-625.

UPCOMING TRACK MEETS

March 22-23—Abilene Christian University, HSG
March 22—Jim Ned, JHB, JHG
March 23—Roscoe, HSB

HSB—High School Boys
HSG—High School Girls
JHB—Junior High Boys
JHG—Junior High Girls



1996 BLIZZARDS TRACK MEMBERS are (front row, l to r) Felix Portillo, Justin May, Kris Ballard, Jeremy Alvarado, Joe Ortiz, Oliver Ortiz, Lee Woffenden, (row 2) Cody O'Dell, Eric Joeris, Michael Prewit, Joe Luevano, Chris McCaslin, Jonathan Cobb, (row 3) Kenny Whittenburg, Mariusz Skibicki, Ricky Luz, Eric Bernal, Jace Wade, Kyle Loudermilk, Raul Marrero, (back) John Paul Belew, Kevin Conner, Presiliano Sanchez, Mark Deike, and Bear Nitsch. Not pictured is Jonathan Gann and V.J. Santoya.

Team: Junior Varsity Boys
Coach: Ed Henley
Date & place of game:
March 14, 1996—Winters
Opponent: Ballinger
Winning pitcher:
Losing pitcher: Abe Yasquez
Key plays: HR Minzenmayer
2B Minzenmayer (2), Conner

	Runs	Hits	Errors
WINTERS	10	8	5
OPONENT	15	12	4

Coach's comments: Too many errors on routine plays resulted in big innings. We cut down errors and were in good shape.

Team: Junior Varsity Boys
Coach: Ed Henley
Date & place of game:
March 15, 1996—Ballinger
Opponent: Ballinger
Winning pitcher: Gonzales
Losing pitcher: Eddie Rodriguez
Key plays: HR Minzenmayer
2B Tekell

	Runs	Hits	Errors
WINTERS	4	5	4
OPONENT	16	10	1

Coach's comments: Too many errors in inning ending situations.

Student holiday Monday, March 25

Classes of Winters Independent School District will not meet Monday, March 25, due to UIL.

Classes resume Tuesday, March 26, at the regularly scheduled time.

Students named to TSTC President's Honor Roll

Ronald Colbath of Winters and Ruben Quirino of Ballinger have been named to the President's Honor Roll for the Winter 1995 Quarter at Texas State Technical College, Sweetwater campus.

Students must earn a 4.0 grade point average on a 4.0 scale to be recognized for academic excellence on the President's Honor Roll.

Colbath's major is Diesel Mechanics. Quirino is studying Drafting and Design Technology.

Team: Girls Softball
Coach: Beth Wortham
Date & place of game:
March 8, 1996—Tuscola
Opponent: Jim Ned
Winning pitcher:
Winning Catcher: Current
Losing pitcher: Jennifer Davis
Losing catcher: Jessica Medina
Key plays: 3B Jennifer Davis

	Runs	Hits	Errors
WINTERS	0		
OPONENT	15		

Coach's comments: First district game.

Easter Egg Hunt at Ballinger Park on Saturday, April 6

The Ballinger Chamber of Commerce will sponsor its 4th Annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 6, at 2:00 p.m. in the City Park.

There will be four age groups: Toddlers 0-2, 3-5 years, 6-8 years, and 9-11 years. There will be no charge. All children are welcome.

For more information, please call the Chamber of Commerce at (915) 365-2333 or (915) 365-5611.

WHS results at Mason meet

Results of the Mason track meet held last Saturday are as follows:

WHS Varsity
Jonathan Gann, 2nd place 400 meter run, time 52.4.

John Paul Belew, 1st place shot put, 52'10"; 3rd place discus, 136'11".

Kevin Conner, 2nd place shot put, 45'8"; 2nd place discus, 139'2".

Presiliano Sanchez, 5th place shot put, 44'1"; 4th place discus, 127'5".

Junior Varsity
Kenny Whittenburg, 2nd place discus, 117'10"; 5th place shot put, 36'5".



LEADING THE PACK during a windy track practice is Felix Portillo, followed by Raul Marrero and Jonathan Cobb of WHS.



JERRY ESQUIVEL gets the strike during varsity action.

"10 Commandments" for involving young people in community building

by JOHN P. KRETZMANN
National School Safety Center
Pepperdine University
Malibu, California

1. Always start with the gifts, talents, knowledge, and skills of young people — never with their needs and problems.
2. Always lift up the unique individual, never the category to which the young person belongs. It is "Frank, who sings so well" or "Maria, the great soccer player," never the "at-risk youth" or the "pregnant teen."
3. Share the conviction that: (a) Every community is filled with useful opportunities for young people to contribute to the community; and (b) There is no community institution or association that can't find a useful role for young people.
4. Try to distinguish between real community building work, and games or fakes — because young people know the difference.
5. Fight — in every way you can — age segregation. Work to overcome the isolation of young people.
6. Start to get away from the principle of aggregation of people by their emptiness. Don't put everyone who can't read together in the same room. It makes no sense.
7. Move as quickly as possible beyond youth "advisory boards" or councils, especially those boards with only one young person on them.
8. Cultivate many opportunities for young people to teach and to lead.
9. Reward and celebrate every creative effort, every contribution made by young people. Young people can help take the lead here.
10. In every way possible, amplify this message to young people: *We need you!* Our community cannot be strong and complete without you.

GED practice tests next four Mondays

A GED practice test will be given the next four Mondays, beginning March 25 from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. in the WHS Ag classroom.

There is no charge for this test. For more information please call Nancy Evans, instructor, at (home) 754-4797 or (school) 754-5516.

Every man is a borrower and a mimic; life is theatrical and literature a quotation.
—Ralph Waldo Emerson



The first matches were made in 1827 by English pharmacist John Walker.

Girls run 4th at Mason

The girls competed in the Hill Country Relays at Mason on Saturday, March 16. The team placed 4th overall.

Placing for Winters included:
800 M
Erika Vega, 4th, 2:35
100 M Hurdles
Cristin Corley, 4th, 18.35
800 Relay
Jeanna Kozelsky, Misty Pritchard, Monica Parramore, and Karen Oats, 2nd, 1:54.4
300 Hurdles
Jeanna Kozelsky, 3rd, 52.56
200 M
Misty Pritchard, 1st, 27.49
Karen Oats, 6th, 28.06
1600 Relay
Jeanna Kozelsky, Monica Parramore, Misty Pritchard, and Karen Oats, 5th, 4:29
Long Jump
Karen Oats, 6th, 15'3"
Triple Jump
Jeanna Kozelsky, 3rd, 34'2"

Next weekend the girls team will compete in the All-American City Classic at ACU. The prelims will start at 2:00 on Friday, March 22. Field events are Saturday, March 23, at 9:00 a.m. with running finals at 1:00.

Play Ball '96

March 22—Open, VB
March 22—Hawley*, Here, 4:30 p.m., VG
March 25—Eula, Here, 4:30 p.m., JVB
March 26—Panther Creek, Coleman, 4:30 p.m., VB

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

Attention Athletic Boosters!

There will be a meeting of the Athletic Booster Club Thursday, March 21, at 7:00 p.m. at the Blizzards field house. Please plan to attend.

Register for ESL classes March 25

Registration For ESL (English as a Second Language) classes will be March 25, 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 classes serán 25 de marzo

Matriculaciones para las clases de ESL (Inglés como la lengua secundaria) serán el 25 de marzo de 1996, a las 6 de la noche, en el Edificio de Agricultura de la Escuela Secundaria de Winters.

Se requiere el minimo de ocho participantes para que la clase se lleve a cabo.

Las clases se darán los lunes, de 6-9 de la noche, en el Edificio de Agricultura. La primera clase será el 25 de marzo.

Se les entregarán certificados a los alumnos quienes terminan el año.

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Poe's Corner

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Missionaries home to stay

Sue Carter, a Winters native and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Worthington, said she and Dale expected some adjustments when they returned to America after 36 years spent as missionaries in Corrente, Brazil. "But we didn't think it would be a matter of communication," she told the senior adults at their luncheon Thursday in First Baptist's fellowship hall.

After speaking the Brazilian language for so long "I discovered we didn't remember our English very well. I startled people many times when I forgot and began chatting in a foreign tongue," said Sue.

The Carters moved to their home in Abilene wondering what they would do with their spare time, but not for long. Dale became chairman of First Baptist Missions Committee and was employed as part-time bookkeeper for their Family Life Center.

Sue is president of Women on Mission and teacher of an advent couples class.

Before they left Brazil, the Corrente Baptist Institute, where the Carters were employed, was given to the Brazilian Home Board that has more than 600 home missionaries.

With three of their four children married to Brazilians, it is natural that the Carters will keep in touch. After retiring, early in 1993, they returned in December and stayed two months to become acquainted with two new grandsons.

Tim and his wife, Ivonete, live in Sao Paulo. They have two sons: Joshua, 5, and Nicholas, 1 1/2-years-old.

Tim is employed with a soy bean company that handles soy beans on the world market. He

arranged for his company to provide five computers for the Baptist Institute. The school is doing well, which delighted the Carters.

Their daughter, Becky, and husband, Walter, lived in Austin while he did advance work on his degree in architecture. They are now residing in Recife on the east coast. He works for a large firm, and Becky teaches fifth grade in school. They have two girls: Thais, 7, and Danielle, 5. Their son, Christian is 1 1/2-years-old.

Joel, the second son, is on the border between two large states, Golas and Mato Grosso, where he works with embryo transfers in cattle. He is presently studying for his PHD degree at Louisiana State University in physiology of reproduction in cattle. He will then return to Brazil to continue his profession.

Jon, the youngest, did work for the same company that Joel does, but he is now in the United States at A&M for the present. His wife is Joana, a Brazilian girl.

From an isolated village without roads, telephones, electricity, or stores in 1957 when the Carters went to Corrente as agricultural missionaries, the town has grown to a city of 35,000 people. There is also extensive agriculture and cattle production.

In December of 1992, there were 1200 people in the school auditorium for the ceremony when the Corrente Baptist Institute was given to the Brazilian Baptist Convention.

Sue Carter is sorry they couldn't continue the project that she and Dale had started. But she is glad her children are well equipped, eager, and interested in carrying on the work they began so many years ago.

Thus it is handed down from generation to generation.

CIA Golf Tournament raises near \$500

Twenty-nine golfers participated Saturday, March 16, in the tournament at the Winters Country Club with approximately \$500 in proceeds collected to benefit Christmas in April.

The 4-hour tournament of players teed off at 10 a.m. playing 18 holes. Prizes were donated by Wal-Mart of Ballinger, Milton's Auto, Family Dollar, and First American Bank.

Teams placing were:

FIRST PLACE

John McAdoo
JoAnn Hightower
Jiggs Nichols
Bill Hall

SECOND PLACE

Howard Reid
Hattie Belle Bishop
Jerry Hood
Ellis Wilson

THIRD PLACE

Jim Beazley
Barbara McWright
Elmer Reid
Jerry Whitlow
Aref Hassan

Other teams consisted of Herman Baker, Tina Smith, Louis DeLaCruz, Pyburn Brown, and L.C. Hounsel; Phillip Esquivel, Gloria Newsom, Lynn Billups, Chris Dry, and James Spill; and Richard King, Nita Dry, Don McWright, Mickie Smith, and Kala King.

The Women's Longest Drive was awarded to Barbara McWright. Lynn Billups won the title for the men's division.

Closest to the Pin in each division was Nita Dry and Jiggs Nichols.

Making an Eagle on #7 Hole was Kala King.

Door prize winners were Gloria Newsom and Phillip Esquivel.

The Christmas in April Committee would like to extend a special "thank you" to the Winters Country Club for use of their golf course. Also thanks to all participants and donors for making the tournament a success again this year. Please look forward to playing next year. Your support is much needed and greatly appreciated.



1ST PLACE CIA GOLF TOURNAMENT WINNERS were (left to right) Bill Hall, JoAnn Hightower, Jiggs Nichols, and John McAdoo.



2ND PLACE CIA GOLF TOURNAMENT WINNERS were (left to right) Morris Robinson, Jerry Hood, Hattie Belle Bishop, and Howard Reid. Not pictured is Ellis Wilson.



3RD PLACE CIA GOLF TOURNAMENT WINNERS were (left to right) Elmer Reid, Aref Hassan, Jim Beazley, Barbara McWright, and Jerry Whitlow.

Marriage seminar to be held Friday and Saturday

Dr. Tom Milholland, Chair of the Department of Marriage and Family Therapy at Abilene Christian University, will conduct a marriage seminar in Winters March 22-23.

The North Main Church of Christ will host this seminar in their fellowship hall. The seminar will run from 7:00-9:30 p.m. on Friday and 9:00-11:30 a.m. on Saturday.

The seminar will cover facets of intimacy, factors for marital success, ways to manage marital conflict and more. "Building a More Intimate Marriage" is for all couples who want to strengthen and build their relationship. The community is invited to attend and benefit from this seminar by Dr. Milholland.

For more information, call 754-4183; if no answer, call 754-4182.

Girl Scouts to learn arts and crafts of other countries

Girl Scouts will design, show, and give instructions to fellow troop members and guests on various activities and trades from a selected country during their "World Day of Friendship" celebration Sunday, March 24.

The program is scheduled from 2:00 to 4:30 p.m. at the Catholic Church Hall with the theme "Arts and Crafts From Around the World."

Everyone is invited to attend this informational meeting.

Evangelism rally to be conducted Sunday at FBC in Ballinger

The Brady Baptist Association and Runnels Baptist Association have joined together for an area wide "Heart of Texas 2000" evangelism rally. The evangelism rally will be held Sunday, March 24, at First Baptist Church, Ballinger.

The rally will begin at 6:00 p.m. The Executive Board and W.M.U. will not meet.

Dr. James Semple, director of the State Missions Commission of the Baptist General Convention of Texas, will be the preacher.

There will be music, testimonies, and fellowship for everyone. A "Heart of Texas" choir will be singing, composed of volunteers from the churches in Brady and Runnels County. The choir will meet at 5:30 p.m. for a brief rehearsal. The rally should conclude by 7:30 p.m.

Everyone is encouraged and welcome to attend.

County sales tax rebates increase

1996 sales tax rebates for Runnels County to date increased 5.26 percent as compared to the prior year's payment.

As reported by the office of State Comptroller John Sharp, sales tax rebates for Runnels County for the 1996 reporting period total \$78,519.12, as compared to last year's period total of \$74,594.71.

Not to be confused with city sales tax rebates, the current county rate is 0.5 percent. This month's payments include taxes collected in January and reported by businesses filing monthly returns in February.

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- 1 diamond ratter
- 5 TX Collin Raye's first album: "Can Be"
- 6 "Dr. Pepper (low cal)"
- 7 Winters h.s. class
- 8 captive TX woman: Cynthia Parker
- 9 Lost State Natural Area
- 15 Rangers announcer Sham
- 16 ruler who detained TX Ross Parot employees in Iran
- 19 TX "Sparky" McFarland comedy: "Little"
- 21 TX poet: Shihab Nye
- 22 TXism: "of arrows in his quiver" (capable)
- 27 in NW Tarrant Co.
- 28 TX Tommy Tune's character Ambrose in "Hello Dolly"
- 29 TX Larry Hagman film: "Getting Away All" (71)
- 30 Skip who wrote Cow-boys "Untold Story"
- 32 TX Joan Crawford: Lucille Sueur
- 33 TXism: "it's ___ die"
- 36 TXism: "no brag, just ___"
- 37 prior spelling of TX Cyd Charisse's nickname
- 38 TXism: "cowboy ___" (jukebox)
- 39 Kris Kringle, St. Nick, ___ Claus
- 41 Astro pitcher's stat
- 42 a creek will do this in a drought (2 wds.)
- 45 Aransas Pass October festival: Shrimpo
- 46 "Roger the Dodger" (init.)
- 47 spoils of war
- 48 TX Bush's party
- 49 early TX immigrants
- 52 TXism: "___ a squirrel up a tree"
- 53 go in
- 54 league of Fort Worth Fire or Dallas Freeze
- 55 TXism: "___ earned his spurs"

DOWN

- 1 TX Jimmy Dean's "Big ___ John"
- 2 TX Foreman lost title to him in '74
- 3 TXism: "happy as a hound's tooth"
- 4 TXism: "the whole ___" (all)
- 8 TXism: "last as ___ up a rafter"
- 9 "Turning the Thing Around: Pulling America's Team Out of the Dumps - and ___ Doghouse"
- 10 Post h.s. class
- 11 JFK's "___ 109"
- 12 TX fuel co. (3 wds.)
- 13 actor Jack of "The Texas Wheelers"
- 14 TXism: "happy as a pig in ___"
- 15 Texas Crossword creators
- 16 meaning of "tejas"
- 17 aviator Earhart
- 18 TX Clay Allison was a ___ gun
- 20 1st female mayor of El Paso Suzy Houston boxer Foreman (init.)
- 22 Houston boxer Foreman (init.)
- 23 hockey's Bobby
- 24 TXism: "___ big for his britches"
- 25 Andy's amigo
- 26 TXism: "pick of the ___" (best)
- 28 Fort Worth FM
- 31 Wyatt met "Doc" in TX
- 34 TXism: "don't give a hoot ___ holler"
- 35 Rice won ___ College Bowl in '66
- 37 TXism: "he two-___ to his own beat"
- 40 TXism: "___ light idea" (good idea)
- 43 wake up
- 44 TX longhorn breeder (2 wds.)
- 50 skins of TX Ruby Red grapefruit
- 51 TXism: "can't make a silk purse out of a sow's ___"

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Public Record

COUNTY COURT Eloy Salazar, Ballinger, 03-04-96, Assault. Ruth Marie Withey Lawson Lea, Winters, 03-07-96, Bigamy. Diane Vasquez, Winters, 03-07-96, Two Counts, Harboring a Runaway Child. Paul Rodriguez, Ballinger, 03-11-96, Driving While Intoxicated. Mark Schwartz, San Angelo, 03-13-96, Criminal Trespass. Herlinda Reyes, Wingate, 03-14-96, Theft of Merchandise by Check. James Holloway, Abilene, 03-14-96, Theft of Merchandise by Check. Linda M. Rhea, Wingate, 03-14-96, Theft of Merchandise by Check. James Strong, Wingate, 03-14-96, Theft of Merchandise by Check. Rodney Williams, Tuscola, 03-15-96, Driving While License Suspended. Juan Mendez, 03-15-96, Two Counts, Terroristic Threat. Wilmer Dion Rose, Ballinger, 03-18-96, Driving While Intoxicated. DISTRICT COURT State of Texas vs. Jimmy Wayne Nesbit, 03-14-96, Judgment Nesi.

How I spent my Spring Break—



ERIKA ALVARADO and CINDY NAVA catch some rays during leisure time at the city park. Both girls are freshmen at WHS.



JOEY JOERIS, JEFFERY OATS and JEREMY HOPE (left to right) were busy just hanging around at the city park.

County 4-H'ers yield excellent results at Houston

Runnels County 4-H'ers yielded excellent results at the world's most competitive junior livestock show held February 22 through March 1 in Houston, Texas.

Fourteen Runnels County swine exhibitors showed their barrows in preliminary judging that was held February 22-24 in Brenham. Only 660 barrows out of a total of approximately 4,800 qualified for competition in Houston.

Barrows shown by local 4-H'ers John Heathcott and Jana Jackson made it past the Brenham sift, thus making the barrows eligible for judging at Houston. John Heathcott's medium weight Chester White barrow finished a 4th place while Jana Jackson's lightweight Yorkshire placed 21st. These two exhibitors deserve to be congratulated as well as the twelve others whose barrows did not qualify for competition in Houston.

Other 4-H'ers exhibiting swine at Brenham were Robby Heathcott, Amy Heathcott, Robby Cook, Cody Cook, Justin Strube, Jason Strube, Randy Schaefer,

Jordan Howard, Mike McCoy, Lea Schwertner, Amy Schwertner, and Cody Driver.

Three out of six market lambs shown by Runnels County 4-H'ers made the trip to Houston after surviving the sift that was held in Rosenberg on February 25-27. Only 300 lambs qualified for judging at Houston out of approximately 1,500 shown at Rosenberg. County 4-H'ers Cody Faubion, Courtney Faubion, Jana Vinson, Josh Minzenmayer, Meagan Minzenmayer and Jana Jackson did an excellent job showing their lambs at Rosenberg. At Houston, Josh Minzenmayer exhibited the 9th place heavy weight Southdown. In the light weight Finewool Cross division, Jana Jackson's lamb finished 11th. Meagan Minzenmayer did a great job showing her medium weight Finewool that placed 25th.

Twelve Runnels County 4-H'ers exhibited steers in Houston and were pitted against very tough competition from other exhibitors from around the state. In the heavy weight Limousin division, Roxanne Halfmann's steer finished 7th and Jamie McWright's

came in 13th. Other steer exhibitors that deserve congratulations for a job well done are Jimmy Halfmann, Keri Hoelscher, Aaron Hoelscher, Robby Halfmann, Shauna Halfmann, Justin Wiley, Julie McWright, Chad Halfmann, Cody Halfmann, and Jessica Halfmann.

4-H to meet March 26

The Winters 4-H Club will meet on Tuesday, March 26, and visit the Senior Citizens Nursing Home and Our House retirement center.

4-H'ers are asked to meet immediately after school at the school activity building to be transported to these locations.

A business meeting will be held from 4:15 p.m. till 5:15 p.m. at the Senior Citizens Activity Center at 601 Wood St.

Members are reminded to:
* sell ham raffle tickets. Ham will be given away March 26.

Boll weevil eradication board offers producers discounts, payment plan

In response to cotton producers' financial concerns, the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation Board of Directors has announced effective discounts for early assessment payments and establishing payment plan options to ease financial burdens caused by assessment collections.

Under the new assessment collections policy, the Foundation will offer producers early payment discounts under the following schedule:

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The Education of a Small Town Doc

by Keith Boles



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

Howdy Winters. Graduation is only two months away! Four years of medical school will be behind me. Just three short years of residency to go. Ha!

Lori and I would like to take this time to thank the taxpayers of the North Runnels Hospital District for helping pay my way through medical school. Most of my classmates are graduating with a \$60-80,000 debt hanging over their heads while I have none. They will have to moonlight during residency in order to start paying back some of those loans. I will not.

We've been very mindful of your support over these four years and we cannot say thank you enough. We look forward to settling in Winters in about three-and-a-half years and serving the community for many years to come.

Well, I've turned in my rank list. My fate is now in the hands of a computer. As I mentioned last time, graduating medical students are matched with residencies through the National Residency Matching Program (NRMP). A computer program is used which has rank lists of both residencies and students entered.

I ranked Waco - McLennan County Family Practice #1, UT

Health Center Tyler #2, and John Peter Smith Hospital - Ft. Worth #3. All these programs are good for training rural doctors because they are community programs.

Most students across the state who are going into Family Practice say Waco and Ft. Worth are the top two programs.

Waco has a strong reputation and is very competitive. They usually choose students from the top quarter of their medical school classes. They've been around for awhile and have great faculty.

Ft. Worth is a good residency because it offers lots of "hands-on" experience and has been around for a while also. However, the residents have a reputation of being more overworked and underpaid than other programs. Thus, time to be spent with family is at a minimum. If I were single, I would have ranked Ft. Worth second.

Tyler is an up-and-coming Family Practice residency. The residents get lots of obstetrics experience there and they have some flexibility in their curriculum so it can be tailored to emphasize skills needed for rural practice. Tyler is also a smaller community to which Lori and I are attracted.

Match Day is March 20th. I'll let you know where we will be moving this summer!

Since I wrote last, I've done a month rotation in the Intensive Care Unit (ICU) in January, a month in the Pediatrics Clinic in February, and now I'm starting a month on Neurology.

The ICU is a good rotation because students get to do a lot of "procedures" such as central lines, lumbar punctures (a.k.a. spinal taps), and artery lines to name a few. I was able to do several of the above and feel comfortable doing them now. As part of the ICU rotation, we also follow patients in the Coronary Care Unit (CCU) and gain experience in stabilizing and treating patients who come in with heart attacks.

The month in the Pediatrics clinic is all outpatient oriented. No time is spent in the hospital.

Because it was February (Winter-time), I got really good at cleaning wax out of little kids' ears and treating earaches and sore throats. The medical students also do lots of well-baby exams which is fun if all goes well. It's amazing how some kids absolutely hate doctors. They start screaming as soon as someone with a white coat walks in the room. You learn quickly when to summon the nurse's help to help hold them down so their ears and throats can be looked at. Examining a faling kid is a true art which must be learned.

As I mentioned above, I'm now starting Neurology which encompasses brain and spinal cord diseases such as strokes, seizures, and multiple sclerosis. It's a hospital service, so the hours are long. I also have to write a ten-page paper and take an exam at the end.

My last rotation will be in the Emergency Room next month. I hope to get more procedures under my belt and hopefully not make as many mistakes as that guy "Carter" on the TV show "ER." Then graduation on May 18, and I am outta here!

Next time I'll tell you where we'll do residency and what kind of year I have ahead of me. See ya then!

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