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ROBYN PARRAMORE (second from right) was named Miss Winters 1996 during the noon meeting of the Winters Lions Club on March 19. Other contestants were (left to right) Tina Sherman, Cristi Burton and Jaime Bahlman. Angela Bryan, 1994 Miss Winters, introduced the candidates and crowned the new Miss Winters.

Robyn Parramore selected as 1996 Miss Winters by Lions Club

Robyn Parramore, daughter of Robert and Rhea Parramore, was selected as Miss Winters during the noon conference of the Winters Lions Club on Tuesday, March 19.

Other contestants were Tina Sherman, Cristi Burton and Jaime Bahlman, all students at WHS.

Miss Winters is sponsored by the local Lions Club and will now advance to District competition at San Angelo on April 19-20.

This year's selection process was somewhat different than in the past. The Miss Winters pageant has previously been handled as a fund raiser for Lions Club. Previous winners were selected from a large field of contestants

who participated in more of a pageant type contest.

This year's field of four contestants was personally interviewed by past Lions Club District Governor Bill Terry and his wife, Lynn, of Tuscola, prior to being introduced to Lions Club members during their noon meeting. Each contestant gave a prepared speech on Lionism topics selected by Lion Mrs. Homer Hodge, whose husband is a 46-year member and past District Governor.

Following the speeches, Mr. and Mrs. Terry chose Miss Parramore to represent the Lions Club as the 1996 Miss Winters.

Robyn is a junior at Winters High School where she is a mem-

ber of the National Honor society and Student Council. She has been a twirler for the Blizzard Band for the last three years, and actively participates in basketball and golf.

She is also president of the local chapter of Future Homemakers of America and currently serves a FHA Region II Vice-President of Public Relations. She will participate March 30 in the West Texas Junior Miss Scholarship Program in Abilene.

Robyn says, "It is a great honor to represent the Winters Lions Club and the community of Winters. I'm looking forward to getting to know all the members and becoming actively involved in the Lions' activities."

Toll-free calling soon in effect for Winters and surrounding areas

Soon one may call their neighbors, relatives, or businesses in another town without paying any long distance charge. Recent petitions to the Public Utility Commission have changed telephone services to Winters and the surrounding communities.

Taylor Telephone Cooperative Inc. of Merkel has announced that three exchanges have passed and one failed in the balloting for seven-digit Extended Toll-Free Local Calling Service (ELC) for residents in surrounding communities.

According to Earl E. Laird, Taylor Telephone office manager, residents of Norton, Bradshaw, and Wingate will soon have extended service without paying a per call long distance fee. A one-time monthly fee will be billed for all calls placed to petitioned cities.

Crews residents voted against ELC calling.

Beginning May 23, Norton residents may call Rowena, Miles,

San Angelo, Wingate, and Winters by dialing seven digits. It will no longer be necessary to dial 1 + the 3-digit area code + the seven-digit number.

Once extended calling is operational, all local calls will also require dialing the seven-digit number. For example, someone living in Norton wishing to call another Norton resident now must dial 786 + the four-digit suffix. Prior to ELC implementation, five digits could be dialed if placing a local call.

Because Norton petitioned the Public Utility Commission, all Norton residents will be billed an additional \$3.50 per month by their telephone company. Businesses will be charged \$7.00.

Calls may also be placed from the petitioned cities to Norton without any additional long distance or monthly charge. This means Winters may call Norton beginning May 23 by dialing seven digits without any additional long distance or monthly charge.

Bradshaw passed ELC to Abilene, Buffalo Gap, Crews, Lawn, Tuscola, and Wingate. The extended service is expected to become operational June 13 with a \$5.00 residential and \$8.50 business fee. The additional \$1.50 is for the sixth exchange. Five exchanges may be petitioned for the minimum \$3.50 fee. Sixth and seventh exchanges are an additional \$1.50 per exchange.

Wingate passed only one of the five exchanges petitioned to PUC. Beginning July 11, residents may call Abilene toll-free and will pay the \$3.50 monthly charge. Businesses pay \$7.00. Wingate had also petitioned to Ballinger, Bradshaw, Crews, and Norton.

However, because Norton and Bradshaw had petitioned and passed to Wingate, Wingate customers may actually call both Norton (effective May 23) and Bradshaw (effective June 13) without any additional long distance or monthly charge.

See "Toll-Free Calling", pg. 3



ONE REALLY HOT CAR was completely destroyed in a blaze early Sunday morning. Owner and driver of the 1993 Corvette, Scott Hall, of Dallas, was not injured in the fire. Winters policeman Terry Johnson found the unoccupied car about 2:30 a.m. March 24 on County Road 334 near the Fairview Cemetery after following a fluid trail down West Dale street. Apparently, Hall had gone for help when Officer Johnson arrived at the scene of the blazing car but returned shortly. Exact cause of the fire is unknown at this time.

NEW SIGN IN TOWN is this large billboard located just north of Winters on Hwy. 83. As shown, the sign recognizes Winters as the birthplace of Rogers Hornsby, famous baseball player. Several Hornsby-related activities are being planned by the Chamber of Commerce to take place during the annual Mayfest celebration on May 4. A duplicate billboard is located at the south edge of the city.

WISD board approves personnel contracts

During their regular meeting on March 19, the WISD board of trustees unanimously voted to renew contracts of employment for the 1996/97 school year of all current professional personnel of the school district. This vote followed the recommendations of Principals Charles Kidwell and Terry Wyatt, and Superintendent Tommy Lancaster.

Returned signed contracts from the professional personnel are due

May 15, 1996.

In other action, upon a request by WISD tennis coach Biff White, the council also voted to approve the contribution of \$907.50 from the 1995/96 tennis budget toward the purchase of tennis court wind screens at the City Park, subject to the City matching this amount.

Council members took no action on a request to name the baseball complex in the City Park "Rogers Hornsby Baseball Com-

plex". One trustee stressed that he felt that naming the complex after someone was not appropriate since no other school facility is named for a particular individual.

The board has received a letter from Steve Mills of Bracketville who wished to have his name removed from the list of candidates for Superintendent of WISD. The field now consists of four candidates. Final selection is to be made late April.

First graders "hop to it" in fun frog program tonight

The Winters Elementary first graders will perform for the public Thursday, March 28, at 7:00 p.m. and again for their school mates on Friday, March 29, at 8:30 a.m. Both performances are open to the public. They will take place in the WHS auditorium and are free of charge.

The play this year is entitled "Once Upon a Lily Pad." It is a clever story about a young frog named Freddie. With the help of his friends, the other pond creatures, Freddie is trying to find "HIS PLACE" in the pond.

Many thanks are in order to the children's teachers, Cheryl Sneed, Karen Colburn, and Sherry Cavazos. Also to Fran Kidwell for help with the music and to Principal Terry Wyatt for his continued encouragement.

WHAT'S HAPPENING ?

- March 28-Noon, 39+, First United Methodist Church
- 6-10 p.m., EMT Course, North Runnels Hospital
- 7 p.m., First Graders Present "Once Upon A Lily Pad," WHS Auditorium
- March 29-8:30 a.m., First Graders Present "Once Upon A Lily Pad," WHS Auditorium
- 11:30 a.m., Senior Citizens Meal
- Deadline for 4-H Camp Registration
- March 30-9 a.m., College Days, ASU, San Angelo
- 8 p.m.-Midnight, Chamber of Commerce Spring Dance, Community Center
- Railroad Festival, Civic Center, Abilene
- March 31-11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., CIA Mexican Luncheon, Methodist Church Hall
- Railroad Festival, Civic Center, Abilene
- Palm Sunday
- April 1-10:30-11:15 a.m., Medicare Seminar, Senior Citizens Activity Center
- 11:30 a.m., Senior Citizens Meal
- 5:30-6:30 p.m., Youth Basketball, Grades K-2, Activity Bldg.
- 6-9 p.m., ESL Classes, School Ag Bldg.
- 6:30 p.m., Winters Squares, Community Center
- 6:45-8 p.m., Youth Basketball, Grades 3-6, Activity Bldg./Old Gym
- 7 p.m., Knights of Columbus
- April Fool's Day
- April 2-Noon, Lions Club
- 6-10 p.m., EMT Courses, North Runnels Hospital
- 7 p.m., American Legion, Legion Hall
- 7 p.m., WVFD
- 7 p.m., Rodeo Association Meeting, Rodeo Grounds
- Cotton Conference, Convention Center, San Angelo
- April 3-9:30-10:45 a.m., Congressman Stenholm at Town Meeting, Chamber Office
- 11:30 a.m., Senior Citizens Meal
- Hearing Services, North Runnels Hospital
- April 4-6-10 p.m., EMT Courses, North Runnels Hospital
- 7:30 p.m., Winters Masonic Lodge
- Deadline for Filing for Hospital Board
- Maundy Thursday

OIL BUSINESS . . .

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It's time, again, for those insights you can't wait to read about, those interesting "tid-bits" too valuable to miss, and those eloquent recitations of prose that color your world.

Well, maybe I'm overstating my value...nah.

Anyway, it's time for Oil Patch Basics, again, and this time we discuss the "pumper." This person is as close to well's nursemaid as anyone can get.

As soon as a well is successfully completed, it is turned over to a pumper (or "lease operator"). This person is responsible for checking on a well and associated facilities in regular and consistent intervals, usually daily.

The best way to understand the basic responsibilities of a pumper is to recount the daily routine of a busy pumper.

(Note: Any pumper will tell you he or she is busy, no matter what, so any pumper is considered a "busy pumper.")

A pumper's day starts early, because it is usually desirable to finish early. If a pumper is an independent contractor, working for several producing companies, there is probably quite a bit of road time ahead. A company pumper usually has less area to cover because he/she has had their responsibilities grouped geographically.

The pumper follows a route that proves to be the most time-efficient. In most cases he/she will check the tank battery first to gauge (measure the volume inside) the tanks. From this measurement, the pumper can judge if anything out of the ordinary has occurred since the last visit.

The wells themselves are then checked. Wellhead equipment, connections, chokes, etc. are checked for problems. Routine maintenance is also performed, like oiling the stuffing box, greasing the pumping unit, adding anti-freeze to engines, etc.

The pumper goes from well to well and from lease to lease until everything has been checked. If a problem is found that can't be fixed by the pumper alone, he/she might call the roustabout gang or a mechanic, depending on the need.

After all this, the pumper's job is not complete. He/she then must keep meticulous records of production, maintenance performed, etc. These records are kept daily and usually sent to the operator once per month.

The pumper must be mathematically able and logical minded. It requires some know-how to figure out why the heater treater is full of water and the oil is in the water tank.

Another key member of the oil patch support staff has been introduced. Next time, we continue in our series of talking about oil field personnel.

HIGHLIGHTS OF AREA DRILLING ACTIVITY

COMPLETIONS

Taylor County

Principal Oil has completed the Shafter #3 in the Herber Field (5 miles NW of Bradshaw) at an initial rate of 8 BOPD & 10 BWPD in the Gray Sand (perms 4732-59). Loc. is 330 FEL & 543 FSL of R. Triplett Sur. No. 506, A-329.

STAKINGS

Coke County

J.K. Anderson, Inc. has staked the March #1 as a Wildcat, 11 miles SW of Robert Lee (Depth 1100). Loc. is 954 FEL & 2380 FSL of Sec. 71, Blk. 16, H&TC Sur.

Coleman County

Scranton Exploration has staked the James #1 in the County Regular Field, 2 miles NW of Burkett (Depth 2000). Loc. is 1130 FWL & 5100 FNL of Sec. 168, A. Wickson Sur., A-677.

Concho County

W.R. Guffey has staked the Sorrell #1 in the Lonesome Dove II Field, 7 miles SW of Eden (Depth 2300). Loc. is 1217 FEL & 467 FNL of L.C. Smith Sur. No. 9, A-1477.

QuinTx Exploration has applied to re-enter the Whitehead #7 in the South Branch Field, 9 miles SE of Eden (Depth 2516). Loc. is 1980 FSL & 467 FEL of T&NO Sur. No. 113, A-884.

Nolan County

R.L. Adkins Corp. has staked the Dickson #1-92 as a Wildcat, 5 miles NW of Maryneal (Depth 7500). Loc. is 134 FNL & 761 FWL of Sec. 92, Blk. X, T&PRR Sur.

Clear Fork has staked the C.E. Boyd #4-44 in the EVB Field, 4 miles NW of Nolan (Depth 6800). It is 840 FNL & 932 FEL of Sec. 44, Blk. X, T&PRR Sur. Clear Fork has also staked #8-44 in the EVB Field, 4 miles NW of Nolan (Depth 6800). Loc. is 2539 FWL & 2216 FSL of same Sec.

Runnels County

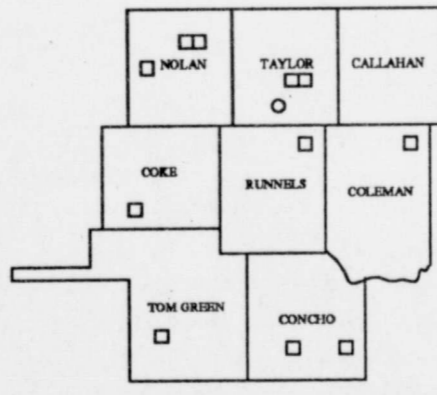
Burk Royalty has applied to plug back the G.F. Baggett #2 in the Winters Field, 6 miles NE of Winters (Depth 4450). Loc. is 330 FSL & 5094 FNL of T.J. Hardean Sur.

Taylor County

Sundance Resources has staked two wells in the County Regular Field, 1 mile W of Tuscola (Depth 4500). The Standard #2 is loc. 330 FSL & 50 FEL of Winters. The Standard #3 is loc. 512 FNL & 50 FEL of Sec. 40, Blk. 1, SPRR Sur.

Tom Green County

Ibextex staked the M. Rathbone #1 as a Wildcat, 2 miles S of Knickerbocker (Depth 1500). Loc. is 1196 FNL & 2550 FEL of Sec. 2, Blk. 20, H&TC Sur.



Obituaries

Ida Eoff

WINTERS—Ida Eoff, 76, died Tuesday, March 19, 1996, at North Runnels Hospital in Winters.

She was born July 3, 1919 in Winters and was a life time resident. She married C.L. (Pete) Eoff January 18, 1942 in Ballinger. She was a homemaker and a member of the Southside Baptist Church.

Survivors include her husband, C. L. (Pete) Eoff of Winters; one son, Zane Eoff of Garden City; three daughters, Debbie Ravenscroft of Lawn, Linda O'Neal of Garland, and Toni Prine of Nemo; one sister, Edith Howard of Ballinger; fourteen grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Services were held at 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 20 at the Southside Baptist Church with Rev. Gayland Broadstreet officiating. Burial was in Lakeview Cemetery, directed by Winters Funeral Home.

Grandsons were pallbearers.

Virginia Fowler Murphy

WINTERS—Virginia Fowler Murphy, 75, died Saturday, March 23, 1996, at Winters.

She was born on February 8, 1921, in Runnels County, Texas. She married Horace S. Murphy Jr. on August 25, 1942, in San Angelo.

Mrs. Murphy was a rancher and a Presbyterian. She was preceded in death by her husband, Horace S. Murphy Jr., on September 12, 1984.

Survivors include one son, Horace S. Murphy III of Rowena; one daughter, Helen Murphy of Ballinger; two sisters, Louise Flanagan of Ballinger and Mary Ann Hale and husband Charlie of Bangs; one brother-in-law, Warren Murphy of Vanderpool; and four grandsons, Chip Patterson and wife Amber, Cary Patterson, Matthew Patterson, and Jonathon Patterson.

Graveside services were held at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, March 28, at the Old Runnels Cemetery with Reverend Winford Gore officiating. Burial was directed by Rains-Seale Funeral Home, Ballinger.

Marjorie Tischler

WINTERS—Marjorie Tischler, 62, died Sunday, March 24, 1996, in an Abilene hospital.

She was born May 9, 1933 in Montgomery County, Arkansas. At the age of 14 she moved to Portales, New Mexico where she lived until her marriage to Ben Tischler on August 3, 1949. They moved to Winters in 1950 and lived here ever since.

Mrs. Tischler worked as a machine operator at Dry Mfg. for 20 years. She was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church and The Ladies Aid.

Survivors include her husband, Bennett Tischler of Winters; stepmother, Vivian Stafford of Little Rock, AR; four sons, Gilbert and Judy Tischler of Bryan, Milton Tischler of Buffalo Gap, Billy and Benjie Tischler of Lampassas, and Douglas and Suzanne Tischler of Winters; one daughter, Linda and Rick Dry of Winters; two sisters, Dean Holt of Oklahoma City, OK, and Carolyn Fields of Bryan; four brothers, Raymond Stafford of Phoenixville, PA, Lowell Stafford of Amarillo, Arvin Stafford of Slaton, and Dale Stafford of Little Rock, AR; thirteen grandchildren and eleven great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one brother Ray Stafford.

Services were held at 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 27 at St. John's Lutheran Church with Rev. James Hanson officiating. Burial was in the Lutheran Cemetery, directed by Winters Funeral Home.

Pallbearers included Randy Tischler, Clayton Tischler, Josh Emard, Mike Tischler, Mark Tischler, Asa Emard, Steve Tischler, Chris Dry, Wayne Tischler and Andrew Emard.

Memorials may be made to St. John's Lutheran Church.

Hattie B. Goetz

WINTERS—Hattie B. Goetz, 89, died Monday, March 25, 1996, at Winters.

She was born on June 15, 1906, in Lowake, Texas. She married Dedrich Jacob Goetz on July 2, 1924, in Lowake.

Mrs. Goetz was a homemaker and a member of St. John's Lutheran Church where she participated in the Winters Ladies Aid. She was preceded in death by her husband, Dedrich Jacob Goetz, in 1974.

Survivors include one son, D.J. Goetz and wife Lavene of Winters; seven grandchildren, Karen Lochmann of Allen, Deborah Buchanan of Abilene, Mark Goetz of Winters, Kurt Goetz of Denton, Douglas Goetz of Keller, Dianne Kelley of Abilene, and Jay Goetz of Austin; and twelve great-grandchildren.

Visitation was from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, March 26, at Rains-Seale Funeral Home in Ballinger.

Services were held at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, March 27, at St. John's Lutheran Church in Winters with Reverend James Hanson officiating. Burial was in the Old Runnels Cemetery, directed by Rains-Seale Funeral Home, Ballinger.

Memorials may be made to St. John's Lutheran Church in Winters, the American Heart Association, or a favorite charity.

Alejandro S. Salas

WINTERS—Alejandro S. Salas, 68, died Monday, March 25, 1996, at his residence.

He was born on September 24, 1927, in Winters. He married Alicia Torres on November 1, 1952, in Aquijita Coabula, Mexico. Following their marriage, they moved to Illinois.

Mr. Salas had worked as a pipe fitter for the electromotive division of General Motors in Illinois. Following his retirement in 1990, they returned to Winters. He was a Catholic.

Survivors include his wife, Alicia Salas of Winters; three daughters, Norma Ward of Three Rivers, Michigan, and Elizabeth Gill of Braidwood, Illinois, and Leticia Borrego of Manhattan, Illinois; one sister, Bertha Rivera of California; two brothers, Armando Salas of Old Mexico and Gilbert Salas of Joliet, Illinois; eight grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Vigil services and rosary was at 7:00 p.m. Wednesday, March 27, in the Winters Funeral Home Chapel. Funeral mass was at 2:00 p.m. Thursday, March 28, in the Mount Carmel Catholic Church with Father Austin Hermann officiating. Burial was in the Lakeview Cemetery, directed by Winters Funeral Home.

Hattie Christene Merck Davis

BLOOMINGTON, MINNESOTA—Hattie Christene Merck Davis, 69, formerly of Winters, died Saturday, March 16, 1996, in Bloomington, Minnesota.

She was born July 12, 1926 in Ballinger and was raised in Winters graduating with honors from Winters High School in 1944. She married Alby O. Merck February 25, 1944 and he preceeded her in death in 1977. She married John Davis in 1978 and he preceeded her in death in 1981.

Mrs. MerckDavis worked as a clerk for Southwestern States Telephone Co. for 16 years until the company closed the Winters office. She then worked as a bookkeeper for Alderman Cave, Winters Service CO., and Bishop and Sons. She was a member of the First Baptist Church.

Survivors include two daughters, Jere Barnes of Midland and Jan Arrigoni of Bloomington, Minnesota; four brothers, Ervin Compton of Wingate, Winfred Compton of Kerville, Cecil Compton of El Paso and Darrell Compton of Denver City; four grandchildren, Dru Smith of Alva, Oklahoma, Devin Smith of Wichita Falls, Matt Graezky of Minneapolis, Minnesota and Christi Graezky of Madison, Wisconsin. She was preceded in death by one sister, Ella Bea Templeton.

Services were held at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, March 21 at the First Baptist Church with Glenn Shoemaker officiating. Burial was in the Fairview Cemetery, directed by Winters Funeral Home.

Pallbearers included B. Phelps, Lanny Bahlman, Ray Alderman, J.B. Guy, Jr., Elby Miller, Doyle Pumphrey, and William Tischler.

Emma Henniger

BALLINGER—Emma Henniger, 85, died Tuesday, March 19, 1996, in a Ballinger nursing home.

She was born August 31, 1910 in Hatchell and was a life time Runnels County resident.

Ms. Henniger taught music in the Winters school system and was bookkeeper for Thormeyer farm equipment for many years. She was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church in Winters.

Survivors include one sister, Helen Onken of Winters and one brother, E.R. (Curley) Henniger of Bronte.

Services were held at 3:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 21 at St. John's Lutheran Church with Rev. James Hanson officiating. Burial was in the old Runnels Cemetery, directed by Winters Funeral Home.

Pallbearers included Jerry Holle, Bud Pruser, Lester Geistman, Winton Milliff, Kenneth Onken, Freddie Bredemeyer and Rodrick Bredemeyer.

Faye Morgan Cooper

FORT WORTH—Faye Morgan Cooper, formerly of Ballinger, passed away on Saturday, March 23, 1996, in the Heritage Western Hills Rest Home in Fort Worth.

She was born in Logan, New Mexico, and grew up in Norton, Texas. She graduated from Norton High School and married Armon S. Cooper on August 29, 1942.

Mrs. Cooper was employed as a beautician for 40 years. She was preceded in death by her husband, Armon Cooper, on July 26, 1965.

Survivors include two sisters, Ruth Morgan of Ballinger and Loudelle Cooper of Odessa; one niece; two nephews; one great-niece; and two great-nephews.

Services were held at 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, March 26, at the Ridgela Baptist Church in Fort Worth with Reverend Steve Hudson officiating. Graveside services were at 4:00 p.m. Tuesday at the Evergreen Cemetery in Ballinger, directed by Rains-Seale Funeral Home of Ballinger.

Selma J. Cook

NEW BRAUNFELS—Selma J. Cook, 92, died at 10:12 p.m. on Thursday, March 14, 1996, at McKenna Memorial Hospital.

She was born on January 18, 1904, in Shiner, Texas, to Gustav and Frieda Houschild Jaehne. She married Walter Cook.

Mrs. Cook was a sales clerk, a member of St. Paul Lutheran Church and Hermann Sons Lodge #21. She worked with Jacob Schmidt Co. for over 35 years.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Walter Cook, in 1950 and a granddaughter, Agatha Alther.

Survivors include one daughter, Judith Ledbetter of McQueeney; two sons, Carlos Cook and wife Betty of New Braunfels, and Wilbert Cook and wife June of Geronimo; one sister, Viola Cook of New Braunfels; seven grandchildren; fourteen great-grandchildren; seven great-great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Services were held at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, March 18, at Zoeller Funeral Home in New Braunfels with Reverend Charles DeHaven officiating. Burial was at 1:00 p.m. Tuesday, March 19, in Lakeview Cemetery at Ballinger, directed by Rains-Seale Funeral Home.

Memorials may be made to the American Diabetes Foundation.

FREE Medicare seminars continue

FREE Medicare educational seminars are being conducted in Winters at the Senior Citizens Activity Center, 601 Wood, from 10:30-11:15 a.m. and are open to the public.

April 1
The 10 Medigap Plans, Understanding The Difference In The Benefits, The Difference Between Standard, Select And Medicare HMO, Choosing The Plan That Is Best For You

April 8
Changing, Why You Should Consider Changing And What To Look For When Making A Change, Saving Money On Prescription Drugs Or How To Get Them Free

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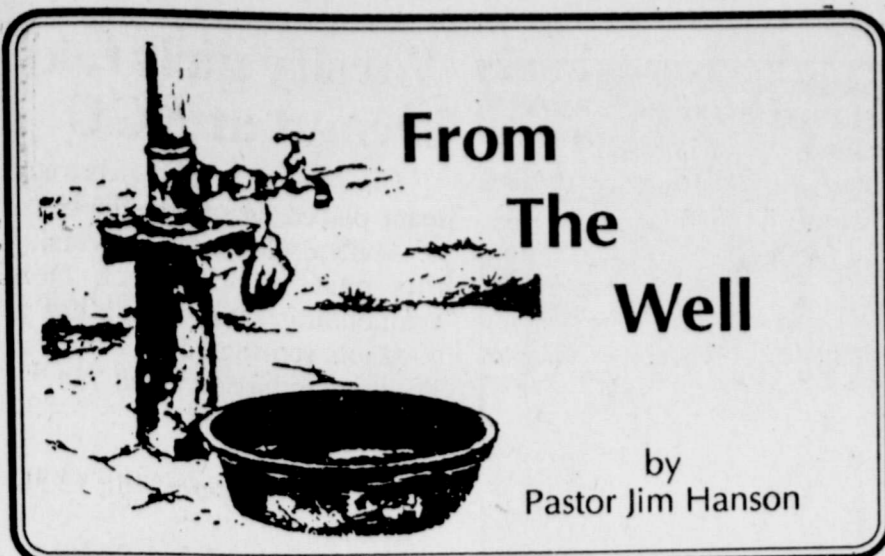
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From The Well

by
Pastor Jim Hanson

I remember the first time I heard it. I was a young pastor serving a large congregation, Zion Lutheran Church, in Glendive, Montana. They had recently built a beautiful, modern style church. Just being inside the sanctuary lifted you up. The highest point in the church was right over the altar.

It was right beneath that highest place that I heard it sung. Without accompaniment. The hymn "How Great Thou Art." The soloist was a stocky, medium tall middle-aged man with a big voice. He filled the room with these words:

"O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder consider all the worlds Thy hands have made, I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder, Thy power throuth the universe displayed! Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee; How great Thou art, how great Thou art"

I was so thrilled. That song went deep into my well, springing up praise and awe and adoration. Glory filled my soul.

Since that time it has been one of my favorites. I was overjoyed when our national church included it in our hymn book. Father John Hoorman had it sung at his funeral! Such a great song!

There's a story behind the song. It was written by a young Swedish pastor, Carl Boberg. As he was walking home one day, he was caught in a thunderstorm. The lightning was violent and awesome, and the thunder shook the earth. But, just as quickly as the storm came up, it ended. And, through the clouds came the clear brilliant sunshine. And with it, low on the horizon, a lovely rainbow appeared. As the rainbow faded with the setting of the sun, the calm, sweet singing of a thrush made melody in his ears. In the deepening dusk, the bell in the church tower began to toll, paying tribute to a parishioner whose funeral was held that day.

All of this awesome display of grandeur and grace moved Boberg to fall on his knees in praise and adoration. The Holy Spirit filled him and inspired him to write nine stanzas. It wasn't long before Swedish congregations began to sing his lines to one of their old folk tunes.

But, the story doesn't end there. The words and melody worked not only in Boberg's heart and mind. An English missionary, by the name of Stuart Hine, who originally worked in the Western Ukraine, gave us the inspiring English words as we know them today. Later, working in the vicinity of the Carpathian mountains, he was inspired to write what we know as the second stanza,

"When through the woods and forest glades I wander I hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees, when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur and hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze."

Hine then moved to Romania. One day he saw a peasant couple reading the Bible to villagers who began to weep as they heard the story of the Crucifixion of Jesus. And, verse three was born.

"And when I think that God, His Son not sparing, sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in - That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing, He bled and died to take away my sin."

In 1948, while Hine was working with World War II refugees in England, the first question they asked was, "When are we going home." It wasn't long before Hine was writing, inspired by this turn of events,

"When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in humble adoration and there proclaim, 'my God, how great Thou art!'"

What a wonderful song! What an inspiring story! No wonder our soul sings. It is truly music from and for...the soul. Praise God!



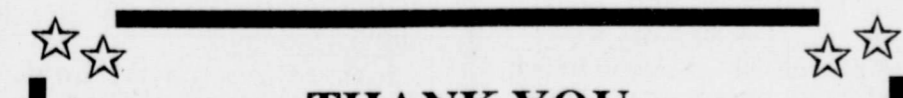
Town Criers

Christopher Allen Gerhart

Joe and Theresa Gerhart of Winters announce the arrival of their son, Christopher Allen, born Saturday, March 23, 1996, at 8:08 a.m. at Abilene Regional Medical Center. He weighed 7 pounds, 13 ounces and was 20-1/2 inches long.

Helping to welcome Christopher Allen home was his brother, Jordan, age 7.

Maternal grandmother is Eppie West of Sierra Blanca. Paternal grandparents are Milton and Naomi Gerhart.



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Senior Citizens Nursing Home Employee of the Quarter

Carolyn Belk has been named Employee of the Quarter at the Senior Citizens Nursing Home by the Family Group.

Mrs. Belk is a certified nurses aide, receiving her training in 1981. She had previously been employed at North Runnels Hospital.

Carolyn works quickly and with a friendly smile on her face.

She and her husband, Willie, reside in Winters and have five children and several grandchildren who also live in Winters. Carolyn's hobby is crocheting and, best of all, she likes taking care of older people.

The Family Group thanks Carolyn for the loving care she gives to the members.



CAROLYN BELK

Races develop in local elections

With March 20 as the deadline to file as a candidate in the city and school elections, races have developed for two positions.

Filing for City Council, Place 2, are Nelan Bahlman and Robert Thomas Cery. Running unopposed are Shirley Hall, Place 4, and Garry Goff, Place 5.

Filing as a Board Trustee for the Winters Independent School District, Place 5, are Barron Guy and Debbie Sudduth. Places 2 and

6 are uncontested by Jack Davis Jr. and Rodrick Bredemeyer, respectively. No declared write-ins will be allowed.

April 4 is the deadline to file for election as a Hospital Board member. Three positions are open on the hospital board. As of Monday afternoon, March 25, Tobin Burns was the only resident to file as a candidate.

The local elections will be conducted May 4.

"Toll-Free Calling" continued

Crews residents petitioned for ELC to Abilene, Ballinger, Coleman, and Lawn. Ballots were mailed to all customers within the Crews exchange. To pass, at least 70% of the subscribers who returned their ballots must have voted in favor of extended local calling on a per exchange basis. All locations of the Crews exchange failed.

Crews will, however, see one change in their calling service as of June 13. Residents will be able to call Bradshaw without any additional charge due to the Bradshaw petition passing to Crews.

Winters residents are reminded of the Winters to Ballinger phone calls made at no charge beginning March 28. Ballinger petitioned and passed extended service to Winters and San Angelo. As of today, GTE customers of the Winters exchange may call Ballinger without any additional fee by dialing 365 + the four-digit suffix.

In effect, all seven-digits must now be dialed in Winters to call another party of the Winters exchange. Dial 754 + the four-digit suffix to reach your party. You may no longer dial 4 + the four-digit suffix.

Winters has not filed for extended service to any location. To petition for ELC, locations must be within a 50-mile radius.

Implementation of this seven-digit service in all areas may require modification to some telecommunications equipment such as FAX machines, speed calling, PABXs, key system, automatic dialers, and other equipment that may restrict or automatically dial long distance numbers.

If you have problems, need instructions, and have exhausted all sources, please contact your telephone company.

Gallery looking for local artists

Local artist, Larita Billups is expanding her gallery to include other artist's work. She is currently looking for professional artist's interested in marketing their work through the gallery.

Ms. Billups opened her studio in January of 1995. She is a pencil artist specializing in portraits and wildlife. Prints and originals of her work are available at her studio in Abilene.

Ms. Billups is currently selecting the artwork to be displayed and is looking for a variety of mediums to include black and white, color, pottery and bronzes.

Interested artist's should send photos of three pieces to: Billups Art Studio, 242 B Sycamore, Abilene, TX. 79602.

So, how'd you break your arm?

Editor's note: The following story was taken from The Devil's River News with the note that even if you aren't a skier, you'll be able to appreciate the humor of the ski slopes as written in the following account.

A friend just got back from a holiday ski trip to Utah with the kind of story that warms the cockles of anybody's heart. Conditions were perfect. Twelve below, no feeling in the toes, basic numbness all over, "tell me when we're having fun" kind of day.

One of the women in the group complained to her husband that she was in dire need of a restroom. He told her not to worry, that he was sure there was relief waiting at the top of the lift in the form of a powder room for female skiers in distress. He was wrong, of course, and the pain did not go away.

If you've ever had nature hit its panic button in you, then you know that a temperature of 12 below doesn't help matters. So, with time running out, the woman weighed her options.

Her husband, picking up on the intensity of the pain, suggested that since she was wearing an all-white ski outfit, she should go off in the woods. No one would even notice, he assured her. The white would provide more than adequate camouflage. So she headed for the tree line, began disrobing and proceeded to do her thing.

If you've ever parked on the side of a slope, then you know there is a right way and a wrong way to set up your skis so you don't move.

Yup, you got it. She had them positioned the wrong way.

Steep slopes are not forgiving, even during embarrassing moments. Without warning, the woman found herself skiing backward, out of control, racing through the trees, somehow missing all of them, and into another slope. Her derriere and the reverse were still bare, her pants down around her knees, and she was picking up speed all the while.

She continued on backwards, totally out of control, creating an unusual vista for all the other skiers.

The woman skied, if you define that verb loosely, back under the lift and finally collided violently with a pylon. The bad news

was that she broke her arm and was unable to pull up her ski pants. At long last her husband arrived, put an end to her nudie show, then went to the base of the mountain and summoned the ski patrol, who transported her to a hospital.

In the emergency room she was regrouping when a man with an obviously broken leg was put in the bed next to hers.

"So, how'd you break your leg?" she asked, making small talk.

"It was the damdest thing you ever saw," he said. "I was riding up this ski lift, and suddenly I couldn't believe my eyes. There was this crazy woman skiing backward out of control down the mountain with her bare bottom hanging out of her clothes and pants down around her knees."

"I leaned over to get a better look and I guess I didn't realize how far I'd moved. I fell out of the lift. So, how'd you break your arm?"

Card of Thanks

We would like to thank all our friends that have been so kind to our mother, Rosa Everett.

Thank you to all the staff at the Senior Citizen Nursing Home and the North Runnels Hospital. Thank you to Dr. Biddix and his staff.

She especially appreciated the Wingate Baptist Church, who took her in and made her feel welcome. You helped her through a very difficult year of her life. We love you.

Gilbert and Orita Smith
Lynn Ramsey

Easter egg hunt

The Family Group of Senior Citizens Nursing Home will sponsor an Easter party the morning of Saturday, April 6.

An egg hunt will be held outdoors, weather permitting.

Family members are encouraged to attend. Children are welcome.



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CAFETERIA MENU

April 1 - April 5
Subject to change

- Breakfast**
Monday-April 1
Muffins
Oatmeal
Cereal
Apple Juice
Tuesday-April 2
Cheese Toast
Cereal
Orange Juice
Wednesday-April 3
Breakfast Pizza
Cereal
Toast
Apple Juice
Thursday-April 4
Toast & Jelly
Cream of Wheat
Cereal
Orange Juice
Friday-April 5
Easter Holiday

- Lunch**
Monday-April 1
Pizza
Buttered Corn
Tossed Salad
Banana Pudding
Tuesday-April 2
Tacos
Taco Salad
Pinto Beans
Apple Sauce
Cinnamon Roll
Wednesday-April 3
Frito Pie
Tossed Salad
Cornbread
Peaches
Thursday-April 4
Sliced Turkey w/Gravy
California Vegetables
Hot Roll
Pineapple Jello
Friday-April 5
Easter Holiday

All meals served with milk

Team: Junior Varsity Boys
Coach: Ed Henley
Date & place of game:
March 22, 1996—Winters
Opponent: Eula
Winning pitcher: Justin Minzenmayer
Losing pitcher: Gray
Key plays: HR Minzenmayer
2B Conner, Vasquez, Tekell

	Runs	Hits	Errors
WINTERS	12	7	0
OPONENT	1	1	4

Coach's comments: Justin Minzenmayer pitched 4 1/3 strong innings, getting 7 strikeouts, and allowing only 1 hit. Eddie Rodriguez did a fine job finishing the off, getting a ground out and a strikeout. Minzenmayer also had a good day at the plate (2 for 3), 5 RBIs including a 2-run homer in the 1st inning.

Team: Junior Varsity Boys
Coach: Ed Henley
Date & place of game:
March 18, 1996—Coleman
Opponent: Coleman
Winning pitcher: Abe Vasquez
Save: Jeremy Alvarado
Losing pitcher: Craig
Key plays: 3B Conner

	Runs	Hits	Errors
WINTERS	7	6	3
OPONENT	5	3	2

Coach's comments: Michael Pritchard pitched well for 4 1/3 innings. Abe Vasquez pitched the next 2 innings. Jeremy Alvarado pitched the last 2/3 inning for saves. Good overall team play, few errors, good offensive execution. Abe Vasquez was 2 for 2, and 2 runs scored.



1996 LADY BLIZZARDS VARSITY TRACK MEMBERS are (front row, l to r) Misty Pritchard, Alison Wells, Tarra Burns, Amanda Cross, Tammy Thorpe, Desiree Mathis, Debbie Baize, (middle) Jamie Bishop, Esmerelda Sanchez, Cristin Corley, Heather Watkins, Monica Parramore, Angelina Rodriguez, Sonya Vega, Erika Vega, (back) Jeanna Kozelsky, Karen Oats, Janet Guy, Janabeth Bryan, Kourtney Cathey, Noemi Vega, and Brooke Tounget.

Boys endure windy conditions and end up #1 at Roscoe

The Varsity and Jr. Varsity boys ran at the Roscoe meet last week. "Considering the weather conditions, we ran well," said coach Butts. And he also commented that the J.V. is improving. "They are hard working young men and I am very proud of them."

Team Totals
1. Winters 119
2. Roscoe 110
3. Stanton 94

- Varsity Boys**
200 M Dash
Eric Bernal, 2nd, 23.03
400 M Dash
Jonathan Gann, 2nd, 53.24
800 M Run
Jonathan Cobb, 6th, 2:16.69
1600 M Run
Raul Marrero, 1st, 5:06.12
3200 M Run
Raul Marrero, 1st, 11:16.25
Joe Luevano, 3rd, 11:38.87
110 M High Hurdles
Mark Deike, 1st, 14.76
300 M Inter. Hurdles
Mark Deike, 1st, 42.7
400 M Relay
Jace Wade, Jonathan Gann, Kevin Conner, Eric Bernal, 6th, 46.80

Student holidays April 5 & April 12

Classes of Winters Independent School District will not meet Friday, April 5, and Friday, April 12. April 5 has been classified as an Easter holiday. April 12 is reserved for UIL athletics.

The WISD official school calendar designated April 8 as a student holiday or bad weather make-up day. Classes will resume Monday, April 8, at the regularly scheduled time to make up the day missed on February 2.

- 1600 M Relay
Eric Bernal, Jonathan Gann, Jace Wade, Mark Deike, 1st, 3:38.42
High Jump
Mark Deike, 5th, 5'10"
Shot Put
Presiliano Sanchez, 2nd, 47' 1/2"
Kevin Conner, 3rd, 46' 11 3/4"
Michael Prewit, 4th, 45' 3 1/4"
Discus
Kevin Conner, 2nd, 143' 7"
Presiliano Sanchez, 5th, 137' 2"

- Jr. Varsity Boys**
100 M Dash
Bear Nitsch, 5th, 12.06
400 M Dash
Lee Woffenden, 1st, 58.25
800 M Run
Felix Portillo, 4th, 2:28.59
1600 M Run
Felix Portillo, 1st, 5:33.54
High Jump
Lee Woffenden, 4th, 5' 0"
Shot Put
Bear Nitsch, 2nd, 38' 8 1/2"
Kenny Whittenburg, 4th, 37' 2 1/2"
Discus
Kenny Whittenburg, 1st, 120' 1"
Bear Nitsch, 5th, 98' 7"

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.

Students of the Month

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

Kirk Byrd, 14, is "Boy of the Month" for March. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. Robin Byrd.

Kirk is in the eighth grade where his favorite subjects are athletics and history. He is on the A-B Honor Roll.

He enjoys playing sports and lifting weights. To pass the time, Kirk watches TV and runs around with his friends.

His duties include mowing the yard and keeping it clean, helping with the housework, and keeping Mom happy.

The people Kirk admires most are his parents. He plans to attend college, but at this time is undecided on a career.

Holly Woffenden, 13, has been chosen as the "Girl of the Month" for March. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rene Woffenden.

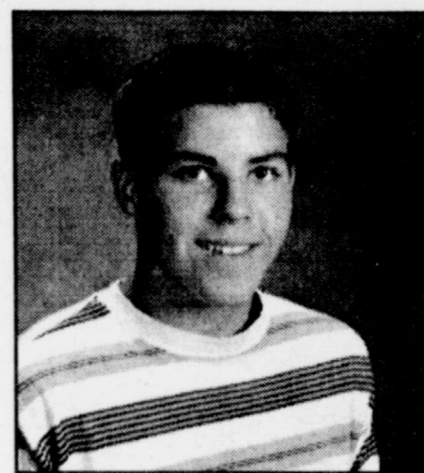
Holly is in the seventh grade and enjoys math and science.

She is honored to have received awards for Perfect Attendance at school.

Holly enjoys playing the clarinet, talking on the phone, and reading.

Her duties include helping clean the house and watching her little sister.

She plans to attend college and pursue a law degree. Holly most admires her parents.



Kirk Byrd
Boy of the Month



Holly Woffenden
Girl of the Month

Varsity girls take second at ACU

The Winters varsity girls track team placed second in the meet at Abilene Christian University this past week. Coach Deb Whittenburg says, "They did a good job, scoring 127 1/2 points. The winner, Nocona, had 134."

- Scoring included:
100 M
Monica Parramore, 4th, 13.56
200 M
Misty Pritchard, 3rd, 26.98
Karen Oats, 4th, 27.0
400 M
Tarra Burns, 1st, 68.15
Debbie Baize, 5th, 70.0
800 M
Erika Vega, 2nd, 2:35.91
Janet Guy, 6th, 2:47.5
1600 M
Kourtney Cathey, 3rd, 6:24.67
Heather Watkins, 5th, 6:33.04
3200 M
Kourtney Cathey, 1st, 13:39
Esmeralda Sanchez, 5th, 14:48
100 M Hurdles
Cristin Corley, 2nd, 18.15
300 M Hurdles
Jeanna Kozelsky, 2nd, 53.46
Cristin Corley, 5th, 54.90
400 M Relay
Jamie Bishop, Tammy Thorpe, Amanda Cross, & Debbie Baize, 4th, 57.26
800 M Relay
Jeanna Kozelsky, Misty Pritchard, Monica Parramore, & Karen Oats, 2nd, 1:54.86
1600 M Relay
Jeanna Kozelsky, Monica Parramore, Misty Pritchard, & Karen Oats, 2nd, 4:36.62
Triple Jump
Jeanna Kozelsky, 1st, 34'3-1/2"
Discus
Janabeth Bryan, 4th, 86'
Shot Put
Karen Oats, tie 6th, 25'7-1/2"

7th boys take third at Jim Ned

Winters 7th grade boys placed third with 98 points in the Jim Ned Track Invitational on March 22. Seven teams entered the competition including Winters, Albany, Ballinger, Coleman, Eula, Abilene Christian, and Jim Ned. Coleman and Ballinger were awarded first and second places, respectively.

Individual statistics for Winters were:

- High Jump
Colby Walker, 2nd
Aaron Pritchard, 3rd
Triple Jump
Colby Walker, 2nd
Aaron Pritchard, 3rd
Josh Minzenmayer, 4th
Pole Vault
Aaron Pritchard, 3rd
Shot Put
Josh Minzenmayer, 2nd
Discus
Josh Minzenmayer, 1st
2400 M Run
Ezekiel Martinez, 6th
800 M Run
Tony Aguiro, 4th
400 M Run
Aaron Pritchard, 5th
110 M Hurdles
Chris Yanez, 1st
Louis Llanas, 5th
300 M Hurdles
Josh Minzenmayer, 3rd
400 M Relay
Josh Minzenmayer, Louis Llanas, Colby Walker, and Tony Aguiro, 5th
1600 M Relay
Louis Llanas, Aaron Pritchard, Tony Aguiro, and Andrew Medina, 3rd

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

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Agriculture News/Updates
6:00-6:29 a.m.
12:30-12:55 p.m.

UPCOMING TRACK MEETS
March 29-30—San Angelo Relays, HSB
March 29—Bangs JHB, JHG
March 30—Wall HSG
April 4—Jim Ned HSB, HSG
April 4—Stanton* JHB, JHG
HSB—High School Boys
HSG—High School Girls
JHB—Junior High Boys
JHG—Junior High Girls
*Denotes District Competition

Play Ball '96

March 29—Early, There, 4:30 p.m., VB
March 30—Eula*, Here, 4:30 p.m., VG
March 30—Abilene Frosh, Here, Noon, JVB
April 1—Anson*, Here, 4:30 p.m., VG
April 1—Early, Here, 5:00 p.m., JVB
April 2—Eldorado, Here, 4:30 p.m., VB
April 4—Jim Ned*, Here, 4:30 p.m., VG
VB—Varsity Boys VG—Varsity Girls
JVB—Junior Varsity Boys
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TRAVELING AROUND THE WORLD IN FRIENDSHIP, all Girl Scouts enjoyed an adventurous day Sunday, March 24, learning arts, crafts, and trades of various countries. Far left, from left to right, Leader Chris Parramore, Volunteer Debbie Dexter, and Leader Linda Jones teach the art of German quilting to Paige Geistmann, far right, and Becca Morrison. Girls were issued passports, prepared suitcases (brown bags), and took off for Brazil, Germany, Japan, Kenya, Mexico, and Thailand. Souvenirs made by each girl from each country were packed into their suitcases as a remembrance of their trip and day of fun.

Writer's Block

contributed by Winters school students

An expression of track

By DARCI LINDSEY, 8th grade student

One school sport I thoroughly enjoy is track. Track is great because you have so many opportunities and things to do. Making new friends, competing, eating out, winning as a team or individual, seeing different sights, and talking with your friends are just some of the things you do going to, staying at, and coming from track meets.

You're waiting for coach to arrive to take your team on its way and your stomach is already churning as if someone was using your body as a butter churn. The chocolate covered donuts you indulged in, don't seem so tasty now. When Coach arrives with the bus, everyone herds in like a pack of wild horses. Pillows, blankets, lunch boxes, radios, and people shove themselves in seats, not mindful of the people next to them. On the way, radios blare country and rock, each fighting for supremacy, as we pass the bleak countryside. You and your seat partner chatter on the latest gossip. "Oh, did you hear what Jamie did?" or "You'll never guess what I just heard!"

When you arrive at your destination, everyone pushes and shoves their way out into the sunny, late afternoon. The powerfully built discus and shotputters get settled and dash off like broken-field runners to the throw pads. The jumpers begin to mark their steps on the sand pit. The rest lay under the cool, shady, sometimes rainy bleachers trying to get running in front of a million people off their mind. People from the other towns talk to you, so awkwardly you talk back. When they walk away, you think either, "I could beat her any day" or, "Coach will be pleased when I don't place." Then all of a sudden, it's your turn. First you stretch, then you peel off your warm, cozy jogging suit and feel the first icy tendrils of wind grab at your short sleeves and shorts. You shake excessively like one of those bumble balls, with fear, cold, and excite-

ment. Your heart beats like a drummer on steroids, and your hands are sopping with sweat and they feel like an ice cube. As you step in your lane, you look at the track, anxiety getting the better of you. A black snake, huge and looming before you, the track lays out before you. The signaler pops his gun, a crack of thunder in the balmy night air. The adrenaline rushes through you like a river rapid. For a moment or so, you feel like an eagle, winging through the realms of heaven with nothing on your mind except the staccato of footsteps behind you. As you race across the finish line, you feel great, except for the rasping in your throat, like someone with a major asthma attack. The audience roars and applauds you like some hero, hands thudding together like hoof beats in the mud.

The ride home is quiet and peaceful. Silent whispers are like leaves rustling in the wind. You slowly chew your warm hamburger and french fries, savoring the subtle taste. Your parents come to pick you up after you get to the school. You wearily gather your things and trudge down the steps as coach mumbles, "Good job." When you get home, you recall the day happily, but thank the high heavens it's over.

Those nights are the greatest, and my friends can't help but laugh as they remember coach singing disco. You learn a few things, try to keep in touch with the people you met, and when you look at what you've accomplished, you feel self-pride. All that is what makes track what it is. It's not just a bunch of people running in summer clothes in the middle of winter, it's people who want to achieve a goal and will go through rain or snow to get there, like mailmen on duty. You learn you can't achieve something worthwhile unless you are determined and willing to work hard, even if it means not eating those chocolate covered donuts for breakfast.

Rachel Edwards named to ARN All Big Country Class 2A Second Team

Rachel Edwards, 5'8" senior of the Lady Blizzards varsity basketball team, has been named by *The Abilene Reporter News* to the All Big Country Class 2A second team.

Rachel began playing varsity basketball her freshman year at Winters High School. She is the daughter of Murray and Kathi Edwards.

The Lady Blizzards are coached by Will Corley.

Memorabilia available through athletic boosters

Susan Conner called the March 21st Athletic Booster Club meeting to order in the field house of champions. A good number of members were present along with several Band Boosters. Discussion included four major topics. Two of the topics concerned memorabilia available to the public.

The Booster Club is offering two great mementos of the 1995 Varsity Football Quarterfinalist season, plaques and films. The Quarterfinalist plaques that display a team picture and record can be purchased from Susan Conner for \$15.00 (\$7.00 for varsity players).

The other memento that is now ready for orders is a highlight film of the fantastic football season. This film contains highlights from each varsity game in 1995 through the playoffs. Orders are being taken at the High School and by club members. These films are being offered for \$20.00 per copy.

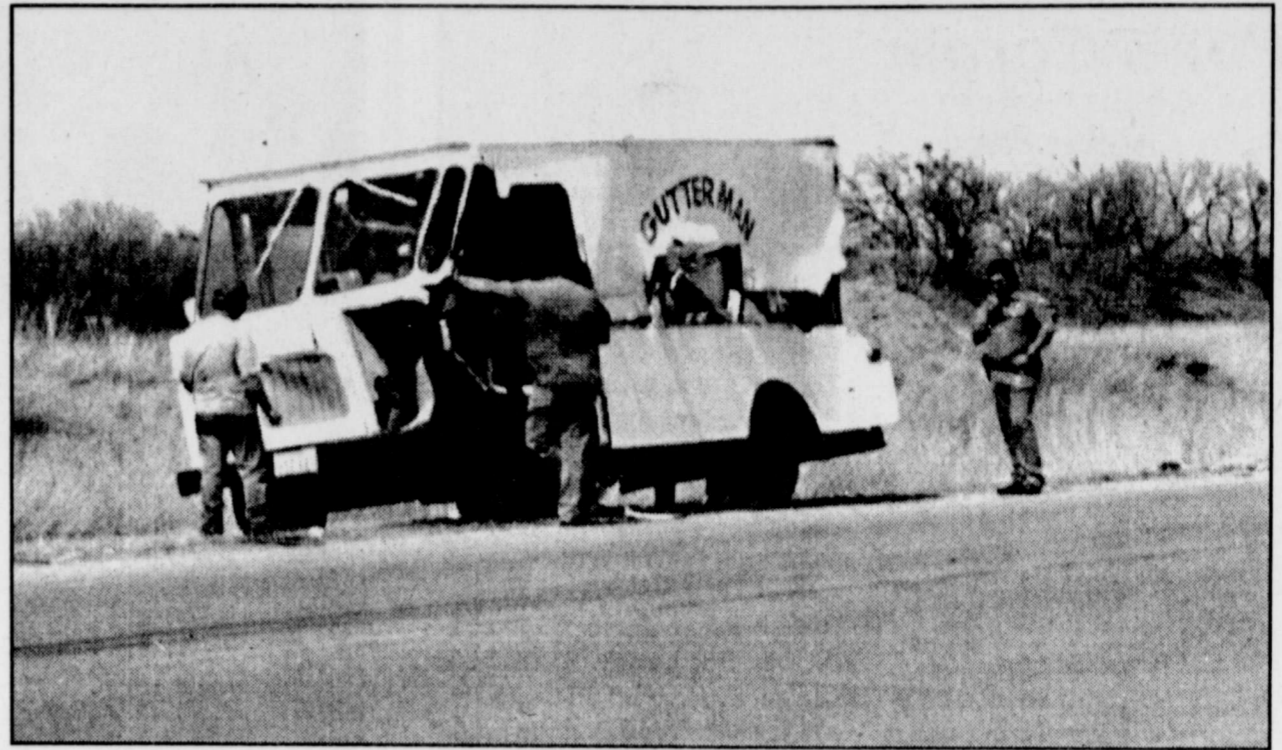
The last two topics of business were the location of the Athletic Banquet and the new concession stand. The banquet location is being finalized as well as plans and cost analysis for the concession stand.

The Athletic Booster Club encourages your support for the Spring sports. The Lady Blizzards and Blizzards are now showing super efforts in track, baseball, softball, tennis and golf. Cheer them on!

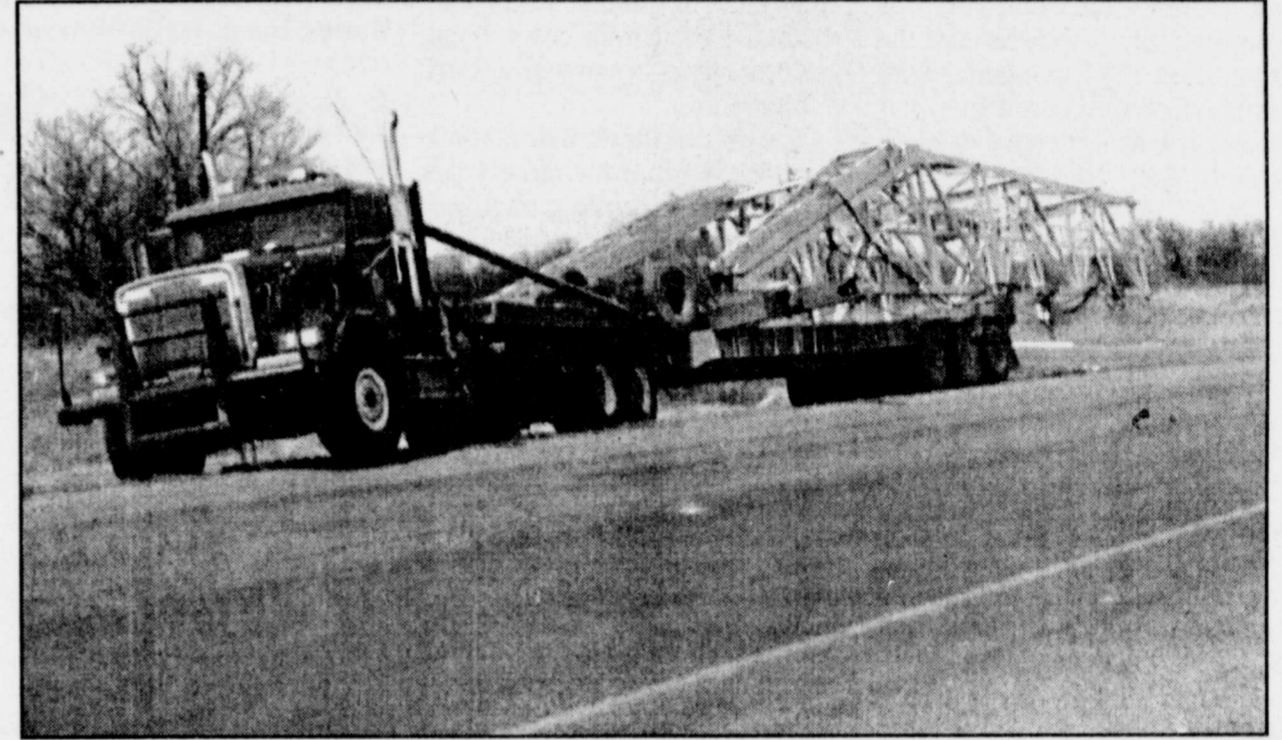
The club meets at the field house on the 3rd Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m. Please attend the April 18th meeting.

Methodist youth sponsor Christmas in April fundraiser

The youth of First United Methodist Church will have a Mexican luncheon this Sunday, March 31st, 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, slaw, dessert, and drink. A free-will donation will be taken to benefit "Christmas in April" and carry-outs will be available. Join the youth in supporting a worthwhile community project!



NO INJURIES occurred in this somewhat unique accident last Friday on Hwy. 83 just north of the Drasco road. A 1991 freightliner (shown below) owned by West Texas Drilling of Abilene was traveling south on U.S. 83 when it sideswiped a 1967 Ford van (shown above) owned by Hartman Roofing of San Angelo. The van had become disabled and was parked on the side of the road. The driver of the large freightliner apparently misjudged his wide load distance and clipped the side of the van causing extensive damage. No citations were issued.



Funds, volunteers, materials, and food much needed for Christmas in April

Christmas in April North Runnels Inc. is asking for assistance in order to make the CIA work day on Saturday, April 20, a success. Plans are underway to improve twelve (12) homes and much is still to do.

Donations of volunteers, money, materials, and food are much needed, with special emphasis on money to support this project.

To help with fundraising, the local chapter is selling cooked briskets at \$20 each. To place an order, contact Janet Cason at 754-5205. Christmas in April t-shirts are also available in small, me-

dium, and large for \$10, and in extra-large and extra-extra large for \$12 at the Hair Post at 406 N. Main. Red or green caps are \$10 each.

Volunteers for services may contact Maggie Scates at 754-4940.

Babysitting will be provided for volunteers, but reservations are required. If you need someone to tend to your children while working for CIA, please contact Brenda Burton at 754-5439 or 754-4958 or Melanie Wade at 754-5025.

Anyone willing to contribute to this very worthwhile project is

asked to contact Melanie Wade at 754-4385 or 754-5025, Sue Spill at 754-4513 or 754-4847, or *The Winters Enterprise* at 754-4958.

Donations may be dropped off or mailed to The Hair Post, Attn: Melanie Wade, 406 N. Main, Winters, Texas 79567; First American Bank, Attn: Sue Spill, 302 S. Main, Winters, Texas 79567; or *The Winters Enterprise*, 104 N. Main, Winters, Texas 79567.

Christmas in April is a national organization whose purpose is to provide free home repairs to low income, elderly, or handicapped individuals.

Garza to provide sounds Saturday for Spring dance

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 12 midnight. Tickets will be \$4 at the door.

Everyone is invited to come and dance to country and old time rock 'n roll.

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

National poetry contest April 15

The National Library of Poetry has announced that \$24,000 in prizes will be awarded this year to over 250 poets in the North American Open Poetry Contest. The deadline for the contest is April 15. The contest is open to everyone and entry is FREE.

Any poet, whether previously published or not, can be a winner. Every poem entered also has a chance to be published in a deluxe, hardbound anthology.

To enter, send ONE original poem, any subject and any style, to The National Library of Poetry, 11419 Cronridge Dr., P.O. Box 704-1987, Owings Mills, MD 21117. The poem should be on more than 20 lines, and the poet's name and address should appear on the top of the page.

Entries must be postmarked by April 15. A new contest opens April 16. The National Library of Poetry, founded in 1982, is the largest poetry organization in the world.

Varsity tennis plays tough at C-City

After competing at the Santa Anna tennis tournament during spring break for a tune-up, the Winters boys' teams tied for third place at the Colorado City tournament on March 22.

Varsity doubles teams of Adam Cruz with Jonathan Cobb and Chip White with John Biddix played the top seeds in the semi-final rounds. White and Biddix lost to the #1 seed team from Forsan 2-6, 6-2, 6-2. Cobb and Cruz lost to the #2 seed team from Coahoma

6-4, 4-6, 6-6 (7-5 tie breaker).

Winters tennis coach Biff White said, "Our boys teams did well, placing third at Colorado City, out of 14 schools. The girls team played tough but ran into some very stiff competition and we all hope to do better at Forsan next week."

The girls' teams consist of doubles partners Marcie Pritchard with Karolen Biddix and Christy Calcote with Nicole Cross, and Heather Watkins (singles).

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Poe's Corner

by Charlsie Poe



Rain! Rain! Come again

Information for the first section was taken from a thesis, "A History of Runnels County," written by Houston Self for his degree from Texas Tech (1931). The second section came from a thesis by Glenn Smith for his degree from Trinity University, "History of Runnels County (from 1683-1960)".

When a drought comes everyone suffers. In this section of the country, rainfall is always uncertain. In 1906 the rainfall was 37.82 inches; in 1917 it was 10.61. But an average for Runnels County is about 25 inches.

The first severe drought of which there is an account was in 1864— However, the old settlers who were in the county at this time, and who lived through the drought of 1886 compared it to the one of '84. According to their reports it was the worst drought prior to 1886.

The drought of 1886 was a landmark in the history of west Texas. It has not been uncommon for old settlers to refer to events taking place "before or after the drought." It was a giant calamity, as disastrous for west Texas as was the Civil War with all its privations.

In 1909, the drought of '86 was still a topic of conversation. In 1885-86 a drought caused a famine in this country, people were compelled to call for help, and cattle died by the hundreds.

A large number of newcomers had settled here in those two years and their condition became acute before 1887. Some people came early in the spring of '87 and never unloaded their wagons. One man who lived at Old Runnels and was a native Texan, moved his family to Tennessee.

Beginning in August of 1917, just slightly over six inches of rain fell for the next twelve months. By the end of summer in 1918 everyone in the county was in desperate condition.

Bankers had loaned all the money they could, and stores had been carrying some farmers on credit for nearly three years.

A mass meeting in August

appointed a Drought Relief Committee which published a report in *The Ballinger Ledger* on August 30, 1918. Merchants and bankers could no longer bear the burden and a resolution was presented to the government for help and the following facts listed:

First, that our crop yields have been gradually reduced for the past three years. In 1916 one-fourth. In 1917 one-half. In 1918 a complete failure, except a small irrigated farm area.

Second, that our county has lost 50 percent of its population and 90 percent of its livestock.

Third, that our people are so pressed financially that they are sacrificing everything on the farm and ranch for mere sustenance including their milk cows, hogs, and other livestock as well as farm implements.

Fourth, that the rainfall has been less than normal for three years and for the year ending now, less than five inches.

Fifth, that the only collateral now being offered is Moral Risk, there being nothing on which to base credit that is readily convertible.

Then just as it seemed that no one could exist in the dehydrated land any longer, the rain began to fall. In October of 1918 slow drenching rains added up to four inches, and over five and a half more inches of moisture fell during the remaining two months of the year. The worst drought in the recorded history of Runnels County was over. (And World War I ended.)

Good rains throughout 1919 sent cotton production back up to 47,245 bales and the renewed prosperity brought people pouring back into the county.

Late in October, a train composed of nine coaches "loaded to the guard rails" pulled into Ballinger from Brownwood and "people piled off in great numbers." Cotton prices soared to over 40 cents per pound and farmers began recouping their losses from the intense drought just past.

Cheer Up! Put on a happy face—it will rain again. It always has.



PRESENTING EASTER FAVORS during the Senior Citizens Nursing Home March birthday party were (back, left to right) Noma Eoff, Leona Chapmond, Eula Mae Kruse, Whitney Amburn, Billie Ruth Bishop, Matthew Tucker, Billie Middlebrook, (front) Jennifer Brewer, Abby Guy, Amanda Brewer, Jennifer Yates, Kelsea Garcia, Allison Yates, Julie England, Tori Reyna, and Julie Reyna. Not pictured was Kolton Garcia. Members of the Winters Literary and Service Club hosted the party. Children of Pat Fenter's Day Care presented the program.

Literary & Service Club hosts Senior Citizens birthday party

Children of Pat Fenter's Day Care provide program

The Winters Literary and Service Club hosted the March birthday party for residents of the Senior Citizens Nursing Home on Thursday, March 21, at 3 p.m. Children of Pat Fenter's Day Care sang several songs and helped with serving. Hostesses were Eula Mae Kruse, Billie Middlebrook, and Noma Eoff.

Residents also received Easter favors, made by Pat's grandchildren Whitney Amburn of Crowley and Reece and Lindsay Springer of Fort Worth who were visiting during Spring break.

At 5:30 p.m., a covered dish meal and business meeting was held at First State Bank. Theresa Patterson presided, Sue Prewit led the collection, Brenda Burton led the flag pledges, and Emily

Pendergrass read the minutes.

The "Ten Commandments For a Friendly Club" was read by members. "Happy Birthday" was sang to Lela Thormeyer, who is 86-years-young. Doris Prewit wished a "Happy Anniversary" for 50 years of marriage.

A donation was made to Christmas in April. Mayfest and the District Spring Convention were discussed.

Members present were Noma Eoff, Theresa Patterson, Sue Prewit, Doris Prewit, Jo Olive Hancock, Billie Middlebrook, Emily Pendergrass, Lela Thormeyer, Eula Mae Kruse, Brenda Burton, and Pat Fenter.

The next meeting is scheduled for April 18th at 5:30 p.m. in the home of Emily Pendergrass.

Stenholm to hold town hall meeting in Winters 4/3/96

Congressman Chas. Stenholm (D-Stamford) will hold a town hall meeting in Winters on Wednesday, April 3, from 9:30 to 10:45 a.m. at the Chamber of Commerce office.

The purpose of the town hall meeting will be to offer a Washington update and to address concerns and questions raised by the residents of the 17th District.

Stenholm will open the meeting with a brief statement, to be followed by a question and answer period.

The meeting is open to the public, and everyone is invited and encouraged to attend.



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Sunrise services, sponsored by First United Methodist Church, will be at 6:55 a.m. Easter morning, Sunday, April 7, at the Winters Country Club.

Attendees are encouraged to wear something comfortable and warm and to bring chairs or blankets to sit on.

Coffee and donuts will be served immediately following services.

O.E.S. will hold bake sale April 5

Winters O.E.S. Chapter #80 will have a bake sale Friday, April 5, beginning at 8:30 a.m. at the Winters Lawrence Bros. IGA grocery store.

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If Mother Nature doesn't provide enough moisture for your lawn, you should help. Grass plants have to take in almost all of their nutrients dissolved in water. Without enough water in the soil, a lawn can't get the nutrients it needs for food production, growth, strength, and reproduction—making it susceptible to disease and insects. The soil is generally moist enough in spring and doesn't need water. Toward the end of spring and throughout the summer, the sun's searing heat will dry out your lawn unless you give it regular attention.

Your lawn needs at least one inch of water a week. Use a rain gauge to monitor rainfall. Use sprinklers to supplement the amount of rain your lawn receives—placing sprinklers evenly around your yard. It's also a good idea to measure the amount of time it takes for your lawn to receive the needed amount of water by placing plastic containers around the lawn with a one-inch mark. If you do this once, you'll know how long to water every time.

When you water, water deeply. If possible, water in the morning. Grass blades left wet overnight are susceptible to disease and

fungus.

Even if you monitor the amount of water your lawn receives, watch your lawn for signs of thirst. Sandy soils need more water while rich organic soils generally need less. Evaporation, heat, length of grass blade, shade, and wind all affect your lawn's watering needs.

If your grass blades begin to curl or turn bluish-green, your lawn needs to be watered. Another sign that it's time to water is when you walk across the lawn and can look back and see your footprints.

If you're having a long dry spell, either water regularly or don't water at all. If you don't water, your lawn will go dormant—you can bring it back to life when the drought is over. If you decide to water, be sure you water regularly and deeply. The worst thing you can do is tease your lawn with little bits of water now and then.

If you live in an area where water conservation is requested or enforced during a drought, you simply have to do the best you can and hope your lawn survives the stress. Be responsible. Water only when you're lawn needs it, and follow water regulations in your area.

... and keep singing! I know I will... "Rain, rain, may come and go... but I prefer the rain to snow!"

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- TX A&M was once an all- school
- TXism: "best I ever wrapped around"
- UH's Hayes nickname: "The ..."
- Hereford: "Town without a tooth"
- TXism: "...picker"
- TXism: "if ... any better I couldn't stand it"
- W of Houston off I-10
- Texarkana FM radio
- TX lake fish
- TXism: "bit off more than ... could chew"
- TXism: "couldn't find hide of him"
- TX town in "The Texas Wheelers"
- Wahachie is its seat (2 wds.)
- more wicked
- Dallas' ... Field
- EDS on the NYSE
- TX Tommy Lee's "The ... Song"
- Cowboy Haley QB tackles
- hit of TX Bobby Fuller Four: "Fought ..."
- "Love Bug" is one
- Edinburg FM radio
- TXism: "... blazes a wide trail" (big)
- TXism: "plum riled"
- Louisiana is on the ... border
- TXism: "fat ... a boardinghouse cat"
- Mexican "yeg"
- Tom & Huck creator
- Eastwood's ...
- World was filmed in TX
- TXism: "stretch your lips"
- "... true?"
- Gov. W. ... O'Daniel
- Jimmy Johnson coached in Dallas for five of these (abbr.)
- partly in SE Kaufman Co.
- destructive '83 TX hurricane
- San Antonio event: "... Loop"
- to Texans, a sword
- a Rockets first-rounder Alex (init.)
- TXism: "... summer squash"
- Allen, TX's "Barney" gives lots of these
- TX Elder who was the 1st black golfer in the Masters (init.)
- Ewing ... is in Dallas
- early western actor Tom from El Paso
- Gib Lewis was born in ... TX
- in Jefferson Co.: Port
- former Dallas mayor Bartlett (init.)
- TXism: "... and by" (heaven)
- Glen Campbell was a TX cowboy in "Grit"
- author Tinkle of "13 Days to Glory"
- TX Lefty Frizzell's "If You've Got the Money, ... Got the Time"
- TX Trini (init.)
- TX Lyle Lovett tune: "Here ..."
- TXism: "he's too lazy to ..."
- TXism for relatives one about to graduate (abbr.)
- servings of TX Blue Bell products
- TXism: "... and by" (heaven)
- TXism: "... toe"
- "If You've Got the Money, ... Got the Time"
- TXism: "dew chaser" (early ...)

Solutions for this puzzle appear in this issue.

Crews News

by Hilda Kurtz



OVERALL TOP SELLERS of Girl Scout cookies are (left to right) Jessica Meyer, selling 338 boxes; Deena Drake, 251 boxes; and Christina Perrie, 189 boxes.

Girl Scouts are super sellers!

Girl Scout cookie sales for 1996 increased 22.33% as compared to last year. For 1995, 2,472 boxes were sold. A total of 3,024 boxes were purchased this year by generous residents of Winters and the surrounding communities. All participating Girl Scouts should be commended for their efforts.

Overall top sellers were Jessica Meyer, 338 boxes; Deena Drake, 251 boxes; and Christina Perrie, 189 boxes.

Leading troop sales with 1,272 boxes was Brownie Troop #163, instructed by Debbie Sudduth and Shelia Paschal. Members are Deena Drake, Crystal Grenwelge, Della Jackson, Laura Jackson, Carolyn Marshall, Marci Paschal, Christina Perrie, Amanda Ripple, Alecia Sudduth, and Kaylee Walker.

In second place was Brownie Troop 180, selling 720 boxes. Members are Amanda Blackshear, Lucia Chavez, Raysha Garcia, Paige Geistmann, Jessica Hamilton, Becca Morrison, Elizabeth Sartor, Amber Toten, and Priscilla Vara. Troop leaders are Becky Sartor and Amy Lujano.

The third place team, Junior Girl Scout Troop #179, sold 480

boxes. Members are Kayla Calcote, Suzanne Jones, Minnie Joe Kraatz, Briana Parramore, Tanya Price, Raquel Rios, Rebekah Sartor, Maegan Schwartz, and Kari Walker. Leaders are Chris Parramore, Linda Jones, and Becky Sartor.

Fourth and fifth places, respectively, were earned by Junior Girl Scout Troop #162 (324 boxes) and Brownie Troop #160 (228 boxes).

Troop #162 consists of Dana Clough, Michelle Dexter, Leslye Geistmann, Cassandra Johnson, Heather Martin, Meagan Nitsch, Kimberly Sartor, and Robin Sherman. Leaders are Saam Geistmann and Ann DeBerry.

Members of Brownie Troop #160 are Amanda Brewer, Danielle Felty, Ashley Laird, Lindsey Summerlin, and Jennifer Yates. Angela Brewer and Deedra Yates offer instruction.

The Daisies division of Girl Scouting does not participate in cookie sales. As Daisies advance within the following years, they may look forward to the privilege of selling cookies, earning funds for future troop activities, and having fun — just as these girls did!

"Be careful." Your tongue is in a wet place and it might slip.

Visitors at Hopewell Church on Sunday were Karen, John, and Stefanie McGallian; Janice, Detrick, and Troy of Ohio. Evening services were cancelled so that one might attend the Heart of Texas 2000 evangelism rally at the First Baptist Church in Ballinger. Coleman, Brady, and Rannels churches were mentioned. Attending were Melvena and Marvin Gerhart, Nila and Therin Osborne, Mildred Morrison, Scott Gerhart, and Melissa Mints.

Ramona Akins, Mildred Morrison, Dee Faubion, Netha Kerby, Helen Alexander, and Nila Osborne attended the Bible study at Hopewell Church on Monday morning. Mildred was the leader. Ashley and Amanda Webb of El Paso visited with their father, Gene Webb, in Austin. Nancy Nelson of Coleman visited Carolyn Webb and Edith Everett Sunday and Monday.

My niece, Valerie, and Vernon Hallemon of Glenwood, New Mexico, and my sister, Mathilda Elkin of Cliff, New Mexico, came Wednesday. The Hallemons went on to Houston to attend the REA reunion while Mathilda visited relatives Truman Deike, Hilda, and others here.

Brad and Ruth Pape were in Abilene Friday to buy tires and to have work done on her car. Later they ate at China Garden.

Linda and Travis Ford of Rising Star visited Thursday with Georgia and Connie Gibbs. Rikene Davis of Talpa came Friday.

Doris Woods' weekend company consisted of Mr. and Mrs. Maloe Bryant, Robert and Douglas Bryant, all of Abilene; Bobbie, Larry, Wes, and Aaron Calcote of Winters; Doug Bryant and friend Michelle; and Jim Calcote and friend Lucy of Abilene.

Sam and Dee Faubion were in Lancaster Tuesday to see their grandson Sam Brown. On Friday, they had supper in Abilene with Paula and Rudy New and family.

Darrell, Sherry, and Keegan Kurtz honored Caitlyn and Camille with a party Sunday evening in recognition of their second birthday. Those helping to celebrate were five great-grandparents, Dovie McKnight, Emily Parks, Walter and Alvina Gerhart, and Hilda Kurtz; grandparents, R.C. and Mary Kurtz, Troy and Onita McKnight. Others who came were Randall and Janice Kurtz, Walter and Alvina Gerhart and family, Troyce McKnight and family, Hildegarde Asbury, and Kaylene Lincycumb. After refreshments, all enjoyed watching the girls unwrap their presents.

Visiting Pat and Earl Cooper during the week were Dodie Drake of Winters, Amanda and J.T. Cooper of Denver City. J.T. spent several days.

Audine and Roy McBeth attended the Mary Hardin Baylor University homecoming in Belton.

Dennis McBeth is thinning from cleaning out skunks and rattlesnakes. He got four skunks and one rattler again during the week.

On Tuesday, Margie Jacob and her family, including Cookie Van Zandt, Mike and Carol Kozelsky and Kathryn, Brenda Jacob, Jerry and Sharon Engler, Bryce Busenlehner, attended church services in San Angelo. Area priests and nuns were recognized with special honors by Pope John Paul. Among the eleven honorees receiving an award were Monsignor Benedict Zientek. Relatives from Brenham, Texas, also attended the ceremony: Mary and Mark Januszewski, John and Cindy Longhoffer, Msgr. Boli Zientek, Harry Mazurkiewicz, and Msgr. Benedict Mazurkiewicz. Afterwards all attended a reception in honor of those receiving awards.

On Sunday, Coleman Foreman ate out after church services and spent the evening with Lawan. Blue Alexander of Lubbock spent the weekend with Helen Alexander.

My visitors during the week were Mathilda Elkin of New Mexico, Ruth Pape, Truman Deike, R.C. and Mary Kurtz, and Caitlyn and Camille Kurtz.

Letter to the Editor

Quick response of fire departments sincerely praised

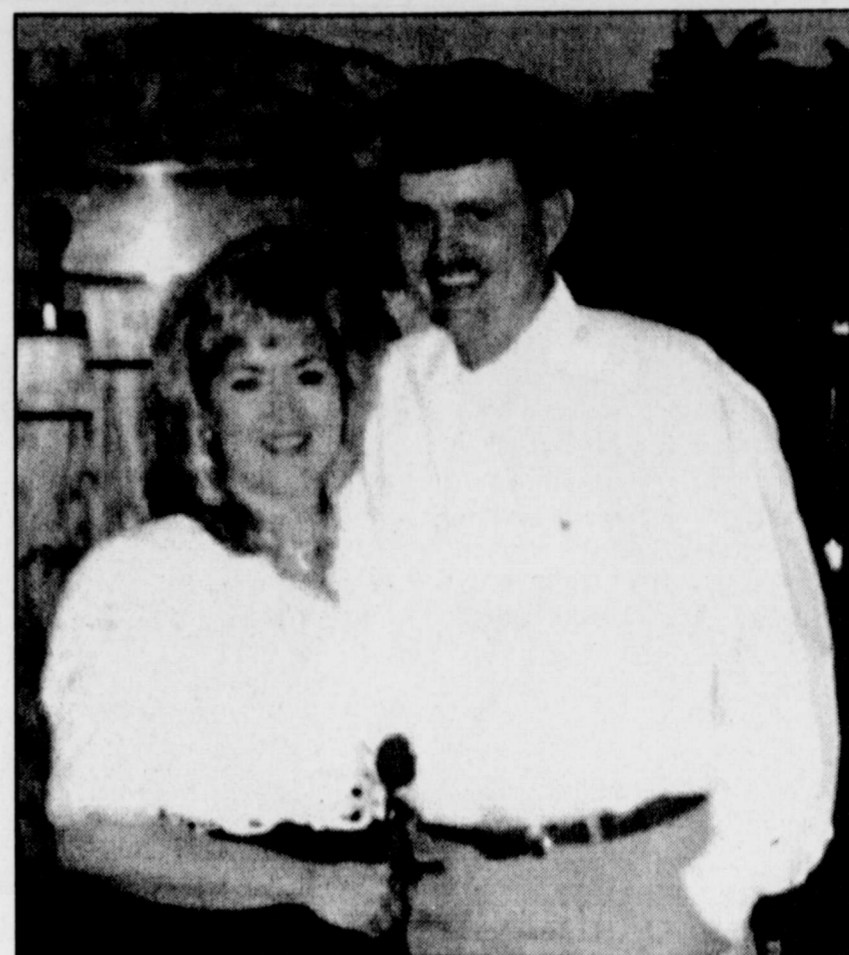
Thank you to the Winters and Lawn Fire Depts. for the efficient and expedient job Saturday night.

We had all the elements for a major fire — dried oaks and cedars, impassable canyon, and our house at the top and end of the canyon, and wind.

The fire departments arrived in less time than we expected, immediately descended on the fire, and the fire was out!

We appreciate Will Duggan. The fire was started by the vehicle in front of him. Will stopped and battled the fire, but the wind won. He came to the house and returned with us to fight the fire until the fire departments arrived.

Thank you to all that helped.
Connie and Walter Cleendenen



Mr. and Mrs. John David Walker

Walker, King united in marriage

John David Walker and Vannah Sue King were married February 9, 1996, at Nash, Oklahoma, with Reverend Bob Smith officiating. The groom's parents are Johnny and Ann Walker of Winters.

John is a sales representative for Western Feed Mills of Cedarvale, Kansas. Vannah is a physical therapist for Rehab Care Group in Enid, Oklahoma.

The newlyweds reside in Enid, Oklahoma.

Second Annual Ladies Night Out planned by Woman's Club

The Winters Woman's Club met Tuesday, March 19, in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Reeves and discussed the Second Annual Ladies Night Out.

Ladies Night Out, the club's Spring fundraiser, will be Thursday, April 25. Kay Colburn, Ways and Means Chairman, distributed tickets. Citizens are encouraged to purchase tickets from club members as no tickets will be sold at the door. Proceeds will be used for community projects.

In other business, President Marthiel Russell called for committee reports.

Members heard Scott Warren of Abilene's Garden Place present a most informative program on "Water Conservation Through Creative Landscaping." Mr. War-

ren has been a Texas certified nursery man since 1984 and a master nursery man since 1989.

Members present were Dolly Airhart, Pat Ambrose, Joyce Bahlman, Beth Briley, Virginia Brown, Cheryl Bryan, Margaret Burton, Betty Byrns, Kay Colburn, Edna England, Melvena Gerhart, Nina Hale, Lois Jones, Horte Joyce, Dorothea Laughon, Audine McBeth, Mary Ellen Moore, Ouida Nichols, Ceclia Reeves, Marthiel Russell, Pat Russell, Edna Ruth Self, Marelene Smith, Marsha Shoemaker, Lavera Tharp, Marlene Wood, Phyllis Boles, and Bobbie Ludwick. Angela Bryan was a guest.

Co-hostesses for the meeting were Margaret Burton, Virginia Brown, and Lois Jones.

Valerie Summerlin awarded child care credential



Valerie Summerlin of Winters has been awarded a Child Development Associate (CDA) Credential in recognition of outstanding work with young children. The credential was awarded by the Council for Early Childhood Professional Recognition in Washington, D.C., which represents the early childhood profession.

Ms. Summerlin is the instructor for the Winters Head Start program sponsored by Central Texas Opportunities, Inc.

CDA is the only major national effort to improve child care by evaluating and recognizing the skills of individuals providing care. The first credential was

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The CDA credential is having a positive effect on the quality of child care. Its impact is evident in center-based care as well as family child care, the most common form of care for children under 5 years old.

Child care staff and parents wanting information on CDA should write the Council for Early Childhood Professional Recognition at 1341 G Street NW, Suite 400, Washington, D.C. 20005-3105, or call (202) 265-9090 or 1 (800) 424-4310.

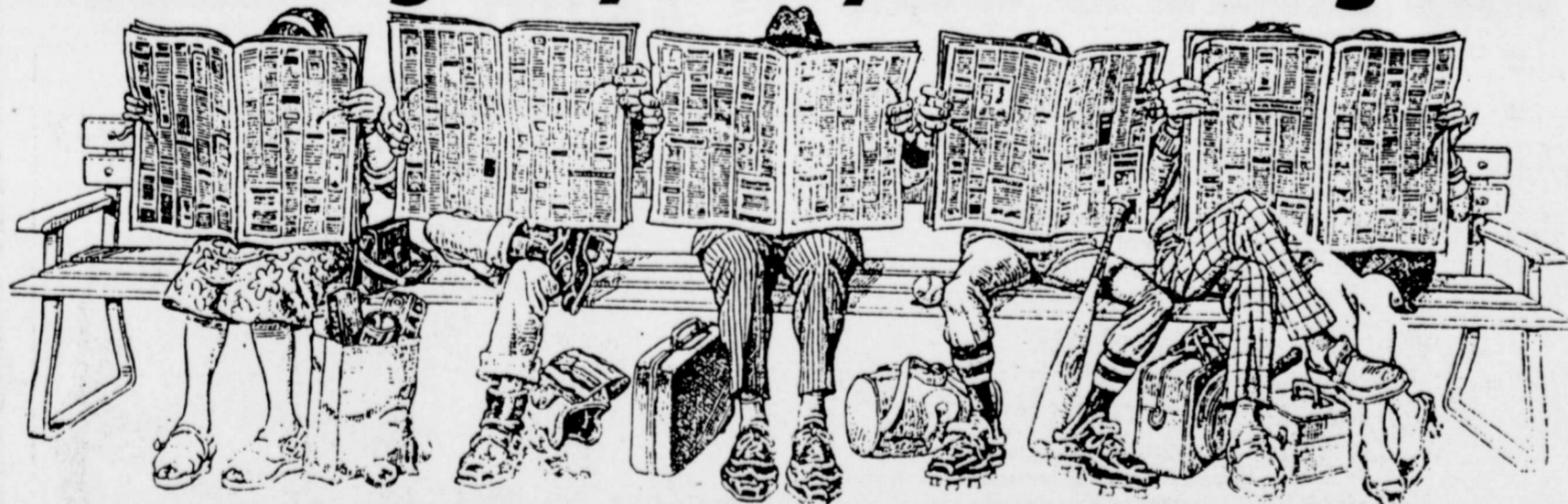
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Sunday, March 31
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KYLE LOUDERMILK (center) took first place in the calf scramble on March 9 at the San Angelo livestock show. Loudermilk will use his prize money toward the purchase of any animal of his choosing to show next year. Chanda Hoppe (left) and Amy Heathcott also caught calves during the scramble which involved 28 youngsters and 14 calves.

Runnels County 4-H members exhibit prize livestock at San Angelo Show

by CHAD COBURN, Runnels County ACEA-AG

The 1996 stock show season was recently concluded at the San Angelo Stock Show. Several Runnels County 4-H'ers exhibited livestock including meat goats, breeding sheep, market lambs, barrows, and steers.

In the Rambouillet Ewe Lamb Futurity, Chris Wilde placed 2nd place ewe lamb, Eric Wilde exhibited the 4th and 8th place ewe lambs, and Danielle Wilde placed her ewe lamb 5th.

In the Junior Rambouillet Breeding Sheep Show, Eric Wilde exhibited the 7th and 19th place ewe lambs. Danielle Wilde showed the 15th place ewe lamb.

In market lamb competition, Josh Minzenmayer made the premium sale by placing his heavy weight Finewool 7th.

In a tough and competitive barrow show, Mike McCoy placed his lightweight Duroc 10th. Also, Randy Schaefer exhibited the 7th place medium weight Duroc.

Chad Halfmann showed his Red Angus steer to a 7th place finish in the light weight British division. Also, Justin Hoelscher exhibited the 10th place light weight European Cross steer.

All Runnels County 4-H'ers did an excellent job showing their livestock at San Angelo and deserve to be congratulated.

Other 4-H'ers participating in the San Angelo Stock Show were:

Market Lambs

Jessica King

Jana Jackson
Cody Faubion
Courtney Faubion
Jana Vinson
Eric Wilde
Danielle Wilde
Chris Wilde
Doug Hohensee
Dusty Hohensee
Kaci Collins
Kari Collins
Tara Hohensee
Brandon Hohensee

Meat Goats

Stacy Halfmann
Shane Halfmann
Bryan Helm
Amy Schwertner

Barrows

Caci Smith
Cari Smith
Jana Jackson
John Heathcott
Robby Heathcott
Maegan Schwartz
Lori Bredemeyer
Leah Bredemeyer
Renee' Walden
Kaci Collins
Kari Collins
Amy Schwertner
Lea Schwertner

Steers

Aaron Hoelscher
Keri Hoelscher
Justin Wiley
Blake Wiley
Alisha Frey

Runnels County 4-H was well represented in the judging events

at the San Angelo Stock Show. The senior Wool and Mohair team comprised of James Andrae, Phoebe Harrell, and Shane Halfmann finished 3rd overall. The team was 2nd in wool evaluation and 3rd in mohair evaluation. James Andrae was the 4th high individual overall in the contest and Phoebe Harrell was 5th.

The Junior Wool and Mohair Team from Runnels County finished an impressive 5th. The team members were Stacy Halfmann, Kayla Niehues, Holly Englert, and Jennifer Englert.

In livestock judging competition, the Runnels County senior team finished in 8th place. Team members were Jodie Schwertner, Jana Jackson, and Cody Halfmann. Jodie Schwertner was the 8th high individual in cattle and the 10th high individual overall in the contest.

In the junior division, Runnels County 4-H'ers Jimmy Halfmann, Keri Hoelscher, Matthew Kalina, and Jacob Kalina comprised the 4th place team. Jimmy Halfmann was the 1st high individual in sheep, 5th high individual in cattle and the 10th high individual overall. Matthew Kalina and Keri Hoelscher were the 4th and 9th high individuals in beef cattle judging, respectively.

Wool and mohair judging team members and livestock judging team members deserve to be congratulated for a job well done.

Pirate® approved for beet armyworm control in cotton

American Cyanamid announced March 8 that the EPA has just granted Texas a Section 18 Emergency Exemption that allows the application of Pirate® insecticide-miticide for beet armyworm control in cotton. Discovered at the company's Agricultural Research Center in Princeton, New Jersey, the new product controls beet armyworms and other economically important insect and mite pests of cotton.

According to Dr. Guy Zummo, Senior Product Manager for Pirate®, Pirate® belongs to a new class of compounds known as pyrethroids. Because it offers a unique mode of action, it's effective as a pest management tool. Pirate® blocks the cell's energy production, causing the larvae to become sluggish, turn brown, and eventually die. Among the pests controlled by Pirate® insecticide-miticide are tobacco budworm, cotton bollworm, beet armyworm, soybean looper, and spider mites. Pirate® is easy on beneficials since

they do not ingest treated plant tissue.

By providing effective pest control at relatively low rates, Pirate® reduces the environmental load when compared to organophosphates and carbamates. Pirate® can also be tank mixed with organophosphates and carbamates, as well as with pyrethroids, to improve the performance of these products. Also, tank mixing and rotating compounds with different modes of action are effective resistance management practices.

Last year, as much as 80 percent of the cotton acreage in the Rio Grande Valley was lost, mostly due to beet armyworm damage. "Cyanamid is extremely pleased the Section 18 for Texas was granted so quickly," Zummo adds. "We hope the availability of Pirate® will help growers plan their pest-management program for the upcoming season." For additional information regarding the use of Pirate® insecticide-miticide, call 1-800-942-0500.

Rodeo Association to meet April 2

The Winters Rodeo Association will hold its annual meeting Tuesday, April 2, at 7:00 p.m. at the rodeo grounds. New directors will be elected.

Items to be discussed include rodeo ropings, pennings, and play days for yearlong activities.

If you have interest in any of these activities, you are urged to attend.



In 1994, there were an estimated 3,949,000 births in the U.S. This was the first time since 1989 that the total has fallen under four million.

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SESSION I	
8:20 a.m.	Opening Remarks
8:30	"Irrigation Timing and Frequency" Dr. Bill Lyle, Professor of Irrigation Engineering, Lubbock
9:00	"Soil Fertility Management During Hard Times" Dr. Mark McFarland, Assistant Professor & Soil Fertility Specialist, TAEX
9:30	"Latest Technology on Weed Control in Cotton" Dr. Paul Baumann, Associate Professor & Extension Weed Specialist, TAEX
10:00	Break - Sponsored by CIBA
SESSION II	
8:20 a.m.	Opening Remarks
8:30	"Managing Cotton Growth and Development" Kater Hake, Associate Professor & Extension Agronomist (Cotton), TAEX
9:00	"Use of Plant Growth Regulators" Mr. Charles Stichler, Associate Professor & Extension Agronomist, TAEX
9:30	"A Practical View of Bt Cotton Technology in Texas" Mrs. Stephanie Hake, Delta and Pine Land Company
10:00	Break - Sponsored by Zeneca
JOINT MORNING SESSION	
10:30	"Managing NuCom Varieties with the Bollgard Gene for Optimum Production" Mr. Marc Bates, Regional Agronomist, Delta and Pine Land
10:45	"Cotton Situation and Outlook" Dr. Jackie Smith, Professor and Extension Agronomist-Management, TAEX
11:15	"Introduce 'Pirate' Insecticide/Miticide" Mr. Mike Treacy/Mr. Kevin Forney, American Cyanamid
11:30	"Proper Use of Dimilin for BAW Control" Mr. David Peterson, Uniroyal Chemicals
11:45	"Control of Lepidopteran Insect Pests on Cotton Using Confirm" Mr. Anthony Duttie, Rohm and Haas Co.
12:00	Complimentary lunch catered by The Shed Courtesy of Rhone-Poulenc, American Cyanamid, Delta Pine and Land Company, Rohm and Haas, and Uniroyal Chemical
JOINT AFTERNOON SESSION	
1:00	"Beet Armyworm Outbreak of 1995 in Texas and Oklahoma" Mr. Rick Minzenmayer, Extension Agent-Entomology(PM), TAEX
1:20	"Environmental Conditions and Biological Control of BAW" Dr. John Ruberson, Research Entomologist, Department of Entomology, University of Georgia
1:40	"Management Strategies for BAW Control for 1996" Dr. Tom Fuchs, Professor and IPM Coordinator, TAEX
2:00	"Status of Crisis Exemption for Pirate/Confirm/Furadan and the Process" Mr. Mark Trostle, Director of Pesticide Registration Program, TDA
2:15	"Overwintered Leaf Litter Study (1996)" Mr. Rick Minzenmayer, Extension Agent-Entomology(PM), TAEX
2:35	"Boll Weevil Eradication Update" Mr. Randall Swartz, Zone Manager Boll Weevil Eradication Program
3:00	Break - Sponsored by FMC
3:30	"Life After Boll Weevil Eradication" Dr. John Ruberson, Research Entomologist, Department of Entomology, University of Georgia
3:50	"Boll Weevil Eradication From a Producers Perspective" Mr. R. L. Webster, Georgia Cotton Producer
4:10	Panel Discussion: Boll Weevil Eradication Dr. John Ruberson Mr. R.L. Webster Mr. Randall Schwartz Mr. Osama El-Lissy Mr. Frank Meyers
4:50	Wrap-Up (CEU forms turned in and certificates issued)
5:00	Closing

Social Security appoints first Inspector General

The Social Security Administration underscored the importance of guarding against fraud and abuse in its administration of the program by installing its first Inspector General. The Office of Inspector General was established by the law that made Social Security an independent agency.

David C. Williams, the former Inspector General of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, was appointed by President Clinton and sworn in as Inspector General for the Social Security Administration. Mr. Williams has 28 years experience in conducting and supervising criminal investigations. Mr. Williams' office assumes the same responsibilities formerly handled by the Office of Inspector General in the Department of Health and Human Services. With the move to Social Security, the Inspector General will report findings to the Commissioner of Social Security and to Congress.

Among the Inspector General's responsibilities is the detection of fraud and abuse in Social Security programs. Fraud and abuse typi-

cally fall into two categories — issuance of false Social Security numbers to obtain benefits and concealment of a beneficiary's status to continue benefits (for example, work activity or death). Some examples of fraudulent activities are:

- submitting fraudulent proof of age;
- use of multiple identities to obtain benefits;
- questionable retirement;
- use of falsified medical evidence to establish eligibility for disability benefits; and
- filing fraudulent applications for Social Security numbers.

SSA's Office of Inspector General maintains a 24-hour hotline for reporting instances of fraud or abuse relating to Social Security operations nationwide. The hotline can be reached by telephone or by FAX. If you know of illegal or improper activities involving the Social Security program, call the toll-free hotline, 1-800-269-0271. You may also send a FAX to 410-965-3011.

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