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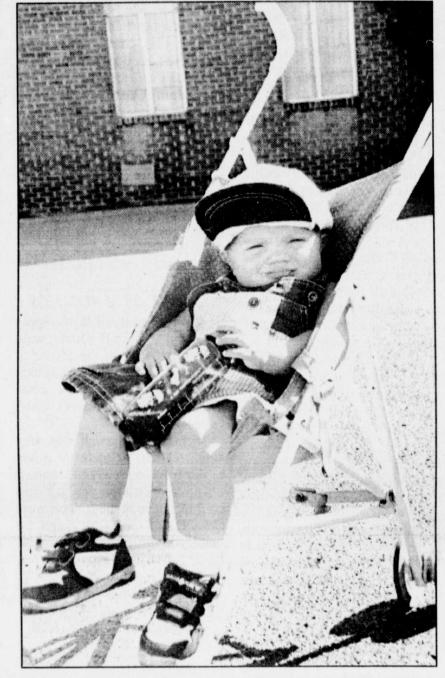
THURSDAY, APRIL 11, 1996

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West Texas weather just wait a minute; it'll change





RECORD TEMPERATURES WITH SNOWFALL IN SPRINGTIME hit the area last week. More than two inches of snow fell an a chill factor of around 15 degrees was felt Friday. Danielle and Megan Felty, daughters of Todd and Twyla Felty, were among the local children who took advantage of the wonderful, wet snowfall and the school holiday. With temperatures again near 80, enjoying a sunny ride is 12-month-old Jeffrey Davis, son of Carolyn Horton.

Christmas in April workday is April 20 Volunteers still needed — call today

corner - for twelve area pervised at the school activity homeowners, that is.

The local chapter of Christmas in April is gearing up for their annual work day on Saturday, April 20. Workers, materials and money are still needed to help repair twelve homes in the Winters community.

The Christmas in April mission is to keep low-income, elderly and disabled people living in dignity, decency, warmth, safety and independence through volunteer home repair.

The 1996 project marks the third anniversary of the local chapter which has repaired fourteen homes for local needy residents.

As in the past, the day's activities will include a breakfast, babysitting services, refreshment wagons throughout the day, and a barbeque supper for all workers.

Workers are reminded to call Brenda Burton at 754-4958 or 754-5439 if babysitting services

Christmas is just around the are needed. Children will be subuilding.

> House workers will soon be receiving letters giving information about their assigned houses. Volunteers are reminded to bring any hand tools, ladders, gloves, paint brushes, etc. Please have your name marked clearly on all items you bring.

If you have not signed up to participate in this very worthwhile project, call Melanie Wade at 754-5025, Maggie Scates at 754-4940, Debbie Sudduth at 754-5745 or The Winters Enterprise at 754-

CIA caps and T-shirts are for sale for \$10, and may be purchased by calling any of the above listed phone numbers.

Cooked briskets are also for sale and may be ordered by calling Janet Cason at 754-4205 or

754-5205. Remember, the success of this project depends on volunteers. Have you signed up to help?

NEW WISD SUPERINTENDENT Mike Harris is shown with his wife, Carla, and their son, Jay, and daughter, Jami. Mr. Harris, who has served as superintendent of schools since 1992 for Poth ISD in Poth, Texas, was hired by WISD trustees last week and will begin his duties in Winters in June.

Belew named to TABC All-Region

John Paul Belew, a 6'4" senior at Winters High School, was one of 600 selected to the Texas Association of Basketball Coaches (TABC) All-Region I Class 2A teams, making the third team. He is the son of Scotty and Peggy Belew of Winters.

Belew, who was high scorer for the Winters Blizzards in their 19game 1995-'96 season, averaged 17.3 points per game, completing 329 total points. He made 190 rebounds, had 117 steals and 59 assists. Belew and the Winters Blizzards were coached by Ed Henley.

Tax Help for Late Mailers

For those of you who get your taxes done at the last minute, there is some help.

Winters Postmaster Deen Thompson announced that any out-going mail deposited in the Winters post office inside or outside boxes on April 15th by 12:00 midnight will receive the April 15, 1996, postmark.

Council asks about ELC to Abilene; awards art contest winners

During their regular meeting Durwood Wilkerson, District the Winters Industrial Develop-Manager with GTE, regarding the ment Corporation. This corporapossibility of Equal Local Calling tion will be an entity of the City of (ELC) for the Winters area..

rate. A question has arisen as to business and industry in Winters. the legality of ELC from Winters to Abilene because Abilene is possibility of signing an agreeunder Southwestern Bell, not ment with West Texas Utilities GTE. Mr. Wilkerson is to inves- for a loan to entice Gerber Manutigate with GTE authorities as to facturing to establish a plant to whether or not Abilene can be Winters. This loan, in theory, petitioned by Winters. Mr. would be paid from proceeds of Wilkerson will report his findings leasing a building to Gerber. to the council as soon as possible.

In other action, the council Monday night, the Winters city voted to adopt a resolution to accouncil heard a report from cept articles of incorporation of Winters, allowing the new corpo-A city may petition for up to ration to issue bonds to pay debt five exchanges for ELC at a basic incurred from development of

This step is necessary for the

Please see "Council," p.8

Chamber to host Rogers Hornsby birthday party

As Winters is the birthplace of Corley promises a fun and unique Hall of Fame baseball star Rogers experience for players and fans. Hornsby and to honor his 100th birthday, the Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring a Rogers Hornsby Celebration on Saturday, April 27at the city park.

Festivities begin at 5:00 p.m. with a "birthday party", complete with complimentary cake. The Little League Association will sell hot dogs and hamburgers.

sketchy but game coordinator Will Sport.

From 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. Winters postmaster Deen Thompson will be available to issue a special cancellation stamp for anyone purchasing a commemorative Hornsby envelope from the Chamber of Commerce.

Homsby was born in Winters on April 27, 1896, and acquired a life-time batting average of .358.

Over the next few weeks, At about 7:00 p.m. an "Almost Charlsie Poe, local historian, will Anything Goes" softball game will be writing in The Winters Entertake place, featuring local com- prise about Hornsby, one of the munity leaders. Rules are still most colorful players in America's

Famous baseball champion -**Winters Native**

by CHARLSIE POE Special to The Winters Enterprise

Rogers Hornsby, national base- one who knew him except Fred ball champion, was born in Win- Young. ters April 27, 1896. Plans are underway to celebrate his 100th

birthday on that day this year. Back in 1981, when we learned that Hornsby, Baseball Hall of Famer, was a Winters native, people began calling and writing for information concerning him

He recalled that the family lived on a farm north of town in the vicinity of the old airport, on what was later the D.C. Robertson place. The family moved away when Rogers was small. Fred followed baseball and knew that

and his career. I couldn't find any- See "Baseball champion," p. 5

WHAT'S HAPPENING?

April 11-6-10 p.m., EMT Course, North Runnels Hospital 6:30-8:30 p.m., Landscape Workshop, District Courtroom, Courthouse, Ballinger

4th Grade Field Trip April 12-11:30 a.m., Senior Citizens Meal

School Holiday for UIL Athletics April 13-9 a.m., Crews Cemetery Workday

April 14-Noon, FBC Youth Spaghetti Lunch, First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall 2-4 p.m., Gospel Singing, Nazarene Church, Ballinger

15-11:30 a.m., Senior Citizens Meal

6-9 p.m., ESL Classes, School Ag. Bldg. 6-9 p.m., GED Practice Test, School Ag. Bldg.

6:30 p.m., Winters Squares, Community Center 7 p.m., Cinderfella, WHS Auditorium

7:30 p.m., Eastern Star Early/Absentee Voting Begins in City, Hospital, and School Elections

3rd Grade Field Trip to Safety City in Abilene

16-8:10 a.m., 6th Grade Registration, WHS Auditorium

11 a.m.-1 p.m., Vantage Home Health Care Open House

Noon, Lions Club

3 p.m., Taxpayer Seminar, Abilene 6-10 p.m., EMT Courses, North Runnels Hospital 6:30 p.m., Pre-Registration for Pre-K, K, & 1st Grades, Elementary Library

7 p.m., WVFD

8 p.m., Winters Masonic Lodge Jomen's Service League 17-10 a.m.-Noon, Forage Production Seminar, Beefmaster, Ballinger

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

p.m., TPWD Public Hearing, 4-H Center, Sonora

April 18-5:30 p.m., Literary & Service Club, Pendergrass Home 6-10 p.m., EMT Courses, North Runnels Hospital

7 p.m., 2nd Grade Musical, WHS Auditorium p.m., A&M Moms Spring Semester Finals Goody Bag Assembly, Ballinger 7:30 p.m., PTA Meeting, WHS Auditorium

OIIL IBIIDNIESS . . .

By Reg Boles e1996

I've had a few requests lately to look over some proposals for a few "deals" on drilling wells, workovers, and such.

Each instance of requested review has been followed by many questions as to the viability of a proposal, the fairness of a proposal, and just how was an investor going to get his/her money out of a project.

To cut down on how many times I might have to repeat myself in the future, I am going to submit a few general answers to the aforemetioned queries in this space. I hope I am able to lend some assistance to those of you who might be evaluating some of these deals as we speak.

First, anyone contemplating investment in an oilfield project should be aware of one basic tenet of investing: it is no easier to make money in an oil deal than any other investment.

Sure, the chance for a spectacular reward is there in an oil patch deal (moreso than most other investments), but there is is also much greater risk of complete loss. So, just as in any investment, don't participate unless you can stand Nolan County the risk of loss. Don't be blinded by the large upside.

Now, to the meat of the matter. Immediately upon looking at a deal, note the following: (1) name of the offering company, (2) amount of minimum investment, and (3) location of the well or project. These items are good "first screens" before investing. If any of these three items give you a problem, don't bother reading any

By problem, I mean you may not be able to invest (and potentially lose) the minimum, or you may not want to be associated with some company that has a bad reputation. The location of a project is only material if you know that the project is very far away from known petroleum provinces and this type of ultrahigh risk project doesn't suit your

Now, it is time to delve a little deeper. Look for the following information that may be buried deep in the proposal: (1) how much money does the offering company get up front, (2) what percentage of the total investment are the investors (such as yourself) putting into the deal, (3) what percentage is the offering company investing up front, (4) how much revenue interest do the investors have during the life of the project (the percentage of total revenue generated that goes to investors), (5) how much revenue interest does the the offering company (or related companies) have, (6) what is the track record of the offering company, and (7) how long will it take for the investor to break even under the conditions of the offering based on the offering company's projections.

Now that you have this information recorded, we are ready to evaluate the proposal. Tune in next week for the exciting conclusion to our story.

HIGHLIGHTS OF AREA **DRILLING ACTIVITY**

COMPLETIONS

Oryx Energy has completed two wells. The F. Jameson #26 potentialed at 12 BOPD in the Jameson Field (2 miles SE of Silver) in the Strawn (perfs 5742-5836). It is loc. 1880 FSL & 1798 FWL of Sec. 314, Blk. 1A, H&TC Sur., A-1848. The L. B. Menielle #29 potentialed at 15 BOPD & 97 BWPD in the IAB Field (8 miles NW of Robert Lee) in the Strawn (perfs 5892-6033). The well is loc. 1240 FWL & 2580 FNL of Sec. 483, Blk. 1A, H&TC Sur., A-399.

Perkins-Prothro completed the W.C. Blanks #E-14 in the Jameson Field (20 miles NW of Robert Lee) at an initial rate of 192 BOPD & 18 BWPD in the Strawn (perfs 6507-6633). Loc. is 3550 FSL & 630 FWL of Sec. 69, Blk. 2, H&TC Sur.,

Coleman County

All Points Energy has completed the R. Schulze #2 in the County Regular Field (2 miles NE of Rockwood) at an initial rate of 960 MCFPD (AOF) in the Cross Cut Sand (perfs 1038-1039). Loc. is 2775 FEL & 1889 FSL of J.S. Martin Sur. No. 217, A-490.

Oryx Energy has completed two wells in the Southwest Nena Lucia Unit in the Nena Lucia Field (10 miles SW of Maryneal) in the Strawn Reef. The #1703 potentialed at 48 BOPD & 417 BWPD (perfs 7034-85) and is loc. 100 FSL & 2150 FWL of Sec. 125, Blk. 1A, H&TC Sur., A-63. The #2318 potentialed at 6 BOPD & 172 BWPD (perfs 6942-7024) and is loc. 1170 FSL & 990 FWL of Sec. 92, Blk. 1A, H&TC Sur., A-1556.

B.M. Patterson Jr. has completed a plug back of the C.L. Smith #1 in the Lazarus Field (5 miles W of Blackwell) at an initial rate of 48 BOPD& 4 BWPD in the Strawn (perfs 6034-38). Loc. is 660 FNL & 660 FEL of Sec. 246, Blk. 1A, H&TC Sur., A-1621.

Runnels County

Sha-Jam Operating has completed the Emily Unit #1 in the Howerton Field (6 miles SW of Winters) at an initial rate of 41 BOPD & 2 BWPD in the Goen (perfs 4273-77). Loc. is 2521 FWL & 1200 FSL of Sec. 59, CTRR Sur., A-101.

Coke County

Oryx Enegy has staked the R.C. Russell #15 in the IAB Field, 8 miles NW of Robert Lee (Depth 6500). Loc. is 985 FWL & 467 FNL of Sec. 471, Blk. 1A,

Nolan County

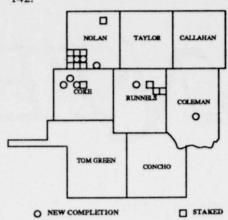
Oryx Energy has staked seven wells in the Southwest Nena Lucia Unit (SWNLU) the Nena Lucia Field, 12 miles SW of Maryneal (Depth 7500). The SWNLU #2107 is loc. 1100 FSL & 1450 FWL of Sec. 91, Blk. 1A, H&TC Sur. The #2109 is loc. 165 FSL & 1450 FWL of Sec. 91. The #2319 is loc. 100 FSL & 1250 FWL of Sec. 92. The #2320 is loc. 1450 FWL & 1100 FNL of Sec. 92. The #3125 is loc. 2250 FNI & 1400 FEL of Sec. 86. The #3515 is loc. 1150 FSL & 500 FWL of Sec. 51. The #3828 is loc. 1500 FWL & 250 FNL of Sec. 88.

The Pecos Valley Management Co. has staked the L. Monroe #3 in the South Lake Trammel Field, 10 miles E of Roscoe (Depth 5700). Loc. is 467 FEL & 1687 FSL of Sec. 32, Blk. X, T&PRR Sur., A-1442.

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Runnels County Pioneer Energy has staked three wells. The E. Gottschalk #1A is in the Ashton Field, 11 miles SE of Winters (Depth 4400) and is loc. 825 FNWL & 2200 FSWL of Austin & Williams Sur. No. 262, A-2. The D. Gottschalk #2 is in

Try to control your excitement. the same field (Depth 4300) and is loc. 1800 FNL & 4210 FWL of same Sec. The Hoelscher/Schwertner #1A is in the Ballinger Field, 8 miles S of Winters ter, and Mike Meyer for their help (Depth 4500) and is loc. 1800 FNL & 4210 FWL of J.Eakin Sur. No. 527, A-



Early voting **April 15-30**

Early voting for the May 4th election begins Monday, April 15, and ends Tuesday, April 30. Applications for ballots by mail must be received no later than April 26.

Voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at North Runnels Hospital, Highway 153 East, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Three hospital directors are to be elected. Candidates are Sidney Tucker, Teresa Davis, and Tobin Burns.

City Hall, 310 S. Main, will conduct early voting Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Seeking City Council, Place 2, are Robert Thomas Cercy and Nelan Bahlman. Unopposed for Places 4 and 5 are Shirley Hall and Garry Goff, respectively.

With the exception of holidays, early voting will also be conducted each weekday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the School Administrative Offices, 603 N. Heights. Candidates for WISD Trustee, Place 5, are Barron Guy and Debbie Sudduth; Place 2, Jack Davis Jr.; and Place 6, Rodrick Bredemeyer.

Polling places on election day, Saturday, May 4, are located at the Winters Elementary School Library and the Wingate Lions Club Building and will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Card of Thanks

A special thank you to Hospice of the Big Country and to Allie Mae and Jake Bearfield for their special care of Genevieve. The family of Genevieve J. Smith

> **Senior Citizens Activity Center** Menu

April 15 thru April 19 Subject to change

Monday, April 15: Meatloaf, mixed greens, black-eyed peas, cornbread, and banana pudding.

Wednesday, April 17: Liver & onions, mashed potatoes, English peas, rolls, and fruit cocktail cake.

Friday, April 19: Bar-B-Que brisket, potato salad, pinto beans, combread, and apple cobbler.

Card of Thanks

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all our friends and relatives for the love and kindness shown during our time of loss of Marjorie Tischler.

Thanks goes to Chuck Patterson, Jason Goetz, L.C. Fosand love. To Pastor Jim and Ramona Hanson for their visits and beautiful service. To the ladies of St. John's Lutheran Church for the wonderful family meal. To Florists Janice Pruser and Mary Ellen Moore for the lovely flowers. To the choir for the music and Tina for the organ music.

Words cannot express the thanks for all the wonderful deeds, food, flowers, memorials, and hugs. May we be here in your time of need.

Ben Tischler Gilbert & Judy Tischler & familes Milton Tischler & family Billy & Benjie Tischler & family Douglas & Suzanne Tischler &

family Linda & Rick Dry & family

Card of Thanks

We want to thank everyone for their prayers, cards, visits, food, and words of encouragement.

Thanks to Bro. Shoemake for his beautiful service, his many visits, and kind words.

We appreciate the ladies of the First Baptist Church for the wonderful food they served us. To all that prepared food, thanks.

To Hendricks Hospital for their loving care. Dr. Hirch and Dr. Dyer, words can't express how we feel - just thanks.

The family of Christine Davis

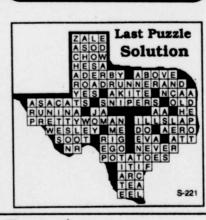
Card of Thanks

We, the family of Jay Gregory Goetz and Hattie B. Goetz, want you to know from the depths of our being, how much we appreciate and cherish your love, compassion, concern, flowers, food, calls, and prayers.

It seems that each one who came, called, or gave us a hug took a bit of our pain and made it bearable. Without you we just couldn't have made it. You were Cosgrove Jr. of Honolulu, Hawaii. channels of God's love and we In Christ's love,

The D.J. Goetz Jr. family D.J., Laverne, Karen, Deborah, Mark, Kurt, Doug, & Dianne and Jay's loving wife, Jodi





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MEMBER

Obituaries

B.F. (Bryan) Jennings

BALLINGER-B.F. (Bryan) Jennings, 82, died at 11:20 a.m. on Tuesday, April 2, 1996, at Canterbury Villa.

He was born on October 25, 1913, at Mereta, Texas. He married Carleen McAden on October 17, 1937, in Ballinger.

Mr. Jennings was an electrician and a member of First Baptist

He was preceded in death by his wife, Carleen Jennings, on November 11, 1992.

Survivors include one son, Bobby Jennings and wife Carol of Ballinger; two daughters, Jo Ellen Rosser and husband James of Ballinger, and Gayle Merritt and husband Davis of Blossom; seven grandchildren, Rebecca Jordan, Theresa Hanning, Cynthia Montgomery, Bob Jennings, Bryan Jennings, Erin Rosser, and Audra Rosser; and two great-grandchildren.

Graveside services were held at 2:00 p.m. on Friday, April 5, at the Old Runnels Cemetery with Reverend Ferris Akins officiating. Burial was directed by Rains-Seale Funeral Home.

Vera Strain

BALLINGER—Vera Strain, 73, died Tuesday, April 2,1996, at Ballinger Memorial Hospital.

She was born on June 5, 1922, in Cass County, Texas, and was a longtime resident of San Angelo and Ballinger.

Ms. Strain was a homemaker and a member of the Church of the Nazarene in Ballinger.

She was preceded in death by two brothers.

Survivors include one son, Travis Hogue and wife Karen of Ballinger; three daughters, Brooxie Denton and husband Odell of Ballinger, LaJuan Teal and husband Ed of Riverview, Florida, and Jeannie Love and husband Ronnie of Midland; two sisters, Texie Belle Yates and Margaret Russell, both of Atlanta, Texas; nine grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Services were held at 10:00 a.m. Friday, April 5, at the Church of the Nazarene with Reverend George Frazier and Reverend Marvin West officiating. Burial was in Old Runnels Cemetery, directed by Rains-Seale Funeral Home, Ballinger.

Pallbearers were grandsons Kyle Hogue, Terry Denton, and Eddie Lewis; and Ray Dubois, Marell King, and Ronnie King.

Clarence Hill

BALLINGER—Clarence Hill, 89, died Saturday, April 6, 1996, at Ballinger Memorial Hospital.

He was born on October 26, 1906, in Grosvenor. He married Opal Watkins on October 24, 1931, in Ballinger.

Mr. Hill worked as a cotton ginner for over 50 years, starting at age 16. Retiring in 1970 due to an accident, he then worked for Higginbotham's in Ballinger for over 12 years. He was a member of the First Baptist Church in Ballinger.

Survivors include his wife, Opal Hill of Ballinger; one daughter, Wanda Bonin and husband John of Azle; four great-grandchildren; and two grandchildren, Tyann Nichols of Lubbock and John Wesley

Graveside services were held at 2:00 p.m. Monday, April 8, at the thank you for sharing our burden. Garden of Memories with Reverend Jim Ray officiating. Burial was directed by Rains-Seale Funeral Home, Ballinger.

Genevieve J. Smith

MILES-Genevieve J. Smith, 88, died Saturday, April 6, 1996, at Canterbury Villa.

She was born on November 14, 1907, in Cripple Creek, Colorado. She married Alf Smith on June 29, 1929, in Lordsburg, New Mexico. Mrs. Smith was a homemaker and a member of the First United

Methodist Church in Miles. She was a past president of the Miles PTA and was a Sunday School teacher at her church for over 21 years. She was preceded in death by her husband, Alf Smith, on April 22,

Survivors include one son, Gene Smith and wife Sammie of San Angelo; three grandchildren, Shawn Smith, Amy Smith, and Montanna Smith, all of San Angelo; two brothers-in-law, Glenn Smith and wife Marie of Ballinger, and Harold Smith and wife Alene of Hurley, New Mexico.

Services were held at 2:00 p.m. Monday, April 8, at Rains-Seale Chapel with Reverend Winford Gore officiating. Burial was in Miles Cemetery, directed by Rains-Seale Funeral Home, Ballinger.

Pallbearers were Charles Kellermeier, Jake Bearfield, Steve Matthieson, and Denny Woods.

Memorials may be made to the First United Methodist Church in Miles or a favorite charity.

Gladys Harris Cain

MIDLAND-Gladys Harris Cain, 91, formerly of Winters, died Thursday, April 4, 1996.

She was born in Milam County, Texas, on April 11, 1904, the second child of Massie Myrtle and Jessie Robert Harris. The family settled in Runnels County, Texas, in 1910 on the family farm south of Winters, where she grew to adulthood. She graduated from Hatchel High School, attended Draughan's Business College in Abilene, and worked for Kornegay's Gin in Winters. She moved to Brent, Alabama, in the 1930's.

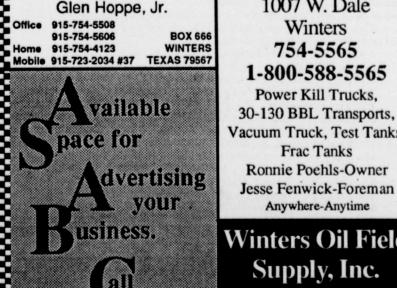
She married her childhood sweetheart, Villie Avery (Bill) Cain, on June 3, 1945. They moved to West Texas where they managed oil leases in Penwell and McCamey, Texas; Farmington, New Mexico. They then settled in Midland.

Mrs. Cain was an active member of Eastern Star for over 50 years and an Honorary Lifetime member. She was a Past Worthy Matron in 1963 and a member of the Drill Team. She was also a member of the Midland Chapter #253, and a very active member of the Bethel Baptist Church in Brent, where she worked with the Sunbeams and GA's. She was also a faithful member of First Baptist Church in Midland, involved in Sunday School DMA, and was a regular participant at the Senior Citizens Center.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 48 years, Bill Cain; her parents; sisters, Susie Harris, Maudie Harris Holt, Lillie Harris Heath of Winters; and brother, Jack Harris, who was killed in action during World War II.

Survivors include her niece, Shirley Heath Kivell of Elgin; nephews, Bob Monk of Sternberg, Germany, and Don Monk of Boulder, Colorado; her sister-in-law, Nan Cain Beran of Whittier, California; her caretaker, Mary Morrison; and special friends and helpers, Herman and Valera Jones, Sam Hillburn, W.A. Summerford, Christine Green, Ray and Rebe Holder, Truma and Fred Poe, and Teresa and Allen Lowe.

Services were held at 1:00 p.m. Monday, April 8, at First Baptist Church Chapel in Midland with Pastor Gary Dyer officiating. Burial was in Resthaven Memorial Park in Midland, directed by Ellis Funeral Home, Midland.



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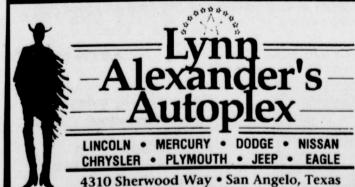
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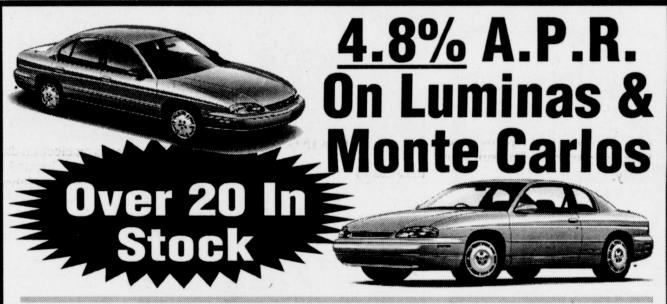


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Breakfast Monday-April 15 Cheese Toast Cereal

Applesauce or Fresh Fruit Tuesday-April 16 Eggs Hashbrowns **Butter Toast**

Cereal Wednesday-April 17 Sausage Cheese Roll Cereal **Toast Orange Juice**

Thursday-April 18 Pancakes w/Syrup Sausage Link Cereal Apple Juice Friday-April 19 Biscuits w/Jelly

Cereal Orange Juice

Lunch Monday-April 15

Com Dogs

Baked Beans Potato Salad 1/2 Orange Tuesday-April 16 Spaghetti w/Meat Sauce Broccoli

Garlic Roll Fruit Salad Wednesday-April 17

Burrito Mexican Corn Coleslaw Peach Cobbler Thursday-April 18 Chicken Enchiladas Pinto Beans **Tossed Salad** Cornbread Jello

Friday-April 19 Cheeseburger French Fries Hamburger Salad

Vanilla Pudding w/Topping All meals served with milk



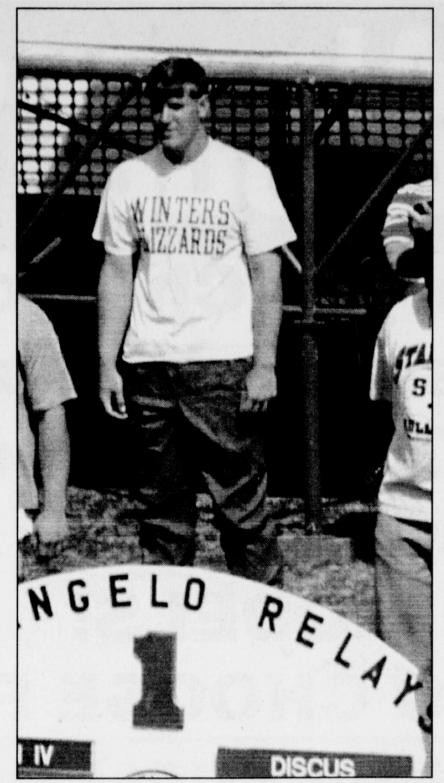
5 p.m., VG April 13-Coleman, Here, 1 p.m., JVB April 15—Eula, There, 5 p.m., JVB April 16—District Certification, VG April 16—Coahoma*, Here, 5 p.m., VB VG-Varsity Girls VB-Varsity Boys VG-Vars JVB-Junior Varsity Boys *Denotes District Games

Team: Junior Varsity Boys Coach: Ed Henley Date & place of game: April 1, 1996-Winters Opponent: Early J.V. Winning pitcher: Justin Minzenmayer Losing pitcher: Watkins Key plays: 2B Pritchard 3B Calcote Runs Hits Errors

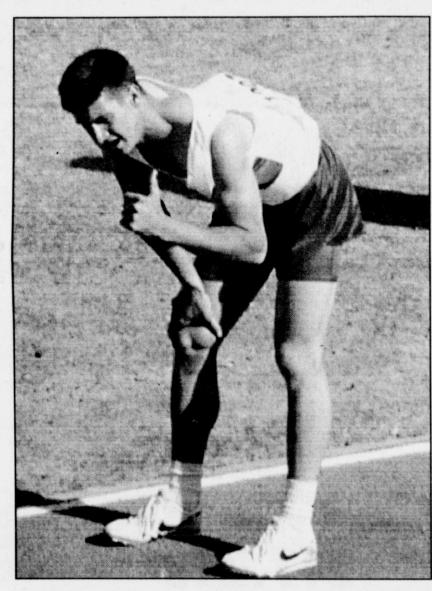
WINTERS OPPONENT 4 Coach's comments: Travis Calcote, 3 for 4, 3 RBIs. Eric Tekell, 2 for 3. Justin Minzenmayer, 1st complete game of the

year for a pitcher, recorded 6 strikeouts.

7 a.m.



JOHN BELEW awaits presentation of his first place medal for his discus toss of 143'7" during the San Angelo Track Relays.



MARK DEIKE gives the "thumbs up" signal to his coach following his 2nd place win in the 300 meter intermediate hurdles at the San Angelo Relays.

There is only one thing about which I am certain, and that is that there is very little about which one can be certain.

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6 p.m.

UPCOMING TRACK MEETS

April 12—Stanton*, HSG, HSB HSB-High School Boys HSG-High School Girls *Denotes District Competition

Additional relay results

The following two girls' times and places were mistakenly omitted from last week's results of the Cotton Patch Relays on March

800 M Run Janet Guy, 5th, 2:39.21 Esmeralda Sanchez, 6th, 2:39.90

State conventions planned for FHA & Student Council

The FHA State Convention will be held April 11-13 in Austin. Several WHS students will be attending, with a team competing in a Star Event.

The Student Council State Convention will be April 25-27. Approximately 13 WHS students will be participating. While there, they will be presented the Sweepstakes

School holiday

Classes of Winters Indepen- the glass window. dent School District will not meet Friday, April 12, due to UIL ath-

School resumes Monday, April

Registration Time! The time has come for students

to register for classes for the 1996-97 school year. Student will register for classes

with parents.

glish classes. Seventh grade will register Monday, April 15 in the and social security cards. auditorium. And sixth grade will

Band Banquet set April 29

The Winters Band Boosters will host their annual Band Banquet to honor all high school band students Monday, April 29, at 7 p.m. in the school cafeteria. The Martha Davis and John Philip Sousa awards will be presented along with other awards.

will receive a ticket to the banquet. Parents and other interested individuals may purchase tickets for \$7.50 each. Band members that wish to bring guests will need to purchase a ticket.

No tickets will be sold the night of the banquet. The last day to purchase tickets will be Friday, April 26.

Tickets may be purchased from Sandy Hamrick at the Pizza Hut or at 754-4208; Shelia Paschal, 723-2697 or 754-4424; Teresa Davis, 754-5422; or Todd Felty at the band hall.

The Shed will cater the event.

Distinguished **A&M** student

Edward Bredemeyer Jr., a junior Agricultural Development major at Texas A&M, has earned the designation of "Distinguished Student" for the 1995 Fall semester. A certificate is awarded to those students who have compiled a GPA of 3.25 or better.

Edward has a GPA of 3.6 and plans to graduate in May of 1997. He spent 11 days in Washington D.C., Philadelphia, and New York City on an agribusiness field study, March 7-17.

Edward is the son of Edward Sr. and Frances Bredmeyer of Winters.

Last GED practice test on April 15th

The last GED practice test will be given on Monday, April 15th from 6 to 9 p.m. in the WHS Ag classroom.

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

Writer's Block

contributed by Winters school students



Chance Hogan 4th grade

"The Magic of Fairies"

One frosty starry morning at about 5:48 a.m., Hubert Welch was dozing in the leather lazyboy chair at his Aunt Charlotte's house near Wingate, Texas. He was feeling miserable because his favorite black and white dog Chester had gotten run over by a large purple Kenworth truck over on Trinity Street.

Yesterday in the late afternoon, Hubert's family buried Chester at Lake View Cemetery. Hubert wished he could still be with him. Hubert was very tired and lonely, so he went to his room. It was stuffy in his room so he opened

Three hours later, five golden

haired fairies with heart shaped faces appeared through the window and asked each other, "Is he the one?" When the fairies glided through the window, the whole room glittered, Hubert rolled over and the fairies leaped back with curiosety. Hubert's eyes filled with water because of the bright lights.

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When Hubert woke up he was shocked because he saw two bright lights speaking to him. Those two fairies told him not to worry sbout them because they said they were not going to hurt him. Then the fairies sprinkled magical pixie dust that smelled like baby powder all over Hubert. He quickly fell asleep.

The next morning when it was time for school and when Hubert was walking towards the Jefferson High School a tanned boy in Faded Glory jeans and a colorful tee shirt came up to him and said, "Hi." I'm your new next door neighbor and my dog just had a litter of puppies. Aah... would you like one or two? Would I ever! So after school he asked his aunt if he could and she said, "Yes you may." As he played with his puppies, his next door neighbor transformed back into one of the golden haired

Pre-kindergarten, kindergarten, and 15, at the regularly scheduled time. first graders must pre-register April 16

Pre-registration for 1996-1997 1996, should also register for the pre-kindergarten and kindergarten students has been scheduled for Tuesday, April 16, 1996, at 6:30 p.m. in the Elementary Li-

Parents of children who will be during the school day and will be four (4) years old for pre-kinderinstructed to share their choices garten or five (5) years old for kindergarten on or before Sep-Eighth grade will register tember 1, 1996, should bring birth Thursday, April 11 in their En- certificates (hospital or church records), immunization records,

register Tuesday, April 16 in the kindergarten and who will be six grade teachers that will be needed (6) on or before September 1, for the 1996-1997 school year.

first grade.

A four year old child shall be eligible for pre-kindergarten if he/ she is unable to comprehend the English language or is from a family whose income is at or below subsistence level. Pre-kindergarten classes shall be offered for one-half (1/2) day.

It is VERY IMPORTANT that all students should be preregistered. The school needs to determine the number of pre-kin-Those students not enrolled in dergarten, kindergarten, and first



The number one foreign language studied in the public schools is Spanish.

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A&M Goody Bag **Assembly April 18**

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Golf teams finish first and second at District meet, go on to Regional

first round, the boys were only 7

behind at a tie with Stanton for

fourth place with 368. Coahoma

was first at 361. A and B teams

from Forsan were second and third

with 364 and 365. Coahoma was

fifth with 386; Jim Ned fell last

In the final round, Winters

343 strokes, total 711. Coahoma

managed to hang on to first at 699.

Following places were captured

consecutively by Forsan A, Forsan

B, Stanton A, Coahoma B, Jim

John Belew was third place

Ned A, Stanton B.

with 413.

In District 6AA competition, medalists. both the girls and boys golf teams played well and advance to Regionals April 22-23 at Shady Oaks Golf Course in Baird. The girls won their division with 813 strokes. Boys took second with 711, falling 12 strokes short of first place team Coahoma.

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In the first round, the girls had a 35-shot lead at 412 over Forsan's 447. Stanton was at 455; played to a fine second place with Coahoma, 495; and Jim Ned, 507.

In the second round, Winters girls played at 401; Forsan, 439; Stanton, 452; and Jim Ned, 479, with first through fourth rankings respectively.

Gayla Clough (196) and Brandi Gray (200) were top two

Hornsby had also been a man-

all around hitter of all. Ty Cobb

and Babe Ruth were left-handed

batters. Ruth hit more home runs

than Hornsby, but had a lower

batting average. Cobb's average

Rogers began his career in 1915

as a shortstop with the St. Louis

Cardinals, but was quickly moved

to second base. Although noted

for his batting record, he was a

fine fielder. In 1922, he led the

National League with a .967 field-

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Series is notable for the brilliant

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the Cards, and Hornsby went to

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with a record of 64-51.

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It is said that Hornsby would

ager, but no specific details.

Kind of Baseball."

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ing record.

"Baseball champion," continued Homsby played only one season with the Giants. He chalked

medalist with 168 strokes.

When Mrs. Bill Russell learned up 361 hits (26 home runs) and 125 RBIs. of my search, she wrote her brother, Jon Johnson, an avid base-Nineteen twenty-eight found ball fan, in Greenwood, Arkan-Hornsby with one of the poorest sas. He sent us some information teams in the league, the Boston taken from Hornsby's book, "My Braves. Hornsby averaged .387 to lead the league, but the team Hornsby is often regarded as ended up next to the cellar. Early the best right-handed hitter of all in the season, he had taken over as time. Some regard him as the best manager, but with little to work

One of his teammates on the 1928 team was the famous, but fading slugger, George Sisler. was slightly higher, but had fewer Sisler had been one of the finest American League hitters in the early 1920s. After an eye injury, his batting dropped. But he managed to turn in a .340 for Hornsby.

Hornsby was back on second base in 1929 with the Chicago Cubs. The manager was the famous Joe McCarthy. Hornsby batted .380 (40 homers) and brought in 149 runs. Chicago won activities would hurt his eyes and Series.

Hornsby only played in 42 High School Auditorium. games in 1930, but the season was Hornsby became a playing Rickey, the famous baseball ex- Gabby Streets' Redbirds, man- with make-up and wigs. ecutive. He finished the season ager Joe McCarthy was fired. Hornsby again was manager. With In 1926, he managed the entire only four games left in the season, season with an enviable record of the Cubs won them all.

In 1931, Hornsby played his last season as a full-time starter. games against the New York Yan-He also managed. His .331 average was still one of the best in the league. In 1932, he played only 19 games. He also lost his job as manager.

In 1933, Hornsby was first with the St. Louis Cardinals, then the In 1927, St. Louis and the New York Giants traded second St. Louis Browns of the Ameribaseman. Frank Frisch went to can League. He played in a total of 57 games and batted a .326. When he went to the Browns, he

Individual scores: RD1 RD2 In tight competition during the GIRLS Gayla Clough 95 101 100 106 Lacy Torres Brandi Gray 105 95 99 Robyn Parramore 112 Michelle Gonzales 120 109 RD 1 RD 2 BOYS 82 John Belew 86 91 83 Michael Mostad 87 92 Cory Smith 99 Josh Grohman 91 101 104 Jason Jordan

> According to Coach Robin Byrd, the first round was played in windy conditions, and greens were fast and hard. Round 2 was played at Comanche Trail Golf Course in Big Spring.

"I am very proud of our teams," said Coach Robin Byrd.

was again a manager. The team had a record of 20-34 under Rogers but still finished in last place.

Hornsby managed the Browns until 1937. In '34, the team was 67-85 and finished sixth. In '35, their record was 65-87 and seventh place. In '36, the team was 57-98 and again finished seventh. In '37, with a record of 25-50 and the team in last place, Hornsby was replaced by Jim Bottomley.

Years later, in 1952, Hornsby with, he ended the season with was again the manager of the Browns. After 50 games, the team had a record of 22-28 and Rogers was again replaced, this time by Marty Marion. The Browns did no better and still finished sev-

This was perhaps the last of ball playing for Rogers Hornsby. He died January 5, 1963.

"Cinderfella" contest April 15

The 1996 Glacier staff would the Pennant that year, but lost to like to cordially invite the public the Philadelphia Athletics in the to the "Cinderfella" contest Monday, April 15, at 7:00 p.m. in the

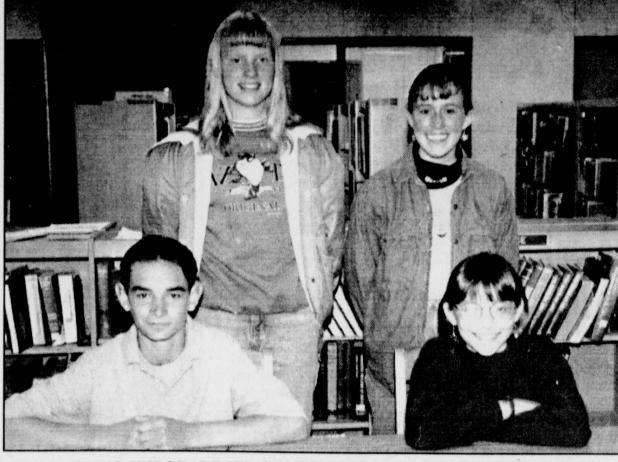
High school boys will be seen manager while still with the Car- important to him. Toward the end as never or seldom before-pordinals. He took over the helm at of the season, when it was clear traying a feminine side by wearmid-season in 1925 from Branch that the Cubs would finish behind ing their best dresses, complete

Admission is \$2 for adults and children under 10 years of age will be \$1.

Tickets may be purchased from the Glacier staff or "Cinderfella"

Be sure to come see this hilariously formal event.





READY WRITING 7TH GRADE UIL COMPETITORS were (standing) Michelle Paschal, 5th place; Lori Bredemeyer, 1st place; (seated) Aaron Pritchard, and Misty Melton.



8TH GRADE STUDENTS COMPETING IN UIL EARTH SCIENCE were (standing) Shelley Meyer, 3rd place; Kendra Hope; Arthur Martinez, 2nd place; (seated) Desiraé Hammersmith, Kayla Colburn, and Kelli Slimp, 6th place.

Ready Writing

receives high contest ratings

Forty-two students, comprising the Winters High School Band, competed in UIL District competition in Coleman on April 3. Members received a 1 (1, 1, 2) in Sight Reading and a 2 (1, 2, 2) in Concert.

The concert performance in- Life Science cluded "Norland March" by Edmondson, "An Irish Interlude" by Barker, and "Caprice" by Oral Reading Himes.

Band Director Todd Felty says, 'I am very proud of our students and look forward to working next year with the Blizzard Band."

National Honor Society SLAVE SALE April 17th

Wednesday, April 17th, will be your chance to purchase the Maps, Graphs, & Charts services of a National Honor Society student for a day. The annual slave sale will be held at 8:10 a.m. in the auditorium.

The following seniors will be auctioned: John Paul Belew, Karolen Biddix, Janabeth Bryan, Gayla Clough, Leslie Cobb, Kevin Conner, Mark Deike, Rachel Edwards, Jana Jackson, Lori Jobe, Jason Jordan, Julie Lancaster, Michael Mostad, Sherry Poindexter, Marcie Pritchard, and Chad Russell.

Juniors for sale include: Jaime Bahlman, Paige Bishop, Lindsey Brown, Hollie Cathey, Brent Jacob, Austin Jobe, Chris McCaslin, Robyn Parramore, Misty Santoya, and Tony Walden.

Save up your money and enjoy the fun!

Gospel Singing at Nazarene Church in Ballinger

J.D. Taylor will be conducting a gospel singing at the First Church of the Nazarene at Ballinger on Sunday, April 14, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Everyone is cordially invited.

Blizzard Band District UIL advance to Region

Jr. High students recently competed well in District UIL competition at Wall. Students who placed high will advance to Regional competition at ACU in Abilene on April 20th.

The results of District UIL The results of District UIL for 8th grade were: for 7th grade were: **Calculator Applications** Ready Writing Misty Melton, 6th Candess Johnson, 1st Earth Science Arthur Martinez, 2nd Lori Bredemeyer, 1st Shelly Meyer, 3rd Mechelle Paschal, 5th Kelly Slimp, 6th

Dictionary Skills Desirae Hammersmith, 4th Kayla Colburn, 5th Shelly Meyer, tie for 1st Marcie Ortiz, 4th Spelling Kayla Colburn, 2nd Kacy McCusistion, 6th Misty Melton, 2nd

Justin Davis, 5th **Dictionary Skills** Marcie Ortiz, 6th Tracie Morrison, 3rd Impromptu Speaking Colby Walker, 4th Shelley Meyer, 2nd Spelling Matt Angel, 6th Jamie Reeves, 2nd Impromptu Speaking Listening Skills Matt Angel, tie for 1st

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I'm learning to make lists.

Maybe it's because I'm getting older. It seems it is easier to forget these days. On the other hand, maybe I'm, getting wiser. It's probably both-but I'm learning that making lists helps me to remember. Even my dear Ramona joins me in this effort-especially when we go to the grocery store. If there are more than two items, I absolutely need a list!

There are things to do around the house-not only chores and maintenance, but things to improve. If I don't write them down, they just don't get done. There are too many distractions—the biggest of which is the T.V. monster which, if I let it, will eat up my most valuable commodity-time! Once I sit in my recliner and turn on the tube, I am plunged into a totally unreal world and my mind is purged of the things I need to be doing. And, I forget what is important.

I am learning to make a list of the things I am to do each day. At the top of the list is what should be my first priority—prayers. Jesus said, "Be ye not anxious-but seek ye first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness." I used to think that was impossible, that He was trying to get us to constantly—all the time—seek the Kingdom. And that may be the case, too. But I do know that what I am to do is-first thingfirst of all-seek the Presence of the King. Which is prayer. And I have also learned that when I do, life is better for me, more organized around what is important.

All of this business of lists came into focus this week as I read an article entitled "The Lists Every American Should Make." He first made a list of the things that we are losing in America in the 1990's. His list: the loss of values, the loss of truth, the loss of moral literacy (cheating in school), the loss of trust, the loss of empathy, the loss of independence and confidence, the loss of family, and the loss of faith

It is an impressive list. Or, rather, a depressive list. But, the author didn't quit with this list. Rather he added another list, a list of great and good things with which we can rebuild America. He started with the Declaration of Independence as written by Thomas Jefferson. In it are positive reasons for the creation of the United States-"All men are created equal...they are endowed by their creator with certain unalienable rights, among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness... to secure these rights, governments are instituted, deriving their just

powers from the consent of the governed." The founding fathers of our nation decided upon a written constitu-

tion, written in the form of a list with seven articles and twenty-four subsections. The first of its kind in the history of the world, dedicated to the principle of individual liberty. Later, ten amendments, known as the "Bill of Rights" were added. He also reminded us that God makes lists, too. Like the ten commandments—short, simple, to the point— Mary Kurtz during Wednesday things to do to live right: "No other Gods," "Remember the Sabbath night Lenton services. day," "Honor your father and mother," "Thou shall not kill...commit adultry...steal...bear false witness...covet." Quite a list.

What is your list for life? For making life better for you and for centers pursue professional others? If we don't make them, we forget. If we do, we remember what teacher development opportuniis important. And what can be more satisfying to our soul than at the ties and strengthen administrative end of the day to check off the things we have done to build character aspects of their program. in our life, taking action to make it better here in the United States of America. It does make a difference.

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DORIS AND GENE PREWIT

Mr. & Mrs. Gene Prewit honored on golden wedding anniversary

Gene and Doris Prewit were honored Sunday, March 30, 1996, with a reception and dinner at Embassy Suites in Abilene in observance of their 50th wedding anniversary.

Gene and Doris grew up in Stamford where they were married March 31, 1946. Gene served in the U.S. Navy in World War II. He worked in Stamford, Rule, Abilene, and Winters, retiring from Halliburton in 1975. Doris retired from teaching school in 1985. Together they stock farmed, raising registered and commercial Brangus cattle, until 1993 when they turned the cattle business over to their grandchildren.

Hosts of the celebration were their sons, daughters-in-law, grandchildren, and sister: Carl and Janice Prewit, Carlton and Allison of Portland; Bob and Sue Prewit, Jennifer and Michael of Winters; Virginia Prewit, Gregg, Ashley, Bradley, and Amy of Arlington; and Verna Davis of Big Spring.

Local Lutheran child center awarded \$500 AAL grant

Winters, has been awarded a \$500 grant from Aid Association for Lutherans (AAL).

Richard Law, AAL area representative, presented the grant to Pastor Jim Hanson and Director

The grant is designed to help the staff of local early childhood

The grant was provided through

Crews Cemetery workday April 13

The Crews Cemetery meeting and workday has been scheduled for Saturday, April 13, at 9:00

For more information, call Therin Osborne at 723-2322 or Dale Duggan at 365-3145.

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St. John's Lutheran Preschool, the AAL Lutheran Early Childhood Education Grant Program, which was offered to more than 4,000 Lutheran early childhood centers throughout the country.

> Lutheran early childhood educators play in providing the Chris- the country: tian building blocks needed for children to grow in their faith," the grant program. "We are happy to support their work."

AAL, based in Appleton, Wisconsin, is the nation's largest fraternal benefit society in terms of assets and individual life insurance in force. AAL provides its 1.7 million members with volunproducts.

Mom doesn't have to cook Sunday lunch

The youth group of First Baptist Church will be serving a spaghetti lunch on Sunday, April 14, following morning services. The fundraiser meal will be cooked by "Italian chef" Tony Appuglies.

The cost will be \$4 for adults and \$3 for children.

Proceeds help offset summer youth activity expenses.

helping people

(AAL) is making a difference for Texas residents. Through a national network of more than 9,000 branches, AAL members carry out educational programs, volunteer service and fund-raising projects that help people in Texas and across the nation. Here is how AAL, a fraternal organization based in Appleton, Wisconsin, made a difference in Texas and across the country during 1995.

Volunteer hours	176,044	3.9 million
Fraternal activities	3,689	187,770
People attended	391,316	9.7 million
Funds raised	\$1,936,729	\$47.6 million
Total fraternal assistance	\$3,570,298	\$112.6 million
Members	66,426	1.7 million
Branches	379	9,152

Children are the only future the human race has—treat them well

Please participate in National Child Abuse Prevention Month

by JAMIE ORIANS, Director of Communications The National Exchange Club and The National Exchange Club Foundation for the Prevention of Child Abuse

The color red symbolizes the awareness of AIDS ... green symbolizes the protection of our enviattention to the need for protecting our children when they have been abused or neglected?

more than 3 million children reported each year to Child Protec- by asking everyone concerned

tive Service "The blue ribbon serves as a (CPS) agencies constant reminder to fight for throughout the protection of our children. We United States as must protect our most precious being abused or gift of all ... our children. Please neglected. In an put one on your car ... give one effort to address to your friends ... tell them what this problem, it means ... You may be saving a April has been child's life." designated as -Bonnie Finney National Child

Hundreds of communities across the country are banding together to create greater public awareness of child abuse through the Quarters for Kids Blue Ribbon Campaign, sponsored by The National Exchange Club and The National Exchange Club Foundation for the Prevention of Child Abuse.

Abuse Preven-

tion Month.

Blue Ribbon lapel pins are being distributed to the public by Exchange Club members to symbolize the tragedy of child abuse and what can be done to prevent it. This nationwide effort is a result of an action taken by a concerned grandmother after experiencing the death of her grandson.

In 1989, Bonnie Finney, Norfolk, Va., took a stand against child abuse and tied a blue ribbon to her van as a symbol of her personal commitment to stop child abuse. The death of her only grand-"AAL recognizes the role son was tragic, and inspired Bonnie's message to the rest of

said Mary Hall, administrator of constant reminder to fight for promore information on how inditection of our children. We must protect our most precious gift of all ... our children. Please put one on your car ... give one to your friends...tell them what it means... You may be saving a child's life."

-Bonnie Finney

Since Bonnie's involvement with the blue ribbon program, many child advocacy organizaronment. But what color calls our tions have participated in this movement. The National Exchange Club and The National Exchange Club Foundation for The color blue symbolizes the Prevention of Child Abuse want to increase this participation

about the welfare of children to wear a blue ribbon, not only during April, but yearround. Exchange's

National Quarters for Kids Blue Ribbon project is a

three-year campaign focusing on distributing 3 million blue ribbon pins. Each pin represents a case of child abuse reported last year.

The National Exchange Club is a service organization comprised of nearly 36,000 men and women dedicated to making America a better place to live. Child abuse prevention is the national focus of Exchange. The Foundation coordinates a nationwide network of more than 75 Exchange Club Child Abuse Prevention Centers. Each center participates in the parent aide program.

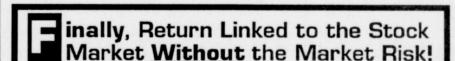
Parent aides are trained individuals who enter the homes of families at-risk for abuse, or where abuse has occurred. The supportive relationship that develops between the parent aide and the family helps to break the cycle of child abuse. To date, the Exchange Club Child Abuse Prevention network has helped more than 81,000 children and 43,000 families eliminate abuse from their lives.

Please show your support. To "The blue ribbon serves as a order Blue Ribbon pins, or for viduals, organizations, and communities can participate in National Child Abuse Prevention Month, call 800/XCHANGE (800/924-2643). Children are the only future the human race has. Treat them well.

teer opportunities and insurance Head Start accepting applications

Head Start is again taking applications for the 1996-1997 school year. If you have a child who will be 3 (three) to 5 (five) years of age, please consider the Head Start program. Children with disabilities are also being recruited. Apply now with Valerie Summerlin, Instructor/Supervisor, at 601 W. Pierce Street in Winters or call (915) 754-4325 for more information.

Eligibility will be determined based on family's income, size of family, and needs of family. Classroom openings are limited, so please register now. Operating hours are 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., services provided include: health screenings, nutritious meals and snacks, education, social services. parent involvement, also literature and services for children with special



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BUSY HELPERS (left to right) Brent Bryan, John Joeris, Darrell Kurtz, and John Parramore worked hard to mix cement for a new scoreboard to be placed at the Little League baseball field during the recent workday. Several men, women and children teamed together to prepare the fields for the upcoming season.

Girl Scouts to honor local leaders

Appreciation Day. This year marks the fifteenth annual observance of this special day when Girl Scout leaders throughout the nation are recognized for their contributions to the young women in their communities. The Heart of Texas Girl Scout Council salutes its leaders for a job well done.

In recognition, please offer thanks and continued support to the twelve individuals who lead troops in Winters: Angela Brewer, Deedra Yates, Saam Geistmann, Ann DeBerry, Debbie Sudduth, Sheila Paschal, Chris Parramore, Linda Jones, Rebecca Sartor, Amy Lujano, Rebecca McKown, and Rosa Lopez.

Also to be commended are Jan Cate, adult coordinator, of Brownwood; Chris Parramore, chairman; and Susan Ripple, public relationist, for leadership along with troop leaders, in the local Girl Scout Service Unit.

April 22 is Girl Scout Leader GSUSA hosts an adult member- and develop to their fullest potenship of over 800,000, most of whom are Girl Scout leaders.

tial as individuals. The Girl Scout

troop leaders play major roles in

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vests her time and effort in pro-

ducing the leaders of tomorrow.

Z.I. Hale Museum

officers elected 4/2

Museum elected new officers for

1996-97 at their meeting Tues-

The new officers are: Kay

Colburn, President; Jewell Kraatz,

Vice-president; Nancy Thomp-

son, Secretary; Edna England,

Treasurer; Charlsie Poe, Histo-

rian; Mary Margaret Leathers,

Curator; Gloria Poehls, Exhibit

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the signs north and south of town

announcing the Rogers Hornsby

100th Birthday celebration on

April 27. There will be a baseball

Charlsie Poe will head a com-

The next meeting will be held

at the museum on Tuesday, May

7th at 4:00 p.m., followed by a

mittee of "How it used to be."

board meeting at 5:00 p.m.

the Hubbards

the Ladies Golf Association will

hold an appreciation Play Day

honoring Peggy and Cotton

ball for two men and one woman

teams — and three flights with

Sign up will be at 3:30 p.m.

Cost per team is \$18 which

All members and non-members are welcome to come play.

includes supper. Extra plates for

token prizes.

with tee off at 4:00.

non-players will be \$3.

Baptist Church.

be sold at the door.

your ticket!

Play will be nine holes — best

Hubbard on Sunday, April 28.

from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Also present were Kathaleene

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The Friends of the Z.I. Hale

Girl Scout leaders come from all walks of life. Many juggle their time between families, careers, other volunteer work, social schedules, and personal hobbies. Somehow, they still manage to spend time to plan and carry out troop meetings. Girl Scout leaders are important individuals because girls look up to, believe in, and emulate them. We can only commend individuals who are willing to accept so great a responsibility.

A leader's tasks include supporting girls in their efforts to become responsible and self-reliant individuals. A leader provides girls with friendship, advice, encouragement, and resources.

Today's girls are faced with many crises such as drug and alcohol abuse, early motherhood, and poverty. The Girl Scout pro-Girl Scouts of the U.S.A. is the gram is designed to give girls the largest voluntary all-girl organi- incentive and courage to overzation in the world. This state- come such obstacles, avoid unment can be made because necessary unpleasantries in life,

Caregivers series to be held May & June

Family members who take on the role of caregiver to an elderly hands. Today caregivers have a full-time job, children and many other responsibilities.

Yet these caregivers are usually greeted by friends and family: "How is your mother? She's having such a hard time...you should appreciate the health she has left."

A support group to help family caregivers cope with the many stresses involved in caring for an elderly relative - guilt, frustration, work overload and lack of support by other relatives and friends - will be presented during 8 sessions in May and June.

The series is non-sectarian and is aimed at giving caregivers insight into their individual stresses and some key skills to improve May 28 Why Do I Feel Stuck their situation.

designed only for individuals who June 18 Trusting My Decision are experiencing the trials of June 25 Fulfilling My caregiving for the aging.

719 Hutchings

Ballinger, TX 76821

Applications are available at the County Extension Office on relative seldom have time on their the 3rd floor of the courthouse or from ministers serving Ballinger churches.

> submitting applications. There will be a \$15 charge to cover materials and refreshments.

> contact Rev. Dr. Henry Chisholm at 365-2253 or Patricia Hohensee at 365-5042. The series is sponsored by the First Presbyterian Church and Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

Dates and session titles

are as follows: May 6 Adjusting to Aging May 14 Learning to Listen May 21 Which Problems Can I Solve

June 4 How to Help a Friend The support group series is June 11 Heartache & Healing

Responsibility

April 24th is the deadline for

For more information, please

"Life is a Circus" The denunciation of the young is a necessary part of the hygiene of older people, and greatly assists in the circulation of to be presented the blood. —Logan Pearsall Smith **Ladies Night Out**

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Curiosities Antiques, Arts & Crafts Mall Open 9:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. Monday thru Saturday The Jeweled Sampler Tea Room Open 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Tuesday thru Saturday Come in, browse, and enjoy a delectable lunch

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We are all worms, but I do believe I am a glow worm.

- Winston Churchill

Crews News by Hilda Kurtz



watch-open face, busy hands, pure as crystal, and full of good works.

Hopewell Church had a full house—good Easter attendance. We welcome you back next Sunday. Visitors were Mrs. Gordon Brookshire of Talpa and her daughter, Carol, of San Angelo; Mr. and Mrs. Grady Fletcher of Talpa; Casey and Brandy Alexander of Arizona; Mrs. Couch of Amarillo; Mr. and Mrs. J.J. Kerby of Coleman; Bernie and Brian Faubion of Abilene; Mrs. Couch of Amarillo came in in the home of Brenda and Fred Melinda Kraatz of Austin; Dee Bnea New of Abilene; Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Kemp and daughter of Talpa; Brett, Sherri, Bryant, Braden, and Bryce Mikeska of Wingate; Melissa and Amanda Mints of Ballinger; Scott Gerhart; Charles Matthes over the week-Carolyn Webb; Kenny and Eileen Cartwright, and Jeremy and Tiffany Prater of Rotan.

Bro. Ferris Akins and Ramona of Ballinger, Nila and Therin Osborne, and Fairy and Wilbur Alcomenjoyed after-services Easter dinner with Juanita Shields.

gauges in the community—2 to 3 inches of rain, some snow, sleet, and hail was welcomed.

letter from their granddaughter Sunday. and daughter, Kris (Sims) Rives. Kris and her husband, Chris, now reside in St. Louis, Missouri, where he is working for the federal government in the Defense Home. Mapping Agency. He began September of 1995.

Mrs. Carolyn Webb's son, Rifrom San Diego, California, vis- Scott Gerhart; Melissa Mints and ited during the week. Carolyn's two brothers, Jim and Bob Everett, visited Grand Falls and Valenweekend. Their mother, Edith Everett, will go home with them held May 3-4

and spend a week. The members acknowledged Eileen and Kenny Cartwright, Jeremy and Tiffany Prater spent Easter Sunday with Harvey Mae and Noble Faubion and other rela-

game and activities at the park Vantage Home Mayfest celebration. The group made plans to clean Health to host up the Rock Hotel on April 13th **Open House**

Vantage Home Health Care, 7763 East Highway 153, Winters, will host Open House Tuesday,

Refreshments will be served. The public is cordially invited.

Golf Play Day in appreciation of Chris Dry scores high at landscape competition in CA The Winters Country Club and

Chris Dry, a 1994 graduate of Lives." WHS, was overall top scorer from Western Texas College at the Associate Landscape contractors of America competition recently held in San Luis Obispo, Califor-

Chris is the son of Rick and Linda Dry. He placed 15th out of 382 entries. The WTC team competed in horticulture and landscape-related events.

Pape, and Gladys Cotton also joined them. Lynn and Carol Faubion of Fort Worth came Sunday night.

ing the week. On Monday, Joe and Inez Kerby came from Coleman. Vada Fern Minter of Ballinger came Tuesday. Daughter Maurine, Bob, and Sara Scott of Sweetwater came Thursday. On Saturday, Inez and Joe Kerby of Coleman and the afternoon.

The Joe Kerbys came home with Mildred from church services Sunday. After lunch, everyone enjoyed some games.

Visiting with Leona and end were Pat Giles of Brownwood, Marcine Hall and son T.C. of Dallas, and Ellen Kettler of Win-

Noble Faubion and Ruth Pape brought Brad Pape home Sunday afternoon after being in the Ballinger hospital several days There were some happy rain with chest pains. Brad was admitted to the hospital on Monday.

Ruth Pape received a long letter from her friend, Iris Selex, of Adeline Grissom and Wanda Mexico. Daughter Elaine Ken-(Grissom) McLarty received a nedy of Tamp, Florida, called on

Coleman Foreman ate out Easter Sunday after services. Later he spent the afternoon with Lawan at the Senior Citizens Nursing

Easter dinner guests in the home of Marvin and Melvena Gerhart were Brett, Sherri, Bryant, Braden, chard Webb, and his son, Hayden, and Bryce Mikeska of Wingate;

Co-ed softball tine, Texas, during the Easter tournment to be

The Winters Area Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring a co-ed and a men's softball tournament to be held May 3 and 4 in conjunction with the Rogers Hornsby-

Entry fee is \$100 per team and two blue dot balls.

For more information and a complete set of rules, please contact Lisa Nitsch at 754-4231 or 754-5577, or Terry Wyatt at 754-5783 or 754-5577.

April 16, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 Dorcas devotional appropriate for Easter period

The Dorcas Sunday School Class of First Baptist Church met April 4 at Dairy Queen for refreshments. President Charlsie Poe gave a devotional entitled "He

Minutes were read, the treasurer's report was heard, and an offering was taken.

Present were Verlene Anthis, Lillian Eubanks, Dortha Lawrence, Dorothy Long, Charlsie Poe and cousin Nita Rambo of Menard, Eunice Polk, and Marcie Webb.

The next meeting will be with Verlene Anthis.

A good life is like a good tives. After church services, they her sister Amanda of Ballinger; ate dinner at The Trade Wind in and Sally Mae and Wilma Gerhart Coleman, Melinda Kraatz, Walter of Winters. An Easter egg hunt was held in the afternoon.

> Sybil Tounget of Lubbock, Lyndon and Varnelle McBeth of Monahans visited Dennis, Audine, Mildred Morrison visited dur- and Roy McBeth for several days. The McBeths visited Mable White and family in Tuscola Sunday.

S.K. Alexander, Jerry Alexander, Casey and Brandi Alexander of Tuscon, Arizona, visited Helen Alexander during the Easter holidays. The Sam Faubion families all spent Easter Tyree of Ballinger.

There was good attendance at the annual Easter egg hunt at Bill and Josie Hoppe's hillside. All enjoyed the delicious refreshments afterwards.

Nancy, Donnie, and Kyle Gibbs of Menard; Kenny, Saffron, Lane, and Tana Gibbs spent Sunday with Connie and Georgia Gibbs.

Doris Wood had all her families out on Sunday for a day early Easter supper. All enjoyed the egg

Doris Wood and Frances Mincey had lunch with the Bobbie and Larry Calcote family Sunday in Winters.

Celebrating Easter Sunday with Margie Jacob were Bryce, Justin, and Jodie Busenlehner; Sharon and Jerry Engler; Cookie, Brad, and Corey Van Zandt; Carol, Mike, Katherine, Jeanna, and Scott Kozelsky; and Brenda Jacob. All enjoyed the egg hunt in the afternoon.

Those attending the mission study Monday morning at the Hopewell Fellowship Hall were leader Nila Osborne, Mildred Morrison, Ramona Akins, Melvena Gerhart, Dee Faubion, Netha Kerby, and visitor Dee Bnea New of Abilene.

Crews Cemetery clean-up is Saturday, April 13.

Call Moro VFD at 767-3456 to report area emergencies

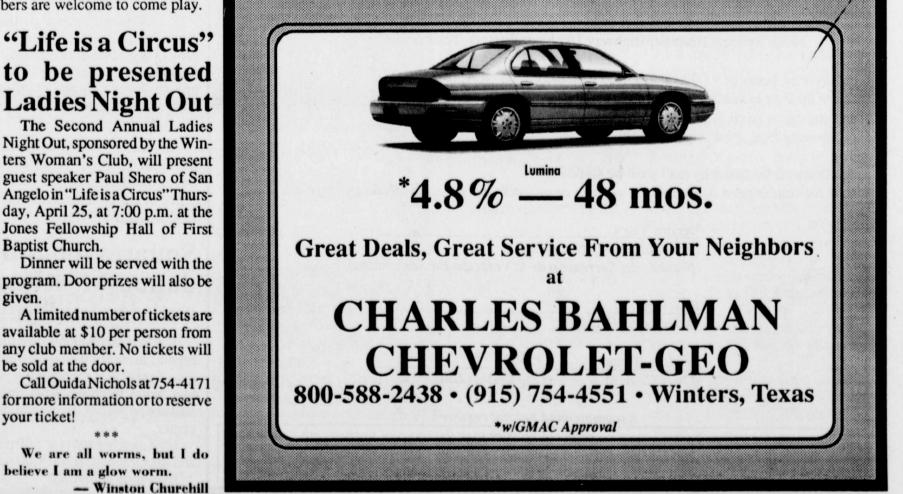
The Moro Volunteer Fire Department has a new emergency telephone number, 767-3456. This number should be included in the telephone directory now being printed.

The Moro VFD has been assigned as first contact for emergencies for the area west of Bradshaw to the Grassbur community and north into the mountain range. The Winters Fire Department will continue to assist the south portion of Taylor Country from Highway 1086 south to the Runnels County line.

Construction of a Moro fire station has begun. Another workday has been scheduled in April.

A membership drive is being conducted at this time. Anyone in the Moro area may join. Contributions will be used to help buy materials for the fire station and for general operation.

Contributions may be sent to: Sam Nix, Chief, 126 CR 195, Ovalo, Texas 79541; Debbie Walters, Secretary, 2317 CR 184, Ovalo, Texas 79541; or any mem-



TOTING A BUNNY FULL OF EASTER GOODIES is adorable 4-year-old Chelsea Shea Summers of Gatesville. Chelsea is the daughter of Eddie and Jennifer (Bishop) Summers, the second cousin of Susan Ripple of Winters, and the great-granddaughter of Mae Ferguson of Ballinger.



Town Criers



Corey Jack Pritchard

Johnny Bob and Deb Pritchard of Winters are proud to announce the arrival of a son, Corey Jack Pritchard, born Wednesday, March 27, 1996, at 6:02 p.m. at Hendrick Medical Center in Abilene. Corey weighed 8 pounds, 1-1/2 ounes and was 20-1/2 inches long.

He is welcomed home by big brothers, Coltyn, 3; Colby, 5; and Cody, 9; and sisters, Mandy, 11; Misty, 15; and Marie, 24.

Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Jack Chapman of Noblesville, Indiana. Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Jack Pritchard of Wingate.

Kara Lynn Heathcott

Denny and Barbara Heathcott of Winters are proud to announce the arrival of their new daughter, Kara Lynn, born Tuesday, April 2, 1996, at 10:03 a.m. at Shannon's Women's and Children's Hospital in San Angelo. She weighed 6 pounds, 5 ounces and was 19-1/2 inches long. Kara was welcomed home by a sister, Amy, and two brothers,

Robby and John. Proud grandparents are Bernie and Beatrice Michalewicz of Olfen.



The ancient Egyptians worshiped cats and were punished for harming them. They worshiped a goddess of love with the head of a cat and the body of a woman.

To the Registered Voters of North Runnels Hospital District:

(DIRECCION (ES) DE LAS CASILLAS ELECTORALES)

Wingate - Wingate Lions Club Building

Winters - Elementary School Library

LOCATION(S) OF POLLING PLACES

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(y terminando el 30 de abril de 1996.)

Applications for ballot by mail shall be mailed to:

Deedra Yates

P.O. Box 185

Winters, Texas

(City)(Ciudad)

(Address) (Dirección)

(A los volantes registrados del Norte Runnels Districto de Ospital:)

May 4, 1996, for voting in a Hospital District election, to elect three directors.

Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at

(La votación en adelantada en persona se llevard a cabo de lunes a viernes en)

North Runnels Hospital; Highway 153 East; Winters, Texas

between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. beginning on April 15, 1996

(entre las 9 de la mañana y las 4 de la tarde empezando el 15 de abril, 1996)

(Name of Early Voting Clerk)

(Las solicitudes para boletas que se votarán en ausencia por correo deberán enviarse a:)

(Nombre del Secretario de la Votación En Adelantada)

Recommended but not required

April 26, 1996. (26 de abril, 1996.)

(Las solicitudes para boletas que se votarán en ausencia por corro deberán recibirse para el fin

Applications for ballots by mail must be received no later than the close of business on

(Zip Code) (Zona Postal)

NOTICE OF ELECTION

(AVISO DE ELECCION)

Notice is hereby given that the polling places listed below will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., on

(Notifiquese, por las presente, que las casillas electorales sitados abajo se abrirán desde las 7:00 a.m

hasta las 7:00 p.m. el 4 de mayo de 1996 para votar en la Elección para Electrá Tres Directors.)

Forage Production Seminar scheduled April 17

The production of large amounts of high quality forage is an important aspect of agriculture in Runnels County. Perennial forages such as coastal bermudagrass and summer annuals such as sorghum hybrids provide both excellent grazing as well as a good supply of baled hay for winter

On April 17, a Forage Production Seminar will be held in Ballinger at the Beefmaster Steakhouse in Ballinger from 10:00 a.m. until noon. Speakers for the day include Charles Stichler, Extension Agronomist from Uvalde; Dr. Steve Hammack, Extension Beef Cattle Specialist from Stephenville; and Dr. Frank Craddock, Sheep and Goat Specialist from San Angelo.

Topics to be discussed by Mr. Stichler include establishment,

of quality vs. quantity, parasite control, and vaccination programs for cattle, sheep, and goats. A complimentary Mexian buffet lunch will be provided at the conclusion of the meeting. Sponsors for the meal include Cargil Hybrid Seed Co., Ballinger Feed

weed control, harvesting, fertility, and new varieties. Hammack

and Craddock will discuss haying and grazing for optimum

nutiritional value, the importance

and Seed, Ballinger Co-Op Gin, Robinson Ag Mart, and Merck Ag Vet, makers of Ivomec. At the conclusion of the pro-

gram, producers will receive one (1) hour of Continuing Education Unit (CEU) for private pesticide applicators license. Please RSVP to the County Extension Office by 5:00 p.m. April 16 by calling 365-2219.

Chamber of Commerce Update By Dawn Green

Mayfest is just around the cortration is \$25. Contact Marie ner with this year's festivities to be held on Saturday, May 4, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

In addition to the traditional activities, a day-long tribute will honor Rogers Hornsby's 100th birthday and baseball. Anyone interested in setting up a sports card booth may do so by contacting the Chamber of Commerce office at 754-5210.

The annual Rogers Hornsby softball tournament will begin on Friday, May 3, and continue through Saturday, May 4. Registration forms are available from Lisa Nitsch, 754-4231, or Terry Wyatt, 754-5783. Registration fee is \$100 and two blue dot balls.

be played Saturday only. Regis- coming to Mayfest.

Fisher at 754-5469 (day) or 754-4246 (night) or Dena Santoya at 754-5375 by April 22.

Food and activity booths are needed. Fees will be \$15 per booth, including business booth fees. There will not be a charge for arts and crafts booths that do not require a table or electricity. Those requiring a table or electricity must pay the fee of \$15.

The Chamber encourages everyone to get involved in this year's celebration. As a promising event, it is hoped that many people will come to be part of Winters on this day.

Keep watching the newspaper The volleyball tournament will for more details on who will be

More than 130,000 declare war on litter April 13 It's an all-out war against lit-

ter: on Saturday, April 13, 130,000 Adopt-a-Highway and Keep Texas Beautiful volunteers will lash out against litter, cleaning state and county roads, city streets and parks in the eleventh annual "Great Texas Trash-Off." Part of the Texas Department of Transportation's (TxDOT's) "Don't Mess with Texas" antilitter campaign, the Trash-Off is one of the nation's largest oneday cleanups.

More than 2,000 Adopt-a-Highway groups will rid state roads of trash, while Keep Texas April 11. Residents may pile any Rogers Hornsby sign in the city Beautiful groups in 84 communi- wood with no metal such as nails, park. City council members apties will be sprucing upcity streets, including tree limbs less than 14" county roads, and parks. The in diameter. groups expect to pick up 7.25 million gallons of litter statewide.

According to Doris Howdeshell, director of TxDOT's Travel and Information Division, the combined effort of the Great Texas Trash-Off, Don't Mess with Texas, and Adopt-a-Highway has changed behavior about littering and reduced the amount of litter on Texas roads. These antilitter programs also save the state between \$2 and \$4 million a year in litter pickup expenditures.

"Awareness of TxDOT's antilitter programs is very high in the state, and we've made great strides in reducing roadside litter," Howdeshell said. "The Great Texas Trash-Off is one single day on which we hope to see the whole state cleaner for the traveling public. Our hope is that seeing more than 130,000 people cleaning up after litterers, and seeing miles and miles of clean roads will make drivers think twice about throwing something out of the car. Ultimately, our goal is zero tolerance-we will have done our job when no one in Texas litters."

TxDOT's grassroots partner, Keep Texas Beautiful, is a nonprofit, environmental umbrella group consisting of a network of private citizens, communities, industries, civic groups, schools, and government agencies.

Anyone interested in participating in the Great Texas Trash-Off can contact their local TxDOT office or Keep Texas Beautiful at 1-800-CLEAN-TX.

Squares monthly dance at school activity building

The Winters Squares host their regular monthly dance on Saturday, April 27, at the school's yellow metal building. This dance will not be held at the community

Line dancing starts at 7:30 p.m. and the Grand March at 8:00 p.m. Everyone is invited!



RUBY AND RUSSELL SNEED

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Sneed celebrated 50th anniversary

Russell and Ruby Sneed of Wingate celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Saturday, March 16, 1996, with children and grandchil-

Russell was born March 19, 1919, in Lafayette, Mississippi. Ruby was born April 12, 1921, in Tye. They met in Bluff Creek and were married March 16, 1946, in Southland. During their marriage, they have lived in Abilene and Wingate.

Russell is a farmer. Ruby is a homemaker. They are members of Broadway Baptist Church in Sweetwater.

The Sneeds have one son, Richard Sneed and his wife Susan of San Antonio; one daughter, Sharon Richey and her husband Lee; and four grandchildren.

"Council," continued

A stipulation of this loan is that the City co-sign the note to WTU in case of default by the Winters Area Business Industrial Corporation (which is different from the WIDC). In the case of the WTU loan, the City of Winters would approve a bond issue, but not issue bonds, unless the loan is defaulted.

Council members heard a report from Charles Grenwelge, street superintendent, about sched-

uling use of the new chipper that arrived March 29. Grenwelge said

A definite schedule will be set for once or twice a month for the city crew to operate the chipper for residents.

Aref Hassan also mentioned that the city will soon receive 100 composting bins to be distributed to local citizens. More information will be made available after receipt of the bins.

Winners of the elementary school art contest, sponsored by the city council, were presented proclamations and checks. The contest was to promote art, which will be displayed in the new city hall facilities.

Winners were Joshua Vidauri, Cory Sudduth, Antonio Aragon and Vickie Santoya. Also present for the award ceremony were the children's parents, their teachers and elementary principal Terry Wyatt. Dawn Green, Chamber of

Commerce secretary, presented a that his crew could begin making request from the Chamber direcrounds throughout the city on tors to place a commemorative proved the request.

Beth Hamilton was appointed Election Judge by the council.

The council heard monthly reports from Mr. Hassan, Police Chief Carey Balentine, and Ouida Nichols, Municipal Court Judge.

A resolution was approved authorizing Mr. Hassan to apply for the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department's Community Outdoor Outreach Program Grant.

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Public Record

COUNTY COURT

Jeffery A. Schnoor, Abilene, 04-01-96, Two Counts, Theft of Cash. Clifford Raymond Knowles, Saginaw, 04-01-96, Possession of Marijuana. Demetrius Martinez Jr., Winters, 04-02-96, Assault. DISTRICT COURT

Karen Michelle Horton vs. Harold Dwain Horton, 04-03-96, Divorce. Edwin Ray Six vs. Lela Delores Burge Six, 04-04-96, Divorce. Coby Ann Smith Manson vs. Billy Todd Manson, 04-04-96, Divorce. Ruth Marie Lea vs. Ray Edward Lawson, 04-09-96, Divorce. **DIVORCES GRANTED**

Billy Ray Hollis and Janice E. Hollis, 04-04-96. Harrell Alvin Owen and Sandra Jewel Owen, 04-04-96. Harvestor Hollis and Linda Kay Hollis, 04-04-96. MARRIAGE LICENSES

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The Public Hearing will be held at the Winters City Hall Council Chambers at 310 S. Main. The date and time for the Council meeting is April 22, 1996, at 6:00 p.m.

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Call report of the Winters **Volunteer Fire Department**

Members of the Winters Volunteer Fire Department responded to 13 emergency calls during the month of March, 1996, as reported by Rodrick Bredemeyer, recording secretary for WVFD:

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	March 2	10:30 a.m.	Assisted several Taylor County fire depts. on two grass fires occuring a
			the same time between Ovalo and Guion. Dispatched 2 trucks.
	March 2	11:00 a.m.	Grass fire on southeast edge of Bradshaw at same time as above fires
			Dispatched 1 truck.
	March 3	6:30 p.m.	Grass fire in ditch 1 mile north of
		and the same	Hatchel. Dispatched 2 trucks.
	March 4	5:50 p.m.	Dry's paint shop on West Dale. Fire
			was out before truck arrived.
			Dispatched 1 truck.
	March 5	1:30 p.m.	Grass fire at 3-D Oil & Gas 1 mile
			north of Winters. Dispatched 1 truck
	March 16	3:30 p.m.	Car fire at Family Dollar parking lot
			Dispatched 1 truck.
	March 21	4:55 p.m.	Grass fire on Rodeo Arena Road.
			Dispatched 1 truck.
	March 22	3:00 p.m.	Rekindle of previous day's fire on
			Rodeo Arena Road. Dispatched 1 truck.
	March 23	9:15 p.m.	Grass fire on Wind Mountain Ranch
			14 miles east of Winters. Dispatched

3 trucks, assisted by 2 trucks from Car fire 1 mile west of Winters on March 24 2:30 a.m. Country Road 485. Dispatched 1

truck. Grass fire in ditch 2 miles west of March 25 1:30 p.m. Winters on Highway 153. Dispatched

> 9:00 p.m. Assisted Lawn Fire Dept. on grass fire 16 miles northeast of Winters, north of T-P Camp. Dispatched 3

trucks. Assisted Moro Fire Dept. on grass March 28 3:30 p.m. fire on west edge of Bradshaw. Dispatched 2 trucks.

1 truck.

March 25

The other side of boll weevil eradication

by BETHANY HULSE, BILL GREFENSTETTE, JERRY REDDING Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA

The boll weevil eradication program is one of the most successful programs in the history of the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

But over the last few months, some farmers in a few areas of the Cotton Belt have started petitions to recall or stop eradication programs which have already begun. In January, such an effort shut down the program in Texas' Lower Rio Grande Valley, which had begun less than 10 months earlier. And growers in east Mississippi voted recently to stop their program, which began about 18 months ago.

Recall petitions are also being discussed by some of the growers in South Texas/Winter Garden, the Texas High Plains, and the Tennessee Valley of Alabama.

However, in response to positive grower referenda, the program is expanding into an additional 1.3 million acres in other areas of Texas.

"While the decision to start boll weevil eradication will always rest with the cotton growers, we want to reaffirm that USDA stands behind the boll weevil eradication program," said Gary Cunningham, national program coordinator with the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, a part of USDA's marketing and regulatory programs mission area.

"Our record speaks for itself. In the states where we have eradicated boll weevil, the use of pesticides is down by as much as 90 percent, and cotton acreage has increased more than 500 percent. This increased acreage has created many new jobs, and the ability to grow weevil-free cotton has Cunningham said.

spect that. We just want to reas- grated pest management. involved in eradication efforts that easier to manage pyrethroid resisthe benefits far outweigh any risks tance in budworms and bollassociated with the program."

Cotton farmers should consider the following facts when thinking about boll weevil eradication:

-Boll weevil numbers are down significantly in all program areas; all active areas will be very close to eradication in 1996. Even the numbers in the east Mississippi buffer zone should be unusually low this year.

—In 1987 when the program began in Georgia, there were 275,000 acres of cotton in that state. In 1995, there were 1.5 million acres - a five-fold increase. Georgia is now second only to Texas in the amount of cotton produced.

—For the first time in 40 years, cotton has replaced the peanut in total value in Georgia. The total value of Georgia's 1995 cotton crop was about \$725 million, compared to only \$111 million before the boll weevil eradication program began in 1987. This increase is even more dramatic considering that nationwide yields dropped about 20 percent in 1995 as a result of generally poor growing conditions.

—The cotton industry in Georgia contributes over \$3 billion in annual revenue to the state and employs over 32,000 Georgians. About 20 new gins were built in Georgia in the last 2 years alone, with each worth about \$4-5 million. Three cottonseed crushing mills were also built at about \$12-14 million each.

-Nationwide, the rate of return on funds invested in boll weevil eradication has been estimated to be \$12 for every \$1 in program cost.

—Eradicating the boll weevil stabilized the industry in these eliminates the need for early seaareas of the country," sonpesticide applications in many parts of the country, which allows "We are disappointed with the beneficial insects to increase in recent decision in the Lower Rio number and gives them a good Grande Valley and east Missis- chance to control secondary cotsippi to stop the program, but it is ton pests. Growers can actually a growers' program, and we re- practice biologically based inte-

sure growers who are currently —Weevil-free cotton makes it worms.

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-The 1995 problems with beet armyworm and tobacco budworm were unusual, extensive, and due primarily to climatic conditions occurring both inside and outside eradication areas. It is unfair to place the entire blame for the bad 1995 crop on the boll weevil eradication program.

"I emphasize that the boll weevil eradication program is a grower-funded and grower-run program. When the growers make a decision, they should know the facts. We need to remember the benefits of growing weevil-free cotton, and that it takes hard work and patience to reach that objective," Cunningham said.

Public hearing on proposed hunting, fishing regulations

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department will be conducting a public hearing April 17th in Sonora at 7:00 p.m. at the 4-H Center to receive public input on changes in the hunting and fishing regulations that are proposed for the 1996-97 season and would become effective on September 1, 1996 and expire on August 31,

The public is invited to attend. Written comments on the proposed regulations can also be sent to: TPWD, Wildlife Proclamation Comment, Attn: Bill Harvey, 400 Smith School Rd., Austin, TX 78744, or call 512-389-4642.

For more information contact Ralph Suarez, TPWD, at 915-483-

Recommended planting dates May 15-June 20

Runnels County farmers voted at the Ag-Day program for an uniform planting date for cotton and sorghum. This year's recommended dates have been set for May 15-June 20.

In the past, the begining planting date was usually between May 23 and 25, but because the boll weevil population has been reduced drastically, an earlier planting date could be utilized.

Getting the crops in earlier may help as far as eliminating secondary pests as well.

The uniform planting date includes the Concho Valley which consists of Runnels, Tom Green, Concho, McCullough, and Schleicher counties.

Tom Green county has yet to vote, but all indications are they will be in agreement with the beginning date of May 15.

Farmers unable to plant a crop due to a natural disaster, should contact their insurance agent within 3 days after the final planing date of June 20 to file a prevented planting claim.



May 1, deadline to certify grain crops

Producers who have wheat, oats, or barley intended for harvest, grazing, and/or baling and have not already reported these acres, may do so at any time. The final date to certify small grains is May 1st. If it looks like grain will —The boll weevil eradication not be made on your acreage, be sure and come into the USDA office and file form 574.

Producers with CAT coverage small grains not carried to harvest and put to another use or destroyed prior to an appraisal are considered destroyed "without consent" and considered uninsured.

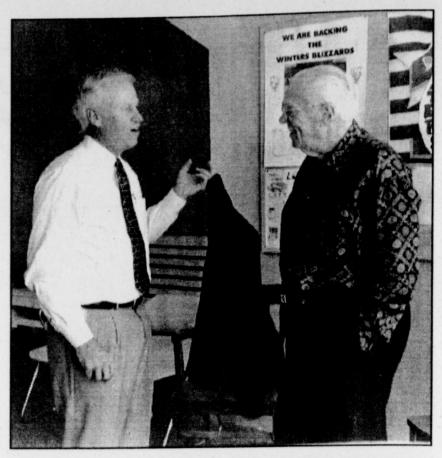
Sheep referendum passed at 54.12%

The recent sheep and wool referendum for the National Promotion, Research, and Information Program has passed.

Of the 19,801 vaild ballots cast in the February 6 referendum, 10,707 (54.1 percent) favored and 9,094 (45.9 percent) opposed implementation of the program.

Funds generated under the program will finance promotion, research, education, and information activities designed to strengthen the sheep and wool industry's position in the market

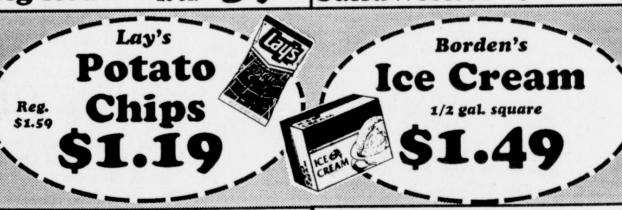
> Rock Hotel/Z.I. Hale Museum Workday Saturday, April 13 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. Give a little time to the "Rock"



SENATOR CHARLES STENHOLM visits with Homer Hodge during the senator's recent stop at the Winters Chamber of Commerce. Senator Stenholm discussed illegal immigration, Medicare and welfare reform, English as the official U.S. language, minimum wage, education, affirmative action, childcare assistance for single parents, NAFTA and truck driving laws.







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