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Residents, organizations honored by Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 9193 and Ladies Auxiliary

Winters Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 9193 and the Ladies Auxiliary met Monday, April 8, in a joint session to honor veterans and various members and organizations of the community for their services.

Marcie Pritchard, a senior at Winters High School, presented her Voice of Democracy speech "Answering America's Call." Commander Frank Carter awarded Miss Pritchard a \$100 scholarship and offered thanks for her participation in the District contest.

Auxiliary President Mary Kurtz then displayed the flag received by the Winters VFW for sponsoring the World War II Commemorative Program. Winters was one of 7,000 communities who took part in this program. VFW members and its auxiliary intend to share the flag with the community by displaying it in the public schools, public library, Chamber of Commerce office, and eventually by giving it to the Z.I. Hale Museum.

The official United States of America 50th Anniversary of

World War II lapel pins were made into plaques and presented to Rev. Jim Hanson of the Winters Lions Club; Charles Poe, Z.I. Hale Museum; Nina Hale, Winters Public Library; Rhea Parramore, Winters High School Student Council sponsor; Dawn Green, Winters Chamber of Commerce; Terry Wyatt, Winters Elementary Principal; Jean Boles, *The Winters Enterprise*; Roy Rice, *The Journal*; Commander Frank Carter, Winters VFW Post 9193; and Billy Ray, VFW and American Legion member who worked very hard to ensure that U.S. flags were displayed downtown.

Commander Frank Carter and Quartermaster R.C. Kurtz were presented belt buckles and pins by Auxiliary President Mary Kurtz at the request of District 22 Commander Bob Burton. These were awards for reaching over 100% membership.

Mrs. Kurtz presented charms from the State VFW Auxiliary to Adeline Holder, Auxiliary secretary/treasurer, and Sr. Vice President Ruby Carter for 100% membership.

President Kurtz stated that she wished she had a pin for all members and for everyone who worked on the World War II program and other projects sponsored by the VFW Post and Auxiliary.

A certificate was awarded to the Auxiliary for their support of the VFW National Home and the Buddy Poppy Nursing Home Project.

Auxiliary President Mary Kurtz presented 16 books on "World War II Battles and History" to the Winters Public Library.

All those that attended were thanked for taking the time to be present and wished a safe trip home.

Following presentations, the regular monthly meeting of the Auxiliary was held with election of 1996-'97 officers: President, Mary Kurtz; Sr. Vice President, Ruby Carter; Jr. Vice President, Dorine Kozelsky; Secretary/Treasurer, Adeline Holder; Guard, Evelyn Smith; Chaplain, Gene Hoppe; Patriotic Instructor, Isabel Esquivel; Conductress Bettye Pinkerton; and Trustee, Betty Thomason.



HONORED BY VFW POST 9193 and LADIES AUXILIARY were these community leaders (front row, left to right) Jean Boles, editor of *The Winters Enterprise*; Rhea Parramore, sponsor of WHS student council; Adeline Holder, auxiliary guard; Ruby Carter, auxiliary junior vice-president; Charles Poe of the Z.I. Hale Museum; Mary Kurtz, auxiliary president, and Billy Ray VFW and American Legion member. Back row, left to right, are Terry Wyatt, Winters elementary school principal; Dawn Green, secretary of Chamber of Commerce; Roy Rice of the *Journal*; Nina Hale, representing the Winters Public Library; Commander Frank Carter, and Quartermaster R. C. Kurtz.

School board ok's funds for part of new concession stand

In the regular meeting of the WISD board of trustees on April 9, board members heard a progress report from Teresa Davis, Band Boosters President, regarding the proposed new concession stand at the football field.

Board members voted unanimously, over the objection of Superintendent Lancaster, to approve the expenditure not to exceed \$5,700 for site preparation, concrete and plumbing for a new concession stand.

The new concession stand is planned to be built at the north end of the east "home" bleachers and will be shared by the Band Boosters and the Athletic Boost-

ers who are responsible for the remainder of the construction costs. Completion date is uncertain at this time.

Superintendent Lancaster recommended to the board to appoint Johnny Merrill as Asbestos Coordinator, however, the board took no action.

Phillip Esquivel was appointed Integrated Pest Manager by the board. WISD Business manager Jimmy Butler was named as the authorized representative for the National School Lunch and Child Nutrition Program.

Trustees also set May 6, 1996, as the date of the board meeting to canvass election results.

Christmas in April (this Saturday) workday reminder: Workers should gather at 7:00 a.m. for breakfast in the school cafeteria then report to your work site by 8:00 a.m. Lunch on your own. Big BBQ supper in the cafeteria begins at 5:00 p.m. for all volunteers.

Second graders to roar tonight in "It's a Jungle Out There!"

The Second Grade of Winters Elementary is proud to present on April 18th at 7:00 p.m. a musical play by Mary Donnelly and George Strid.

Fran Kidwell, Troylene Lincycumb, Melinda Meyers, Marthiel Russell, and Cathy Oliver direct the production.

WHS Cheerleaders to serve Hamburger Lunch on Sunday

1996-'97 WHS Cheerleaders Linsey, Cristi, Michelle, Jeanna, Heather, and Monica invite everyone to their Hamburger Lunch on Sunday, April 21. Serving will begin at 11:30 a.m. and conclude at 1:30 p.m. at the School Cafeteria.

Items on the menu this year include a hamburger, French fries, tea, and dessert. Cost of the plate is \$3.50 each.

Proceeds will be used to offset expenses for camp, uniforms, and supplies for sign-making.

Enjoy your meal and support the team that backs the Blizzards all the way!

She flies through the air with the greatest of ease



KAREN OATS, WHS sophomore, gets good extension in her first place triple jump effort at the District 6-2A track meet at Stanton. Karen's winning jump of 35'9" qualifies her for the Regional Meet April 26 & 27. For complete results and more pictures, please see page 5.

WHS tracksters sweep second place in District Meet; 16 go to Regionals

Despite blowing dust and somewhat cool temperatures in the flatlands of Stanton, all three track teams from Winters High School won second place at the district meet last Friday.

Although slight in number of members but strong in determination, the varsity girls team placed a close second with 167 points to Jim Ned's 171. Other scores included Wall 112 points, Stanton 79, Forsan 28 and Coahoma 6.

Coach Deb Whittenburg said, "Everyone on the team should be commended for their good effort and hard work. They did a super job!"

Winters has nine girls qualified for Regional. The two seniors on the team both qualified. Erika Vega in the 800 M and Janabeth Bryan in the 800 Relay and discus. Janet Guy, a junior, is qualified in the 800 M.

There are three sophomores, Jeanna Kozelsky in the 300 hurdles, Monica Parramore in the 800 Relay, Karen Oats in the long jump, triple jump, and the 800 Relay.

The three freshmen that qualified for Regional include Tarra Burns in the 400 M, Kourtney Cathey in the 3200 M, and Misty Pritchard in the 200 M and the 800 Relay.

Seven qualified for Regional: John Paul Belew in the 400 M Relay and Shot Put; Mark Deike, 1600 M Relay, 110 M High Hurdles, and 300 M Intermediate Hurdles; Eric Bernal, 400 and 1600 M Relays and 800 M Run; Jonathan Gann, 400 and 1600 M Relays and 400 M Dash; Jace Wade, 400 and 1600 M Relays; Kevin Conner, Shot Put and Discus; and Raul Marrero, 1600 and 3200 M Runs.

The junior varsity boys also brought home a good second place standing with Stanton taking first and Jim Ned third.

Coach Jeff Butts says, "I am proud of these young men and

what they have accomplished. They are hard workers, and it is a pleasure to be associated with each of them."

Coach Butts also would like to thank Coach Wilde and Coach Russell for volunteering their help this year. "Without them, we would not have been as successful as we were this year." Butts also thanks the parents and fans for encouraging these young men, especially at the District Meet.

Regional track competition will be April 26th and 27th at Abilene Christian University in Abilene.

WHAT'S HAPPENING ?

- April 18-5:30 p.m., Literary & Service Club, Pendergrass Home
- 6-10 p.m., EMT Courses, North Runnels Hospital
- 7 p.m., Second Grade Musical, WHS Auditorium
- 7 p.m., A&M Moms Spring Semester Finals Goody Bag Assembly, Ballinger
- 7:30 p.m., PTA Meeting, WHS Auditorium
- April 19-11:30 a.m., Senior Citizens Meal
- First Grade Field Trip
- Deadline to Order Elementary Yearbook
- April 20-9 a.m.-noon, "Summer Fun and Safety" Workshop, Day Care Licensing Division, Brownwood
- April 21-10:30 a.m., Guiding Light Spirit Filled Baptist Church Special Services
- 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Cheerleader Hamburger Lunch, School Cafeteria
- 2-4 p.m., Gospel Singing, Southside Baptist Church
- 2-4 p.m., Congressman Stenholm's Academy Day Orientation, San Angelo
- 6 p.m., Guiding Light Spirit Filled Baptist Church Special Services
- Week of the Young Child Begins
- April 22-9:30-10:30 a.m., SS Rep, Winters Housing Authority
- 11:30 a.m., Senior Citizens Meal
- 5:15 p.m., 4-H Meeting, Senior Citizens Activity Center
- 6 p.m., City Council, City Hall
- 6-9 p.m., ESL Classes, School Ag. Bldg.
- 6:30 p.m., Winters Squares, Community Center
- Secondary School Students Spring Pictures
- Girl Scout Leader Appreciation Day
- Earth Day
- April 23-Noon, Lions Club
- 6-10 p.m., EMT Courses, North Runnels Hospital
- 7 p.m., WVFD
- 7 p.m., CTO Dialogue on Poverty, Multi-Purpose Center, Winters
- Fire Dept. Auxiliary
- 4-H Method Demonstration Practice
- April 24-11:30 a.m., Senior Citizens Meal
- ITBS Test, Grades 1 & 2
- April 25-Noon, 39+, First United Methodist Church
- 6-10 p.m., EMT Courses, North Runnels Hospital
- 7 p.m., Ladies Night Out, First Baptist Church Jones Fellowship Hall
- Second Grade Field Trip
- Last Day to Sign-up for Pest Management

OIL BUSINESS . . .

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We continue this week to discuss the evaluation of "deals" that might be presented to you or someone you know.

As you may recall, we extracted some key information from the "memorandum" or "package" (the brochure or write-up of the deal) last time. Now, we are going to examine that information and try to understand its implications.

We are going to concentrate on the seven things we mentioned last time that required a little bit of digging to find.

The first three items are related. They all involve how the cost of the deal is divided.

The typical deal has a set cost for the project (drilling, workover, whatever). Of that set cost, a certain amount goes to the offering company, usually labeled as "lease acquisition," "offering costs," etc. If this amount is large, the deal may be burdened unnecessarily. For example, a 4,000 feet well would usually cost about \$350,000 to \$450,000 to drill and complete, depending upon the circumstances. If a deal's total cost that included drilling such a well is much above \$500,000, then the offering company is usually getting a lot of cash up front.

This is obviously not a good thing for an investor.

In a like manner, if the investors are putting up all of the investment and getting less than 75 percent of the deal (the offering company is "carried" for a free 25%), then it might be hard for an investment to ever make a decent return, even if the deal is successful.

The potential investor should also be aware of any changes in the percentage owned by the investors during the life of the project (points #4 & #5 last time). Buried somewhere in the brochure is a statement regarding any "back-ins" (where the offering company gets additional percentage of the deal for free down the road—usually after payout), reversions (where a percentage goes back to an overriding royalty owner later in the life), or any other change in ownership that would reduce the benefits that an investor might receive in a successful project.

The #6 item we looked for pertained to the track record of the offering company. To comply with certain regulations, there should be a disclosure of the investment returns generated by an offering company (particularly those sold by brokers) on deals previously sold. This may be hard to find, but it can be very informative.

As a wiseman once said, past performance is no indicator of future performance—unless it's all bad. Amazingly, many investors are so intent on getting into the oil business, they overlook some dismal track records.

Finally, the seventh item on our information hunt involved the projections for future investor returns. This item should be in any reputable deal, even though it can

be cleverly hidden and presented in such a way to blur its intended usefulness.

An investor should look carefully at the projection provided by the offering company. Remember, the projection is part of a sales brochure (usually), so it will be a projection for what would happen if the project is successful. It doesn't even begin to address the risk of the project, nor does it show the worst case scenario of losing all of your money.

If the offering company's projection shows that your return is high in cash terms but low in rate of return terms, it is probably a deal that is not advantageous to any investor who wants to make money over time. It would pay to do your own calculations based on how much you might invest. Look to see if the amount of money returned in a month or year is impressive to you. If it isn't, forget the deal. If it is, go the next step and see what the risk is of it being unsuccessful. Then, finally, check the optimism of the projection you are working with. Is it too rosey or is it a good, educated guess?

Good luck. I could go on for days, but maybe I've said enough. Go ahead, take a crack at it. Satisfy yourself, then invest.

HIGHLIGHTS OF AREA DRILLING ACTIVITY

COMPLETIONS

Coke County
Exxon has completed a plug back in the R. Hickman -C- #210 in the Bronte Field (2 miles SW of Bronte) at an initial rate of 10,093 MCFPD (AOF) in the Gardner (perms 5070-80). Loc. is 2882 FNL & 650 FNWL of C&MRR Sur. No. 5, A-62.

Nolan County
Tucker Drilling has completed the TXL -A- #1 in the South Lake Trammel Field (4 miles N of Maryneal) at an initial rate of 53 BOPD & 1 BWPD in the Canyon Sand (perms 5317-33). Loc. is 1852 FNL & 1630 FEL of Sec. 31, Bk. X, T&PRR Sur., A-416.

STAKINGS

Coleman County
Aurora Gas has staked the Rough Creek Ranch #1 as a Wildcat, 2 miles SE of Novice (Depth 4000). Loc. is 1691 FNL & 2560 FEL of Sec. 40, HT&B Sur.

Caddo Operating has staked four wells in the County Regular Field, 2 miles W of Trickham (Depth 1900). The Taylor Motor Co. #30-AB is loc. 2150 FEL & 750 FNL of E. Votaw Sur. No. 224, A-674. The Taylor Ranch #1A is loc. 5100 FWL & 4680 FSL of J.S. Martin Sur., A-221. The Taylor Ranch #2A is loc. 5100 FWL & 4380 FSL of same Sur. The Taylor Ranch #3A is loc. 5250 FWL & 4980 FSL of same Sur.

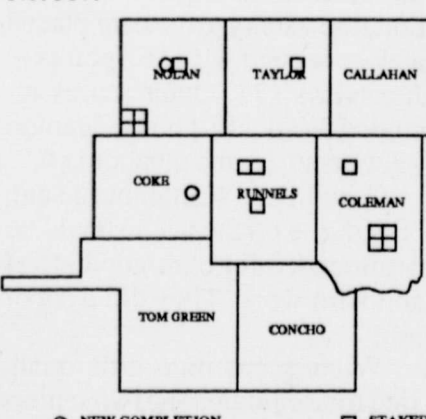
Nolan County
R.L. Adkins has staked the Harris #1 in the South Lake Trammel Field, 4 miles N of Maryneal (Depth 7500). Loc. is 467 FNL & 2189 FWL of Sec. 77, Bk. X, T&PRR Sur.

Oryx Energy has staked four wells in the Southwest Nena Lucia Unit (SWNLU) in the Nena Lucia Field, 12 miles SW of Maryneal (Depth 7500). The SWNLU #3122 is loc. 1400 FWL & 1100 FNL of Sec. 86, Bk. 1A, H&TC Sur. The #3123 is loc. 1200 FNL & 2420 FEL of Sec. 86. The #3124 is loc. 50 FNL & 1200 FEL of Sec. 86. The #4822 is loc. 1200 FEL & 1300 FSL of Sec. 87.

Runnels County
Edco Petroleum has staked one well and applied to plug back another in the West Dorman Field, 2 miles SE of Wilmeth (Depth 4800). The Brown #2 is staked at 784 FNL & 1567 FEL of R.W. Maltby Sur., A-663. The McNeill #1A plug back is loc. at 687 FSL & 2100 FEL of same Sur.

Fortson Oil has staked the Willingham #1 in the North Motley Field, 9 miles NW of Ballinger (Depth 4800). Loc. is 233 FNL & 1169 FEL of Sec. 436, R. Owens Sur., A-394.

Taylor County
Barbee, Inc. has staked the Shotwell-Robinson #9 in the Cholla Field, 5 miles N of Tuscola (Depth 2300). Loc. is 3600 FNL & 800 FEL of W.M. Smith Sur. No. 517.



Bernice W. Brevard

BALLINGER—Bernice W. Brevard, 83, died Monday, April 8, 1996, at Canterbury Villa in Ballinger.

She was born on November 5, 1912, in Talpa. She married Weldon Flay Brevard on August 29, 1933, in Ballinger.

Mrs. Brevard was a homemaker and a member of the First United Methodist Church in Ballinger where she was a longtime member of the Virginia Douglas Sunday School Class.

She was preceded in death by her husband on January 30, 1988.

Survivors include two sons, Weldon Brevard and wife Diane of Ballinger, and David Brevard and wife Betty of Houston; one daughter, Janie Jones and husband Bob of Ballinger; one sister, Myrtle Routh of Fort Worth; four grandchildren, Brad Brevard and wife Laura of Grapevine, Brent Brevard and wife Elaine of Abilene, Bret Brevard and Brandi Brevard, both of Houston; and one great-granddaughter, Emily Paige Brevard of Abilene.

Services were held at 1:00 p.m. Wednesday, April 10, at First United Methodist Church with Reverend Dale Schultz officiating. Burial was in the Evergreen Cemetery, directed by Rains-Seale Funeral Home.

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

Julia L. Miller

BALLINGER—Julia L. Miller, 100, died Monday, April 8, 1996, at Canterbury Villa in Ballinger.

She was born on January 19, 1896, in LaGrange. She attended the Texas Presbyterian College at Milford and married Q. Victor Miller on June 3, 1916, in LaGrange.

Mrs. Miller was a homemaker and a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Ballinger.

She was preceded in death by her husband in 1954.

Survivors include three sons, Robert R. Miller of Ballinger, Q.V. Miller Jr. of Seattle, Washington, and John S. Miller of Los Angeles, California; one daughter, Laura Wingo of Farmers Branch, Texas; nine grandchildren; twelve great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

Services were held at 2:00 p.m. Thursday, April 11, at First Presbyterian Church with Reverend Henry Chisholm officiating. Burial was in Evergreen Cemetery, directed by Rains-Seale Funeral Home.

Pauline Wheelless

BALLINGER—Pauline Wheelless, 85, died at 12:01 a.m. on Tuesday, April 9, 1996, at a Ballinger nursing home.

She was born on August 27, 1910, in Runnels County. She married Earl Wheelless at San Angelo on October 5, 1930.

Mrs. Wheelless was a homemaker and a member of the First Christian Church in Ballinger.

She was preceded in death by her husband on June 2, 1991.

Survivors include two sons, Bailey Wheelless of Pecos and Bill Wheelless of Louise; one sister, Mozelle Newbert of Hobbs, New Mexico; and five grandchildren.

Services were held at 4:00 p.m. Thursday, April 11, at Rains-Seale Chapel with Reverend Winford Gore officiating. Burial was in Evergreen Cemetery, directed by Rains-Seale Funeral Home.

Obituaries

A.T. Halfmann Jr.

BALLINGER—A.T. Halfmann Jr., 56, died Friday, April 12, 1996, at Ballinger.

He was born on March 2, 1940, in Olfen and married Kathy Lange on January 8, 1962, in Rowena.

Mr. Halfmann was a farmer/rancher in the Olfen area all his life. He was a member of the Friends of Olfen School and had served on the school board for over 13 years. He was a member of St. Boniface Catholic Church in Olfen and the Olfen Knights of Columbus Council #2772.

Survivors include his wife, Kathy Halfmann of Ballinger; one son, Brandon (Bud) Halfmann of Olfen; four daughters, Tracy Grimes of Olfen, Tammy Curry of Sante Fe, New Mexico, Tommie Jo Halfmann of Olfen, and Tabitha Halfmann of San Marcos; five grandchildren, Christopher, Brittany, and Colby Grimes and Chantz and Eihan Curry; one brother, Alan Halfmann of Ballinger; and three sisters, Geraldine Halfmann of Wall, Laverne Gully of Olfen, and Barbara Frey of Ballinger.

Rosary was said at 7:00 p.m. Sunday, April 14, at St. Boniface Catholic Church. Funeral mass was held at 10:00 a.m. Monday, April 15, at St. Boniface Catholic Church with Father Kevin Heyburn officiating. Burial was in St. Boniface Catholic Cemetery, directed by Rains-Seale Funeral Home.

Memorials may be made to Hospice of San Angelo or a favorite charity.

James Midgley

BALLINGER—James Midgley, 88, died Friday, April 12, 1996, at Canterbury Villa in Ballinger.

He was born on October 15, 1907, in Ballinger and married Faye Nickson on March 12, 1946, in Dallas.

Mr. Midgley worked as a U.S. mail carrier for 40 years and was a Navy veteran of World War II. He was a member and Past Commander of the Ballinger American Legion Post #8 and a member of the Ballinger Veterans of Foreign Wars. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Ballinger and the Doss Bible Class.

Survivors include his wife, Faye Midgley of Ballinger; one daughter, Marlene Butcher of Clyde; three grandchildren, Nathan, Sarah, and Elizabeth Butcher, all of Clyde; two sisters, Ann Midgley of Ballinger and Nell Wood of Irving; a special niece, Sandra Collinsworth of Irving; and several other nieces and nephews.

Services were held at 2:00 p.m. Sunday, April 14, at Rains-Seale Chapel with Reverend Max Pratt and Reverend Dale Schultz officiating. Burial was in Evergreen Cemetery, directed by Rains-Seale Funeral Home.

Marie Smith

BALLINGER—Marie Smith, 93, died Thursday, April 11, 1996, at Canterbury Villa in Ballinger.

She was born on June 1, 1902, in Paduka, Kentucky, and married Glenn E. Smith on August 14, 1944, in San Antonio.

Mrs. Smith was a restaurant clerk and a member of St. Mary Catholic Church in Ballinger.

Survivors include her husband, Glenn E. Smith of Ballinger; a foster son, Marvin Morrell of Snyder; and several nieces and nephews.

Services were held at 2:00 p.m. Saturday, April 13, at Rains-Seale Chapel with Father Louis Moeller officiating. Burial was in Miles Cemetery, directed by Rains-Seale Funeral Home.

Social Security Rep. in Winters on April 22

Garland Gregg, representative for the San Angelo Social Security Office, has scheduled his April visit to Winters. He will be at the Winters Housing Project Office on Monday, April 22, between 9:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

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

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

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

Most of us become parents long before we have stopped being children.

—Mignon McLaughlin

Senior Citizens Nursing Home News

by Billie Ruth Bishop

The Resident Council met in their quarterly meeting, Thursday, April 4, at 10:30 a.m. President Nada McMillan called the meeting to order. Secretary Velma Simpson asked that I read the minutes from the last meeting. There was no old business. In new business, it was decided that we would make items in our craft activity to sell at May Fest. Following discussion, motion was made and seconded to adjourn.

Those present were Nada McMillan, Velma Simpson, Harrell Watkins, Reba Norris, Della Wilson, Edna Parramore, Hermine Hasse, Imma Ueckert, Buelal Schaffrina, and Bea Schroeder.

On April 18th, we will observe our monthly birthday party, hosted by the Southside Baptist Church. Honorees are: Reba Norris, Effie Pumphrey, Jessie Parks, Allie Tatum, and Dale Proctor.

Mr. Robert Hallmark has returned to the nursing home after a stay in the hospital. Welcome back, Mr. Hallmark.



Senior Citizens Activity Center Menu

Monday, April 22: Goulash, tossed salad, English peas, cornbread, and chocolate pudding.
Wednesday, April 24: Chicken & gravy, corn, baked potato, hot rolls, and gingerbread.
Friday, April 26: Spaghetti & meat sauce, tossed salad, green beans, garlic bread, and dump cake.

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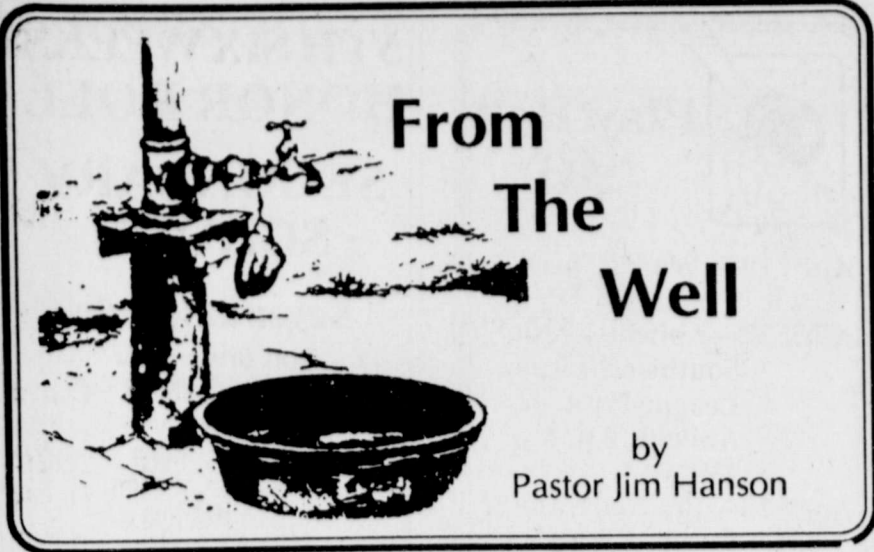
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From The Well

by
Pastor Jim Hanson

We live in the southern part of the Great Plains. This land mass, a thousand miles square, is located, roughly, west of the Mississippi River and east of the Rocky Mountains. It covers the length of the United States, from Canada to Mexico. It is, above all, a land in serious need of rain.

It really doesn't matter where you live in the great Plains — it is, most of the time, a dry and thirsty land.

I have lived most of my life in the great Plains — in north western Minnesota, eastern South Dakota, southwestern Montana, and west Texas. The wind blows most of the time. The land was designed to produce grass — that wonderful prairie cover that, at one time, was at least stirrup high. It fed the buffalo well.

It's home to me. To see the grass in the summer, miles and miles in some places, is like looking at the ocean. It is indeed a sea of grass, and, as the wind blows, you can see the waves. Last summer, when Ramona and I drove up to South Dakota, we came to a stretch of highway that was surrounded with grass. It was breath-taking to behold. The song that came up from my well was, "o beautiful for spacious skies, for amber waves of grain," only I substituted the word grass for grain. I just had to sing it.

The Great Plains has a beauty and mystery all of its own. It is not a land of cities and suburbs. Lubbock is the biggest city in the whole expanse. It is a land of little towns and rural living. Highway 83, which goes right through Winters, is the one highway in the United States that runs straight through from Canada to Mexico. Some time you ought to take a trip, just going north on 83. The Great Plains is so much the same — no matter where you live on it. It produces — not only grass. One of its best crops is people. The people of the Plains are not perfect. But, for the most part, they are genuine, hard-working, down-to-earth folks. They are church-going people, who really do focus on their families and their communities. It's a good place to live.

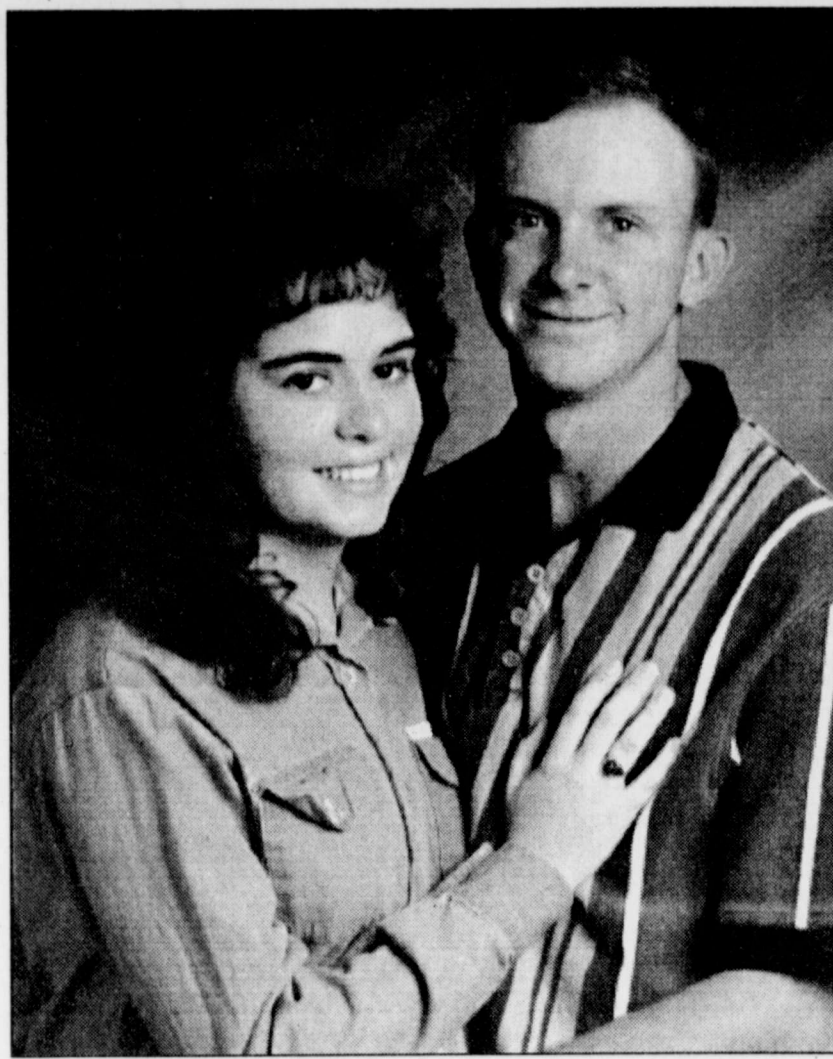
Holy Thursday and Good Friday were good days this year for most of us. God baptized the earth, bringing a much-needed and much prayed-for rain. It was a blessing. The weather prophets had no idea what a mixed blessing was in store for us — what with rain, and snow, and sleet, and hail. And some of our ranching folks lost some of their herd in the cold, wet, and windy weather.

It really was more than a blessing. It was a miracle. Like Good Friday. Like the first Good Friday where God took mercy on the sinners of the world and gave His Son to die for us all. On that very day, the creation itself broke down. "There was darkness over all the land." "The earth shook, and the rocks were split." There was an earthquake. Creation cried.

On this Good Friday creation rejoiced. The grass reached for the heavenly rain and soaked up the moisture. Our dry wells became filled again. Our souls were saturated with the life-giving rain, and snow, and sleet. And we rejoiced, too.

When Christ died, it was not only for people. And the forgiveness of sins. It was, also, indeed for the creation, the land. As Paul writes in Romans 8:18ff, "Creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God...because the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and obtain the glorious liberty of the children of God".

Good Friday was good. For us. And for the land. The rains came. We are glad. And, most of all, grateful!



MENDY HENSLEY and BRIAN BRILEY

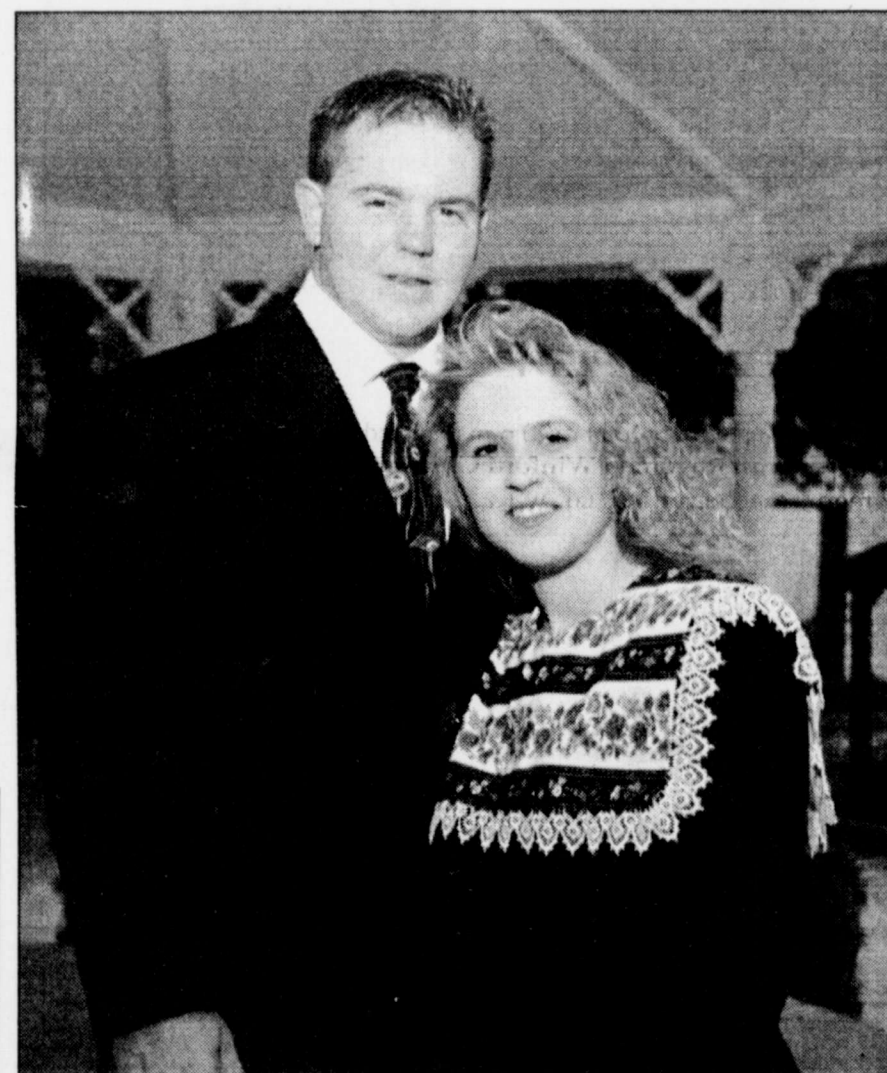
Hensley-Briley announce July engagement

Kenny and Carla Hensley of Gail are happy to announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Mendy Beth Hensley, to Brian Steven Briley, son of Mark and Brenda Briley of Winters.

The couple plan to be married July 20 in First United Methodist Church in Lamesa at 2:00 p.m.

The bride-elect is a 1994 graduate of Borden County High School and is attending Angelo State University in San Angelo.

The future bridegroom is a 1994 graduate of Winters High School and a graduate of Lincoln Technical Institute in Dallas. He is presently employed at Ryder Truck rental in San Angelo.



JASON MICHAEL GOETZ and SHAWNA RENAE HART

Hart-Goetz engaged to marry

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Hoelscher of Ballinger announce the engagement and upcoming marriage of their niece, Shawna Renae Hart, to Jason Michael Goetz, formerly of Ballinger.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Mr. James Hart of Sweetwater, the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wendell Hart of Sumner, Illinois, and Mrs. Lillie Orsak of San Angelo. She is a 1993 graduate of Roscoe High School and is pursuing an education degree.

The prospective groom is the son of Mrs. Gary Goetz of Miles. He is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Goetz of Ballinger and Mr. and Mrs. John Trimble of Miles. Jason is a 1992 graduate of Ballinger High School and a 1996 graduate from the Dallas Institute of Funeral Service. He is currently employed by the Winters Funeral Home.

The couple plan a June 15th wedding in St. Mary's Catholic Church in Ballinger.

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In response to an inquiry, Joe H. Levy of Austin wrote the following article for *The Winters Enterprise* in 1983.

Backyard legends can be discovered if one takes the time to look for them. One was found recently that was very close to home.

It was only a fifteen-minute drive to the burial site of this legend on private, historical property — there was a sense that it should have been much farther away, as if the pilgrimage to the shrine was a part of the whole rite.

Some years ago a few aspiring infielders from the University of Texas baseball team traveled ten miles due east to the historical cemetery, like some enlightened gurus visiting their own mecca.

The place is located on a bend of the Colorado River, and upon entering the gate there is an immediate awareness of a local Texas heritage and history that makes the life of a baseball immortal seem insignificant.

Many of the headstones and memorials were quite weathered and dated back a century ago or more. There were mossy oak trees and evergreens scattered about, and the lawn was full with clover, Indian grass, wild flowers, and the like.

Tucked away near the back of the cemetery sits a rather small but solidly thick granite marker. Upon first glance, the first thing one notices is the emblem on the crown. The crossed-bats with a baseball symbolizes membership in the Hall of Fame for Rogers Hornsby.

The marker appeared new, almost out of place with the rest, and the inscription read simply, April 27, 1896-January 5, 1963.

Directly behind sits the burial plot of Mary Dallas Rogers, a baseball fan herself, who encouraged her son to play the game professionally.

He started playing ball in the stockyards of Fort Worth, and his pro career began in 1914 as an eighteen-year-old short stop in the Texas-Oklahoma League. After playing with the Denison, Texas club, he was purchased by a major league team in 1915 for \$500 and was reported late in the season.

As a rookie infielder, he had much to learn and wound up hitting only .246 in his initial 18 games with the National League team. Near the season's end, the youngster is reported to have asked his manager what his prospects were.

"You're mighty light," replied the manager. At the time, he weighed about 147 pounds, even though he was over 5'11". "I may have to farm you out."

Then in the spring of 1916, he was told to report to the big league camp. The same manager wanted to take another look at the youngster before chasing him to the minors. When he reported, he weighed close to 180 pounds.

"How did you put on so much weight so fast?" asked the field general.

"Well, I did what you said you were going to do with me," he answered. "I farmed myself out during the winter and ate a lot of farm food so I could put on weight."

Flute concert at Carnegie Library

As part of its Carnegie Live! series, the Ballinger Carnegie Library presents a concert by the Ballinger Flute Choir on Sunday, April 28, at 4:30 p.m.

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Toast
Cereal
Orange Juice
Tuesday-April 23
Breakfast Burrito
Cereal
Toast
Tater Tots
Wednesday-April 24
Biscuits w/Gravy
Ham
Cereal
Pineapple Juice
Thursday-April 25
Breakfast Cookie
Cereal
Apple Wedges w/Peanut Butter
Orange Juice
Friday-April 26
Cream of Wheat
Cinnamon Toast
Cereal
Applesauce

- Lunch**
Monday-April 22
Steak Fingers
Cream Potatoes w/Gravy
Green Beans
Chocolate Pudding
Hot Roll
Tuesday-April 23
Grilled Cheese
Vegetable Beef Soup
Sliced Pickles
1/2 Apple
Wednesday-April 24
Soft Tacos
Refried Beans
Taco Salad
Applesauce
Cake
Thursday-April 25
Grilled Chicken Bits
Stir-Fry Vegetables
Rice
Fruit Cocktail in Jello
Friday-April 26
Hot Dog
ABC Fries
Macaroni & Cheese
Sliced Pickles
Pears

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MEMBERS OF THE 1996 JUNIOR VARSITY BASEBALL TEAM are: (standing) Lee Woffenden, Michael Pritchard, Eric Tekell, Justin Minzenmayer, Abraham Vasquez, Greg Evans, Lance Guevara, Jason Gray, and Coach Ed Henley; (kneeling) Avel Hicks, Jeremy Alvarado, Eddie Rodriguez, Travis Calcote, Leo Uresti, and Dennis Conner.



BACKING THE WINTERS BLIZZARDS and leading the Blizzard fans will be the recently selected members of the 1996-1997 Varsity Cheerleader squad. (Back row): Dedic Lockridge (Sr.-Mascot); Cristi Burton (Sr.), Jeanna Kozelsky (Jr.); (Middle row): Heather Watkins (Jr.), Linsey Brown (Sr.-Head); (Bottom row): Monica Parramore (Jr.), Michelle Castillo (Sr.).

Team: Varsity Boys
Coach: Charles Murphy
Date & place of game: April 2, 1996 - Winters
Opponent: Eldorado
Winning pitcher: Mark Deike
Winning catcher: Luke Wyatt
Losing pitcher: Adame
Losing catcher: Bounds
Key plays: 2B Jerry Esquivel, John Biddix 3B Paige Bishop

	Runs	Hits	Errors
WINTERS	14	12	5
OPPONENT	8	5	8

Coach's comments: Mark Deike pitched very well and was able to go the distance. We hit the ball very well. Defensively, we need some work.

Team: Junior Varsity Boys
Coach: Ed Henley
Date & place of game: April 13, 1996 - Winters
Opponent: Coleman J.V.
Winning pitcher: Justin Minzenmayer
Losing pitcher: Rosales
Key plays: HR Minzenmayer (2)
2B Pritchard, Conner, Minzenmayer

	Runs	Hits	Errors
WINTERS	12	10	3
OPPONENT	10	7	4

Coach's comments: Michael Pritchard and Jeremy Alvarado combined to pitch the first 4-2/3 innings. Justin Minzenmayer pitched the last 2-1/3 innings for the win. Dennis Conner was 2 for 4, 1 RBI; Michael Pritchard, 2 for 3, 2 RBIs; Justin Minzenmayer, 4 for 4, 6 RBIs. Our pitching was off but our offense came through with 6 runs in last 3 innings.

Team: Varsity Boys
Coach: Charles Murphy
Date & place of game: April 9, 1996 - Winters
Opponent: Baird
Winning pitcher: Mark Deike
Winning catcher: Bear Nitsch
Losing pitcher: Jiggers
Losing catcher: Johnson
Key plays: 2B Jerry Esquivel

	Runs	Hits	Errors
WINTERS	11	7	10
OPPONENT	10	5	4

Coach's comments: It is a wonder we won this game. We made way too many errors and did not hit the ball well at all.

Classifieds Get Results

Secondary school students to take pictures Monday

Winters Jr. High and High School students will be taking Spring pictures on Monday, April 22. Photographers will be from Wayne Hennington Studios of Abilene.

A proof will be given to each person who takes a picture. Money will not be collected until the proofs are returned with an order.

If you want to have your picture taken with a group of friends, feel welcome to; however, you must pre-pay for these pictures and each person in the group must purchase a package.

If...it makes my whole body so cold no fire can warm me, I know that is poetry.
—Emily Dickinson

Jr. High teams place at Stanton

Jr. High teams competed April 4 in 6AA District Track at Stanton. The seventh grade boys tied for second with Jim Ned, each with 110 points. Stanton captured the first position.

Eighth grade placed fourth among teams competing.

7th grade individual places included:

- 2400 M Run: Juan Santor, 3rd
- 400 M Relay: Tony Aguero, Louis Llanas, Colby Walker, & Josh Minzenmayer, 3rd
- 110 M Hurdles: Colby Walker, 3rd
- 800 M Run: Tony Aguero, 2nd
- 400 M Dash: Aaron Pritchard, 2nd
- 300 M Hurdles: Gabriel Hernandez, 6th
- 300 M Relay: Josh Minzenmayer, 5th
- 200 Meter Dash: Colby Walker, 4th
- Andrew Medina, 6th
- 1600 M Run: Jimmy Rodriguez
- 1600 M Relay: Aaron Pritchard, Gabriel Hernandez, Tony Aguero, & Louis Llanas, 3rd
- Shot Put: Josh Minzenmayer, 5th
- Samson Jackson, 6th

- Discus: Josh Minzenmayer, 1st
- Samson Jackson, 3rd
- Pole Vault: Aaron Pritchard, 1st
- Triple Jump: Josh Minzenmayer, 2nd
- Colby Walker, 5th
- High Jump: Aaron Pritchard, 4th
- Colby Walker, 5th

Coach Byrd says "Our kids competed well this spring and with some growth and another year under their belt they should be very strong next year."

8th grade individual places included:

- 800 M Run: Oscar Luz, 4th
- 400 M Relay: Oscar Luz, Kirk Byrd, John Bahlman, & Matt Angel, 6th
- 1600 M Relay: Matt Angel, Andrew Williams, Kirk Byrd, & Oscar Luz, 6th
- Shot Put: Chris Lujano, 1st
- Kirk Byrd, 3rd
- Craig Conner, 4th
- Discus: Kirk Byrd, 4th
- High Jump: Oscar Luz, 6th
- Long Jump: Wes Calcote, 5th

Play Ball '96

April 19—Wall*, There, 5 p.m., VB
April 22—Abilene Frosh, Southwest Little League Park, Abilene, 5 p.m., JVB
April 23—Jim Ned*, Here, 5 p.m., VB

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

School transfer forms available

All students who do not live within the Winters School District and who desire to attend the Winters schools for the 1996-97 school year must fill out a transfer form by April 26, 1996.

Forms have been sent home with transfer students currently enrolled in the Winters schools. Extra forms are available in each campus office and the central office.

Hurricanes open season

by COACH EDDIE JACKSON

The Winters Hurricanes, the 13-year-old boys division team of Junior League baseball, opened their season on April 9th at Ballinger.

The Hurricanes came out snorting like a raging bull and pulled ahead 12-1 by the end of the third inning. The bats really came alive behind hits from a host of boys, the highlight of which was a double by Justin Calcote and an inside-the-park home run by Josh Minzenmayer.

The game ended in a 15-15 tie after seven exciting innings with Ballinger never giving up.

The Hurricanes finished their first week of baseball at Miles on Saturday, April 13th, in some high and very gusty wind conditions. Miles scored two runs in the bottom half of the seventh to win the game, 7-6.

I am very proud of the effort of all of the Hurricanes players and expect some really good baseball from them as the season progresses.

Come out and support the team, watch some baseball, and enjoy the Spring weather. The Hurricanes will be playing on Tuesday and Saturday evenings for approximately the next seven weeks.

There's only one thing that can keep growing without nourishment: the human ego.
—Marshall Lumsden

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- Kayla Colburn
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- Jeffrey Jordan
- Kacy McCuiston
- Josh Minzenmayer
- Tracie Morrison
- Michelle Paschal
- Jamie Reeves
- Colby Walker

Eighth Grade

- Matthew Angel
- Craig Conner
- Joshua Emard
- Arthur Martinez
- Misty Melton
- Shelley Meyer
- Kelli Slimp
- Cari Trojcek

Freshmen

- Jamie Bishop
- Eric Tekell
- Kenny Whittenburg

Sophomores

- Jennifer Davis
- Greg Evans
- Jeanna Kozelsky
- Stacy McMinn
- Heather Watkins

Juniors

- Jaime Bahlman
- Paige Bishop
- Linsey Brown
- Cristi Burton
- Hollie Cathey
- Austin Jobe
- Kory Murphy
- Robyn Parramore

Seniors

- Karolen Biddix
- Gayla Clough
- Leslie Cobb
- Rachel Edwards
- Lori Jobe
- Jason Jordan
- Julie Lancaster
- Marcie Pritchard
- Chad Russell

Band Boosters Salad Luncheon Thurs., April 25

The Winters Band Boosters will host their annual Salad Luncheon on Thursday, April 25, from 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the Church of Christ Fellowship Hall.

Many varieties of salads will be available including vegetable, meat, and Mexican.

Tickets are \$4 per person and may be purchased from any Band Booster or at the door.

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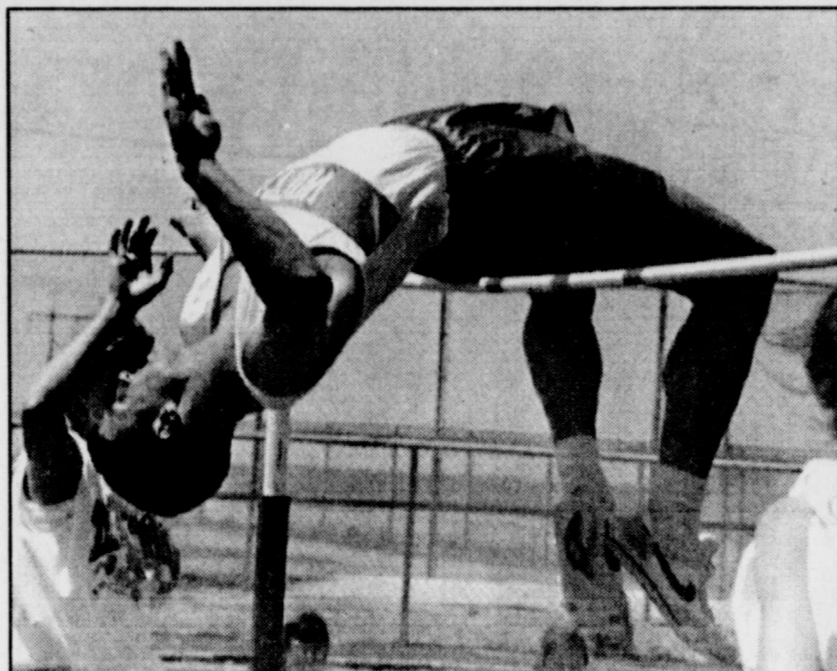
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A Blizzard Look at the District 6-2A Track Meet at Stanton



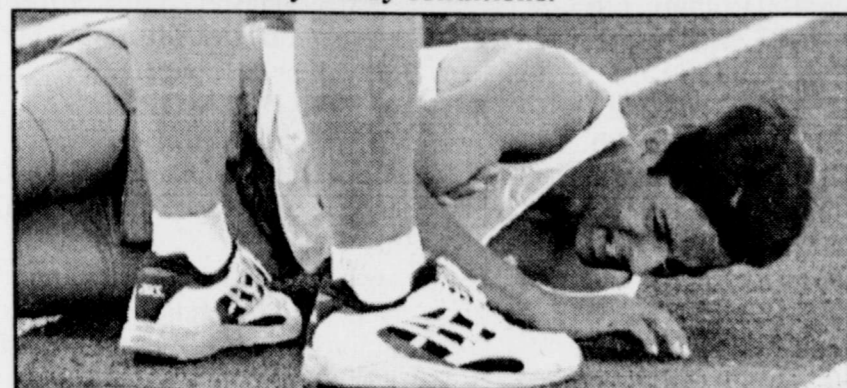
KOURTNEY CATHEY gets a comforting hug from WHS Dean of Students (and caring dad) Bill Cathey following Kourtney's 2nd place win in the grueling 3200 M race. Kourtney turned in a time of 13.49 in very windy conditions.



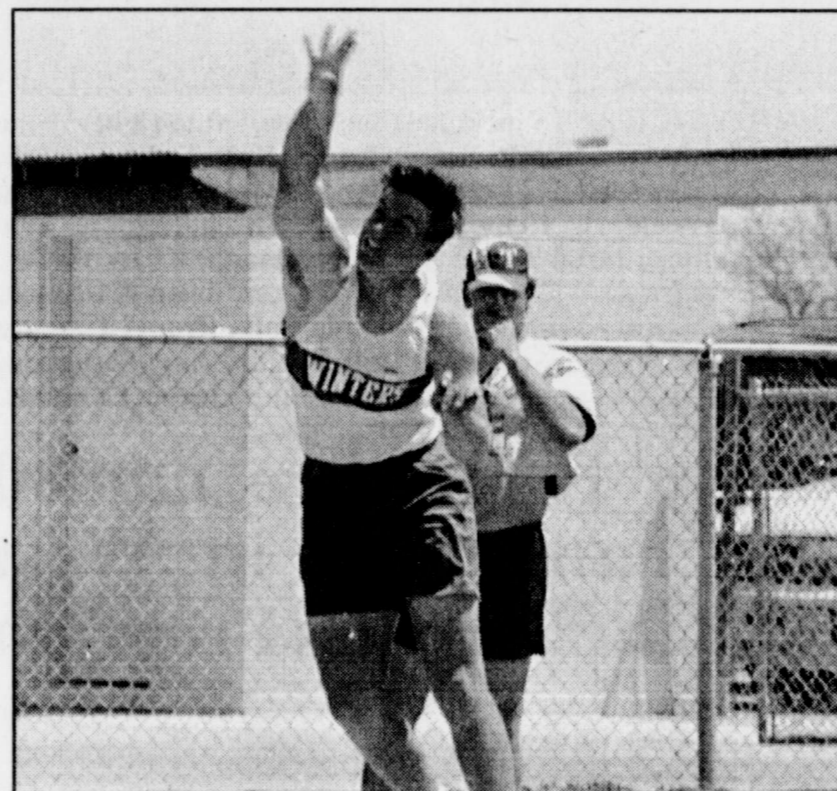
MARK DEIKE eases over the high jump bar at 6'0" for a third place standing. Mark also won first place in the 110 M high hurdles, first place in the 300 M intermediate hurdles and second place in the 1600 M relay.



MISTY PRITCHARD takes the handoff from Janabeth Bryan during the 800 M relay. The Winters team took 2nd place.



JONATHAN GANN comes in for a crash landing after edging out his opponents for a first place win of 51.5 in the 400 M dash.



JOHN BELEW sails the shot put 50'7", good for first place.



ERIKA VEGA (middle) and **JANET GUY** celebrate with their coach, Deb Whittenburg, after the tracksters pulled in first and second place wins, respectively, in the 800 M race.



RAUL MARRERO (left) and **JONATHAN COBB** take off for the 1600 M run. Marrero won 2nd place with a time of 4:50.



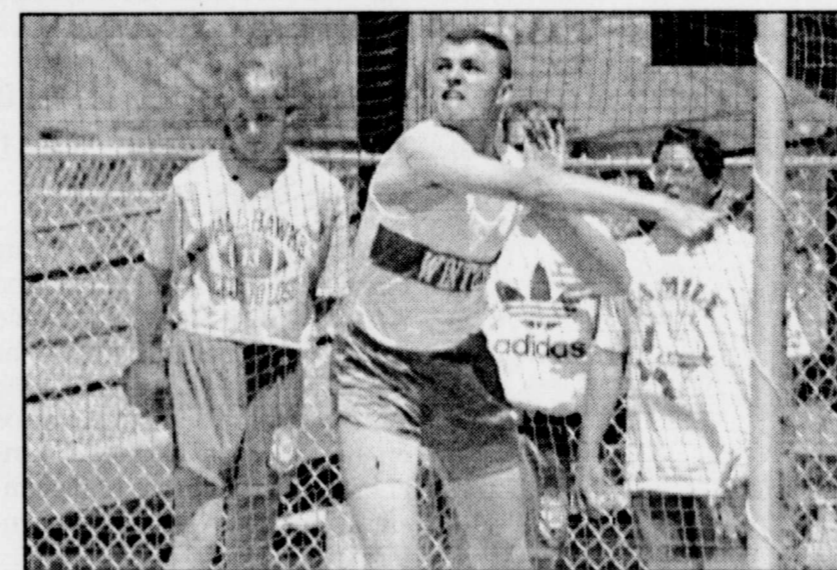
ERIC BERNAL steals the win from his Jim Ned opponent in the 800 M run with a time of 2:09.



CRISTIN CORLEY stretches over the hurdle in the 100 M contest. Cristin, a WHS freshman, won 3rd place with a time of 17.07.



TARRA BURNS leads the pack with a first place win of 65.97 in the 400 M run.



KENNY WHITTENBURG hurls the discus 126'0" to win first place in the junior varsity division.

Varsity Girls results:

3200 M
Kourtney Cathey, 2nd, 13:49
Heather Watkins, 4th, 14:08
400 Relay
Jeanna Kozelsky, Monica Parramore, Cristin Corley, & Amanda Cross, 3rd, 54.43
800 M
Erika Vega, 1st, 2:34
Janet Guy, 2nd 2:38
100 Hurdles
Cristin Corley, 3rd, 17.07
800 Relay
Karen Oats, Janabeth Bryan, Misty Pritchard, & Monica Parramore, 2nd, 1:51.81
400 M
Tarra Burns, 1st, 65.97
Debbie Baize, 4th, 68.10
Tammy Thorpe, 6th, 69.30
300 Hurdles

Jeanna Kozelsky, 2nd, 51.17
Cristin Corley, 5th, 53.9
200 M
Misty Pritchard, 1st, 27.0
Karen Oats, 3rd, 27.57
1600 M
Kourtney Cathey, 4th, 6:18
Heather Watkins, 5th, 6:23
1600 Relay
Jeanna Kozelsky, Monica Parramore, Misty Pritchard, & Karen Oats, 3rd, 4:26.51
Discus
Janabeth Bryan, 2nd, 97'3"
Triple Jump
Karen Oats, 1st, 35'9"
Jeanna Kozelsky, 3rd, 34'9"
Long Jump
Karen Oats, 1st, 16'5-1/4"
Jeanna Kozelsky, 3rd, 15'7-1/4"
High Jump
Janet Guy, 4th, 4'4"
100 M
Amanda Cross, tie 7th, 13.92 (lost flip, no finals)

Varsity Boys results:

3200 M Run
Raul Marrero, 2nd, 10:42
Jonathan Cobb, 6th, 11:40
400 M Relay
Jonathan Gann, John Paul Belew, Jace Wade, & Eric Bernal, 2nd, 45.0
800 M Run
Eric Bernal, 1st, 2:09
110 M High Hurdles
Mark Deike, 1st, 14.7
Jeremy Alvarado, 5th, 17.0
Eric Joeris, 6th, 19.0
400 M Dash
Jonathan Gann, 1st, 51.5
300 M Intermediate Hurdles
Mark Deike, 1st, 40.3
Jeremy Alvarado, 4th, 44.2
200 M Dash
John Paul Belew, 4th, 24.0
1600 M Run
Raul Marrero, 2nd, 4:50
1600 M Relay
Eric Bernal, Mark Deike, Jace Wade, & Jonathan Gann, 2nd, 3:32
High Jump
Mark Deike, 3rd, 6'0"
Shot Put
John Paul Belew, 1st, 50'7"
Kevin Conner, 2nd, 48'11"
Michael Prewit, 4th, 45'8"

Discus

Kevin Conner, 1st, 139'10"
John Paul Belew, 3rd, 134'5"
Michael Prewit, 5th, 126'3"

JV Boys results:

3200 M Run
V.J. Santoya, 5th, 12:11
400 M Relay
Lee Woffenden, Cody Odell, Joe Ortiz, & Bear Nitsch, 3rd, 48.0
100 M Dash
Bear Nitsch, 2nd, 11.7
400 M Dash
Cody Odell, 1st, 57.8
Lee Woffenden, 57.9
200 M Dash
Bear Nitsch, 3rd, 25.1
1600 M Relay
Lee Woffenden, Joe Ortiz, Oliver Ortiz, & Cody Odell, 2nd, 3:56
High Jump
Lee Woffenden, 1st, 5'6"
Long Jump
Lee Woffenden, 1st, 18'9"
Triple Jump
Oliver Ortiz, 5th, 35'3"
Shot Put
Bear Nitsch, 1st, 43'2"
Kenny Whittenburg, 2nd, 38'0"
Mariusz Skibicki, 4th, 35'8"
Discus
Kenny Whittenburg, 1st, 126'0"
Mariusz Skibicki, 3rd, 120'2"

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Band Banquet set April 29

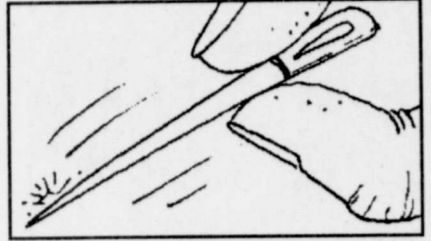
The Winters Band Boosters will host their annual Band Banquet to honor all high school band students Monday, April 29, at 7 p.m. in the school cafeteria. The Martha Davis and John Philip Sousa awards will be presented along with other awards.

All high school band members 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.



The needle was invented about 25,000 years ago.

Country Club to host Golf Play Day to honor Hubbards on April 28

The Winters Country Club and the Ladies Golf Association will hold an appreciation Play Day honoring Peggy and Cotton Hubbard on Sunday, April 28.

Play will be nine holes — best ball for two men and one woman teams — and three flights with



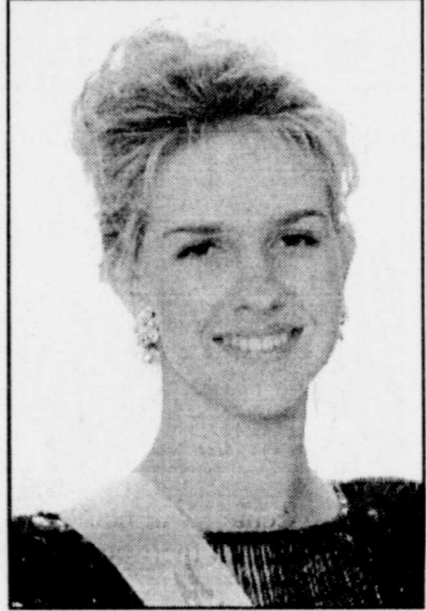
ELEMENTARY UIL WINNERS AND PARTICIPANTS included (back row, left to right) Wade Parramore, Michelle Burton, Monica Hicks, Megan Nitsch, Tracey Burns, KaLene Lincycumb, Mandy Pritchard, Aaron Colburn, (2nd from back) Shane Colburn, Jordan May, Raul Zermeno, Toni Retana, Jennifer Hamilton, Juanita Armendariz, Kelly Walker, L.J. Nitsch, (middle) Eric Wyatt, Joey Joeris, Brandon Davis, Guy Slimp, Jared Airhart, Raquel Retana, Kirby Hatler, Krystal Gibbens, Elizabeth Sartor, (2nd from front) Will Ahrens, Kari Walker, Brian Pritchard, Stefanie Davis, Stacey Sneed, Allison Calcote, Katy Wilkerson, Amanda Polk, (front) Timothy Fenwick, Benjamin Valles, Briana Parramore, Maegan Schwartz, Deanna Goff, Amy Patterson, Jeremy Mendoza, and Megan Felty. Winners not pictured were Staci Bishop and Lincoln Edwards.

Robyn Parramore named first runner-up in West Texas Junior Miss Program

Robyn Parramore, daughter of Robert and Rhea Parramore of Winters, was chosen first runner-up among 23 young women competing in the West Texas Junior Miss Program. The program was held March 30 at the Cullen Auditorium in Abilene and was sponsored by the Western Horizon Chapter of the American Business Women's Association.

The West Texas Junior Miss Program seeks to recognize, reward, and encourage excellence among young people by focusing attention on the achievement of outstanding college-bound young women and by presenting scholarships to top honorees in each category and overall first through fourth places.

The girls are judged by a 10-minute interview, talent competition, scholastic achievement, presence, and fitness.



Robyn twirled for her talent competition. She won first in the fitness judging and first runner-up in the presence-composure category.

Elementary students win second place in District UIL competition

Students of Winters Elementary School successfully competed in District UIL contest Thursday, March 21, and Monday, March 25, receiving second place overall for their efforts. The sixth graders traveled to Lawn while second through fifth grades went to Buffalo Gap.

- Categories and winners were:
- ORAL READING**
 - 4th Grade: Briana Parramore, 4th; Kari Walker, 5th
 - 5th Grade: Lincoln Edwards, 3rd
 - 6th Grade: KaLene Lincycumb, 2nd; Jordan May, 4th; Monica Hicks, 5th
- CREATIVE WRITING**
 - 2nd Grade: Eric Wyatt, 1st; Aaron Colburn, 6th
 - MAPS, GRAPHS, & CHARTS**
 - 5th Grade: Deanna Goff, 2nd; Shane Colburn, 4th; Brian Pritchard, 5th
 - 6th Grade: Kelly Walker, 3rd; Joey Joeris, 6th
 - READY WRITING**
 - 3rd Grade: Katy Wilkerson, 2nd; Megan Felty, 6th
 - 4th Grade: Will Ahrens, 6th
 - 5th Grade: Raquel Retana, 2nd; Stefanie Davis, 3rd
 - 6th Grade: Megan Nitsch, 3rd
 - SPELLING**
 - 3rd Grade: Eric Wyatt, 5th; Katy Wilkerson, 6th
 - 4th Grade: Timothy Fenwick, 4th
 - 5th Grade: Stacey Sneed, 5th
 - STORYTELLING**
 - 2nd Grade: Amanda Polk, 2nd; Krystal Gibbens, 6th
 - 3rd Grade: Jeremy Mendoza, 5th
 - NUMBER SENSE**
 - 4th Grade: Timothy Fenwick, 6th
 - 5th Grade: Brian Pritchard, 1st; Shane Colburn, 3rd
 - 6th Grade: Raul Zermeno, 2nd; Wade Parramore, 6th
 - ART CONTEST**
 - 4th Grade Team: Briana Parramore, Maegan Schwartz, Kari Walker, and Will Ahrens, 2nd
 - 5th Grade Team: Kirby Hatler, Guy Slimp, Deanna Goff, and Allison Calcote, 3rd with perfect papers
 - MUSIC MEMORY**
 - 5th Grade Team: Jena Bahlman, Stefanie Davis, Amy Patterson, and Stacey Sneed, 3rd
 - 6th Grade Team: Juanita Armendariz, Jennifer Hamilton, Tracey Burns, and Staci Bishop, 3rd
 - LISTENING**
 - 6th Grade: Megan Nitsch, 5th
 - DICTIONARY SKILLS**
 - 5th Grade: Stacey Sneed and Lincoln Edwards, Tie for 2nd; Brian Pritchard, 6th
 - 6th Grade: Mandy Pritchard, 3rd; Michelle Burton, 5th
 - CALCULATOR**
 - 6th Grade: Toni Retana, 4th

Dialogue and workshop on poverty April 23

Danny Prado of Runnels County Mental Health Center will help lead the local Dialogue on Poverty sponsored by Central Texas Opportunities, Inc.

"We believe it is important to support this historic national discussion about poverty in America today," said Emmett Payne, Executive director of CTO. "It provides an opportunity for all segments of our community to come together to talk about poverty here in Winters and what we can do together to help people in our own community become self-sufficient."

The Dialogue is a community-wide discussion about jobs, health care, welfare, child care, and other poverty-related issues to be held on Tuesday, April 23, at the Multi-Purpose Center at 601 E. Pierce.

The goals of the forum are to determine local needs, hear people's opinions about poverty here in Winters, and educate public officials, the private sector, and the general public about current poverty-related problems and effective strategies for resolving them. It is one of hundreds of similar discussions sponsored by Community Action Agencies nationwide during April and May, 1996, as part of a National Dialogue on Poverty sponsored by the National Association of Community Action Agencies.

Runnels County Consignment sale rescheduled for April 27

The 9th Annual Runnels County Consignment Sale has been reset for Saturday, April 27, beginning at 9:30 a.m. at the Wingate Lions Club Building. Kevin Hutson will be auctioneer.

Pickups, cars, tractors, trailers, hay and grain equipment, tanks, irrigation equipment, a combine, a boat, and much more will be sold. Plans are still underway for the Winters Lions to provide refreshments and food throughout the day. Coffee and doughnuts will be available at 8 a.m. Drinks, BBQ plates, sandwiches, and whole cooked briskets will also be sold.

If you are in the market for farm equipment or a used vehicle, be sure to attend.

Philharmonic season finale features Van Cliburn winner

The Abilene Philharmonic will present their last concert of the 1995-'96 season on Saturday, April 28, at 8:15 p.m. in the Abilene Civic Center (corner of 6th and Pine). The orchestra has saved its biggest and best program for this finale.

Russian Valery Kulshov will be the featured guest artist. In his North American debut at the Ninth Van Cliburn International Piano Competition, Kulshov was awarded the Silver Medal as well as the prize for the Best Performance of the Commissioned Work, "Ghost Waltzes" by American composer Morton Gould.

Kulshov will perform Tchaikovsky's "Piano Concert No. 1." "This is probably the most famous piano concerto of all time," said M. Wade Kelley, Philharmonic Executive Director. "It is certainly an audience favorite," Kelley said.

In addition to the Tchaikovsky, Maestro Shinik Hahn and the orchestra will perform Gustav Mahler's "Symphony No. 1 in D Major" or "The Titan" Symphony. "This work is not performed often by orchestra's our size because the score (composition) calls for a very large orchestra. This will be the largest orchestra Abilene has seen in several years. Not only is the wind section doubled (including 8 horns), but the string section will be very large as well," said Kelley.

Reserved tickets are \$5 to \$16, depending on location. Discounts are available for children and Dyess personnel. Tickets are available at the Philharmonic office weekdays from 8:30-11:30 a.m. and 1:30-5:30 p.m. and from the Community Center at Dyess AFB, or by calling (915) 677-6710 or (800) 460-0610 during business hours.

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1 TXism: "if he's ___ he'll bark"
5 TX Keyes film: ___ With the Wind
6 former Cowboy FB Tommie
7 TXism: "feet like ___ chewed up and spit out"
8 laid-off workers in a govt. shut down
17 TXism: "___ buster" (farmer)
18 TX Gail Borden invented process for ___ milk
21 Cowboy Dorsett (init.)
22 TXism: "playing with a ___ deck" (unlucky)
23 TXism: "chief cook and bottle washer"
24 LBJ was 1st U.S. Rep. to ___ after Pearl Harbor attack
29 Lady ___ Johnson
30 dinosaur tracks are found in ___ Rose
31 Stephen F. Austin's home state (abbr.)
32 TXism: "smart as ___ rat"
34 pigeon: ___ wit"
35 TXism: "___ me a bill of goods"
36 TXism: "___ wolves clothes"
37 wedding cake layer
38 Gulf steering wheel
39 coyote cry
40 in Gray Co. on 273
42 cracker craver
43 "Texas ___ (oil)
44 NAFTA is a free ___ agreement

DOWN

1 driving without a seat belt is ___ in Texas
2 in Palestine: ___ Trails Festival
3 flag pledge: "...TX, ___ indivisible"
4 TX Gambill Goose Refuge guests
9 in Super Bowl XXX it was 27-17
10 TXism: "___ me a bill of goods"
11 TXism: "blister ___ (handle)
12 "Fighting Irish" school (abbr.)
13 honor, TX Ranger: Dr. Edward ___
14 TXism: "___ that like a duck needs an umbrella"
15 many TX roads were early stagecoach
46 ex-Cowboy White (init.)
47 TX Robby Benson film: ___ to Billie Joe
48 pilgrimage goal
49 town on Trinity Bay
51 Dallas actress Harper
52 TX Bush: "The liberation of Kuwait ___ begun"
53 TXism: "call ___ day"
54 U.S. Rep. Sam Johnson was a POW here

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15 TXism: "mean ___ old range cow"
16 slang for a Stetson
19 actor Brand who was TX Ranger Reese
20 TXism: "he'd walk himself ___ a revolving door"
22 TX Henry in the Clinton administration
24 this Ames was Daniel Boone (init.)
25 Spurs, Mavericks & Rockets org.
26 TXism: "quick to pull a cork"
27 TXism: "___ water" (trouble)
28 shish kebab prong
29 TXism: "get your nest ___ (be still)
30 TX actress Vinson film: "The Thin Man Home" (45)
33 this Otto directed TX Gene Tierney in "Laura" (init.)
34 pickup rubber
35 between Lamar & Hopkins Counties
37 TXism: "he'd walk himself ___ a revolving door"
38 Cowboys offensive coach Hudson
41 TX Buddy Holly hit: "Not ___ Away"
42 Mexican "little" and antique autos
45 historic Houston House
48 TXism: "couldn't ___ drum" (loser)

Solutions for this puzzle appear in this issue.

Ballinger Ethnic Festival set last weekend in April

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

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

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

Everyone's invited for two big fun filled days!



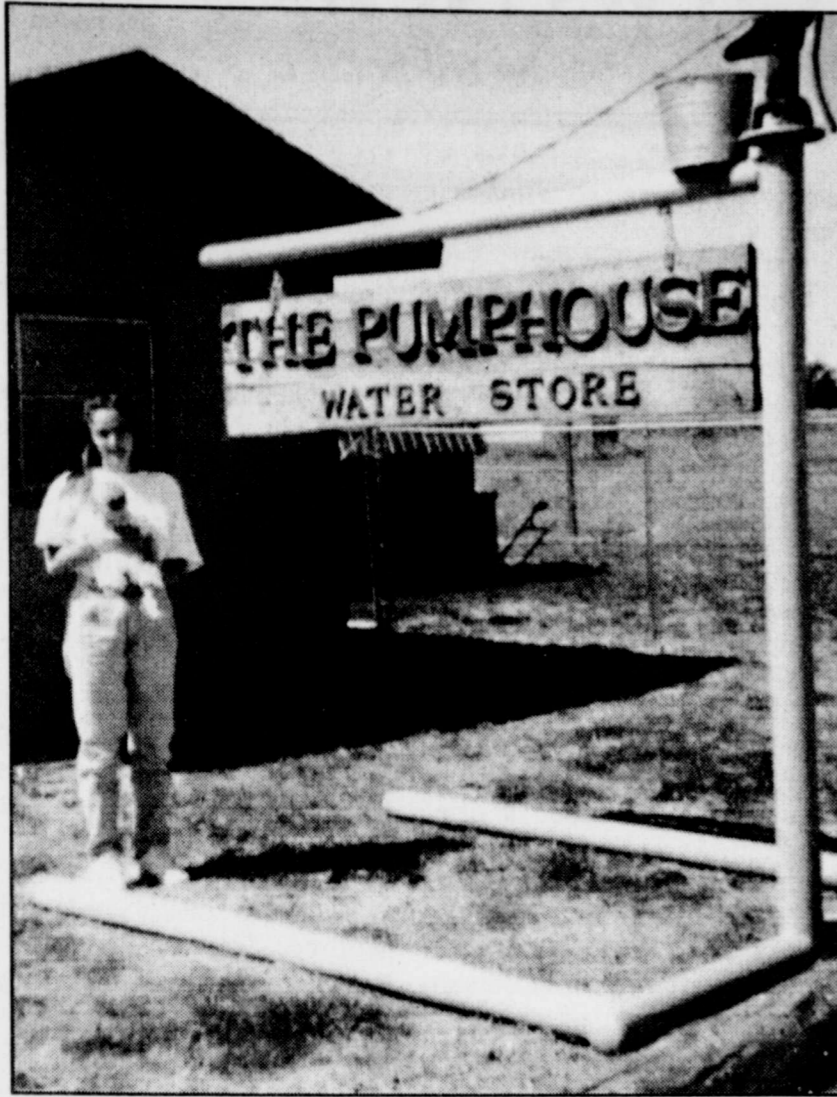
The Hawaiian alphabet has only 12 letters: A E H I K L M N O P U W. Every Hawaiian word and syllable ends with a vowel.

Support the Winters Area Chamber of Commerce!

NOTICE

The office of
Y.K. Lee M.D.
will be **CLOSED**
Tuesday, April 23,
through
Friday, April 26,
for vacation

The office re-opens for regular hours on
Monday, April 29, at 8:30 a.m.



PURIFIED WATER IS ONLY ONE of the many water related services being offered at The Pumphouse Water Store, 1017 N. Main, Winters, by Doddie Drake and daughter Kalyn. Ed and Doddie welcome everyone to visit them or call 915-754-4313 and they will help service your water needs and answer your questions about your drinking water.

Pumphouse Water Store, first of its kind in Winters area

The Pumphouse Water Store at 1017 N. Main, owned and operated by Ed and Doddie Drake, appears to be a logical business for a young ambitious couple to start in Winters.

Ed and Doddie, with their 3-month old daughter Kalyn Rae, moved from the big city of San Angelo to Doddie's grandparents' farm near Winters to enjoy a small town atmosphere.

An Angelo State University graduate, Ed works for S K Labs in San Angelo where his daily routine involves analyzing water, testing well water, and bacteriological testing water for household use; testing soil samples, gas analysis, protein analysis of grasses, and other laboratory testing.

Doddie, also an ASU graduate, wants to add to the family income, but knows that paying a daycare for Kalyn would take a big cut from whatever she would make at a regular job. A job that will allow her to be a full-time mother while making a contribution to the family finances seems to be very logical indeed.

So evolved the idea of a water store where Doddie could work

and be able to keep Kalyn with her every day, and the public could benefit from Ed's expert knowledge about water, one of nature's most valuable resources.

Open Monday through Saturday, 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., the unique store offers the health conscious person purified drinking water at 30 cents per gallon and ice for \$1.00 per bag.

Containers for the water must be provided by the customer. Individuals may bring their own bottles, or dispensers can be purchased at The Pumphouse Water Store at a reasonable price. Crocks in several different styles are \$21.00. Five-gallon jugs are \$10 and 3-gallon jugs are \$9.

A greatly demanded service also provided includes local testing of water wells, bacteriological testing water for household use, and analyzing water at a very reasonable fee. For inquiries, call 915-754-4313.

Doddie, the daughter of Brenda and Richard Chambliss, has roots in Winters although she is a Hawley native. Her mother, Brenda, is the daughter of Pat and Earl Cooper of the Crews area. Her father, Richard, is the son of

Neal Chambliss of Winters.

Ed grew up in San Angelo where his father, Ed Drake, teaches chemistry at ASU. His mother, Kathryn Newell, is an elementary counselor in Breckenridge.

The Drakes say "We are very, very happy to be in Winters and really like the way a small town makes everyone feel welcome, and especially the way the town supports all the athletes and scholars in the Winters schools." They are excited about being a part of such a close community and look forward to sharing in the progress of a growing town.

When not working at their regular jobs, Ed and Doddie enjoy raising cattle and horses, and spending time with baby Kalyn.

Doddie finds time in her busy schedule to be creative with arts and crafts, sew dolls, and do cross stitch for friends, family, and herself.

The Drakes welcome everyone to come by and become acquainted with their one-of-a-kind water store.

They have found the people of Winters very friendly and hope to make many new friends, as well as customers, as the years go by.

Letter to the Editor

Reader says thanks

Editor:

I want to thank you for publishing the fact-filled article, "The Other Side of Boll Weevil Eradication" by Bethany Hulse, Bill Grefenstette, Jerry Redding of the Animal and Plant Inspection Service, USDA, in the Thursday, April 11, 1996, issue of *The Winters Enterprise*.

We the people need more of these fact-filled articles.

Sincerely,
Andrew Englert
Rt. 1, Box 14
Norton, Texas

An invitation for low-income folks to speak out

Dear Editor:

There is something very important missing from the current political debate over budget priorities and taxes. Little has been said about how to ensure that low-income people can survive, let alone escape from poverty.

What little discussion there is of these issues—even in debates over welfare reform, jobs, child care, and health care—too often focuses on rhetoric and ideology rather than a true understanding of poverty-related problems. But what really is missing from the debate is the voice of low-income people themselves. They are the true experts; the people who know the reality of what it is to live in poverty.

It's time to add their voices to the debate and to begin a real discussion of poverty and its causes. People here in Winters have an opportunity to be part of a historic national conversation on these issues.

Central Texas Opportunities, Inc., is sponsoring a community-wide Dialogue on Poverty at 601 E. Pierce on Tuesday, April 23, at 7:00 p.m.

Most importantly, this community forum is an opportunity for all segments of our community to come together to talk about poverty here in Winters and what we can do together to help people in our own community become self-sufficient.

I urge you to participate in this forum. Most importantly, I urge those of you who know what it's really like to live on a low income to come and make your voice heard in this very important discussion.

Sincerely,
Emmett Payne
CTO Exec. Director

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Family Violence Prevention Fund

Commissioners contract with Sheppard Surveying Co., Inc. for 911 maintenance

Runnels County Commissioners approved contracting with Sheppard Surveying Co., Inc. for the correcting and updating of the 911 addressing map at their regular meeting on Tuesday, April 9.

Meeting in the district courtroom of the courthouse, commissioners accepted the proposal of Maxey Sheppard with the firm to meet with each commissioner and get corrections needed to the current map. The company will also audit the addresses to see that all are located properly and addressed correctly. Cost of this service and printing the digital map will be \$8,300.00.

Commissioners also agreed to enter into a maintenance contract with Sheppard for the 911 addressing, beginning July 1, at a cost of \$870.00 per month. Sheppard told the court that the cost could be less or more per month to renew the contract at the end of the first year's maintenance, depending on the amount of work involved in maintaining the information. He said at least there would be a history to look back to for reference on the actual costs involved at contract renewal time.

Commissioners discussed where the funds would be available to pay for the contracts, but made no commitment as to what line item of the budget from which to take the money.

Bids for used equipment were

opened and awarded. Dankworth Recycling was awarded the bid on two inoperative motor graders at \$360 and \$400. Arthur Watkins was awarded the bid for two motor graders located in Miles at \$545 each.

Bids were also awarded for the purchase of asphalt and topping rock. Two bids each were received for asphalt and topping rock. Koch Materials, with the low bid, was awarded the asphalt bid at \$65.23/ton delivered to Runnels County.

Vulcan Southwest and Sanko Materials submitted bids for topping rock, with the low bid of Sanko Materials accepted at \$10.21 per cubic yard.

In other business, commissioners accepted:

• a contract with the Ballinger Volunteer Fire Department providing the county will pay \$7,000 this fiscal year for fire protection in the county;

• a proposal for the purchase of a bookcase for the county judge's office.

Routine items approved included the minutes of the previous meeting, auditor's report, treasurer's report and payment of current accounts.

In an emergency meeting held prior to the regular meeting, the commissioners agreed to put five salvage vehicles in the public auction to be held at Wingate on Saturday, April 27.

Looking for someone?

Every day thousands of people are searching for other people. Some are adopted children looking for birth mothers, others are looking for missing spouses, their ancestors or missing friends. Many people think these searches require expensive private detectives or other professionals. In most cases this is not so. Usually these detectives get their information from the same public records that you can use.

A new book by Robert L. Berko, Executive Director of the non-profit Consumer Education Research Center, will help amateur searchers in their quests for missing persons, birth parents, or information about themselves that government bureaus have in their files. The book, "How to Find People With Information From Public Records," is available for \$19.95 from Consumer Center, 1980 Springfield Ave., Maplewood, NJ 07040 or by calling 1-800-872-0121.

Many searches are as simple as looking for the name in a database containing all telephone records in the United States. There are several computer programs for sale that contain this information. If you don't want to go to this expense, Mr. Berko's organization has a database of 80 million records and can do the search for you.

Other public records that you can use are marriage, death, di-

voorce, voter registration, Post Office, Motor Vehicle, Selective Service military, and many more. The book will not only show you how to determine what records you need, but how and where to get these records.

If your problem is a missing spouse who is in arrears on child support, every state has a Child Support agency that will do most of the searching for you even if your spouse is in another state. The book lists the address of the Child Support office for every state.

For those searching their roots, there are many sources of information. Foremost is the Family History Centers which have literally millions of different studies and histories of family names plus the names of those who are working on family histories for their family names. Some of these people could be working on your family's history and could save you the search.

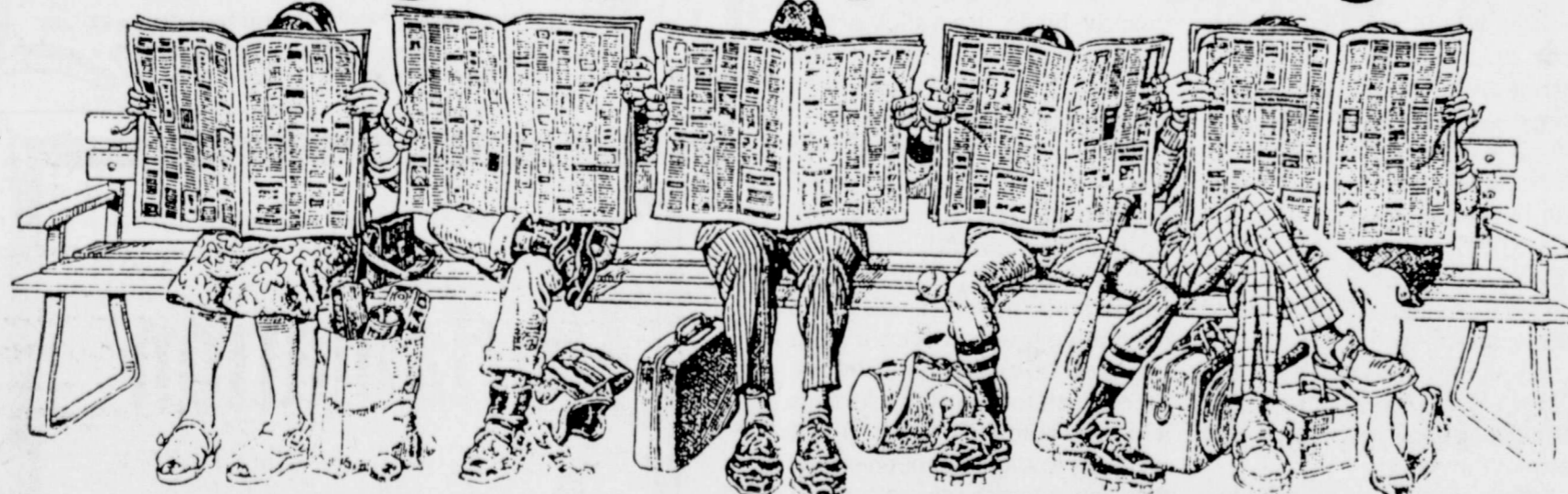
The national archives have records of anyone who has had any contact with the U.S. Government. This includes just about anyone who has ever lived in the country. They have Indian Records going way back and even records of black slaves owned by Indians. In addition they have land records, passenger lists, naturalization records, passports records, and much more. The address of all the Regional Offices of National Ar-

chives are listed as well as their computer online address.

Increasing numbers of people are looking for parents. For those searching parents who moved away, the quest is usually not difficult. For adopted children looking for birth parents, the search is very difficult. They have no name to start their search because birth and hospital records are changed to reflect the name of the adoptive parents. But don't lose hope of finding your birth parents. There are records that are not changed and ways to find the true facts behind the altered records. In addition, there are several hundred organizations that can and will help you in your search. These organizations provide advice and assistance from people who have made many successful searches to locate birth parents. "How to Find People with Information from Public Records" includes the names and addresses of these organizations as well as tactics for making your search successful.

Many people would like to know what is in the files kept by government agencies such as the FBI. The book contains all the rules that govern getting copies of documents about yourself or any one else. A check of FBI records, for instance, will reveal everything they have gathered about you. It would be wise to check their files before applying for a government job or any activity or permit that requires an investigation. Also included are form letters for requesting information and even forms for appealing when the agencies don't give you the information requested.

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PROCLAIMING APRIL 22 AS GIRL SCOUT LEADER APPRECIATION DAY are Mayor Dawson McGuffin and Girl Scouts (left to right) Suzanne Jones, Jennifer McKown, Kimberly Sartor, Marci Paschal, Amanda Brewer, and Erica Lujano.

Paul Shero to be special guest speaker for "Ladies Night Out" April 25

The 2nd Annual "Ladies Night Out," sponsored by members of the Winters Woman's Club, will be held Thursday night, April 25, at 7 p.m. in the Jones Fellowship Hall at the First Baptist Church in Winters.

Paul Shero, minister of the Southgate Church of Christ in San Angelo and a well-known motivational speaker in the South and Southwest, will bring humorous insight into a presentation, "Life Is A Circus."

Dinner by the Woman's Club members will be served along with door prize drawings in a very special evening of good food, gifts, entertainment, and inspiration for ladies of the Runnels County area. Tickets are being sold by club members. They are \$10 each with a limited number available. Tickets must be purchased prior to the dinner; none will be sold at the door. For tickets, call 754-4171 or 754-5157.

Proceeds from the dinner will be used to further civic projects chosen by the club members. They have included the Senior Citizens



Paul Shero in "Life Is A Circus"

Activity Center, Winters Public Library, Z.I. Hale Museum, Christmas in April, the Junior Livestock Show, North Runnels Hospital, Tooter Harrison Memorial Scholarship to a graduating senior, Project Graduation, and others.

Mr. Shero and wife, Patsy, are the parents of Kimberly and Jennifer. He has been preaching full-time since 1969 and has preached in ten states and five foreign countries. He has done radio and newspaper work during his years of Christian service. He also drove a truck on the food convoy to Poland in 1981 and was named Outstanding Young Man of America in 1983, Who's Who in America's Religions in 1990, Who's Who in the South and Southwest in 1991, and Who's Who in America in 1992.

All ladies of all ages are encouraged to enjoy this very special night out which is being diligently planned and prepared by members of the Winters Woman's Club. See you April 25!

Gospel singing at Southside Baptist

J.D. Taylor will be conducting a gospel singing at the Southside Baptist Church in Winters Sunday, April 21, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Everyone is cordially invited.

Observe Earth Day

Earth Day is Monday, April 22.

Please teach responsibility to planet Earth in your home, your school, your church, and in all institutions. The survival and quality of life on Earth depend on each individual.

Do a small part to preserve what is called home.

Guiding Light Spirit Filled Baptist Church to conduct special services

Guiding Light Spirit Filled Baptist Church invites you to come worship with them for special services Sunday, April 21.

At 10:30 a.m., God's People from Full Gospel Assembly of San Angelo will minister in song and worship.

For services at 6:00 p.m., Reverend Paul Gossett of Coleman will be a special guest. Rev. Gossett is an area evangelist who works with troubled teens.

All are very welcome and wanted at any time. The church is located at the corner of Cryer and the Novice Highway.

Since when do you have to agree with people to defend them from injustice.
—Lillian Hellman

Cutting grass at 200 m.p.h.

by DR. ELLEN HENKE
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How would you like to mow your grass as fast as NASCAR drivers round the oval at Daytona? Surprisingly enough, you already do—if you use a power mower.

The tip of your mower's cutting blade can clock in at speeds of up to 200 miles per hour. That's why a power mower is a serious cutting tool that should be treated with respect. And regardless of how long you've been mowing, it's important to consciously think about measures you can take to ensure your safety.

Safety measures and mowing techniques vary depending on the type of mower you have, but there are some things that always remain the same. Like proper clothing—always wear long slacks, sturdy shoes with traction soles, and tucked-in shirttails. Walk the lawn before mowing and remove any yard debris or toys that could be thrown by that speeding cutter blade.

If twigs or other yard debris clog your mower's discharge chute, turn off your mower. With a walk-behind mower, disconnect the spark plug wire. This will keep the engine from restarting if you accidentally turn the blade while examining the mowing chamber. Never place your hands or feet

Woman's Club tours home of Dr. Jerry Biddix

The Winters Woman's Club toured the home of Dr. Jerry and Judy Biddix in their regular meeting Tuesday, April 9. Mrs. Biddix gave a history of the house and the renovation project.

In the business meeting, President Marthiel Russel called for committee reports.

Kay Colburn gave instructions and recipes for "Ladies Night Out" to be held April 25 at 7 p.m. in Jones Fellowship Hall. Ouida Nichols and each member have tickets to sell as no tickets will be sold at the door.

Ouida encouraged each member to buy tickets for the toolbox to benefit the library.

Edna England, philanthropic chairperson, led in a discussion of helping local organizations.

Audine McBeth entertained members by singing two solos.

Members present were Dolly Airhart, Jane Allcorn, Billie Alderman, Pat Ambrose, Beth Briley, Virginia Brown, Cheryl Bryan, Betty Byrns, Kay Colburn, Edna England, Melvena Gerhart, Sandy Griffin, Nina Hale, Lois Jones, Horte Joyce, Dorothy Laughon, Audine McBeth, Mary Ellen Moore, Ouida Nichols, Marthiel Russel, Pat Russell, Marlene Smith, Marsha Shoemaker, Lavera Tharp, Marlene Wood, Theresa Briley, Phyllis Boles, and Bobby Ludwick.

Hostesses were Lavera Tharp, Jane Allcorn, Sandy Griffin, and Melvena Gerhart.

39+ to celebrate fifth anniversary

Thirty-Nine Plus will celebrate its fifth anniversary on Thursday, April 25. It was on the fourth Thursday in 1991 that the first meeting was held, with seventeen in attendance.

The activities will begin about 10:00 a.m. with greetings and conversation. When a sufficient number has arrived, a game, usually "Spinner," starts. At noon, the group adjourns for a pot luck meal.

The general public is invited to attend this gathering at First United Methodist Church.

Wingate Church of Christ to present "Christ Crucified"

The Wingate Church of Christ will be conducting a gospel meeting entitled "Christ Crucified" Sunday, May 5, through Wednesday, May 8.

E.B. McCown is Sunday's speaker at 10:30 a.m., followed by a pot luck lunch. J.F. Lilly will speak at 5:00 p.m. Sunday and at 7:30 p.m. Monday-Wednesday.

An area-wide singing will be from 2:00-4:00 p.m. on Sunday. Nelan Bahman is song leader.

Crews News

by Hilda Kurtz



People are like pianos—grand and upright, but no good unless in tune.

Hopewell Church visitors Sunday morning were Martha Morrison, Arlene Boles, Dorothy Hamilton, and Ray Tarvin. You are welcome back.

Coleman Foreman carried Brother Ferris and Ramona Akins of Ballinger out for lunch Sunday at the Grazing Patch in Winters. Afterwards, they visited with Lawan Foreman at the Senior Citizens Nursing Home.

The Crews Saturday night supper was well attended. Linda and Dale were the hosts. President Dennis McBeth called a brief meeting and welcomed visitors, Brother Ferris and Ramona Akins of Ballinger, Marqué Mathis' brother, John Whaley, and children, Allison and Cole, of Denton. Names drawn for marigolds were Brenda Watkins, Doris Wood, and Georgia Gibbs. The report was read by Audine McBeth. The next supper will be May 3 at 8 p.m.

The Crews Cemetery Cleanup Day was well attended Saturday with the same officers as last year in charge.

Dennis, Audine, and Roy McBeth did some work for a friend. Roy is the proud owner of a pony named "Scout."

Nila and Therin Osborn were in Abilene Thursday shopping. They also went by to see Brother Oscar and Janie Fanning. Both are well.

Steve Grissom and friend, Penny, of Dallas, spent several days visiting Adeline Grissom, Wanda McLarty, Katherine and Luke Thomas, and friends.

Enjoying a picnic dinner out on the farm were Ricky and Patsy Grissom; Phyllis, Von, and Jeff Byrd; Bill and Sharon Grissom and granddaughter Ariel. Ariel also spent several days with Luke Thomas.

Carolyn Webb spent Thursday through Saturday in Austin visiting her son, Gene Webb, and friends.

Tammy, Haley, and Mark Kaczyk of Winters came out Saturday and spent the day with Georgia and Connie Gibbs.

Marvin and Melvena Gerhart, Scott Gerhart, Melissa and Amanda Mints spent the weekend in Hardin. While there they attended the shower for Melissa and Scott. Cathey Bruce and Keith

Gerhart of College Station also came. All enjoyed lunch at Roy and Marilyn Mints later in the afternoon. Marvin and Melvena drove to A&M to visit with Keith, and Cathey enjoyed the tour of the campus.

On Sunday, the Gerharts drove to Temple to visit with Fred Lisson who is in the VA hospital. He had surgery.

Martha Morrison spent Friday through Sunday with Mildred Morrison. Both ate out at The Shed after church services Sunday.

On Saturday, daughter Maurine, Bob, Sara, and Bradley Scott of Sweetwater; Denise, Dustin Bennett of Sweetwater spent the day. Susie McDaniel of Fort Worth and Louise Cecil of Winters also spent Saturday with Mildred. Selma Wilkerson of Brownwood spent Sunday night with Mildred.

Dropping in on Noble and Harvey Mae Faubion during the week were Valerie Carlisle, Carolyn Kraatz, Hilde Kurtz, and Nila Osborne.

I'd like to thank sheep shearer Guadencio Espino and his helper for a job well done Sunday when they sheared my sheep.

Brad Pape was admitted to North Runnels Hospital Friday at 2 a.m. for chest pains. After tests, he came home Monday evening. Dr. Lee had him to see a heart specialist, Dr. Mitchell, in San Angelo. Brad has an appointment for next week for more tests.

Sam and Dee Faubion visited Carl and Sybil Faubion in Coleman during the week. On Saturday, Sam and Dee and their families spent time with the Steve Stubblefields in Norton.

Saturday night at the Crews business meeting, Marqué Mathis made a motion that carried to donate \$50 to the Winters Christmas in April.

Ruth Pape came Wednesday for eggs and ate mid-morning breakfast with me.

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WHEREAS, Girl Scout leaders have served as valuable role models for more than 50 million girls since Girl Scouting began in 1912; and

WHEREAS, Girl Scout leaders provide an all-girl setting where girls can enjoy leadership experiences that will enhance their lives so that they can contribute to society now and in the future; and

WHEREAS, Girl Scout leaders provide a setting where girls can have fun and form lifelong friendships; and

WHEREAS, 900 adults in Heart of Texas Girl Scout Council volunteered as Girl Scout leaders working with 2,100 girls in Central Texas;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Dawson McGuffin by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of Winters

HEREBY PROCLAIM April 22, 1996, as Girl Scout Leader's Day in Winters.

AND DO FURTHER CALL UPON all citizens of to join me in honoring Girl Scout leaders and lending continued support and cooperation to all Girl Scouts.

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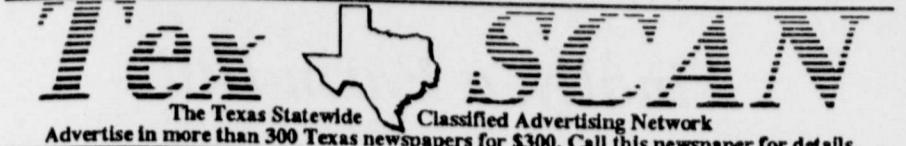
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March city sales tax rebates show 4.25% increase
 As reported by the office of State Comptroller John Sharp, April sales tax rebates for the city of Winters increased 4.25 percent as compared to the prior year's April payment. Rebates totaled \$8,829.23 this reporting period. For the reporting period in 1995, rebates totaled \$8,468.83. This month's payments include taxes collected in February and reported by businesses filing monthly returns in March. Receipts in Miles increased 33.17 percent; Ballinger increased 21.37 percent and reported \$30,767.06 in payments. City sales tax rebates to date for Runnels County for the 1996 reporting period total \$238,739.56, a 9.50 percent increase as compared to last year's period total of \$218,012.27. The current city sales tax rate for Winters and Ballinger is 1.5 percent. Miles is 1.00 percent.

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Week of the Young Child to be observed April 21-27

With April as Child Abuse Prevention Month, the week of April 21-27 will be nationally observed as the Week of the Young Child. The theme of this year's Week of the Young Child is "Early Years are Learning Years." In observance of the week, Child Care Licensing will sponsor a 3-hour workshop, "Summer Fun and Safety," Saturday, April 20, from 9 a.m. to noon at the Brownwood office located at 301 Main. This workshop is designed for facilities which provide swimming, field trips, and transportation. Space is limited. Day Care providers should call (915) 643-7051 for reservations. To increase awareness and knowledge of playground safety for summer fun, Injury Prevention Works (IPW), a non-profit educational clearinghouse, provides materials that are of use to those involved in designing, maintaining, and renovating playgrounds as well as those involved in advocating for safe playgrounds in community and school settings. IPW reference materials are available, for a charge, by calling (410) 377-7898. Comments are welcome at 135 Glen Argyle Road, Baltimore, MD 21212.

Playground Safety

Facts
 •Approximately 221,600 U.S. children ages 14 and under are treated in hospital emergency rooms for playground equipment-related injuries. Seventy percent of these injuries occur on school and public playgrounds.
 •Most playground injuries result from falls.
 •Children fall from equipment onto unsafe surfaces, such as blacktop, hard packed dirt, or grass.
 •Falls result from unsafe play, equipment that is not age-appropriate, or faulty equipment.
 •Other injuries include: running or bumping into stationary equipment; contact with points, sharp edges, or moving objects; and head entrapment (head caught in equipment).

Prevention Tips
 •Place impact-absorbing materials under outdoor and indoor play equipment to cushion falls and reduce injuries.
 •Inspect playground equipment daily.
 •Limit children to equipment appropriate for their size and age.
 •Closely supervise children using playground equipment in home and in public areas.
 •Dress your child in clothing that is free of long strings that may become entangled in equipment. Encourage children to keep their shoe laces tied to avoid entanglement and falls.
 REMEMBER: Close supervision does not take the place of safe playground equipment and proper surfacing.
 References: Consumer Product Safety Commission, 1993

When You Can't Be There
 •Inspect playground equipment and surfacing for hazards before allowing your child to play there.
 •Look for 10-12 inches of impact-absorbing material under equipment extending 6 feet on all sides of equipment. Pieces of equipment should be 8 feet apart. Play equipment should not be over 6 feet in height. Check for hand or guard rails for steps or platforms.
 •Be certain that swings are placed away from other play equipment. Only two swings per bay or support section is recommended.
 •Be certain that equipment is appropriate for the size and development of your child.
 •Dress your child in clothing that is free of long strings that may become entangled in equipment. Encourage children to keep their shoe laces tied to avoid entanglement and falls.
 •After inspecting the neighborhood playgrounds, tell your child which playgrounds are safe.
 •Review safe play on the playground.
 ✓Take turns—no pushing or shoving.
 ✓Sit before you slide.
 ✓Never walk near moving swings.

Public Record

COUNTY COURT
 Joe Paxton Adams, Winters, 04-08-96, Terroristic Threat.
 Stephen Joseph Fruman, Ballinger, 04-08-96, Driving While Intoxicated.
 Randy Devora Livingston, Abilene, 04-10-96, Driving While Intoxicated, Subsequent Offense.
 Richard Torres, Abilene, 04-11-96, Driving While Intoxicated, Subsequent Offense.

DISTRICT COURT
 Elvira Lovar Guerra vs. Johnny Lee Guerra, 04-15-96, Divorce.

J.P. COURT #1
 La Ruth Jenkins vs. Claude Odinet Jr., 03-12-96, Forcible Detainer.
 Craig Lawson, 03-16-96, Speeding.
 Michael H. Merritt, 03-16-96, No Fire Extinguisher on Board Motor Boat.
 Terry N. Wall, 03-17-96, Untagged Troline.
 Patrick J. Chesworth, 03-17-96, Possession of Undersized Black Bass.
 Jeremy B. Hartgrove, 03-17-96, No Fishing License.
 Donna Heard, 03-19-96, Theft by Check.
 Angelina Fuentez, 03-19-96, Theft by Check.
 Elva Sepeda, 03-19-96, Theft by Check.
 Jack Waylon Bryant, 03-19-96, Issuance of a Bad Check.
 Quenton P. Ellison, 03-26-96, Issuance of a Bad Check.
 Elton J. Garcia, 03-26-96, Issuance of a Bad Check.
 Diane Mudry, 03-29-96, Injury to a Child.
 Dean Derk II, 03-30-96, No Lifestaving Device on Board Motor Boat.
 Gloria Juarez, 04-07-96, Making Alcohol Available to a Minor.
 Isaac Rodriguez, 04-08-96, Public Intoxication.
 Denise Sevisher vs. Thomas Sevisher, 04-08-96, Emergency Protection.
 Agri-Plex Heating vs. Mark Nunn, 04-08-96, Account.
 Beth Doty vs. John Hurt, 04-11-96, Damages to Goats.
 Felipe Villareal vs. Ronnie and Jennifer Luera, 04-12-96, Forcible Detainer.
 Rowena Pellet Mill vs. Peter Armendariz, 04-15-96, Account.
 Leslie Jaramillo, 04-15-96, Theft by Check.
 Colleen Cavazos, 04-15-96, Theft by Check.
 Jamie Asevedo, 04-15-96, Theft by Check.
 Kelly A. Grune, 04-15-96, Theft by Check.

MARRIAGE LICENSES
 Harly Joe Clearman and Coleta Rosson Maley, 04-10-96.
 Mark Hewitt Skelnarik and Vanessa Ann Schwertner, 04-12-96.
 Shawn Brandon Tinney and Audrey Irene Plumley, 04-12-96.

Extension News & Views

by Mike Mauldin
Runnels County Extension Agent-Ag

Options for orphan lambs and goats

A freak Easter cold snap that killed thousands of sheep and goats across West Central Texas has left many producers with a like number of orphan or "dogie" lambs and kids.

"Producers really have two options," said Dr. Millard Calhoun, research nutritionist with the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station in San Angelo. "They can either feed the babies on pasture or feed them in a pen."

"If pastures are of high enough quality, and the dogies have been eating dry feed, they are probably better off where they are. This is especially true if they have been creep fed. The other option, pen feeding, is a little more complicated, but can work," said Calhoun. "Ideally, if the lambs or kids have been either creep or hand fed and are accustomed to eating, little set-back should occur provided they are at least three weeks old."

Calhoun said early weaning of lambs, some as young as 3- to 4-weeks-old, has been practiced for years at the Texas A&M Research and Extension Center in San Angelo. The three important factors determining the success or failure of pen feeding lambs or kids are: (1) consumption of a dry diet before losing the mother (2) voluntary water intake and (3) getting the dogies to eat as soon as

possible. "The biggest problem at this early age is the danger of inadequate water intake," said Calhoun. "Lambs 21- to 28-days-old usually have watered at a trough with their mothers, so they know how to drink. Most of the orphaned animals are probably a month or more old, so water consumption should not be a problem. At any rate, a readily available source of clean, fresh water is critical and it's a good idea in dry-lot to have a constant trickle of water dripping into the trough. This small drip will attract the lambs and stimulate drinking. Water intake is extremely important to develop and maintain normal rumen function."

"The success or failure of feeding baby lambs and kids is directly related to their rumen's stage of functional development," said Calhoun. "Very little rumen development occurs until lambs or kids begin to eat dry feed. It doesn't much matter what the feed is, pasture, hay, ewe feed or creep feed, so long as they've been eating something other than milk."

"When lambs are first dry-lotted, it's important they be given a palatable, balanced ration that assures early intake of sufficient dry feed to encourage microbial digestion and rumen development. A grain ration with some rough-

age that is highly palatable, such as alfalfa, has been our best pre-weaning ration to assure optimal performance. This can be either a loose or pelleted ration.

"The key here is to get them on a high quality diet fast. Many lambs that have only been on pasture don't know how to eat from a trough. To stimulate them to do so, we put them in small pens, keep the feed fresh and stirred and add a few older animals, briefly to set the example. Minimum trough space requirements are three inches per lamb if self fed and six inches if hand fed. If dogies are being self fed, never let the feeders become empty once they are on full feed." If not previously vaccinated, prompt vaccination for protection against overeating disease (enterotoxemia) is also essential.

Feed consumption for lambs through the entire feeding period to slaughter will average three to four pounds per day. For goats, it's two to three pounds per day. Actual feed intake will depend on the size of the animal and the type of feed being fed.

For further information and for rations appropriate for early weaning, contact your local County Agricultural Extension Agent, Dr. Calhoun or Dr. Frank Caddock, Extension Sheep and Goat Specialists at San Angelo.

4-H Club to elect officers April 22

The Winters 4-H Club will meet on Monday, April 22, at the Senior Citizens Activity Center, 601 Wood St., from 5:15-6:00 p.m. to elect officers for the upcoming year.

Officer eligibility requirements are as follows:

- Must attend at least 5 of 10 meetings this year, and
- Must have been a 4-H member for at least two years.

Election will be by self-nomination followed by speeches of why you can do a good job while in office. Come prepared!

Officers will be installed in May.

Anyone planning to do a method demonstration at the county competition on April 23 is invited to share their program with members at this meeting. This will be a good practice time.

Point pages must be turned into the County Extension Office in May. It is mandatory that members participate in the Bike-a-thon to qualify for trips.

Helping with the April 22nd program will be Deanna Goff and Brian Pritchard, Pledge of Allegiance; Jacky Dexter, 4-H Motto and Pledge; Kirby Hatler, 4-H Prayer; and Amy, Robby, and John Heathcott and Misty, Mandy, and Cody Pritchard, refreshments.

No man ever listened himself out of a job.
—Calvin Coolidge

To the good listener half a word is enough.
—Spanish proverb

Sign-up now for Pest Management Program

Sign-up for the Runnels-Tom Green Counties Pest Management Program is currently underway and will continue until April 25.

Producers interested in having their cotton field(s) scouted for insect pests may sign-up their fields at one of the following locations: Wingate Gin, Ballinger Co-Op, Mereta Co-Op, Wall Co-Op Gin, Westside Gin in Wall, or Farmers Seed and Supply in Winters.

Producers in all areas of Runnels and Tom Green Counties are welcome to enroll their fields to be checked for insects. Fees for scouting dryland cotton fields will be \$4.50/acre for once a week scouting and \$7.75/acre for twice per week scouting. Fees for scouting irrigated fields will be \$7.75/acre for twice per week scouting. There is no limit to the number of fields or size of fields that you enroll. However, the minimum fee assessment is based on 25 acres per field. At the time of enrollment, please be prepared to submit a Farm Service Agency map for each field you enroll.

At the conclusion of the enrollment period, the Pest Management Steering Committee will meet to review total acreage and

Second Primary voter turnout bare

Runnels County voter turnout Tuesday, April 9, for the Second Primary Election was very small. Only 3% (168) of the registered Democratic voters and .003% (18) of the Republican voters cast a ballot.

In unofficial Democratic returns for the county, John Bryant defeated Victor M. Morales, 149 to 79, for United States Senator. For Court of Criminal Appeals Judge, Place 2, Charles Holcomb won 111 votes to Gary Taylor's 85.

In the Republican election, Sue Holland carried the votes, 16 to 2, over James (Daniel) Boone for the position of Court of Criminal Appeals Judge, Place 1. For Place 2 Judge, Paul Womack defeated Pat Barber (11-6); and for Place 3 Judge, Tom Price won over Cheryl A. Johnson (12-5).

One should never know too precisely whom one has married.
—Nietzsche

CAPITOL COMMENT

U.S. SENATOR
KAY BAILEY HUTCHISON

Finally, a Farm Bill

A wise old Texas farmer once advised his less prosperous neighbor that it takes more to plow a field than just turning it over in your mind. After debating for nearly a year, Congress finally approved a farm bill last week. While this legislation does not contain every provision I had hoped for, it does go a long way toward strengthening America's farm policies.

Cutting through a bundle of red tape, the bill eliminates the need for most of the regulations and restrictions that now burden farmers -- and keep a lid on our potential for productivity. And it reduces federal expenditures by \$12 billion over the next seven years.

This legislation provides seven-year market transition payments for rice, cotton, wheat, feedgrains and oilseeds, as envisioned in the original Senate farm bill, the Freedom to Farm Act.

Incorporating the idea of market-based decision making, it puts farmers, not the government, in charge of their own planting decisions for the first time in more than 60 years. Farmers will no longer be required to plant the same crops, year after year regardless of market demand, to receive assistance.

Not only will this return the ability to make crucial decisions to the farmers, but it answers the charge that our current policies discourage crop rotation and encourage excessive use of expensive fertilizers and chemicals.

This bill is the most environmentally friendly agriculture legislation in years. It retains the Conservation Reserve Program at current levels, and provides farmers with an early out should they decide that planting, not idling their acres, is a better management decision.

Bottom line here is, producers will have the discretion to plant or idle all of their acres as they see fit. Planting restrictions are greatly reduced, so the marketplace will drive production decisions, not the government.

Among its other provisions, the bill:

- Separates the requirement for crop insurance coverage from program eligibility.
- Permits haying and grazing on contract acres.
- Reauthorizes the food stamp program.
- Establishes a new, voluntary \$200 million a year environmental quality incentives program to encourage farmers and ranchers to improve soil and water quality.

Agriculture, one of the historic foundations of America's strength and wealth, is now at a turning point. We can either continue to pile on more and more government controls, until every last productive acre is under the control of the federal government, or we can aim in a new direction -- toward an even stronger farm economy that provides Americans with a bountiful, healthy food supply while leading American exports.

This farm bill launches our country on the second trajectory.

Emergency feed program computed through May 31

Applications that have been taken by producers for the 1996 Livestock Feed Program are being computed through May 31, 1996.

For those of you who have filed an application, you will need to keep all your sales documents of purchased feed. Note: Sales documents shall include the name and address of both the buyer and seller; be signed by the seller; and contain the date of purchase, quantity, kind, and price of feed purchased.

Producers will be asked to submit sales receipts after the May 31, 1996, feeding period ends. Producers will be notified of projected eligibility as soon as 1996 rates are received.

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\$45 5 lb Round Steak 5 lb Pork Chops 5 lb Fryers 8 lb Ground Beef	\$59 6 lb Roast 6 lb Ground Beef 6 lb Pork Chops 6 lb Cutlets	\$25 20 lb Ground Chuck (1 lb pkgs)