

Apples of Gold

LOVE—A woman worries about the future until she gets a husband, while a man never worries about the future until he gets a wife.

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Commissioners end county subsidy for EMS services

\$108,000 budgeted for EMS stays as line item

Runnels County Commissioners put an end to the county subsidy of emergency medical services (EMS) at a special meeting on Thursday, August 29. They first voted to exempt EMS contracts from competitive bidding under Section 262.024 of the Local Government Code because it affects the health and safety of the public.

Following approval of that motion, made by Commissioner Thurman Self and seconded by Commissioner Ricky Strube, Commissioner Skipper Wheelless moved that Runnels County not enter into a subsidy contract at all for EMS services. After some discussion as to whether the motion meant "forever" or "at this time," Commissioner Ricky Strube seconded the motion, with the understanding it was to read "at this time."

Prior to the two motions, County Judge Marilyn Egan, reading from a prepared statement, told the court and audience that she had checked with the Texas Attorney General's office to ascertain if the bids received and not meeting bid specifications had to be rejected. The AG's office said the bids must be rejected. She said she had then asked whether the county could enter into interlocal agreements with other political subdivisions, such as hospital districts, without accepting competitive bids. She found that could be done.

She said that although some people felt that would not allow the county to contract with Ballinger EMS, owned and operated privately by Bob McDaniel, that was not the case. The county could enter into an interlocal agreement with, for example,

North Runnels Hospital District, and a separate contract and agreement with a private operator such as Mr. McDaniel.

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Commissioner Strube

Judge Egan went on to say she had spoken with citizens who did not want to pay a subsidy but would like for the County to enter into a contract with EMS providers which would require them to answer all 911 calls. She explained that would not be possible because a contract is not binding unless consideration (money) is given for the services rendered.

Commissioner Strube, also reading from a prepared statement,

explained his actions regarding the EMS contract controversy. He said he had contacted counties surrounding Runnels County, asking for copies of their EMS contracts and information regarding whether or not they paid subsidies to EMS contractors.

He explained that the present contract with EMS providers is not satisfactory and that his intentions and that of the Court were to get more detailed financial information from the contractors in order to make better decisions regarding the subsidy paid. He also said work started early on the revisions to allow Commissioners to budget for the service, since the contract ends in December and the County's fiscal year begins October 1.

Strube said, "I do not like the present contract the county has with both of the Emergency Medi-

cal Services. In order for me to justify a \$4,500 a month subsidy to each EMS, I need more detailed financial statements from them."

Commissioner Strube said, "I want to make one thing very clear—no one on this commissioners court tells me when or how to vote! I work for the people of Precinct 4 of Runnels County. I do not work for Commissioner Collom, Commissioner Self, Commissioner Wheelless, or Judge Egan, but I do work with them."

In making his motion to do away with the EMS subsidy, Commissioner Wheelless reiterated his stance that he does not like the county subsidizing another taxing entity (referring to North Runnels Hospital). He said that since the hospital went into the EMS business in 1991, the tax rate for North Runnels had dropped from

\$.28 per hundred to \$.25.

In response to that statement, Larry Suit, Administrator of the North Runnels Hospital, told the court the reason for the decrease was not the subsidy, but because the hospital had paid off their bonded indebtedness at that time.

Sheriff Bill Baird requested again that the \$108,000 budgeted for EMS services be put in the jail fund to be used to help pay for the proposed new jail. Bonds in the amount of \$2.4 million will be voted upon in the November election.

Following some discussion as to what to do with the budgeted money, County Auditor Darlene Smith said the money could be left in the EMS line item and the budget amended if need be. Commissioner Strube said he would

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Blizzards meet rival Indians in season opener

Although changing districts has caused Jim Ned to be scheduled as a non-district game this year, the first game of the season promises to be an intense competition for both the Blizzards and the Indians.

The Indians were moved from district 8-2A to 7-2A. The Blizzards need to be ready as Jim Ned returns 12 lettermen from last year's 6-4 season. Winters returns seven.

One of the first holes to fill for the Big Blue squad is at quarterback. John Paul Belew filled this slot for the past four years. Justin Minzenmayer, a 6'2", 185 lb. junior and Kenny Whittenburg, a 6'1", 165 lb. sophomore are looking to step into this key role.

Running backs Arnold Silva and Marshall Scates are returning along with James Andrae at tackle, and Dennis Conner at tight end.

Some of the additional returning faces on varsity are Michael Prewit, Bear Nitsch, Chris McCaslin, Steven Cross, Ricky Luz, Jonathan Gann, Jonathan Cobb and Brent Jacob.

In the two scrimmages this season, the Blizzard defense seemed to be pretty solid. Offense always takes longer to gel and will need some game experience to bring everything together.

The Indians will be looking to avenge a 52-6 whipping by the Blizzards last year.

Travel to Tuscola and back the Blizzards against Jim Ned this Friday night. Kickoff is at 8 p.m. in Indian stadium.

Veterans of Foreign Wars and Auxiliary to commemorate POWs, MIAs

The Winters Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 9193 and the Ladies Auxiliary will have a Commemorative POW-MIA Ceremony Monday, September 9, 1996, at 7:00 p.m. in the Post Home. The public is invited to attend.

Remembering POWs and MIAs during the third week of

September, and especially on September 20, is one of the nation and statewide programs of the V.F.W. and Auxiliary. It is hoped that the citizens of Winters and the surrounding communities will remember these missing veterans and their families in their thoughts

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'DUCKING' OUT OF THE RAIN was this little feathered friend who surprisingly appeared at the front door of the school cafeteria and looked for a way to get to dry ground during the wonderful five days of recent rainfall.



LA GRANGE CITY MANAGER Shawn Raborn gives pointers during the Network Luncheon on August 29 to local members and guests of the Texas Midwest Community Network. Raborn spoke on how a rural community can overcome adversity through community partnerships. More than 50 representatives from Bronte, Baird, Ballinger, LaGrange and Winters attended the special meeting.

1996 Fearless Football Forecasters (and former friends?)

by Jean Boles, editor

As we start the new football season, I'm both humbled and flattered and honored to introduce our new fearless football forecasters.

This elite group of highly intellectual, worldly, athletic supporters was chosen from a field of what seems like 10,000 to bring forth their wit and wisdom each week. And all out of the goodness and generosity of their hearts.

Guess that's probably because there are no prizes in this contest. Well, no reward other than the thrill of public humiliation week after week.

Oh, what the heck. ATTENTION FORECASTERS! If I win the lottery, I'll even spring for a medium, thin crust, one topping pizza (if it can be cut into 18 pieces because I need to take some home so Randall and I can have something to eat that's not green or moving).

Okay, back to our Forecasters:
•Susan Conner—piano teacher with the patience of Job, pianist at First Baptist Church, and mother of three large (always hungry) boys. Susan is an extraordinary lady who seems to always have a smile on her face and manages to keep up (or should I say "put up")

with hubby, Randall 'Man About Town.' This woman doesn't slow down for anything. She even led the church choir while she had a broken arm. Of course, only the members on the right side of the choir knew they were supposed to sing. But she persevered. So you better watch out, guys. This lady is tough!

•Ken Slimp—spends a lot of time at jail and in court but we love him anyway. By the way, Ken is an attorney. And we still love him. Ken could be Martha Stewart in a man's suit. He hunts, he fishes, he cooks, he gardens, he raises animals in his back yard and kills them to feed his family (was I supposed to say that?) Now if we can just keep him from writing his picks in legal mumbo-jumbo that has to be translated. Ken told me he has a sure-fire way to make his selections each week. Something, he says, that involves his 3-year old daughter and a box of crayons. Just remember, Ken, if you win, Zannie gets the pizza.

•Mike Harris—our new school superintendent. Because he's new to the area and a graduate of Texas Tech, I'll cut him some slack this year. And besides, we both have

been asked to leave a gym during a basketball game so I feel we share a kindred spirit (as well as rabid enthusiasm). He says his wife Carla (a nurse) is a special

lady because she cares so much about his health. Says she is constantly telling him to ignore those
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WHAT'S HAPPENING ?

- Sept. 5-9:30-Noon & 1:30-3 p.m., Immunization Clinic, TDH
- 7:30 p.m., Winters Masonic Lodge
- Sept. 6-11:30 a.m., Senior Citizens Meal
- One Arm Dove Hunt Begins, Olney
- West Texas Fair Begins, Abilene
- Sept. 7-9 a.m.-5 p.m., Open House, Nat'l Weather Service, San Angelo
- 4:30 p.m., FUNDay, Ericksdahl Picnic Grounds, Stamford
- 5 p.m., Youth Revival Begins, First Baptist Church
- Sept. 8-1-4 p.m., West Texas Ranch for Christ Tour & Singing, Blackwell
- Sept. 9-11:30 a.m., Senior Citizens Meal
- 2:30 p.m., Retired Teachers, First United Methodist Church, Winters
- 6 p.m., City Council
- 6:30 p.m., Winters Squares, Community Center
- 7 p.m., POW/MIA Commemorative Ceremony, VFW Post Home
- 7 p.m., VFW & Auxiliary
- 7 p.m. Band Boosters, Band Hall
- 7:30 p.m., School Board
- Sept. 10-6-8 a.m., Rehab Breakfast, Former Peoples Bank Parking Lot
- 9-11 a.m., Commodities, Multi-Purpose Center, Winters
- 10 a.m., Commissioners Court, Courthouse, Ballinger
- Noon, Lions Club
- 7 p.m., Athletic Boosters, Blizzard Stadium
- 7 p.m., WVFD
- 7:30 p.m., Elm Creek Control Board
- Woman's Club
- Hunter Education Course, San Angelo
- Ranch to Rail Nominations Due
- Sept. 11-9-11 a.m., Commodities, Multi-Purpose Center, Ballinger
- 10 a.m., "Women for Rhodes" Coffee w/Nelan Bahlman
- 11:30 a.m., Senior Citizens Meal
- 5:30 p.m., Chamber Directors

OIL BUSINESS

By Reg Boles ©1996



In our tour of oil patch personnel, it's time for a visit with the oil field mechanic in "Oil Patch Basics."

Now, you may be thinking: Mechanic? What's the big deal? There's one on every corner.

Well, an oil field mechanic is a special breed of mechanic. He or she must have flexibility in their expertise and special skills in areas way beyond auto repair.

An oil field mechanic is someone who repairs or maintains equipment used in the exploration, production, and transportation of crude oil and natural gas. He or she may be an independent contractor or he/she may be on an oil company's payroll.

The person may be an automotive mechanic with special skills with a variety of engines and such that makes him/her useful in the oil patch, or he/she may be an oil field specialist.

The mechanic must understand all types of machinery and the laws of physics and mechanical motion that cause machines to do work. The internal combustion engine is only a part of the variety of equipment a mechanic will encounter.

A mechanic may be asked to get a compressor running again or fix the gang truck's winch. A miniature chemical pump or the huge gears of a pumping unit may be the object of the mechanic's skill.

Injection pumps, circulating pumps, electrical motors, and Ajax combustion engines are just some of the myriad of prime movers and other devices that an oil field mechanic may run across.

There are some things that a pumper or a roustabout can fix without help from the mechanic. But, there are many devices in the oil patch that can be complicated and require skilled expertise that only a practicing mechanic can provide.

I can remember many times when it felt so good to see the mechanic drive up to where I had been tinkering with some piece of equipment for several hours without any progress. A mechanic can usually spot the trouble right away and have it fixed before I can say "college degree." There is no substitute for experience and skill.

A mechanic's job can be demanding, as they are usually on call. This means working odd hours and missing the Cowboy's game for a call out.

The people best suited for the mechanic's job seem to have an untanny understanding of all things mechanical. They have no fear of tearing something down completely and being able to put it back together. That isn't the end of it, either, as they store this information away for later problem diagnosis.

These folks know who they are.

So, now you know. A mechanic is a very important part of the oil patch work force. See you next time.

HIGHLIGHTS OF AREA DRILLING ACTIVITY

COMPLETIONS

Callahan County

J. R. Investments has completed the Baum #4 in the County Regular Field (5 miles W of Cross Plains) at an initial rate of 5 BOPD & 72 BWPD in an unidentified zone (perms 1594-99). Loc. is 975 FSL & 705 FEL of A. Montgomery Sur. No. 853, A-276.

Coke County

Coda Energy has completed the Chadbourne Ranch -431A- #23 in the Fort Chadbourne Field (9 miles N of Bronte) at an initial rate of 36 BOPD & 156 BWPD in the Odorn (perms 5558-88). Loc. is 97 FNEL & 1801 FSEL of W.R. Reed Sur. No. 1, A-1808.

Nolan County

Fortune Production Co. has completed the Caldwell #1 in the North Dora Field (7 miles SE of Sweetwater) at an initial rate of 30 BOPD & 3 BWPD in the Ellenburger (perms 6389-93). Loc. is 1467 FNL & 2483 FEL of Sec. 65, Blk. 20, T&PRR Sur., A-337.

Sinclair Oil Corporation has completed two wells. The Holt #1 potentialized 196 BOPD as a Wildcat, 16 miles NW of Sweetwater, and is loc. 2198 FNL & 2321 FWL of Sec. 1, Blk. Z, T&PRR Sur., A-434. The Lain -A- #4 potentialized 75 BOPD & 1 BWPD in the Canyon (perms 5936-5954) in the Sabre Tooth Field (12 miles NW of Sweetwater) and is loc. 682 FNL & 2377 FEL of Sec. 55, Blk. X, T&PRR Sur., A-428.

Western Pride Resources has completed the R. Allen -G- #1 in the Southwest Winters Field (7 miles NW of Ballinger) at an initial rate of 38 BOPD & 132 BWPD in the Palo Pinto (perms 3692-3702). Loc. is 717 FSL & 2040 FWL of ETRR Sur. No. 172, A-897.

Runnels County

Samson Lone Star LP has applied to plug back the Buckner #1 in the Lazarus Field, 15 miles NW of Bronte (Depth 7000). Loc. is 610 FNL & 1980 FWL of Sec. 279, Blk. 1A, H&TC Sur.

Concho County

The Pickens Company has staked the Price #1 as a Wildcat, 8 miles SE of Millersview (Depth 1500). Loc. is 467 FNL & 467 FWL of Sec. 59, Blk. 70, H&TC Sur., A-481.

H.R. Sullivan has staked the Kerr McGee -B- #41-2 as a Wildcat, 9 miles SE of Vick (Depth 4000). Loc. is 467 FSL & 600 FSL of Sec. 41, Blk. 9, H&TC Sur., A-440.

Nolan County

Oryx Energy has amended the location of the Southwest Nena Lucia Unit #3828 in the Nena Lucia Field, 13 miles SW of Maryneal (Depth 7500). Loc. is 1500 FWL & 750 FNL of Sec. 88, Blk. 1A, H&TC Sur., A-1554 (BHL).

Runnels County

Erin Oil Exploration has staked three wells in the Dick Richardson Field, 5 miles S of Winters (Depth 4700). The R. Allen #1 is loc. 467 FWL & 1667 FNL of Sec. 45, Blk. 63, HT&B Sur., A-293. The R. Allen #2 is loc. 1100 FNL & 1500 FWL of the same Sec. The R. Allen #3 is loc. 1615 FWL & 2950 FNL of the same Sec.

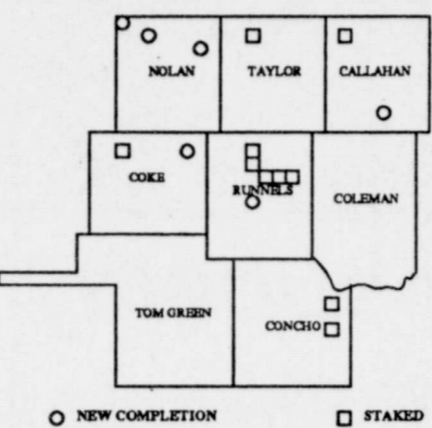
Pace Operating has staked the Gerhart #3 in the Southwest Winters Field, 6

miles SW of Winters (Depth 5000). Loc. is 950 FWL & 2250 FSL of Sec. 48, Blk. 63, HT&B Sur., A-1235.

Sha-Jam Operating has staked the Melissa -A- #1 in the Fennell Field, 6 miles W of Winters (Depth 4600). Loc. is 2110 FWL & 1544 FNL of Sec. 72, Blk. 72, HT&B Sur., A-690.

Taylor County

Benson & Schoen Oil has staked the Wagner #1 as a Wildcat, 6 miles NW of View (Depth 3000). Loc. is 330 FSL & 1650 FEL of Lot 7, Edmisons Subdivision, Lge. 145, Guadalupe CSL Sur.



Senior Citizens Activity Center Menu

Sept. 9 thru Sept. 13

Subject to change

Monday, Sept. 9: Beef casserole, Spanish rice, tomato salad, combread, and bread pudding.
Wednesday, Sept. 11: Roast & gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, rolls, and Mexican wedding cake.
Friday, Sept. 13: Salmon croquettes, pinto beans, carrot salad, and combread.

Praises and appreciation from First United Methodist Church, Winters

To each of you who helped First United Methodist Church, Winters, celebrate its 105th Anniversary, "thank you."

It was a wonderful day of praising God for our heritage, enjoying Christian fellowship, and renewing extended church family friendships.

To each of you who worshipped with us on this special occasion and to each of you who attended our "Old-Fashioned Luncheon," you are appreciated! May God bless each of you!

A special "thank you" to Lawrence Brothers for their donations and to the ladies who prepared a delicious meal.

To each local guest who came, you are special.

Out-of-town guests who worshipped and fellowshiped with us were Rev. Bob Sanders, Ft. Worth; Randy Stevens, Midland; Rev. Bob Sanders, Ft. Worth; Nancy Lindsey, Ft. Worth; Tylene Wells, Ft. Worth; Brenda Matthis Wilson, Groesbeck; Cindy Davis Biery, Arlington; Donald and

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and prayers during this week.

The regular meeting of the Veterans and Auxiliary will follow the ceremony. District 22 President Edith Bradley will attend the Auxiliary meeting and give a school of instruction. Members are urged to attend.

As I squat here in this lonely place a man maybe even you forgot, I wonder, am I in living hell? Am I alive or not?

I think it's more than ten years now since my last friend left this place. I guess he's back home — wherever that is — among the human race.

Forgive me Lord; if I seem untrue to the values my parents taught, To thoughts of you — of family and country, those things for which I fought.

But, as I've endured the endless days that dragged on into years, I've battled with all my very being to hold back bitter tears.

My children, by now they're no longer small by now they're nearly grown. My poor wife — she's had that too, she's raised them all alone.

I wept to hold my darlings, to watch my children grow, To feel your presence Lord, my faith in you to show.

Bless me Father, and take this life, please let it end today. I wonder how they listed me POW or MIA?

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Thanks to all the wonderful friends for the visits, cards, phone calls, food, and flowers while I was in the hospital and since I have returned home.

My family and I appreciate your thoughtfulness very much!
 Virginia Black

Obituaries

Slader Daen DeLaCruz

SAN ANGELO—Slader Daen DeLaCruz, 6 months, went back to the Lord on Friday, August 30, 1996, at Shannon Medical Center.

He was born February 24, 1996, in Fort Worth.

Survivors include his mother, Becky Rumbaugh of San Angelo; one sister, Samantha Rumbaugh of San Angelo; maternal grandparents, Nadine and Jose DeLaCruz of Winters; one aunt, Ernestina Pena and her husband, Henry, of San Angelo, and their children, Allison, Audra, and Adrian; and three uncles, Richard DeLaCruz and his wife, Sarita, of Eastland, and their children, Kristan, Korea, Kristi, and Justin, Alexander DeLaCruz of Abilene, and Jo Ray DeLaCruz and his wife, Donna, of Austin, and their children, Jordon, Brian, and Angela; special friends, the Crabtree family, the Longoria family, and Rick Ornelas.

Services were held at 10:00 a.m. Monday, September 2, at Johnson's Funeral Home with Jehu Hernandez officiating. Graveside services were at 2:00 p.m. at Lakeview Cemetery in Winters.

Pallbearers were Rick DeLaCruz, Fred DeLaCruz, Arthur Balcomb, and Henry Pena.

People so seldom say "I love you."
 And when they do,
 it's either too late or love goes.
 So, when I say "I love you,"
 it doesn't mean I hate to see you go
 that I wish you didn't have to.

Gloria Inez DeLaCruz

WINTERS—Gloria Inez DeLaCruz, 61, died Tuesday morning, August 28, 1996, at a local hospital.

She was born April 20, 1935, in Brownwood and grew up in Strawn. She married Venancio DeLaCruz on January 26, 1953, in Ballinger, and lived in Runnels County ever since.

Mrs. DeLaCruz was a homemaker and a member of the Catholic Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband in 1980.

Survivors include seven sons, Valentine DeLaCruz of Waxahachie, Joe DeLaCruz, Roman DeLaCruz, Emilio DeLaCruz, Paul John DeLaCruz, and Roberto DeLaCruz, all of Winters, and Ben DeLaCruz Jr. of San Diego, California; three daughters, Rosa Weatherly of Omaha, Nebraska, Linda DeLaCruz of Winters, and Maria T. Gutierrez of Moody; five brothers, Frederico Jimenez of Strawn, Isabel Jimenez and Raymond Jimenez of Breckenridge, Daniel Nava of Strawn, and Zenon Nava of Cisco; two sisters, Rita Alvarado of Edmore, Michigan, and Virginia Saucedo of Eastland; 22 grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Rosary was held at 7:30 p.m. Friday, August 30, at the Winters Funeral Home Chapel. Mass was at 1:00 p.m. Saturday, August 31, at Mt. Carmel Catholic Church in Winters with Father Austin Herman officiating. Burial was in Lakeview Cemetery, directed by Winters Funeral Home.

J.B. Templeton

BALLINGER—J.B. Templeton, 79, died Friday, August 30, 1996, at Ballinger Memorial Hospital.

He was born May 14, 1917, in Aspermont. He married Lillie Mae Kiefer on October 23, 1937, in Winters.

Mr. Templeton worked as a contract house painter and was a Lutheran.

Survivors include his wife, Lillie Mae Templeton of Ballinger; two sons, James Templeton of Ballinger and Eugene Templeton of Ruidoso, New Mexico; three daughters, Carolyn Harris of Ozona, Wanda Booe of Lubbock, and Norma Haddon of Ballinger; one brother, Billy Joe Templeton of Carlsbad, New Mexico; four sisters, Lucille Lee of Carlsbad, New Mexico, Myrtle Jones of Fresno, California, Opal Woods of Downs, Kansas, and Juanita Odell of Winters; six grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Services were held at 10:00 a.m. Monday, September 2, at Rains-Seale Chapel with Reverend Tony King officiating. Burial was in Fairview Cemetery in Winters, directed by Rains-Seale Funeral Home, Ballinger.

Beulah Lyles

ARTESIA, NEW MEXICO—Beulah Lyles died Sunday, August 25, 1996.

She was born in Texas and lived here all her life until after her husband, Taylor Lyles, passed away. She then moved to Artesia, New Mexico.

Survivors include three sons, Z.T. Lyles of Hagerman, New Mexico, Clayton Lyles of Artesia, New Mexico, and Waymon Lyles of Lake Arthur, New Mexico; one brother, G.C. Blackwood of Winters; one sister, Willie Lois Daniels of Winters; and one niece, Ora Green of Winters.

Graveside services were held Wednesday, August 28, at Dewey Cemetery in Lawn.

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To store an uncooked ham, rub some vinegar on the newly cut end so mold will not form.

Keeping an eye on Texas

All the news affordable to print

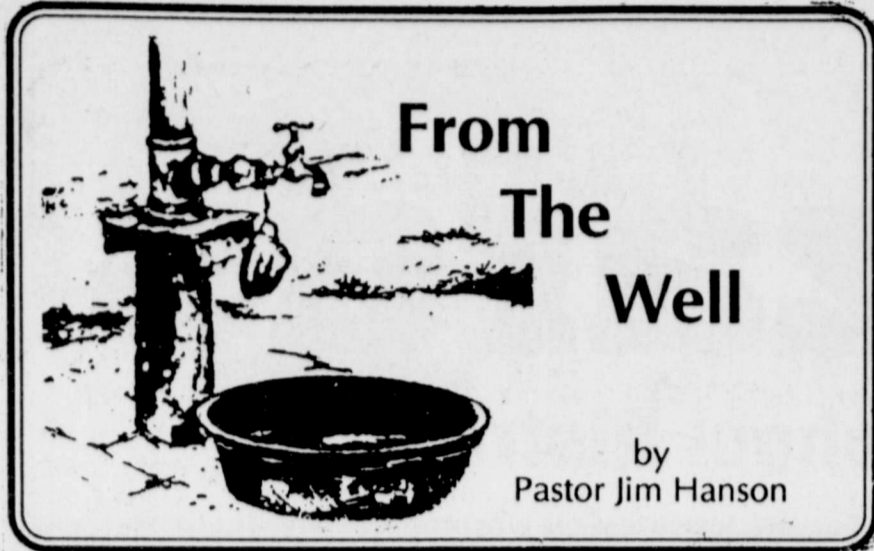
Because of rising paper costs, many small weekly newspapers had to boost the portion of advertising in their papers to avoid job cuts, and even the *Houston Post*, when it folded in April 1995, cited higher newsprint costs as a major factor.

Newsprint prices

Over an 18-month period, average newsprint costs jumped by 80 percent, demonstrating the effects of soaring timber prices.

Average cost of standard newsprint per metric ton

SOURCES: John Sharp, Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts, Texas Press Association and *Pulp & Paper Weekly*.



From The Well

by
Pastor Jim Hanson

When Ramona and I started our life together as husband and wife, we were located in Hardin, Montana. Just 15 miles from the scene of Custer's Last Stand at the Battle of the Little Big Horn River. It was our first stand, and we truly enjoyed our four plus years there. Nathan and Kathryn were born there. We have good memories and good friends from Hardin.

Our first Sunday there was July 4, 1954. It was hot — 105 degrees. And no air conditioning. After the service we wound our way up to the Pine Hills for a "Pot Luck Dinner." The meal was wonderful. The folks were great. But the way up and back was neither. It was bad. We ate dust both ways. We were in the midst of the drought of the 50's. It was so dry that when you walked across the plowed earth — it squeaked! That year, the best return of wheat seeded was 13 bushels to the acre. And, even with summer following most didn't make enough to harvest.

But, we were young. And busy. And excited about our work. We didn't realize that the devastation of drought takes a toll long after the rains came in 57 and 58. Until those years, we averaged only 5"-7" per year!

We are smarter now. I hope. At least we realize how devastating a drought can be. Even if we're not riding the range like the cowboy who first sang,

"All day I face the barren waste
Without a taste of water — cool, clear, water
Old Dan and I with throats burned dry
And souls that cry for water — cool, clear, water."

There have been many days this year when my soul cried for water. Not for me — not for drinking water. We still have plenty of that, thank God. But the plants, the wheat, the grass, the milo, and the cotton dying of thirst. Water — you can't do anything with the earth if it doesn't rain.

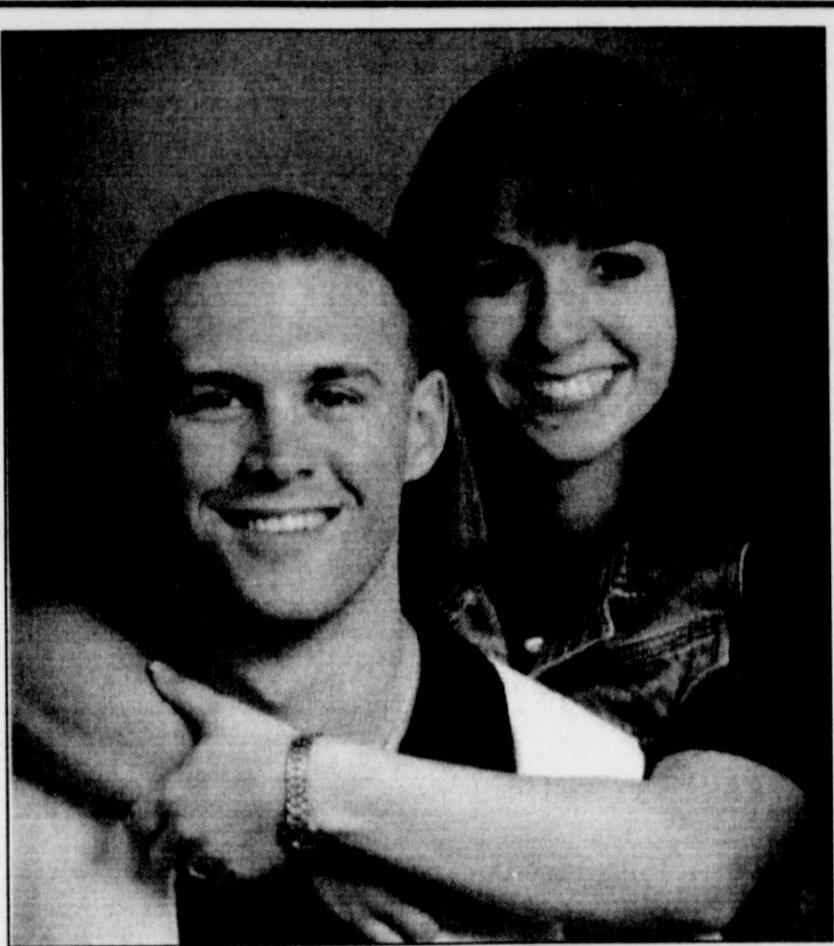
John Sharp, Comptroller of our state, writes in his Fiscal Notes "If Texas seems to be drying up, that shouldn't come as a big surprise. In every decade of the 20th century, at least one major drought has troubled some part of the state. Rain has been scarce again this year, and each of Texas' 10 climatic regions entered the summer facing a moderate to severe drought.

"Current conditions aren't as severe as the drought from 1950 to 1956 — when 94 percent of Texas counties were declared disaster areas. But demands on the state's water resources are much greater now because the population has doubled since the 1950's. This year 86 percent of Texas counties have qualified for emergency drought assistance." And there are some folks who say that we are still facing two more years of drought!

It is scary. It shakes up the deep part of my well. What bothers me as much as anything are the large number of people in our nation who couldn't care less. To them, water, the land, and the fruits of the earth are automatic. Cheap food is their right and privilege. So what if farms dry up and blow away? And farm folks have to sell out and move to the city! You can almost hear them say, "We get our water from a faucet and our food from the super-market."

I was at a meeting of rural church people last week in a country church almost 5 miles from the nearest town. We talked about a lot of things. And, the drought. One of them said, "We really ought to do some searching of Scripture and praying about this." Another said, "Is this a judgment of God on our nation which has forgotten God?" Another, "Let's all go home, do some study and prayerful reflection on the question, 'Why is God letting this happen?'" And, what are we to do?

We surely can begin by praying for our nation. And confess to Almighty God that we have "gone everyone to our own way." For sure we can give thanks when it does rain. Like right now when my rain gauge reads 2 inches for the first time in a long, long time. And the rain is still falling. Just as the falling rain is good for the soil, so "saying thanks to God" is good for the soul.



CORY SMITH and LESLIE COBB

Cobb, Smith announce engagement

Richard and Gloria Cobb of Winters announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Leslie Cobb, to Cory Smith, son of Luther and Kathy Smith of Sterling City.

A December 28th wedding is planned at 2:00 p.m. at North Main Church of Christ in Winters.

Both Leslie and Cory are students at Abilene Christian University.

Commodities to be distributed Sept. 10

Central Texas Opportunities Inc. will distribute Non-USA food items at the Winters Multi-Purpose Center, 601 W. Pierce Street, on Tuesday, September 10, from 9:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m., and in Ballinger on September 11 at the Multi-Purpose Center, 706 S. 8th Street, from 9:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m.

CTO Inc. has no control over what items are available or the quantity of the items.

Central Texas Opportunities Inc. is an equal opportunity provider without regard to race, color, age, sex, disability, political belief, religion, or national origin. Shut-ins are encouraged to designate an authorized representative to pick up for them.

Volunteers are greatly needed and appreciated to help with this much-needed program.

Randall Conner, Murray Edwards, and Archie Jobe to serve as county chairmen for Cattlemen's Round-Up for Rehab

Ag businessmen Randall Conner, Murray Edwards, and Archie Jobe are serving as Runnels County chairmen for Cattlemen's Round-Up for Rehab — a program through which ranchers donate cattle, sheep, goats, and horses to be sold at special auctions during September and October.

Proceeds from these sales help West Texas Rehabilitation Center provide out-patient services to more than 15,000 disabled children and adults each year without regard for their financial circumstances.

The first sale on the 1996 Round-Up calendar is a cattle sale Sept. 19 at Producers Livestock Auction in San Angelo with the Abilene cattle sale being held at the Abilene Livestock Auction on Tuesday, Sept. 24.

Also, specialty sales (all animals) will be held in the next two months at auction houses in Ranger, Stephenville, Coleman, and Eastland.

Approximately 125 volunteers, including Big Country Chairman Jim Alexander of Abilene and Concho Valley Chairman Carter Behrens of San Angelo, are assisting this 37th annual Round-Up effort by promoting sales and asking their neighbors to join them in donating to this year's drive.

"Ranchers have a long history of helping Rehab, and in spite of short grass and low market prices, the Center is counting on us to do what we can...whether it's donating an animal or writing a check," said Conner.

Jobe added: "Cattlemen's Round-Up is our program, our way of ensuring all who need Rehab's quality care will be able to get it."

COMMISSIONERS— feel better about leaving it, just in case the county might need to come back with a subsidy for EMS service. Commissioner Thurman Self then moved the money be left, seconded by Commissioner Strube. The vote on the motion was 2-1 with Commissioner Wheelless voting against and Commissioner Keith Collom abstaining.

Classifieds Get Results

Poe's Corner

by *Charlsie Poe*



History repeats itself

Wonders never cease! Some places I have heard of all my life and never expected to see suddenly loom on the horizon and bingo! They come all in one package.

It all happened when Rhuenell asked me to go with her Friday to meet Cliff and family at Mary Hardin Baylor where they were enrolling Matthew as a freshman.

Of course, I wanted to see my oldest and only grandson enter a college that I had never visited. However, the late Lillian Roberson and Myra Dorsett had attended the school when it was for women only. And there was much discussion about its good qualifications—and maybe some not so good.

We arrived at Temple seven minutes after the Cliff Poe family, who drove from Dickinson. Another surprise, as soon as we located our rooms and dropped suitcases, we were off to the Stagecoach Inn at Salado for dinner.

The waitress recited the menu just as was done in the old days when whatever was in the kitchen was the bill of fare for the day. The Inn thus became famous again for food and hospitality and has been featured in Ford Times and selected as one of the thirteen best highway restaurants in the United States by Time Life Publications and, in 1992, voted #1 by Texas Highways.

When we ordered, I asked for a senior adult plate. "We don't have that but you can order a child's plate." This amused the others, but what's the difference. The food was great — yes, I ordered fried shrimp.

While Rankin Pace was president of the Runnels County Historical Commission, we listened every year to his description of the Salado where the Irish clan held its reunion. But I always wanted more information.

History buff that I am, I was delighted with the information on our placemats in the Inn. This has been a campground for centuries. Comanche tribes did their hunting here due to the fresh underground water, the shade of the ground oak and pecan trees. The mineral water which seeped from the ground attracted giant herds of buffalo and other wild game.

The Spanish traveled through and gave this spot the name Salado. Legend still persists that Spanish gold was hidden in the cave under the Inn and supposedly still there.

Early buffalo hunters from the States built a log cabin here in the 1840's. In the 1860's, W.B. Armstrong, one of the area's first settlers, completed the old Inn where we dine today. It was named Shady Villa Hotel in those days.

Most of the north-south travel across Texas in the next 30-year period came through Salado and many famous persons found food and rest inside these walls. Sam Houston slept here, George Custer was a guest shortly after the Civil War. Salado was a major stop along the Chisholm Trail and the era of the cattle barons brought Charles Goodnight. All these famous men and more were on the register of the Inn, but this priceless book was stolen in 1944 and never recovered.

The Inn was restored in the early 1940's. In 1959, the Inn was purchased and modernized by Bill and Betty Bratton. They also added luxurious rooms and meeting facilities in addition to the good food.

Vacationers enjoy the swimming, fishing, tennis, golf, or just loafing in the shade. Everyone agrees today that the Indians and the early settlers knew what they were doing when they stopped to rest at Salado.

Change in local locations for picking up CIA applications

Residents of Winters, Wingate, and the surrounding area are reminded that applications are now available for free assistance through Christmas in April North Runnels Inc.

The purpose of the organization is to provide free home repairs to low-income, elderly, or handicapped individuals.

Applications for free assistance through CIA may be picked up at West Texas Utilities, the Chamber of Commerce, *The Winters Enterprise*, and Bahlman Jewelers. The completed forms must be submitted by October 30, no exceptions.

The Winters Enterprise apologizes for last week's error in listing available locations.

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- 5 Tex Ritter tune: "Weevil"
- 6 border fruit smuggling agency
- 7 TX-made film: "Baby, the ___ Must Fall"
- 8 Cowboys forced ___ from the Bills in '93 Bowl
- 18 TXism: "could self ___ cubes to Eskimos"
- 19 TXism: "got the morals of ___"
- 21 TX Bush's "Stormin'" general (init.)
- 22 Campbell played TX ranger in "True ___"
- 23 TX Roy Orbison tune: "In ___"
- 24 TX Bell Helicopter and ___ build the V-22 Osprey
- 29 TXism: "either fish or cut ___"
- 30 fix a fence
- 31 first state forest: ___ Sieck
- 32 Fort Worth has the "World's Longest ___ Parade"
- 34 Palmer plays 3rd ___ for the Rangers
- 35 TX TV journalist Moyers (init.)
- 36 TI has big Dallas microchip ___
- 37 TXism: "out from the same ___"
- 38 Gable strikes it rich in TX in "___ Town"
- 40 TXism: "polecat"

DOWN

- 1 TXism: "ran like red ants out of ___"
- 2 Levelland title: "City of ___"
- 3 city no. of Houston
- 4 Southwest slogan: "Just ___ Smart"
- 9 TXism: "hot as ___ road ___ July"
- 10 military group
- 11 TXism: "rug ___ (toddlers)"
- 12 Astros league
- 13 ___ Dr. Pepper plant is in Dublin
- 14 this Lundquist once broadcast Cowboys
- 15 black ___ peas
- 16 recording label of TX Waylon Jennings
- 17 TXism: "poured out of the ___" (alike)
- 20 where the eyes of Texas are checked
- 22 this Bussey starred with 47-across
- 24 Baylor degree
- 25 "good ___ boy"
- 26 Bertsen Rio Grande Park has ___ owls
- 27 TXism: "feel like ___ chewed up and spit out"
- 28 made out in the back seat
- 29 Pulitzer winning TX cartoonist Breathed
- 30 beer ingredient
- 33 Sam Houston statue near Huntsville weighs 25 ___
- 34 what top TX sports draftee gets (2 wds.)
- 35 TX Perot served on GM's ___ of Dir.
- 37 TX pres. Mirabeau ___ Lamar
- 38 TXism: "___ coup" (a lot)
- 39 TXism: "never in all ___ born days"
- 41 Fort Worth mail-order western store
- 42 TXism: "nary a soul"
- 44 "Too Tall" Jones
- 45 TXism: "big ___ in the pond"
- 48 TX ___ Cavalry "buffalo soldiers"

The Original **TEXAS CROSSWORD**

by Charley & Guy Orbison

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Solutions for this puzzle appear in this issue.

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Breakfast
Monday-Sept. 9
Waffles/Syrup
Sausage
Orange Juice
Tuesday-Sept. 10
Blueberry Muffins
Cream of Wheat
Apple Juice
Wednesday-Sept. 11
Cinnamon Toast
Cereal
Mixed Fruit
Thursday-Sept. 12
Biscuits
Sausage
Sliced Peaches
Friday-Sept. 13
Toast
Scrambled Eggs
Orange Juice

Lunch
Monday-Sept. 9
Fish Sticks
Macaroni/Cheese
Green Beans
Hot Rolls
Fruit Salad
Tuesday-Sept. 10
Hot Dogs
Tater Tots
Sliced Pickles
Coleslaw
Applesauce Cake
Wednesday-Sept. 11
Oven Fried Chicken/Gravy
Mashed Potatoes
Broccoli/Cauliflower
Hot Rolls
Sliced Peaches
Thursday-Sept. 12
Frito Pie/Chili/Cheese
Red Beans
Spanish Rice
Tossed Salad
Combread
Pineapple Pudding
Friday-Sept. 13
Cheeseburger
French Fries
Lettuce/Pickles
Cherry Cobbler

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Support your Band Booster Club

Deadlines near for Houston, Fort Worth 4-H calf scramble

Runnels County 4-H'ers that are interested in participating in the 1997 Houston and/or Fort Worth Stock Show Calf Scramble are asked to contact the Extension Office.

The deadline for the Houston show is Thursday, September 12. In order to be eligible for the Houston show, participants must have reached their 12th, but not their 18th birthday, on January 1, 1997, and not be enrolled beyond their junior year in high school. A

4-H'er cannot scramble under both 4-H and FFA.

Those 4-H'ers catching a calf can buy either a beef or dairy heifer of their choice.

The deadline for the Fort Worth show is Monday, September 30.

The Fort Worth scramble is open to boy and girls ages, 14, 15, and 16.

Scramble certificates have a value of \$500 to be used towards the purchase of a beef or dairy heifer.

Six participants from Runnels County 4-H have a chance to scramble at Fort Worth, so names will be taken on a first come, first serve basis.

Coburn installs '96-97 4-H officers

Chad Coburn, assistant Runnels County Extension agent, installed officers at the Winters 4-H Club meeting August 26 at Mt. Carmel Catholic Church Hall.

Officers for 1996-1997 are: Chanda Hoppe, president; Misty Pritchard, vice president; Shelley Meyer, secretary; Mandy Pritchard, treasurer; Amy Patterson, reporter; T.J. Meyer, delegate; and Kelly Walker, parliamentarian. Four-H members who attended the District 74-H Leadership Lab, Wildlife Camp, and the State 4-H Roundup were recognized.

Deadline for the 1996 Food and Nutrition Workshop is Sept. 16. The workshop will be held at the ASU MIR Center in San Angelo on Sept. 21. Anyone who has not picked up a registration form, may contact Deb Pritchard at 754-5243.

The County Food Show is set for November 2. A schedule of workshops in preparation of this show will be sent to members in a newsletter.

A picnic supper and games were enjoyed by those present.

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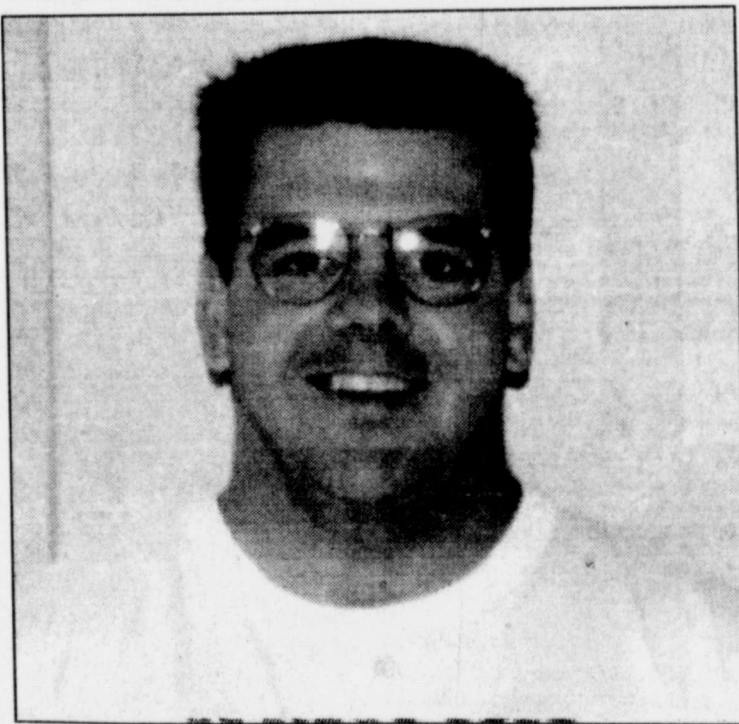
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W.H.S. Cheerleaders Hamburger Supper

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Friday, Sept. 13, before the Blizzards vs. Merkel game
5:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
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School Days, School Days



Derick Price
History, 7th Grade Coach

Derick Price currently resides in Abilene and drives to Winters every day to teach in the local school district.

A graduate of Angelo State University, Mr. Price received his Bachelor of Science degrees in Physical Education and History.

Prior to accepting employment this year with W.I.S.D., he taught for one year within the Abilene Independent School District.

He and wife Lynn have two children, Chase, 2 1/2, and Kiersten, 12 months.

In his spare time, Price enjoys hunting and fishing.

Band Boosters elect officers

Band Boosters elected new officers August 26 during their first meeting of the year. Twenty-one (21) interested parents/guardians attended.

Sandy Hamrick will serve as president, Rene Woffenden as vice president, Lynn Medina as secretary, and Mark Goetz as treasurer.

Other items on the agenda included discussion of fundraisers and the new concession stand.

The next meeting will be Monday, September 9, at 7:00 p.m. at the band hall. Regularly scheduled meetings will be the first Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m. Please come join in at the next meeting.

Go...Fight...Win!

Off To College

Edward Albert Bredmeyer Jr., son of Edward and Frances Bredmeyer of Winters, is attending Texas A&M with an expected graduation date of August 1997. He is majoring in Agricultural Development.

Write to Ed at: 1301 Barthelow, Apt. 18A; College Station, TX 77840.

Gayla Clough, daughter of Dickie and Brenda Clough of Winters, is attending Hardin-Simmons University in Abilene. Gayla is majoring in Biology and will play golf for the college.

Her address is: HSU, Box 14478; Abilene, TX 79698-4478.

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New members added to Athletic Booster Club

Great attendance at last meeting

The Athletic Booster Club meeting last Tuesday was well attended once again. New members were added as the anticipation of an exciting football season was evident. There were a few items discussed and decisions made.

In order to encourage and support all students, the Booster Club has decided to purchase small magnet signs for the lockers of all students. These magnets will have a Blizzard logo on them as well as the organization in which the student participates. It is hoped that other organizations will help in this type of endeavor.

Reports were made concerning the concession stand, and future fundraisers for the concession stand were planned. The

Booster Club women planned and had a workday Monday, September 2, organizing and setting up the concession stand. It will be open and ready for business for the first home game.

There are several efforts being finished up by Booster Club members such as hanging the football signs in windows downtown and setting out the yard signs in players' yards.

The meeting was adjourned after viewing the video of the Clyde scrimmage. The meetings are every Tuesday evening at 7:00 p.m. at the field house.

This year is "The Year of the Blizzard." Show your support by decorating your business, becoming a member of the Booster Club, and rooting the Blizzards on to victory.

Hoppe, Angel, Slimp, and Pritchard elected leaders of Livestock Association

1997 stock show to be held one day only

The Winters Junior Livestock Show Association elected officers for the 1996-97 year. Glenn Hoppe was elected president with Monte Angel as vice president. Kenneth Slimp will serve as secretary-treasurer and Johnny Pritchard as reporter.

Due to a change in school scheduling, the 1997 Winters stock show will be a one-day show on Saturday, January 11. All animals are to be in the barn by 5 p.m. Friday, January 10. Scheduling and other details will be finalized at the next meeting. Specifica-

tions for rabbits, sheep, pigs, steers, and heifers remain the same. However, rules for the goat show now allow wether and doe goats. Does must have their baby teeth for the show.

In other business, the annual bar-b-que fundraiser was set for Sunday, October 20. Brisket cooked by Allen Andrae will be served with all the trimmings, plus tea and homemade desserts, at the Winters Community Center. The Association served over 500 at last year's bar-b-que — their largest crowd ever.

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National youth speaker coming to Winters

There will be a Youth Revival September 7-9. This event, hosted by First Baptist Church of Winters, is open to any who are interested in learning how to reach out to the teenagers of the community.

The guest speaker for the weekend will be Kyle Byrd, president of Front Line Ministries in Sugarland, TX.

Kyle is one of the most sought after Student Communicators in America. A former college and professional athlete, Byrd receives countless invitations to speak on public school campuses all across the country. He speaks to more than 250,000 students across America, Canada, and Mexico each year. The product of a broken home and the victim of his own poor choices as a teen, Kyle has a unique ability to relate to students right where they are. His effective use of music, humor and

straight talk causes students everywhere to listen intently as he challenges them to consider the "Consequences of Choices."

Students, parents, teachers, and church youth workers of Winters are encouraged to take advantage of the opportunities that this challenging weekend brings. The weekend schedule will be as follows:

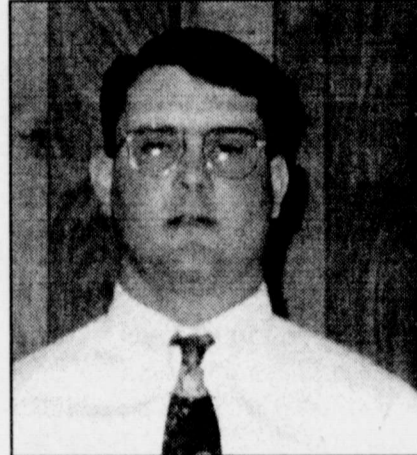
Saturday, Sept. 7, First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall
5 p.m.-7 p.m.: Youth Worker Training Seminar... "Staying on the Edge of Youth Ministry in the 90's."

7:30-9 p.m.: Youth Fellowship. Get to know Kyle Byrd.

Sunday, Sept. 8, First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall
9:30 a.m.-10:30 a.m.: Youth Sunday School by Kyle. Challenge to each teen to make a difference in the lives of their friends.

10:45 a.m.: Church Wide Wor-

Brandon Killough graduates from Texas A&M University



Brandon Killough graduated from Texas A&M University with a Bachelor of Science in Agricul-

ture Business on Friday, August 16, 1996. Graduation was held at 7:30 p.m. at G. Rollie White Coliseum, College Station, Texas.

Brandon was an active member of the Agriculture Economics and Agribusiness Association and the Saddle and Siroin Club while attending Texas A&M.

Brandon is the son of Donny and Lavelle Killough and brother of Brooke Killough of Winters. Grandmothers are Faye Killough of Winters and Audrey Parker of Abilene.

Brandon will be employed by Mueller Supply Co. as a salesman in Sherman, Texas.

Eleven 4-H'ers win at State with record books

State 4-H Record Book judging was held the second week of August on the campus of Texas A&M University. Eleven senior record books from Runnels County competed at the state level and one was awarded first place.

The first place winner was Kim Jansa with her Fitness Leadership Record Book. Kim is an active member of the Rowena 4-H Club and currently serves as chairman of the Runnels Co. 4-H Council.

Placing second with her Fashion Revue Record Book was Lacy Binder. Cody Cook's Safety Record Book received a 3rd place ranking.

Those placing 4th in state were Misty Pritchard in Food Conservation and Safety and Brooke Sikes in Health.

Fifth place rankings were earned by Sara Thornton in Public Speaking, Angela Jacob in Housing and Home Environment, Brett Halfmann in Family Life, and Shane Halfmann in Plant and Soil Science.

Jessica King placed 8th in Home Economics Achievement and Amy Heathcott placed 10th in Swine.

In order to compete at State, each Record Book must win first in their respective categories at the District level. At the State level, 4-H'ers compete with eleven other district champions from across Texas. Those winning first at state will be recognized at the State 4-H Record Book Recognition Banquet to be held at the State Fair of Texas on September 28 in Dallas.

Congratulations to all these 4-H'ers.



Cheerleaders to sell tickets for burger supper

The Blizzard Varsity Cheerleaders would like to invite everyone to their annual Hamburger Supper, Sept. 13, before the Merkel game, at the Winters School cafeteria.

Serving begins at 5:00 p.m. and will continue till 7:30 p.m. Menu items include a hamburger with all the trimmings, French fries, tea, and dessert. Plates are \$4 each.

Tickets may be purchased from any varsity cheerleader: Cristi Burton, Lindsey Brown, Michelle Castillo, Heather Watkins, Monica Parramore, and Jeanna Kozelsky, or at the door. Take-outs are available.

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Runnels County Retired Teachers to meet Sept. 9

The Runnels County Retired Teachers Association will meet on Monday, Sept. 9, at 2:30 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church in Winters.

Members should dress to exercise.

FORECASTERS—

sharp chest pains and get back on the treadmill to keep his pulse racing. Stay off the treadmill for at least the next ten weeks, Mike. We need your picks.

James Cross — a real pill pusher and one of the few people who smiles a lot during flu season. Yup, James is our number one pharmacist in town and owns more green vehicles than the Jolly Green Giant. Now James may have a big advantage over the other Forecasters because every day, day after day, rain or shine, his pharmacy is visited by some of the most all-knowing, all-seeing informants in the wide social circle of downtown Winters. So James' picks may be a group effort.

Gene Wheat — a really nice guy with an explosive personality, at least in his own mind. In all lack of seriousness, Gene is one of those seemingly shy folks whose brain Rolodex is constantly spinning and one can only guess where it might stop - or even slow down, for that matter. I have the utmost respect for Gene and his wife Jean because they answer to the same name, work side by side about a zillion hours a week and then manage to sit beside each other in the choir each Sunday. Truly amazing. Abnormal, but amazing.

But then, amazing and somewhat abnormal is what this contest is all about.

So thanks, Forecasters, for putting up with my nonsense and throwing caution (not to mention your integrity) to the wind. Fun, isn't it!

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Crews News *by Hilda Kurtz*



Mr. Brown had two identical horses. The only way he could tell them apart — the black one was one inch taller than the white one.

On Thursday, Harvey Mae and Noble Faubion went to see Mary Louise Dunnivan, who is recuperating in the hospital after hip surgery. She is doing just fine.

Those helping Artine McBeth quilt on her king size western bedspread Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday were Nila Osborne, Juanita Shields, Dee Faubion, Margie Jacob, Lillie Presley, Helen Alexander, Ramona Akins, and Georgia Gibbs.

Visiting the Dennis McBeths on Sunday afternoon were Kathy Phippy and James, Laura, Christine, and Lenville of the Dallas area.

Visitors at Hopewell Church on Sunday were DeBrea and Paula New of Abilene; Mr. and Mrs. Allan Norris; Brian, Ferrisa, Chandler, and Brianna Childs of Marlin.

The Crews community gathering and supper will be Saturday, Oct. 5. More later.

Brenda and Fred Tyree of Ballinger, Paula and Rudy New and children of Abilene spent Sunday with Dee and Sam Faubion.

Helping Carol Kozelsky celebrate her birthday Sunday in the home of Margie Jacob with hamburgers, ice cream, and a birthday cake were Sharon and Jerry Engler; Bryce Busenlehner; Brenda Jacob of San Angelo; Cookie, Corey, and Brad Van Zandt; and Mike, Kathryn, Scott, and Jeanna Kozelsky. "Happy birthday and many more!"

Tuesday night, Desiree Mathis and her friend attended the FHA B.Y.O.B. (Bring Your Own Banana) party. Gene Faubion of California called just to say "hello and I miss the Crews bunch."

On Saturday, John Whaley and

son, Cole, of Denton visited two days. On Friday night, a group drove out to have lunch at The Shed. Desiree and Karen Oats attended a barbeque at a friend's house at the Gannon Ranch.

The Kenny Cartwrights of Rotan and the Bill Mathises had a nice phone visit.

Jarrell and Mary Jane Gibbs of Brownwood spent Sunday with Fairy and Wilbert Alcom.

Spending Monday with Georgia and Connie Gibbs were Tammy, Mark, Justin, and Haley Kaczyk and Kenny, Saffron, Tana, and Lane Gibbs, all of Winters.

Georgia and Connie Gibbs attended the McCutchen Reunion at Bronte Saturday and Sunday. Seventy-five attended.

On Labor Day, around 50 spent time with Doris Wood. Visitors were from Fort Worth, Big Spring, Winters, Abilene, Sonora, Odessa, Brownwood, Ballinger, and Aledo.

Over the holidays, visiting with Adeline Grissom and Katherine and Luke Thomas were Steve and Penny of Fort Worth; Bill, Sharon, and granddaughter, Ariel, of Colorado City. Mr. and Mrs. Donnie Gibbs and Kyle of Menard came by for a short spell with Katherine and Luke Thomas.

To Bobbie Bowmas, I enjoyed getting your nice letter about the twelve ladies that quilted 12 quilts. My mistake, the quilts were tacked and not quilted. The quilts will go to the World Relief Quilt Project. Thanks for enjoying and reading "The Crews News" and *The Winters Enterprise*.

I had enough rain to make my rain gauge run over 6 inches.

Mike Prater of San Angelo and Jeremy Prater of Rotan spent the holiday weekend with Harvey Mae and Noble Faubion. Carolyn and Shawn Kraatz and Harvey Mae attended church services together and later had lunch. The

Faubions were in Coleman Thursday. After Harvey Mae had some dental work done by Dr. Clendenen, they went by to see Maggie Ruth Stokes. Valerie Faubion dropped in awhile with some chocolate cookies Sunday afternoon.

Brenda and Richard Chambliss of Blackwell and grandson, Nicholas Schultz of Bronte, spent Sunday with Pat and Earl Cooper.

The Coopers killed a 4-1/2 ft. rattlesnake with 10 rattles and a few already broke. Guess I'll mention the baby rattler I killed — only a button and 12 inches long.

Juanita Shields' grandson, Chris Shields of Abilene, spent the holidays with her. Hildegard Asbury and a friend of San Angelo spent Sunday with me.

Mildred Morrison visited Jr. Rocha and also Louise Cecil in Winters on Monday. On Tuesday, she visited Mary Belcher in Ballinger, and on Thursday, Dorintha Wilkerson. On Saturday, her daughter, Maurine, and Sara Scott of Sweetwater spent the day. On Sunday after church services, they ate out in Coleman and afterwards visited Selma and Veron Wilkerson in Bangs.

Sunday dinner guests, after church services, at the home of Nila and Therin Osborne were Bro. Ferris and Ramona Akins; Brian, Ferrisa, Chandler, and Brianna Childs of Marlin. Louise Cecil of Winters came on Monday. The Osbornes ate supper with Karen, Wesley, John, and Stefanie McGallian of Wingate.



VOLUNTEER FIREMEN Rodrick Bredemeyer (left) and Mark Bridgeman extinguish flames that destroyed this pickup belonging to Jeryl Priddy last week. Preliminary reports indicate the fire started from an electrical shortage.

Free brochure on childhood accidents

Accidents are a leading cause of injury and death for children. But experts believe most such mishaps can be prevented.

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U.S. residents should send a stamped, self-addressed, business-size (#10) envelope to: "Accident Prevention," Office of Public Affairs, Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, Texas 77030, specifying English or Spanish.

Public Record

COUNTY COURT

Martha Elliott, Ballinger, 08-28-96, Theft of Food by Check.
Sandra Highsmith, Ballinger, 08-28-96, Theft of Merchandise by Check.
Pablo Quinio Ortiz, Winters, 08-29-96, Driving While Intoxicated.
Jose Isabel Gallegos, Winters, 08-29-96, Resisting Arrest.
Johnny Dale Jackson, Coleman, 08-29-96, Driving While Intoxicated.
Tom Montgomery, Ballinger, 08-29-96, Driving While Intoxicated.
Joe Lee Taylor, Winters, 08-29-96, Criminal Mischief.

DISTRICT COURT

John Franklin Burt, Individually on behalf of Estate of Jawanda A. Burt, decease and as next friend for Dennis Ryan Maley, a minor, and Emily Helen Maley and Helen Hill, individuals vs. Jerry Wayne Biddix, M.D., North Runnels Hospital, Hendrick Medical Center, Vicki Saxon, R.N., Winford G. Brannon, R.N. and Timothy Bumann, D.O., 08-29-96, Damages.

Oscar Torres and Donna Torres, as next friend for Anthony Cole Torres, a minor, vs. Yung Kee Lee, M.D., 08-29-96, Damages.

JUSTICE OF THE PEACE COURT #1

Tom and Jodi Jarvis vs. Bob Seals dba Bob Seals Construction, 08-19-96, Suit on Sub-Contract.

Teddy D. Whitlock vs. Johnny Walker, 08-23-96, Suit for Personal Injury.

Chuck E. Cartwright vs. Gary DeNigro, 08-30-96, Suit for Replacement for Chain Saw and Case.

Tony Diaz, 08-19-96, Resisting Arrest with a Deadly Weapon.

Bobby Roberts, 08-22-96, Theft by Check.

Norma Quiroga, 08-23-96, Taking a Dangerous Drug into a Correctional Facility.

Tony Cabrera Jr., 08-26-96, Aggravated Sexual Assault with Serious Bodily Injury.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Scottie Len Rodriguez and Nolis Ann Prine, 08-26-96.

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Parenting Seminar- Sunday, 4pm-6pm
Youth Worship & Fellowship- 7pm
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6-26(tfc)

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7-34(tfc)

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7-36(2tc)

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7-35(2tc)

Hunter education courses still available in area

Those who played all summer long and now are scrambling to find a hunter education course for their children or themselves are in luck. The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) has classes scheduled throughout the state this fall.

A new automated voice response program implemented by TPWD will now enable individuals to access information on the hunter education program, including a directory of upcoming courses, by phone 24 hours a day. To access the program, call 1-800-792-1112 and press 6, then 2. If you get no response, lines are busy so call back again.

Every Texas hunter born on or after Sept. 2, 1971, must meet requirements for hunter education training. If you were born on or after Sept. 2, 1971, and you are:

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- 12-16 years old—you must successfully complete a hunter education course or be accompanied by a licensed hunter 17 or older.

Public Notice

Elm Creek Water Control District will meet in regular session on Tuesday, October 8, 1996, at 7:30 p.m. at the Winters Area Chamber of Commerce, 118 West Dale, Winters, TX.

Shop At Home

Searching for Class of 1956

The Class of '56 will hold their 40th class reunion on Saturday, October 12.

Addresses are needed for: John Bulsterbaum, Robert Hill, Jerry Jones, Rueben Sample, and Jerry Young.

Please contact Marlene Smith at 754-4961 if you can help locate the above classmates.

Stenholm to host FUNDay Sept. 7

Congressman Chas. Stenholm will host FUNDay on Saturday, September 7, 1996, at the Ericksdahl picnic grounds near Stamford. Festivities will begin at 4:30 p.m. and continue into the evening.

The annual event draws people from throughout the vast 17th Congressional District, which encompasses 32 counties in west Central Texas, as well as from other parts of Texas. The program includes a barbecue, musical entertainment including Roland Smith and the Roadrunners, and drawings for flags flown over the United States Capitol. The setting for the picnic, held on the banks of the California Creek, is the Bethel Lutheran Church, established in 1906 by Swedish immigrants who settled in the area.

"I invite everyone to come and spend the day in Ericksdahl," said Stenholm. "Cindy and I look forward to FUNDay each year. It gives us a chance to meet new friends, visit with old friends, and enjoy a real down-home time together."

"FUNDay also allows me to introduce some of my colleagues in Congress to the people of the 17th District. This gives them the opportunity to better understand the concerns of the people here as they consider important legislation back in Washington."

Tickets for FUNDay, which remain at \$10 per person, will be available at the gate.

For more information, contact the Stenholm campaign office at 1-800-391-0704.

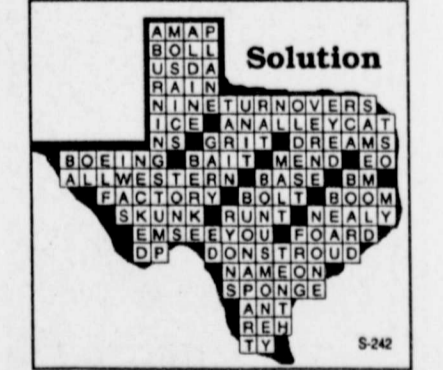
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RUNNELS COUNTY FARM BUREAU members greet Troy Fraser, candidate for the Texas Senate, District 24. Shown, from left, Leon and Mildred Frerich, Dale Duggan, President of Runnels County Farm Bureau, Fraser, Barbara Johnson, Doyle and Ella Condra and Alan Belk. Fraser met with the group to discuss agricultural issues important to Runnels County.



Hunter's Camp
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Rambo's revenge

"You know you're crazy, don't you?"

That's my wife talking. She's sitting over there in the feeble shade of that little mesquite tree.

For the past three hours, she has watched the rear-end of my camouflaged cap rotate back and forth like a sprinkler head.

"If you had the sense the Lord gave a goose, it might finally sink into your brain that the doves are smarter than you. It's two hundred degrees out here!"

She's just mad because she lost our bet.

She said my brothers' birthday was September 15th.

She was positive, she said. I'm positive too, I said.

It's September 16th, the same day it's been on for almost thirty-eight years now.

Since she was positive, "let's make it interesting," she said.

The bet was that, if I lost, I would go with her on an all-day mall shopping trip.

Okay, I said, and if she lost, she would find a dove stool and accompany me some nice and warm afternoon.

So...there she is under that little tree, slowly simmering in her own sweat.

"I wish I had married a normal

man and not Davy Crockett. But n...ooo, I'm stuck out in the wilderness with Buffalo Bill and his wild west show. On second thought...oh my God...I've married Rambo!"

"Look at you sitting there...sweaty, stinky, two day's growth of beard, in head-to-toe camouflage, waiting to blast some innocent little bird from the sky!"

"Yes, I'm so proud about my choice of husbands. I just can't wait to brag at my next high school reunion. The other girls will be so jealous."

"Hey...Rambo...quick...two doves to your right!"

She knows there's nothing I like better than the thrill of incoming doves.

I fall off my stool, strain my eyes and swivel my neck 360 degrees about twenty times, but no doves.

It takes a few more times before I get wise to her little game. She's laughing so hard she's losing her breath and rolling around on the ground.

"Hey...Wyatt Earp...right behind you!"

This time, I don't fall for it. Two doves fly right over my head.

"What's the matter there, Rambo...get camouflage tangled

in your sights!"

Along toward dusk, about a zillion mosquitoes and gnats start coming out, thirsting for any moisture they can find.

"Okay, Rambo, hand it over. I know a hot-shot soldier boy like you has some OFF or something. I want to be comfortable while I watch you make a dunce of yourself a few more times."

Without asking, she reaches into my pouch and grabs the old army surplus bottle that says **INSECT REPELLENT**.

Sitting back on her stool, she gives me that wicked little grin that says she has the repellent and I don't. She dabs it all over about her face, down her neck, and inside the chutes of her ears and nose.

She strutted off so fast, I didn't have time to tell her I carried **GATORADE** in that old bottle.

I found the recycled Pepsi bottle where I carried the real insect repellent and smeared some on.

She just rolled her eyes and gave me that look that said rubbing Pepsi on myself is about par for my course.

It didn't take but a couple of minutes.

Every "creepy-crawler" within a quarter mile downwind came sailing in to gorge on the sweet, sugary, fructose flavor of the **GATORADE** clinging to her face.

The last I saw of her, she was running and screaming toward the shelter of the truck. She was swatting and swinging at the swarm of bugs around her for all she was worth.

She doesn't know that the pickup is locked and the keys are right here in the side-pocket of my Rambo pants.

I know...I know...I'll pay the price later.

But right now...ah yes...revenge is oh so sweet.....

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Extension News & Views

by Mike Mauldin
Runnels County Extension Agent-Ag

Nominations due Sept. 10 for Texas A&M's Ranch to Rail

The Texas A&M Ranch to Rail Program is an information feed-back program that allows cow-calf operators and purebred breeders to determine if their calves meet the needs of the beef industry, and to identify what constitutes value beyond the weaned calf phase of beef production. Producers will be provided with information on both feedlot performance and carcass value.

September 10 will be the deadline for nominating steers into the 1996-1997 Ranch to Rail Program — and that's just around the corner.

Nomination costs will be \$15 per steer with a minimum consignment of 5 head in the 500 to 850 lb. weight range. All trucking, feed, and medicine costs incurred during the feeding period will be deducted from the final sale price of the steers.

Animals will be collected for trucking in early October at regional pick up points. Contact the county Extension office for more information.

If you've considered placing some calves in the program, it's definitely not too early to be thinking about backgrounding them.

Based on several previous years' data, it is strongly recommended that backgrounding is done in accordance with one of the 'Texas A&M VAC' protocols. Variations in the VAC protocols have been tailored for individual management situations.

Essentially, the program involves timely vaccinations for respiratory diseases, coupled with a minimum 45-day backgrounding phase. Obviously, backgrounding for early October delivery would necessitate weaning sometime in late August or very early September. Advance planning will help. Contact your vaccine supplier now so that you have enough of the right vaccines on hand. Modified Live Virus vaccines, when used properly, provide the best immune response to the respiratory disease complex.

Specific information on what vaccines are recommended, and on how to implement the VAC protocols, can be obtained at the

Young Farmers to serve breakfast burritos for Rehab

Winters will host a Rehab Round-Up Breakfast on Tuesday, September 10, 1996, between Alderman-Cave's new offices and the Winters Library. The breakfast will be served from 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m. with breakfast burritos being cooked by the Winters Young Farmers.

Everyone is invited to drop by for breakfast. There is no charge for the meal, but donations to the Rehab will be appreciated and you can make arrangements to donate livestock for the Rehab Auction.

For more information, contact Winters Chairmen Randall Conner, Murray Edwards, and Archie Jobe.

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county Extension office.

To cost-effectively background calves, an inexpensive source of quality hay or pasture will be needed. Hay should be 11% crude protein or higher. Hay may be fed for the whole 45 days, or if pasture is used, feed hay for the first 5-10 days calves are on pasture.

During the weaning phase, provide a 14-16% protein pellet or sweet feed. Some producers like to creep feed for 15-30 days prior to weaning in order to get calves on feed quicker at weaning. However, the cost of a creep program may be a concern.

Most lower-cost programs use a 38-41% pellet, instead of a high energy 14-16% creep. Consumption should be around 1-2 lbs. per day. As soon as the calves are weaned "through the bawl," begin the hay and pasture program supplemented with 1-2 lbs. of a 38-41%, or 2-4 lbs. of a 20% cube, depending on cost and forage quality and quantity.

Last year, 258 ranches from five states participated in the 1995-1996 Ranch to Rail Program.

High grain prices and low fed

cattle prices resulted in an average loss of \$28.32 per head. Nevertheless, it is revealing that the range in returns per head varied from +\$137.04 to -\$307.91.

Steers sold on a carcass basis with premiums for Choice and Prime quality grades and discounts for Standards. Premiums were paid for Yield Grades 1 and 2 with discounts for Yield Grades 4 and 5.

Prices received were also affected by time of marketing. Using the average carcass prices paid as an adjustment, the high selling ranch entry still yielded \$110.08 per head; indicating that even in the most dismal of grain and cattle markets, value can be realized through high, efficient rates of gain, low medicine costs, and lean, high grading carcasses.

For all entries, calves that got sick had an average medicine cost of \$34.05.

Ranch to Rail offers producers a means of collecting data which can help them identify those breeding program and management techniques which can add value to their product.

Sheep Referendum to be held October 1

Absentee ballot requests accepted through September 17

Voting on the Sheep Referendum will be held Tuesday, October 1, 1996. Absentee ballot requests can be made to the County Extension Office through September 17, 1996.

Following is information on voting guidelines and eligibility. **ABSENTEE VOTING**

Absentee ballots will be available only from the county Cooperative Extension Service (CES) office.

Requests for absentee ballots may be made in person, by telephone, by mail, by electronic mail, or by facsimile.

The CES agent or designee will provide all absentee ballots by mail, even if the request is made in person.

Each prospective voter (i.e., each individual, legal entity, or group) may request ONLY ONE absentee ballot.

Individual voters and groups of individuals such as joint tenants, tenants in common, or a family, must request absentee ballots from the county CES office that serves the voter's county of residence.

Legal entities, such as a partnership, corporation, estate, etc., must request absentee ballots from the county CES office that serves the county where the entity's headquarters is located.

Completed absentee ballots must be received in the county CES office from which they were obtained not later than September 27, 1996.

ELIGIBILITY
To be eligible to vote in this referendum, you must have been: A "person" as that term is

defined below, engaged in the production, feeding, or importation of sheep or sheep products during calendar year 1994.

Importers who imported only raw wool are NOT eligible to vote.

In this referendum, the term "person" means:

- An individual OR
- A legal entity (for example, a corporation, partnership, estate, etc.) OR
- a group of individuals with a joint ownership interest in sheep (for example, a family, a cooperative, and association, etc.)

In this referendum, the term "ownership" means having FULL CONTROL of all buying, selling, and production decisions.

In this referendum, each eligible "person" has ONE VOTE. Example of an eligible "person" entitled to cast one vote:

- A family that owns sheep.
- A partnership that owns sheep.
- An individual member of any "group of individuals" (including a family) who has independent ownership of sheep separate from the rest of the group.

In referendum, spouses who jointly own sheep are considered to be a "family" (i.e., a "group of individuals"), and are not entitled to two votes even in community property states.

If you have any questions concerning the Sheep Referendum voting procedure, either absentee or in person, call the County Extension Office at 365-2219. For questions or voter eligibility, verifying volume of production and related topics, call the Farm Service Agency at 365-5757.

COW POKES

By Ace Reid

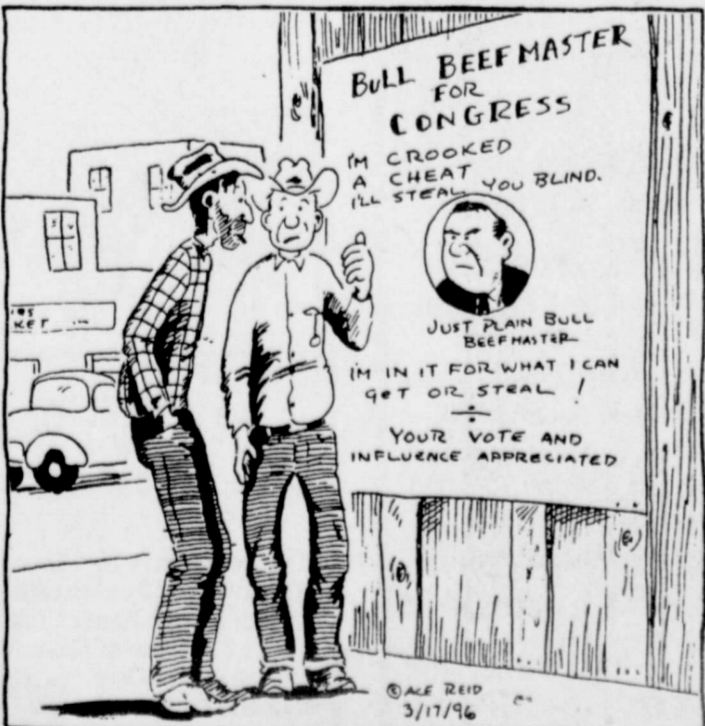
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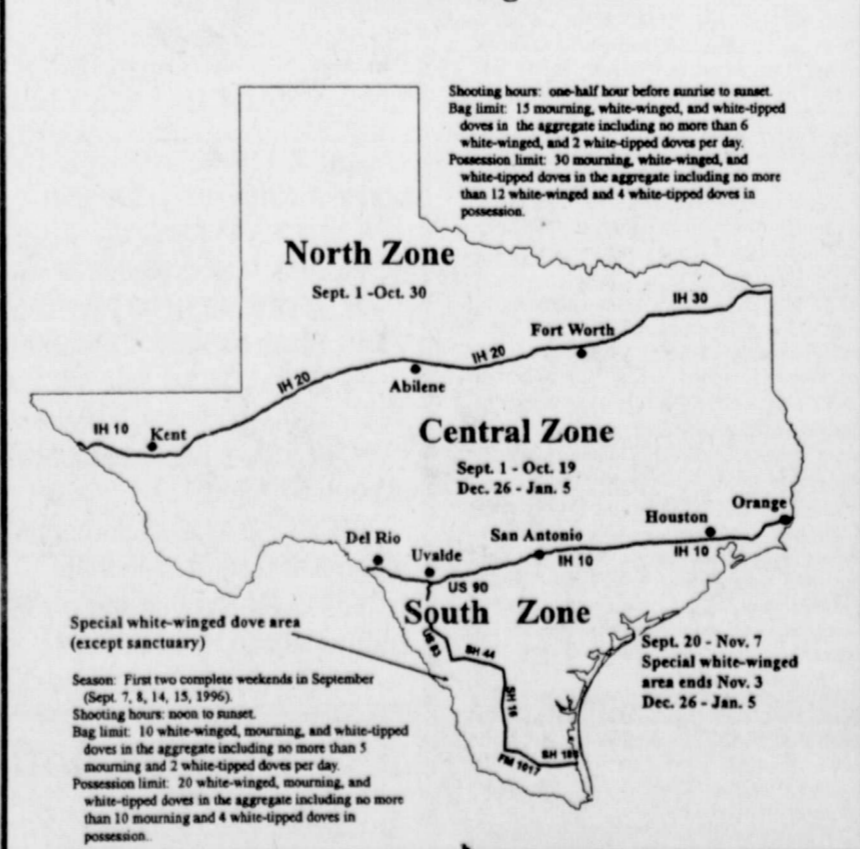
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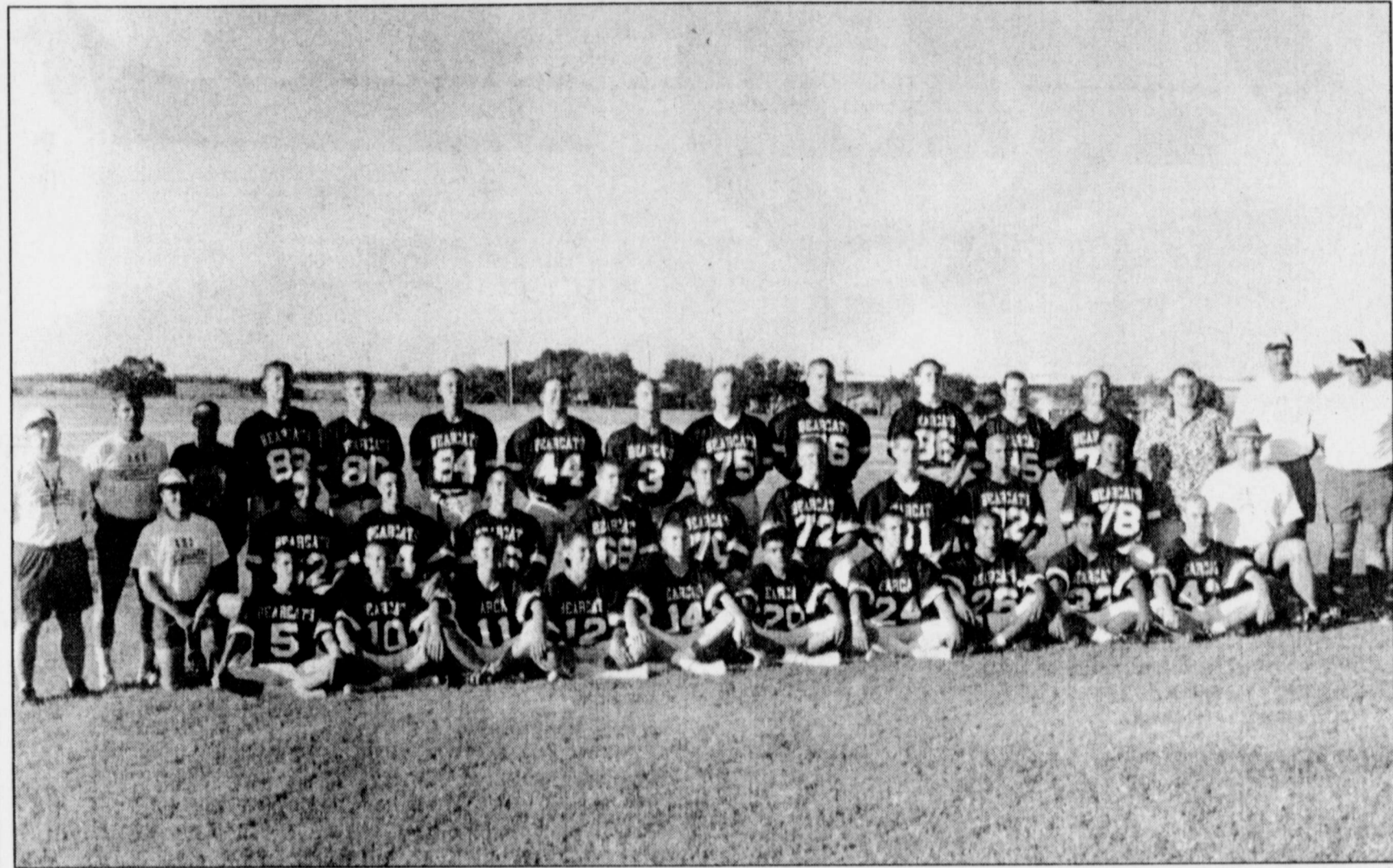
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The Ballinger Ledger and The Winters Enterprise
September 5, 1996



Bearcats

1996 BALLINGER BEARCATS



Ledger photo
FRONT ROW, from left, #5 Luke Cowart, #10 Matt Harrison, #11 Cody McLarty, #12 Lance Gallant, #14, Doug Ruppert, #20 Ricky Guerrero, #24 Joe Dankworth, #26 Richard Jalomo, #32 Carlos Pena, #42 R.J. Barkley. **Middle row**, same order, Coach Andy Dews, #62 Donnie Trowbridge, #64 Josh Minzenmayer, #66 Darren Workman, #68 Nick Baird, #70 Aaron Workman, #72 Blake Smith, #81 Tod Hoelscher, #82 John Binder, #78 Michael Barrigan, Head Coach Glen Jones. **Third row**, same order, Coach Jimmy Randolph, Coach Robert Buxkemper, Manager Chris Odnot, #88 Joel Davenport, #80 Russell Dill, #84 Kevin Winchester, #44 Jerry McGee, #3 Cory Murman, #75 Daron Switzer, #76 Matt Howe, #86 Junior Ortiz, #45 Justin Gamble, #74 Byron Patterson, Manager Courtney Ischar, Coach Robert Sides, Coach Grant Lee.

Bearcats picked as one of the top in 3A

"You ain't seen nothin' yet" is the Bearcat battle cry for 1996. Some other folks in Texas think highly of the Bearcats as Texas Football magazine has them ranked at No. 4 in the state, the Texas High School Coaches Association poll ranks the Bearcats at No. 8 and the Associated Press poll puts them at No. 5.

The preseason confidence in the Bearcat team is based primarily on the return of senior quarterback Cody McLarty, who passed for 1500 plus yards in the 1995 season and the return of backs Ricky Guerrero (1600 yards rushing), Richard Jalomo (800 yards rushing) and big fullback Jerry McGee who rushed for 700 yards last season.

"...we lost four starters from 1994 and we had to rebuild our whole offensive line last year. I think they turned out pretty good..."
Coach Glen Jones

The question mark for the Bearcats this year, "as it has for just about every year," says head coach Glen Jones, is the offensive line. Byron Patterson is the one returning offensive lineman for the Bearcats this year. He has been moved to the center position. Coach Jones says, "I learned a long time ago that you always put your best offensive lineman at center and we feel Byron is the best offensive lineman."

"People forget that we lost four starters from 1994 and we had to rebuild our whole offensive line last year," Coach Jones says. "I think they turned out pretty good."

McLarty thinks this offensive line, which will have four juniors and one senior, will make its own mark and be just as good as last year's. "That line last year was mean as snakes—they protected me like their own mothers," he says. This line will have to do the same thing to help the Bearcats live up to the high expectations of the preseason polls.

The rest of the Bearcat line will include quick guard Nick Baird, the only senior on the offensive line, and strong guard Donnie Trowbridge. At quick tackle is Blake Smith and Matt Howe will be at strong tackle. Johnny Binder will likely be starting at tight end.

With the returning skill players, McLarty, Guerrero, McGee, and Jalomo, the Bearcats should be a force in District 6-3A. Guerrero rushed for a 9.8 yard per carry average last year and scored 22 touchdowns. He was named to the San Angelo Standard-Times All-West Texas team. When Guerrero wasn't racing through the line, McGee was bulling his way over the line to a total of 715 yards rushing and five touchdowns. When one of those two weren't in there, Jalomo would come in and streak for some of his 823 yards gained.

Coach Jones says, "It's really not as hard rebuilding an offensive line as you'd think. The Bearcat players are doing exactly the same thing at the seventh grade level that we are doing at the varsity level. They're learning what to do and by the time they get to the varsity level, all we have to do is some fine tuning."

Both Jones and Patterson say it may take a few games for the line to jell, but it will come about.

Last year when the offense didn't seem to be going anywhere, Guerrero was put in during the scrimmage against Dripping Springs. He improved the offense by two

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touchdowns. Guerrero is modest about his running ability, saying, "The holes the offensive line opened up were huge—anybody could have run the ball behind that line." Guerrero is excellent at find the hole and running through it quickly, sometimes so quickly the defensive line is still trying to get into the offensive backfield when he's behind them.

McLarty started his first game last year against Midland Greenwood, throwing four interceptions in a losing effort. The next game and every game following, he showed skill and poise, leading the Bearcats to the quarterfinals in class 3A. For an eleven game unbeaten string, McLarty threw just four interceptions. He finished the season with 20 touchdowns and 1,527 yards passing.

Place kicker Daron Switzer returns as a senior to keep the Bearcat kicking game strong. Switzer kicked a 50-yard field goal during last year's season and was exceptionally accurate on extra points.

The Bearcats are looking forward to avenging last year's 21-6 loss to Greenwood on Friday night. The Rangers return 11 lettermen from 1995's play-off team, losing 21 lettermen. Fullback/linebacker Bran-

don Hunnicutt is the only returning starter on offense. In 1995 Hunnicutt rushed for 647 yards on 89 carries. He is also the key veteran on defense where he earned district most valuable player honors, averaging 13 tackles a game. In a bi-district win over Alpine he had 19 tackles.

Other Ranger lettermen returning include wide receiver/defensive back Michael Miller, quarterback/defensive back Michael Otho, fullback/linebacker Tyrell Warren, fullback/linebacker Leland Foster, running back/defensive back Phil Morrison, offensive guard/defensive tackle Tanner Cross, running back/defensive back Josh Davila and wide receiver/linebacker Scott Reed.

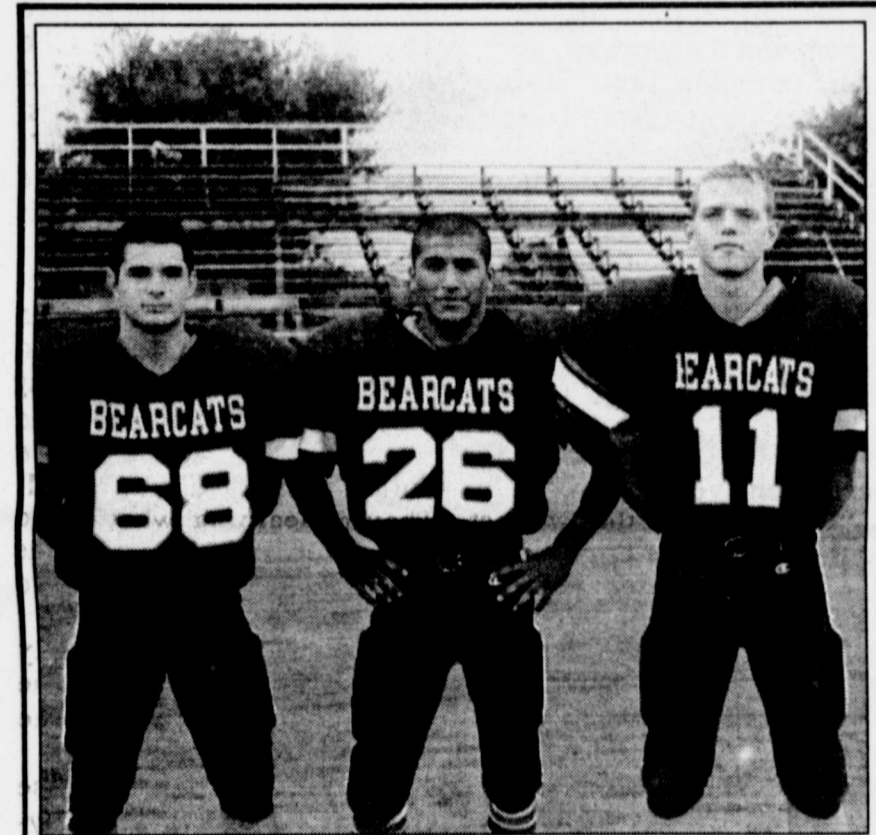
Quarterback Michael Otho is following in older brother Casey Otho's footsteps as the Greenwood quarterback. "Little Otho" as he was known coming up through school, has already proven himself to Coach Bob Purser. Purser says of Otho, "I expect him to know all the things Casey did because he asks a lot of good questions. There is a difference in the offense with Michael than with Casey, but Michael has his strengths."

The Bearcats will get a chance to see his strengths on Friday night at Greenwood.

THE BEARCAT SPIRIT LEADERS FOR 1996



1996 BEARCAT VARSITY CHEERLEADERS are, from left, Teresa Cabrera, Rachael Chapman, Courtney Lange, Lacy Binder, Head Cheerleader, Jill Travis, Sarah McWilliams, Tamra Schwertner and Alisha Frey. The cheerleaders will be leading the fans in encouraging the Bearcat football team at pep rallies and the games during the season. They have been working since summer making signs and preparing for the 1996 football season.




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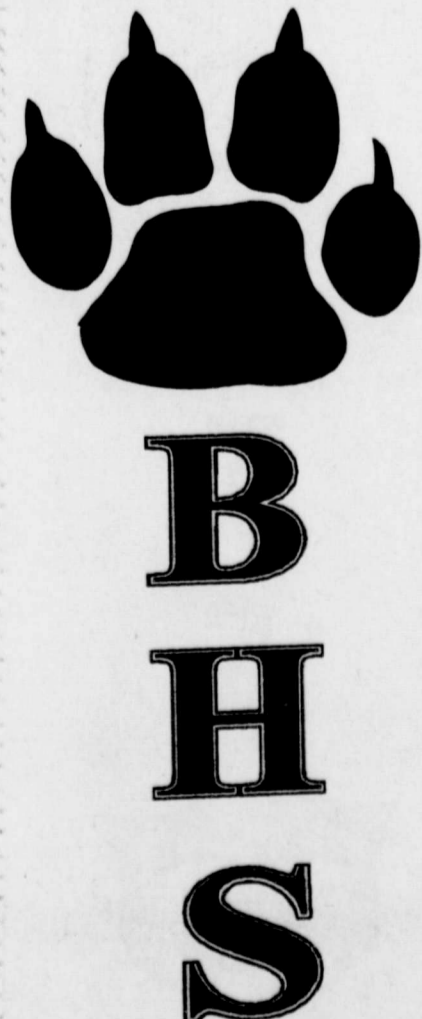
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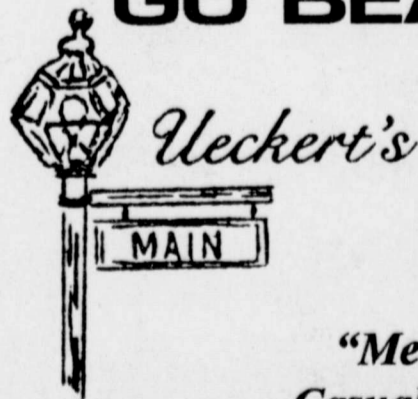
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1996 JUNIOR VARSITY BEARCAT FOOTBALL TEAM



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FRONT ROW, from left, Queandro Quarles, Mario Lopez, Bryan Jennings, Matt Barton, Brandon Halfmann. **Second row**, same order, Oscar Martinez, J.J. Martinez, Joey Jalomo, Raul Gonzales, Tim Wheeler, Chris Workman. **Back row**, same order, Jeff Smith, Simon Camacho, Christian Prickett, Matthew Fulton, Chris Champion and Trey Odinot. The Junior Varsity team is coached by Robert Buxkemper and Grant Lee.

Bearcats of 1941-1945 set enviable record for winning

By Bob Northington
 Member of 1945 Bearcat team

The Bearcats' "Golden Years" fifty years ago, must surely have been 1941 through 1945. Those were the last five years under Coach Felton "Pooch" Wright who was inducted into the Texas Sports Hall of Fame in 1995.

The Bearcat football teams for those five years left a remarkable record which may never be equalled, reaching the Regional Championship playoffs every year and winning four of the five years. In 1943 and 1945, the Bearcats were not scored on in District play and the 1945 team rolled up 570 points to their opponents 72 in the 12-game season.

In those years, only the largest high schools played on to a state champion. All others played only to the regional championship. The Bearcat teams for 1941, 1942, 1943 and 1945 went all the way!

In 1944, one of the better BHS teams beat everyone in the regular season except for the "big city teams" of San Angelo and Sweetwater, losing in regional to Seymour when a late TD was cancelled by an offside penalty—a real hard one to lose and the only hiatus in the spectacular five year streak of championships.

The football players in the forties were still going both ways, playing offense and

defense and when listing the outstanding players of those years, there were only "football players," not an offensive and defensive all-star grouping.

Based on fair recollection and having either witnessed or played in each of the 55 games of 1941 through 1945, I have set out my choices of the most outstanding seniors for each position during those years.

Some of the players listed lettered only one year, their senior year in high school, and many of them lettered two years. We only had three years in high school in those days, yet a surprisingly large number lettered on the varsity team all three years.

One, Zane Gray McWilliams, was a starter on three successive regional champion teams in 1941, 1942 and 1943. Zane, a senior citizen retired cowboy now living in Ballinger, is a colorful, tough as a boot prolific writer of cowboy poetry.

The total games played in the five years was 55 and the Bearcats won 47, lost 7 and tied 1. Considering the tie as 1/2 won and 1/2 loss, the winning percentage was a high 86.36%. The total points for the Bearcats was 2074 compared to the opponents 368—a more than five to one advantage.

The "Pooch" Wright coaching years at Ballinger

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were a remarkable string from 1926 through 1945 and Coach Wright was responsible for the origin of Ballinger Bearcat spirit and winning tradition. He, mostly single-handed with seldom an assistant coach to help, taught young people to work hard, play fair but hard and to win—leaving a legacy

in Ballinger that surely lives on today.

In 1995, Ballinger again won the regional championship, notching its 500th win in an early season win over Coleman. The 1996 season is the Bearcats' 70th year of high school football and this may be the year they go all the way!

With no small amount of trepidation but apologies to none, here is my selection of the best Bearcats on those great teams of the first half of the 1940's and a real solid "Golden Team." Players were seniors and played both offense and defense. Three-year lettermen are indicated by * following their name.

1941

Regional Champs

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| QB Lloyd Bell* | G Ray Wood |
| B Lawrence Morrison | T Weldon Buxkemper |
| E Clyde Harville | C Glen McFarland |

1942

Regional Champs

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| QB James Striplin* | E David Batts |
| B Bob Wright | T Weldon Buxkemper* |
| B Foy Wilson | C Richard Hembree |
| E Clyde Harville* | G Jerome Buxkemper |

1943

Regional Champs

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| B Zane Grey McWilliams* | T Donald Williams |
| B Jerome Buxkemper* | G Buddy Allison |
| E C. W. Hendricks | C Jimmy Agnew |

1944

Bi-District Champs

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| QB George McCorstin* | C Wellington Pearce |
| E Johnny Earnshaw | G Walter Jones |
| T David Middleton | |

1945

Regional Champs

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| QB Jack Russell* | G Dick Cope |
| B Bob Sykes* | C Bill Scoggins |
| B Aubrey Frazier* | T Bob Northington |
| E Bill Flint | |

Most of the 31 players above were selected as All-District and some were named All-Regional. At least 13 of the 31 played college football and 18 graduated from college.

1996 JUNIOR VARSITY SPIRIT LEADERS



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THE 1996 JUNIOR VARSITY CHEERLEADERS are from left, Stephanie Gonzales, Sonia Castillo, Tasha Keesee, Jessica Warren, Lori King, Kristen Bauerlein, Leslie Lowry, head cheerleader, and Tiffany King. The JV cheerleaders will lead the cheers in support of the junior varsity football team for the 1996 season.

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Members are front row, from left, Amy Riley, Rebecca Baird, Terilyn Boothe, Sheree Faircloth and Brandi Bauhs. Back row, same order, Vlasta Pullin, Shaydee Dahlberg, Sharon Hurt, Amanda Reyes and Sara Thornton.



Ledger photo
Varsity cheerleaders build a pyramid for the crowd at Pigskin Preview on Thursday night, August 29. At the top of the pyramid is head cheerlead Lacy Binder, holding her are Teresa Cabrera, left, and Jill Travis. Holding the whole thing up are from left, Courtney Lange, Alisha Frey, Rachael Chapman, Tamra Schwertner and Sarah McWilliams.

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MEMBERS OF THE BEARCAT BAND are front row, from left, Alex Lincoln, Matt Freeman, Tara Drake, Stephanie Gonzales, Cory Murman, Jenny Ferguson, Andrea Ocker, Chris Jalomo. Second row, Brigitte Goetz, Drum Major, Brenda Marcon, Stacy Gore, Amy Travis, Misty Smith, Brent Campbell, Nathan (Peewee) Garcia, Julie McWright, Cara Buchanan, Rhonda Keese, and Anne Thornton, Drum Major. Third Row, Kayla Jansa, Jennifer Bauhs, Kim Jansa, Manda Merfeld, Marie Mitchell, Shandy Reyes, Nancy Prendez, Sabrina Quirino. Fourth row, Jason Barrigan, Armando Perez, Sean Tatum, Eric McDuffy, Jamie Seals, Santiago Rodriguez, Randy Gully, Nathan Lange, Judy Jaramillo. Fifth row, Gene Luna, Andrew Perez, Edward Fuentes, Phoebe Harrell, Michelle Cabrera, Alex Aguilera, Danny Segovia, Billy Lincoln, Blake Smith, Tristen Coy. Top row, Scott Fisher, Michael Ashton, Isaac Alvarado, Burl Ogle, Michael Barrigan, Marsha Martinez, Karl Stewart, Kevin Teters, Eric Rice, Danny Fisher.

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Prognosticator—Webster's Collegiate Dictionary defines the word as one who can foretell from signs or symptoms, predict.

To the right you will see six persons who have agreed to prognosticate (predict) the winners of twelve weekly games for this football season. We will keep a record of their rights and wrongs for the season and see who comes out as the best prognosticator. We could have said they will be predicting the outcome of the football games, but that's not near as much fun as prognosticating!

J. B. Teters is an employee of West Texas Utilities and as a hobby has written a complete history of Bearcat football.

Phil Sims is best known for his Bearcat spirit and for several years was the color commentator for the local Bearcat football games. Some of his commentating was indeed colorful—especially when he got excited.

Karey Morelock is owner of KG's Dance Studio and mother of Stefania, former Bearcat cheerleader and basketball player and only daughter who, of late, is gone off to college. To occupy Karey's time, we thought it might be good to let her prognosticate.

Brenda Barrigan, works for Allsup's Convenience Stores and has a son playing on the Bearcat football team. She has been known to yell real loud at a football game.

Joe Martinez, is employed at Bill's Grocery and is a real student of the game of football. We asked him to prognosticate because he is about the only person in town with whom we can see eye to eye.

Brent Jones, plumber extraordinaire, is a devout follower of Bearcat football. He has been known to cap off a water line in the midst of a job so he can be on time for the opening kickoff.

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J. B. Teters



Phil Sims



Karey Morelock



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Joe Martinez



Brent Jones

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Eastland at DeLeon
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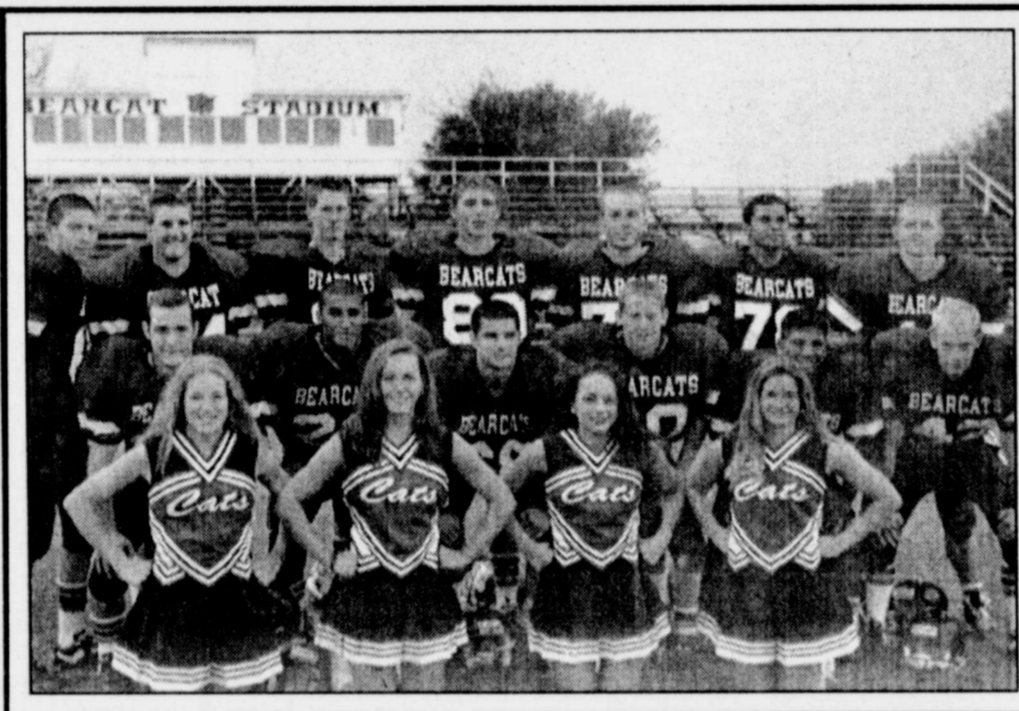
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SENIOR MEMBERS OF the Bearcat football team and cheerleading squad are, back row, from left, Junior Ortiz, Josh Minzenmayer, Tod Hoelscher, Russell Dill, Daron Switzer, Michael Barrigan, Cody McLarty. Middle row, same order, Justin Gamble, Richard Jalomo, Nick Baird, Matt Harrison, Carlos Pena and R.J. Barkley. Cheerleaders include Courtney Lange, Rachael Chapman, Teresa Cabrera and Lacy Binder.



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BEARCAT COACHING staff from left, Jimmy Randolph, Robert Sides, Grant Lee, Glen Jones, Robert Buxkemper and Andy Dews.

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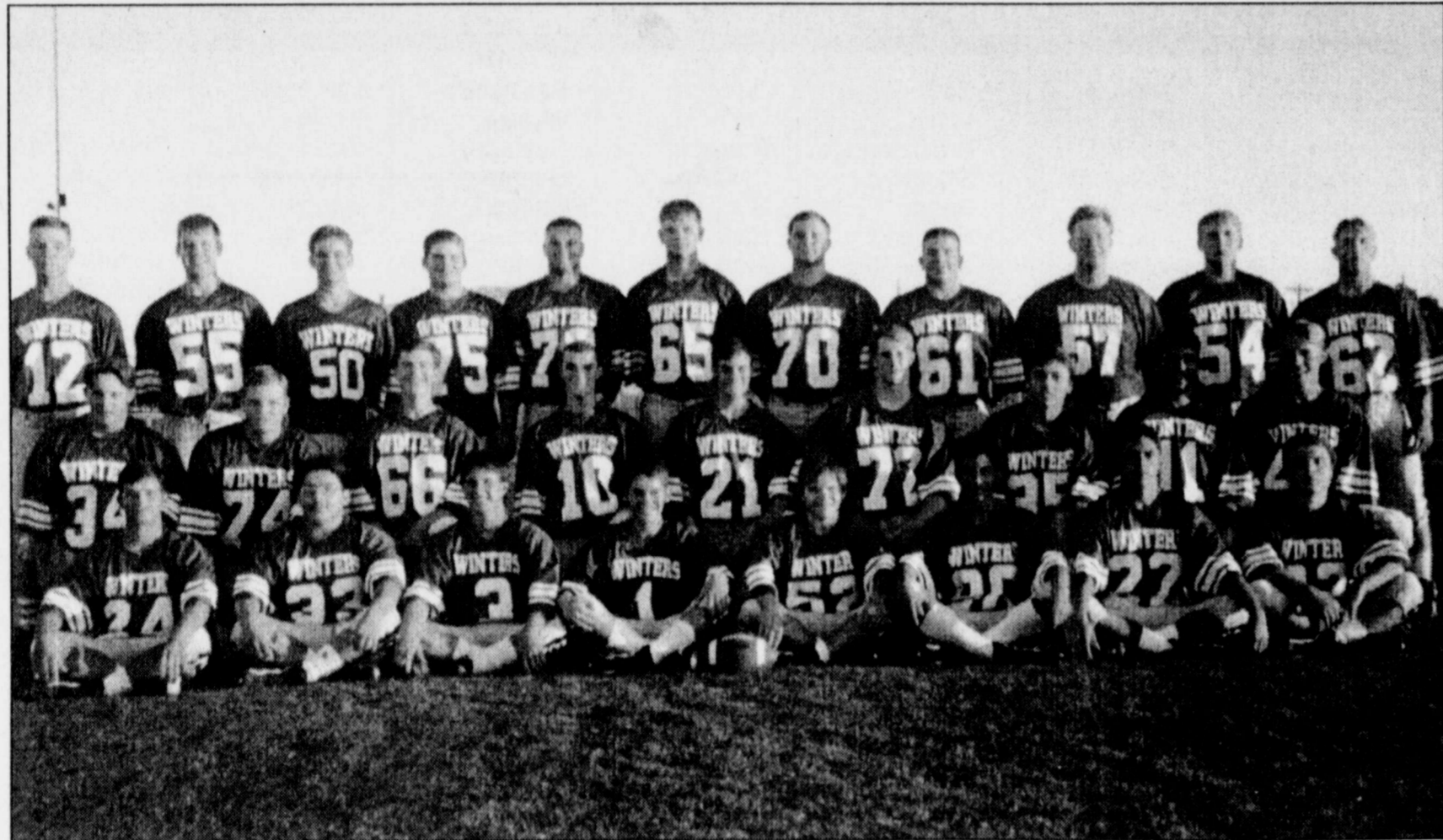
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TEAM MEMBERS ARE back row, from left, #12 Justin Minzenmayer, Junior; #55 Eric Tekell, Sophomore; #50 Michael Pritchard, Junior; #75 James Andrae, Senior; #73 Bear Nitsch, Junior; #65 Brent Jacob, Senior; #70 Michael Prewit, Sophomore; #61 Steven Cross, Senior; #57 Allan Conner, Senior; #54 Mariusz Skibiki, Sophomore; #62 Michael Fowler, Senior.

Middle row, from left, #34 Dennis Conner, Junior; #74 Jason Ventress, Senior; #66 Eric Joeris, Junior; #10 Kenny Whittenburg, Sophomore; #21 Aaron Calcote, Junior; #72 Chris McCaslin, Senior; #35 Marshall Scates, Junior; #11 Ricky Luz, Junior; #44 Jace Wade, Senior.

Bottom row, from left, #24 Kyle Loudermilk, Senior; #33 Arnold Silva, Senior; #3 Shane Lewallen, Senior; #1 Jonathan Cobb, Senior; #52 T. J. Meyer, Senior; #80 Jonathan Gann, Senior; #22 Eric Bernal, Junior; #32 Waylon Norman, Senior.

Blizzard goal is to make 1996 playoffs

Must fill some holes left by graduation

Junior Justin Minzenmayer has some big shoes to fill. Justin is this year's Blizzard quarterback replacing last year's John Paul Belew. Presently attending Trinity Valley Community College, John Paul ended his high school career as the all-time Class 2A passing leader. He led the 1995 Blizzards to the State Quarterfinals and thirteen victories before they lost to West.

Justin, 6'1", 175 lbs, is not a beginner, however. Last year, the junior varsity with Justin at the helm, captured the district championship. Six other teammates are going to have to join Justin in stepping up and filling starting positions left vacant after graduation.

lbs., and Steven Cross - 5'10" & 200 lbs., and split ends Ricky Luz - 5'9" & 155 lbs., Jonathan Gann - 5'10" & 145 lbs., and Jonathan Cobb - 5'7" & 145 lbs., and tight end Brent Jacob - 6'3" & 200 lbs.

Back Eric Bernal - 5'10" & 155 lbs., along with ends Conner and McCaslin and tackles Cross and Andrae, were members of the 1995 Blizzard defensive unit. This unit only allowed 114 points in regular season play.

Jace Wade - 6' & 175 lbs., defensive back, Jason Ventress - 5'10" & 190 lbs., tackle and Shane Lewallen - 5'6" & 150 lbs. running back are also expected to make contributions to this year's team.

If everyone gains experience and stays healthy throughout the pre-district games, Winters may be up for a play-off berth this season.

Coach Robin Byrd says, "We're going to replace five offensive and five defensive starters, but we've got some people who can fill those spots. Our goal is to make the playoffs, but to get there, the key will be our defense and our kicking game coming through."

The Blizzards are joining Roscoe, Wall, Forsan, Coahoma, Eldorado, and Ozona and District 8-2A teams.

The 1996 football season will begin with the Blizzards playing at Jim Ned September 6, at home against Merkel September 13, and at home against Coleman September 20, in pre-district action.

District games begin September 27 with the Blizzards hosting Roscoe. They continue as the boys travel to Coahoma October 4. They will play at home against Wall October 11 and away at Forsan October 18. After an open date on October 25, the Blizzards will host Eldorado November 1 and the last regular season game will be in Ozona November 8.

Coaching this year's Blizzards are Head Coach Robin Byrd, and Assistants Charles Murphy, Chuck Lipsey, Biff White, Chad Russell, Chris Bearden, and Derick Price.

"Our goal is to make the playoffs, but to get there, the key will be our defense and kicking game..."

Coach Robin Byrd

With John Biddix and Mark Dieke, Belew's top receivers; Kevin Conner, all state linebacker; and ten other lettermen missing from this year's roster, Coach Robin Bird is looking hard at the skill and talent of this year's Blizzards.

Offensive players returning include are tackle James Andrae - 5'10" & 200 lbs., tight end Dennis Conner - 5'10" & 190 lbs., and running backs Arnold Silva - 5'8" & 180 lbs., and Marshall Scates - 5'9" & 180 lbs. Together they posted 667 yards last season.

New players preparing to show their stuff include center Bear Nitsch - 6'3" & 215 lbs, guard Chris McCaslin - 5'10" & 200 lbs., tackles Michael Pruitt - 6'2" & 225

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1996 Blizzard Spirit Leaders



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LEADING THE SPIRIT and backing the 1996 Winters Blizzards are back row, from left, mascot Dedric Lockridge, a senior at WHS; varsity cheerleaders Monica Parramore, a junior; Jenna Kozelsky, a junior; Crisi Burton, a senior. Kneeling is Michelle Castillo, a senior; Linsey Brown, senior; and Heather Watkins, a junior. They are pictured with ribbons, spirit stick and "overall superior" trophy they received at the Angelo State University-Universal Cheerleading Association camp in June.

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME	SCORE
Sept. 6	Jim Ned	T	8:00	
Sept. 13	Merkel	H	8:00	
Sept. 20	Coleman	H	8:00	
Sept. 27	Roscoe▲	H	8:00	
Oct. 4	Coahoma▲	T	8:00	
Oct. 11	Wall▲	H	8:00	
Oct. 18	Forsan▲	T	8:00	
Oct. 25	OPEN			
Nov. 1	Eldorado▲	H	8:00	
Nov. 8	Ozona▲	T	8:00	

• Scrimmage Games
★ Homecoming
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DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME	SCORE
Sept. 5	Jim Ned	H	6:30	
Sept. 12	Merkel	T	6:30	
Sept. 19	Coleman	T	6:30	
Sept. 26	Roscoe▲	T	6:30	
Oct. 3	Coahoma▲	H	6:30	
Oct. 10	Wall▲	T	6:30	
Oct. 17	Forsan▲	H	6:30	
Oct. 24	Grape Creek▲	T	6:30	
Oct. 31	Eldorado▲	T	6:30	
Nov. 7	Ozona▲	H	6:30	

• Scrimmage Games
▲ District Games

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DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME	SCORE
Sept. 12	Merkel	H	5 & 6:30	
Sept. 19	Coleman	H	5 & 6:30	
Sept. 26	Roscoe▲	T	5 (8th)	
Oct. 3	Coahoma▲	T	5 & 6:30	
Oct. 10	Wall▲	H	5 & 6:30	
Oct. 17	Forsan▲	T	5 & 6:30	
Oct. 24	Grape Creek▲	H	5 & 6:30	
Oct. 31	Eldorado▲	H	5 & 6:30	
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Bulldogs

1996 Miles Bulldogs



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THE BULLDOGS return seven lettermen to the 1996 squad, including all-district candidates Michael Hemby, offensive tackle/defensive end; Carlos Diaz, running back/safety; Matt McGill, running back; Casey Glass, offensive/defensive tackle; and Tino Salinaz, defensive end/tight end.

The Bulldog Spirit Leaders



Courtesy photo
MEMBERS OF THE BULLDOG cheerleading squad are, front, from left, Amber Lange, Brandee Havlak, Mandy Day, Christy Hoelscher and Candy Day. Back, same order, Devon Droll, Jennifer Kimball (mascot), Tiffany Lange and Lynn Moore.

Bulldogs hope to turn it around

The Miles Bulldogs have a year under their belt under the tutelage of Coach Danny Wilhelm and are hoping to improve on last year's 1-9 record.

players are hopeful of having a winning season. Seven returning starters should help the Bulldogs face the competition in District 7-1A a little better this year. With five possible all-district candidates and top newcomers Shane Daniels,

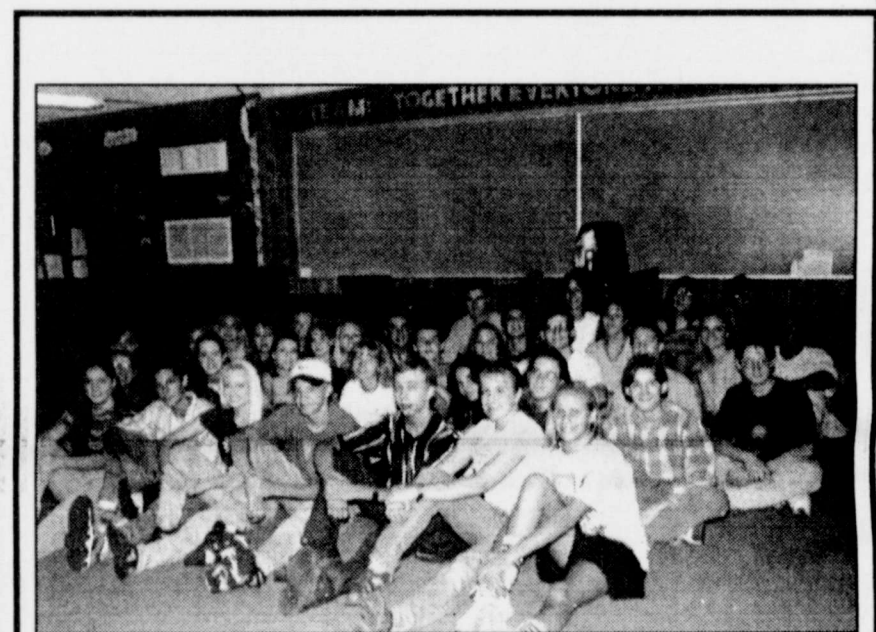
Jake Glidewell, Michael Dominguez, Colin Rosser, Travis Rector and Justin Trejo to supplement, the Bulldogs are hopeful in 1996. Coach Wilhelm says that the key to 1996 success lies in young players coming around in a hurry.



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THE BULLDOG band will be supporting the football team with music under the direction of new band director Christine Edmondson. Edmondson is a former Ballinger High School Bearcat Band drum major and graduated from Angelo State University.

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Indians



1996 Paint Rock Indians



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Team members pictured, back row, from left, Daniel Ruiz, Nakia Ramirez, Billy Fiveash, Oscar Ruiz, Seth Becker, Luis Ruiz, Brad Matthiesen, John Heldenbrand, Kyle McKenzie, manager. Front row, same order, Jake Whitten, Ashley Carpenter, Carlos Ruiz, Jose Mendez, Eddie Marin and Adam Steele. Not pictured are head coach Frank Simpson and assistant coach Stan Anderson.

1996 Paint Rock Spirit Leaders



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CHEERLEADERS for the Paint Rock Indians this year are, from left, Casey Carpenter, mascot, a sophomore; Amber Lieber, freshman; Amber Lovell, junior; Wendy Boatright, junior; Jill Sonnenberg, senior and Donna Ellison, sophomore.



Ledger photo
THE PAINT ROCK Indian football team works out in preparation for their season opener against Hermleigh on Friday, September 6.



Indians inexperienced but quick

Paint Rock Indians head coach Frank Simpson says this 1996 season goal is, "To have a better season than last year. We were 3-5-1 overall and 2-2 in district. We want to do better than that and we can." Simpson is counting on backs Seth Becker and Eddie Marin to help the Indians accomplish that goal. Both should be all-district candidates. The Indians have five returning lettermen from last year's team, with two of them offensive starters and one a defensive starter last year. Coach Simpson expects inexperience to play a part in the Indians' season, but says, "We definitely have some quickness and decent depth, but we also have some freshmen who will start both ways."

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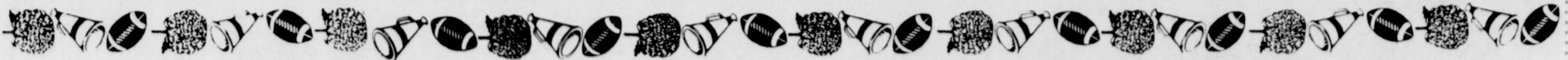
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SCHEDULE

Varsity Bearcats

September 6	Away	Greenwood
September 13	Home	Big Spring
September 20	Away	Colorado City
September 27*	Home	Brady
October 4*	Away	Coleman
October 11*-**	Home	Merkel
October 18*	Away	Breckenridge
October 25*	Home	Wylie
November 1*	Home	Clyde
November 8*	Away	Eastland

*Pre-District Games 8:00 P.M. *District Games 7:30 P.M.*

**** Homecoming**

JV Bearcats

September 5	Home	Greenwood
September 12	Away	Big Spring
September 19	Home	Colorado City
September 26	Away	Brady
October 3	Home	Coleman
October 10	Away	Merkel
October 17	Home	Breckenridge
October 24	Away	Wylie
October 31	Away	Clyde
November 7	Home	Eastland

All JV games begin at 7:00 P.M.

Freshman Bearcats

September 5	Home	Greenwood
September 12	Away	Big Spring
September 19	Home	Colorado City
September 26	Away	Brady
October 3	Home	Coleman
October 10	Away	Merkel
October 17	Home	Breckenridge
October 24	Away	Wylie
October 31	Away	Clyde
November 7	Home	Eastland

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Oct. 3	Away	Coleman
Oct. 10	Home	Merkel
Oct. 17	Away	Breckenridge
Oct. 24	Home	Wylie
Oct. 31	Home	Clyde
Nov. 7	Away	Eastland

All games begin at 7 P.M.

7th Grade

Sept. 12	Home	Big Spring
Sept. 19	Away	Colorado City
Sept. 26	Home	Brady
Oct. 3	Away	Coleman
Oct. 10	Home	Merkel
Oct. 17	Away	Breckenridge
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