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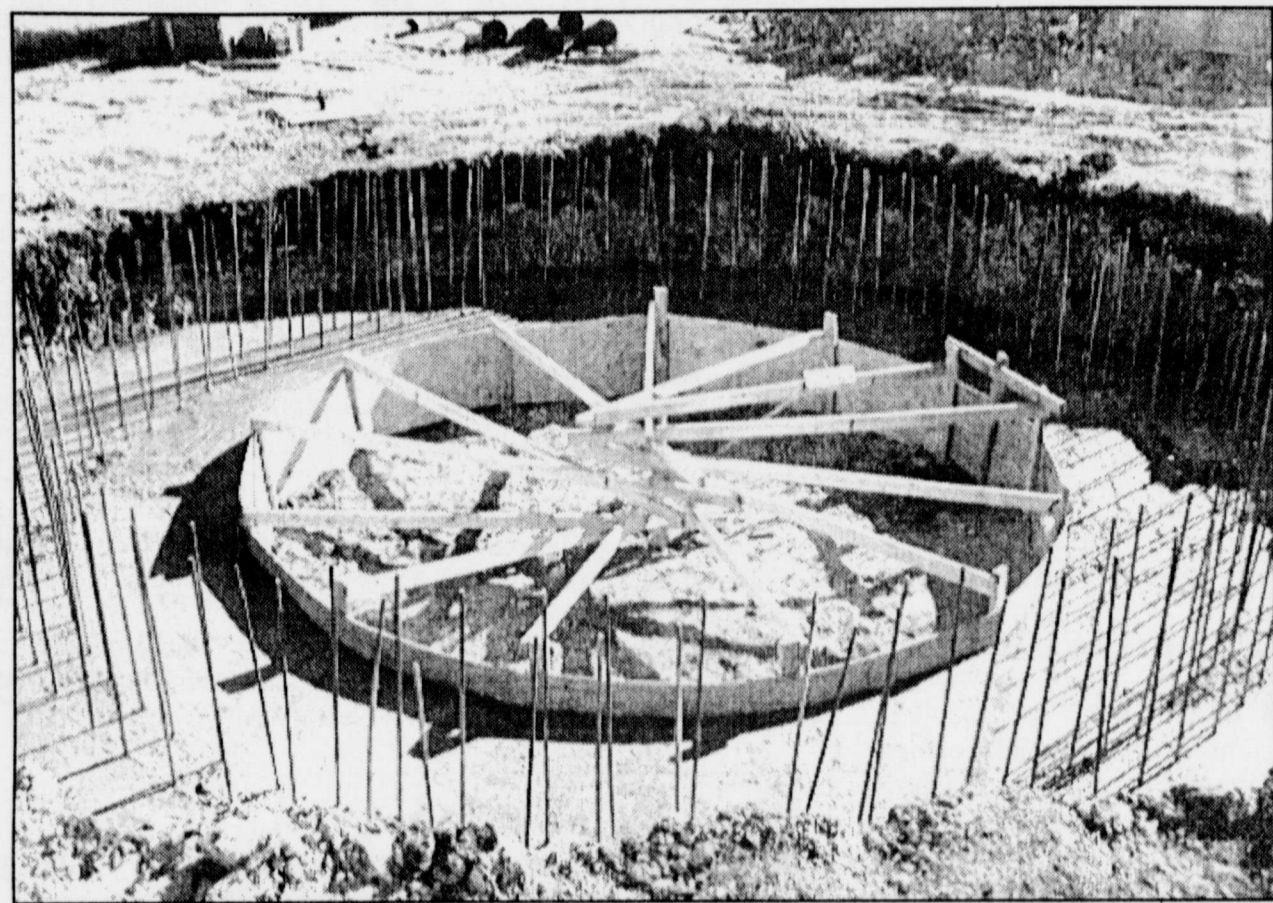
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NEW WATER TOWER BASE has been poured and awaits further construction. Sections of the new tower will be assembled after the first of the year, weather permitting, and will then be painted.

### Rock Hotel Receives \$50,000

contributed by Randall Conner, President  
Z.I. Hale Museum Foundation

The Board of Directors of the Z. I. Hale Museum Foundation announce the receipt of a very nice Christmas present on December 20, 1996, in the form of an anonymous gift of \$50,000 toward the further restoration of the Rock Hotel.

The Rock Hotel was acquired by the Z. I. Hale Museum in 1987 for \$30,000 and restoration began in 1992 by tearing out about 1/3 of the rock on the north side to replace the weak foundation. The rock was replaced, a new roof installed, new utility service—water, gas, electricity, and sewer—was provided, and a restroom and kitchen were completed. This phase of restoration was completed in 1996, at which time the Board used the remaining restoration funds to restore the Dining Room. The Dining Room portion should be completed in the next few weeks.

To this point in time, about \$75,000 has been spent on restoration.

With the completion of the Dining Room, the Rock Hotel will be usable for many community activities. Since the recent work took almost all of the remaining funds, the gift came at a most needed time.

The Board plans to use the \$50,000 to complete restoration of the first floor of the Rock Hotel, to complete needed repairs and painting of the exterior, and

to provide some landscaping. Additional gifts and donations will be needed to finish the second floor, which will serve as much-needed exhibit space for the Museum.

It was noted by a representative of the donor of the \$50,000 gift that they were impressed by the amount of overall community involvement in the project. Many local citizens, former residents, businesses, and organizations have contributed in many ways to the Rock Hotel Restoration project.

The Friends of the Museum have spent countless hours cleaning and working on the building, preparing and donating food to the fund-raising meals, and raising funds for the restoration.

Many, many people have given memorials to the Rock Hotel and Museum to help the project. Several businesses have donated materials and employee's time to work on and around the building. Many organizations in the community have donated money and volunteer time to work on different phases of the construction. And many more individuals and

organizations have volunteered to work in upcoming parts of the restoration.

All of these donations of time and money—both small and large—have helped bring this project together.

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Z. I. Hale Museum Foundation, Inc., I want to take this opportunity to express our appreciation to every person who has helped in any way with the Rock Hotel Restoration.

As you can see, there are many, many people who have been a part of this project. Rather than name any one or group, we want to say thanks to the Winters Community for your support. This building belongs not to one or a few, but to all who call themselves Citizens of Winters.

Our promise to you is to provide this community with a nice facility for meetings and special events and our goal is to have the project completed in 1997.

There will be an open house for the Dining Room and Kitchen in the next few weeks. Plan to attend and see what has been done with the Rock Hotel.

### Heathcott, Loudermilk take championship honors at 1996 WTR Sheep and Goat Show

Amy Heathcott and Kyle Loudermilk, Winters High School students, received high awards at the December 14, 1996, West Texas Rehab Sheep and Goat Show held in the Wylie High School Ag Barn.

Amy, a junior, won first place with her lightweight Meat Goat and first place for her heavyweight Meat Goat. She was awarded ribbons and a windbreaker jacket for Reserve Champion Meat Goat with her heavyweight goat.

Kyle, a senior, won first place with his heavyweight Finewool/Cross which also captured the Grand Champion title. He received ribbons and a gold and silver belt buckle.

There were three classes of Finewool lambs, consisting of more than ten head. The only contestants allowed were those who bought their lambs at the summer Rehab Sale. The lambs were donated by different breeders.



FIRST PLACE WINNERS at the recent West Texas Rehab Sheep and Goat show are Kyle Loudermilk and Amy Heathcott of Winters High School.

Other Winters students placing in the show were Robby Heathcott, 6th place Light-weight goat, 5th and 6th places for Medium-weight goat; John Heathcott, 4th place Medium-weight goat and 2nd place Heavy-weight goat.

### City council accepts resignation of judge; swears in WHA directors

During the regular meeting of the Winters City Council on December 23, Mayor Dawson McGuffin swore in David Evans and Melinda Tucker as new directors of the Housing Authority. Outgoing members, James Bomar and Brenda Briley, will be presented plaques for their dedicated service.

The resignation of Judge Ouida Nichols was accepted by the council. Advertisements will be placed for applications for a new judge.

A status report was given by engineer Scott Hay on the Wastewater System Grant of \$250,000 from the Texas Department of Community Affairs. He said that the wastewater plant should be expanded by the addition of a facultative lagoon which will

bring the permitted flow to an amount sufficient for the next twenty years in order to comply with TNRCC regulations.

The current lagoons will be used as irrigation storage facilities instead of discharging into Bluff Creek. This will lessen treatment requirements as well as benefit the agricultural industry in the area. An irrigation pump will be added to the system. The engineering firm is currently negotiating long term leases with the land owners to the east of the current sewer farm.

In other action, the council voted to pay back the sales tax of \$1,793.21 that was overpaid. A monthly payment of \$50 will be sent to the State Comptroller's office until the full amount is paid.

City Manager Aref Hassan read correspondence including the following:

•Letter scheduling a joint meeting with the City of Ballinger, the Runnels County Commissioners and the City of Winters on January 28, at 7:00 p.m.

•Congratulations letter from West Central Texas Council of Governments on approval of a \$12,676 TNRCC pass-through grant for a recycling trailer.

•Thank-you letter from City of Brownwood Mayor Bert Massey for letter of support written while he was running for vice-president of Texas Municipal League.

•Letter from First American Bank asking to be allowed to bid

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### FBC pastor injured in accident

Glenn Shoemake, pastor of First Baptist Church of Winters for the past fourteen years, was injured in a motorcycle accident on December 26.

The mishap occurred about 2:00 p.m. approximately sixteen miles east of Winters on highway 1770 (Novice Road). Shoemake was riding a Honda Gold Wing motorcycle when he apparently failed to negotiate a curve. His motorcycle left the highway, traveling along the grassy shoulder before striking a concrete curb, flipping Shoemake and the motorcycle.

Shoemake was brought to North Runnels Hospital by August Newman of Novice, who had driven up on the accident site. Newman was carrying a large hay bale but unloaded his hay in order to drive quickly to the Winters hospital.

Shoemake, who was wearing protective riding gear, suffered multiple cuts, scrapes and bruises with the most serious injury to his left knee. According to his wife Marsha, he has torn cartilage and a very deep cut in his knee and has developed an infection in his left leg.

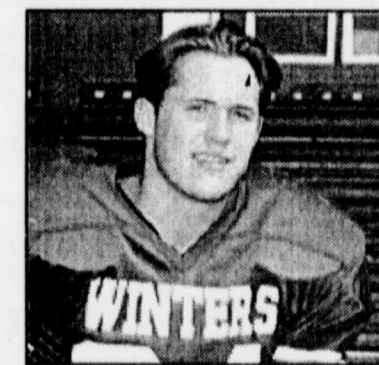
On Monday, December 30, Shoemake was transferred to Hendrick Medical Center in Abilene.

### D. Conner earns spot on outstanding football teams

Dennis Conner, WHS junior, has been named to the San Angelo Standard-Times All-West Texas Football Team as outstanding linebacker in Class 2-A.

Conner has also been named to the Abilene Reporter-News All-Big Country Class 2-A Team as an outstanding tight end.

At 6-1, 190 lbs., Conner had 132 total tackles, including 32 solo, with 2 fumble recoveries, 4 fumbles caused and 2 sacks.



He also had 375 receiving yards and a touchdown as a tight end. Dennis is the son of Randall and Susan Conner.

### To Our Readers —

Welcome to 1997! We are excited about the new year and the opportunities it holds. As you probably noticed, we have changed the type style of our newspaper name. This is the first of several new ideas in the works and we hope you will be a part of our progress.

The staff and management of *The Winters Enterprise* thank you for your wonderful support in 1996.

Please know that we always consider it a privilege to be such an integral part of this community. We pledge our constant commitment to continue to bring you the finest in news coverage, and we welcome your suggestions and comments.

I challenge you to make this year a time of renewed energy, attitude and effort. Take an active role in our town — at school, at church, at work, at any of the civic organizations. Opportunities to make a difference are everywhere so don't just sit on the sidelines of life. Get smack in the middle of the game!

We wish for you prosperity, good health and much happiness in 1997!

Jean Boles, Editor

A clean, safe Winters begins in the corner where you live



# OIL BUSINESS

By Reg Boles ©1997



I overheard some interesting discussion the other day that might be pertinent to your business.

It involved the full utilization of technology, but it had an interesting angle. The particular application of technology involved the almost forgotten art of the oil patch--drilling holes.

It seems that in this age of fast-moving technological advances, all the talk centers around geology and selecting the best places to drill. There is three-dimensional (3-D) seismic, numerical simulation with advanced processors, and desktop massive data management for the technical team to find the oil and gas.

Yet, in all this hoopla about technology, drilling and getting wells down where you want them has barely even been mentioned. It seems that everyone takes the driller for granted.

It was pointed out to me that we spend large amounts of time, money, and technology deciding where to drill, what zone to complete in, and the best method by which to operate the well after it is drilled. In contrast, we don't utilize the large amount of technology available for the drilling process. We just assume that the well will be drilled to the exact specifications of the geologist and reservoir engineer.

The poor drilling department! They are left to accomplish their appointed tasks with very little in the way of empowering technology that reflects the current technological landscape.

With real-time measurement and very fast computers, a driller and his crew should be able to place the bottom of a hole within a few feet of its intended target. This is just one sample of the technology out there.

Now, to be sure, there are some companies that are utilizing the available technology, but there are few utilizing it to its fullest capability.

As it is, drillers are only utilizing the technology to tell them how poor the final hole was. They are not using it to guide the bit on an hour-by-hour basis. It is a documentation of negatives--not a window on the hole placement during the process of drilling.

The technology is there to make it interactive. A driller should be able to guide the bit to his or her whim. Data should pour in as the instruments start recording.

Only when this threshold is reached, can the oil patch say it is truly utilizing all of the sources of technology that we can identify. It's coming, though. And we should all look forward to the day, as it will most likely lower our operating expenses and make life a whole lot easier for the on-site geologist.

I can hardly wait--this is better than Christmas.

## HIGHLIGHTS OF AREA DRILLING ACTIVITY COMPLETIONS

### Coleman County

Erin Oil Exploration has completed the C. Hinds #1 in the South Glen Cove Field (4 miles S of Glen Cove) at an initial rate of 41 BOPD & 5 BWPD in the Palo Pinto (perms 3066-83). Loc. is 330 FWL & 1850 FNL of T&NO RR Sur. No. 2, A-1070.

### Nolan County

Patterson Petroleum has completed the TXL-A-#2 in the South Lake Trammel Field (5 miles N of Maryneal) at an initial rate of 62 BOPD & 3 BWPD in the Canyon formation (perms 5359-68). Loc. is 467 FEL & 1870 FNL of Sec. 31, Blk. X, T&PRR Sur., A-416.

Sinclair Oil has completed the Louie-A-#2 in the Flagstaff Field (18 miles NW of Sweetwater) at an initial rate of 202 BOPD & 135 BWPD in the Strawn (perms 5310-66). Loc. is 250 FNL & 800 FWL of Sec. 43, Blk. 5, T&PRR Sur., A-229.

### Taylor County

Sundance Resources has completed the Stockton #1 in the County Regular Field, (1 mile W of Tuscola) at an initial rate of 142 BOPD & 15 BWPD in the Gardner (perms 4262-75). Loc. is 250 FNL & 2406 FEL of Sec. 25, Blk. 1, SPRR Sur., A-285.

### Tom Green County

M.E. Operating & Services, Inc. has completed the Rape #1 in the Giebel Field (3 miles NW of Tankersley) at an initial rate of 29 BOPD & 28 BWPD in the Strawn (perms 5455-59). Loc. is 413 FSL & 534 FWL of E. Herman Sur. No. 828, A-384.

## STAKINGS

### Callahan County

Schkade Brothers Operating Co. has staked the Chrane #2 in the Chrane Field, 7 miles SW of Eula (Depth 2300). Loc. is 330 FSL & 1650 FEL of Sec. 15, Blk. 7, SPRR Sur.

### Coke County

Gruy Petroleum Management Co. has staked the Walker #5 in the Jameson Field, 4 miles SW of Silver (Depth 6500). Loc. is 40 FSL & 2599 FEL of W.H. Wiley Sur. No. 1.

Perkins-Prothro Co. has staked the Jameson Strawn Unit #B28 in the Jameson Field, 6 miles SW of Silver (Depth 7000). Loc. is 1333 FNL & 2639 FWL of Sec. 68, Blk. 2, H&TC Sur., A-1869.

### Concho County

J.L. Kingery has staked the L.A. Bridges #2 in the South Branch Field, 12 miles SE of Eden (Depth 1000). Loc. is 2490 FEL & 810 FSL of J.W. Francis Sur. No. 8.

Western Reserves Oil Co. has staked the Lea Gas Unit #1 in the Selden Field, 3 miles N of Eden (Depth 3700). Loc. is 300 FNL & 300 FWL of J.F. Bustin Sur. No. 14.

### Nolan County

Amerac Energy Corp. has amended the location of the Coda Whiteacre #8 in the North Blackwell Field, 3 miles N of Blackwell (Depth 6800). Loc. is 714 FNL & 2276 FEL of Sec. 34, Blk. Z, T&PRR Sur.

Gruy Petroleum Management has staked four wells in the Chinquapin Field, 13 miles E of Sweetwater (Depth 6250). The Chinquapin Strawn Unit #44 is loc. 1000 FWL & 660 FSL of Sec. 49, Blk. 20, T&PRR Sur. The #73 is loc. 2140 FWL & 270 FNL of same Sec. The #74 is loc. 1840 FWL & 1860 FNL of same Sec. The #91 is loc. 1240 FWL & 1980 FNL of the same Sec.

### Runnels County

DBO Oil has staked the Grindstaff-A-#2A in the Deanie B. Field, 6 miles NE of Ballinger (Depth 3975). Loc. is 2657 FWL & 467 FNL of J.K. Thompson Sur. No. 146, A-1277.

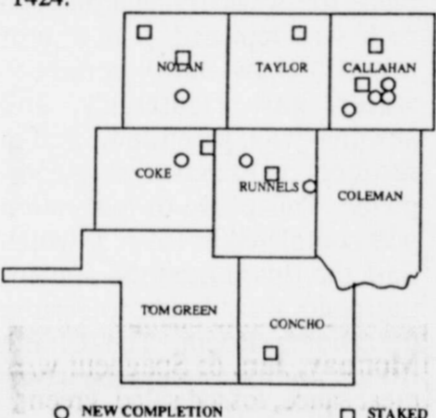
Echo Production has staked the Poe-Exxon #1 in the West Dorman Field, 5 miles NW of Winters (Depth 4999). Loc. is 330 FNL & 1679 FWL of CTRR Sur. No. 71, A-107.

### Taylor County

Hanson Corporation has staked the L. Hamner #1 in the Cal-Ham Field, 2 miles N of Trent (Depth 5700). Loc. is 1000 FWL & 1500 FSL of Sec. 22, Blk. 19, T&PRR Sur., A-1368.

S.U.E. Company has applied to re-enter the Oates #2 in the County Regular Field, 3 miles SE of Merkel (Depth 2200). Loc. is 5000 FWL & 3550 FSL of J.W. Page Sur. No. 123.

TKP Petroleum has staked the Scott #1 as a Wildcat, 3 miles W of Blair (Depth 3500). Loc. is 467 FEL & 790 FSL of Sec. 59, Blk. 19, T&PRR Sur., A-1424.



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## Immunization Clinic scheduled for January 2

The Texas Department of Health has scheduled its Immunization Clinic for Thursday, January 2, 1997.

Time of the clinic is 9:30 a.m.-12:00 noon and 1:30 p.m.-3:00 p.m.

Location is in the Professional Building, Suite 108, on Grant Street Entry.

For more information, call 754-4945 between the hours of 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Monday-Friday.

## Card of Thanks

Dearest Friends,

I received hundreds of cards and letters the six months I was at M.D. Anderson. Words cannot express how much your thoughtfulness meant to me. Your prayers kept me lifted up at all times.

I am in remission now and don't have to go back until February. Each day is a blessing.

Please keep up the good work for anyone who needs a boost. It means so much.

I am grateful for the people who fed Jimmy while I was gone and all of us since my return. Your donations have helped us tremendously with my medical bills.

God is good, has a great sense of humor and a wild imagination! I love him and when I get to heaven I'm going to kiss his feet and ask him if I can be in the Swing Black Choir.

Love,  
Ginny Smith

## Memorial Book sale considered a success

The Mary Margaret Leathers Memorial Book Sale was considered a success. To those who helped by donating books, working to get the books out and ready for sale, or by purchasing books; we appreciate you all. We especially appreciate *The Winters Enterprise* for their publicity.

Anyone who wishes to donate to the Mary Margaret Leathers Book Memorial Fund may leave their contributions at the Library or give them to any of the Library board members.

There are a number of new books listed on the bulletin board inside the Library. You are invited to come in and browse or look over the list of new books. If the book you wish is out, you may put your name on the hold list.

# Obituaries

## Tom Poe

WINTERS—Tom Poe, 85, of Winters died Tuesday, December 17, 1996, at North Runnels Hospital in Winters.

Tom was born on December 12, 1911 in Winters and married Margaret Hightower on January 19, 1935. He lived and farmed in Pecos for 20 years, returning to Winters in 1968 where he farmed and was a realtor since then.

He was a member of First United Methodist Church in Winters. He is survived by his wife, Margaret Poe of Winters, 1 daughter, Joy Poe of Maui, Hawaii, 1 sister, Louise Kennedy of Sun City, Arizona, 2 granddaughters, Dania Wheeler of Portland, Oregon and Shana Callanan of Chicago, Illinois, 1 great granddaughter, Jana Callanan of Chicago; nephew and niece, Stan and Judy McGlothlin of Roscoe.

Service was held on Friday, December 20, 1996 at the First United Methodist Church in Winters with Rev. Jeff May officiating. Burial was at Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Winters Funeral Home.

## Joe Ernest Cox

BRONTE—Joe Ernest Cox, Jr., 91, of Bronte died Tuesday, December 17, 1996, at Sears Methodist Center in Abilene.

Joe was born October 19, 1905 in Quannah and moved to Mills County with his family as a child. He later lived in San Saba and Bronte where he worked for the county and farmed and ranched. He was a Baptist.

Survivors are cousins. A memorial service was held at the First Baptist Church in Cherokee with Rev. Jack Riley officiating under the direction of Winters Funeral Home.

## Wiley T. Hancock

ABILENE—Wiley T. Hancock, 68, of Abilene, died Friday, December 20, 1996, at a local hospital.

Mr. Hancock was born on Wilmeth, Texas and moved to Abilene in 1969 from Winters, Texas. He graduated from high school in Wingate and attended John Tarleton State University. After graduating from high school he worked for Winters State Bank.

After serving in the Army, he married Grace Hendrix on July 10, 1951 in Abilene. He worked as a field supervisor for Haliburton for 39 years, retiring in 1992.

Survivors include his wife, Grace Hendrix Hancock of Abilene; one son, Rodney Wayne Hancock of DeSoto; one brother John Hancock of Wilmeth; one sister, Mrs. C.R. Dean of Wingate; two grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

Services were held Sunday, December 22 in Abilene at the Elliott-Hamil Funeral Homes Chapel of Faith with Rev. David Verbeck officiating. Burial was in Wingate Cemetery in Wingate, Texas.

## Jack Kopecky

BRONTE—Jack Kopecky, 69, of Rowena passed away Wednesday, December 25, 1996, at St. John's Hospital in San Angelo.

Jack was a 1944 graduate of Ballinger High School and attended South Western University at Georgetown. He was a U.S. Navy veteran and a Medical Technician. He was preceded in death by a brother Sam and his father, C.W. Kopecky.

Survivors include 1 son, Jeffery Jack Kopecky of Broken Arrow, Ok., 2 daughters, Paula Kay Bruchett of Cairo, Egypt, JoLynn Lacy of Lewisville, Texas, and his mother Edith Kopecky of Rowena.

## Mary E. Moeller

ROWENA—Mary E. Moeller, age 91, of Rowena, passed away Thursday evening, December 26, 1996 at the Heritage Oaks Estate nursing home in Ballinger, Tx.

Mary was born on July 16, 1905, in Apache, Oklahoma to the late Adam and Mary Roessler Multer. She married Joseph C. Moeller on January 6, 1925 in Olfen, Texas. He preceded her in death on January 26, 1962. She was also preceded by a son, Joey and a daughter, Lillian.

Mary is survived by two sons, Father Louis Moeller of Ballinger and Maurice Moeller and his wife Dorine of Rowena; a daughter, Ruby Hlavinka of Texarkana; seven grandchildren, Sharon Clifton, Richard Moeller and his wife JoAnna, Anne Halfmann and her husband Steve, Glen Moeller and his wife Brenda, Juanita Moeller, Wanda Northan and her husband Jon, and Jon Hlavinka.

She is also survived by a brother, Richard Multer of Sacramento, CA; a sister, Sister Irma Multer of St. Leo, Florida and 12 great grandchildren.

Rosary was held Sunday, December 29, 1996, at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Rowena. Funeral Mass was held Monday, December 30, 1996 at St. Joseph Church with her son, Father Louis Moeller, and Diocesan priests concelebrating. Burial followed in the St. Joseph Cemetery. Arrangements were handled by Raines-Seale Funeral Home.

Pall bearers were Richard Moeller, Glen Moeller, Steve Halfmann, Jon Hlavinka, Rey Casarez and Jonathan Clifton.

The family requests that memorials be made to the San Angelo Diocesan Seminary Burse or a favorite charity.

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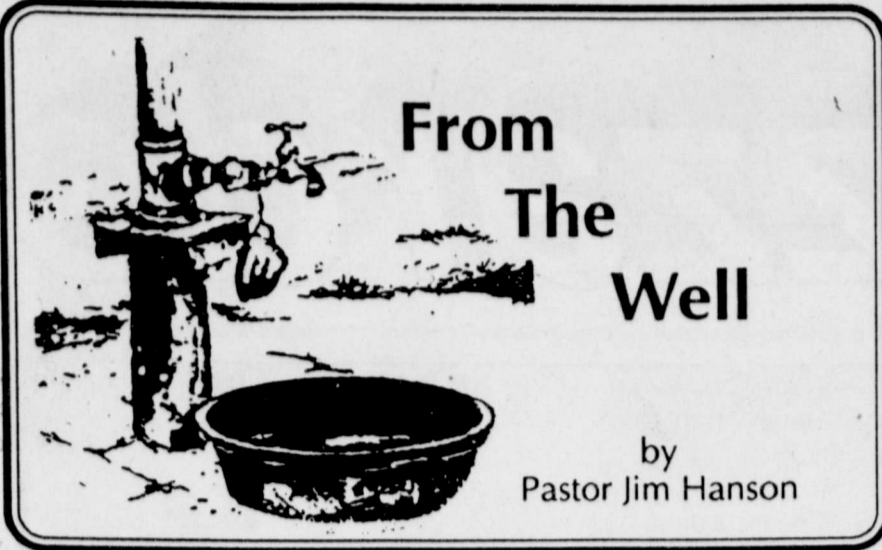
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## From The Well

by  
Pastor Jim Hanson

A song is singing in my soul. It's from Fiddler on the Roof, that wonderful musical. Some of the words are: "Sunrise, sunset, sunrise, sunset,

Swiftly flow the years,  
One season following another  
Laden with happiness and tears."

True. Pensive. The way it is. And of course, it reminds us that someday, for all of us, the sun will set on our lives here on earth. It's later than we think. It always is. Time runs out on everything. That's why New Year's is a good time to take stock of our lives. To make some changes in the way we live. Like in former days when we learned in school, at home, and in the church to make New Year's Resolutions.

For there are a lot of things I cannot change. They are beyond me. But there are some things I can change as I face the future.

Travel light. Especially when I'm going to be gone for a week or so. Try to limit my stuff to what I can carry on. But, not only excess baggage. What about the failures, disappointments, worries, griefs, and resentment of the past? New Year's is a good time to stop opening those memories up and let go of them. By giving them up to God. All of those things are excess weight for our souls. Take on the weight of Him who says, "My burden is easy and my yoke is light."

Forgive a lot. Learn to stop blaming others for all of your problems. Victimities is an awful disease and it is epidemic in our culture. To be sure, some of us have had bad things happen to us. But to let those memories victimize us, is to insure a life of misery and self pity. Jesus Christ was the Sacrificed Victim of the world, and His way was to pray, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do." When we forgive others, we change.

Be a cheerful giver. Greed is our besetting sin as a nation. It affects all of us. The only way to get out of greed is to get into giving. Every simple drop of simple goodness is needed in our world today.

Be not afraid. The message of the angels. The message of Jesus. Fear is the work of the devil. Love is the work of Jesus, and in I John 4:18, we read, "There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear." The love of Jesus is that perfect love.

Change your attitude. We may not be able to change our external circumstances, but we can change our inner life. My mother's favorite Bible passage was I Timothy 6:6, "Of course there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment." She was a godly woman. So can we become godly persons, with the light of God's love shining in us.

Sing a new song. Actually it's an old one, a good old gospel song. But it's one that we can all sing, and it will carry us into the New year and even into eternity. It goes like this:

"I don't know about tomorrow, I just live from day to day;  
I don't borrow from its sunshine, for its skies may turn to grey;  
I don't worry o'er the future, for I know what Jesus said;  
And today I'll walk beside Him, for He knows what is ahead,  
Many things about tomorrow, I don't seem to understand; But I know who holds tomorrow, and I know who holds my hand."

Happy New Year in Him who holds the future!

## Runnels County Crimestoppers 365-3591

The Ballinger Police Department is currently investigating the theft of numerous Real Estate signs from various locations. While this may seem like a childish prank, it can get quite expensive for realtors that must replace these signs.

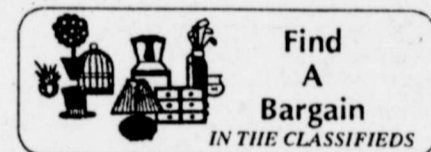
If anyone has information on these crimes or the location of any of the missing signs, please call Runnels County Crimestoppers at 365-3591 or any local law enforcement agency. Winters residents can contact the Winters Police Department at 754-4121.

Runnels County Crimestoppers will pay a reward up to \$1,000 for information that leads to the arrest and indictment of the person(s) involved in these crimes. You do not have to give your name when calling Crimestoppers.

## Sunday School Class Celebrates Christmas Time

The Bethany Sunday School Class of the First Baptist Church met on December 16 in the home of Jo Olive Hancock for their Christmas social. Jo Olive Hancock read a poem. Bonnie Fairery did a devotional, "The Priceless Gift." Gifts were exchanged from a Christmas tree. A delicious plate was served of finger sandwiches, pie, and apple cider.

Members present were Mrs. Jimmie Davis, Vivian Foster, Bonnie Fairery, Edna England, Omega Priddy, a visitor Mrs. Lee Claxton, and the hostess Jo Olive Hancock.



## Literary and Service Club Held Christmas Party

The Winters Literary and Service Club met at The Shed Thursday, December 19 at 6 P.M. for their Christmas party.

A short business meeting was held with Brenda Burton presiding. Bobby Sue Jackson was voted in as a new member.

Invocation was given by Emily Pendergrass. Gifts were drawn and a delicious meal was enjoyed by members.

In attendance were Gwen Andrae, Mary Jane Blackshear, Brenda Burton, Linda Dry, Noma Eoff, Pat Fenter, Eula Mae Kruse, Jean Owen, Emily Pendergrass, Sue Prewit, Kathy Pringle, Betty Thomason, Bobby Jackson.

The next meeting will be on January 16, 1997 at the Lutheran Church.

## Poe's Corner by Charlsie Poe

### When Lightning Strikes

(My story published in True West in 1973)

(Conclusion)

People began coming early in the morning from miles around. They traveled by buggy, by wagon, on horseback and on foot to be present at the memorial services.

Seeing four coffins lined up in the small church and four funerals held at the same time was the greatest catastrophe the community had yet experienced. The Reverend Turney, Methodist pastor, conducted the services. Lora, knowing how Papa felt, would have been happier if he could have had a few Baptist words said over him. All she remembered of the service was that they sang "Nearer My God to Thee".

Because of the condition of the remains, the caskets were not opened and Lora wondered how her mother could stand it. None of them had dreamed they would never see Papa again after he left home so light-heartedly on Monday.

Although Lora hardly could bear to hear it mentioned, her mother took great comfort in the prophetic statement Jerry Ritch had made on the way home from church Sunday night before the fateful trip the next day. He had been discussing the results of the revival, just closed, and how he felt spiritually. "I have enough faith in God that if I should be struck by lightning, I know I would be with Jesus the next breath," he had said.

"Was it premonition or was it tempting fate?" Lora asked herself over and over. "Oh, why did he say it? Even if he was right to

go, we needed him so much."

Lora wondered how in the world they would ever carry on. Her mother was only 38 years old and left with nine children, the youngest six months old. But Mrs. Ritch had the same fighting spirit as her father, Hugh Harvey Davidson, a colonel in the civil war and sheriff of Cherokee County, North Carolina for 14 years. She became the breadwinner and manager, with all the attendant responsibilities. She continued to carry her children regularly to church, driving the three miles in a hack.

"I slipped into mother's role as housekeeper and she talked over many of her problems with me," said Lora. "We four girls had been taught early how to carry on farm work and Hugh could handle the machinery."

"Under Mother's guidance we went right along with the farming, though troubles came thick and fast. Papa had bought more tools and teams that summer, which were needed to cultivate the 640 acre lease, expecting to pay for them when the cotton crop was gathered. He also had bought a new wagon. There was so much rain in the fall, though, that boll weevils thrived and ate most of the cotton."

"One insurance policy had been dropped because the company was involved in a lawsuit, but with a

little insurance from Woodmen of the World, we managed to satisfy our creditors.

"May became ill and died a few months later. Then the baby developed a serious throat trouble that lasted for several years. But through it all, Mother never gave up. We continued to work hard and although I was unable to resume my education, Mother sent most of the other children to college."

Of the other three widows, Charlie Stamp's wife returned to her people in Kentucky. Mrs. A. W. Ashby remarried and was later killed in a car wreck. Mrs. S. J. Peterson remained on the farm for several years.

Lora later married Mr. Wiley Hinds, a ginner, and lived in Winters close to the scene of the tragedy that changed the course of her life. They resided on State Street where their two daughters grew up and finished high school.

Lora was later married to Mr. C. D. Coupland and lived on East Truett. Both were members of the First Baptist Church.

Lora was a member of the Dorcus Sunday School class and when she didn't appear at Sunday School, the members went looking for her. She was dead in her chair where she had been shelling peas that were still in her lap.

Industrious to the last.

## Courtney Sprinkle receives degree from Southwest Texas

Elizabeth Courtney Sprinkle, 22, graduated December 21, from Southwest Texas University in San Marcos. She received a Bachelor of Art degree in Interdisciplinary Studies and plans to teach school next fall.

Courtney is the daughter of Randall and Suzanne Sprinkle of San Antonio. She has two sisters Jennifer, 19, and Sarah Blake, 14, and a brother Brady, 14.

Attending the ceremonies were her paternal grandparents J. T. and LaJuan Sprinkle of Winters and maternal grandparents

Spurgeon Brooks Parks and Sarah Elizabeth Parks of Franklin, Louisiana, and formerly of Winters.

Nina B. Puckett, paternal great-grandmother of Winters, also attended the graduation along with other out of town relatives, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Drake of Houston; Elmer and Beverly (Sprinkle) Reed of Waller; and David and Gina Drake of Boerne.

Approximately fifty friends and relatives attended a graduation party hosted by Randall and Suzanne.

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**CAFETERIA MENU**  
Jan. 7 - 10  
Subject to change\*

**Breakfast**  
Monday-Jan. 6  
No School

Tuesday-Jan. 7  
Bisquits  
Sausage  
Orange Juice

Wednesday-Jan. 8  
Toast  
Sliced Ham  
Orange Juice

Thursday-Jan. 9  
Blueberry Muffins  
Cereal  
Apple Juice

Friday-Jan. 10  
Cinnamon Toast  
Cereal  
Apple Juice

**Lunch**  
Monday-Jan. 6  
No School

Tuesday-Jan. 7  
Chicken Nuggets  
Mashed Potatoes  
Green Beans  
Hot Roll  
Sliced Peaches

Wednesday-Jan. 8  
Taco/Meat/Cheese  
Taco Salad  
Red Beans  
Combread  
Mixed Fruit

Thursday-Jan. 9  
Turkey Roast/Gravy  
Mashed Potatoes  
June Peas  
Hot Roll  
Jello/Fruit

Friday-Jan. 10  
Hamburger on bun  
French Fries  
Lettuce/Pickles  
Cherry Cobbler

*Milk Served With All Meals*  
\*Due to commodities conditions served with meals.

## Pre-K and Kindergarten visit hospital

North Runnels Hospital hosted an open house for Pre-K and Kindergarten on Wednesday, December 18. The children toured the hospital, were served cookies and punch, and sang Christmas songs for the hospital staff and patients.

Prior to the visit, the children provided artwork that was displayed at the hospital. The artwork was judged and first, second and third place ribbons were awarded.

Mrs. Bryan's P.M. Pre-K:  
1st - Cindy Chavez  
2nd - Melanie Briley  
3rd - Danielle Pinkerton

Mrs. Bryan's A.M. Pre-K:  
1st - Ashley DeLaCruz  
2nd - Tana Gibbs  
3rd - Marcus Herrera

Mrs. Davis' Kindergarten:  
1st - Marie Perez  
2nd - Brendon Polston  
3rd - Jessica Barker

Mrs. Butler's Kindergarten:  
1st - Ryan Meyers  
2nd - Zach Kraatz  
3rd - Alexander Lara

Mrs. Tekell's Kindergarten:  
1st - Julie England  
2nd - Nicki Hubbard  
3rd - Ariel Diaz

# Blizzards



A SWEET PROJECT for this class of first graders was making gingerbread houses in the new elementary science lab. Creating masterpieces and eating almost as much as decorating were (from left) Susan Sneed, Cassi Mendoza and Dalton Frierson. A great, gooey time was enjoyed by all the students, teachers and parents who volunteered.

## Basketball Hoopla

Team: Varsity Girls Coach: Will Corley  
Opponent: Eldorado Date: December 20, 1996  
Place: Eldorado

POINTS SCORED EACH QUARTER						
	1	2	3	4	OT	FIN
WINTERS	6	21	28	15		54
OPPONENT	21	12	30	16		65

Free throws made: 9 of 12 for 75%

Player Name	Points	Rebounds	Steals	Assists
Cristin Corley	20	5	2	1
Jana Presley	7	4	2	1
Debbie Buzze	11	2	1	0
Karen Oats	6	6	2	3
Monica Parramore	7	INJURED		
Jana Presley	7	3	5	7
Noemi Vega	2	0	7	2
Heather Watkins	0	0	0	0

\*Denotes high point individual for Winters

Team: Varsity Girls Coach: Will Corley  
Opponent: Brooksmith Date: December 28, 1996  
Place: Coleman Tournament

POINTS SCORED EACH QUARTER						
	1	2	3	4	OT	FIN
WINTERS	18	14	22	15		69
OPPONENT	12	3	11	3		31

Free throws made: 14 of 25 for 56%

Player Name	Points	Rebounds	Steals	Assists
Cristin Corley	13	2	4	3
Jana Presley	27	7	5	3
Debbie Buzze	5	11	2	0
Karen Oats	5	10	5	1
Monica Parramore	6	6	1	1
Robyn Parramore	8	4	4	0
Jana Presley	8	4	4	0
Debbie Buzze	2	1	5	0
Heather Watkins	3	7	1	2

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Team: Varsity Boys Coach: Ed Henley  
Opponent: Memphis Date: December 21, 1996  
Place: Winters

POINTS SCORED EACH QUARTER						
	1	2	3	4	OT	FIN
WINTERS	17	24	30	13		84
OPPONENT	8	11	4	13		36

Free throws made: 13 of 28 for 46%

Player Name	Points	Rebounds	Steals	Assists
Dennis Conner	15	10	2	4
Adam Cruz	12	1	6	10
Angel Gallegos	0	10	2	1
Justin Minzenmayer	6	3	4	6
Bear Nisch	9	13	2	1
Oliver Ortiz	0	0	0	0
Michael Pritchard	0	0	7	5
Chris Soto	12	10	7	5
Abraham Vasquez	10	8	1	0
Corey Van Zandt	7	8	4	4
Kenny Whittemburg	12	7	6	5

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Team: Varsity Girls Coach: Will Corley  
Opponent: Sweetwater Date: December 27, 1996  
Place: Coleman Tournament

POINTS SCORED EACH QUARTER						
	1	2	3	4	OT	FIN
WINTERS	8	15	19	15		57
OPPONENT	11	11	9	10		41

Free throws made: 1 of 3 for 33%

Player Name	Points	Rebounds	Steals	Assists
Cristin Corley	6	3	7	6
Jana Presley	21	11	4	0
Jana Presley*	4	6	1	0
Debbie Buzze	4	5	2	3
Karen Oats	4	5	2	3
Monica Parramore	2	3	4	2
Robyn Parramore	2	INJURED		
Jana Presley	2	0	3	2
Debbie Buzze	0	0	1	0
Heather Watkins	6	3	1	2

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Team: Varsity Girls Coach: Will Corley  
Opponent: Brooksmith Date: December 28, 1996  
Place: Coleman Tournament

POINTS SCORED EACH QUARTER						
	1	2	3	4	OT	FIN
WINTERS	14	13	13	14		54
OPPONENT	14	13	13	14		54

Free throws made: 12 of 21 for 57%

Player Name	Points	Rebounds	Steals	Assists
Cristin Corley	28	10	6	0
Jana Presley	4	10	6	0
Debbie Buzze	1	6	1	0
Heather Watkins	1	9	1	2
Monica Parramore	2	3	4	1
Robyn Parramore	2	3	4	1
Jana Presley	10	5	2	1
Debbie Buzze	0	0	1	0
Heather Watkins	0	1	2	1

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Team: Varsity Boys Coach: Ed Henley  
Opponent: Memphis Date: December 27, 1996  
Place: Archer City Tournament

POINTS SCORED EACH QUARTER						
	1	2	3	4	OT	FIN
WINTERS	14	11	18	20		63
OPPONENT	17	12	15	12		56

Free throws made: 19 of 26 for 73%

Player Name	Points	Rebounds	Steals	Assists
Dennis Conner	6	10	1	2
Adam Cruz	9	3	5	2
Angel Gallegos	0	0	0	0
Justin Minzenmayer	4	0	0	4
Bear Nisch	13	10	3	1
Oliver Ortiz	0	0	0	0
Michael Pritchard	2	0	0	0
Chris Soto	9	4	7	5
Abraham Vasquez	2	0	2	0
Corey Van Zandt	20	6	2	9
Kenny Whittemburg	0	6	7	4
Lee Woolfenden	0	0	0	0
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Chip White	0	0	0	0
Tray Harris	0	0	0	0

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Team: Varsity Boys Coach: Ed Henley  
Opponent: Haskell Date: December 28, 1996  
Place: Archer City Tournament

POINTS SCORED EACH QUARTER						
	1	2	3	4	OT	FIN
WINTERS	11	19	6	11		47
OPPONENT	20	16	11	13		66

Free throws made: 9 of 11 for 81%

Player Name	Points	Rebounds	Steals	Assists
Dennis Conner	11	3	4	0
Adam Cruz	2	2	2	6
Angel Gallegos	0	0	0	0
Justin Minzenmayer	2	3	1	0
Bear Nisch	13	4	5	0
Oliver Ortiz	0	0	2	0
Michael Pritchard	0	0	2	0
Chris Soto	12	4	3	3
Abraham Vasquez	0	1	1	0
Corey Van Zandt	4	5	1	0
Kenny Whittemburg	3	8	6	9
Jeremy Alvarado	0	0	0	0
Lee Woolfenden	0	0	0	0
Chip White	0	0	0	0
Tray Harris	0	0	0	0

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Team: Varsity Girls Coach: Will Corley  
Opponent: Brownwood Date: December 27, 1996  
Place: Coleman Tournament

POINTS SCORED EACH QUARTER						
	1	2	3	4	OT	FIN
WINTERS	5	12	3	12		32
OPPONENT	17	18	15	12		62

Free throws made: 19 of 33 for 58%

Player Name	Points	Rebounds	Steals	Assists
Cristin Corley	7	2	7	2
Debbie Buzze	2	3	0	1
Heather Watkins	19	7	3	1
Robyn Parramore	INJURED			
Jana Presley	3	7	2	1
Debbie Buzze	2	0	1	1
Heather Watkins	0	1	2	2
Jana Presley	8	4	2	0
Heather Watkins	0	2	1	0

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Team: Varsity Boys Coach: Ed Henley  
Opponent: Archer City Date: December 27, 1996  
Place: Archer City Tournament

POINTS SCORED EACH QUARTER						
	1	2	3	4	OT	FIN
WINTERS	14	11	18	20		63
OPPONENT	17	12	15	12		56

Free throws made: 19 of 26 for 73%

Player Name	Points	Rebounds	Steals	Assists
Dennis Conner	6	10	1	2
Adam Cruz	9	3	5	2
Angel Gallegos	0	0	0	0
Justin Minzenmayer	4	0	0	4
Bear Nisch	13	10	3	1
Oliver Ortiz	0	0	0	0
Michael Pritchard	2	0	0	0
Chris Soto	9	4	7	5
Abraham Vasquez	2	0	2	0
Corey Van Zandt	20	6	2	9
Kenny Whittemburg	0	6	7	4
Lee Woolfenden	0	0	0	0
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Chip White	0	0	0	0
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In addition to providing a wealth of information to the public through its Internet home page (<http://www.sss.gov>), Selective Service has teamed with CompuServe to allow young men to initiate a registration on-line. The Agency's joint venture is with CompuServe's "All Things Military." A young man with computer access to CompuServe simply utilizes GO MILITARY and requests a registration form. Once the information is entered on-line, the information is forwarded to Selective Service for processing. Within 30 days, the new registrant receives a personalized registration card in the mail. After checking the information on the card, signing and dating it, the young man mails it back to SSS.

Young men must register within 30 days of turning 18 in accordance with Federal law. More than 35 million men have registered since 1980, however none has been drafted. The last draft ended in 1973. By having the names and addresses of men ages 18 through 25 on file in the Selective Service System database, America remains ready to face any threat in the future.

"Being able to offer an on-line means to help men register is just another way to further our goal of providing a wide range of military-related services to our CompuServe members," says Dan Meeks of CompuServe's "All Things Military." CompuServe Inc., connects more than five million home and business users in more than 185 countries.

For more information, contact Barbi Richardson 703-235-2053.

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## Junior livestock show Jan. 10 and 11

The annual Winters Junior Livestock Show will be held January 10 and 11 at the Ag Barn.

Activities on Friday begin at 9:00 a.m. when all animals must be in the barn and paperwork is checked.

A lunch of chili and baked potatoes with trimmings will be served at the concession stand on Friday.

The rabbit show begins at 2:00 p.m. followed by the market goat show and market lamb show.

Saturday's schedule kicks off at 8:00 a.m. A lunch of brisket, red beans, potato salad, homemade dessert and tea will be available.

General superintendent of the show is Dennis McBeth, assisted by Jim West. Rabbit superintendent is Denny Heathcott, assisted by Johnny Pritchard. Swine superintendent is Page Bishop, assisted by Gary Schwartz. Lamb and goat superintendent is Buddy Miller, assisted by Greg Donica. Cattle Superintendent is Bill Bredemeyer, assisted by Jack Burton. Penny Pritchard is in charge of the Little Britches Pig Show.

Anyone wanting detailed information may call Roy Shackelford at 754-4612 or Glen Hoppe, Jr. at 754-4123.

A complete schedule of activities and judges will be listed next week.





# making Goals in '96 - '97

## 1996-1997 Lady Blizzards



**Janet Guy**  
Coach **Will Corley**  
not pic: **Robyn Parramore**

**Karen Oats (front)**  
**Cristin Corley**  
**Desiree' Mathis**  
**Jana Presley**

**Noemi Vega**  
**Monica Parramore**  
**Jeanna Kozelsky**

### Brandy Gallaway named to Who's Who at CJC

Brandy Gallaway of Winters, has been included in the 1997 edition of Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges. She was one of forty students who have been selected as national outstanding campus leaders from Cisco Junior College.

Campus nominating committees and editors of the annual directory have included the names of these students based on their academic achievement, service to the community, leadership in extracurricular activities and potential for continued success.

They join an elite group of students from more than 1,800 institutions of higher learning in all 50 states, the District of Columbia and several foreign nations.

Outstanding students have been honored in the annual directory since it was first published in 1966.

### 4-H Club offering sewing classes

Winters 4-H Club is offering sewing classes with the help of Lori Smith, high school home-making teacher.

These sessions will be offered to any 4-Hers that are interested in learning to sew. The classes are scheduled for Tuesday nights as follows:

- Jan. 14 - Sewing Basics
- Jan. 21 - Making a pillow case
- Feb. 4 - Sewing Project
- Feb. 18 - Beginners Techniques beginning at 6:30 pm until 8:30 pm at the homemaking building.

For more information or to sign up, contact Jill Bredemeyer at 754-5707 or Melinda Hoppe at 754-4123.

### Basketball '97

#### Catch the Action

- Jan. 4-Ozona\*, T, 5:00 p.m., JVG, JVB, VG, VB
- Jan. 6-Veribest, T, 5:00 p.m., 7G, 7B, 8G, 8B
- Jan. 7-Forsan, H, 4:00 p.m., FB
- Jan. 7-Forsan\*, H, 5:00 p.m., JVG, JVB, VG, VB

- VG Varsity Girls VB Varsity Boys
- JVG Junior Varsity Girls JVB Junior Varsity Boys
- FB Freshmen Boys
- 8B 8th Boys 8G 8th Girls
- 7B 7th Boys 7G 7th Girls
- \*Denotes District Games

### Jr. Class meeting to be held Tues., January 7

A junior class meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 7, when classes resume. Plans and work schedule assignments for the hamburger supper will be decided. Tickets for the supper will also be handed out at this time.

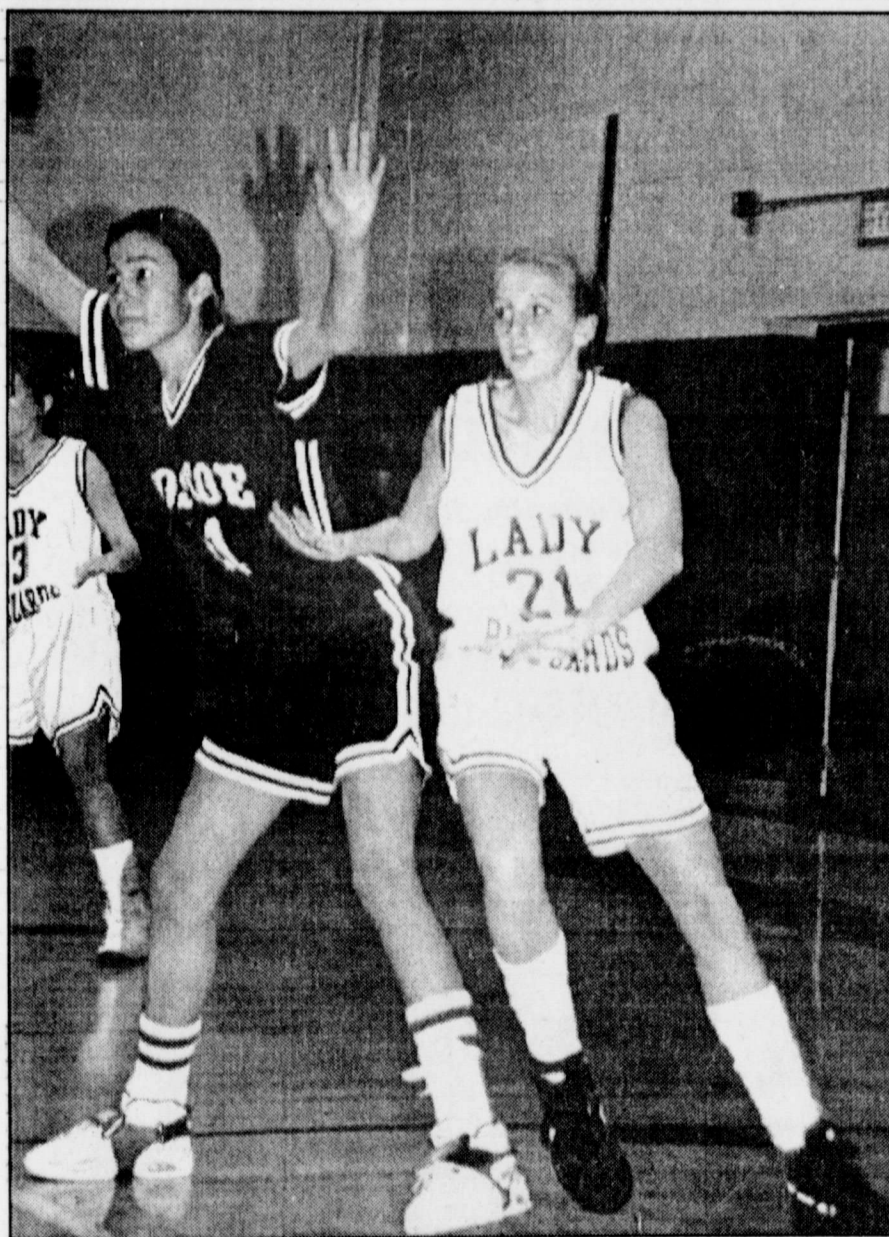
Junior class members need to remember to sell the Jr. Discount Cards during the holidays. All money and tickets must be turned in at the class meeting.

### Junior Class hamburger supper Friday-January 10

The Junior Class is sponsoring a Hamburger Supper, Friday, January 10, 1997 from 5:00 till 7:30 pm at the school cafeteria during the Wall basketball games. Tickets will sell for \$4.00.

The menu includes hamburgers, french fries, homemade dessert, and a drink.

Jr. discount cards will also be on sell for \$5.00. Proceeds go to Jr.-Sr. prom.



**KELLI SLIMP** of the JV Lady Blizzards breaks around the Roscoe defender.

### Help needed to get started on Project Graduation '97

The next meeting for Project Graduation '97 will be Thursday, January 9, at 6:30 p.m. in the WHS Media Center. All seniors' parents/guardians are urged to attend.

Committees are being formed and there must be more cooperation in order to have a successful event.

This is a very important night in the lives of the graduates. It will take the help of every available parent to make the party become a reality.

If you can bake a cake, drive a nail, run a saw, hold a paintbrush, draw a line, make phone calls, play games, etc., YOU are the ones who are needed.

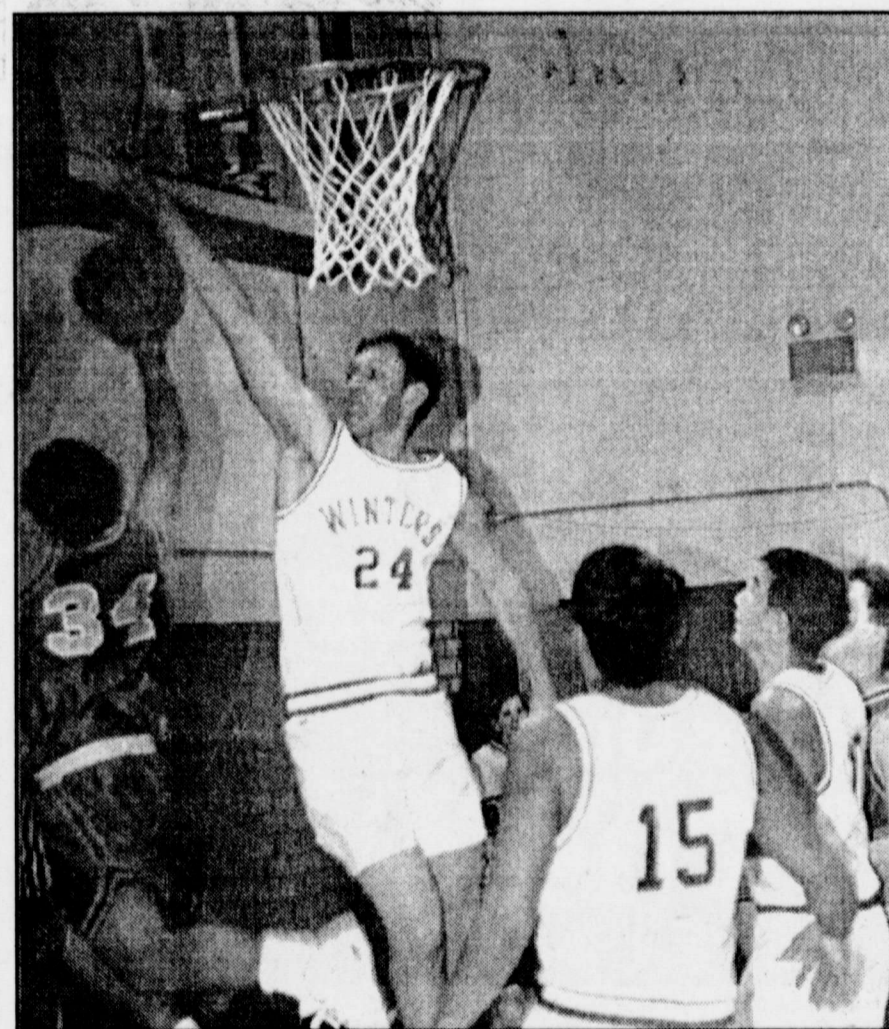
Please make every effort to be at the January meeting. Your kids depend on you.

### Michael Jones receives academic honors at WTC

Michael Jones of Winters has recently received academic honors at Western Texas College in Snyder.

Michael, son of Randy and Linda Jones, has been named to Who's Who Among American Junior Colleges. He is a pre-law major at WTC. He is also a member of Student Senate and serves on several committees.

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IN THE CLASSIFIEDS



**CORY VAN ZANDT #24** blocks the shot during varsity Blizzards action as teammates Abraham Vasquez #15 and Chris Soto look on.

### Keeping an eye on Texas

**Texas pizza facts**

The average Texan spends about \$57 a year on pizza.

The pizza capital of Texas is Killeen-Temple, with one of 10 restaurants serving pizza. Other top markets are El Paso, San Angelo, Wichita Falls, McAllen, Brazoria, and College Station.

2,360 retail pizzerias in Texas had annual sales of \$1 billion in 1994.

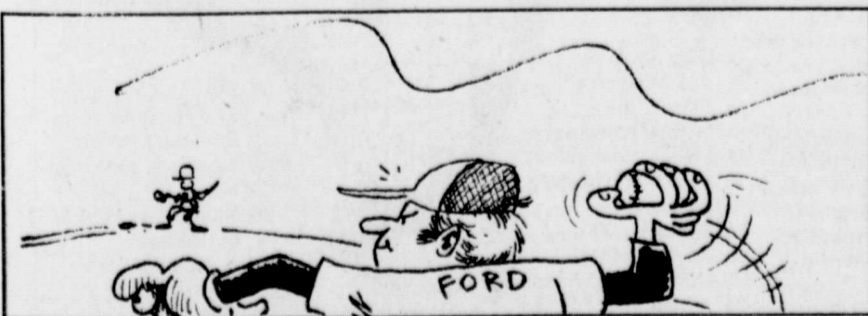
Half of all pizza orders occur from Friday to Sunday.

Each consumer eats pizza an average of two to three times a month.

The popularity of pizza decreases with consumer's age.

**Pizza by the acre**  
Americans eat 100 acres of pizza each day.

SOURCES: John Sharp, Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts, and Texas Restaurant Association.



The major league pitcher, Whitey Ford, had lost the fewest games—36—by the time he had won 100.



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## Rehab '97 Telethon and auction Scheduled for January 11

January 11, 1997. That's the date for West Texas Rehabilitation Center's primetime telethon, REHAB '97--the night Rehab puts its best foot forward and launches its yearly funding program, with lots of help from celebrity friends, volunteers, and viewers.

And January 11th is the date Winters/Wingate volunteers led by Rev. Jim Hanson will conduct the Winters/Wingate REHAB '97 phone bank at the St. John's Lutheran Church.

Residents are urged to call 754-4820 between 6 p.m. and 9 p.m. or go by the Education Unit at the church and leave their donation in person. Also, advance donations may be made to Hanson by calling 754-4704 after 5 p.m. or left at the church prior to the telethon.

Twelve state-wide television stations, including KLST-TV in San Angelo, will televise this 27th annual show which originates live from the Abilene Civic Center, beginning at 7 p.m. Headliners Lee Roy Parnell and Suzy Boggus will share the stage with Peter Marshall, Rex Allen, Rex Allen, Jr., Bill and Susan Hayes, Anacani, Arthur Duncan and Brad Maule.

Viewers of KLST-TV will be able to see the network stage show as well as local interviews and Concho Valley phone bank reports from WTRC-San Angelo hosted by Pat Attebery, local television host and WTRC board chairman.

For those in outlying areas with satellite receiving dishes, the event may be viewed on Galaxy IV, transponder 11.

Another popular segment of the telethon is the auction which features retail merchandise and hand-crafted items donated by businesses and individuals--ranging from saddles and sirloins to trips and treadmills. Major auction items and a toll-free bidding number will be publicized prior to showtime.

"As in the past, we certainly hope to top the \$1 million mark on REHAB '97 because it's going to take more than \$9 million next year for the Center to do its job of serving disabled children and adults," said Jim Pethis, WTRC president. "Approximately 15,000 people are counting on all of us, and with the help of supporters and volunteers, I'm confident we'll be successful on January 11 and all year long."

## Winters Squares plan crucial meeting Jan. 6

The Winters Squares square dancing club will have their first meeting of the new year on January 6, at 7 p.m. in the community center.

Members are urged to attend this important meeting to determine the future of the club.

*I have time to do it right-- I don't have time to do it over.*

It's good to hear Connie Gibbs is home recuperating nicely after his eye surgery in Abilene.

The Herbert Jacob family celebrated Herbert's birthday by eating a fish supper in Buffalo Gap during the week. Many more Happy Birthdays fellow!

Helen Alexander Christmas guests were Terry, Jerri, Dusty, Casey and Brandi Alexander of Tucson; Blue Alexander of Lubbock; S.K. Alexander of Beumont.

Josie and Bill Hoppe's family was all home for Christmas. Marian and Bob Gurian of San Marcus and daughter Gale of Colorado and Buddy Miller came in for the holidays.

If you failed to see the big full moon Christmas night, don't fret, you can see it again in 100 years.

Coming home to our house Christmas Eve and bringing goodies and dinner were grandson Jimmy, Brenda and Shannon Villers of San Angelo. They brought tamales and Mexican food. Christmas Day brought Harold, Peggy, Wendy and Nicklaus Lerbo of San Angelo and a friend Calvin.

Hildegard Asbury of San Angelo also brought Christmas ham and the trimmings. After games of cards came the exchanging of gifts.

Georgia and Connie Gibbs children all spent Christmas with them: Connie Mac and Jean Gibbs, Tammy, Haley and Mark Kaczyk, Kenny, Saffron, Lane and Tana Gibbs of Winters, Lynda and Travis of Rising Star, Nancy, Joy, Kyla and Donnie Gibbs of Menard.

Spending Christmas holidays with Adeline Grissom in Ballinger were Bill and Sharon Grissom of Colorado City, Phyllis, Von, Jeff and Jennifer Byrd of Abilene, Patsy and Rick Grissom of Winters, and Kathryn and Luke Grissom of Crews.

Juanita Shields had Jennifer and Dave of Houston and Vickie,

Gary, Jeannie and Kevin of Ducanville with her to celebrate on Dec. 28.

Last Sunday, Marvin and Melvena Gerhart families enjoyed being together in their home with the Mikeska family, Scott and Melissa Gerhart of Winters, Keith and Cathy of Abilene, and Wilmer and Sally Mae Gerhart of Winters.

Then on Christmas Day there were Roy, Mary, and Leslie Mints of Hardin, Tx, Scott and Melissa Gerhart and Cathy and Keith Gerhart.

On Saturday all the Gerhart families gathered in the home of Delbert Kruse.

Bernie and Brian Faubion visited Osborne, Gerhart and Faubion families Saturday evening.

Marque and Will Mathis were in Denton, Tx, several days with her mother, Mrs. Whaley.

Mrs. Marguerite Mathis spent Christmas Day with the Mathis family. They also celebrated Marguerite's 76th birthday in Abilene.

Leona, Charles and Roy Mathies spent Christmas Day with Pat and Abe Giles in Brownwood.

Frances Mincy and Doris Wood were in Sweetwater during the week and visited a friend in the hospital. They also visited Tuffy Seals in Winters.

Doris Woods family will be having their Christmas late, Sat. January 4, in her home.

Nila and Therin Osborne spent Christmas Eve in the home of Karen and Wesley McGallion. Then on Christmas Day Louise Osborne and Bernie Faubion of Abilene, C.J. Comet of Winters, Gene Faubion of California and Brian Faubion of Lubbock came by.

Those enjoying Christmas turkey dinner and exchanging gifts in the Noble Faubion home were Brian Faubion of Lubbock, Gene Faubion of California, Rodney and Vallie Faubion, Bradley Pape, Gladys Cotton of Ballinger, Walter Pape, and Carolyn, Melinda and Chad Kraatz.

Bernie and Brian Faubion came by a while Christmas Night.

With Ruth and Brad Pape Christmas were Ruth's sons Mike Craig of Dallas, David Craig and Lee Uckert of Houston and Brad's sister Mary Drummond of Winters. Ruth had several Christmas phone visits with daughter Debbie Hom of Kerns, Tx and Jack Craig of Dallas.

Mildred Morrison enjoyed an early Christmas dinner with 12 other ladies in the home of Judy Cooke.

Those coming Christmas Day to Mildred's were Arthur and Netha Kerby, Joe and Inez Kerby and daughter Vickie of Coleman, Roland and Sammie Kerby of San Antonio and their two girls, Larry, Mike and Susan Kerby and family.

Mary Esquivel and Elvelmira Ortiz of Winters came by and

brought tamales.

Bro. Ferris Akins and Ramona of Ballinger came Sunday and had lunch with Mavine, Bob and Sara Scott in Sweetwater.

Mildred Morrison spent Christmas also in Sweetwater with the Scott family.

Coleman Foreman spent Christmas with Lawan in the Winters Nursing Home.

Those enjoying fish and shrimp and the trimmings in the home of Mary and R.E. Kurtz Monday night were Randall and Janice Kurtz of Ballinger, Darrell, Sherri, Keegan, Camille and Catlin Kurtz and myself. Afterwards, there was exchanging of gifts from under the beautiful tree.

Jessie and Al Collom have enjoyed many relatives and friends during the holidays in their home.

Having dinner and exchanging gifts with Margie Jacob were Sheron and Jerry Engler of Brownwood, Elizabeth Engler of Neb., Bryce, Jodie, Justin Busenlehner, Kristen Ellis of Eden, Brenda Jacob, Beverly, Corey and Brad Van Zandt, and Carol, Mike, Scott, Kathryn and Jeanna Kozel-sky.

Brenda Jacob, Beverly and Brad Van Zandt, and Margie Jacob were in Abilene Thursday and saw a movie.

Friday evening, Margie Jacob, Carol and Mike, Sharon and Bryce attended the Coleman-Winters ball game where Jeanna played.

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**ACROSS**

- 1 Lubbock High won national contest in this subject (91)
- 5 this safety agency fined Phillips 66 for '89 Houston blast
- 6 TX Comanches got name from this tribe
- 7 this TX Johnny sang "I Can See Clearly..."
- 8 "shop \_\_\_ you drop"
- 9 "Dandy Don's" school
- 12 TXism: "between a rock and \_\_\_ place"
- 17 Deaf Smith Co. named for this TX hero
- 19 TXism: "dark as a \_\_\_ black cats"
- 21 routes around TX highway repairs
- 22 W.T. Waggoner's \_\_\_ claims largest contiguous TX ranch
- 23 Willie's instrument
- 28 NE of Victoria on 59 tall TX story
- 30 San Marcos hosts "Texas Water \_\_\_"
- 31 loop to catch cattle nonTexas scrap: \_\_\_ the Roses"
- 36 TX Bob Willis hit: "San \_\_\_"
- 42 Grand Prairie's \_\_\_ Wax"
- 44 TX Pride sang "All \_\_\_ to Offer You"
- 46 TXism: "\_\_\_ in cement" (permanent)
- 47 TX B.J. Thomas hit: "\_\_\_ Lonesome I Could Cry"

**DOWN**

- 14 Lady Bird's middle name
- 15 TXism: "the \_\_\_ McCoy" (genuine)
- 16 show a "heap of" love (farmer)
- 20 Santa \_\_\_ TX
- 23 TX Gale of "My Little Margie" (init.)
- 24 Arlington GM union
- 25 TXism: "\_\_\_ hog had wings, he'd be an eagle"
- 26 pickup bed cover meat for TX Sunday dinner (2 wds.)
- 32 TXism: "bat \_\_\_ eyelash" (blink)
- 33 "yes" on so. border
- 34 TXism: "\_\_\_ long" (goodbye)
- 36 this Carnegie gave funds for Dallas library in 1901 (init.)
- 37 astronaut Armstrong who spoke to Houston from moon
- 38 TXism: "a good man not \_\_\_ with"
- 39 where Texans land in Chicago
- 40 reduced prices at Neiman-Marcus
- 41 New Year's \_\_\_
- 43 TXism: "grabbin' \_\_\_ straws" (desperate)
- 45 initials of 17 across
- 48 can't learn by \_\_\_
- 49 horse \_\_\_
- 56 Texas City AM radio

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on being the City's financial institution. (Hassan was instructed by the council to put this up for bid). Letter from Scott Hay concerning the electricity at the proposed Wastewater Treatment Plant and the testing of water wells in the area of the new plant.

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## Official Records

### County Court

**December 9**  
Elmer Clayton Chapman, speeding - appealed from Winters City Court.

Guadalupe M. Lopez-Puente, Winters, filed for driving while intoxicated.

Mitchell G. Loyd, Alexander City, AL, filed for resisting arrest. Billy Cole Dubois, speeding, illegal use of radar detector - appealed from J.P. Court #1.

### December 11

Collin Reese Jones, Ballinger, filed for driving while intoxicated. Jim Henson, Winters, filed for theft of merchandise by check.

Cynthia Ramirez, Winters, filed for theft of merchandise by check. Beverly Pearson, Miles, filed for theft of cash by check.

Leo Manley, Jr., Ballinger, filed for theft of merchandise by check.

### December 12

Leon C. Dumas, Ballinger, filed for theft of cash by check. Phillip Boggess, Ballinger, filed for theft.

### December 16

Juan Flores, Norton, filed for driving while intoxicated. Beverly Ann Bruton, Breckenridge, filed for driving while intoxicated, subsequent offense.

### December 17

Ronald Eugene Burriss, Ballinger, filed for assault. Tonya Scott, Sweetwater, filed for theft of service by check.

### December 18

Johnny Wright, Winters, filed for cruelty to animals.

### December 20

Juan Manuel Mendez, Ballinger, filed for resisting arrest. Joaquin Mendez, Ballinger, filed for resisting arrest.

Aldo Ray Torres, Killeen, filed for driving while intoxicated.

### Civil Cases

**December 3**  
Olen Dale Tubbs vs. Texas Department of Public Safety - original petition for occupational drivers license - appealed from J.P. Court #1.

### December 17

Ex Parte: vs. Kevin Wayne Phillips - petition for occupational drivers license.

### Marriage Licenses

**December 16**  
Felipe Rivera Galvan, Jr. and Maria Alvida Perez Zamora.

### December 17

Mark Alan Gonzales and Laura Jean Nixon.

### District Court

**Divorces Filed**  
**December 17**  
Jacqueline A. Peters vs. Jerry G. Peters

### December 19

Mary Ellen Henderson and James Michael Henderson  
Corinna Lynn Pena vs. Michael Don Pena

### December 23

Shanna Dawn Wunias Garcia and Rene Garcia

### Divorces Granted

**December 2**  
William David Brown and Sheila Janet Brown

### December 5

Ronald Mark Walker and Kellie Elaine Walker

### Grand Jury

**December Indictments**  
Arnulfo Rios Rocha, driving while intoxicated.

Randy Dee Ashton, driving while intoxicated.

Leah Denise Smith a.k.a. Leah Denise Tiller, driving while intoxicated.

Tyrone Watkins and Larry Taylor a.k.a. David Wayne Gulden delivery of marijuana.

Ladeanna Kay Woodcock, two counts of forgery by passing.

Jerry Escobar Prendez, driving while intoxicated, escape.

Jason King, three counts of forgery by passing.

Neil Friesen, theft.

### J.P. Court #1

**Small Claims**  
**December 12**  
NAPA Auto Parts vs. Shayne Bilbrey-account.

NAPA Auto Parts vs. Henry Garcia-account.

### December 13

Mark B. Goetz, dba, MSG Operating vs. Wendell Chin, dba, J.T. Properties, contract labor expenses and supplies.

### December 18

The Ideal Food Store, Inc. vs. Bobby Clevenger - account

### Civil

**December 10**  
Nagel, dba Shoppin' Basket IGA vs. Nathan Lee Bentrup - issuance of a bad check-two counts.

David Ueckert, dba Ueckert's One Stop vs. Stephanie A. Bryan - theft by check.

David Ueckert, dba Ueckert's One Stop vs. Angelina C. Perez - theft by check.

### December 20

Joe Martinez vs. Marvin Traylor - forcible detainer.

Reynaldo Resendez, filed for hunting from public roadway.

Ricky J. Martinez, Jr., filed for hunting from a public roadway.

### Criminal

**December 16**  
Jerry James Carson, filed for indecency with a child by exposure.

### December 19

Jimmy Lee Carson, filed for retaliation.

### December 20

Ledeanna Kay Woodcock, filed for forgery by passing-two counts. Carrie Gardner, filed for forgery by passing-two counts.

Kim Spruill, filed for forgery by passing.

### December 22

Roland Travis Mitchell, filed for felony escape.

Ermon Wayne Fenwick, filed for felony escape.

Andre Neilon Clark, filed for felony escape.

### District Court

**December 13**  
Sandra Edwards vs. Elizabeth Luzano-damages.

### Divorces Filed

**December 12**  
Michael Lynn Belcher vs. Wendy Lee Avants Belcher

### December 13

Winnie Blackshear and James Blackshear

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## Local Ag lender pays rebate to area customers

SAN ANGELO—For the many area farmers, ranchers and agribusiness owners who do business with Texas Production Credit Association (PCA), the holiday mail will bring more than Christmas cards this season.

The agricultural lending cooperative will begin mailing interest rebate checks this week to customers in the 39 counties in which the PCA does business. The checks return approximately 7 to 9 percent of the interest the customer has paid on their loan(s) to the association this year.

While the size of each check will vary based on the individual customers' loan and interest rate, as an example, a customer who

paid \$20,000 in interest year to date through November 1996 may receive a cash rebate between \$1,500 and \$1,800.

"Despite holding the interest rate down to assist the member-customer through the drought and difficult cattle market this year, our association has had a very good year financially, with our earnings exceeding our projection," says President Terry Dane. "Being able to share our financial success with our member-customers is one of the unique benefits of doing business the co-op way."

"We recognize the tough times some have had in agriculture this year and hopefully this will help some. Also, this is just a small way for us to say thanks to the

many West Texas farmers and ranchers who turn to PCA for their agricultural financing needs," Dane adds.

Texas PCA is headquartered in San Angelo, with additional lending offices in El Paso, Marfa and Snyder.

## Runnels SWCD Windbreak Tree Program

A tree standing alone adds a certain aesthetic quality to rural living. But the systematic planting of trees in a windbreak becomes a management tool that effects every aspect of the farm or ranch.

Whether around a homestead, near cattle or bordering cropland, multiple row windbreaks act as a silent partner naturally protecting their investments. Windbreaks, in addition to reducing soil erosion, increase land value, crop yields and reduce livestock weight loss and mortality.

Seedlings to produce such a conservation tree planting are produced by TFS West Texas Nursery in Lubbock and available for ordering this fall through Runnels County Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD). The deadline to order is February 3, 1997 and the trees will arrive on February 13, 1997.

For a list of available trees, please call the office at 365-3415 or come by at 2000 Hutchins Ave. in Ballinger.

## Sales tax rebates see healthy increase

Runnels County's sale tax payment for December was up a whopping 47.13 percent over the same period last year, with the county receiving \$20,109.95 compared to \$13,668.01 last year. For the year to date, receipts are down 1.09 percent from last year with payments totaling \$286,773.05 in 1996 and \$289,952.59 in 1995.

The City of Winters received \$11,695.34 this year compared to \$11,565.72 for the month of December in 1995, an increase of 1.12%. Payments for the year to date are up 1.53% with Winters receiving \$149,194.65 in 1996 compared to \$146,938.12 in 1995.

The City of Ballinger received an even greater percentage increase for the month's payment—201.92%. The city received \$35,703.63 compared to \$11,825.51 last year in December. For the year to date, sales tax receipts are only up .69%, with

the city receiving \$589,963.12 this year compared to \$585,862.70 for the period to date in 1995.

The City of Miles received a December payment of \$1,383.20 compared to \$905.95 the same month last year, an increase of 52.67%. For the year, Miles is 1.75% ahead, receiving \$17,442.71 this year and \$17,142.35 last year.

The sales tax paid to the cities and counties this month are for sales taxes collected by monthly filers in October and reported to Comptroller John Sharp in November. For the state, Sharp said, "total city and county sales tax rebates for calendar year 1996 are 9.2 percent higher than total rebates for 1995, as the Texas economy continues its healthy upward trend."

The Comptroller's next sales tax allocation is scheduled for Friday, January 10, 1997.

## Ryan and Murcer to attend Justin Benefit Hunt

SWEETWATER—Former major league baseball stars Nolan Ryan and Bobby Murcer are scheduled to attend the fifth annual Justin Celebrity Quail Hunt at Red Bluff Hunting Camp near here Friday and Saturday, January 17-18, 1997.

The hunt, which benefits intercollegiate baseball at Abilene Christian University, will include about 30 paid hunters in a two day hunt in Nolan and Fisher Counties in west Texas.

The announcement of commitments by Ryan and Murcer to attend the hunt was made by Stan Lambert, ACU director of athletics, and Rick Rhodes of Sweetwater, chairman of the organizing committee.

They also said several members of the 1996 American League west division champion Texas Rangers are expected to participate.

Ryan pitched for the New York Mets and Houston Astros in the National League and California Angels and Texas Rangers in the American League. The Alvin, Texas resident set major league records with seven no-hitters and 5,714 strikeouts during a 27-year career which ended in 1993 with Texas.

He won 324 games and ranks second in games started (773) and fifth in innings pitched (5,387) on the all-time career lists. He pitched on one World Series and five all-star games.

Ryan also pitched 12 one-hit-

ter and 19 two-hitters. He was a teammate of Bill Gilbreth, former ACU pitcher and coach, with the Angels in 1974. Only one professional athlete (hockey's Gordie Howe with 32) played more seasons than Ryan.

Murcer played 17 seasons in the major leagues with the Yankees, Giants, and Cubs. A three-time all-star, he hit .277 with 252 homers and 1,043 RBIs. He played in two AL championship series and one World Series and led the AL in runs in 1972 with 102. In 1970 he tied a major league record with homers in four consecutive at-bats.

Murcer played at the University of Oklahoma before spending most of his career as the starting centerfielder for the New York Yankees. He threw out the first pitch at ACU's Scott Field in a game in 1991 in the new stadium's inaugural season. An endowed scholarship fund honoring Murcer, now a Yankee broadcaster, was established at ACU in 1994.

The hunters will each donate \$1,000 to benefit ACU baseball. Rhodes said several hunters have already made reservations for the 1997 Justin Celebrity Quail Hunt, and the fifth annual hunt is expected to "sell out" quicker than any of the first four. For more information, interested people may write Justin Celebrity Quail Hunt, Box 27916, Abilene, TX 79699, or call (915) 674-2323.

## Extension News & Views by Mike Mauldin Runnels County Extension Agent-Ag

### CRP Decision Time Symposium scheduled for January 22

For the past 8-10 years, over 67,000 acres of land in Runnels County classified as highly erodible has been enrolled in the Conservation Reserve Program - CRP administered by the USDA. Much of that land will be coming out of contract in the fall of 1997 and contact holders will be faced with extremely important decisions as to the future of those acres.

In an effort to educate and assist those landowners, a symposium entitled CRP Decision Time has been scheduled for Wednesday, January 22, 1997, and will be a joint effort between the Runnels and Nolan County Extension Offices of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

The symposium will be held at the Shed Restaurant in Wingate, Texas beginning at 9:00 a.m. Numerous speakers will be available for educational information and a special presentation will be made by Dr. Anthony Juo of Texas A & M University on "Land Use In Civilization - A Historical Perspective".

Participants will receive information and educational material on: USDA news, history, current situation and future of CRP; conversion of CRP land to annual crop production; an economic overview and cost analysis of returning to crop land; long range weather forecast; brush encroachment on CRP land; Cattle response to grazing CRP land; wild-

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