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Winters, Texas

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Winters trio arrested on three burglary charges

Three Winters residents have been arrested for three counts of burglary of a building in connection with the theft of property belonging to Melvin Ray Williams of Winters.

Robert (Bobby) Kelly and Tammy Drake were arrested January 27 by members of the Runnels County Sheriff's office. The couple was taken to Runnels County jail in Ballinger where they posted bail and were released.

On February 7, Bruce Thompson was arrested on the same charges and was taken to Runnels County jail where he remained as of February 10.

The three individuals are owners and operators of K&T Antiques of Winters.

The charges stem from three incidents of burglary of a house and barn located about five miles northwest of Winters on highway 2405. The buildings, belonging to Williams, contained numerous antiques, including large pieces of furniture and many boxes of small items.

Williams discovered the first break-in over Thanksgiving weekend of 1996, when he noticed extensive damage to some large barn doors. Upon investigating, he discovered that numerous antiques and items had been taken from his

property.

Authorities believe that two more burglaries occurred at the same location.

A break in the case came only about four weeks ago when Williams and his wife were traveling through Comanche and passed an antique store. The Williamses found several items they identified as belonging to them. They asked the store owner where she bought them and she gave them a phone number that she believed to be from San Angelo. Williams recognized the number as a Winters exchange and contacted the authorities.

The Comanche dealer returned the antiques and gave Williams the name and address of persons who had already bought two items. One antique had been bought by a person in Florida, who gladly returned it. The other item was sold to a resident of Kerrville and plans are underway for its return.

Williams reports that several antiques are still missing. He had offered a \$1,000 reward for the return of all his merchandise in the same condition as when it was stolen.

The case is under investigation by the Winters Police Department and the Runnels County Sheriff's Office.



BETTY AND HOLLIS DEAN stand in front of part of the original house built on land that has been in their family since 1890. The Dean farm was inducted into the honor roll of the Texas Family Land Heritage during ceremonies in Austin on January 24.

Dean farm inducted into Texas Family Land Heritage program

Hollis and Betty Dean of Wingate were among an elite group of farmers and ranchers recognized in recent ceremonies at the 1996 Texas Family Land Heritage program.

The induction, held in Austin on January 24, 1997, featured Rick Perry, Commissioner with the Texas Department of Agriculture.

In a written statement Mr. Perry said, "Your ancestors dreamed of owning land and creating a better life for their children. They survived the frontier with courage, fortitude and ingenuity, and you are living proof they succeeded."

He continued, "Agriculture is the only industry that can feed, clothe, shelter and heal a growing world population. Your ancestors laid a solid foundation for this diversified industry."

The Dean Farm is located approximately one mile northwest of Wingate in Runnels County.

The land, which originally included 172 acres, was purchased for 25¢ an acre by John Wesley Gannaway in 1890. Mr. Gannaway was the grandfather of Hollis Dean, who still resides on the homeplace.

Gannaway and his wife Margaret Emily built a small house on the property. The exact date the house was built is unknown but Hollis' mother, Nina Lorena (Lola), was born in the house in 1892. Part of the house was used by the family as bedrooms and about a hundred feet south was a half dug-out used for cooking and eating. Later the house was expanded to seven rooms. Large porches surrounded the house on

all sides except the south end.

Lola married Roland Ray Dean in 1908 and they bought the land in 1922. The last five of their nine children were born in the same room where their mother was born. John Hollis was the youngest child.

Lola Dean increased the Dean acreage when she bought an additional thirty acres to the south of the original homestead.

Hollis married Betty Sue Burleson in 1952. They have lived on the old home place all their married lives except for about two years when "oil patch" work took them to Abilene, Big Lake, Ballinger and Brownfield.

Hollis and Betty raised four children on the farm and eventually purchased the property in

See DEAN FARM, pg. 8

Winters Young Farmers chapter to celebrate 25th anniversary

The Winters Young Farmer Chapter will celebrate its 25th anniversary with a barbecue supper at The Shed on Monday, February 17, 1997, at 7:00 p.m. All members, former members, and friends are invited to attend.

The cost of the meal is \$10 per person and reservations need to be made by calling 754-5373.

Young Farmer Chapters are organized in conjunction with the local school district to provide a means of continuing education to the agricultural community.

The Winters Chapter was organized in early 1972 and chartered December 7, 1972, by the State Association. Mike Mitchell was the first president. Scotty Belew was vice president. Ronald Presley was secretary. Allen Drake was treasurer, and F.O. Deike was reporter. Stanley Blackwell and Charles Allcom were the first advisors.

The Winters Chapter has been very active over the years in the State Association. Scotty Belew served as state president in the State Association. Scotty Belew served as state president in 1982-1983. Michael Deike and Dale Duggan have both served as state vice president. Gary Jacob was a state finalist for Star Young Farmer in 1986.

The Winters Young Farmers have been active in community activities and have worked closely with FFA and 4-H. The chapter sponsored an annual Cowboy Christmas Ball for several years, agricultural tours of Texas, annual fishing trips, and numerous educational programs and seminars.

The Winters Young Farmers gives an annual scholarship to a Winters High School senior.

The chapter has also donated to numerous community improvement projects and has helped several farm families during times of hardship.

WHS seniors win over \$3500 at Small Schools Academic Challenge

Winters High School won the Small Schools Academic Challenge at Coleman on Sunday, February 9.

The team winning first place consisted of Brent Jacob, Tony Walden, and T.J. Meyer. T.J. was the high point individual for the team, answering 16 out of 20 questions.

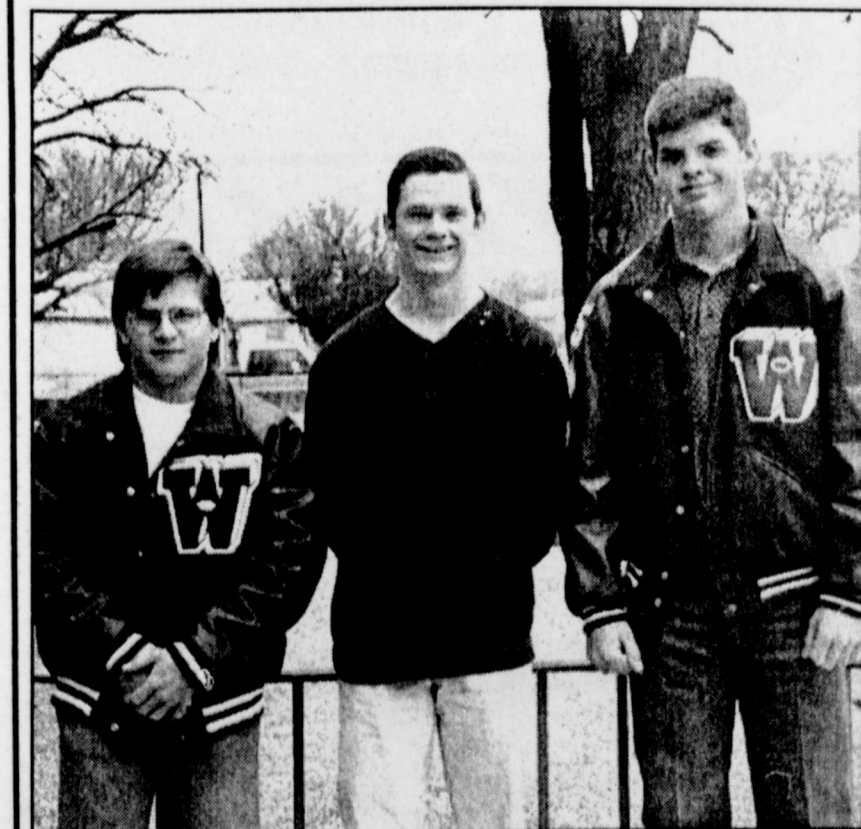
The team will share a total of \$2,676 in scholarships, with each receiving \$892.

WHS's other winning team, which placed fifth, consisted of Austin Jobe, Chris McCaslin, and Jonathan Gann. Austin Jobe was the high point individual for the team. He answered 13 of 20 questions. This team won a total of \$892 in scholarships. Each member will receive \$297.33.

Another WHS team, consisting of Jaime Bahlman, Kyle Loudermilk, and Christy Calcote, finished in sixth place.

"We are extremely proud of all three teams," said Winters High School Principal Charles Kidwell. "They represented their school and community very well."

The two teams that won scholarships will participate in the State Small Schools Competition on April 6 at Howard Payne University in Brownwood.



SMART SENIORS earning top scholarship money at the Small Schools Academic Challenge are (from left) T. J. Meyer, Tony Walden and Brent Jacob. (see other winners, pg. 5)

City Council appoints Virginia Skaggs as new Municipal Judge

By unanimous vote, the Winters City Council voted Monday night to hire former policewoman Virginia Skaggs as the new Municipal Judge.

Alderman Nelan Bahlman spoke before the council and Ms. Skaggs to remind Ms. Skaggs that she should be careful to be impartial and fair, in light of her past employment with the Winters Police Department. Bahlman emphasized the importance of keeping a positive balance of enforcing the law and serving justice, keeping a good working relationship between the police department and the municipal court.

Ms. Skaggs joined the Winters Police Department in August 1990 and became sergeant in February, 1995. She retired from the department January 31, 1997, for health reasons.

Judge Skaggs will begin her official duties next week, with the following conditions stipulated by the Council:

a) a 90-day probation period will be in force.

b) City Attorney Kenneth Slimp and City Manager Aref Hassan will draw up a compre-

hensive agreement, including terms and conditions of employment.

c) the Municipal Judge should work approximately 16 hours per week; more, if necessary.

d) compensation will be \$484 per month with no other employee benefits.

No decision was made by the council regarding hiring a meter reader.

In other agenda subjects, Hassan reported to the council that Winters had received approval of an Urgent Need Fund Grant for \$150,000 for upgrading the wastewater system. Earlier, \$250,000 was approved for the project by the Texas Community Development Block Grant Program, which now gives Winters a total of \$400,000 for sewer system improvements.

Hassan stated this money is the largest grant that Winters has ever received for capital improvements. Previously, the largest sum obtained was \$350,000 Urgent Need Funds for the lake dam enhancements.

Hassan also reported on the first joint meeting of city councils

from Miles, Ballinger and Winters, along with Runnels County Commissioners held in Ballinger on January 28. Hassan and Alder-

man Bahlman attended from Winters.

Mr. Brad Eggemeyer addressed

See COUNCIL, pg. 6

WHAT'S HAPPENING ?

- Feb. 13-10 a.m.-5 p.m., Farm & Ranch Show, Taylor County Fairgrounds
- 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Valentine Luncheon, Rock Hotel
- 2 p.m., Diabetic Support Group, First Baptist Church, Winters
- 6-8:30 p.m., GED Classes, WHS
- Feb. 14-11:30 a.m., Senior Citizens Meal
- VALENTINE'S DAY
- Feb. 15-5:30-7:30 p.m., Norton Lions Club Chili Supper
- Feb. 17-11:30 a.m., Senior Citizens Meal
- 5:30 p.m., Runnels Baptist Association, First Baptist Church, Bronte
- Youth Basketball League Begins
- PRESIDENT'S DAY
- Feb. 18-Noon, Lions Club
- 6-8:30 p.m., GED Classes, WHS
- 7 p.m., WVFD
- 6:30 p.m., Meal & Visit by Order of Eastern Star Deputy Grand Matron, Wingate Lodge
- 7:30 p.m., Eastern Star, Wingate Lodge
- Women's Service League
- Feb. 19-7:30 a.m., Subsurface Drip Irrigation Seminar, St. Ambrose Hall, Wall
- 10 a.m.-Noon, Free Blood Pressure Check, Sr. Citizens Center
- 11:30 a.m., Senior Citizens Meal
- WIC, Winters Housing Authority
- Feb. 20-6-8:30 p.m., GED Classes, WHS
- 7:30 p.m., Winters Squares, Community Center
- Literary & Service Club, Pendergrass Home

Oil Bidness

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In case any of us has forgotten the impact of the oil and gas business here at home, let's talk about the effect of a \$ 4.00 per barrel increase in price in the last twelve months.

Many of you reading this live in a county that produces at least 5,000 barrels of oil per day. That is about 150,000 barrels of oil per month.

The incremental impact to your county is \$600,000 a month, every month. Of that, about 60 percent is spent, in some way, on expenses that are local to the production—maybe on supplies, or on fuel, or food, or whatever.

Imagine if some big spender came to town every month and dropped that amount in local stores. For many towns where oil is produced, that would be 25 percent of all monthly sales. And, remember, that is only the increment.

Just consider what the other \$20 per barrel does for the local economy. Multiply the above by 5!

If prices stay up, small towns (and large ones, too) will remember what power the oil and gas business can have in our economy.

If the oil price (and gas price) increase stays moderate, as it has so far, then it will be healthier for all. Oil and gas producers won't get careless and big-headed, consumers won't get caught in the middle, and the economy can benefit from additional cashflow from outside the local communities.

That last phrase is key. Most of the additional income from increased oil and gas prices comes from outside of the local community. Consumers in big cities and out-of-state are paying higher prices for energy. And, the money trickles down to the communities where oil and gas production originates.

Sure, some goes back out to the investors and big companies who own the production. But, a majority (the "60%" mentioned above) stays in the local community. And, some of that money going out will come back as investment in new drilling and other activity.

Optimism breeds optimism. Those of us that continue to blame the "economy" for slow sales can't blame the oil business anymore.

HIGHLIGHTS OF AREA DRILLING ACTIVITY

COMPLETIONS

Coleman County

DelRay Oil has completed the R. Brookshire -A- #2 as a Wildcat, 4 miles SE of Talpa at an initial rate of 30 BOPD & 32 BWPD in the Gunsight (perms 2282-88). Loc. is 1025 FNL & 2433 FEL of ETRR Sur. No. 107, A-173.

STAKINGS

Concho County

S.C. Atchley has staked the A. Spiser

#1 as a Wildcat, 3 miles SW of Eden (Depth 2500). Loc. is 2250 FSL & 2180 FEL of T&NO Sur. No. 72.

W.R. Guffey has staked the Sorrell #2 in the Lonesome Dove II Field, 7 miles SW of Eden (Depth 2300). Loc. is 970 FNL & 660 FNL of L.C. Smith Sur. No. 9, A-1477.

Tri-Dyne Resources has staked the B. Sims #1A in the Fuzzy Creek Field, 3 miles E of Paint Rock (Depth 3600). Loc. is 217 FEL & 936 FSL of H. Schumacher Sur. No. 310, A-737.

Nolan County

Baytech has applied to re-enter the Sheattel-21-#1 as a Wildcat, 7 miles NW of Roscoe (Depth 8200). Loc. is 1975 FNL & 648 FEL of Sec. 21, Blk. 24, T&PRR Sur.

Brothers Operating has staked the Lake Trammel Unit #106 in the West Lake Trammel Field, 6 miles SW of Sweetwater (Depth 5500). Loc. is 259 FSL & 2156 FEL of Sec. 80, Blk. 22, T&PRR Sur.

Enrich Oil has staked the Stewman Ranch -B- #14 in the Big Silver Field, 5 miles SW of Maryneal (Depth 7500). Loc. is 1200 FSL & 2350 FEL of Sec. 97, Blk. 1A, H&TC Sur., A-58.

W.R. Guffey has staked the Bradford #1 in the West Lake Trammel Field, 6 miles SW of Sweetwater (Depth 5400). Loc. is 330 FNL & 1979 FNL of Sec. 81, Blk. 22, T&PRR Sur., A-295.

Pioneer Exploration has applied to deepen the R. R. Petty #3 in the E.A. Field, 3 miles SW of Nolan (Depth 5073). Loc. is 2067 FNL & 1300 FEL of Sec. 6, Blk. Z, T&PRR Sur., A-1066.

Runnels County

Austral Oil has staked the Brookshire #1-A in the McLarty Field, 6 miles NE of Ballinger (Depth 4000). Loc. is 2200 FSL & 1600 FNL of Sec. 141, ETRR Sur., A-156.

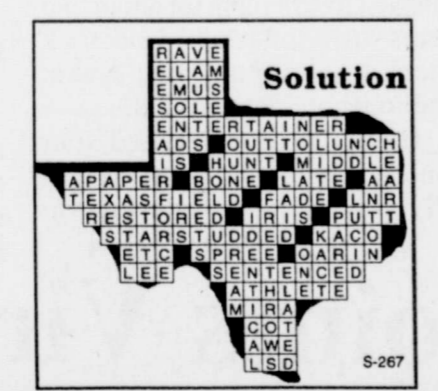
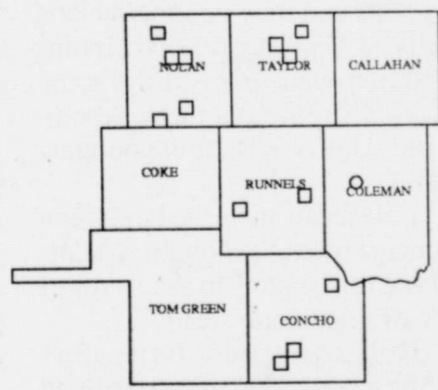
Ladd Operating has staked the Schaefer #1 in the South Rowena Field, 2 miles SW of Rowena (Depth 4800). Loc. is 790 FEL of 1593 FSL of D. Cooper Sur. No. 166-1/4, A-82.

Taylor County

R. Guffey has staked the Ledbetter #2 in the East Inkum Field, 4 miles SW of View (Depth 3000). Loc. is 2890 FNL & 720 FEL of Lge. 143, Goliad CSL Sur., A-85.

Jack Neal Engineering has staked the G. Nelson #1 in the Ohlhausen Field, 2 miles W of Buffalo Gap (Depth 2650). Loc. is 1692 FNL & 547 FEL of J. Mann Sur.

Schkade Brothers Operating has staked the Hughes #3 in the C. Worsham Catclaw Field, in the city of Abilene (Depth 2200). Loc. is 768 FSL & 370 FEL of Lot 5, Steffens Subd. No. 85, J.R. Shipman Sur.



Norton Lions Chili Supper is this Saturday

The Norton Lions Club will host its annual Chili Supper on Saturday, February 15, from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at the Norton Community Center.

Price is \$3.00 per person for all you can eat. Dessert is an additional charge.

Proceeds will be used for upkeep of the Norton Community Center.

Deputy Grand Matron O.E.S. to visit chapter

Anna Lewis, Deputy Grand Matron, District V, Section I, Order of Eastern Star, will make her official visit to the Winters Chapter #80 O.E.S. Tuesday night February 18, 1997.

A covered dish meal will be served at the Wingate Masonic Lodge at 6:30 p.m., followed by the stated meeting at 7:30 p.m.

All members are urged to be present.

Card of Thanks

We would like to thank everyone for their phone calls, cards, visits, and prayers during my stay in the hospital.

Winters is really a great place to live. Please keep me and my family in your prayers in the days to come. I'll be back out there pretty soon. I miss seeing everyone.

Thanks so much.
Your friends,
Dawson & Pat & children

Diabetic support group to form

North Runnels Hospital will host an organizational meeting for a Diabetic Support Group on Thursday, February 13, 1997. The meeting will begin at 2:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall of First Baptist Church, Winters.

Pat Segelhorst, R.N., a certified diabetes educator will be the speaker. Topics will include basic information on diabetes and its complications. The group will also take steps toward forming a diabetes support group for the Winters area.

There is no charge for this meeting and anyone with diabetes or who is interested in diabetes care is invited to attend.

For more information, please contact Lou Wright at North Runnels Hospital, 754-4553.

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Sr. Citizens Nursing Home News

We celebrated Groundhog Day on February 1 by hiding groundhog pictures all around the nursing home and letting the residents hunt them. The one with the most pictures won a prize.

Friday, February 14, we will name the winner of the King-Queen contest when we crown a lucky man and woman.

The Bradshaw Baptist Church members will be hosting the birthday party for February next Thursday, February 20. The honorees are Edna Parramore, Frank Collins, and Odella Coalson.

Mayme Little is a resident here at this time. She is in room 125.

Our sympathy is extended to the families of Corra Petrie, Cordie Adams, and Ethel Taylor.

Card of Thanks

A special "Thank You" to all the parents and students that made time to bake for the Jr. Class Parent Bake Sale at Wal-Mart. Your response and generous donations were greatly appreciated.

Thanks also to all who volunteered and worked. Your enthusiasm and interest made the day a great success.

WHS Junior Class Parents

Card of Thanks

We would like to thank everyone for the food, flowers, cards, calls, visits, and prayers at the loss of our loved one, Vurnell Grant.

A special thanks to the members of First Baptist Church, Winters, for preparing such a delicious meal; to Mike and Linda at the Winters Funeral Home for their concern; and to Reverend Gehrels for his beautiful service.

Many thanks to Dr. Lee and the staff of North Runnels Hospital, Dr. McCain and the staff of Abilene Regional Medical Center for their care.

The family of Vurnell Grant

Card of Thanks

LB and I want to say thank you to all that have been so kind, caring, and helping during our sickness.

Thanks for the prayers, calls, visits, prayer grams, food, and so many ways of kindness shown us.

We thank our church family and neighbors for so much help and even the offers of help. Thanks for all the good food that helped us regain our health.

Thanks to the nurses that have cared for us. You all have been a blessing to us.

LB & Mary Watkins

Card of Thanks

We would like to thank the staff at Senior Citizens Nursing Home, the nurses at North Runnels Home Health, friends, and relatives who were so kind and helpful to Ethel Taylor.

Thank you also for the cards, flowers, calls, and thoughtfulness shown at our loss.

Many thanks to Mike and Linda at Winters Funeral Home for the beautiful service.

Buford and Athel Pennington

Obituaries

Corra Mae Petrie

CREWS—Corra Mae Petrie, 94, died Monday morning, February 3, 1997, in the Senior Citizens Nursing Home in Winters. She was born March 2, 1902, in Burnett County and came to the Crews community as a small child. She graduated from Ballinger High School and attended Tyler Business School. She married M.R. "Pete" Petrie on June 2, 1925, in Crews.

Mrs. Petrie worked as a bookkeeper for several years. She was a member of the Ballinger Home Demonstration Club and the Friendly Ladies Class. She served on the executive board of First United Methodist Church of Winters where she was a member. She also taught Ladies Bible Class.

She was preceded in death by her husband in 1968.

Survivors include two daughters, Patricia Hambright of Winters and Neysa Sommerville of San Antonio; four grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Services were held at 2:00 p.m. Wednesday at First United Methodist Church, Winters, with Reverend Jeff May officiating. Burial was in the Crews Cemetery, directed by Winters Funeral Home.

Pallbearers were Keith Collom, Jim Matthews, Benny Hambright, Johnny Johnson, James Brown, and Dr. B.F. Tatum.

Memorials may be made to the First United Methodist Church.

Paul Lopez Jalomo Sr.

BALLINGER—Paul Lopez Jalomo Sr., 72, died at 12:38 p.m. Wednesday, February 5, 1997, at Ballinger Memorial Hospital.

He was born November 21, 1924, in Sabinal, Texas, to Ramon and Sara Lopez Jalomo. He married Dora Gomez on December 7, 1942, in Lubbock.

Mr. Jalomo was a supervisor for Southern Pacific Railroad where he was employed for 36 years. He served in the Texas National Guard.

Survivors include eight sons, Daniel Jalomo, David Jalomo, Paul Jalomo Jr., Richard Jalomo, Robert Jaloma, and Rinaldo Jalomo, all of Ballinger, and Noe and Rudy Jalomo of Fort Worth; three daughters, Dora Martinez of Midwest City, Oklahoma, Ophelia Martinez and Sylvia Ramos, both of Ballinger; one brother, Juan Jalomo of San Antonio; one sister, Manuela Salas of Phoenix, Arizona; 42 grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren.

Rosary was at 6:00 p.m. Friday, February 7, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Ballinger. Funeral mass was at 10:00 a.m. Saturday, February 8, at St. Mary's Catholic Church with Father Hubert Wade officiating. Burial was in the Garden of Memories, Ballinger, directed by Rains-Seale Funeral Home.

Liddie McFarland

BALLINGER—Liddie McFarland, 86, died at 11:54 a.m. Friday, February 7, 1997, at Heritage Oaks Estate in Ballinger.

She was born June 10, 1910, in Concho County, Texas, to Joseph and Rosalie Mikeska.

Mrs. McFarland was a cook at the Broadway Cafe.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Odie McFarland, in 1951, and two daughters, Thelma Severs and Joyce Parks.

Survivors include one daughter, Lola Aaron of Lubbock; eight grandchildren; sixteen great-grandchildren; and eight great-great-grandchildren.

Visitation was from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m. Sunday, February 9, at Rains-Seale Funeral Home. Graveside services were held at 11:00 a.m. Monday, February 10, at Eola Cemetery in Eola with Reverend Terrance W. Bradshaw officiating. Burial was directed by Rains-Seale Funeral Home, Ballinger.

Letter to the Editor

Open letter to the City and County

In re "City and County first-ever joint session," I am interested in the paragraph in the article suggesting a future discussion regarding combining law enforcement county-wide.

This possible future discussion would affect all of us tremendously, and I am most interested in the advantages and disadvantages from the County's point of view and from the City's point of view.

How would this work, and in what ways are the citizens better off, or worse off? How would the various law enforcement departments be affected, both negatively and positively?

What are the comparisons of cost and efficiency? Do we have these facts before we know whether or not we disagree with any future attempt to discuss combining law enforcement county-wide?

Jean Lafair

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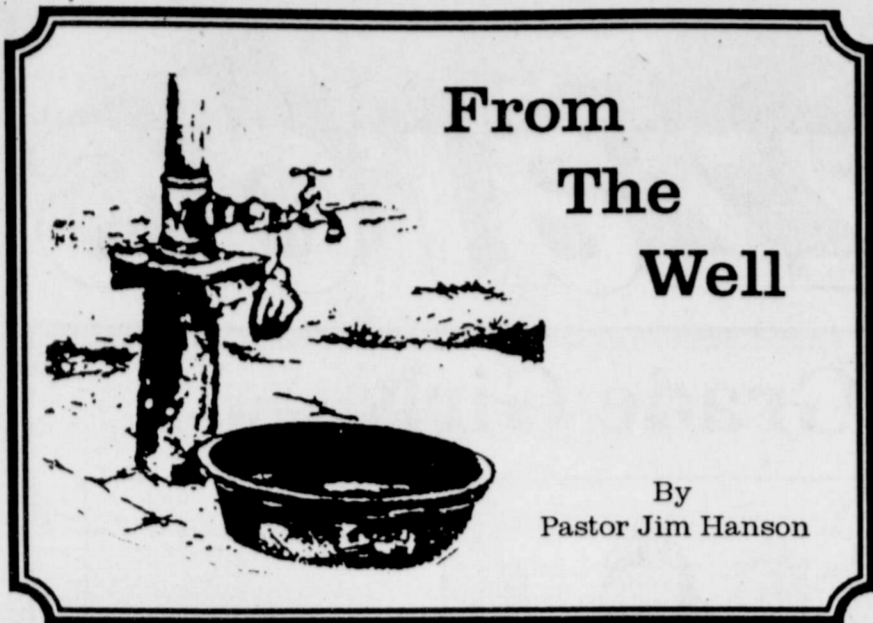
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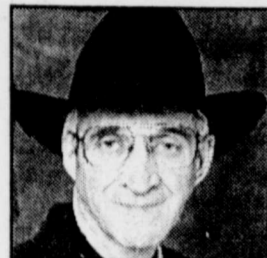
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We will be closed Monday, February 17 in observance of PRESIDENT'S DAY



From The Well

By Pastor Jim Hanson



Pastor Jim Hanson

When I was a boy living in Brookings, South Dakota, I looked forward to February. Not because of the weather — it was bound to be cold. But because February meant banquets — like "Father and Son Banquets" and "Blue and Gold Banquets." The Blue and

Gold ones had to do with Scouts. And, since the Blue and Gold Banquet was in February, usually sandwiched between Lincoln's and Washington's birthday, there would be some patriotism mixed in with the festivities, roast beef, and cherry pie (in honor of George Washington).

So, nowadays, when February rolls around, I think about Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts. And what a wonderful organization it is... a real character-builder. The scout oath is a classic, and a real commitment: "On my honor I will do my best to do my duty to God and my country, to obey the Scout law, and to keep myself physically strong, mentally awake and morally straight." How can you beat that? I learned it by heart some fifty-five years ago, and it has always been there to guide me and keep me on track. How many groups or organizations do you know that have such an oath — to be recited by heart at each weekly meeting.

I was a Boy Scout during the years of World War II. That meant many hours of service to our country. The War Effort involved us in many activities. We collected used newspapers and magazines at least twice a month — spent all Saturday morning loading up bundles of papers left curbside and lifted into a truck. We also collected scrap metal. And marched in parades. During Scout Week, we wore our uniforms to school, and, on Boy Scout Sunday we wore them in church. We were taught to "do a good deed every day," something I still try to do. Scouting builds character.

Boy Scouts has been called "the best educational organization in America." I believe it. Unlike most institutions in America, it hasn't been "dumbed down." Merit Badges — are tough! For example, to earn the biking badge, you must take two 10-mile rides, two 15-mile rides, two 25-mile rides, and an all day 50-mile tour. For your music badge, you must sing in a chorus or play in a band for six months. You need to earn 21 merit badges to become an Eagle Scout — plus organize your own community-service project. No wonder that companies and organizations are quick to hire and bring on board men who have earned their Eagle when young.

All of my life, since I was twelve, I have been involved with Scouting. I've been a Senior Patrol Leader, an assistant Scoutmaster, and a member of a District Scout Council. I've been to Philmont, the wonderful national Boy Scout Camp. Since I've been in Winters, I have participated in at least six Eagle Scout Court of Honors, and at the present time am teaching a group of young Cubs, preparing them to receive a God and Country Award. I'm not bragging. I am grateful for every opportunity I have to be part of this great program. And I am thankful for all the Scout leaders and parents and scouts in our community.

It really upsets me that the Boy Scouts are currently under fire. Since Scouting brings men and boys together in personal and often isolated circumstances, the Boy Scouts are understandably concerned about offering leadership positions to blatant, affirmed homosexuals who happen to walk in off the street.

Because of this policy, the Scouts are under frontal assault across the nation. Roberta Achtenberg practically got her job as assistant HUD secretary because of her efforts to have the Boy Scouts of San Francisco defunded. The ACLU is currently suing to ban sponsorship of scout troops by public institutions, and prevent scouts from having free access to parks and other public facilities.

Why? Because Scouts are patriotic and religious. They believe in Country and God. And they build character. There are some folks in high places who feel this is wrong and un-American, and that homosexuals should be "in" and God "out" of the program. Just thought you should know. And do what you can to support the Boy Scouts and their great program.



WANDA DURHAM displays a beautiful handmade, queen size quilt to be given away this Saturday by the American Legion Auxiliary. Chances for the quilt are being sold by Mrs. Durham, Nadine Delacruz, Rose Delacruz, and at Melba's Arts & Crafts at 213 S. Main. The fundraiser is in conjunction with a bake sale at 138 W. Dale from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on February 15. For information call Mrs. Durham at 754-5761.

Saint John's Christian Preschool receives grant

Saint John's Christian Preschool, sponsored by Saint John's Lutheran Church, has been awarded a \$500 grant from Aid Association for Lutherans (AAL).

The grant is designed to help the staff of Lutheran early childhood centers pursue professional staff development opportunities and resource center expansion.

The grant was provided through the AAL Lutheran Early Childhood Education Program, which was offered to more than 4,000 Lutheran early childhood centers throughout the country.

"AAL recognizes the role that Lutheran early childhood educators play in providing the building blocks needed for children to grow

in their education and their faith," said Marya McCrae, manager of AAL grant programs. "We are happy to support their work."

AAL, based in Appleton, Wisconsin, is one of the nation's leading fraternal benefit societies. Founded in 1902, AAL's purpose is to enable Lutherans to help themselves and others. AAL accomplishes this by providing scholarship and grant programs, volunteer opportunities, insurance protection, and self-help educational programs.

St. John's Preschool Director-Teacher Mary Kurtz is thrilled and overwhelmed by the grant and is looking forward to expanding the school's resource center.

TxDOT to solicit public input for transportation improvement

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) will conduct public meetings to solicit public input concerning project selection for the Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) and to disseminate information about the United Transportation Plan and the TIP.

Projects within the 15 county San Angelo District will be considered. The San Angelo District is composed of the following counties: Coke, Concho, Crockett, Edwards, Glasscock, Irion, Kimble, Menard, Reagan, Real, Runnels, Schleicher, Sterling, Sutton and Tom Green.

Meetings will be held at the following locations and times:

San Angelo
Texas Department of Transportation District Office, Assembly Rm.; 4502 Knickerbocker Road; 1:30 p.m.; Monday, March 3, 1997

Eden
Burn's Bldg., Chamber of Commerce Room; 106 Paint Rock St.; 10:00 a.m.; Wednesday, March 5, 1997

Written comments concerning projects will be accepted through March 17, 1997, and should be addressed to: Walter G. McCullough, P.E. District Engineer; Texas Department of Transportation; 4502 Knickerbocker Rd.; San Angelo, Texas 76904.

All interested citizens are invited to attend and participate in these meetings. Persons attending the meetings who have special communication or accommodation needs are encouraged to contact the Public Information Officer at (915)944-1501.

Chamber Memo

By Julie Springer, manager

The Chamber has been busy planning upcoming events for the spring.

Mayfest will be May 3, 1997, at the park. It will be chock-full of events for the kids, entertainment, and tournaments. Make plans now to be in Winters that weekend.

The bass tournament will be the first weekend in June on June 7.

The Valentine lunch at the Rock Hotel is today, Thursday, February 13, from 11-1:30. Chicken spaghetti, tossed salad, warm bread, and angel food cake are on the menu. Please come out and enjoy this wonderful meal and see

the restoration progress at the Hotel. Before you know it, the town will be enjoying events at the beautifully restored landmark.

If you have an event coming up and need the sign at Lawrence Brothers IGA Grocery, please call the Chamber at 754-5210 one week or more in advance to make reservations. There is no charge, but it is up to you or your club to put up and take down the letters. The letters are getting very worn and must have great care.

Welcome to First Med of Winters as a new member to the Chamber. We are glad to have you here!



Town Criers



Kemberly Dianne Willborn

Johnny and Jennifer Willborn of Winters are proud to announce the birth of a baby girl.

Kemberly Dianne Willborn was born at 9:09 a.m. Monday, February 3, 1997, at Abilene Regional Medical Center in Abilene. She weighed 6 pounds, 14 ounces and was 19 inches long.

Kemberly has a big sister, Allyson, age 5, of Arizona. Maternal grandparents are Jerry and Pam Ripple of San Angelo. Paternal grandparents are Ronnie and Debbie Willborn of San Angelo and Nora Barnes of Winters.

Marley Vanessa Spill

Riley Jordan is proud to announce the birth of her sister, Marley Vanessa.

Marley was born at 2:38 a.m. Saturday, February 8, 1997, at Irwin Army Community Hospital in Fort Riley, Kansas. She weighed 5 pounds, 2 ounces and was 19 inches long.

Parents are Spc. and Mrs. Kelly Spill. Maternal grandparents are Sue Blythe of Snyder and Mr. and Mrs. Dave McCarter of Odessa. Maternal great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Dayton McCarter, Mr. and Mrs. J.W. Lee, Mr. and Mrs. Billy Blythe, and Mr. Huston Ballard, all of Snyder. Maternal great-great-grandmother is Mrs. T.M. Pherigo of Snyder.

Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Terry Stewart and Mr. and Mrs. Van Spill of Winters. Paternal great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Albert Spill and Dorothy Carpenter of Winters, Mr. and Mrs. George Roland of Idaho, and Mrs. Zelma Stewart of Abilene.

POLICY OF NONDISCRIMINATION ON THE BASIS OF HANDICAPPED STATUS

The City of Winters, Texas, does not discriminate on the basis of handicapped status in the admission or access to, or treatment or employment in, its federally assisted programs or activities.

The below named person has been designated to coordinate compliance with the nondiscrimination requirements contained in the Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) regulations implementing Section 504 (24 CFR part 8 dated June 2, 1988).

Aref Hassan, City Manager
City of Winters
310 S. Main Winters, Texas 79567

The Norton Lions Club

will have its annual

Chili Supper

Saturday, February 15, 1997

From 5:30-7:30 p.m.

\$3.00 Per Person All You Can Eat Dessert Extra
Norton Community Center

Proceeds will be used for upkeep of Norton Community Center

FAIR HOUSING, IT'S THE LAW

1997 marks the 29th anniversary of the National Fair Housing Law and each April is also Fair Housing Month. This provides an opportunity for all Americans to recognize that complete success in the goal of equal housing opportunity can only be accomplished with the help and cooperation of all Americans. Accordingly, the City of Winters encourages potential homeowners and renters to be aware of their rights.

Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968, as amended, prohibits discrimination against any person on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, age, handicap, familial status, or national origin in the sale or rental of units in the housing market.

For more information on fair housing or to report possible fair housing discrimination, call the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's toll-free hotline at 1-800-669-9777.

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CAFETERIA MENU

Feb. 17 - 21

Subject to change

Breakfast
Monday-Feb. 17
Waffles/Syrup
Cream of Wheat
Mixed Fruit
Tuesday-Feb. 18
Biscuits
Sausage
Orange Juice
Wednesday-Feb. 19
Toast
Sliced Ham
Orange Juice
Thursday-Feb. 20
Blueberry Muffins
Cereal
Apple Juice
Friday-Feb. 21
Cinnamon Toast
Cereal
Apple Juice

Lunch
Monday-Feb. 17
Pizza
Corn
Pineapple Chunks
Chocolate Chip Cookie
Tuesday-Feb. 18
Chicken Nuggets
Mashed Potatoes
Green Beans
Hot Rolls
Sliced Peaches
Wednesday-Feb. 19
Taco/Meat/Cheese
Taco Salad
Red Beans
Combread
Mixed Fruit
Thursday-Feb. 20
Turkey Roast/Gravy
Mashed Potatoes
June Peas
Hot Rolls
Jello/Fruit
Friday-Feb. 21
Hamburger
Lettuce/Pickles
French Fries
Cherry Cobbler

Milk Served With All Meals
*Due to commodity conditions served with meals

1996-1997 7th Grade Girls



TOP, LEFT TO RIGHT: Coach Derick Price, Jenny Stokes, Amanda Cotter, Karen Wimberley, Kyla Collins, Amanda Ortiz, Michelle Burton, Isha Lara, and Michelle Walden. MIDDLE ROW: Toni Retana, Georgetta Horton, Tracey Burns, Meagan Nitsch, Samantha Montgomery, Monica Hicks, Juanita Armendariz, and Scarlett McMinn. BOTTOM ROW: Manager Linda Barrera, Crystal Medina, Mandy Pritchard, Staci Bishop, Cassondra Johnson, Kelly Walker, Monica Rodriguez, and KaLene Lincycomb. NOT PICTURED: Jennifer Hamilton.

Basketball Hoopla



Youth Basketball League begins Monday, Feb. 17

The Winters Youth Basketball League will begin sessions on Monday, February 17, for children ages kindergarten through sixth grade.

Registration forms will be sent home from school with all students in the appropriate grades. Parents or guardians should complete the forms and return them to school. No money should be sent with the forms.

Cost for the three-week league is only \$5.00 and is due at the first session on February 17.

The sessions will include fundamental basketball drills, games and special contests for all divisions.

Children in grades kindergarten through second grade will play Mondays and Thursdays from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Students in grades 3, 4, 5 and 6 will play Mondays and Thursdays from 6:45 to 8 p.m. and Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 12 noon.

For further information contact Phil Colburn at 754-5143 or Ken Slimp at 754-4616.

HEY, PARENTS!!!

Mark your calendars—the next PROJECT GRADUATION meeting will be Wednesday, February 19, at 6:30 p.m. in the Media Center at WHS.

We will be finalizing plans for the meal on February 23.

REMEMBER—this is a combined effort of the PARENTS to do something for the graduates. SEE YOU THERE!!!

Team: Varsity Boys Coach: Ed Henley
Opponent: Coahoma Date: February 4, 1997
Place: Winters

POINTS SCORED EACH QUARTER					
1	2	3	4	OT FIN.	
WINTERS	18	8	5	18	49
OPPONENT	6	6	17	15	44

Free throws made: 21 of 34 for 62%
Players Name Points Rebounds Steals Assists
Allan Conner 0 0 0 0 0
Jenna Conner 4 1 1 2
Adam Cruz 2 1 2 6 6
Justin Mizzenmayer 0 3 0 0 0
Bear Nitsch* 11 6 2 0 0
Michael Pritchard 3 1 1 0 0
Chris Soto 4 3 0 0 3
Corey Van Zandt 7 14 1 0 0
Abraham Vasquez 0 0 0 0 0
Kenny Wintersburg 10 7 7 13 13
*Denotes high point individual for Winters

Team: Varsity Boys Coach: Ed Henley
Opponent: Wall Date: February 7, 1997
Place: Wall

POINTS SCORED EACH QUARTER					
1	2	3	4	OT FIN.	
WINTERS	9	11	8	15	37
OPPONENT	9	19	28	28	58

Free throws made: 11 of 19 for 58%
Players Name Points Rebounds Steals Assists
Allan Conner 0 1 0 0 0
Jenna Conner 4 3 2 0 0
Adam Cruz 10 3 5 3 3
Justin Mizzenmayer 0 2 0 0 0
Bear Nitsch 1 3 0 1
Michael Pritchard 2 3 0 1
Chris Soto 0 2 4 1 1
Corey Van Zandt 1 3 3 0 0
Abraham Vasquez 3 0 1 0 0
Kenny Wintersburg 4 15 10 5 4
*Denotes high point individual for Winters

Team: Freshmen Boys Coach: Chris Bearden
Opponent: Jim Ned Fresh Date: February 3, 1997
Place: Winters

POINTS SCORED EACH QUARTER					
1	2	3	4	OT FIN.	
WINTERS	8	6	4	10	28
OPPONENT	9	14	10	13	46

Free throws made: 4 of 10 for 40%
Players Name Points Rebounds Steals Assists
Matt Angel 3 3 11 0 0 1
Craig Conner* 9 13 1 1 1
Josh Ingram 0 3 1 0 0
Kenny Green 0 0 0 0 0
Oscar Lutz 7 2 1 1 1
Arthur Martinez 1 4 7 1 1
Chris Santoya 4 8 3 3 3
*Denotes high point individual for Winters
Coach's comments: RECORD: 7-8. Tough game. We have played better. Cannot explain it! But we will play better Saturday vs. Hawley, I promise.

Team: Freshmen Boys Coach: Chris Bearden
Opponent: Hawley Fresh Date: February 8, 1997
Place: Winters

POINTS SCORED EACH QUARTER					
1	2	3	4	OT FIN.	
WINTERS	7	16	15	7	45
OPPONENT	5	11	2	6	19

Free throws made: 6 of 13 for 50%
Players Name Points Rebounds Steals Assists
Matt Angel 9 13 1 0 0
Craig Conner 4 7 0 0 0
Josh Ingram 4 2 0 0 0
Kenny Green 0 3 0 0 1
Oscar Lutz 12 4 4 4 2
Arthur Martinez 11 2 8 2 2
Chris Santoya 3 2 9 2 2
*Denotes high point individual for Winters
Coach's comments: RECORD: 8-8. Took the last game before we could get a home win. We were the road warriors! This group had a great year. I am very proud of them. We all are. Thank you guys for an outstanding year.

Team: Junior Varsity Girls Coach: Deb Whittenburg
Opponent: Coahoma Date: February 4, 1997
Place: Winters

POINTS SCORED EACH QUARTER					
1	2	3	4	OT FIN.	
WINTERS	7	3	7	13	32
OPPONENT	6	1	14	10	38

Free throws made: 10 of 30 for 33%
Players Name Points Rebounds Steals Assists
Debbie Baze 0
Janice Bishop 0
Amanda Crow 5
Kristen Goff 1
Angela Jacob 0
Shelley Meyers 0
Marcie Onda* 4
Misty Pritchard* 11
Kelli Slimp 2
Heather Watkins 5
*Denotes high point individual for Winters

Team: Junior Varsity Girls Coach: Deb Whittenburg
Opponent: Wall Date: February 7, 1997
Place: Wall

POINTS SCORED EACH QUARTER					
1	2	3	4	OT FIN.	
WINTERS	3	1	6	9	19
OPPONENT	6	5	2	9	22

Free throws made: 3 of 12 for 25%
Players Name Points Rebounds Steals Assists
Debbie Baze 0
Janice Bishop 0
Amanda Crow 2
Kristen Goff 0
Angela Jacob 0
Shelley Meyers 0
Marcie Onda* 10
Misty Pritchard 1
Kelli Slimp 0
Heather Watkins 5
*Denotes high point individual for Winters
Coach's comments: SEASON RECORD: 8-9. DISTRICT RECORD: 4-5.

Team: Junior Varsity Boys Coach: Bill White
Opponent: Coahoma Date: February 4, 1997
Place: Winters

POINTS SCORED EACH QUARTER					
1	2	3	4	OT FIN.	
WINTERS	15	12	3	4	34
OPPONENT	7	8	8	12	35

Free throws made:
Players Name Points Rebounds Steals Assists
Jenny Alvarado 4 1 3 3 2
Courtney Golden 4 3 1 2 2
Jay Harris 4 0 2 0 0
Averi Hicks 2 2 1 1 1
Ashley Newton 5 2 4 1 1
Joe Ortiz 0 10 6 1 1
Chip White 2 4 2 0 0
Lee Wolfenden* 7 1 1 1 0
*Denotes high point individual for Winters
Coach's comments: DISTRICT: 7-1.

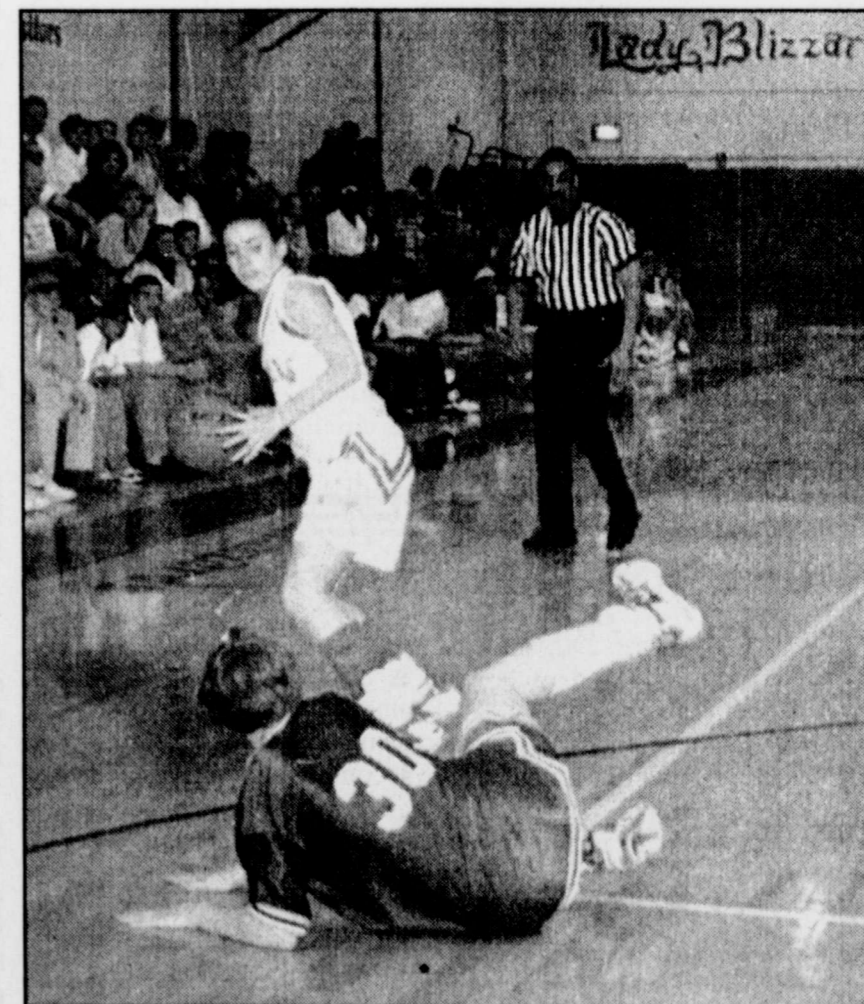
Basketball '97

Catch the Action

Feb. 14—Eldorado*, T, 5 p.m., JVB, VB
VG Varsity Girls VB Varsity Boys
JVG Junior Varsity Girls
JVJ Junior Varsity Boys
JB Freshmen Boys
FB Freshmen Boys
8B 8th Boys 8G 8th Girls
7B 7th Boys 7G 7th Girls
*Denotes District Games



ADAM CRUZ of the varsity Blizzards outruns his opponent for the fast break and the quick layup.



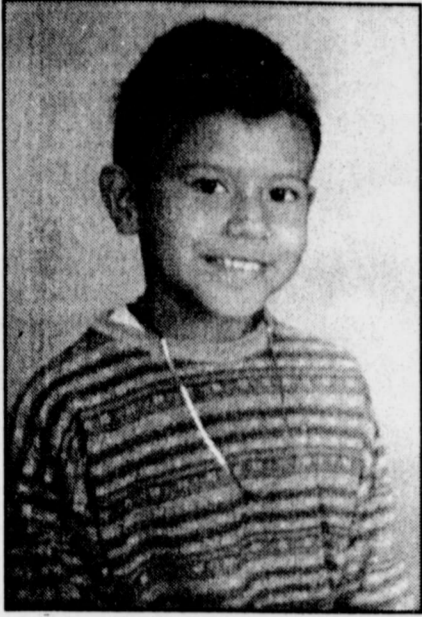
JANET GUY gives a perplexed look to an Ozona defender who suddenly found herself on the floor during varsity action.



making Goals in '96-'97

Writer's Block

Contributed by students



JEREMY MENDOZA
4th grade student

I am going to tell you how to make a pepperoni pizza. Justin and I once woke up and mom and dad wasn't there. So Justin and I

decided to make a pepperoni pizza.

First, you buy tortillas or if you mix flour and water together it will make a soft, white dough. You make the dough look like a circle. You flatten the dough and put it in the oven and it will turn white and brown.

Next, get some tomatoey tomato sauce and spread it on the tortilla. The tomato sauce is a crimson color. The tomato sauce is so liquidy.

Then, buy some red pepperoni slices and put it on the tortilla. The pepperonis are very spicy.

Finally, add white mozzarella cheese and put it on the tortilla, and put in in the oven. The cheese is so squishy. When its melted it becomes stringy.

I just told you how to make a pepperoni piza and mmmmm! It tastes good!

Boosters begin planning for Athletic Banquet

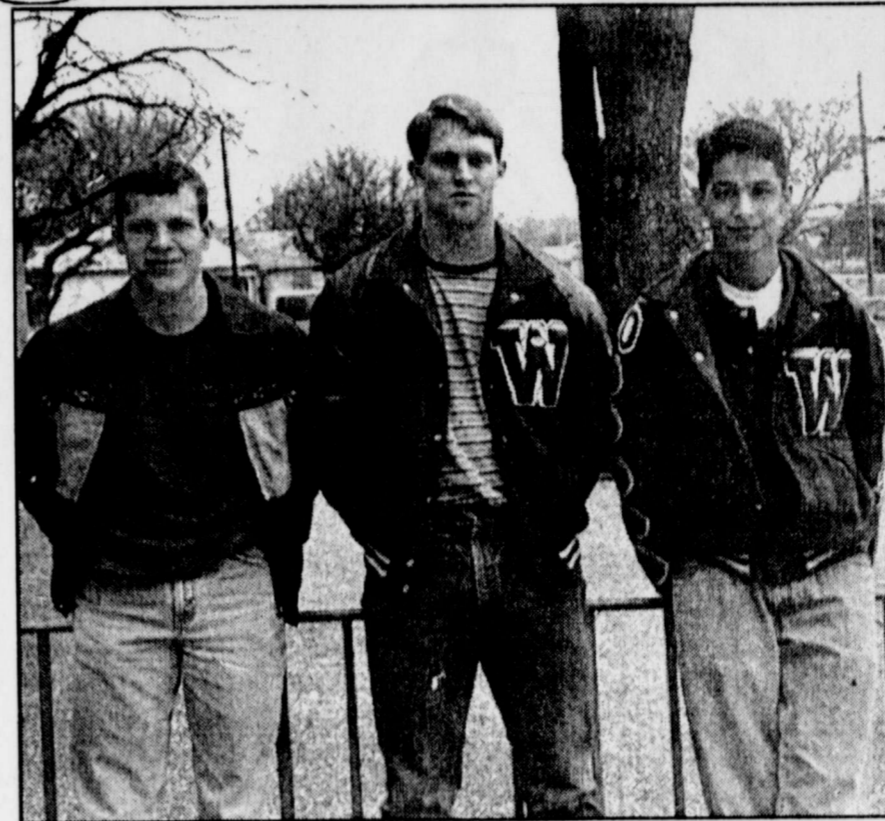
The Athletic Boosters met January 30 at the field house to discuss the Athletic Banquet. The banquet was set for April 24. More information will be forthcoming.

Other topics discussed were window signs for baseball and softball teams, concession stand cleanup, and the next meeting time.

Some signs have already been made and are hanging in windows of downtown businesses.

A date for cleanup will be announced in the near future.

The next meeting will be March 20 at 7:00 p.m. at the field house. This will be a very important meeting where many details for the banquet will be decided. Please attend.



ACADEMIC WINNERS taking fifth place at the Small Schools Academic Challenge in Coleman were WHS seniors (from left) Austin Jobe, Chris McCaslin and Jonathan Gann. This trio won \$892 in scholarships and will participate in the State competition on April 6 in Brownwood.

6.5 million members join in National PTA's 100th anniversary celebration

Special birthday cakes with images of children will be ordered in nearly every major town in America as National PTA prepares February 17 to celebrate 100 years of advocating for children. Today, over 6.5 million parents, teachers, and students make up 26,000 local PTA units in 50 states, the District of Columbia, and departments of defense overseas.

Texas PTA, located in Austin, and its 2,800 units statewide are automatically members of National PTA. National PTA was founded February 17, 1897, by Alice McLellan Birney and Phoebe Apperson Hearst (mother of William Randolph Hearst). The founders adopted the name National Congress of Parents and Teachers in 1924, which is commonly known as the National Parent Teacher Association (PTA). In 1926 Birney and Hearst helped Selena Sloan Butler form the National Congress of Colored Parents and Teachers to serve parents in states with legally mandated segregation. In 1970 the two organizations merged into one.

National PTA was instrumental in securing child labor laws, supporting compulsory public education, creating a national public health service, promoting education for children with special needs, establishing a juvenile justice system and making parent involvement a national goal in Goals 2000: Educate America Act.

Programs either originated, observed, or promoted by National PTA include: America Goes Back to School Week held every September to encourage parents, teachers, and community members to rally around their local schools and make a commitment to support education throughout the year; American Education Week set aside in November to examine education in our public school system and celebrate with

special programs, ceremonies, and activities; Child Safety and Protection Month (November) designed to increase awareness of adult responsibilities in ensuring safety and protection of children; World AIDS Day, December 1, to join with other organizations to meet the challenge of Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome; Alcohol and Other Drug Awareness Week, first full week in March, to prevent alcohol and other drug use in children through parent awareness; Earth Week, April 20-26, to focus attention on environmental issues and our common responsibility to the planet; and Teacher Appreciation Week, May 4-10, with special events supporting teachers and the teaching profession.

National PTA also works closely with national health agencies and organizations to provide comprehensive health and safety projects and materials for local and state PTAs. PTA programs and resources for parents cover everything from critical television viewing to violence prevention. Many programs are offered in Spanish including the Family Nest which is a Spanish video on parent involvement developed in collaboration with the ASPIRA Association and the Mexican American Legal Defense and Education Fund (MALDEF).

The largest arts recognition and achievement program for students in the country is sponsored by PTA. Reflections, started in 1969, attracts more than 600,000 entries in literature, musical composition, photography and visual arts for students in preschool through 12 grades. Texas provides nearly 70,000 entries annually in the Reflections program.

Affiliation with PTA offers recognition, access and resources for

various community and technological programs. Technology advances include Internet capabilities for a quicker distribution of information. Texas was the first PTA nationwide to develop its own homepage on the worldwide web.

Texas PTA, established in 1909, is the largest child-advocacy organization in the state. Its affiliation with National PTA makes it the oldest and largest child-advocacy organization in the nation. PTA continues to fulfill its mission to support and speak on behalf of children and youth in the schools, assist parents in developing the skills they need to raise and protect their children, and encourage parent and public involvement in the public schools of this nation.

Look for the following PTA programs or resources available to you:

- Early Childhood PTA: A unit for parents whose children are pre-kindergarten age or attending day care.

- Star Spangled PTA: A statewide unit with no particular school affiliation specifically designed for grandparents, mentors, community leaders and those concerned about children's issues. Star Spangled members are eligible for extended membership services which include dental, vision, and pharmacy coverage, as well as credit union privileges.

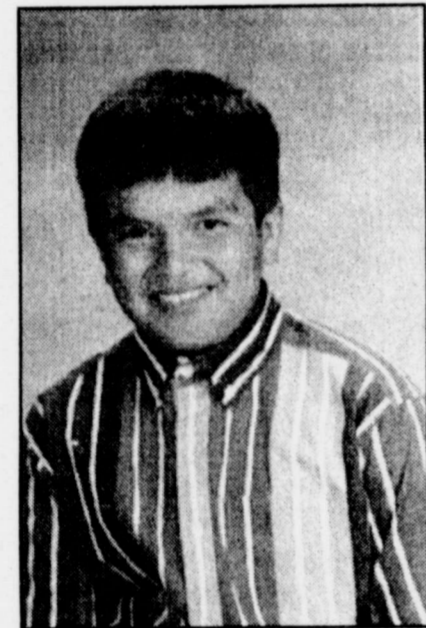
- Subscriptions: Receive the latest news concerning children's issues by subscribing to The Communicator and Legislative News.

For more PTA information, call 1-800-TALK-PTA or 1-800-PTA-INFO. National PTA's Internet address is <http://www.pta.org> and Texas PTA's address is <http://www.onr.com/tpa/>.

My brother can always get me in trouble.

In this composition I will tell my teacher the good and alful things about brothers. I love to teach my brouther stuff. I teach my brouther soccer. He's getting better at it. I taught him how to dance to some Spanish songs. I know how to dance too. I taught him some Tae Kwon Do but I think I shouldn't have, because now if you make fun of him he will use it on you, espechily on me. My brother is really really funny. He mostly slips and falls down all the time. He runs with his eyes closed and runs into a wall and falls down. He started laughing and I laughed so hard I fell off the couch. My brohter is not easy to pick on. If you pick on him you better run for you life, because he will use Tae Kwon Do on you. He almost beat up my older sister who is seven-teen, when she picked on him.

There are some bad things about my brother too. My brother is always breaking my stuff. One time my brother got my baseball bat and started banging on my stereo. Luckily my dad can fix electroneets so he fixed it. My brother through my walkman at the wall and it broke in to little pieces. He also dropped my gamegear and broke it on purpose. I have no prvcay because of my brother. I can't be in my room alone because my brother will go



SKYE SALINAS
4th grade student

in there and tear up stuff, through stuff around, and make noise. I can't talk on the phone because my brouther will push the buttens, make noise, and push the hang up button. I can't play my Sega Genisas with out my brother cying that he wants to play. My brouther is always following me.

He followed me to the store when I went to get something for my mom. He followed me to my cousans to go spend the night. My brother even wanted to go to the bath room with m.

As you can see, there are many great and awful things about brothers. I like having a brouther even though he's a pest.



ALECIA SUDDUTH
4th grade student

The weather man says we should have some more snow this week. I will tell the good and bad things about a snowy day.

First I will tell you the good things. A good is snowball fights. Once I through 2 balls at once and I hit Cory and another hit a stray

cat. The stray cat scratched Cory. He deserved it. Another is if roads are slick and lots of snow School Is Canceled! If school is canceled my brother and I get to stay home alone. I love it because we get to drink Hot Cocco! Yum Yum. Another fun thing is building a snowman. I love to roll snow into balls for 3 parts for a snow man. We don't put arms on because we don't have sticks. I hope you can come up with more. Now I will tell you some bad things. Maby you can find more too.

One bad thing is you could get sick if you stay out to long. Tuesday morning my brother felt sick and I think its snow. Another is loosing electresecity. Once I thought a marshen came to earth.

One more is January. January's snow reminds me of Cory's birthday, January 27, 1989. Oh no!

If we have more snow this week like the weather man says now you'll know the good and bad things about a snowy day.

Play Ball '97

Feb. 14—Ballinger, Here, 4:30 p.m., VG

Feb. 18—Miles, Here, 4 p.m., VB

Feb. 18—Coleman, Here, 5 p.m., VG

Feb. 20—Grape Creek, Here, 4 p.m., JVB

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

Support your local PTA

Keeping an eye on Texas

Lottery take vs. education funding

The Texas Lottery earned \$1.1 billion for the state from September 1, 1995 to August 31, 1996. Public education funding totaled \$21.8 billion that year.

<p>Prizes won \$1.95 billion*</p>	<p>Deposit to the state \$1.1 billion</p>	<p>Cost of product, retailer commissions, administration \$95 million</p>	<p>Local revenue \$10.6 billion</p>
			<p>State** revenue \$9.5 billion</p>
			<p>Federal revenue \$1.7 billion</p>

Total local, state and federal revenue for education \$21.8 billion

*Does not include annualized value of Lotto Texas jackpots
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SOURCES: John Sharp, Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts, Texas Education Agency and the Texas Lottery Commission.

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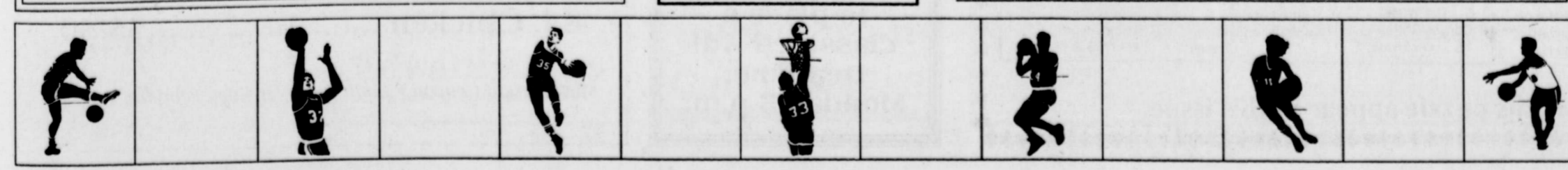
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SHARING IDEAS was the agenda during the Exploring Nature Tourism workshop hosted by the Texas Midwest Community Network at The Shed in Wingate last week. The discussions centered around making the most of nature tourism and how it can be of benefit. Special speakers included Nicki Harle of TMCN (at far end of table) and representatives from the Texas Nature Tourism Association, Texas Travel Industry Association, and Texas Rural Communities. Also present was Joe Pritchard (far right), former president of Winters Chamber of Commerce.

Good News Class says "Do It"

The Good News Sunday School Class of First Baptist Church held their monthly meeting Monday night, February 3, in the home of Jerry Lloyd. Thelma Sneed was co-hostess.

Valentine cookies and coconut pie were served. Loretta Pierce gave the blessing.

Garry Goff, teacher, brought the devotion, "If You See Something That Needs To Be Done, Do It."

Those attending were Joe Meares, Louise Seals, Jerry Lloyd, Thelma Sneed, Loretta Pierce, and Garry Goff.

Dorcas S.S. Class focuses on prayer

The Dorcas Sunday School Class of First Baptist Church met February 6 in the home of Mrs. Dortha Lawrence. The meeting focused on prayer.

Charlie Poe gave a report on Billy Graham's Crusade, listing when and where he would be located. A round table of prayers was given.

The treasurer's report was heard and a collection taken.

Refreshments were served to Verlene Anthis, Lillian Eubanks, Dorothy Long, Linda Morrison, Charlie Poe, Eunice Polk, Marcia Webb, and visitor Mrs. Marie Torres.

Runnels Baptist Association to meet Feb. 17

The regular meeting of the Runnels Baptist Association will be held Monday, February 17, 1997, at First Baptist Church, Bronte.

The meeting begins with the W.O.M. and Executive Board at 5:30 p.m. The evening meal will be served at 6:15 p.m.

A prayer conference begins at 7:15 p.m. Brother Morris Johnson, associational prayer director, is in charge of the program.

The public is cordially invited to attend.

COUNCIL, cont'd.

The council with a request to erect a building on the north side of the existing hangar at the city airport, and a need for utilities for the building. No water is available at present but can be, according to Water Superintendent Jack Davis, Jr.

The council approved the building and use of utilities for Mr. Eggemeyer's aerial spraying business, and an agreement will be drafted as standard policy for anyone using the airport. Final approval by the council is pending.

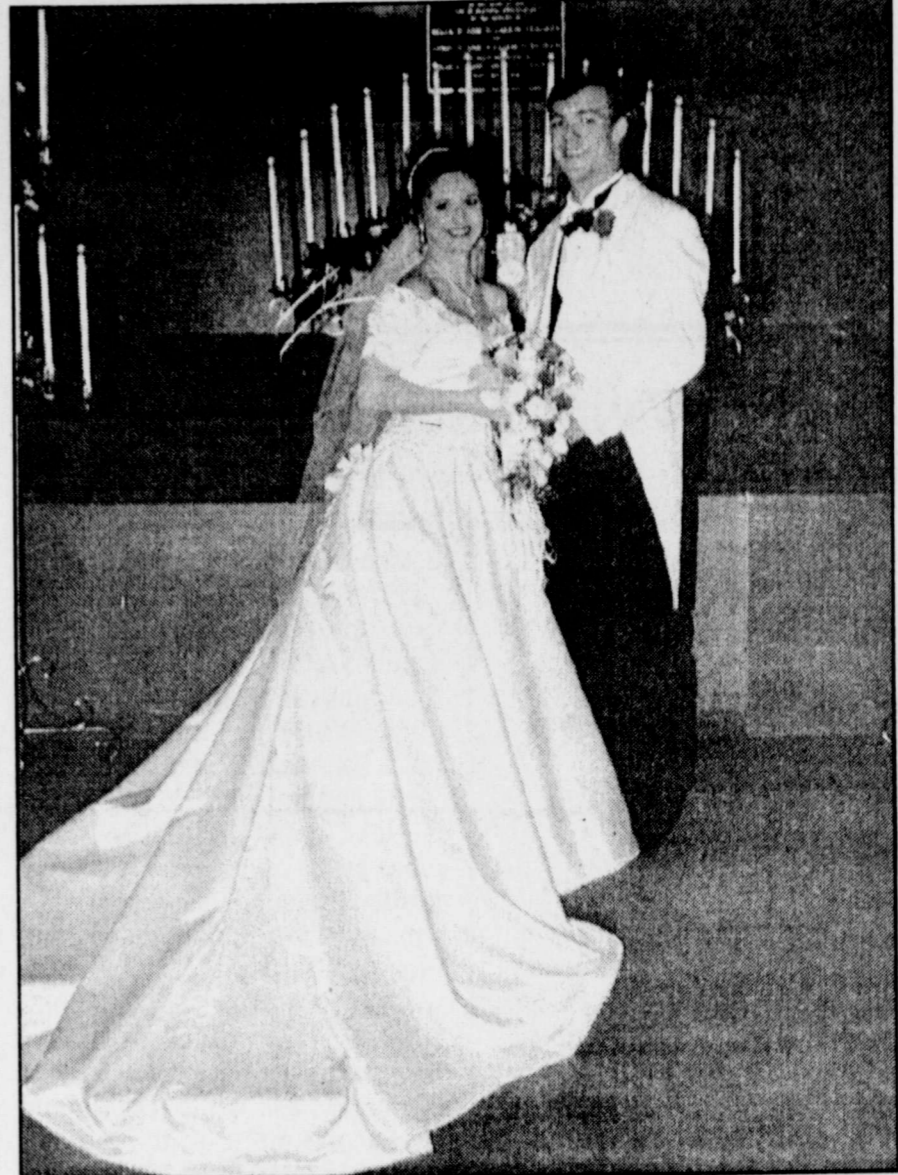
Teresa Davis asked the council for permission for the Blizzard Athletic Booster Club to use the Community Center for the annual athletic banquet at no charge. All council members approved and the banquet is set for April 24.

Council members also approved allowing use of the rear parking lot at the Community Center for a carnival during Mayfest, as requested by Julie Springer.

Farmers Seed and Supply of Winters was awarded the bid of \$3,600 for 50 trees to be planted at the lake park. Bid specifications require that the trees be 5-6 feet tall and have at least a 2-inch diameter trunk. Trees are to be balled and burlaped and be in good health. Ten each of live oaks, red oaks, afghan pines, cottonless cottonwoods, and redbuds are included in the contract.

Hassan mentioned that a few weeping willow trees had been donated by Mary Ellen Moore of Flowers, Etc., to be planted close to the shore of the lake.

All bids for the City's Depository Services were rejected and will be put out for bids again.



Mr. and Mrs. Jeffrey Wayne Gilbreath

Jennifer Matthews, Jeffrey Gilbreath exchanged wedding vows January 11

Jennifer Michelle Matthews and Jeffrey Wayne Gilbreath were married at six o'clock in the evening Saturday, January 11, 1997, at First United Methodist Church in Winters. The double-ring ceremony was performed by Dr. Jeff May.

Jennifer is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Matthews of Winters. Jeffrey is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Gary Gilbreath of Abilene.

At the altar, a center candlebrum intertwined with English ivy was flanked by spiral candlebra. Satin bows decorated the pews.

Randy Stevens was organist. Tracy Bruton and Jana May were vocalists. Song selection included "Parents Prayer," "The Wedding Song," and "If You Could See What I See."

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a gown of Duchess satin silk venice lace featuring a sweetheart neckline, short dior sleeves, a basque bodice, and full bell skirt. The bodice of the gown was decorated with beads, pearls, and white iridescent sequins. The back of the skirt was accented with a cascading rosette bow with rosebuds. Silk venice outlined the edge of the skirt and sleeves. The gown's train was chapel-length.

The bride carried a bouquet of red and white roses mixed with mini carnations, baby's breath, and greenery. Pearls were included for emphasis. The bride's bouquet was made by her aunt, Jodie O'Dell, of Winters.

Corbin and Candance O'Dell, cousins of the bride, of Winters, acted as ring bearer and flower girl. Also serving as flower girl was Maegan Gilbreath, niece of the groom, of Abilene.

Jennifer Boles, of Abilene, served as her friend's Maid of Honor. Bridesmaids were Brenna Mikeska of Lubbock, Mary Mostad of Abilene, and Kimberlee Butts of Abilene, friends of the bride.

The attendants' dresses featured an empire waist with a white crepe bodice attached to a red floor-length skirt. The back of each dress was highlighted with a white bow. They carried a single stem red rose.

Best Man was Greg Gilbreath, brother of the groom, of Abilene. Groomsmen were Bobby Shira, cousin of the groom, of Fritch;

Charlie Ward, friend of the groom, of Abilene; and Jason Morrison, friend of the groom, of Abilene.

Ushers were Chris Matthews, brother of the bride, of Winters, and friends Cody Dykes and Mario Lopez, both of Abilene.

A rehearsal dinner was hosted by the groom's parents in the fellowship hall at the First United Methodist Church.

The reception was held in the Winters Community Center, hosted by the bride's parents. Buffet tables were decorated with white lace cloths. A red cloth was placed under each lace cloth for coloration. Centerpieces were candles and English ivy.

The bride's table was covered in white linen overlaid with white lace. The bride's bouquet and attendants' roses served as centerpieces. The four-tiered white wedding cake was topped with fresh white roses cascading down one side.

Those serving the bride's cake were Angela Bryan of Lubbock, Brooke Killough of San Angelo, and LisAnne Smith of Boston, Massachusetts.

The groom's table was covered with white linen. A chocolate groom's cake was made in a realistic basketweave design with fresh fruit overflowing from an open lid.

Servers for the groom's cake were Mena Richardson of Abilene and Tonya Gilbreath, cousin of the groom, of Fritch.

Those serving in the host party were Melanie Wade, Dottie Loudermilk, Brenda Green, Lavelle Killough, Kay Thompson, Theresa Patterson, Karen Niehuus, Linda Butts, Christeen Collins, and Janelle Kothman.

The bride graduated from Winters High School, attended Hardin-Simmons University, and is employed at Cahoots.

The bridegroom is a graduate of Wylie High School and attended Cisco Junior College. He is employed at the Abilene State School.

The couple will reside in Abilene.

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- TX Pride was '71 CMA of the Year
- Dallas Morning News banned them from front page in 1907
- TXism: "he's ___ (not alert)"
- TX Mandrell's "If Loving You ___ Wrong"
- Olney hosts "One-Armed Dove"
- TX rancher Chuck Norris was ___ weight karate champ
- TXism: "couldn't fight his way out of ___ bag"
- TXism: "___ up on" (study)
- TX Lefty Frizzell hit: "Always ___ With Your Kisses"
- Cisco h.s. class
- biggest oil discovery was East ___
- TX Buddy Holly hit: "Not ___ Away"
- Nolan's full initials
- recently done to Capitol's exterior
- this Meredith was in "The Son of Davy Crockett"
- TX Kite stroke

DOWN

- near Lubbock: ___ Base
- a snack on TX Southwest planes
- where TX banks keep the dinero
- TXism: "never let ___ you sweat"
- Sweetwater has big rattlesnake ___ up
- TX choreographer Tommy
- some Texans use it for long distance
- TX Vikki Carr hit: "___ Must Be Him"
- West TX plains tribes were these
- in '92 Cowboys were the ___ in the NFL
- discourteous
- this school beat A&M in '93 Cotton Bowl (abbr.)
- TX outlaw Ringo rode with the ___ gang
- TXism: "cold as a banker's ___"
- TX Bonnie & Clyde pulled 'em (2 wds.)
- Austin band: Asleep ___ The Wheel
- Corpus Christi is 70 ___ cent water
- penalty point tries by the Spurs (2 wds.)
- sane or clear
- TXism: "spittin' image of"
- Paris hosts Chili du ___ Chili Cookoff
- TX Hagman show: "I ___ of Jeannie"
- Andrews AM/FM
- Galveston movie: "Capricorn ___"
- Texans were ___ after '93 Super Bowl

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Solutions for this puzzle appear in this issue.

State's leading business organization seeking entries for 25th annual Texas Business of the Year awards

For the past 25 years, Texas Association of Business & Chambers of Commerce (TABCC) has annually honored the most outstanding publicly and privately held companies in the state with the prestigious Texas Business of the Year Awards. As the state's leading employer organization, TABCC is encouraging companies of all sizes from throughout the state to participate in the 1997 awards competition. No entry fee is required.

The awards were initiated in 1972 to recognize excellence in providing economic opportunity through the state's free enterprise system. Companies representing many various industries across the

state participate in the competition each year. Each company's 20-page entry form will be judged individually, based on 1996 achievements, in business operations, product and service innovations, human resources programming, and industrial/civic contributions.

Any publicly or privately held company of any size with operations in Texas may compete. Entrants are not required to be members of TABCC. Completed entry forms must be received by TABCC no later than 5 p.m. on Friday, February 28, 1997.

The two winning companies will be honored at a gala Texas Business of the Year Awards Luncheon at the Four Seasons Hotel in Austin on April 23. The luncheon is always a highlight of the year, since hundreds of state legislators, elected officials, business leaders, and media representatives typically are on hand to salute the recipients. The chief executive officer from each winning company will be presented with a beautiful glass and marble trophy, following an address by a prominent business leader or state official, who will be announced in February.

To request an official 1997 Texas Business of the Year Awards entry form, please call TABCC's Marketing Department in Austin at (512) 477-6721.

Letter to the Editor

Texas Federation of Teachers provides free book, "Helping Your Child Learn To Read"

Dear Editor:

On January 22nd of last year, the Texas Federation of Teachers launched a statewide campaign to raise academic standards in *Texas Basics First: Real Standards for Students*. This campaign calls upon school districts to adopt immediately the following policies:

*Make sure all students learn to read by the end of third grade. Stop the practice of social promotion.

*Restore teachers' authority on student grades.

*Intervene immediately and intensively with students who are failing to learn.

We conducted an extensive statewide teacher survey that confirmed that far too many students come to school unprepared to learn.

We commissioned the Harte-Hanks Texas Poll to gauge public support for the reforms called for in our *Basics First* agenda. By an overwhelming margin, we found that teachers and the public want the same things from our schools—a safe and orderly envi-

ronment where the basics of reading, writing, and math come first.

Most recently we announced a proposal to implement and pay for intervention programs aimed at helping Texas' youngest at-risk students learn to read by third grade. We have called for half of the lottery surplus, more than a quarter-billion dollars, to be allocated to locally tailored pre-K through third grade reading programs over the next two years.

To their credit, both Governor Bush and President Clinton also have come forth with reading proposals of their own. With so many disparate voices insisting that all students learn to read by third grade, perhaps we can make some meaningful progress on funding early elementary reading programs during the current legislative session.

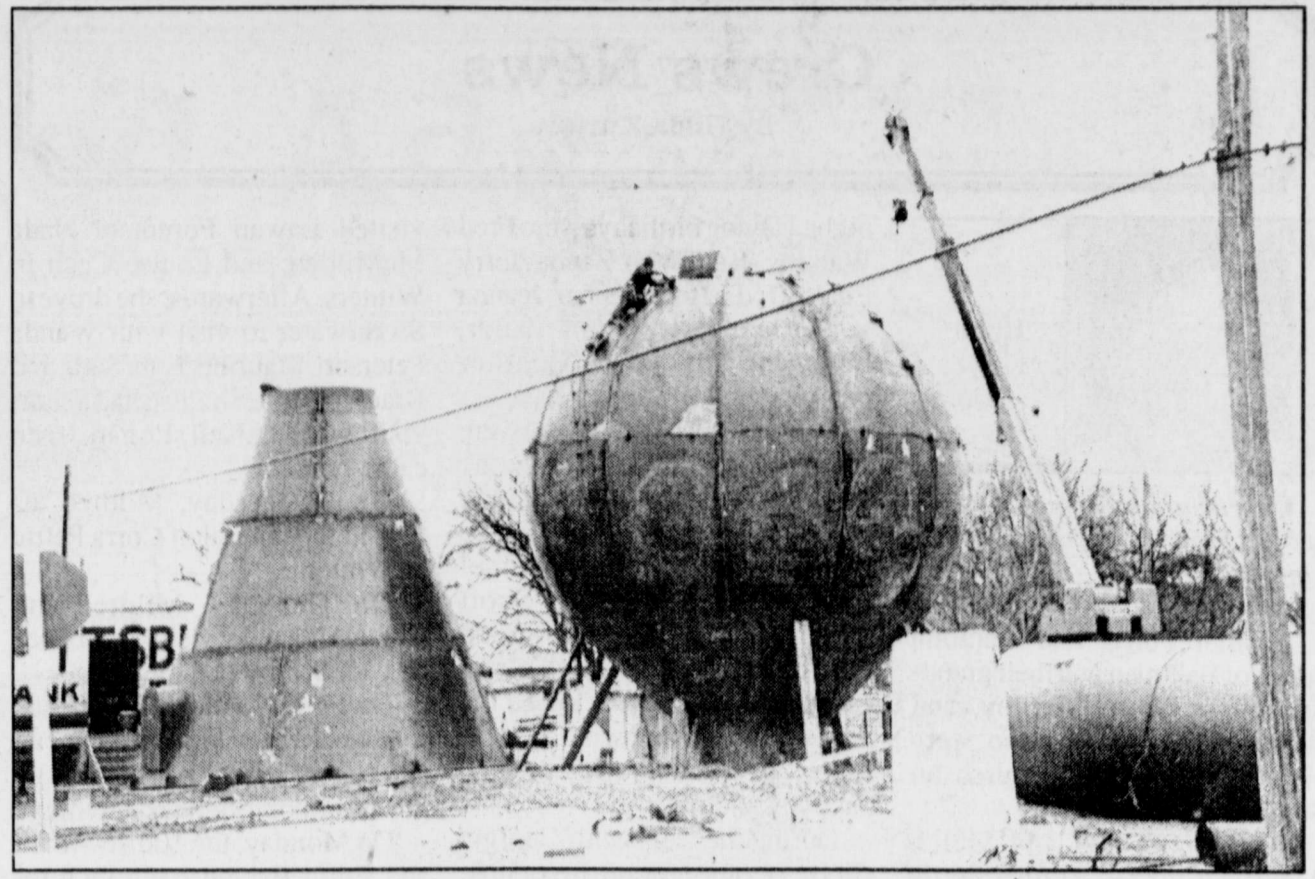
Meanwhile the Texas Federation of Teachers believes that, regardless of what may happen during this legislative session, we must not wait. We must do everything we can right now to provide reading help to kids who need it

most. We also believe that education begins at home and that parents are every child's first teacher.

That's why we are announcing that, as part of our *Basics First: Real Standards for Students* campaign, the Texas Federation of Teachers is making available free copies of the book "Helping Your Child Learn to Read." All parents and teachers in Texas are invited to call us toll-free at 1-800-222-3827 to order a free copy of this important reading tool.

"Helping Your Child Learn to Read," written by Bernice Cullinan and Brod Bagert and distributed in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Education and the American Federation of Teachers, is filled with interesting and fun activities parents can use at home to promote their child's interest and skill in reading. Early parental involvement makes an enormous difference in a student's ultimate success at school and we hope this book can help at least some Texas parents take a more active role in their child's earliest educational development.

Sincerely,
John Cole, President
Texas Federation of Teachers



HAVING A BALL are these workers as they weld sections together for the new water tower. One worker can be seen at the lower left of the globe as he prepares to enter the tank.

PV2 Shauna Janelle Nitsch graduates as Executive Administrative Assistant



PV2 Shauna Janelle Nitsch, daughter of Kenny and Kendra Nitsch, granddaughter of Dewitt and Frances Bryan and Lucy Nitsch, graduated with honors from the Executive Administra-

tive Assistant course at Fort Jackson, South Carolina.

She, along with PFC Brad Blum of California, was presented a certificate of achievement by Lieutenant Colonel Brent A. Johnson for achieving a score of 90 or above. As an Executive Administrative Assistant, she will be assisting Colonels and Generals.

PV2 Nitsch graduated from basic training on September 26, 1996, and went on to graduate from the Administrative specialist course on November 14. She will be reporting to Korea in February 1997 where she plans to start her degree in International Business.

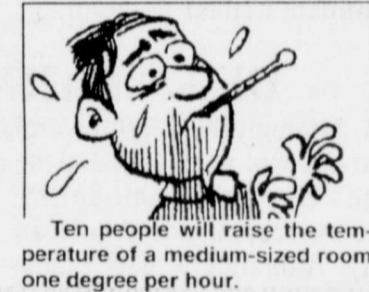
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County Court
February 3
Tonya Scott, Winters, filed for theft of services by check.
Daniel Eponuceno Aguilar, Ballinger, filed for driving while intoxicated, subsequent offense.
February 4
Jim Jason Coker, Big Spring, filed for terrorist threat and telephone harassment.
February 5
Cameron Keith Butler, Winters, filed for assault.
February 6
Benny Ray Renfro, Winters, filed for failure to appear.
Paul Green, Ballinger, filed for failure to appear.
Mitchell Caffey, Ballinger, filed for failure to appear.
February 10
Michael Dale Watkins, Ballinger, filed for driving while intoxicated.
Kenneth H. Kline Jr., Winters, filed for terrorist threat.
Billy Jean Hearn, Winters, filed for evading detention.
Billy Joe Clough, Winters, filed for driving while intoxicated.
County Court Dispositions
Richard Torres, pleaded guilty to driving while intoxicated, 2nd offense, sentenced to one year in county jail, probated to two years, fined \$1500 plus court costs of \$212 and 80 hours of community service.
Edward Duane Fullen, pleaded guilty to driving while intoxicated, sentenced to six months in county jail, probated to one year, fined \$750 plus court costs of \$212 and 50 hours of community service.
Joel Quiroga, pleaded guilty to assault, fined \$500 plus court costs of \$157.
Raymond D. Flores, pleaded guilty to theft of merchandise by check, fined \$50 plus court costs of \$157, \$35 hot check fee and restitution of \$163.21.
Julie Campbell, pleaded guilty to theft of merchandise by check, fined \$50 plus court costs of \$157, \$30 hot check fee and restitution of \$140.
Mary Owens, pleaded guilty to theft of merchandise by check, fined \$50 plus court costs of \$157, \$15 hot check fee and restitution of \$50.
David Lynn Smith, pleaded guilty to driving while license suspended, fined \$350 plus \$157 court costs.
Hubert Edward Benrup, pleaded guilty to assault, fined \$350 plus \$157 court costs.
Charles L. Farr, pleaded guilty to driving while intoxicated, sentenced to six months in the county jail, probated to one year, fined \$750 plus \$212 court costs.
Jim Henson, pleaded nolo contendere to theft of merchandise by check, fined \$50 plus \$157 court costs, \$15 hot check fee and restitution of \$84.07.
Sherry Barnett, pleaded guilty to theft of merchandise by check, fined \$50 plus \$157 court costs, \$35 hot check fee and \$135.18 restitution.
James Azevedo, pleaded guilty to theft of merchandise by check, fined \$50 plus \$157 court costs, \$15 hot check fee and \$28.12 restitution.
Loncio Rios, pleaded guilty to driving while intoxicated, sentenced to six months in county jail, probated to one year, fined \$750 plus \$212 court costs and 50 hours of community service.

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Roy Crawford, pleaded guilty to driving while intoxicated, sentenced to one year in county jail, probated to two years, fined \$500 plus \$212 court costs.
Pedro Sanchez, theft of merchandise by check, case dismissed, defendant deceased.
Nathan Benrup, pleaded guilty to theft of merchandise by check, fined \$50 plus \$157 court costs, \$30 hot check fee and \$85 restitution.
Paul Allen Schwertner, driving while intoxicated, dismissed, insufficient evidence.
Derek Guy Oats, driving while intoxicated, dismissed, community service contribution.
Sandra Ramos Cavazos, pleaded guilty to driving while intoxicated, sentenced to six months in county jail, probated to one year, fined \$750 plus \$227 court costs and 50 hours community service.
Chad Chapman, pleaded guilty to illegal dumping, fined \$100 plus \$157 court costs.
Kellie Walker, pleaded guilty, theft of cash by check, fined \$50 plus \$157 court costs, \$55 hot check fee, restitution of \$400.
Paul Gomez Jalomo, driving while intoxicated, dismissed, insufficient evidence.
Gary Wayne Gentry, theft and assault, dismissed, defendant convicted in another case.
Anthony Narro, terrorist threat, criminal mischief, dismissed, defendant convicted in another case.
Anthony Narro, pleaded guilty to assault, fined \$500 plus \$157 court costs.
Martin Fuentes, pleaded guilty, driving while intoxicated, sentenced to six months in county jail, probated to one year, fined \$750 plus \$227 court costs and 50 hours community service.
Mario Esquivel Cavazos, pleaded guilty to assault, fined \$350 plus \$157 court costs.
Maria Garza, pleaded guilty to theft of merchandise by check, fined \$50 plus \$157 court costs, \$15 hot check fee and \$36.77 restitution.
Darlene Ortiz, pleaded guilty to possession of marijuana, fined \$500 plus \$157 court costs.
Alfred Carra Muniz, no taillights, dismissed, insufficient evidence.
Kevin Charles Franke, driving while intoxicated, dismissed for community service.
Dennis Ryan Maley, driving while intoxicated, dismissed, insufficient evidence.
Delbert J. Strength, attempt to take fish without landowner's consent, dismissed for community service.
Cindy Jean, pleaded guilty, theft of merchandise by check, fined \$50 plus \$157 court costs, \$50 hot check fee and restitution of \$175.61.
George Lozano, resisting arrest, dismissed, insufficient evidence.
Michael Garcia, criminal trespass and assault, dismissed, defendant in military and moved.
George Cavazos, Jr., possession of marijuana, dismissed, going to Texas Department of Corrections on a felony.

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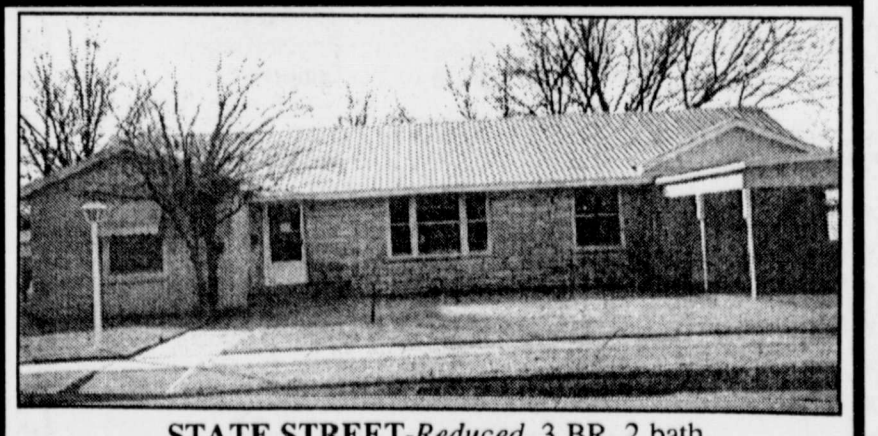
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4-H Happenings

Four-H'ers awarded for efforts at Fort Worth Stock Show

The Southwestern Livestock Exposition was held January 28 - February 1 in Fort Worth. Several Runnels County 4-H'ers exhibited livestock including market swine, market lambs, breeding sheep, breeding heifers, and market steers.

In market swine competition, Amy Heathcott exhibited her medium weight Berkshire to a 1st place finish.

In the Spotted Swine Division, John Heathcott showed the 5th place medium weight, Jacob Lange placed 14th with a heavy weight, and Lori Bredemeyer exhibited the 20th place heavy weight.

In the Hampshire Division, Leah Bredemeyer placed her medium weight barrow 19th, and Thomas Moeller exhibited the 21st place heavy weight.

Mandy Pritchard showed her heavy weight Chester barrow to a 9th place finish.

Robby Heathcott placed his light weight Crossbred 13th and was awarded \$100 as a Certified Texas Bred Winner.

Jodie Schwertner exhibited the 7th place light weight Yorkshire and was also awarded \$100 as a Certified Texas Bred Winner.

Other 4-H'ers exhibiting swine were: Brent Jacob, Cody Pritchard, Cody Driver, and Renee Walden.

In market lamb competition,

Brandon Hohensee showed his light weight Southdown to a 10th place finish.

Other lamb exhibitors were: Doug Hohensee, Dusty Hohensee, Tara Hohensee, Laryn Hohensee, Kaci Collins, Kari Collins, Carey Houston, and Courtney Houston.

In the Open Rambouillet breeding sheep show, Chris Wilde showed the 1st place two tooth ewe and the 2nd place aged ewe.

In the Junior Rambouillet breeding sheep show, Wilde was awarded with Reserve Champion Ewe honors. He also showed the 1st place ewe lamb and the 2nd place yearling ewe.

Danielle Wilde also exhibited breeding sheep in both the Open and Junior shows.

In Junior Heifer competition, Misty Pritchard exhibited the Division Champion Shorthorn.

In a very competitive steer show, Jimmy Halfmann placed his heavy weight American Cross 3rd. Robby Halfmann showed the 7th place heavy weight American Cross.

Other steer exhibitors were: Julie McWright, Aaron Hoelscher, Justin Hoelscher, Keri Hoelscher, Jacob Kalina, and Roxanne Halfmann.

All 4-H youth involved displayed excellent showmanship and sportsmanship and should be congratulated for a job well done.

Subsurface Drip Irrigation Seminar reset for Feb. 19

The Subsurface Drip Irrigation Seminar, sponsored by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, has been rescheduled to February 19 at the St. Ambrose Hall in Wall.

The schedule for the seminar follows:

7:30 a.m.
 Registration
8:00 a.m.
 A Cookbook Approach to Managing Cotton Under SDI, Dr. Juan Landivar, Texas A&M, Corpus Christi
9:00 a.m.
 SDI Experiences in Texas, Dr. Joe Hennigler, Texas A&M, Fort Stockton
10:00 a.m.
 Break
10:15 a.m.
 Fertigation Through an SDI System, Danny Sosebee, Crop Advisor, NETAFIM Irrigation
11:15 a.m.
 Precision SDI Systems - How Automation Can Increase Yields, Bob Scott, Motorola Irrigation
12:15 p.m.
 Complimentary Lunch
1:15 p.m.
 Options for Financing Systems, Steve Chapman, Iowa Securities Leasing.
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FFA members win at Fort Worth Livestock Exposition

Many Winters FFA stockshow exhibitors recently participated in the 101st Fort Worth Livestock Exposition. Winters was proudly represented by steer, heifer, lamb, barrow, and goat exhibitors.

Winters also had participants in the calf scramble. Kelli Slimp, Matt Angel, and Kristin Goff each caught a calf; therefore, allowing the chance to show a breeding heifer in next year's show. Also participating as an alternate was Robby Heathcott.

The show was held from January 16th thru February 1st. During this time, various young people showed animals of all sizes, shapes, and breeds. It was a lot of hard work, but in the long run FFA'ers were well rewarded.

The results are as follows:

Steers
 Michael Prewit-9th Lt. Wt. European
 Mandy Pritchard-10th Lt. Wt. European
 Tanner Donica-11th Hvy. Wt. Polled Hereford
 Chanda Hoppe-11th Hvy. Wt. European
 James Andrae-14th Med. Wt.

European
Heifers
 Matt Angel-5th Polled Hereford
 Chanda Hoppe-10th Simmental
 Jennifer Prewit-20th Maine Anjou
Lambs
 Kyle Loudermilk-24th Hvy Wt. Finewool
Barrows
 Amy Heathcott-1st Med. Wt. Berk
 Robby Heathcott-13th Lt. Wt. Cross
Goats
 Justin Deike-14th Med. Wt.

Other steer exhibitors were Tiffany Donica, Stefanie McGallian, Tammy Thorpe, Shelley Meyer, T.J. Meyer, Shane Lewallen, Robyn Parramore, and Cody Pritchard.

Desiree Mathis also presented a lamb at the show.

Barrow exhibitors were Dustin Priddy, Kelli Slimp, Kristen Goff, and DeAnna Goff.

Congratulations to all these young people on a job well done!!!

Classifieds Get Results

Some prisoners to be moved from County Jail to relieve overcrowding

County Sheriff Bill Baird requested Runnels County Commissioners allow him to move some prisoners out of the county jail to relieve overcrowding on Tuesday. Addressing commissioners in their regular meeting, Baird said he currently had 43 prisoners in the jail which is approved for 32 prisoners.

He said, "I have 17 in the bull pen, which is supposed to accommodate eight people." Baird said he was sure the State Jail Commission will make him move prisoners when they receive his monthly report, so the county may as well go ahead and make the move. He told commissioners he would make the best deal possible with other entities for housing the prisoners, but that it would be costly no matter where they go.

Commissioners voted to allow the sheriff to move prisoners whenever there are over 40 in the jail. Baird said the overcrowding is contributing to illness, an increased food bill, and just general problems. He said he would move prisoners who are awaiting paperwork to be moved to the Texas Department of Criminal Justice prisons.

In other business, commissioners approved a contract with Southwest Consortium, Inc., represented by Melody Allen of San Angelo, for federally mandated drug and alcohol testing of county employees who drive trucks and heavy equipment. The cost of the testing will be \$40 per employee for drug testing and \$15 per person for alcohol testing. Commissioners were not sure how many employees would be involved, but it was thought 22 would be involved in the random testing.

Allen told the court that Runnels County would be put into a pool with several other counties and that the Department of Transportation requires testing 50% of those holding a commercial driver's license in the pool. The company also conducts training for supervisors in helping to recog-

nize drug and alcohol problems in employees at no additional cost to the county.

In other business, commissioners:

- Approved tax abatement for Strube Packing Company. Commissioner Ricky Strube abstained from voting on the motion because of his relationship.

- Approved participating in a cooperative purchasing program between the National Association of Counties and Office Depot. Participation does not cost the county anything and can mean up to a 61% discount on some office supplies.

- Approved a statement of agreement with West Texas Centers for Mental Health Mental Retardation.

- Accepting an order setting Runnels County's share of the salary of the 119th District Court Reporter at \$7,514.64 per month. Judge Marilyn Egan stated this was the same as last year's salary.

- Approved some housekeeping budget amendments—moving money from one place in the budget to another.

- Approved the annual audit by outside accountants and took note of the two exceptions in the report. One noted that Justice of the Peace in Precinct 2 was not depositing funds in a timely manner and the other exception was that the county did not budget for the county attorney's check funds. Judge Egan noted the second exception had been taken care of in this year's budget.

- Approved Judge Egan's request for a new chair for her office.

- The judge and commissioners dug in their pockets and contributed \$5 each for the county to be a member of the Hill Country Firemen's Association. Judge Egan noted the county attorney had said it was illegal to expend county funds for such membership, but in order for the fire departments in the county to be members, the county must participate.

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