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**PEACE**—God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change; the courage to change the things I can; and the wisdom to know the difference.

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# The Winters Enterprise

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## Building a water tower — it's as easy as 1-2-3

by Jean Boles

Got a wild desire for your very own 140-foot water tower?

No big deal.

First you get a really sturdy base (5/8" thick steel is always nice) 25 feet high and 22'6" feet in diameter at the base. Anchor it into a hole 5 and 1/2 feet deep in the ground with concrete and steel reinforcement.

Next, you'll need a strong cylinder — say, about 85 feet long and 29 feet around.

And to top it off, assemble a 43,000 pound, round steel tank that holds about 100,000 gallons.

Now that you have all the parts, rent a massive crane at \$450 per hour, throw in some darkness, strong wind and cold rain, and simply match all the pieces perfectly.

Just like building with an old-fashioned Erector set, right?

Well, maybe a few more details and a great deal more skill might be involved.

Residents and visitors in Winters were recently treated to a unique sight when the new south water tower was assembled.

For several weeks, workers had been busy welding together the sections of the base, the cylinder section, and the large round tank.

The used water tower was, after careful inspection, purchased in February of 1996, in Lakeland, Florida. It was dismantled then transported in sections to its new home in Winters to replace the old

1924 tower at the south end of town.

Excitement mounted throughout the day on February 11, following the arrival of an enormous crane at about 4:00 p.m. The massive machine had traveled 7 and 1/2 hours from Irving, along with a seven member crew.

Initial plans were to start the assembly the next morning but increasingly poor, wet weather prompted the decision to go ahead with the construction late Tuesday.

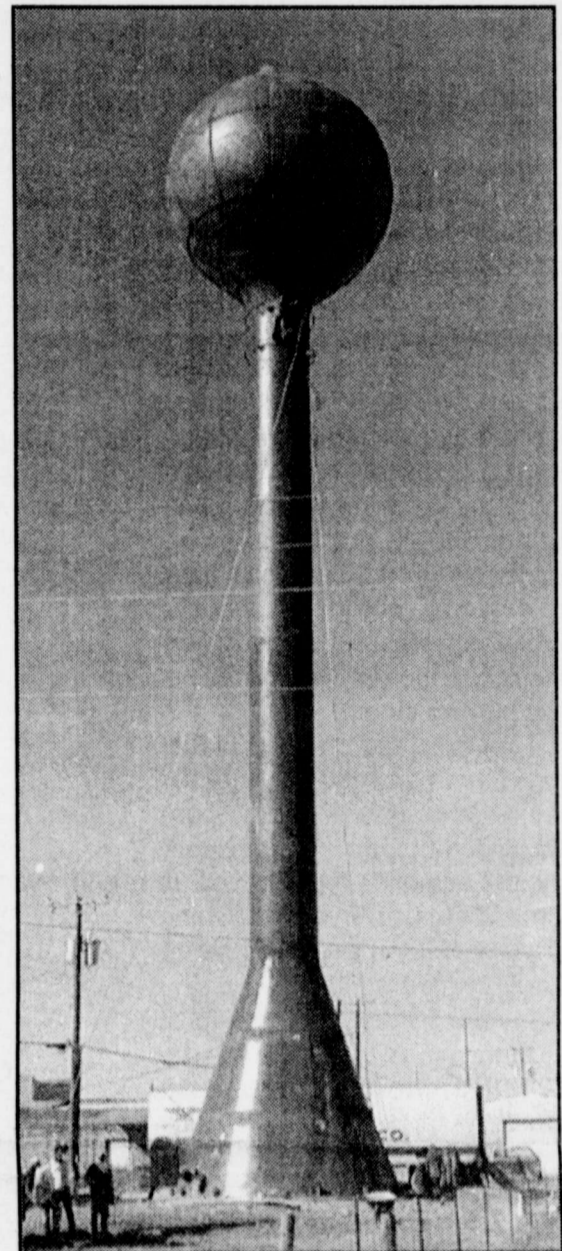
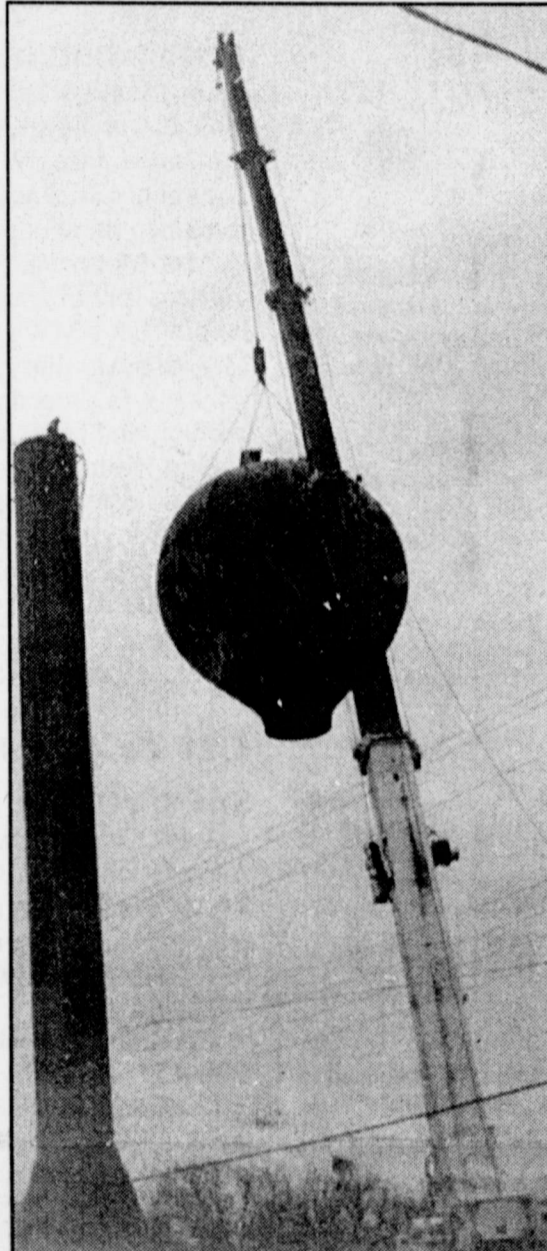
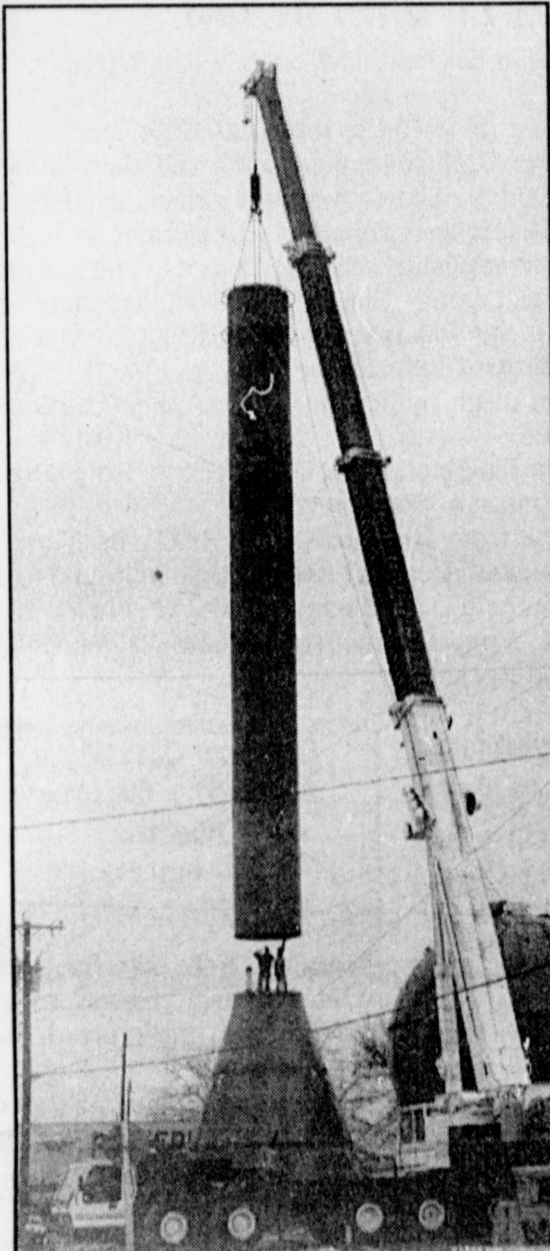
The crane was extended from its "traveling" length of 60 feet to a "working" length of approximately 190 feet. After the cylinder was carefully secured with cables, the crane lifted the designated end.

Two experienced and very brave workers stood atop the base and manually guided the large cylinder as it was lowered over them on top of the base. (I held my breath during this part).

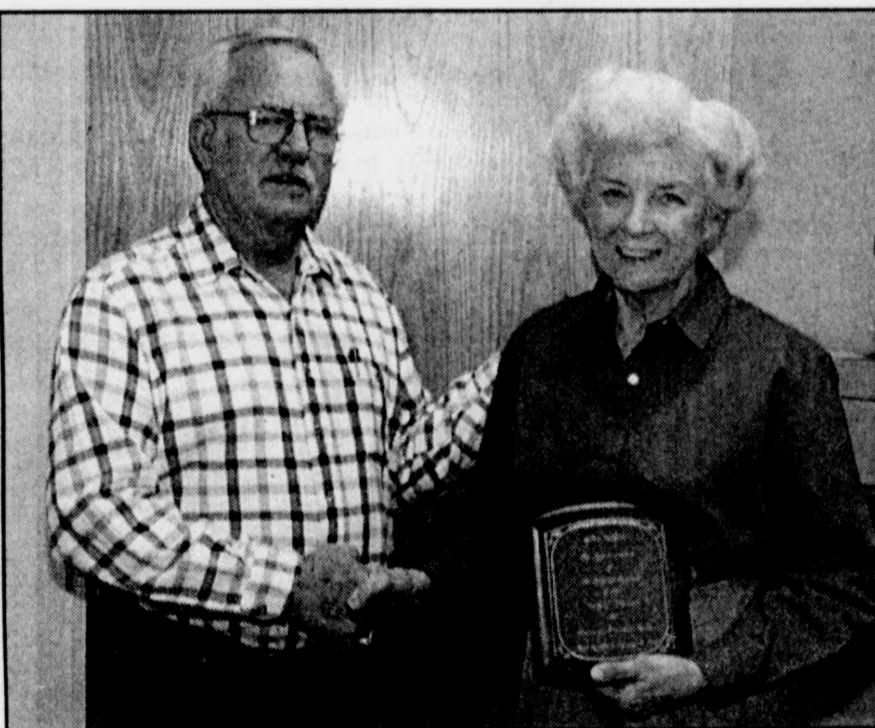
Welders quickly crawled inside the base to inside the cylinder and began welding the two pieces together.

Being ignorant of the world of welding, I wondered if welding was like using a glue gun. John Voller, engineer with Hibbs & Todd who stayed on the site during the entire assembly, explained that no "curing" time was needed before the welding would support the cylinder.

See Water Tower, page 3



**NEW WATER TOWER** assembly brought onlookers throughout the 3-hour period last week. In picture at left, a massive crane lifts the steel cylinder and workers guide it atop the base. After welders connected the cylinder to the base, the large bowl was placed on top as workers manually pivoted the tank to match seams with the swaying cylinder (center photo). After five additional days of welding, the assembly is completed and now awaits painting. The used tower, built in Florida, is made to withstand winds of 200 m.p.h. and stands almost 140 feet tall.



**RETIRING JUDGE OUIDA NICHOLS** is presented a plaque in recognition of her years of service to the City of Winters. Ouida began as Municipal Judge in June of 1991, and is retiring to "Do as she wants to do." Making the presentation is Mayor Dawson McGuffin.



**NEW JUDGE VIRGINIA SKAGGS** is congratulated by City of Winters Mayor Dawson McGuffin. Judge Skaggs was officially sworn in Thursday, February 13, 1997, and looks forward to her new duties.

## School board renews contracts; TIPS program receives \$20,000

In regular session on February 10, the WISD board of trustees voted unanimously to extend for one year the contracts of high school Principal Charles Kidwell, elementary Principal Terry Wyatt, and Athletic Director Robin Byrd, without change in salary.

The board also voted to extend the contract of Business Manager Jimmy Butler, with a salary increase of \$2,500 beginning July 1, 1997.

On January 13, trustees had unanimously voted to extend the contract of Superintendent Mike Harris to June 30, 2000.

Principal Wyatt reported approval of a grant application for the TIPS before-and-after school program. WISD will receive \$20,000 from the Texas Work and Family Clearinghouse, a division of the Texas Employment Commission, to be used for the present spring semester.

Receipt of this grant means that none of the \$9,000 previously budgeted by WISD trustees will be spent for TIPS at this time.

The new grant money allows an additional employee for the TIPS program, which brings the program up to full staff. More than 150 children participate in the current TIPS program.

Mr. Wyatt also informed the board that funds had been ap-

proved from the State for the 1997 summer school program. Also, the Texas Department of Human Services will again make available free breakfasts for anyone ages 1-18.

In other business, the board voted to accept a bid of \$19,125.00 from M&M Construction of Brownwood, for the asphalt installation on the new track field. Vibra Whirl and Company of Panhandle was awarded the bid of \$41,928.35 for the surfacing work of the track.

These bids were recommended by Everette Wilkins of Wilkins International of San Antonio, who is the track consultant, designer and project manager for the new Blizzard track field.

Board members heard presentations from Principals Kidwell and Wyatt regarding Campus Improvement Plans. These proposals were approved by the board.

Trustees voted to order a school trustee election at the WISD elementary school library on Saturday, May 3, 1997. Holding the election will be Emily Pendergrass, election judge, and Lois West, Edna England, Kay Colburn and Nadine DelaCruz to serve as election clerks.

Early voting will be conducted at the school business office from

8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. beginning April 14, 1997, through April 29, 1997. Early voting clerks will be Shirley Hill, Sherry Byrd, Rhonda Goetz, and Jimmy Butler.

Dale Montgomery, school maintenance superintendent, updated board members regarding numerous projects. He reported completion of the baseball field irrigation system, and status of the new track field which is somewhat behind schedule due to bad weather.

Montgomery presented an outline of several future projects which include the following:

- irrigation system for the track and practice fields (sticker stadium)
- completion of track field

restrooms and bleachers

• conversion of old band concession stand into restrooms at football field

• repair or replace roof of home economics building

• repair erosive area between gym and school tennis courts

• construction of addition on field house for JV dressing room

• construction of shed for tractor and equipment

• various painting projects and miscellaneous grounds improvements

Montgomery also approached the council with ideas for upgrading facilities to comply with energy conservation regulations, and the need for replacing the roof of the 1923 gym.

### WHAT'S HAPPENING ?

- Feb. 20-6:30 p.m., GED Classes, WHS
- 7 p.m., Select Choir, School Cafeteria
- 7:30 p.m., Winters Squares, Community Center
- Literary & Service Club, Pendergrass Home
- Feb. 21-11:30 a.m., Senior Citizens Meal
- Feb. 22-7:30 p.m., Winters Squares, Community Center
- Feb. 23-6:30-8:30 p.m., WeCTOGA Meeting, Abilene Civic Center
- Feb. 24-7 a.m., WeCTOGA Meeting, Abilene Petroleum Club
- 9:30-10:30 a.m., SS Rep, Winters Housing Authority
- 11:30 a.m., Senior Citizens Meal
- 5-9 p.m., Conservation Tillage Seminar, Community Center, Ballinger
- 5:15 p.m., 4-H Meeting
- 6 p.m., City Council
- 7 p.m., Wingate Masonic Lodge
- BASA Practice Begins
- Feb. 25-Noon, Lions Club
- 6-8:30 p.m., GED Classes, WHS
- 7 p.m., WVFD
- WVFD Auxiliary
- TAAS Testing
- Feb. 26-11:30 a.m., Senior Citizens Meal
- TAAS Testing
- Feb. 27-Noon, 39+, First United Methodist Church
- 6-8:30 p.m., GED Classes, WHS
- 7:29 p.m., Ballinger Chamber Banquet, BHS Cafeteria
- 7:30 p.m., 3rd Grade Play, WHS Auditorium
- TAAS Testing

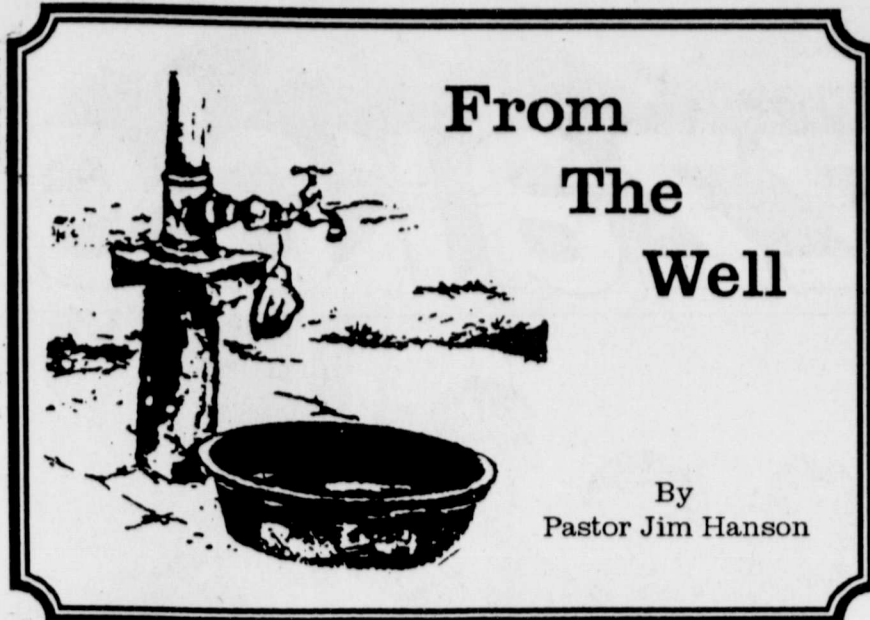
### Judge announces business hours

Municipal Judge Virginia Skaggs began her official duties Thursday, February 13, and announces new business hours.

The judge's office will be open Wednesday and Thursday from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. and Friday 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

The office is located within City Hall, 310 S. Main, Winters. Those individuals conducting business with Judge Skaggs are encouraged to use the front, middle door entry. The phone number is 754-4126.





## From The Well

By  
Pastor Jim Hanson



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The other day my wife was glancing through The Lion, the February issue of the magazine that all of us good Lions read each month. She was reading from a column entitled "Exit Laughing." It had some good quotes, like: "It would be far easier to lose weight

permanently if replacement parts weren't so handy in the refrigerator." And, "First they tell you that you can't take it with you; then they charge you for leaving it all behind." And, "Virtue may be its own reward, but most people are still looking for a better deal." And, "A decision is what a person makes when he can't find anyone to serve on a committee." Good lines. Bring a chuckle up from the well. Pretty much true, too.

But there was one that she read to me that has stuck in my craw ever since. I asked her to rip that page out so I could get it right when I quoted it. I have since referred to it at church leaders conferences, regional planning meetings, and have asked my daughter-in-law Ruth to "hand print" it and frame it for me so I can put it up on the wall. To me, it's that good a statement. It reads almost like Scripture and has to have been inspired by the same spirit.

The statement reads: "Despite all our accomplishments, humanity owes its existence to a six inch layer of top soil and the fact that it rains."

Simple. Down to earth. The truth. And the kind of truth that calls us back to reality and the way things really are. It should be learned and recited by children and adults. It is a wonderful and sharp arrow that punctures all of our "spaced-out" fantasies that seem to have captured the mind and soul of America.

I'm referring to "Star Wars" and all of that stuff. I remember taking my wife and children to see it years ago. I was not impressed. When I was a kid we had a cartoon in the comic section of the newspaper entitled "Buck Rogers in The 21st Century." It was spacy, too! The focus of all of this "Star Wars" stuff is high-tech — pushing buttons that release powerful missiles that hurdle through space and wipe out your enemy. Good versus Evil. But, what about the family? We have a hero who doesn't even know who his own kids are, and worse, doesn't know he had them. All of the action takes place high in the sky, by and by. One of the questions that comes to mind over and over is, "What do they eat?" And if they do, "Where does it come from?" I know you can grow tomatoes in water. But, can they grow them in the air?

A couple weeks ago people lined up and paid big bucks to see a reproduction of "Star Wars." All over the country. Some folks stood in line for hours. High powered "food for fantasy," I call it. Spacy.

To be sure we do live in an age that is more than tinkering in space. Governments, including our own, have made big investments. N.A.S.A. Space ships. Blast offs. All are part of our culture. We are told that all of this is the wave of the future. And we'd better be ready.

Well, I still raise the question: "What will we eat?" And, "Where will we grow it?" We do know the simple fact that in spite of all our technology, we owe our existence to a six inch layer of top soil and the fact that it rains. It seems to me that that six inches should be our top priority and to make sure we don't lose any more of it. Rather than claiming outer space, we need to reclaim the earth, the soil, the land! Get our feet solid on the ground.

A short time ago, we received a much needed rain. God created the earth. He makes it rain. We are to be stewards of the soil, and caretakers of creation. It's a day-by-day operation, farming and ranching. Just like God does it — day by day. Not easy. But productive. One seed can, with care, produce one hundred more. When we see it happen, it is a miracle and mystery. Real. Wonderful — like turning the winter wheat green again. Makes you feel good — all over.

As far as the future? My Bible says "a new heavens and a new earth." And that Gospel chorus says it all for me — "Many things about tomorrow, I don't seem to understand; but I know who holds tomorrow, and I know who holds my hand."



"COOKIE MOM-STER" D'ANN PERRIE (right) and daughter, Christina, junior girl scout, recently accepted and sorted 256 cases of Girl Scout cookies. The cookie manager has made distribution to all girl scouts. The girls have until March 3 to make delivery and turn in sale funds.

### Chamber Memo

By Julie Springer, manager

Things are really rolling here at the Chamber. The directors have been meeting twice a month to come up with some great ideas for the Winters area.

The Chamber plans to start spotlighting a business a month. This will include all businesses and hopefully give you insight on some that you do not know about.

On March 9, there will be a book signing at the Z.I. Hale Museum from 1:30-3:30 p.m. The featured book is entitled "J. Evets Haley...A True Texas Legend" by Bill Modisett. Please make plans to attend.

The Rock Hotel is coming along fine. We had a great turnout for chicken spaghetti, even though we had snow on the ground earlier that morning.

If you would like to tour the museum, please phone me at 754-5210 to schedule an appointment.

Christmas in April is set for April 19; Mayfest, May 3; and the Bass Tournament/Industrial Weekend, June 6-7.

As you can see, there are lots of events coming up. Sign up early to help. You can do this by phoning the Chamber of Commerce, 754-5210.

If your club or organization wants to be involved with Mayfest, call soon. Booths are already filling up and food space will be limited this year. We also need groups to sponsor tournaments and activities for the kids. There will be an arts and crafts show during Mayfest. Booth space is available now by calling the Chamber at 754-5210.

As you can see, you need to write 754-5210 in your book and program it into your phone — that way you can help us make Winters and the area the best it can be!!

### Social Security Rep. in Winters

Garland Gregg, representative for the San Angelo Social Security Office, has scheduled his February visit to Winters. He will be at the Winters Housing Project Office on Monday, February 24, between 9:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

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

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

### WATER TOWER, continued

John the Engineer has been extremely patient with me and my strange questions. He and Arif Hassan, City Manager, have worked on this project since its beginning in 1994.

Soon, amidst wind and cold drizzle, workers were ready for the finale in the night's performance.

The big brown ball was laced with cables and heaved high into the darkening skies. Without incident and in what seemed like only a few minutes, the ball was delicately lowered onto the swaying cylinder. (Again I held my breath).

With incredible daring and skill, the fellows standing on top of the swaying cylinder rotated the ball until the appropriate seams matched.

Again, the welders crawled into the base and this time, they had to climb about 110 steps to connect the tank to the cylinder.

Watching the welding was similar to an impressive July 4th fireworks display. The darkness of the night sky provided a perfect backdrop for the dramatic golden sparks coming from welders on the outside and the inside of the tank.

One welder said he didn't mind the cool weather. In fact, it's preferred. He said it's much harder to weld inside the tanks when the outside temperature starts to climb above 60 degrees. He said that he and five co-workers drank more than 30 gallons of water last summer during a 100-degree work-day.

This was truly a sight to see as

was evident by the steady stream of curious onlookers throughout the three-hour performance.

Following assembly of the tower, workers toiled five more days welding inside and outside the tank.

From base to top, the tower reaches 139 feet, 8 inches. Inside are two large pipes — one for bringing water in and out and the other is an overflow pipe. Although this tower is taller than the north water tower, ground level is twenty feet lower, therefore both water tanks stand at the same elevation.

The City of Winters received a twelve-year warranty on the water tower and a two-year warranty on the paint which will be applied within the next few weeks. Epoxy urethane will be used to paint the exterior and urethane paint will cover the interior.

I'm excited about doing the news story about the painting event. Mr. Voller has invited me to climb up through the interior of the tower, all the way to the top.

I can't even climb a ladder to paint my house so this should really be a challenge. And I really appreciate the invitation.

Especially since I didn't get to operate the big crane.

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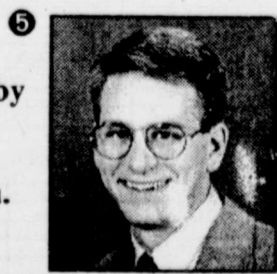
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CAFETERIA MENU
Feb. 24 - 28
Subject to change\*

Breakfast
Monday-Feb. 24
Waffles
Sausage
Pineapple Juice
Tuesday-Feb. 25
Breakfast Pizza
Cereal
Orange Juice
Wednesday-Feb. 26
Toast
Cream of Wheat
Sliced Peaches
Thursday-Feb. 27
Biscuits
Ham Slice
Apple Juice
Friday-Feb. 28
Cinnamon Toast
Cereal
Apple Juice

Lunch
Monday-Feb. 24
Italian Spaghetti
Steamed Broccoli
Hot Rolls
Sliced Peaches
Tuesday-Feb. 25
Steak Fingers/Gravy
Mashed Potatoes
Green Beans
Hot Rolls
Pineapple Pudding
Wednesday-Feb. 26
Chalupa/Meat/Cheese
Refried Beans
Tossed Salad
Sliced Pears
Cinnamon Roll
Thursday-Feb. 27
Corn dogs
Potato Salad
Baked Beans
Mixed Fruit
Chocolate Cake
Friday-Feb. 28
Hamburger
Lettuce/Pickles
French Fries
Cherry Cobbler

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

Student Council News

by RHEA PARRAMORE
Student Council Sponsor
Student Council members made and handed out carnations on Valentine's Day. Your support for this annual project is very much appreciated.
On Monday, February 17, the council observed Presidents Day. Officers are now working on projects to be turned in March 5 at the District Spring Convention. The convention will be held in Stephenville.
Election of officers will be held in March. Current officers will hold an officers' leadership meeting the first of March for all candidates.

Choir to entertain with 1950's songs

The Winters Elementary Select Choir will perform their 50's program for the public. This will be the same program that was performed at the Chamber banquet.
The performance is scheduled Thursday, February 20, beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the school cafeteria.
Everyone is invited to come rock and roll with this entertaining group of young men and women.

Third grade to present "Clean Up Kids"

The third grade classes of Mrs. Penni Smith, Mrs. Mary Beth Ahrens, Mrs. Kathy Pringle, and Mrs. Linda Mitchell invite you to attend their annual play.
"Clean Up Kids" will be presented Thursday, February 27, at 7:00 p.m. at the Winters High School Auditorium.
Featuring ways to take care of the environment, the program will include many delightful songs. Children perform under the direction of Mrs. Fran Kidwell.

Miller to perform at HSU's Meyerson program in Dallas

Jeff Miller of Winters, a member of Abilene's Hardin-Simmons University Concert Band, will be a part of the School of Music's presentation of a program at the renowned Morton H. Meyerson Symphons Center in Dallas on Monday, Feb. 24.
The HSU School of Music and its students and faculty will be presenting the special program.
The program begins at 8 p.m., and admission is \$10.
Persons interested in more information may call the School of Music, 915-670-1426, or the Alumni Office at 1-800-460-3908.

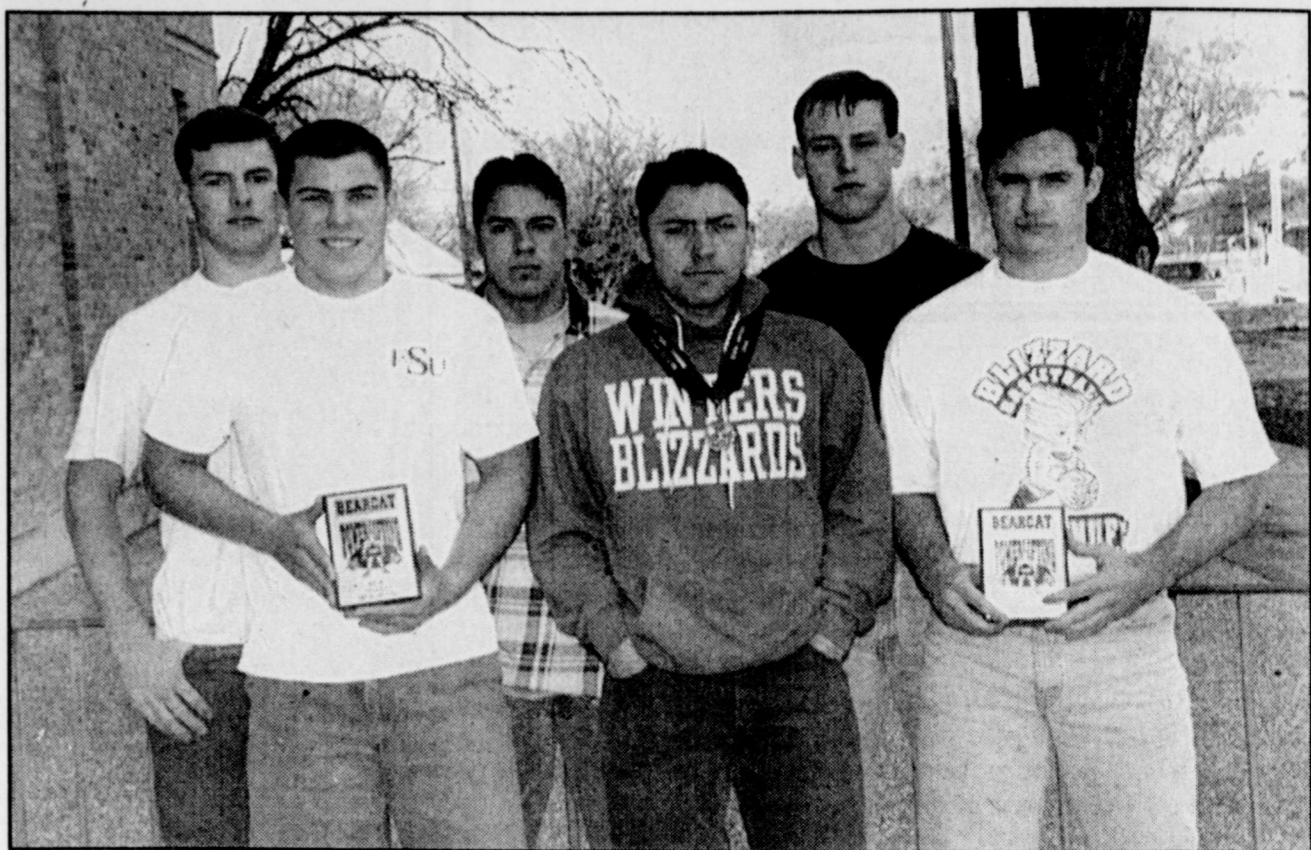
Julie Lancaster on HPU Honor Roll

Winters native Julie A. Lancaster received academic recognition for the fall semester at Howard Payne University.
Lancaster, a freshman Psychology major, was named to the Honor Roll.
Students must earn a 3.50 to 3.64 GPA to receive Honor Roll recognition.

Play Ball '97

Feb. 20—Grape Creek, Here, 4 p.m., JVB
Feb. 21—Ballinger, There, 5 p.m., VB
Feb. 21-22—Abilene JV Tourney, There, TBA, VG
Feb. 27-March 1—Merkel Tourney, There, TBA, VB
VB-Varsity Boys VG-Varsity Girls
JVB-Junior Varsity Boys
\*Denotes District Games

Blizzards



CHAMPION POWERLIFTERS for Winters Independent School District are (front, l to r) Kirk Byrd, Marshall Scates, Dennis Conner, (back) Eric Joeris, Eric Bernal, and Eric Tekell. The two plaques and medal were awarded for first and second places, respectively, in competition February 15 at Hawley.

Powerlifters win at Hawley

Under the instruction of Coach Robin Byrd, six Winters High School students competed Saturday, February 15, 1997, in Powerlifting at Hawley. Winters was among nine schools to be represented at the meet.
Kirk Byrd won first place in the 181-pound weight class. He squat-lifted 300 pounds, benched 220, and deadlifted 375, for a total of 895 pounds.
In the 198-pound weight class, Dennis Conner took first place and Marshall Scates a close second. Dennis squat-lifted 430 pounds, benched 255, and deadlifted 400, totaling 1085 pounds. Marshall's total of 1055

Learn Quicken for Windows

Winters I.S.D. is offering an Introduction and beyond to Quicken for Windows. This will be a 5-hour course introducing Quicken for Windows and how the program can work for you at home or in your business.
Learn Quicken for Windows, the #1 best-selling finance software program designed to organize your finances easily and quickly. Quicken helps you accurately track bills, bank accounts and credit card accounts, investments, taxes, budgets, loans, and more. This will be a hand-on introduction to Quicken.
Material will be furnished. Classes will be limited to 10 participants per course. Class will be Tuesday and Thursday beginning February 25 and 27 from 6:00 until 8:30 p.m. Cost is \$15 per course. Please register prior to first class date.
Winters I.S.D. will continue to offer the Introduction to Computers course offered monthly to beginners and users not familiar with Windows or WordPerfect for Windows, a word processing program. Winters I.S.D. is also currently taking names of anyone interested in courses for Windows 95, Internet, Intermediate or Advanced WordPerfect, MicroSoft Word, Keyboarding, Basics of Networking, or any other class the community has an interest in learning. When a class of at least 10 are interested, the course will be presented.
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GO BLIZZARDS!

Project Graduation Mexican Lunch to be held Sunday, Feb. 23

The primary fund raiser for Project Graduation 1997 will be held Sunday, February 23 in the Winters School Cafeteria. The Mexican Lunch will be served from 11:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m., at \$5.00 per plate. The meal will consist of Mexican casserole, beans, salad, chips with hot sauce, dessert, and tea or water.
Take-out plates will be available. For those unable to attend the meal, but would like to eat, home deliveries will be made. To make arrangements for home delivery, call Barbie at 754-4513 (W) or 767-3788 (H), Brenda at 754-4958 (W) or 754-5439 (H), Dottie at 754-4834 after 5:00. Please leave your name, number of plates to be delivered and your address, and have your tickets or money ready.
Tickets to the lunch are available from seniors' parents, or at First American Bank and The Winters Enterprise.
Parents of seniors are asked to bake a cake or 2 dozen brownies or cookies to be served at the lunch. Please take them to the school cafeteria on Sunday morning after 8:00 a.m.

Basketball Hoopla

Table with basketball game statistics including team names (Varsity Boys, Junior Varsity Boys), coaches, dates, and player performance metrics (Points, Rebounds, Steals, Assists) for both teams in various games.

MEXICAN LUNCH
Sunday, February 23 - 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
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Mexican Casserole, beans, salad, chips with hot sauce, dessert and tea.
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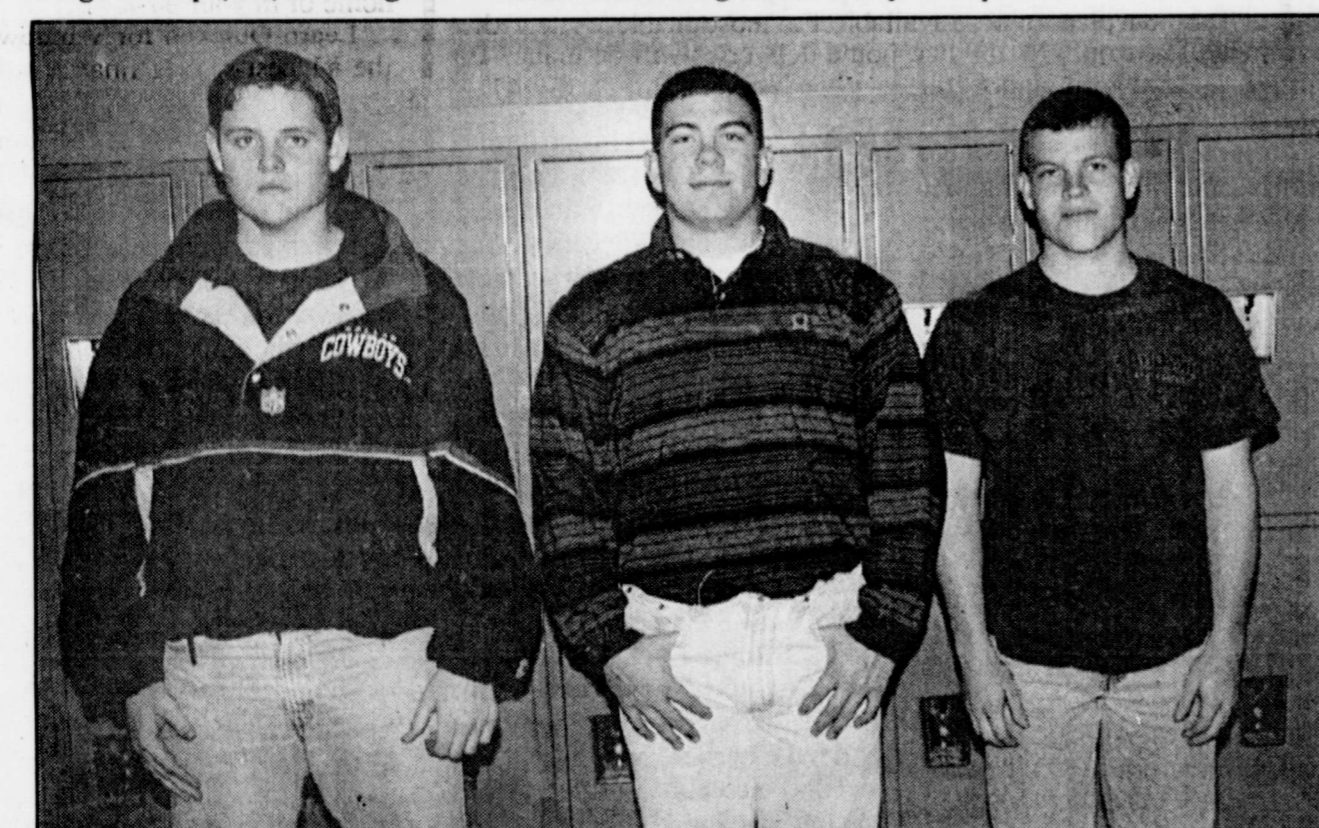
# making Goals in '96-'97



**UIL GOLD MEDAL WINNERS** at Robert Lee on February 8 from Winters High School were Greg Evans (left) in News Writing and Paige Bishop (right) in Ready Writing. Brooke Tounget (center) placed fourth in News Writing.



**STEPHEN GARZA (RIGHT)** RECEIVED a first place in Headline Writing in Bangs UIL competition recently. Taking third place in News Writing and sixth place in Feature Writing was Paige Bishop (left). Placing fifth in Feature Writing was Tammy Thorpe.



**SECOND PLACE ACCOUNTING TEAM WINNERS** at the Bangs UIL meet on January 18, 1997 were (from left) Steven Sneed, Steven Cross, and Austin Jobe representing Winters High School.

## Schedule revised for youth basketball

An instructional youth basketball program is being offered to students in Kindergarten through 6th grades. Cost per child is \$5 and includes secondary insurance. The \$5 must be paid on the first night of instruction.

Due to conflicts with the Blizzard boys playoff game on Monday and the choir performance on Thursday, the Winters Youth Basketball program will be postponed for one week.

For further information, call Phil Colburn at 754-5143, Mary Slimp at 754-4616, or Julie Springer at 754-5210.

Date	Group	Time	Location
Monday, Feb. 24	K-2	5:30-6:30 p.m.	Activity Bldg.
	3-6	6:45-8:00 p.m.	Old Gym (meet first at activity bldg.)
Thursday, Feb. 27	K-2	5:30-6:30 p.m.	Activity Bldg.
	3-6	6:45-8:00 p.m.	Old Gym
Monday, March 3	K-2	5:30-6:30 p.m.	Activity Bldg.
	3-6	6:45-8:00 p.m.	Old Gym
Thursday, March 6	K-2	5:30-6:30 p.m.	Activity Bldg.
	3-6	6:45-8:00 p.m.	Old Gym
Monday, March 17	K-2	5:30-6:30 p.m.	Activity Bldg.
	3-6	6:45-8:00 p.m.	Old Gym
Thursday, March 20	K-2	5:30-6:30 p.m.	Activity Bldg.
	3-6	6:45-8:00 p.m.	Old Gym
Saturdays for grades 3-6 scrimmages			
March 1	3-4	9:00-10:30 a.m.	Activity Bldg.
	5-6	10:30-12 noon	Activity Bldg.
March 8	3-4	9:00-10:30 a.m.	Activity Bldg.
	5-6	10:30-12 noon	Activity Bldg.
March 22	3-4	9:00-10:30 a.m.	Activity Bldg.
	5-6	10:30-12 noon	Activity Bldg.

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## Blizzards' playoff hopes melt with 55-63 loss to Ozona Lions

The varsity Blizzards closed out their basketball season Monday night with a 63-55 loss to Ozona. The contest, held at San Angelo Central High School, was a District 8-2A second-place semi-final game.

Ozona got on the boards first and held a one-point lead at the end of the first quarter. But the Blizzards came storming back and

## Students win in academic competitions

Twenty-one Winters High School students and thirty-one Winters Jr. High students competed in the Robert Lee Invitational Academic Meet, Saturday, February 8.

Winters High School students Paige Bishop and Greg Evans won gold medals for their first place finishes in news writing and ready writing, respectively. Sophomore Brooke Tounget placed fourth in news writing.

Other high school participants included Jaime Bahlman, Tammy Thorpe, Cristi Burton, Heather Watkins, Eric Tekell, John Bahlman, Brent Jacob, Jennifer Davis, Jace Wade, Stephen Garza, Tara Burns, Jeanna Kozelsky, Alison Wells, Misty Pritchard, Chip White, Barrett Brown, Mario Chavez, and Terri Ledbetter.

The following Jr. High students won gold medals for their first place finishes: Mandy Pritchard in oral reading, Samantha Montgomery in seventh grade dictionary skills, and Theresa Canglioli in eighth grade dictionary skills.

Eighth graders placing second were Michelle Paschal in ready writing, Kayla Colburn in oral reading, and Colby Walker in dictionary skills.

Seventh grade silver medalists were Meagan Nitsch in listening skills and Mandy Pritchard in dictionary skills.

Jeffrey Jordan placed fifth in number sense; Tracie Morrison placed sixth in dictionary skills; and Kelly Walker placed fourth in impromptu speaking.

Other jr. high students participating included Staci Bishop, Karen Wimberley, Raul Zerzano, Chris Hoppe, Michelle Burton, Lori Bredemeyer, Holly Woffenden, Aaron Pritchard, Candess Johnson, Eileen Alvarado, Ezequiel Martinez, Kacy McCuiston, Kasey Murphy, Kristian Cadena, Gabriel Hernandez, Amy Galloway, Cliff Wimberley, Norma Gonzales, Jessica Corley, and Tony Aguero.

A prior competition held at Bangs on January 18 produced the following results:

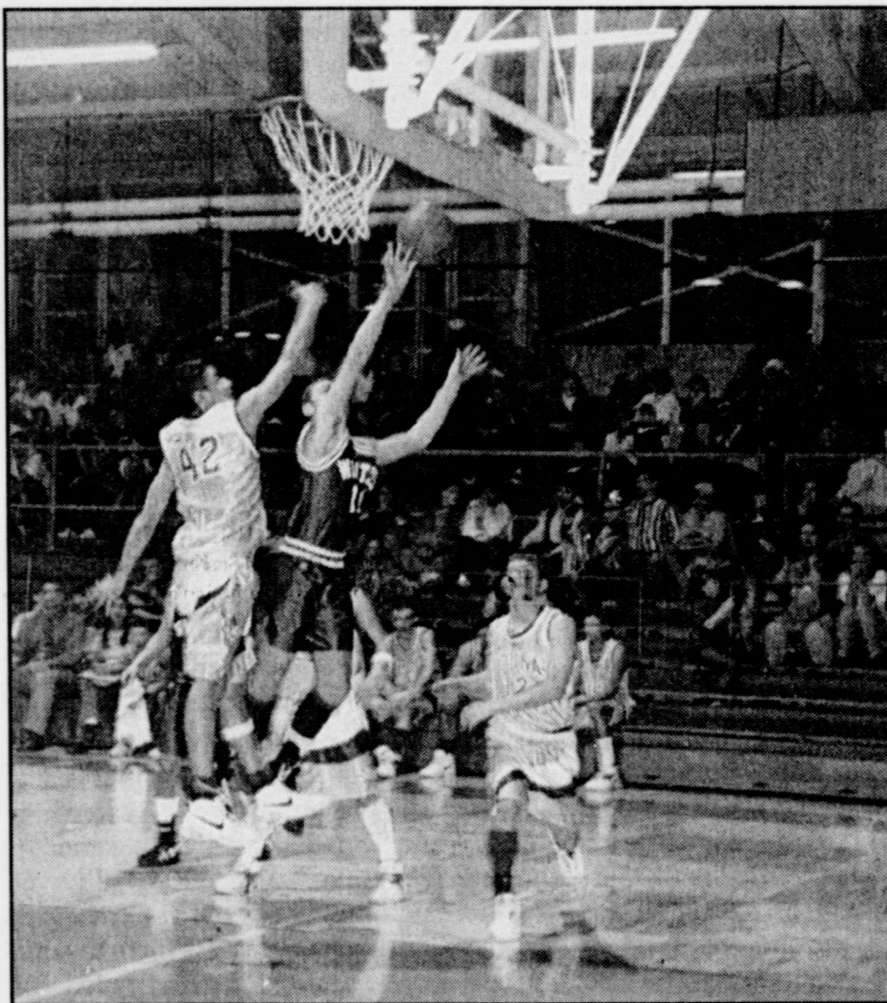
Stephen Garza, 1st, headline writing;

Paige Bishop, 3rd, news writing;

Tammy Thorpe, 5th, feature writing;

Paige Bishop, 6th, feature writing;

and Steven Cross, Steven Sneed, and Austin Jobe, 2nd, accounting team.



**KENNY WHITTENBURG** zips past the Ozona defender for the two-point layup.



**COACH ED HENLEY** directs his team during a very physical game against the Ozona Lions. Also shown is Adam Cruz #13, Kenny Whittenburg #11, Dennis Conner at far right, and Allan Connor behind Henley.

scored 16 points to Ozona's 11 in the second period, making the score 30-26 in favor of Winters.

A cold Blizzard team could muster only 10 points in the third quarter while Ozona turned on the heat and racked up 22. A series of turnovers proved costly for the Winters squad who also faced some serious foul trouble.

Fourth quarter scoring was dead-even at 15 points each, put-

ting the Blizzards on the short end when the final buzzer sounded.

Bear Nitsch, with 15 points, was leading scorer for Winters, followed by Kenny Whittenburg with 13, Corey Van Zandt with 8, Adam Cruz with 7, Chris Soto with 6, Dennis Conner with 4, and Abe Vasquez with 2.

The Blizzards, under the direction of Coach Ed Henley, finished 15-16 for the season.

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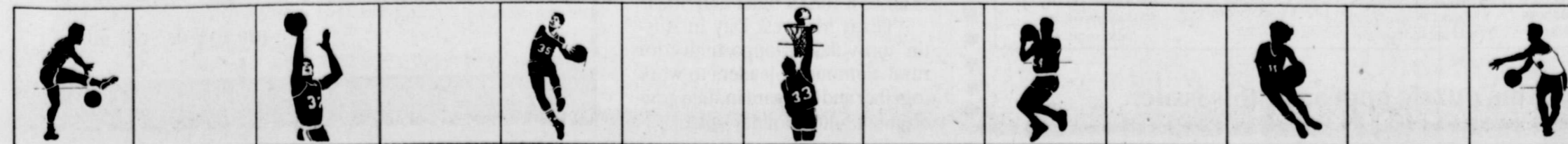
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**SWEEPSTAKE WINNERS** in the District Pinewood Derby Grand Champion Races are (from left) Aaron Cook, grand champion; Garrett Nitsch, second place; Trenton Grohman, third place; and L.J. Nitsch, fourth place. The scouts are all of Winters.

## Winters Cub Scouts "sweep" District Pinewood Derby races

Eighteen (18) Cub Scouts from Winters participated in the White Buffalo District Pinewood Derby held in Abilene on Saturday, February 15, 1997.

Winters "swept" the Grand Champion Races with Aaron Cook as grand champion, Garrett Nitsch taking second, Trenton Grohman, third, and L.J. Nitsch, fourth. All four boys received trophies for their efforts.

In the Tiger Cub division, Kaighan Price received a first place ribbon for Best Aerodynamic Design and a third place ribbon for Best Paint Job.

In the Tiger races, Garrett Nitsch won a first place medal, and Kevin Cook, a second place medal.

In the Wolf division, Mark Scates received a first place ribbon, and Corbin O'Dell, a second place ribbon for Best Aerodynamic Design.

In the Wolf races, Trenton Grohman won a first place medal and Corbin O'Dell, a second place

medal. Cory Sudduth placed fourth. Mark Scates placed fifth.

In the Bear division, L.J. Nitsch received a first place ribbon for Best Aerodynamic Design. He also won the Bear division race and received a first place medal. Jordan Sanchez came in second, winning a medal. Dylan Perrie placed fourth.

In the Webelos division race, Aaron Cook won a first place medal.

The following scouts received a District Pinewood Derby patch: Dylan Perrie, L.J. Nitsch, Jonathan Meyer, Jordan Sanchez, Garrett Nitsch, Trenton Grohman, Kevin Cook, Aaron Cook, Jacob Bridgeman, David Scates, Mark Scates, Kaighan Price, Michael Hubach, Randy Jackson, Cory Sudduth, Matthew Tucker, Corbin O'Dell, and Thomas Doty.

This year, there was also a "Daddy" division adult race. Tommy Scates' car won first while Allen Perrie's took third. Congratulations to all!

**City proclaims February 17-21 as Drought and Wildfire Awareness Week**

*Whereas,* the month of February is Drought and Wildfire Awareness Month in Texas, and

*Whereas,* the climate of our area, like that in much of the State of Texas, is conducive to periods of moderate to severe drought and the subsequent fire danger, and

*Whereas,* Texans are adversely affected by such conditions that have resulted in loss of life and property, injury, and millions of dollars in economic and agricultural losses statewide, and

*Whereas,* while we cannot prevent such conditions we can work in our neighborhoods and communities to increase awareness of risks of conditions and offer to citizens measures to reduce the threats of drought and wildfire, and

*Whereas,* it is vital that citizens recognize that where appropriate drought management occurs all Texans benefit, and

*Whereas,* the State of Texas and local offices of emergency management provide resources and teach Texans how to prepare for natural disasters of all kinds, including drought, and

*Whereas,* it is our duty to join our Governor George W. Bush in encouraging all citizens to be aware of and prepare for drought and wildfire since prevention and preparation save lives, property, livestock, and crops.

*Now therefore be it resolved,* that the City of Winters City Council declares the week of February 17 through 21, 1997, as Drought and Wildfire Awareness Week in Winters, Texas.

*In testimony whereof,* I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Winters to be affixed this the 10th day of February A.D., 1997.

Dawson McGuffin, Mayor

## Runnels County Crimestoppers

On Saturday, the 15th of February, 1997, between the hours of 2:30 p.m. and 6:15 p.m., unknown person(s) made forced entry into a residence east of Winters and stole numerous guns.

If anyone has information on this burglary or the location of any of the stolen guns, please call Runnels County Crimestoppers at 365-3591 or any local law en-

forcement 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 this burglary. Remember you do not have to give your name when calling Crimestoppers.

## Conservation News & Notes

By Ronnie Vanicek, District Technician

### Conservation tillage seminar series set in Runnels County

Producers are invited to attend a 2-part seminar series geared toward cotton and grain sorghum production using a reduced tillage type of farming system. Information provided will benefit conventional farmers and those interested in reduced tillage farming.

These seminars will be held Monday, February 24, and Thursday, March 6, in the Ballinger Community Center. The seminars will begin at 5:00 p.m. and run until approximately 9:00 p.m.

Speakers on February 24 will be E.K. Chandler, owner of Texas Plant and Soil Lab in Edinburg, and James King, independent consultant on plant nutrition of McAllen. They will cover the topics of soils, fertility, plant nutrition, organic matter, and compaction.

Speakers on March 6 will be Dr. James Smart, weed scientist with USDA Agricultural Research Service in Weslaco, and Dr. Dan Krieg, professor of plant physiology at Texas Tech. They will be discussing herbicides in cotton and grain sorghum, tillage equipment, plant population, row spacing, and moisture management.

Statements from local producers will also be highlighted on both nights.

Meals will be served on both nights — so come straight from the field and give your partner a break from the kitchen.

A \$10 registration fee will entitle you to attend both sessions and is being collected to offset expenses.

Please pre-register with the Runnels Soil and Water Conservation District office in Ballinger at 2000 Hutchins or call 365-3415 to reserve your place.

### Baird to host first WTRC "Walk & Wave" auction

Baird will host the first annual "Walk & Wave" auction and West Texas Rehab benefit sale beginning at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, February 22.

Items for the sale will be pre-viewed in front of businesses on Market Street and West Third beginning at 9:00 a.m. the day of the sale. Rocky Ash, Abilene auctioneer, will conduct the auction.

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## Official Records

**County Court February 10**  
Patricia Ann Wright, Winters, filed for driving while intoxicated, subsequent offense

**February 11**  
Larry Bubenik, Ballinger, filed for theft of merchandise and/or cash by check

**February 12**  
Santos Garcia, Jr., Ballinger, filed for theft of merchandise and/or cash by check

**February 13**  
Carla Gentry, Miles, filed for theft of merchandise by check

**County Court Dispositions**  
Michael Garcia, assault, case dismissed, gone into military  
Henry B. Maas, littering on public roadway, dismissed, complainant requested dismissal upon reimbursement to county of \$15 expense  
Mark Lynn Jones, Jr., pleaded guilty to driving while intoxicated, sentenced to six month in county jail, probated to one year, fined \$750 plus court costs of \$212 and 50 hours of community service  
Marcus Lynn Jones, Jr., pleaded guilty of driving while license suspended, fined \$500 plus court costs of \$157  
Teresa M. Vaughn, pleaded guilty of theft of merchandise by check, fined \$50 plus court costs of \$157, hot check fee of \$15 and restitution of \$36.96  
Glynn King, pleaded guilty of theft of merchandise by check, fined \$50 plus \$157 court costs, \$15 hot check fee and

**Justice Court Precinct 1 February 11**  
Paul Aguirre, filed for indecency with a child  
Chad C. Chapman, filed for aggravated sexual assault to a child  
Jason Andrew Langley aka Jason Andrew Longley, filed for burglary of a building

**February 12**  
Gerald L. Parks, filed for theft by check

**Marriage Licenses February 14**  
Donald Lee McAfee and Julie Linn McDaniel

**restitution of \$49.17**  
Shane Calaway, pleaded guilty of theft of merchandise by check, fined \$50 plus \$157, \$15 hot check fee, restitution of \$21.16

Valentine H. DeLaCruz, pleaded guilty to assault, fined \$250 plus court costs of \$157

Mueller, Inc. vs Bob Seals, dba Brockhaus-Seals Construction, default judgement of \$2354.84

Otis Ray Liggins, pleaded guilty to resisting arrest, sentenced to 1 year in county jail, probated to two years, fined \$10 plus \$157 court costs and 80 hours community service

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### Winters Squares to dance Feb. 22

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