Apples of Gold

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

by Jean Boles

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

No big deal. base (5/8" thick steel is always crane at about 4:00 p.m. The masnice) 25 feet high and 22'6" feet in sive machine had traveled 7 and diameter at the base. Anchor it 1/2 hours from Irving, along with into a hole 5 and 1/2 feet deep in a seven member crew. reinforcement.

and 29 feet around.

And to top it off, assemble a day. 43,000 pound, round steel tank The crane was extended from

rent a massive crane at \$450 per mately 190 feet. After the cylinhour, throw in some darkness, der was carefully secured with strong wind and cold rain, and cables, the crane lifted the desigsimply match all the pieces per- nated end.

fashioned Erector set, right?

tails and a great deal more skill them on top of the base. (I held my might be involved.

Residents and visitors in Winters were recently treated to a side the base to inside the cylinder unique sight when the new south and began welding the two pieces water tower was assembled.

For several weeks, workers had been busy welding together the welding, I wondered if welding sections of the base, the cylinder was like using a glue gun. John

ter careful inspection, purchased ing the entire assembly, explained in February of 1996, in Lakeland, that no "curing" time was needed Florida. It was dismantled then before the welding would support transported in sections to its new the cylinder.

1924 tower at the south end of

Excitement mounted throughout the day on February 11, fol-First you get a really sturdy lowing the arrival of an enormous

the ground with concrete and steel Initial plans were to start the assembly the next morning but Next, you'll need a strong cyl- increasingly poor, wet weather inder - say, about 85 feet long prompted the decision to go ahead with the construction late Tues-

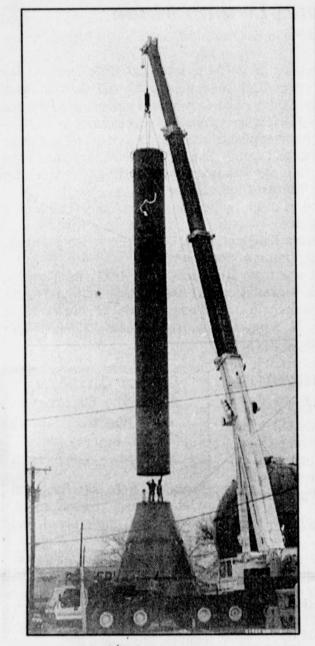
that holds about 100,000 gallons. its "traveling" length of 60 feet to Now that you have all the parts, a "working" length of approxi-

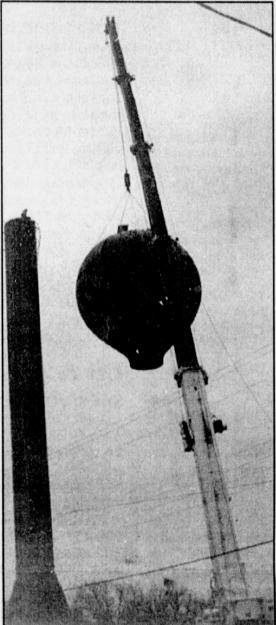
Two experienced and very Just like building with an old- brave workers stood atop the base and manually guided the large Well, maybe a few more de- cylinder as it was lowered over breath during this part).

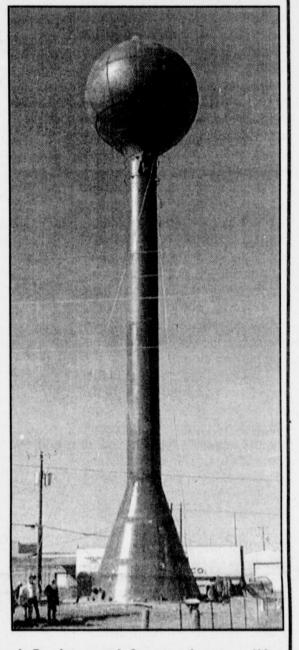
> Welders quickly crawled intogether.

Being ignorant of the world of section, and the large round tank. Voller, engineer with Hibbs & The used water tower was, af- Todd who stayed on the site dur-

home in Winters to replace the old 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

elementary Principal Terry Wyatt, ages 1-18. and Athletic Director Robin Byrd, without change in salary.

1, 1997.

unanimously voted to extend the work of the track. contract of Superintendent Mike Harris to June 30, 2000.

program. WISD will receive Blizzard track field. \$20,000 from the Texas Work and of the Texas Employment Comspring semester.

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

the current TIPS program.

Mr. Wyatt also informed the board that funds had been ap- at the school business office from

Judge announces business hours

day, February 13, and announces new business hours.

:00 to 5:00 p.m. and Friday 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Municipal Judge Virginia Skaggs began her official duties Thurs

The judge's office will be open Wednesday and Thursday from

The office is located within City Hall, 310 S. Main, Winters. Those

ndividuals conducting business with Judge Skaggs are encouraged

to use the front, middle door entry. The phone number is 754-4126

10. the WISD board of trustees summer school program. Also, April 14, 1997, through April 29, voted unanimously to extend for the Texas Department of Human one year the contracts of high Services will again make availschool Principal Charles Kidwell, able free breakfasts for anyone Goetz, and Jimmy Butler.

voted to accept a bid of \$19,125.00 The board also voted to extend from M&M Construction of the contract of Business Manager Brownwood, for the asphalt in-Jimmy Butler, with a salary in- stallation on the new track crease of \$2,500 beginning July field. Vibra Whirl and Company of Panhandle was awarded the bid On January 13, trustees had of \$41,928.35 for the surfacing weather.

These bids were recommended by Everette Wilkins of Wilkins Principal Wyatt reported ap- International of San Antonio, who the TIPS before-and-after school and project manager for the new

Board members heard presen-Family Clearinghouse, a division tations from Principals Kidwell and Wyatt regarding Campus mission, to be used for the present Improvement Plans. These proposals were approved by the

Trustees voted to order a school ementary school library on Satur-The new grant money allows day, May 3, 1997. Holding the an additional employee for the election will be Emily TIPS program, which brings the Pendergrass, election judge, and program up to full staff. More Lois West, Edna England, Kay than 150 children participate in Colburn and Nadine DelaCruz to serve as election clerks.

Early voting will be conducted

In regular session on February proved from the State for the 1997 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. beginning restrooms and bleachers 1997. Early voting clerks will be cession stand into restrooms at Shirley Hill, Sherry Byrd, Rhonda football field

> Dale Montgomery, school In other business, the board maintenance superintendent, updated board members regarding gym and school tennis courts numerous projects. He reported completion of the baseball field field house for JV dressing room irrigation system, and status of the new track field which is some- tor and equipment what behind schedule due to bad

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

proval of a grant application for is the track consultant, designer and practice fields (sticker sta- ergy conservation regulations, and

completion of track field the 1923 gym.

· conversion of old band con-

 repair or replace roof of home economics building

· repair erosive area betwen

· construction of addition on

· construction of shed for trac-

· various painting projects and miscellaneous grounds improve-

Montgomery also approached the council with ideas for upgrad-• irrigation system for the track ing facilities to comply with enthe need for replacing the roof of

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Feb. 20-6-8:30 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

Oil Bidness

By Reg Boles ©1997



I am continually amazed at how people misunderstand the free market system.

I am futher amazed at how other people look at the system through a distorted lens that allows them to see what is only beneficial for themselves.

A recent case in point:

The Department of Energy (DOE) held an "emergency" meeting with oil producers to talk about why heating oil was increasing in price in the northeastern U.S.

Never mind that the meeting was ridiculous to begin with. After all, it was built on the idea that oil companies were somehow manipulating the price upward to increase profits, and that they could actually control prices like a puppet on a string. But, just forget that little fact.

Let's concentrate on the meeting itself. There, the idea that the New York Mercantile Exchange (NYMEX) was causing instability in prices arose.

It seems that amid the discussion about who was to blame about the increase in oil prices, there came somebody (probably living the Lea Gas Unit #1 in the Selden Field (3 in a glass house) throwing stones at an entity that is an easy target.

The NYMEX is not a single person or a single interest group. It is made up of millions of participants, so this huge business entity is easy to hit with an accusation. But, no one has to be offended (the politicians don't have to single anybody out), and the public feels closure because someone is blamed for their suffering. The perfect victim.

However, the problem is that you have to take the ups with the FNL of Sec. 185, Blk. 1-A, H&TC Sur., downs in a system that is con- A-176. stantly setting prices through supply and demand. If prices rise as Taylor County demand rises, that is how the game is played. Don't run home to Mommy and Daddy (aka big gov- BOPD in the Ellenburger (perfs 5407-

ernment) and beg for a refund. Some may argue that the Sec. 22, blk. 19, T&PRR Sur., A-1368. NYMEX introduces speculation Young #1 in the Casaday Field (5 miles might argue, causes unjustified BOPD in the Strawn (perfs 4720-24). price swings.

In a system left to itself to set prices, there is no "unjustified" change in prices. There is only what needs to be done to balance Coke County the market.

Since we can't all meet every afternoon to decide how much oil is out there and how much we want to sell or buy, NYMEX traders do it for the world. They provide a place where the market meets. Speculators do play a role. They are the ones willing to buy

when everyone else wants to sell or sell when everyone else wants to buy.

Every participant in the market is essential or they wouldn't be participants

So, we shouldn't blame anyone for what the market is doing. It is just giving us signals to increase supply or prices will skyrocket or lower production or prices will plummet. We're lucky to have as responsive a system as we do.

Most certainly, we can't expect the market to work positively for us at all times. If we expect this, we are being dishonest. Remember, risk and reward...

The only alternative is fixed prices set by three Arkansas buddies of Bill Clinton on a quarterly fishing trip. Think about it.

HIGHLIGHTS OF AREA DRILLING ACTIVITY

COMPLETIONS

Concho County

Western Reserves Oil has completed miles N of Eden) at an initial rate of 724 MCFPD (AOF) in the Goen (perfs 3551-55). Loc. is 300 FNL & 300 FWL of Sec. 14, Blk. 72, IRR Sur., A-1146.

Nolan County

Lytle Creek Operating has completed the Mink #43-1 as a Wildcat, 10 miles SE of Sweetwater at an initial rate of 148 BOPD in an unidentified zone (perfs 5750-65). Loc. is 2575 FSL & 500 FEL of Sec. 43, Blk. X, T&PRR Sur., A-422.

Sinclair Oil has completed the Raymond #1 in the REH Field (15 miles NW of Sweetwater) at an initial rate of 191 BOPD & 14 BWPD in the Strawn (perfs 5784-5818). Loc. is 1000 FEL & 1100

Patternson Petroleum has completed the L. Hamner #1 in the Cal-Ham Field (2 miles N of Trent) at an initial rate of 42 89). Loc. is 1000 FWL & 1500 FSL of

Ventex Operating has completed the into the market. This in turn, they NW of Merkel) at an initial rate of 112 Loc. is 1000 FEL & 600 FSL of Sec. 26, Blk. 18, T&PRR Sur., A-989.

STAKINGS

Marshall & Winston has staked the March -35- #1 as a Wildcat, 9 miles SW of Robert Lee (Depth 7500). Loc. is 666 FEL & 3550 FNL of Sec. 35, Blk. Z, D&SE Sur., A-112.

Oryx Energy has applied to plug back the L. Menielle #31 in the IAB Field, 8 miles NW of Robert Lee (Depth 6200). Loc. is 400 FEL & 630 FSL of Sec. 483,

Blk. 1A, H&TC Sur., A-1324. Pittencrieff America has staked two

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Obituaries

Frank Carter

WINTERS-Frank Carter, 61, died Monday evening, February 10, 1997, at his residence.

He was born August 14, 1935, in View, Texas. He married Ruby Stephan on October 20, 1957, in Abilene. They came to Runnels County in 1959. He served in the U.S. Army during the Berlin Crisis.

Mr. Carter was a welder, farmer, and a member of St. John's Lutheran Church where he was serving on the church council. He was commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 9193 in Winters. He was employed by the San Angelo Feed Yard.

Survivors include his wife, Ruby Stephan Carter of Winters; one son, John Carter of San Angelo; three daughters, Rhonda Goetz of Winters, Karen Walden of Abilene, and Michelle Baylouny of Uvalde; two sisters, Pat LaLiberte of Jupiter, Florida, and Betty Layton of Abilene; and four grandchildren, Jacob and Stephen Goetz of Winters and Ashley and Blake Williams of San Angelo.

Services were held at 2:00 p.m. Wednesday, February 12, at St. John's Lutheran Church with Reverend Jim Hanson officiating. Burial was in Elmwood Memorial Park in Abilene, directed by Winters Funeral Home.

Pallbearers were Jackie Richards, R.C. Kurtz, Marvin Gerhart, Rodney Kruse, Paul Stoecker, and Louis N. DelaCruz.

Inez Denton Moon

PFLUGERVILLE-Inez Denton Moon, 83, died Saturday, February 15, 1997.

She was born August 2, 1913, to John and Effie Denton. She graduated from Winters High School in 1932 and then attended Draughn's Business School. She moved to Garland in 1941 and remained there until 1994, when she moved to Austin.

Mrs. Moon was an accomplished artist. She loved to knit and make afghans for her friends and family. She enjoyed attending church and helping her UMW group. She was a member of the Disabled American Veterans Auxiliary, The Art Club, and the YWCA.

She was preceded in death by her mother, her father, a sister, a brother, and her husband.

Survivors include one daughter, Patricia A. Neely of Round Rock, and one sister, Ionah Vinson of Sommerville.

Family visitation was from 10:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. Monday, February 17, at Cook-Walden/Condra Funeral Home in Round Rock. Graveside services were held at 2:30 p.m. Tuesday, February 18, at Lakeview Cemetery in Winters, directed by Cook-Walden/Condra Funeral Home of Round Rock.

Oil & gas meeting set Feb. 23 & 24

West Central Texas Oil & Gas Association's 64th Annual Meeting for WeCTOGA members and their guests has been set for Feb. 23-24 with the following program: Sunday, Feb. 23

Reception, Abilene Civic Center, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Breakfast, Abilene Petroleum

Club, 7:00-8:00 a.m. Membership Meeting, Ab-ilene Petroleum Club, 8:30-11:30 a.m.

Luncheon, Abilene Civic Center,

wells in the West Fort Chadbourne Field, 10 miles N of Bronte (Depth 5800). The West Ford Chadbourne Unit #30 is loc. 1688 FNEL & 453 FSEL of S. Clark Sur. No. 475, A-48. The S. Odom -F- Unit Sec. 65, Blk. 20, T&PRR Sur. #104 is loc. 1688 FNEL & 453 FSEL of S. Clark Sur. No. 475, A-48.

Concho County

S. Atchley has staked the A. Spiser #1 as a Wildcat, 3 miles SW of Eden (Depth 2500). Loc. is 467 FWL & 350 FNL of Lot 2055, Blk. 72, T&NO Sur.,

Tri-Dyne Resources has staked the B. Sims #1 in the Fuzzy Creek Field, 3 miles E of Paint Rock (Depth 4000). Loc. is 1822 FNL & 103 FEL of H. Schumacher Sur. No. 310, A-737.

Nolan County

Cholla Petroleum has staked the Byrd #1 in the County Regular Field, 3 miles SW of Sweetwater (Depth 4300). Loc. is 2196 FSL & 2310 FEL of Sec. 70, Blk. 22, T&PRR Sur., A-1028.

Clear Fork has staked the Patterson -244-#1 in the Suggs Field, 7 miles W of Blackwell (Depth 7300). Loc. is 1506 FEL & 2458 FSL of Sec. 244, Blk. 1A, H&TC Sur., A-1657.

Fortune Production Co. has staked the Caldwell -A- #2 in the North Dora Field, 7 miles SE of Sweetwater (Depth 6900). Loc. is 480 FNL & 1004 FWL of

Senior Citizens

Activity Center

Menu

Feb. 24 thru Feb. 28

Subject to change

Monday, Feb. 24: Spaghetti

w/meat sauce, tossed salad,

green beans, garlic bread, and

Wednesday, Feb. 26: Roast &

gravy, potatoes, carrots, rolls,

Friday, Feb. 28: Hamburger

steak w/gravy, rice, mixed veg-

etables, bread, and pie.

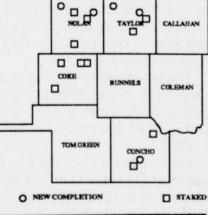
Taylor County

glorified rice.

and plain cake.

Midland Oil & Gas has staked the Antilley #1 in the Big Easy Field, 6 miles SE of Abilene (Depth 3600). Loc. is 51 FSL & 520 FWL of Sec. 56, BAL Sur., A-

Sundance Resources has staked the Mitchell #2 in the County Regular Field, 1 mile W of Tuscola (Depth 4600). Loc. is 1650 FWL of 1329 FNL of Sec. 25, Blk. 1, SPRR Sur., A-285.



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Viola Ollie Blackmon

WINTERS-Viola Ollie Blackmon, 97, died Friday, February 14, 1997, at a local nursing home.

She was born September 10, 1899, in Georgetown and later lived in Blanket. She married Walter Blackmon on August 31, 1915, in Comanche. They moved to Winters in 1940.

Mrs. Blackmon was a homemaker and a member of Southside Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband on August 8, 1970.

Survivors include one daughter, Lois Clark of Winters; one brother, D.F. Rush of Comanche, one sister, Ada B. Grady of Euless; two grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Services were held at 2:30 p.m. Sunday, February 16, in the Winters Funeral Home Chapel with Reverend Gayland Broadstreet and Reverend J.O. Mitchell officiating. Burial was in Northview Cemetery. directed by Winters Funeral Home.

Pallbearers were LeRoy Lamons, Dusty Grady, Darrell Woodcox, Andrew Woodcox, Grady Woodcox, and Ray Guevara.

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WINGATE—Robert Alton "Al" Vick Jr., 90, died Monday night, February 10, 1997, at Canterbury Villa Nursing Home in Ballinger. He was born July 15, 1906, in Ranger and came to Wingate as a

child. He bought a farm in 1933 at Wingate and had lived there since. Mr. Vick was a farmer and a member of the First United Methodist Church of Winters for 78 years.

Survivors include many nieces and nephews and many good friends and neighbors in Wingate.

Services were held at 10:00 a.m. Thursday, February 13, at the Winters Funeral Home Chapel with Dr. Jeff May officiating. Burial was in Wingate Cemetery, directed by Winters Funeral Home.

Pallbearers were Suvern O'Dell, Arvin Childers, Jim King, Brent Mikeska, Hollis Dean, and Gilbert Smith.

Derward Cleo Bissett

BALLINGER-Derwood Cleo Bissett, 79, died Monday morning, February 10, 1997, at Shannon Medical Center in San Angelo.

He was born May 10, 1917, in Terral, Oklahoma, to Chace and Hallie Bissett. At an early age, the family moved to West Central Texas. He graduated from Bangs High School in 1934 and then attended Draughton's Business College in Abilene. He married Eula Mae Clark on September 10, 1939, in Ballinger.

Mr. Bissett was a retired businessman having served Ballinger and Winters for over 40 years. During those years, he owned and operated Gulf and Texaco service stations and Bissett's Tire Store. He retired in 1982. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Ballinger since 1939 and was a charter member of the Friendship Sunday School Class. He was also a member of the Ballinger Noon Lions Club, the Ballinger Masonic Lodge #643, and the Senior Citizens Center.

He was preceded in death by his wife on March 20, 1993. Survivors include a son, Robert C. Bissett and his wife Patricia of Mansfield, Louisiana; a daughter, Brenda Fleetwood and her husband Jimmy of Ballinger; five grandchildren, Melissa Anthony and her husband Melvin and their children Laura and Katy of Ballinger, Donnie Fulton and his wife Rhonda and son Stephen of Midland, Denise Guilbeaux and her son Michael Jacob of Mansfield, Louisiana, Christy Morgan and her husband Tom of Bakersfield, California, and Tim Fleetwood and his wife Pam of Odessa; a sister, LaVerne McDonald of Granbury; three sisters-in-law, Euna Bissett of Ballinger, Shirley Bissett of DeSoto, and Fay Clark Thompson of Winters; and a brother-in-law, Bob Clark and his wife Mildred of Winters.

Services were held at 4:00 p.m. Wednesday, February 12, at the First United Methodist Church in Ballinger with Reverend Dale Schultz officiating. Burial was in the Evergreen Cemetery, directed by Rains-Seale Funeral Home.

Mrs. Rose Grace Graham Doak

AUSTIN-Mrs. Rose Grace Graham Doak, 84, formerly of Winters, died Tuesday, February 11, 1997, in the Seton Medical Center of

She was born May 31, 1912, in Guion, Texas, to William Alfred and Annie Lee Edenbrough Graham. She was united in marriage in 1938 to Thomas Homer Doak.

Mrs. Doak was a retired teacher, teaching several years for the Winters Independent School District.

She was preceded in death by her husband.

Survivors include numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins. Graveside services were held at 11:00 a.m. Thursday, February 13, in the Harrison Family Cemetery near Lockhart. Arrangements were directed by Eeds Funeral Home, Lockhart, Texas.

Pallbearers were Andrew Graham, William Graham, John Bradshaw, Robert Graham, Chuck Pugh, and Sam Harrison.

Card of Thanks

I extend my thanks and appreciation to my friends and family for their support in prayer and deed before and since my kidney transplant.

Your kindness has shown in many ways - cards, telephone calls, flowers, food, transportation, and in the care of the cattle and farm.

God has guided the doctors in making the transplant a success. Recovery will extend for several months. To this point, the transplant has excelled all expectations.

May I be as thoughtful to you in your time of need. God bless each of you. Carlos Walker

Winters Flower Shop flowers. Cifts. Tuxedo Rental

Card of Thanks

We wish to take this opportunity to express our thanks and appreciation to the Home Health Care nurses for their dedicated services, and to everyone who has called, brought food, came by to visit or helped in so many ways. To the men who looked after the cattle and sheep, we are indeed grateful.

Walter's stay in the hospital has been a very trying time and your prayers have helped to see him through.

May God bless each and everyone.

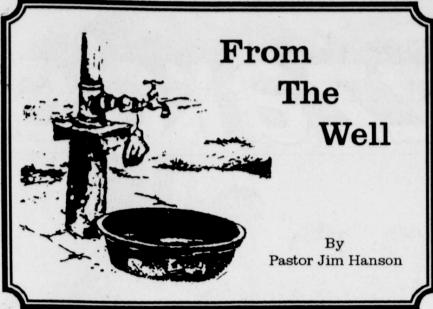
Sincerely, Walter and Cecil Adami

Card of Thanks

We would like to thank the Winters, Moro, and Tuscola Volunteer Fire Departments for their efforts and quick response in extinguishing the recent fire on our

We appreciate the many bales of hay donated by various individuals and the efforts of the departments in their collections as

well. George and Neva Herring





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Pastor Jim Hanson

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

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 verses 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."

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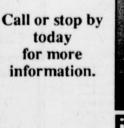


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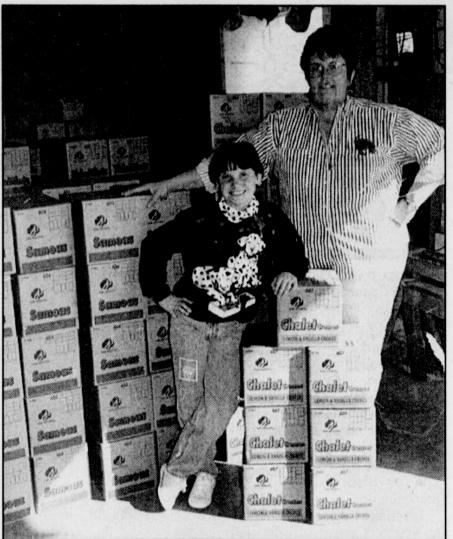


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"COOKIE MOM-STER" D'ANN PERRIE (right) and daughter, Christina, junior girl scout, recently accepted and sorted 256 cases of Girl Scout cookies. The cookie manager has made distribution to all girl scouts. The girls have until March 3 to make delivery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

Girl Scout cookies

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delivered and money to troop lead-

ers no later than March 3.

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D'Ann Perrie, cookie manager, at

Writer's Guild to

hear poetry Feb. 27

Writers' Guild will have their

monthly meeting, and the public

will be presenting a poetry

evening. Sam will have his new

book for autographing and sale.

Hickory in Abilene at 7:30 p.m. It

Please make plans to attend.

should be over by 9 p.m.

On February 27th, the Abilene

Bernice Tucker and Sam Davis

The meeting will be held at 860

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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

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

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

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

strange questions. He and Aref the three-hour performance. Hassan, City Manager, have worked on this project since its beginning in 1994.

Soon, midst wind and cold drizzle, workers were ready for the finale in the night's perfor- reaches 139 feet, 8 inches. Inside

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 really be a challenge. And I really

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 workager and distributed to troops. If day.

This was truly a sight to see as

John the Engineer has been was evident by the steady stream extremely patient with me and my of curious onlookers throughout

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

From base to top, the tower 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 el-

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. Apoxy 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 appreciate the invitation.

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

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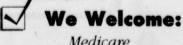


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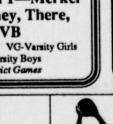
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Pineapple Juice Tuesday-Feb. 25 Breakfast Pizza Cereal Orange Juice Wednesday-Feb. 26 Toast

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 Corndogs Potato Salad **Baked Beans** Mixed Fruit Chocolate Cake Friday-Feb. 28 Hamburger

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Cherry Cobbler

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.



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-Vars JVB-Junior Varsity Boys *Denotes District Games



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.

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.

On Monday, February 17, the

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 ban-

The performance is scheduled Thursday, February 20, beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the school cafete-

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.

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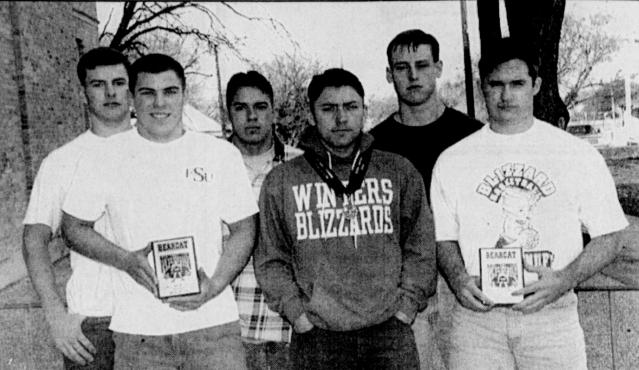
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Team: Junior Varsity Boys Coach: Biff White
Opponent: Roscoe Date: February 11, 1997
Place: Winters

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s: SEASON RECORD: 15-15. DISTRICT



CHAMPION POWERLIFTERS for Winters Independent School District are (front, I 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

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

Under the instruction of Coach 220, and deadlifted 375, for a total of 895 pounds.

pounds. Marshall's total of 1055

POINTS SCORED EACH QUARTER | 1 2 3 4 OT FIN. | WINTERS 16 2 11 10 39 | OPPONENT 4 8 6 12 30 | Free throws made:

Coach's Comments: This was an enjoyable year. These guys never gave up. I hope they learned something about

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Coach's Comments: This is a good group of athletes with alot of talent. They will provide Winters with alot of excite-ment in the future. They work hard and play hard; that's why they are successful. They finished the season at 12-3.

Jordan May 0
Jeffrey Oats 1
Wade Parramore* 16

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 was comprised of 395 pounds squat-lifted, 225 benched, and 435 deadlifted.

The first place winners were awarded plaques. Medals were given to second place individuals.

Also competing were Eric Joeris, Eric Bernal, and Eric'

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

money ready.

Tickets to the lunch are available from seniors' parents, or at

Learn Quicken

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 you tickets or

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.

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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 Advance 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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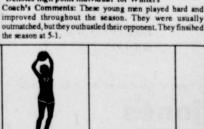
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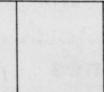


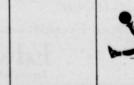






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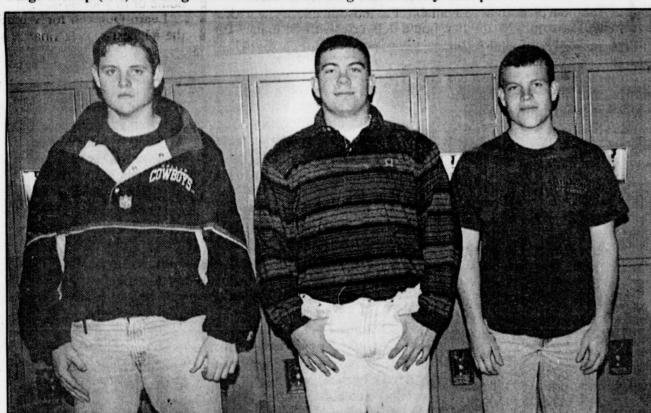




UIL GOLD MEDAL WINNERS at Robert Lee on February 8 from Winters High School were Greg Evans (left) in News Writing and Paige Bishop (right) in Ready Writing. Brooke Tounget (center) placed fourth in News Writing.



STEPHEN GARZA (RIGHT) RECEIVED a first place in Headline Writing in Bangs UIL competion 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. Revised Schedule 2/17/96

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

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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 Cangliolosi 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 fourthin impromptu speaking.

Other jr. high students participating included Staci Bishop, Karen Wimberley, Raul Zermano, Chris Hoppe, Michelle Burton, Lori Bredemeyer, Holly Woffenden, Aaron Pritchard, Candess Johnson, Eileen Alvarado, Ezequiel Martinez, Kacy McCuistion, 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:

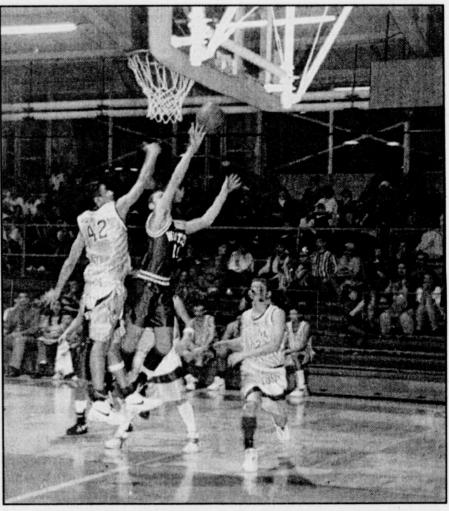
Stephen Garza, 1st, headline writing;

Paige Bishop, 3rd, news writ-

Tammy Thorpe, 5th, feature writing;

Paige Bishop, 6th, feature writ-

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.

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

The varsity Blizzards closed scored 16 points to Ozona's 11 in ting the Blizzards on the short end day night with a 63-55 loss to score 30-26 in favor of Winters. Ozona. The contest, held at San a District 8-2A second-place semifinal game.

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

out their basketball season Mon- the second period, making the

A cold Blizzard team could Angelo Central High School, was muster only 10 points in the third quarter while Ozona turned on the Winters squad who also faced Abe Vasquez with 2. some serious foul trouble.

dead-even at 15 points each, put- 15-16 for the season.

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, heat and racked up 22. A series of Adam Cruz with 7, Chris Soto Ozona got on the boards first turnovers proved costly for the with 6, Dennis Conner with 4, and

The Blizzards, under the direc-Fourth quarter scoring was tion of Coach Ed Henley, finished

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IN MEMORY OF REV. LEONARD E. PRINGLE, this red oak tree was donated by members of the Pioneer Church of God and planted on the grounds of the Winters scout hut. Reverend Pringle had been pastor of the Pioneer Church of God for three years prior to his death in April 1994. A memorial plaque will stand at the base of the tree in Pringle's honor. Pictured are, left to right, Mrs. Leonard (Kathy) Pringle with grandsons Scottie Tubbs and Cory Pringle; daughters Mincy Briley and Kristy Pringle; representatives of Webelos II - Pack 249 Jeanene Laird, Justin Laird, Timothy Fenwick, Ashley Laird, Will Ahrens, and Benji Valles; and church members Ophie Lopez, Monica Hicks, and Mary Griffin. Planting the tree are Bill and Helen Ivey.

Poe's Corner

By Charlsie Poe

King of the Klan

"One bridge that many of us cross in the middle years is the entrance to the third generation grandparenting. It all happens without labor pains, anesthetic, or lingering medical bills. Our offspring provide our membership requirements. All we have to do is enjoy our new status." Written by Jack Gulledge in 1979, as an introduction to his book HOORAY GRANDPARENTS.

Gulledge didn't tell the whole story. Speaking as the grandmother of five boys, there are with Perry and family. many ways that parents can be be done. Besides being fun, it gives the parents a break.

As time goes on, these four boys have become parents and their mother, Rhuenell, is now the proud grandparent of two boys things he might need. and five girls. I'm happy to step Rhuenell played with him for bubbles from his mouth. aside and give her center stage— awhile and said, "Let's play a but there are still ways that one game of Skip-Bo.' who has become the fourth generation can help. I'll give you a recent example to prove it.

The youngest son, Brandon, sented us with a boy, Zachary, our first boy in ten years. They moved here from Lubbock about two months ago, and while becoming living in my apartment.

that Zac, as he is called, has ad-didn't want to return to the table

Charlsie

Poe

justed quite well to being the King

On a recent Saturday night, Rhuenell came from San Angelo to help me babysit with Zac while

of the Klan.

assisted with the work that has to ocassion. He was wearing blue tennis shoes, black sweat pants, and a red Texas Tec shirt with white letters. His hair grows in a natural flat top. His mother had fed him and brought some other

"Do you think we can?" "Oh, yes, I'll hold Zac in my

This lasted about as long as it and his wife, Brandy, have pre- took us to get the cards on the table. He grabbed them and started chewing. I took them away and brought Zac some new cards to eat. He took one chew and threw familiar with a new job and con- them on the floor while scattering sidering a home location, they are those on the table all over the room with both hands. It was time As you can guess, everybody for Zactoeathis fruit and Rhuenell in the family passes by me and fed him some canned pears. He goes to see the baby. I must say ate every bite. We could tell he

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so we carried him to the living room where he could watch TV.

When Zac grew bored with TV, nursery rhyme from his pop-up

Sing a song of six pence, A pocket full of rye; Four and twenty blackbirds

Baked in a pie. All the time she was reading to him he was chewing on his four teething keys — blue, green, red, his parents went out to dinner and yellow. He alternated with two or three fingers stuck in his Zac was dressed for the mouth. He is having a hard time

cutting teeth. Finally, all of our efforts to entertain Zac failed to work. He needed; sign-up started yelling. We gave him his bottle and he spit it out. He squealed and hollered until he was red in the face and he was spitting

In desperation, Rhuenell took the nipple off his first bottle, cleaned and exchanged it with the one we were trying to give him. He grabbed it, swigged it, and was asleep immediately. Rhuenell put him on the bed and said, "Little fellow, you just wore me out."

He slept about 15 minutes, until his parents came to carry him home. It took all of us to gather up his equipment scattered all over the house. They left a box of wipes on my bed. I can use them to wipe my brow. Rhuenell headed for San Angelo.

Classifieds Get Results

Crews News

By Hilda Kurtz



Kurtz

Hilda

Don't tell me that worry doesn't do any good. The things I worry about don't happen.

222222222222222 Since the snow, sleet, and rain,

most folks are staying in due to Dee Bnea New of Abilene was

a visitor for Hopewell Church services on Sunday. Brother Ferris and Ramona

Akins of Ballinger and Dee Bnea New of Abilene were Sunday lunch guests with Dee and Sam Faubion.

Doris Wood had minor surgery last Wednesday in Abilene. She is recuperating nicely at home. Daughter Frances Mincey of Big Spring and sister Louise Walters of Fort Worth are here keeping Doris company.

Pat and Bobbie Calcote of Winters and Pat Bryant of Abilene visited Sunday.

Coleman Foreman was in San Rhuenell read him his favorite Angelo Monday to see his doctor for a heart checkup. He is doing okay. Coleman spent Sunday afterlunch with Lawan at the nursing center. Lawan is still taking care of her foot.

Doris Tippett of Odessa visited Nila and Therin Osborne from Wednesday to Saturday. On Thursday, they went in to see L.C. and Ouita Foster in Winters. On

Christmas in April volunteers are forms available

Sign-up forms for the fourth Skinny's, Lawrence Bros. I.G.A., West Dale Grocery, The Winters Enterprise, and West Texas Utili-

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Texas Midwest Day in Austin

Texas Midwest Community Network (TMCN) announces "Texas Midwest Day in Austin" on March 5.

The purpose of this event is to strengthen participation from the region in statewide concerns and to inform elected officials about the many positive attributes of the Texas Midwest.

Residents in the region are invited to participate. A detailed schedule of the day's events is available by contacting the TMCN office, 915/893-2099. Activities will include meeting in the Capitol Rotunda; recognition in the House, Senate, and Governor's Office; a luncheon honoring the ten legislators from this region; and meetings with several state and agency officials.

Reservations for the luncheon are \$35 and are needed by February 27. After February 27, the luncheon price will be \$45 on a space-available-basis only. There is no cost for all other activities.

"Texas Midwest Day in Austin" provides an opportunity for rural community leaders to work together and be heard in state government with a louder voice.

Friday, Nila and Doris shopped in Ballinger-mostly window shopping. L.C. and Ouita Foster came out Friday night to visit Nila and Therin.

Wallace and Dorthy Farris of Coleman spent Friday evening with Bill and Josie Hoppe. Pastor Jim and Ramona Hanson came out Saturday. They enjoyed their visits so much.

Luke Grissom attended his little friend's 7th birthday party. Garland and his friends were entertained by a clown, and pizza was enjoyed by all at the St. Mary's Hall in Ballinger.

Ruth Pape left Friday evening for Corsicana to visit daughter Debbie Horn and family. She will visit for several days before going on to Juarez, Mexico.

Doddie Drake of Winters and daughter Kalyn spent Sunday afternoon visiting Pat and Earl Cooper. Evelyn Jacob came also and brought a "big" delicious cake.

Margie Jacob attended Hattie Minzenmayer's supper and 42 party Saturday night. Present were Roy and Anita Schaefer, Andrew and Evelyn Lange, James and Lorene Halfmann, Herbert and Evelyn Jacob, and Jerry and Frances Holle. Game winners were Frances, Jerry, and Herbert. Each received a Valentine's box of candy.

Mildred Morrison and Reverend Curtis Morton of Second Baptist Church attended the Associational meeting in Bronte on Monday night.

All the Sam Faubion families spent Saturday night visiting with the Fred Tyrees of Ballinger.

Margie Jacob attended the Glacier King & Queen contest Friday

morning in Winters. Margie's granddaughter, Jeanna Kozelsky, was a candidate. Cookie, Cory, and Brad Van

Zandt; Justin Kozelsky; and Margie Jacob attended the Catholic Life Insurance meeting and dinner in Ballinger on Sunday.

Melvena Gerhart and Audine McBeth came Tuesday and helped quilt on Georgia Gibbs' double wedding ring quilt.

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Connie and Georgia Gibbs and some relatives drove out to what used to be the Hayrick community, where Georgia grew up with her family, the McCutcheons. As they drove, they did some reminiscing. There is nothing there any more except the cemetery, but it did bring back memories.

Doris Wood is having dog trouble. Dogs are chasing her barbedoe herd. There are four dogs — one big black dog, one white and black dog, and two medium brown yellow dogs. Please check your dogs.

Shane Stone and Clayton Johnson of Rising Star spent Saturday with the Bill Mathises.

Happy birthday to John Whaley out in Denton. Your sister sends a big birthday wish!

Marvin, Melvena, Melissa, and Scott Gerhart were in Menard Sunday to visit Myrtle and Jack Wright. After church services, all ate out. Jack will be going to Thailand to stay a couple of years.

Maggie Ruth Stokes of Coleman spent Monday afternoon with Harvey Mae and Noble Faubion.

Letter to the Editor

annual Christmas in April work day, April 19, are available at Jokes aren't funny when Wes-T-Go #6, Wes-T-Go #12, endangering others' lives West Dale Grocery, The Winters

To Whom It May Concern:

went to the concert in Abilene before they left town. Saturday, February 15, to have a taped.

They did not discover the headlight until they arrived at Debbie's lost in the past, but no so long ago. house. They drove all the way down 277 to Shep with very dim headlights.

they heard 7 kids bragging about doing at least 17 cars. These are kids that are supposed to be their friends that have come to our house

and have been taken places. I don't have any problems with having fun and pulling jokes on people. But when you endanger lives, that's another story. We know of 2 others that were at the concert from Winters that this was

also done to, and also of at least My son Eric and his girlfriend one from Winters that was done

We would like them to think nice evening out. When they came about how many other people were out of the concert, their vehicle at the concert from out of town had been shoe polished and whoselives were endangered. You syruped and the headlight duct all know who you are and so do

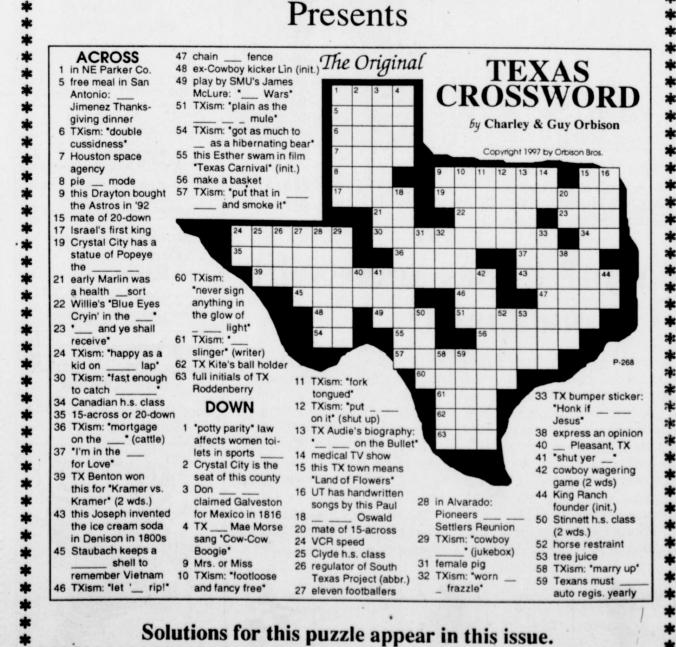
Remember your friend that we Your life means alot to me but not as much as my son's. I have already lost one son and I don't After going to school Monday, wish to repeat it. Life is precious, and, at one time, I thought that you were precious too, but now I have little respect for you.

Your friend and neighbor,

Rhonda Joeris

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

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 Grohamn, 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.

Nitsch won a first place medal, and Kevin Cook, a second place

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

owns and locations:

Eighteen (18) Cub Scouts from medal. Cory Sudduth placed fourth. Mark Scates placed fifth.

In the Beardivision, 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 In the Tiger races, Garrett Nitsch, Trenton Grohman, Kevin Cook, Aaron Cook, Jacob Bridgeman, David Scates, Mark Scates, Kaighan Price, Michael In the Wolf division, Mark Hubach, Randy Jackson, Cory Sudduth, Matthew Tucker, Corbin O'Dell, and Thomas Doty.

This year, there was also a "Daddy" division adult race. stole numerous guns. Tommy Scates' car won first while Allen Perrie's took third.

235-3115

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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 subsquent 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,

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 it is our duty to join our Governor George W. Bush ir

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

Whereas,

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

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 Runnels County Crimestoppers at to give your name when calling

Official Records

County Court February 10

Patricia Ann Wright, Winters, filed for driving while intoxicated, subsequent

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 dis-

missed, gone into military Henry B. Maas, littering on public roadway, dismissed, complainant re-

quested 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

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

Marriage Licenses February 14 Donald Lee McAfee and Julie Linn

> **Justice Court** Precinct 1 February 11

Paul Aguirre, filed for indecency with

Chad C. Chapman, filed for aggravated sexual assault to a child

Jason Andrew Langley aka Jason Andrew Longley, filed for burglary of a

February 12 Gerald L. Parks, filed for theft by

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 compac-

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 viewed in front of businesses on 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-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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Anson - Anson Feed 2:00-3:00 p.m.

Roby - Terry's Gin Inc. 4:00-5:00 p.m.

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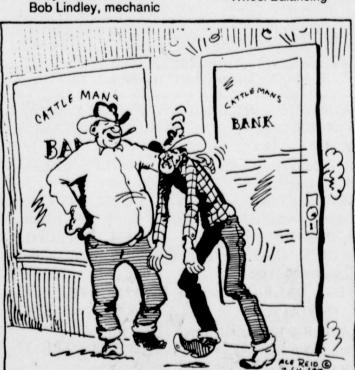
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Winters Squares to dance Feb. 22

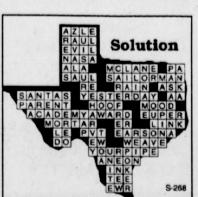
The Winters Squares will host their monthly dance session on Saturday, February 22, at the Winters Community Center.

Dancing will begin at 7:30 p.m. Ed Hart will be the caller.

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