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Former Winters man killed in plane crash

The son of former Winters residents, Wendell and Jeanna Lee, died in an airplane crash on February 27.

Troy Don Lee, 30, was killed about 8:50 p.m., when the Q200 experimental plane he was flying crashed into a large house in a north Houston neighborhood.

The house was unoccupied at the time of the crash.

Lee was en route from LaPort to San Antonio when his small, single-engine plane developed an unknown problem.

A woman who lives across the street from the home struck by the

plane said the plane struck the rear of the house, knocking down some brick columns. The neighborhood is in the Twin Lakes subdivision.

Cause of the crash is being investigated by the Federal Aviation Administration and the National Transportation Safety Board.

Troy lived in Winters with his parents in the early 1990's and worked with his father at Higginbotham's.

Lee is survived by his wife, Stephanie Lee, and two daughters,

Bailey Ann Lee and Skyler Dane Lee, all of San Angelo; his parents, Jeanna and Wendell Lee of Bronte and formerly of Winters; a brother, Kerry Lee of Bronte; and his grandmothers, Zada Denmen of San Angelo and Bertie Rue Lee of Ballinger.

Troy's father, Wendell, is employed by Alderman-Cave of Winters.

Services were held Sunday, March 2, at the First Baptist Church of Bronte with burial in Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Shaffer Funeral Home of Bronte.

City and County enter agreement for firefighting outside Winters' city limits

In a 20-minute meeting of the Winters City Council on February 24, a contract between the City and the County was approved for firefighting outside Winters' city limits.

The contract was proposed by Runnels County Judge Marilyn Egan and will now be considered at the next meeting of the Com-

missioners Court.

The contract reads that the City respond to and provide firefighting services within Runnels County when purportedly needed, and the City shall not be obligated to provide standby fire protection services.

Equipment and personnel of the City shall give priority to calls

within the City at all times. Should the Chief of the Winters Volunteer Fire Department determine that an emergency condition exists within the corporate limits of the City, the City reserves and shall have the right to refuse to make any calls outside these limits during such an emergency. The See CITY COUNCIL, pg. 6



THE DEAFENING SOUND OF SIRENS caused these Brownie Girl Scouts to cover their ears. Winters Chief of Police Carey Balentine demonstrated the sirens to the girls during a fun and knowledgeable safety presentation. Brownies pictured are Juanita Simpson (behind Police Chief), Jennifer Smith, and Toni Hagle (near steering wheel).

Brownie Troop #181 learns safety from Police Chief

Winters Chief of Police Carey Balentine accepted an invitation to talk to Brownie Troop #181 about basic safety. He took time from his busy schedule on Friday, February 21, to present an hour-

long program to the girls, ages 6 and 7.

Chief Balentine gave each girl a safety coloring book with big pictures and easy-to-read explanations. He then discussed topics

such as knowing where to cross the road and being sure to look both ways, riding a bicycle with a helmet, never talking to or getting in the car with strangers, and other tips.

He stressed the importance of each girl knowing her name, address, and phone number.

All girls were fingerprinted, with the cards being given to parents for reference.

The troop was permitted to view the inside of the patrol car and actually heard and saw the sirens in a demonstration by Balentine.

The highlight of the program was the introduction of "Chaco," a German Shepard dog trained in scenting out drugs. Troop Leader Irene Simpson hid a provided "drug button" so that Chief Balentine and Chaco would not be aware, by sight, of its location. Balentine and Chaco then worked wall by wall to find the drugs. Chaco sniffed, scratched and scratched some more, and would not leave the place of the drug's hidden whereabouts. Chaco was quite remarkable and was rewarded with a rubber ball which he apparently enjoys very much.

A fascinating and exciting experiment for the girls, these basic procedures helped provide the See BROWNIE TROOP, pg. 3



YOUNG FARMER CHARTER MEMBERS of the Winters Chapter which recently celebrated its 25th anniversary are (left to right) R. Q. Marks, Scotty Belew, Michael Deike, B. J. Colburn, Freddie Bredemeyer, Charles Allcorn, and Mike Mitchell. Winters Young Farmers were chartered December 7, 1972 by the State Association. Mitchell served as first president, Belew was vice-president, and Allcorn was advisor.

Winters Young Farmers celebrate 25th anniversary

Approximately forty members and guests enjoyed reminiscing at the 25th anniversary celebration of the Winters Young Farmers on Feb. 17 at The Shed in Wingate.

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

Charter members were Ted Ahrens, Allen Andrae, Scotty Belew, Allen Bishop, Edward Bredemeyer, Zeb Deck, Freddie Bredemeyer, Alvin Benson, James Brown, Tom Burton, Billy Joe Colburn, Edwin Deike, Frank Deike, Michael Deike, M. L. Dobbins, Rick Dunlap, Andrew Englert, Bo Evans, Chuck

Geistmann, Paul Gerhart, Wilbert Gruber, J. A. Henderson, Mike Hill, Omer Hill, Frank Hope, Glenn Hoppe, R. Q. Marks, Allan Mills, Jerry Mills, Weldon Mills, A. L. Mitchell, and Mike Mitchell.

Also, Kobert Paschal, Dennis Poe, Ronald Presley, Jeryl Priddy, Bobby Rogers, Ervin Schroeder, David Smith, Arnold Thomeyer, Clarence Wessels, M. L. Wood, W. T. Colburn, Gary Jacob, and Leo Minzenmayer.

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

The Winters Chapter has been very active over the years in the State Association. Scotty Belew served as State President in 1982-83. Michael Deike and Dale Dugan have served as State Vice-President. Gary Jacob was a State finalist for Star Young Farmer in

1986. The Chapter has been very active in community projects and worked closely with FFA and 4-H. An annual scholarship is given to a WHS senior.

The Winters Young Farmers sponsored an annual Cowboy Christmas Ball for several years, agricultural tours of Texas, and numerous educational programs and seminars. Since 1984, the Chapter has sponsored an annual fishing trip for area farmers.

The organization has also donated to the Winters Little League, Winters Fire Department, North Runnels Hospital, Community Center tables, W. Lee Colburn Park Tree fund, Z. I. Hale Museum, Winters Livestock Show, Winters FFA, and West Texas Rehabilitation Center. The group also helps local and area farming families during times of personal needs.

Five Blizzards named to All-District 8-2A teams

Five members of the Blizzard basketball squad received All-District honors.

Kenny Whittenburg, a 6'1" WHS sophomore, was named Newcomer of the Year in District 8-2A basketball. Kenny led the Blizzards in all areas with 241 rebounds, 238 steals, 212 assists, and 382 points (averaging 13.2 pts. per game).

Named to the 2nd Team All-District were Bear Nitsch, Adam Cruz and Corey VanZandt. Chris Soto received Honorable Mention Defensive Specialist.

Nitsch, a 6'2" junior, averaged 9.1 ppg, had 200 rebounds, 76 steals, and 30 assists.

Cruz brought in 61 rebounds, 124 steals, 144 assists and averaged 8.2 ppg. He is a 5'9" senior.

Van Zandt averaged 9.2 ppg, had 207 rebounds, 68 steals and 49 assists. He is a 6'4" senior.

Soto, a 5'8" senior, had 104 rebounds, 79 steals, 82 assists and averaged 5.1 ppg.

The Blizzards, coached by Ed Henley, finished 15-16 for the season.

Others named to the 8-2A Honor Roll were Blake Nichols, Coahoma - Offensive Player of the Year; Robert Hilger, Forsan, Defensive Player of the Year; and First Team members Brad Whitaker, Wall; Andy Howard, Roscoe; Justin Bitrowne, Ozona; Zane Bruce, Eldorado; John Sanchez, Ozona; Josh Colum, Coahoma; Robert Hilger, Forsan; Kenny Whittenberg, Winters; Josh Gaston, Forsan; and Aaron Barr, Coahoma.

World Day of Prayer to be observed at St. John's

The annual World Day of Prayer will be observed in Winters at St. John's Lutheran Education Building on Friday, March 7, beginning with a light lunch at 12 noon, provided by the church. The program will end around 1 p.m.

This gathering will unite the prayers of women in Winters with those of Christian women all over the world.

Come and join in the fellowship of faith and prayers.

WHAT'S HAPPENING ?

- March 6-9:30 a.m.-Noon & 1:30-3 p.m., Immunization Clinic, TDH
- 5-9 p.m., Conservation Tillage Seminar, Community Center, Ballinger
- 6:30 p.m., GED Classes, WHS
- 7:30 p.m., Winters Squares, Community Center
- March 7-11:30 a.m., Senior Citizens Meal
- 12 Noon, World Day of Prayer, St. John's Lutheran Church
- Rattlesnake Round-Up Begins, Sweetwater
- March 9-1:30-3:30 p.m., Book Signing, Hale Museum
- Rattlesnake Round-Up Ends, Sweetwater
- March 10-11:30 a.m., Senior Citizens Meal
- 6 p.m., City Council
- 7 p.m., VFW & Auxiliary
- 7 p.m., Crop Insurance Meeting, Farm Bureau Office, Ballinger
- 7:30 p.m., School Board
- SPRING BREAK BEGINS AT WINTERS SCHOOLS
- March 11-10 a.m., Commissioners Court, Courthouse, Ballinger
- Noon, Lions Club
- 6:30 p.m., GED Classes, WHS
- 7 p.m., WVFD
- 7:30 p.m., Elm Creek Water Control Board
- 7:30 p.m., Ballinger Masonic Lodge
- Woman's Club
- March 12-11:30 a.m., Senior Citizens Meal
- 5:30 p.m., Chamber Directors
- March 13-6-8:30 p.m., GED Classes, WHS

Oil Bidness

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You know things are changing when you hear that major oil companies are following in the footsteps of small outfits.

Not that the big boys hadn't done it before, it's just that they are admitting it—out loud!

For as long as there has been an oil & gas business, most oil producers, from "poor boys" to large independents, have had more opportunities than money. This has resulted in having some spare acreage, extra locations, or potential workovers/recompletions that an operator held in inventory.

The problem with "inventory" was that it didn't make any money. Sometimes it might even cost money (overhead, delay rentals, etc.). It doesn't take a guy or gal who is always a few dollars away from bankruptcy long to realize inventory needed to be turned into cash.

Typically, an independent would try to find someone else with more money than ideas that might be interested in their inventory. It was usually one project at a time, but soon it became packages. (It doesn't take anybody long to figure out it's easier to sell a dog if it's wrapped nicely in a package with some better projects.)

Majors avoided this "sordid" practice as "desperate measures worthy of desperate people."

What a difference time can make. Those same mouthpieces are now calling this same practice a "strategic re-deployment of assets." At least they are admitting where they learned to do it right.

Most managers that are handling this process for the majors will gladly tell you how they got interested in it. They all say that independents advised them to do it.

As money became a little more available over the last year, small operators came knocking on the doors of the bigs asking to farm-in a lease here and there. Majors finally figured out that this would be a good way to exploit some assets that they saw as further down their own prospect list (riskier, far afield, whatever).

Now, several major oil companies are packaging drilling wells, workovers, and even secondary recovery projects and marketing them through mail distributions and one-on-one presentations.

No longer can majors say that independents just follow them around and copy their techniques. Not with a straight face, anyway.

HIGHLIGHTS OF AREA DRILLING ACTIVITY COMPLETIONS

Nolan County

Sinclair Oil has completed a plug back in the Caldwell #1 in the Maryneal Field (3 miles W of Maryneal) at an initial rate of 167 BOPD in the Strawn (perfs

6050-58). Loc. is 1070 FNL & 2450 FEL of Sec. 170, Blk. 1A, H&TC Sur., A-1350.

STAKINGS

Concho County

Bowerman Energy has staked two wells as Wildcats, 5 miles S of Eden (Depth 4000). The Barfknecht #1 is loc. 1500 FWL & 800 FSL of Sec. 1939, W. Schultz Sur., A-812. The White Estate - A-#7 is loc. 467 FWL & 467 FNL of J.H. Huey Sur. No. 4, A-1417.

Nolan County

Amerac Energy has staked the McLeod #1 as a Wildcat, 8 miles NW of Blackwell (Depth 6800). Loc. is 500 FEL & 2199 FNL of Sec. 213, Blk. 1A, H&TC Sur.

Gruy Petroleum Management has staked the Chinquapin Strawn Unit #29 in the Chinquapin Field, 13 miles E of Sweetwater (Depth 6250). Loc. is 2085 FNL & 1750 FEL of Sec. 48, Blk. 20, T&PRR Sur.

Oryx Energy has staked 23 wells in the Southwest Nena Lucia Unit in the Nena Lucia Field, 8 miles SW of Maryneal (Depth 7500). The wells include: #917, 918, 1213, 1214, 1215, 1216, 1309, 1409, 1516, 2005, 2323, 2493, 2905, 3128, 3129, 3130, 3516, 3517, 3829, 3830, 3831, 4618, and 4619. All of the wells are located in various sections of Blk. 1A of the H&TC RR Sur.

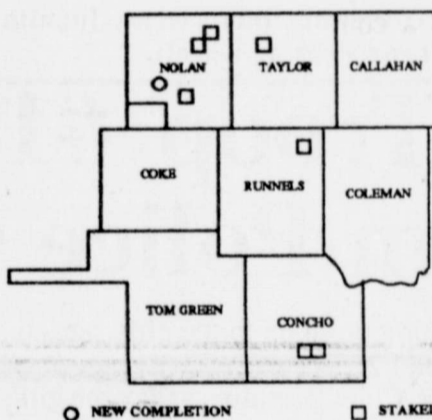
Walter Exploration, Inc. has staked the Robtann - D-#1 in the Sprague Field, 12 miles SE of Sweetwater (Depth 9000). Loc. is 1701 FSL & 1656 FWL of Sec. 4, Blk. X, T&PRR Sur.

Runnels County

MSR Exploration has staked the V. Johnson #1 in the Nora Field, 3 miles E of Winters (Depth 4300). Loc. is 730 FWL & 800 FNL of W.M. Baggs Sur. No. 328, A-750.

Taylor County

S.U.E Company has staked the Oates #3 in the County Regular Field, 3 miles SE of Merkel (Depth 2999). Loc. is 4800 FWL & 3795 FSL of J.W. Page Sur. No. 123.



Card of Thanks

I would like to thank friends, family, and churches for their prayers, cards, visits, and calls while I was ill in the hospital and since I have been home.

Betty Childers

Card of Thanks

St. John's Lutheran Church says "thank you" to all of you who participated in their Christmas in April BBQ.

Your generosity, plus the \$1,000 matching funds from Lutheran Brotherhood Branch 8824, made possible a gift of \$3,117.13 to Christmas in April!

George Lee Garrett

WINTERS—George Lee Garrett, 64, died Wednesday morning, February 26, 1997, at his residence.

He was born October 29, 1932, in Ballinger and grew up in Fort Worth. He attended college at Southwest State University and Texas Christian University in Fort Worth. He married Virginia LaRue Brown on October 24, 1963, in Tyler.

Mr. Garrett worked for the Texas Highway Department as Maintenance Supervisor, retiring in 1986 and returning to Winters. He was a member of the Winters Lions Club, the Motorcycle Association, Eastern Star, and the First United Methodist Church of Winters. He was a Mason and a Shriner.

Survivors include his wife, Virginia LaRue Garrett of Winters; his mother, Lura Lee Garrett of Winters; one son, Neil Garrett of Moorepark, California; one daughter, Elizabeth Lee Garrett York of Weatherford; four grandchildren, Dewayne Singletary of DeKalb, Jeff Singletary of Houston, Lucy Kirby of Abilene, and Kim Singletary of Fort Worth; and two great-grandchildren.

Services were held at 2:00 p.m. Friday, February 28, at the First United Methodist Church in Winters with Dr. Jeff May and Reverend Glenn Shoemaker officiating. Burial was in Fairview Cemetery in Winters, directed by Winters Funeral Home.

Edna Inez Winans

BALLINGER—Edna Inez Winans, 78, died at 5:00 p.m. Thursday, February 27, 1997, at Houston.

She was born October 1, 1918, at Norton to David Edward Compton and Mary Elizabeth Underwood Compton. She married Clarence W. Winans July 4, 1939, at Stamford.

Mrs. Winans was a homemaker and a member of the First United Methodist Church in Ballinger.

She was preceded in death by her husband on October 22, 1980.

Survivors include two sons, Dave and Larry Winans of Houston; one daughter, Diane Huddle of Houston; one brother, Troy Compton of Midland; one sister, Beatrice Carter of Ballinger; and six grandchildren.

Services were held at 10:00 a.m. Saturday, March 1, at First United Methodist Church of Ballinger with Reverend Dale Schultz officiating. Burial was in Evergreen Cemetery in Ballinger, directed by Rains-Seale Funeral Home.

Grandsons served as pallbearers. Memorials may be made to the American Heart Association or a favorite charity.

Card of Thanks

Bud and I would like to thank everyone for your prayers, care grams, cards, food, flowers, and visits while Bud was in Abilene Regional Hospital.

A special thanks to Bro. Shoemaker for his daily visits and prayers.

I thank the ones that came and sat with me while Bud was having surgery.

Thanks to the deacons for the lovely green plant you sent to Bud.

We are so grateful to Dr. Lee, the nurses and staff of North Runnels Hospital for taking such good care of Bud while he was in the hospital here.

A special thanks to Don and Nola Gene for always being here when we need them.

We have been strengthened and encouraged by your love and concern for us.

Sincerely,
Jimmie and Bud Davis

Card of Thanks

We wish to take this opportunity to express our sincere thanks to all our friends for your phone calls, prayers, cards, food, flowers, and your offers of help during the loss of my husband, our father, and grandfather Frank.

A special thank you goes to Pastor Hanson and Ramona for their many visits and prayers and the beautiful service.

Thanks to Hospice of the Big Country, Mike Meyer and Linda Dry of Winters Funeral Home, and to RC Kurtz Jr. and Louis N. DeLaCruz representing Winters VFW in presenting the flag.

The family of Frank Carter

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Senior Citizens Activity Center Menu

March 10 thru March 14

Subject to change

Monday, March 10: Meatloaf, mashed potatoes, mixed greens, cornbread, and banana pudding.

Wednesday, March 12: Chicken & rice, English peas, beets, rolls, and chocolate cake.

Friday, March 14: Goulash, tossed salad, beets, cornbread, and cobbler.

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Ovella (Betty) Garrett

BALLINGER—Ovella (Betty) Garrett, 87, formerly of Sterling City, died at 8:35 p.m. Monday, February 24, 1997.

She was born August 19, 1909, to Thomas Foy Davis and Sarah Maude Witt Davis in Hatchel. She married Darrell (Levi) Garrett on May 6, 1951, in Bradshaw.

While living in Sterling City, Mrs. Garrett owned and operated a beauty shop and later was elected County Treasurer of Sterling County. She moved to Ballinger after her retirement.

She was preceded in death by her husband on June 4, 1974.

Survivors include one brother, Foy (Buster) Davis of Ballinger; one sister, Media Pearl Davis of Ballinger; and several nieces, nephews, great-nieces, and great-nephews.

Services were held at 2:00 p.m. Thursday, February 27, at Seventh Street Baptist Church in Ballinger with Reverend Tony King and Reverend Dale Schultz officiating. Burial was in Old Runnels Cemetery, Ballinger, directed by Rains-Seale Funeral Home.

Pallbearers were nephews. Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society or a favorite charity.

Edwin Willie Werner

BALLINGER—Edwin Willie Werner, 90, died at 9:39 p.m. Tuesday, February 25, 1997, at his residence.

He was born January 1, 1907, to E.A. Werner and Sophia Heideman Werner, in Blanco County, Texas. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II. He married Tiny Lee Reese June 16, 1962, in Ballinger.

Mr. Werner was a stock farmer and a member of the First Baptist Church in Ballinger.

He was preceded in death by his wife on January 15, 1993.

Survivors include one stepson, Kerry Lange of New Mexico; one brother, Monroe Werner of Ballinger; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Services were held at 11:00 a.m. Thursday, February 27, at First Baptist Church in Ballinger with Reverend Jerry Howe officiating. Burial was in Evergreen Cemetery, Ballinger, directed by Rains-Seale Funeral Home.

Troy Don Lee

BRONTE—A friend to all and a blessing to each life he touched, Troy Don Lee, 30, passed from our lives to join his precious Lord on Thursday, Feb. 27, 1997.

Troy was born June 24, 1966, in San Angelo. He lived his childhood and each precious school year in Bronte, Texas.

Troy was very involved in school and church activities. He was loved by his entire community. He always had a smile on his face, a friendly manner and a love for the Lord that he shared everywhere he went.

Troy was raised by special parents, Wendell and Jeanna Lee, and together they created joyous, loving memories that will last for eternity. Troy also shared a lifetime of fun, adventure and brotherhood with his only sibling, Kerry Lee. As a son and brother, he will forever be missed.

On February 13, 1993, Troy married the love of his life, Stephanie Morris. Together God blessed them with two beautiful daughters, Bailey Ann, 3, and Skyler Dane, 1. The true love for his wife and daughters was evident to all. His brightest smile came during precious moments spent with his three beautiful girls. Troy was a husband and father that only God could make. As a friend, Troy defined loyalty, fun and caring. He will be thought of daily and missed truly.

Troy is survived by his wife, Stephanie, and two daughters, Bailey and Skyler, all of San Angelo his parents, Jeanna and Wendell Lee of Bronte; a brother, Kerry Lee of Bronte; and his grandmothers, Zada Denmen of San Angelo and Bertie Rue Lee of Ballinger.

Services were held at 3 p.m. on Sunday, March 2, at the First Baptist Church of Bronte with the Rev. Gary Bivins officiating. Burial was in Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Shaffer Funeral Home.

Pallbearers were Robbie Cooper, T. J. Shields, Jeffery Morris, Tommy Morris, John Cervenka and Wayne Keel. Honorary pallbearers were Lane Coulter, Blane Braswell, Blake Braswell and Mingo Patlan.

Robert J. Monk

GERMANY—Robert J. Monk, grandson of the late Jessie and Massie Harris, longtime ranchers at Hatchel, passed away Monday, February 24, 1997, in Dallas, Texas.

Mr. Monk was a nephew of the late Lillie Heath. He married the former Sue Hinds of Winters in 1946.

Survivors include his former wife, Sue; two sons, Craig and Joe of Dallas; one daughter, Suzanne, of Arkansas; eight grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. He is also survived by his present wife, Poppie, of Germany, where he resided. He was visiting in the states at the time of his death.

Funeral services were held in Midlothian, Texas, on Thursday, February 27.

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From The Well



By
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Norman Borlaug is an agronomist. He is one of 3 living winners of the Nobel Peace Prize from America. Henry Kissinger and Elie Wiesel are the other two. Unlike Kissinger and Wiesel, Norman has been subject of little public notice. Unlike Kissinger,

he has passed up every opportunity to make money or make a name for himself because of his Nobel. I thought I'd toot his horn for two columns in our local paper, so that we'd all know that rural and small town America has a real hero, and, one who is truly humble.

Norman is a very hard working man whose main purpose in life has been to prevent people in the developing nations from starvation. His method has been not to send food to the starving people, which, in itself is a worthy cause. But rather, to provide these people in South America, India, Africa, and China with the seed and the tools to produce enough food to feed themselves. Sort of like the old proverb, "Better than to give a man a fish is to teach him how to fish!"

He really started on his mission at the International Maize and Wheat Center, located near Mexico City. If you ever go to Mexico City, or anyplace near it, go to CIMMYT, and see for yourself what he started there. To me, it looked like a "United Nations Experiment Station," with people from every corner of the globe coming there to learn, and to take back home to their lands the "stuff" and the "know how" to produce cereal grain that would feed their people. Ramona and I were deeply impressed!

While there, Borlaug was director of the wheat program. Its initial goal was to teach Mexican farmers new farming ideas. Borlaug soon had the institution seeking "agricultural innovations." One was "shuttle breeding," a technique for speeding up the movement of "disease immunity" between strains of crops. He also developed cereals that were insensitive to the number of hours of light in a day, and could therefore be grown in many climates. His leading research development was to hasten the perfection of dwarf spring wheat, because plants would "expend less energy in growing inedible column sections and more on growing valuable grain."

Once the program in Mexico was producing high-yield dwarf wheat for Mexico, Borlaug began to argue that India and other nations should switch to cereal crops. His high-yield dwarf wheat was doing its job. In 1963, Borlaug was sent to Pakistan and India, which were then descending into famine. In spite of resistance from the big seed and grain monopolies there, they persisted. In 1965, the famine was so bad that the governments made a commitment to dwarf wheat.

After many complications and road blocks to delivery of the seed to Pakistan and India, the worst thing possible happened. Pakistan and India went to war. But that did not stop Borlaug and his trainees from planting the first crop of dwarf wheat on the subcontinent, sometimes working within sight of artillery flashes. Sowed late, that first crop germinated poorly, yet yields rose 70 percent. This prevented general wartime starvation in the region, though famine did strike some in India.

The next harvest was "beautiful," a 98% improvement. By 1968 Pakistan was self-sufficient in wheat production. It took India a few more years, proving Paul Erlich's statement in "The Population Bomb," a book written in 1968, "that it is a fantasy that India would ever feed itself!" By 1974 India was self-sufficient in the production of all cereals. In both nations food production since the 60's has increased faster than the rate of population growth!

At 82 years of age, Borlaug is hard at it. His major concern is Africa, and together with former president, Jimmy Carter, is doing his best to rescue Africa from starvation. He also continues research and teaching at CIMMYT. And every fall semester, he teaches international agriculture at Texas A&M. This farm boy from Iowa has really taken on the problem of starvation all over the globe. He has already saved more lives from starvation than any person who has ever lived. I have no doubt that when He meets the Master Sower face to face, there will be an embrace and then these wonderful words, "Well done, good and faithful servant. Enter into the joy."

BROWNIE TROOP, continued

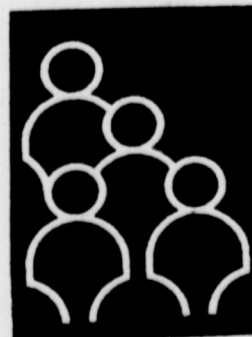
necessary knowledge in beginning to understand the surrounding environment.

Troop members present were Toni Hagle, Cassi Mendoza, Kelsey Jones, Samantha Sanchez, Juanita Simpson, Jennifer Smith, and Shelby Walker, with Troop Leader Irene Simpson.

Brownie Troop #181 would like to say a "GREAT BIG THANKS" to Chief Carey Balentine for caring enough to teach them about safety, to Chaco for his demonstration, and to Susan Ripple of *The Winters Enterprise*. Thanks also to Video Hut for a free child's video rental.

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Chamber Memo

By Julie Springer, manager

Saturday was a wonderful day for me.

The sun was shining, and during the youth basketball scrimmages, a boy named Kenneth Kline (no kin to Calvin) helped me put things into perspective.

Right in the middle of the scrimmage between the Giants and the Midgets, he slaps me on the knee and says "This is so much fun, isn't it?" I thought at first everything we have been working on is so much work, but hearing him say that touched my heart and made me realize that all the work that goes on in this little town makes a difference in someone's life—even if it's just having a little fun.

I had felt some burn-out in the last few weeks, but I think now I can regroup and get going with the projects at hand and try my best to have fun!! Thanks Kenneth!

Bill Modisett's book signing is this weekend at the Z.I. Hale Museum on Sunday, March 9, from 1:30-3:30 p.m. Don't forget to mark your calendars.

One of the major projects we have going on is town cleanup. A city-wide cleanup has been scheduled with BFI and the City of Winters for the week of April 21. Remember this date and begin planning and cleaning what you want hauled away.

Since the weather is getting nicer and Spring Break is next week, you may decide you would like to tour the museum or take a peek at the Rock Hotel. You can schedule this by calling the Cham-

ber of Commerce office at 754-5210. I am the only one in the office so if you don't reach me, please leave a message and I will return your call. Your calls are important to us.

Mayfest is coming up Saturday, May 3. The Winters Area Chamber of Commerce has a lot of fun things planned.

There will be a carnival in town from May 1-4 for your entertainment. A softball tournament will be held on Friday and Saturday, May 2 and 3. The tennis tournament will be played the weekend before Mayfest.

Spaces are available for food booths and/or activities, but you need to let me know of your intentions so space can be assigned.

I only have two groups signed up for Mayfest at this time. Please sign up as early as possible! Call 754-5210.

I still have phone books at the Chamber office if anyone needs one. Also we have new Runnels County maps that are really done well and are free to you. Come by and get one.

Piano students excel at ATA Music Festival

Ten piano students of Lillian Cooper participated in "The Music Festival" of the Abilene Teachers Association at Hardin-Simmons University on Saturday, March 1.

Students were graded on sonatas played from memory.

Those making a superior rating were: Jessica Meyer, Nicole Cooper, Amy Patterson, Shanah Tipton, and Jennifer Cooper.

Receiving excellent + ratings were: Luke Hale, Jonathan Meyer, Lindsay Tipton, Amber Smith, and Kemari Hale.

Any new venture goes through the following stages: enthusiasm, complications and disillusionment, search for the guilty, punishment of the innocent and decoration of those who did nothing.

—Anonymous

Library News



by JOYCE KRAUSE, librarian

The Winters Public Library is happy to announce the arrival of THE NEW HANDBOOK OF TEXAS.

These six volumes, published by the Texas Historical Society, include just about anything you would want to know about Texas. Information is included about history, places, people, and facts, and is listed alphabetically.

You are invited to come in and look up your family ancestor if he/she was historically famous. This information is contained in the reference section and will not be available for checkout.

THE NEW HANDBOOK OF TEXAS was received through the State Library Association with a grant from the Tocker Foundation. Local funding was only \$50.

This set of books is considered the best authority on Texas and Texas history.

The library also has the complete Mayo Clinic Health Encyclopedias on CDrom. Mayo Family Health, Mayo Clinic Heart, Sports Medicine, and Mayo Clinic Prescription Information may be printed for you if you so desire.

Some income tax forms are still available. We have a notebook of runoffs for many unusual forms.

Visit the library for information or for recreational reading materials. New books are arriving soon.

Correction

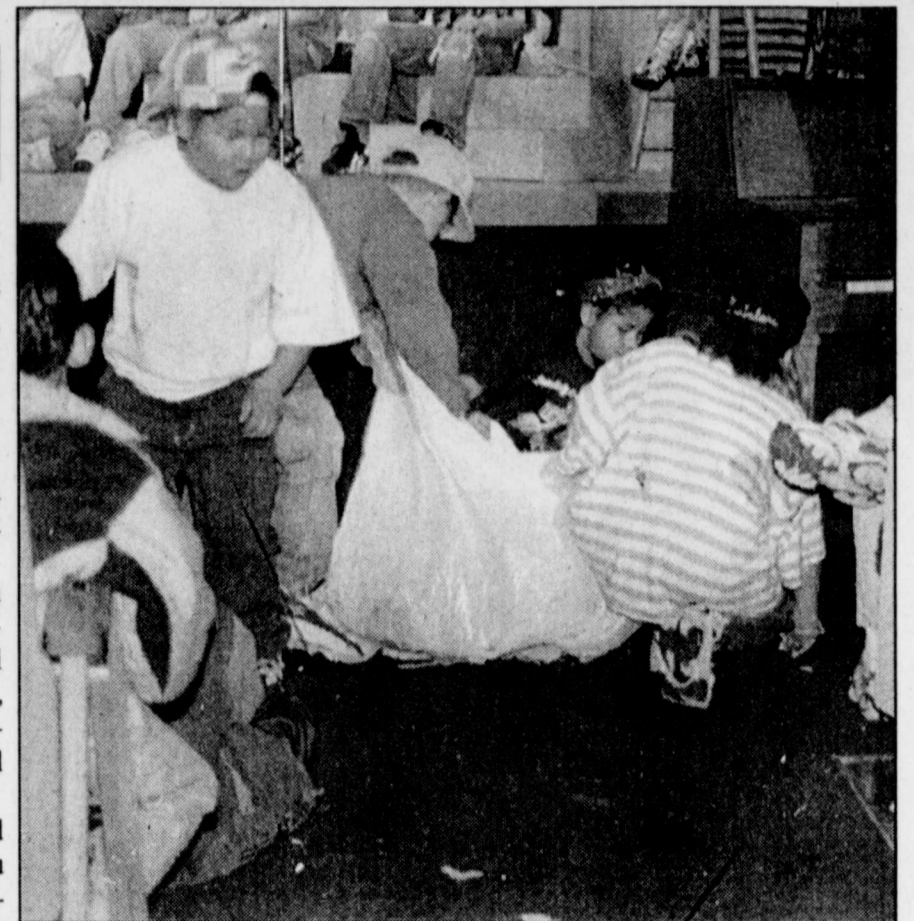
Any Winters resident may file as city candidate

Any resident living within Winters' city limits may file for Places 1 and 3 in the May city council election.

Residents are not required to live within Districts 1 or 3, as reported in the February 27, 1997, edition of *The Winters Enterprise*.

However, only residents living in District 1 may vote for candidates in Place 1. Residents in District 3 vote for candidates in Place 3.

The *Enterprise* apologizes for the error.



THE CLEANUP KIDS (aka the 3rd grade students) are setting out to save the earth by improving the environment by cleaning up and recycling. The program was presented to the public February 27. Instructors were Fran Kidwell, Penni Smith, Mary Beth Ahrens, Kathy Pringle, and Linda Mitchell.

Postal Service to open entrance examination

The examination for Data Conversion Operator will be open to the general public March 17, 1997, through March 28, 1997, at the Remote Encoding Center in Abilene.

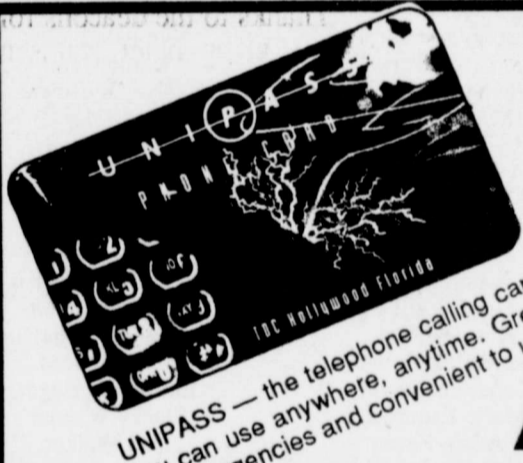
Current need is to fill temporary positions. Limited career opportunities will be available in the future to those who are hired as temporaries, pass the required training, and score high enough on the written examination to be given career consideration. Salary begins at \$10.38 per hour.

Data Conversion Operators use a computer terminal to prepare mail for automated sorting equipment. They read typed or handwritten addresses from a letter image on the terminal screen, then

select and type essential information, so that an address bar code can be applied to the letter. Applicants will be required to take a written examination and keyboard qualification test. Test dates will be announced later.

You may sign up for the examination between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. at the following locations:


Texas Employment Commission, 826 Hickory, Abilene; Abilene Main Post Office, 341 Pine, Abilene; and the following post offices: Albany, Anson, Baird, Big Lake, Buffalo Gap, Clyde, Hamlin, Haskell, Hawley, Lawn, Merkel, Ovalo, San Angelo, Stamford, Sweetwater, Trent, Tuscola, Tye, Winters.



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MANDI HUBBARD took second place in regional for her Entrepreneurship STAR event. She will advance to state competition in April.

Robyn Parramore says goodbye to Region II Texas Association of FHA

"Unlock the Possibilities" was the theme for this year's Region II Leadership Meeting of the Texas Association of the Future Homemakers of America in Arlington. Robyn Parramore, vice president of Public Relations, performed her last duties in her office.

Robyn was responsible for the connections team and publishing the newsletter for the last general session. Using computers and printers supplied by Winters ISD, Robyn and her advisor, Lori Smith, produced a creative and informative newsletter.

Robyn is a senior at Winters High School and currently serves as president of the local FHA chapter.



Robyn Parramore

WHS Future Homemakers of America recognized for "catching the spirit"

The Winters High School Chapter of Region II Future Homemakers of America was recognized by the Texas Association as a "Catch the Spirit" chapter.

To become a "Catch the Spirit" chapter, the local organization planned and carried out activities that focused on membership, national programs, and public relations. The members completed three activities in each area to earn recognition.

The Winters High School FHA Chapter became a "Catch the Spirit" chapter by completing Level 3.

The president of the local chapter is Robyn Parramore and the advisor is Lori Smith.

Little League registration set for Friday, March 7

In an organizational meeting held March 2 by the Winters Little League Association, registration and tryout dates, as well as fees, were set. Officers were elected.

Registration will be Friday, March 7, at 6:30 p.m. in the basement of St. John's Lutheran Church. Fee per child is \$30 (this includes cap/visor money). If your child did not play last year in Winters, a copy of his/her birth certificate is needed.

Officers for the 1997 season are Michael Minzenmayer, boys president; Mary Lynn Presley, girls president; Kenneth Slimp, vice president; Dawn Green, secretary; and Teresa Davis, treasurer. Board members will be Rene Woffenden, Kirk McCuiston, and Darrell Kurtz.

This year, a new division for boys will be started. After a lengthy discussion, members decided to begin a league for 7- and

8-year-old boys. Using a pitching machine, competition will be against Ballinger's league of the same age.

This did create a problem for tee ball, causing only 6-year-olds to be on the teams. Therefore, tee ball registration was opened to any 5-year-old whose birthday is before July 31, 1997. It was also decided for tee ball to be tee ball and not coach pitch.

There is a league similar to the above for girls called Pixie League. It is for 7- and 8-year-olds and is coach pitched. If enough girls sign up to play, both leagues will operate. If not, 7-year-old girls will play another year of tee ball.

Tryouts are tentatively set for Saturday, March 22. Girls will try out at 1:00 p.m. and boys begin at approximately 3:00 p.m.

Little League committee positions are also open. People are needed for equipment and concession committees. Also needed are umpires, coaches, and sponsors.

If you have any questions, please call one of the officers.

Those attending the meeting were Michael Minzenmayer, Mary Lynn Presley, Teresa Davis, Barbie Bishop, Darrell Kurtz, Nathan Tekell, Brent Bryan, Franklin O'Dell, Robert Cook, Wayne Green, John Kraatz, Wendy Blackshear, Ken Slimp, Rene Woffenden, Kirk McCuiston, Mark Blackshear, D'Ann Perrie, Shelia Paschal, and Dawn Green.



FHA CHAPTER MEMBERS attending the regional meeting were (advancing up) Lori Bredemeyer, Mandi Hubbard, Teri Ledbetter, Tracie Morrison, Esmerelda Sanchez, Desiree Mathis, and Robyn Parramore.

FHA chapter returns from regional meeting

Mandi Hubbard to advance to state competition in Entrepreneurship STAR event

The Winters High School Chapter of Future Homemakers of America attended the Region II Leadership Meeting in Arlington February 28 through March 1. The chapter members were among 1,000 delegates attending the two-day conference.

The youth developed theme, "Unlock the Possibilities With FHA/HERO," was carried out through the workshop and general sessions where members discovered ways to become actively involved in issues facing today's youth. Some of the issues that were addressed at the meeting were eating disorders, depression, fetal alcohol syndrome, depression, relationships, and drunk driving.

STAR (Students Taking Action for Recognition) Events are events in which members compete and showcase life skills. Also the new officer team for 1997-1998 was elected to lead the region to greater heights.

Winters High School FHA chapter was represented by the following members: Lori Bredemeyer, Mandi Hubbard, Teri Ledbetter, Tracie Morrison, Desiree Mathis, Robyn Parramore, and Esmerelda

Sanchez. Lori Bredemeyer ran for a regional office for the 1997-1998 school year. Desiree Mathis served as the voting delegate for the chapter. Mandi Hubbard participated in the Entrepreneurship STAR event. In this event, she created plans for starting a business. Mandi placed second at regional and will be competing at the state meet in April.

The Winters High School chapter received much recognition for their chapter projects. A slide show was presented with all chapters that participated in national and regional projects. WHS chapter's slides were displayed, and they received a certificate for participation. Their chapter also received a public relations certificate for submitting articles of chapter activities in the state and national publications.

Future Homemakers of America is a dynamic youth organization that has the family as its central focus. Future Homemakers of America is considered the "best kept secret." Through this organization, members gain many leadership and life skills that are beneficial in every aspect of life.

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Winters Independent School District 1996-1997

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Kevin Cook
Diego Cordova
Lillian Garcia
Christina Guerrero
Lilianna Herrera
Kelsey Jones
David Lara
Matthew Lujano
Jorge Ortiz
Jerardo Perez
James Phillips
Adriana Rodriguez
Jason Sherman
Chris R. Smith
Jennifer Smith
Matthew Tucker
- COLBURN**
Cameron Burson
Aracelie Flores
Dalton Frierson
Christian Jacquez
Cassi Mendoza
Robert Nava
Nissa Ontiveros
Caleb Pringle
Clinton Schwartz
Christopher Jay Smith
Susan Sneed
- PARRAMORE**
Samantha Arispe
Judy Cangioli
Patrick Escalona
Anthony Esquivel
Toni Hagle
Cody Johnson
Catalia Kitchen
Kaighan Price
Erica Roman
Asenette Vasquez
Shelby Walker
- SNEED**
Wendell Blackshear
Tory Burns
Britny Fisher
Wiley Guy
Alex Harrison
Rashae Martinez
Roy McBeth
Justin Medina
Tiffany Mullis
Garrett Nitsch
Sarah Rodriguez
Juanita Simpson
Vanetta Valdez
Brittany West

SECOND GRADE

- BEARDEN**
Vanna Henson
Michael Hubach
Keegan Kurtz
Joseph Lara
Donovan Martinez
Will Mathis
Adrienne Montgomery
Cory Pringle
Keshia Rainey
Anthony Ramirez
Francis Reyes
John Reyna
Javier Rodriguez
Savannah Sanchez
Crystal Waller
Jennifer Yates

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- Ty Cason
Stephen Goetz
Kathy Green
Trenton Grohman
Ashley Laird
Terri Larkin
Marcus Rodriguez
Cory Sudduth
Claudia Llanas
Lindsey Summerlin
Advita Vasquez
- MEYERS**
Israel Aragon
Matt Awalt
Amanda Brewer
Aaron Briley
Don Davis
Ashley Gann
Gloria Herrera
Kody McCuiston
John Paul Medina
Cameron Myrick
Ashli Phillips
- RUSSELL**
Kellyn Airhart
Ashley Belk
Luke England
Marcie Espino
Yessenia Flores
Samantha Frasier
Judy Garcia
Allan Green
Leo Jacquez
Bryant Mikeska
Mark Scates

THIRD GRADE

- "A"**
Amanda Blackshear
Angelica Campos
Paige Geistmann
Krystal Gibbens
Jessica Hamilton
Erica Lujano
Jessica Meyer
Wendell Blackshear
Tory Burns
Britny Fisher
Wiley Guy
Alex Harrison
Rashae Martinez
Roy McBeth
Justin Medina
Tiffany Mullis
Garrett Nitsch
Sarah Rodriguez
Juanita Simpson
Vanetta Valdez
Brittany West

JACOB BRIDGEMAN

- Rachel Davis
Adam Escalona
Shyla Garza
Amber Green
Peter Griffin
Kathryn Hatler
Laura Jackson
Shawn Kraatz
Claudia Llanas
Jeremy Mendoza
Christina Perrie
Brenda Rodriguez
Skye Salinas
Lydia Sanchez
Alicia Sudduth
Katy Wilkerson
- "A-B"**
Scott Bryan
Aaron Cook
Flor Cordova
Kim DelReal
Esmerelda Espino
Kendra Esquivel
Mario Esquivel
Adam Fine
George Garcia
Crystal Grenwolge
Jacob Hernandez
Lorenzo Herrera
Andy Landeros
Amber Leverett
April Leverett
Rebecca Lockstedt
Carol Marshall
Angelita Moreno
Marci Paschal
Cody Pritchard
Adrienne Reyna
Amanda Ripple
Ashley Santoya
Amanda Weed

FIFTH GRADE

- "A"**
Timothy Fenwick
Briana Parramore
Rebekah Sartor
- "A-B"**
Jessica Barron
Jennifer Hagle
John Heathcott
Chance Hogan
Joe Jackson
Suzanne Jones
Monica Navarro
Hope Ontiveros
Vanessa Ontiveros
Cecilia Ovalles
Tanya Price
Jessica Pritchard
Basilio Rocha
Raquel Rios
Jessica Rodriguez
Michael Roman
Francisco Santos
Maegan Schwartz
Benjie Walker
Kari Walker

SIXTH GRADE

- "A"**
Jared Airhart
Jena Bahlman
Shane Colburn
DeAnna Goff
Justin Lange
Brandon Ripple

GUY SLIMP

- Stephanie Wilkerson
- "A-B"**
Leah Bredemeyer
Ashley Burson
Allison Calcote
Brandon Davis
Stefanie Davis
Michelle Dexter
Amy Esquivel
Veronica Flores
Aaron Gann
Leslye Geistmann
Kayla Hagle
Kemari Hale
Kirby Halter
Lauren Hogan
Heather Martin
Lacey Meyer
Priscilla Ontiveros
Amy Patterson
Lydia Rocha
Stacey Sneed
Lindsay Springer
Stacey Walden
Laci Walker

SEVENTH GRADE

- Staci Bishop
Joseph Joeris
Alicia Lara
Scarlett McMinn
Mandy Pritchard

EIGHTH GRADE

- Lori Bredemeyer
Kayla Colburn
Jessica Corley
Jeffrey Jordan
Tracie Morrison
Michelle Paschal
Jamie Reeves
Colby Walker
Holley Woffenden

FRESHMEN

- Matt Angel
Craig Conner
Arthur Martinez
Misty Melton
Shelley Meyer
Jana Presley
Cari Trojack

SOPHOMORES

- Jamie Bishop
Chanda Hoppe
Tammy Thorpe
Eric Tekell
Brooke Tounget

JUNIORS

- Deborah Baize
Nicole Cross
Greg Evans
Jaenna Kozelsky
Stacy McMinn
Heather Watkins

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ACROSS

- 1 TXism: "does ___ ing gear?" (yes)
- 5 Houston space agency
- 6 TXism: "plain as the top line ___ eye chart"
- 7 globetrotter from TX: Meadow ___ Lemon
- 8 president born in Dennison (init.)
- 9 TXism: "tall ___ the trough" (important)
- 14 singer from Lubbock: ___ Davis
- 17 film (43): ___ Grande"
- 21 Poth h.s. class
- 22 sixties hit: "I ___ Sheriff"
- 23 Traveling Wilburys' ___ of the Line"
- 24 Indian head dress
- 30 Tex-Mex order (2 wds.)
- 32 this Dick broadcast the Cowboys win in Super Bowl XXVII
- 33 TXism: "___ your poison" (choose)
- 36 Houston AM radio
- 38 ex-Cowboys owner: ___ "Bum" Bright
- 39 TXism: "touched in ___ (crazy)
- 41 Culberson Co. mountain: ___ Capitan
- 42 Ralph elected to U.S. Senate in '58 (init.)
- 43 they're "upon you"
- 45 Dallas' 1st hotel: St. ___
- 47 "roses ___ ___"
- 49 TXism: "he's ___ getter"
- 50 Dallas oil company
- 51 they're few at TWU
- 52 this Wade prosecuted Jack Ruby (init.)
- 53 these cause Texans to "ride the bed wagon"
- 55 on 67 in Franklin Co.
- 56 "Big D" named for this Alvin (init.)
- 57 Yoko ___
- 58 "take a ___" (swim)
- 60 Erath is no ___ milk producing county in TX
- 61 TXism: "tough as ___ hide"

DOWN

- 1 TXism: "mean as ___"
- 2 TX Clint Black hit: ___ Tell Ourselves"
- 3 Marshall hosts Fire Festival
- 4 pond in Texas
- 9 TX billionaire Hughes (init.)
- 10 early name for Bronte, TX
- 11 TXism: "___ it from the horse's mouth"
- 12 near the stern of the U.S.S. Texas
- 13 this Tom wrote "Harper Valley PTA" (init.)
- 14 TX George Jones sang "Take ___"
- 15 Metroplex's 972 is a new ___ code
- 16 Cowboys ___ playoffs early in '92
- 18 "___ bien" (is good)
- 19 TXism: "he can't ___ thunder" (deal)
- 20 boot smells
- 24 TX Clint Black hit: ___ Tell Ourselves"
- 25 Marshall hosts Fire Festival
- 26 Gov. Hubbard (init.)
- 27 TXism: "If it had ___ snake it would have bit you"
- 28 TXism: "come hell ___ water"
- 29 TXism: "I'm at the ___ my rope"
- 31 ___ stopping me now"
- 34 TXism: "just cause a chicken has wings, don't ___ can fly"
- 35 TX Gatto was an ambassador here
- 36 UT grad directed ___ vs. Kramer"
- 37 two Allen, TX teachers created ___ "Barney"
- 40 ___ Belo Co. owns Dallas' newspaper
- 44 TXism: "I reckon" ___ starred with TX Martin in "Leap of Faith": ___ Neeson
- 48 sang in Willie's Farm Aid IV: ___ John
- 54 Hondo is its seat
- 59 church bench

Solutions for this puzzle appear in this issue.

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Team: Girls Varsity Softball
Coach: Shelly Hayes/Chris Bearden
Date & place of game:
 Feb. 11, 1997—Abilene
Opponent: Abilene
Winning pitcher: J.D. Williams
Winning Catcher: Amy Martin
Losing pitcher: Jana Presley
Losing catcher: Angie Lee
Key plays:

	Runs	Hits	Errors
WINTERS	7		
OPPONENT	8		

Coach's comments: Tough loss. We almost had 'em! The girls defense was great! Jana Presley had 18 strikeouts. We just lacked an offense. We didn't hit when it counted. I am still very proud of their first performance!


Team: Girls Varsity Softball
Coach: Shelly Hayes/Chris Bearden
Date & place of game:
 Feb. 15, 1997—Winters
Opponent: Clyde
Winning pitcher:
Winning Catcher:
Losing pitcher: Wendy Arredondo
Losing catcher: Angie Lee
Key plays:

	Runs	Hits	Errors
WINTERS	5		
OPPONENT	26		

Team: Girls Varsity Softball
Coach: Shelly Hayes/Chris Bearden
Date & place of game:
 Feb. 18, 1997—Winters
Opponent: Coleman
Winning pitcher: Jana Presley
Winning Catcher: Angie Lee
Losing pitcher:
Losing catcher:
Key plays:

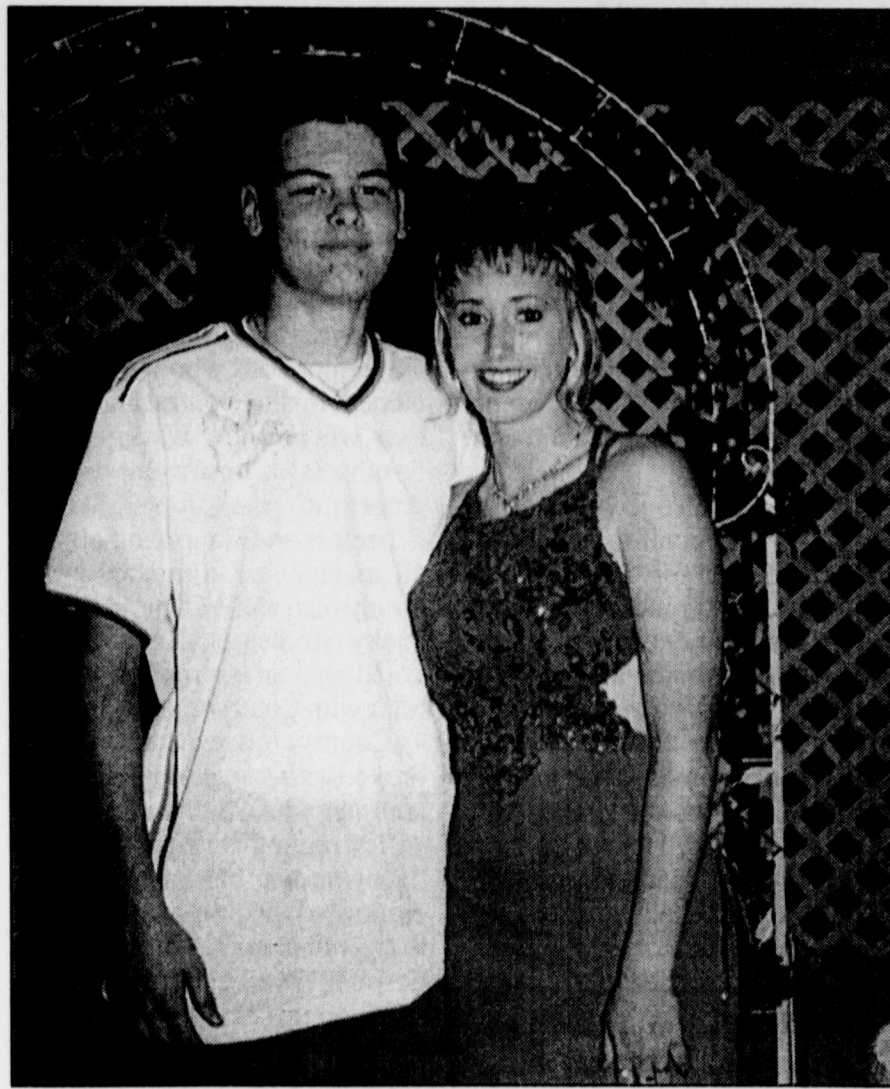
	Runs	Hits	Errors
WINTERS	10		
OPPONENT	9		

Coach's comments: This was the girls' first win this year and they were very excited! It was a tough game! Coleman fought back and tied it up in the 4th inning then went ahead in the 5th by 3 runs. Our motto on the team is "Never quit." We did it! We came back to win in the 5th and time had expired. This was a good win for the girls. They needed this, and Coach Bearden and I are very proud.

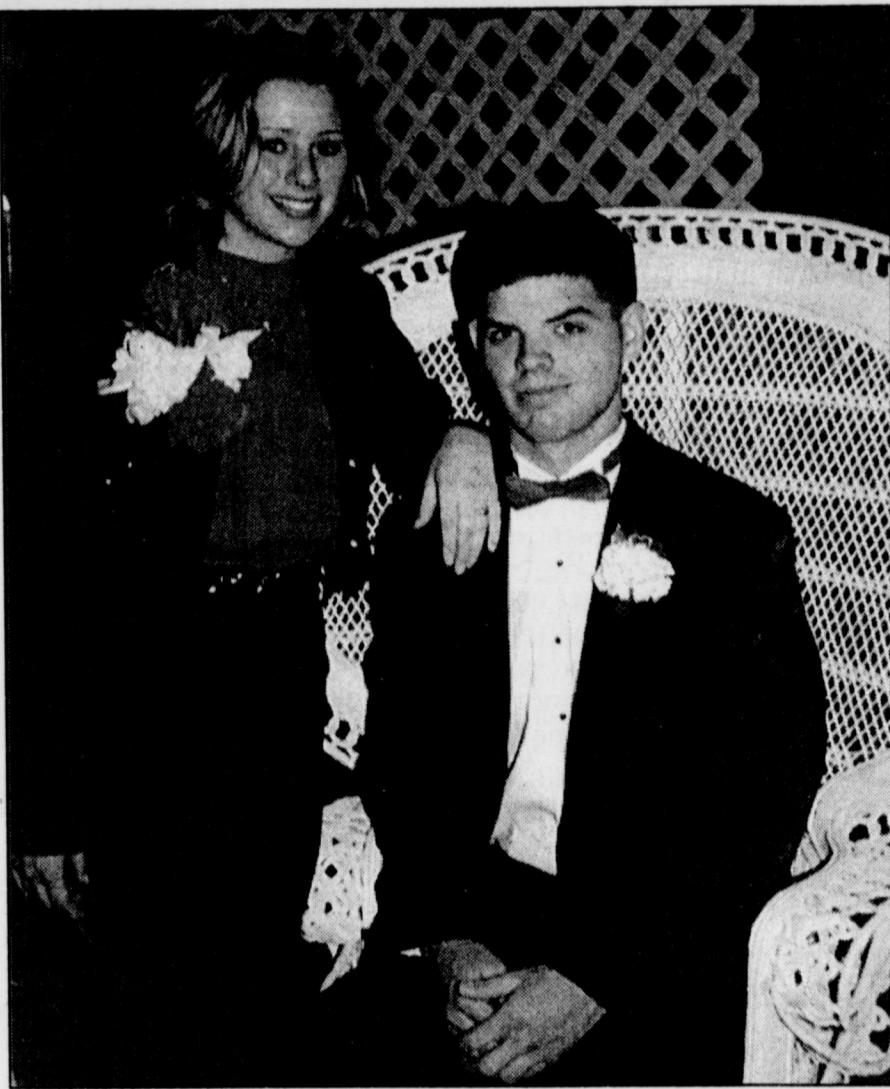


March 7—Open, VB
March 7—Anson*, Here, 4:30 p.m., VG
March 8—Open, JVB
March 11—Spring Break, VB

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



MOST SCHOOL SPIRITED
 RYAN MALEY and CRISTI BURTON



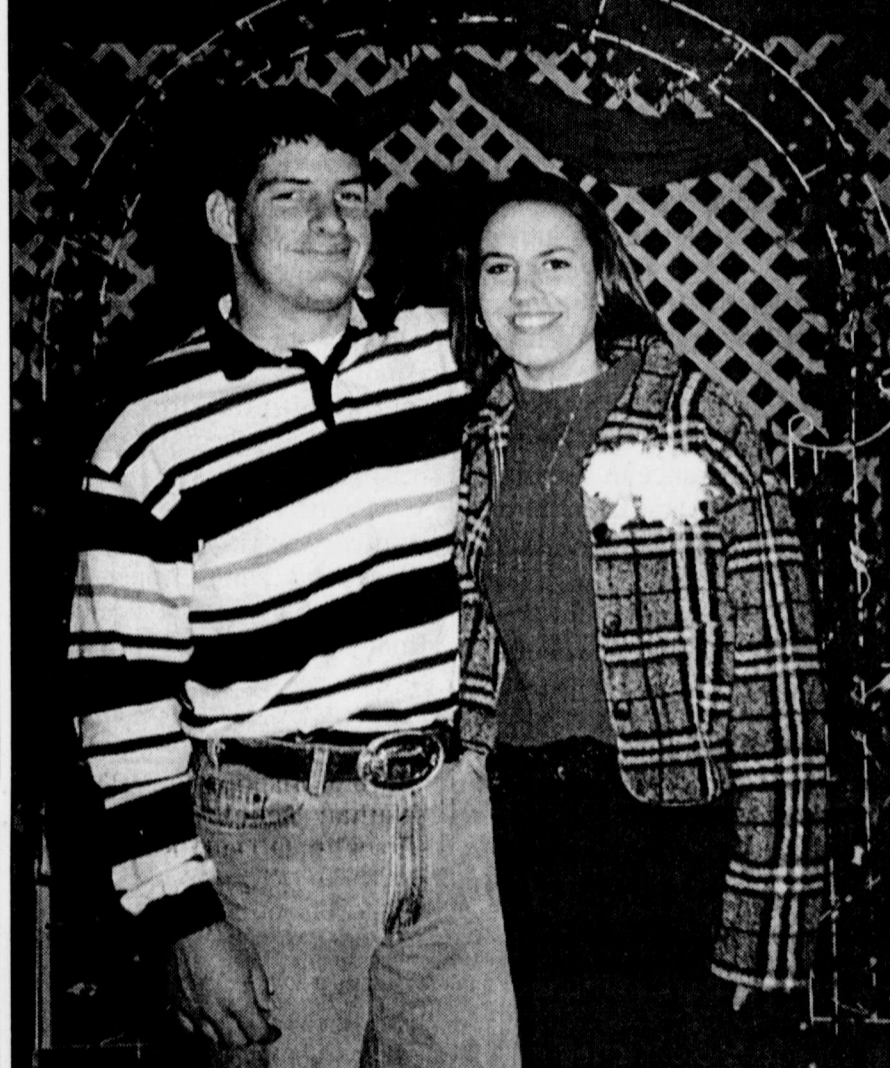
MOST LIKELY TO SUCCEED
 LINSEY BROWN and BRENT JACOB

1996-97 SEASON INDIVIDUAL BASKETBALL STATISTICS

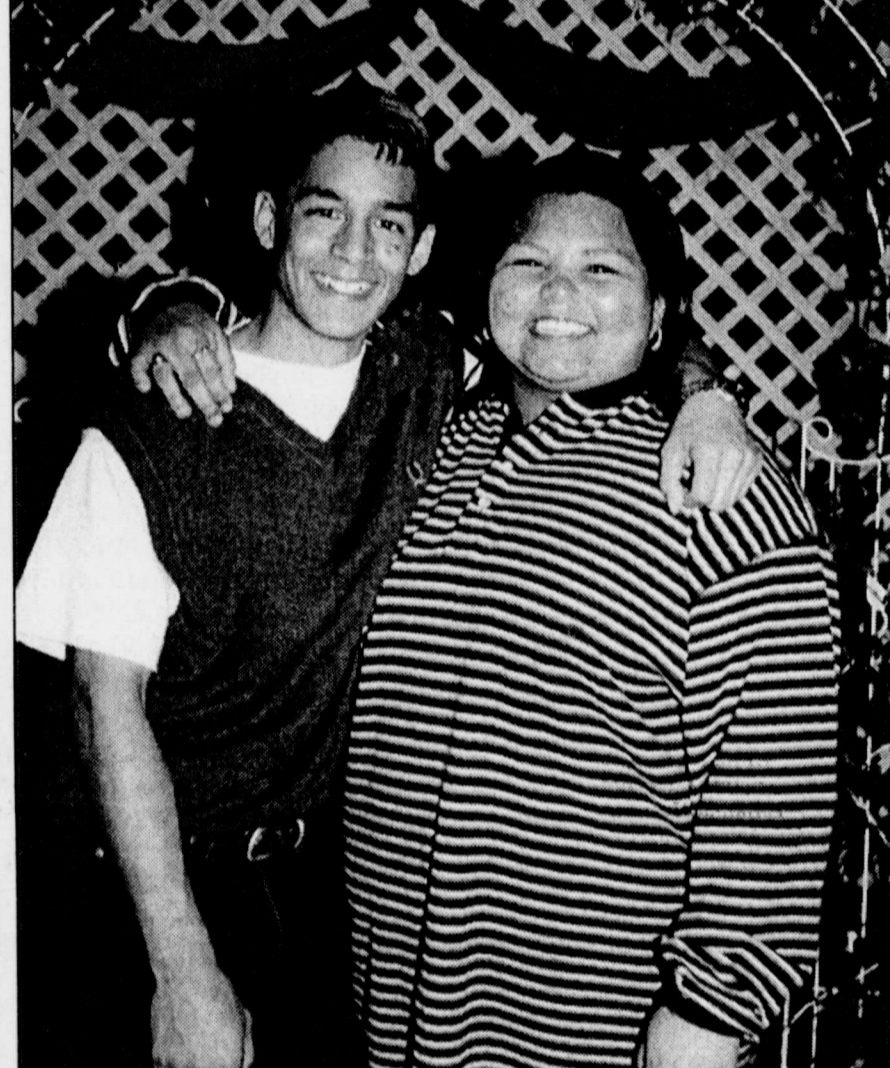
	Rebounds	Steals	Assists	Points	Ave.
Allan Conner	8	4	0	10	.5
Dennis Conner	128	68	33	148	6.0
Adam Cruz	61	124	144	254	8.2
Justin Minzenmayer	87	76	36	69	2.5
Bear Nitsch	200	76	30	272	9.1
Michael Pritchard	85	56	44	97	3.3
Chris Soto	104	79	82	154	5.1
Corey Van Zandt	207	68	49	257	9.2
Abe Vasquez	60	21	7	64	2.1
Kenny Whittenburg	241	238	212	382	13.2

SEASON RECORD 15-16

These stats were compiled again this year by Greg Evans and are very valuable in plotting offensive and defensive strategies during a basketball season. Greg is to be commended for a great job while maintaining an Honor Student rating. Thanks Greg!!!



MOST ATHLETIC
 JAMES ANDRAE and JANET GUY



FRIENDLIEST
 JONATHAN GANN and RAQUEL LUZ

Reflections
 by INTENSE DEFENSE COACH ED HENLEY

The 1996-97 version of Blizzard basketball could have been colored green. But, the Blizzards collectively (1 sophomore, 5 juniors, 4 seniors) learned to play together under fire. Everything we did had to be done while getting used to playing with each other. I say this because last year, three of us were varsity, six of us were J.V., and one was a freshman. A credit to our kids and our system pulled us within one game of the playoffs.

Each year, it gets tougher to turn my seniors loose. But, I do want to THANK Adam Cruz, Corey Van Zandt, Abe Vasquez, and Allan Conner for their untiring and sometimes thankless efforts. It did not go unnoticed.

To each of the juniors and the sophomore who will be coming back, I say, we have the building block for something good. How we get ready and use this experience we've gained this season is going to be up to each of you. Don't wait until next basketball season, start doing things (lifting, running, agility drills, and shooting periodically) now!! This will make you better for next season.

The most important thing about this year's Blizzards is how they came through in a crunch time for me. I don't know if I could have made it through such a loss (my mother) without their help. I know I will always remember how they dug down and helped get me through a tough time.

Bredemeyer on Dean's Honor Roll at A&M

Ed Bredemeyer Jr. has been named to the Dean's Honor Roll for the 1996 Fall semester at Texas A&M University, College Station. To qualify for the Dean's Honor Roll, a student must maintain a GPR of 3.75 or better. Ed is the son of Ed and Frances Bredemeyer of Winters.

Art students encouraged to participate in contest

Administrative Building by 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 26. Other regional shows will be held in Abilene, Big Spring, Brownwood, Colorado City, Graham, Mineral Wells, and Stephenville. Winners from the entire 32 counties of the 17th District will be announced at an awards brunch in Abilene on April 26. Charlie and Cindy Stenholm will host this honors brunch. Artwork must be no larger than 32" by 32" framed (framing not required) and two-dimensional. Eligible categories are paintings, prints, drawings, or collages. Artwork must capture the flavor or depict the heritage of the West Texas area and 17th District in any category, which may include but is not limited to landscapes.



Most of the tea consumed in the U.S. is what's known as black tea. The leaves have been treated so they oxidize and turn black, providing a strong, rich taste.

Winters Student Council earns points in hopes of achieving second year State Sweepstakes Award

by RHEA SUE PARRAMORE, Student Council sponsor

In order to compete in the state convention May 1, the WHS Student Council works all year to get points in various categories. The four categories are: Drug, Alcohol, Safety, & Health — Janet Guy, chairman; Outstanding Student Council — Linsey Brown; Pride and Patriotism — Robyn Parramore; Energy and Environment — Cristi Burton.

Members must fill out thorough worksheets and submit them to win at the District Spring Convention. If all project points are met, the council will win a Sweepstakes Award at the state convention.

The D.A.S.H. committee sponsored many events this year to inform students of the dangers of drugs. They also performed a skit for the TIPS afternoon school program and worked very hard during Red Ribbon Week.

The Pride and Patriotism committee is instrumental in putting together the Veteran's Appreciation Activities. The flag-raising

ceremony on Veterans Day was a great experience for our school and community. Teachers Appreciation Week is also an important week in our school. We care for our teachers and made sure they each had their blood pressure checked during this special week. The Pride committee is also in charge of homecoming activities. The dance was a success, and everyone had a good time.

The Energy and Environment committee makes sure our school is aware of all environmental problems. We encourage all lights to be turned out when rooms are not in use, and we also recycle plastic rings. This committee is also active in Adopt a Highway with our local FHA chapter. This year, we also planted wildflowers down a two mile stretch of highway.

The Outstanding Student Council report is a combination of everything our Student Council accomplishes during the year. The Sweepstakes Award is

given to the councils that seek to go above and beyond the call of duty. Last year, Winters High School won their first Sweepstakes Award.

This year's council has thirty-five members and each one has worked hard to make all projects successful.

WHS has outstanding officers that have lead this group through many activities. Not only do they lead, they also work hard to make sure each project goes as planned. This year's officers are: Linsey Brown, president; Robyn Parramore, vice-president; Janet Guy, secretary; Cristi Burton, historian; and Michael Pritchard, parliamentarian. It will be very hard to say good-bye to these very special senior officers.

To all senior officers and council members, I say, "Keep your heart open to dreams...for as long as there's a dream, there is a hope. And as long as there is hope, there is joy in living."

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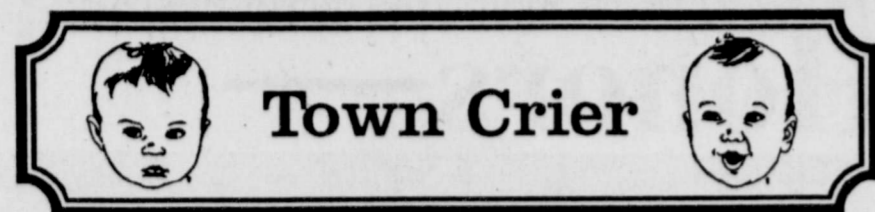
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Shaylan Rae Palmer

Bill and LeaAnne Palmer of Merkel are proud to announce the birth of a daughter. Shaylan Rae Palmer was born at 6:11 p.m. Friday, February 14 1997, at Abilene Regional Medical Center. She weighed 6 pounds, 7 ounces and was 19-1/2 inches long. Maternal grandparents are Herman and Kathy Wright of Killeen. Maternal great-grandparents are Pauline Wright, and Frank and Gladys Horsley, all of Killeen. Paternal grandparents are Bobby and Judy Palmer of Winters. Paternal great-grandmother is Christine Hinman of Winters.

CITY COUNCIL, continued

City may respond to fires outside the city limits even though one or more fires is in progress and deemed an emergency if firefighting equipment may still be safely sent.

The contract begins January 1, 1997, and ends December 31, 1997, and shall be renewed annually for one year terms unless either party gives thirty days written notice prior to January 1.

If approved by commissioners, a payment of \$7,000 will be delivered to the City of Winters for benefit of the Winters Volunteer Fire Department.

With remnant funds from construction of the new water tower, the council had previously agreed to paint the north water tower. With this painting, the tower must again be inspected. The council amended the contract to allow for inspection by Hibbs & Todd.

In other business, council members — hired Tim Glendening as administrator of an approved \$150,000 Urgent Need Fund grant for wastewater improvement.

approved a contract to Hibbs and Todd Inc. for engineering services regarding the new Urgent Need Fund grant.

tabled a resolution on approval of Universal Commencement Date for Schools. Mayor McGuffin and City Administrator Hassand discussed this item with WISD Superintendent Mike Harris.

reviewed correspondence, including an estimate totaling \$23,127.24 from West Texas Utilities for sewer system improvements. The consulting engineering firm of Hibbs & Todd reports that the estimate should not be more than \$5,313.72.

WTU's estimate is for providing 3-phase 240/480 volt service to the new 4.0 h.p. motor at the sewer farm. Total construction costs are \$38,846.76. The balance is obtained with a credit of \$15,719.52 for four years estimated revenue.

The engineers say that based on the rate the City is currently charged for electrical power consumption and associated costs, the credit for four year estimated revenue should be \$33,533.04.

In a letter to Hassan, Engineer Scott Hay of Hibbs & Todd writes that "where a municipal client requires adequate commercial/industrial electrical service from the local utility server, the utility will typically agree to run up to one half mile of new service free of charge. I believe this would certainly be appropriate in this instance, given the fact the length of complete new service required is approximately 1,000 feet."

Unrelated to the aforementioned, Hibbs and Todd also reports that one lift station at the sewer farm is not working and repairs should cost approximately \$3,500.

routinely approved payment of bills and the previous meeting's minutes.

Commissioners table proposal in hiring business firm as jail construction manager

Runnels County commissioners tabled a proposal by Archisystems of Dallas to be named construction managers for the new jail at a special meeting on Tuesday, February 25. Represented by Jim Wiginton, Tom Hooker, and Mike Bromley, the company proposed the construction management idea rather than the county going with a general contractor on the jail facility.

Wiginton, also architect on the project, told commissioners the management services contract would allow the packaging of subcontractors and construction to help in the bonding of some who may not be able to meet the bonding requirement alone. It would also not cost more than bidding the building out to a general contractor, he said. He also said the construction manager concept would also be advantageous to local subcontractors.

The proposed fee for Archisystems services as construction

manager would be \$168,000.

No action was taken on the proposal as commissioners said they would like to study the proposal before making a decision.

In a split vote, a contract for random drug testing for county employees performing safety sensitive functions who were not included in the contract awarded two weeks ago, was given to Southwest Consortium of San Angelo. Commissioners Skipper Wheelless and Thurman Self voted in favor of contracting with Southwest, while Commissioners Ricky Strube and Keith Collom voted against the motion to contract with Southwest.

County Judge Marilyn Egan broke the tie vote, voting for the contract with Southwest.

The only other item on the agenda for the meeting was the consideration of health care bills for indigent jail inmates residing in a hospital district. No action was taken on that item.

Hohensee presents "The Efficient Use of Water" to Literary and Service Club

The Winters Literary and Service Club met Thursday, February 20, in the home of Emily Pendergrass. Patricia Hohensee, Runnels County Extension agent, was guest speaker.

"The Efficient Use of Water in the Garden and Landscape" was presented by Hohensee. Subjects discussed were: Have A Good Landscaping Design—Use Mulch, Limit Lawn Area, Choose Xeriscape Plants (Native and Low Water Plants), Improve Soil—Water Efficiently and Practice Good Maintenance In Your Yard and Garden, and Remember, Water Is Our Most Important Resource.

Hohensee stressed that in order for future generations to have water to drink, all must conserve now, and recycling is a must to preserve the planet.

The business meeting was presided by Emily Pendergrass. Gwen Andrae led the collect. Ruth Cooper led the Litany. Eris Beard

read the Federation Creed. The flag pledges were led by Darlene Sims. Minutes were read by Emily, and Ruth Cooper gave the treasurer's report.

Plans were made for the Mayfest to be held May 3. Norma Butler was elected as a new member. Several items were discussed and the meeting adjourned.

Lasagna, slaw, and apple pie were served by hostesses Emily Pendergrass and Linda Dry prior to the introduction of Mrs. Hohensee and the presentation of her program.

Members present were Gwen Andrae, Eris Beard, Mary Jane Blackshear, Ruth Cooper, Linda Dry, Noma Eoff, Pat Fenter, Bobby Sue Jackson, Eula Mae Kruse, Jean Owen, Emily Pendergrass, Darlene Sims, and Betty Thomason.

The next meeting will be at the Z.I. Hale Museum and Rock Hotel with Neuman Smith on Runnels County history.

Poe's Corner

By Charlsie Poe

Along the Rio Grande



Charlsie Poe

Many people will remember Merle Bains who moved with her husband, Monroe, to Winters in 1950 to put in a grocery store on East Truett. It was such a handy little store. We were sorry when Monroe died in 1959, and the store was sold. Merle continued to live in Winters and taught a Sunday School Class at the First Baptist Church. She told me the story of her early life and it was published in the 1979 *Frontier Times*.

"All the hardships of growing up on a frontier ranch were nothing compared to the fear we had of Pancho Villa," said Merle Ansley Bains, who moved to the Big Bend area with her parents and six brothers and sisters back in the early 1900s.

Just across the Rio Grande in Mexico, bandits led by Pancho Villa hid out in the mountains and raided across the river into Texas, rustling the ranchers' cattle for food. "We were told that if the rancher interfered he would be killed, so we lived in constant dread.

"The time came when most of our cattle were stolen one night and they were never recovered. We had no means of support for there were no jobs to be had, so my father and two oldest brothers, Nick and Jack, went to central Texas to pick cotton one fall," Merle said.

Merle's father, S.N. Ansley, born in 1854, was a native Georgian who had come to Texas and joined the Rangers. He was stationed in Comanche and served through this territory, engaging in many skirmishes with the Indians. After his marriage to Mary Margaret Gaston, a Georgian schoolteacher who was thirteen years his junior, they lived in Comanche for some time.

Then as an inducement for people to settle in the Big Bend section, the government offered eight sections of ranch land to families who could qualify, if they would also live on the land for three years.

Since Ashley liked frontier life, he took advantage of the offer and with his wife and seven children, ranging in ages from three to sixteen, moved in a covered wagon to the foot of Santiago Peak, south

of Marathon. He built a shack for the family to live in and bought a few horses and cattle. The ranch was not fenced (most were not), and each rancher had to keep up with livestock as best he could.

Life was lived in the most primitive way. The next neighbor was ten miles distant and the nearest town, which was Marathon, was forty. It was three days' journey by wagon. Trips were made about once a month, and only for supplies. The family camped out on the way.

"The only water we had was from Chalk Draw, about a hundred yards from the house, and a hand-dug well we used when the draw was dry, which was a large part of the time," Merle recalled.

"We also had to draw water from the well by hand, for our use and for the livestock. Our cattle were the longhorn breed, and believe me, those bulls made us shimmy up a tree at record speed when they were waiting for water.

"The cotton picking trip after the raid was too much for Mr. Ansley. After he and the boys returned home, he became ill and died. His body had to be placed in the covered wagon and carried to Marathon for burial. A rancher and his wife came to help the grieving family.

While camped for the night on the way back home, the oldest boy, Nick, was sleeping on the ground. He was bitten by a skunk but managed to kill it by using a singletree from the wagon. The travelers hurriedly turned around and carried the skunk to Marathon to have it analyzed for rabies. The head was sent to Austin for the test and when it proved to be negative everybody rejoiced. At that time, there was no known cure for rabies. People had to rely on madstones.

To be continued

Joint Conference on Aging scheduled April 20-23

The 16th Annual Texas Joint Conference on Aging will be held in Abilene, Texas, on April 20th - 23rd, 1997, at the Abilene Civic Center.

The conference is sponsored by Texas Association of Area Agencies on Aging, American Association of Retired Persons, Texas Association of Senior Centers, Texas Department of Human Services-Region 02/09, and Texas Association of Nutrition & Aging Services Programs and is the largest and oldest aging conference in Texas.

Special guest speakers for the conference are Congressman Charlie Stenholm, 17th Congressional District; Mr. Bruce Vladeck, Administrator, Health Care Financing Administration, Washington D.C.; and Mr. Dan Morales, Attorney General, State of Texas.

Education will be the main emphasis of the conference and 2 intensives, 2 plenary sessions, and 19 workshops will be presented.

The intensives are, "Protecting the Elderly and Disabled - What You Can Do," and "How to Listen Effectively."

Plenary sessions are "Self Esteem and Peak Performance," and "Take Two Laughs and Call Me In The Morning."

Presenters are Mr. Stephen Moroski from CareerTrack Institute and Mr. Michael J. Stedham from Family Life Ministry.

Workshops to be presented are The Myths of Aging; Volunteer Recruitment, Recognition & Retention; Managed Care's Interest In Community Services; So You Want It In Writing; Building A Foundation For Successful Aging; Promoting K-12 Aging

Education; The Future Of Medicare In The 21st Century; Christmas In April - Helping Elderly Remain In Their Homes Longer; Partnerships In Improving The Health Status Of Minority And Underserved Populations; Increasing Funding For Aging Services; Happiness, Hope, And Help For Hearing Loss; Action Strategies For Personal Achievement; Dispel Ageism: Create A New Image; Diagnosis: Alzheimer's-Where Do We Go From Here?; The Graying Of The Baby Boomers; Minority Outreach; Senior Centers-Not Just A Meal; Missing Links In A Chain: Effective Communication Skills; Nursing Home Costs-Who Pays?(A Realistic Look At Medicaid); and At A Loss For Words-Providing Support To The Ill & Bereaved.

The conference will also have an exhibit and trade show which will showcase business and non-profits that offer services or products of interest to professionals who work with the older population.

Registration fees are very moderate. Regular registration is only \$75.00 and the Students & Senior Citizens fee is \$40.00. This fee includes Sunday night Luau, Monday lunch, Monday night trade show and dinner, Tuesday trade show and luncheon, Tuesday night banquet and activities, and all workshops, intensives, and breaks.

CEU's are available through Abilene Christian University for Licensed Professional Counselors, Psychology, Nursing-Type II, Social Work, and General CEU's.

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Fish stories, talking trash

by BILL and JEAN LAFAIR
Elm Creek Reservoir Lakekeepers

At Elm Creek Reservoir, the fish are waking up hungry. The lake is also up a few inches from the rain.

During the President's Day weekend, one bass fisherman who frequents the lake took home a couple of real beauties, one weighing in the neighborhood of 12 pounds.

On Saturday, February 22, after the rain, quite a few anglers were fishing from the fishing pier, from boats, and from the banks. Many were reporting a very successful day. One gentleman seems to have caught his limit of crappie but he won't say where he was when he caught them.

On Sunday, the 23rd, bright and early, a group of bass fishermen from Mereta, Paint Rock, and San Angelo came out with their kayaks. The wind didn't seem to bother them. They did okay on bass.

The best catch in that group was a 50.3 lb. yellow cat, caught on spinner bait by George Terango. The beast put up a pretty good fight, as yellow cats do. George, who was alone in the little one-man kayak, managed to work the boat and the fish over closer to the shore during the struggle, and, just before he was able to get him into the boat, the fish let go. (We've all heard that before.)

Mr. Terango didn't agree with this move, and jumped into the lake, managed to grab him in a bear hug and wrestle him into the kayak, where there was barely room for both him and the guest. We only assume they were both in the boat when they returned to the shore. George may have put the fish in and stayed in the water

himself as he guided it across the lake to head for home.

There have been other rumors of other catches at the lake that aren't verified at this time, and many may never be.



GEORGE TERANGO, of Mereta, recently caught this 50.3 pound yellow cat at Elm Creek Reservoir.

The bass and crappie have continued to bite this week, according to the few anglers who have done any fishing in spite of the wind and drizzle.

While there hasn't been a lot of fishing at the lake this winter, the campgrounds have been used. Not filled to capacity, and even at times, empty, but often used by visitors to the area who have different reasons to be in or near Winters. All these visitors really

do appreciate and enjoy the improvements that have been underway and/or completed to the lake area. Some have been here before and keep coming back. Many were first-time visitors who probably will return.

Among other activities at the Lake, as City crews work to complete the projects in a timely manner, we have been volunteering efforts to clean up trash that has been traditionally dumped on the west side of Elm Creek Reservoir and along County Road 167. This is a slow process. It took the efforts of several people a period of several years to accumulate that much trash, so needless to say, it takes a little time for one or two people to pick it up. Meanwhile, it gets re-arranged by the wind and rain, and new cans and bottles get added to the collection.

The public who uses the lake could help by taking care of it. Cleaner environment and reduction of fire risk would benefit everyone.

The pavilion has been furnished with tables, barbecues, lighting and electric outlets. The nearby playground equipment is in place, and the new volleyball court is ready for use.

Reservations have already been made for the pavilion for some group activities in the upcoming months. Now is the time to begin planning and reserving for Spring and Summer activities. The pavilion can be reserved by calling 915-723-2081.

The baseball field awaits daytime players, no lights yet, and the walking trail is ready for pedestrian traffic.

Come enjoy the lake and lake grounds!

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Promise Keepers rally plans to unite men of the Big Country

The Big Country Men of Promise will be hosting a Promise Keeper Wake-up Rally on Thursday, March 20, 1997, at 7:00 p.m. at Broadview Baptist Church, 2500 South 27th Street, Abilene, Texas. The Promise Keeper Wake-up Rally is free.

The goal of the Rally is to unite men in a place of worship and prayer to proclaim Jesus Christ Lord over their lives and learn how to be godly men. The Abilene Promise Keepers Task Force would like to challenge every pastor, men's leader, and man in the Big Country that has ever attended a Promise Keeper conference to attend this rally.

The theme for the Promise Keeper Wake-up Rally is "The Making of a Godly Man," which is the national theme for the 1997 Promise Keepers men's gathering. Promise Keeper Founder and Chief Executive Officer Bill McCartney said, "Men who come to the 1997 conferences will tap into the disciplines that have to become true of their daily life. A man of God has to be a man of prayer. He has to be a man of God's word. As men, we need to enter into accountability and sharpen each other."

Men from the Promise Keepers Texas state office will be attending this event that will unite the men of the Big Country together. Promise Keepers has recently announced that two conferences will be held in Texas. The first one is on May 16-17, 1997, at the Houston Astrodome and the other location is at Texas Stadium in Irving, Texas, on October 24-25, 1997.

To register for one of the 17 men's conferences you may call 1-800-888-7595.

Promise Keepers is a Christ-

centered ministry dedicated to uniting men through vital relationships to become godly influences in their world. Promise Keepers was founded in 1990 by Bill McCartney, Dave Wardell, and 70 other laymen and clergy in Colorado. The initial goal of Promise Keepers was to fill Colorado University Folsom Field with 50,000 men gathering to honor Jesus Christ and to learn more about becoming godly men. In three short years, this goal was realized at Promise Keepers '93.

Since then, God has expanded the vision of Promise Keepers to gather men in stadiums throughout the world. In 1994, over 290,000 men gathered in seven cities in the name of Jesus Christ. Promise Keepers reached over one million in 1996 in the name of Christ.

If you desire to learn more about the Promise Keeper Wake-up Rally, you may call 915-692-2360.

Prepare fruit trees while dormant

If you want bountiful fruit in the Spring, now is the time to prepare fruit trees while they're still dormant.

Runnels County Extension Agent, Mike Mauldin, says first, they need to be protected against scale insects. He says dormant oil is the best means of controlling the damaging pests. Spray with it just before the tree begins to bud. But Mauldin warns not to use the dormant oil if there's a chance of a freeze or if the temperature is expected to be unusually high in the few days following spraying.

He says folks in East Texas may also want to apply fungicide. This is not necessary in the rest of the state. He recommends fertilizing all trees with a three-one-two ratio applied at one pound per inch of the trunk's diameter.

Mauldin also says fruit trees should be pruned so they are eight to ten feet tall and the productive limbs are 12 to 18 inches long and spaced six to 12 inches apart.

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by GLENN ENGLISH, Chief Executive Officer
National Rural Electric Cooperative Association

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These meetings are an important part of the local service provided by the network of 1,000 electric cooperatives across the country. Decisions made at these local meetings help your co-op not only determine what the co-op will do to improve electric service, but also how the co-op can help make your community a better place to live and work.

These meetings reaffirm five key qualities that make our service second to none.

First, your co-op is a local business that is part of your community. Because you own a part of that company, you have the opportunity to influence key decisions at the co-op by electing local leaders to represent your interests.

Second, your co-op is staffed by people from your community who understand what is happening in the community. Their close-

ness to you allows them to provide better service than a phone-bank operator sitting in an office building a thousand miles away.

Third, co-ops across the country use high technology to deliver state-of-the-art service at the lowest possible price. Co-ops are making the improvements necessary to provide you with the higher level of service that today's modern technology requires.

Fourth, your co-op is working to improve energy efficiency to lower your monthly electric bills. Each month, this publication carries helpful information that you can put to use to keep your electric bill as low as possible.

Finally, your electric cooperative enhances your community's quality of life by performing even the smallest community service. Whether it is a line worker stopping to help a stranger change a flat tire or the co-op putting up Christmas lights on Main Street, these good deeds build a stronger sense of community in us all.

All these qualities work together to help make your electric cooperative an important part of your local community. Every year, your co-op celebrates its commitment to community by holding an annual meeting. Your personal participation in the annual meeting will help make this year's celebration even better.

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Crews News

By Hilda Kurtz



Hilda Kurtz

The trouble with bucket seats in automobiles is that not every-one has the same bucket.

Weather at Crews over the weekend was as follows: clear, rain all night with thunder, light snow, sleet, mist, clear again. Most gauges showed about 1-2/10".

Vanna Henson of Winters spent Saturday with the Bill Mathis family. Clayton Johnson and Shane Stone of Winters spent the weekend also. Will, Desiré, and Marqué are getting their two show lambs ready for the San Angelo Stock Show. One is a fine wool, the other a crossbreed.

I attended the quilting Monday at the Lutheran Fellowship Hall. Others who came were Alvina Gerhart, Rosmon Holle, Estella Bredemeyer, Billy Vernon, Lilly Presley, Truman Deike, Thelma Hoppe, Lela Thormeyer, Hattie Minzenmayer, Jewell Kraatz, Eula Mae Kruse, Theodora Frick, Ramona Hanson, Clara Bell Whittenberg, Mary Kurtz, Leona Jacob, and Gwyn Haussecker. Fifteen quilts or more will be shipped to Lutheran World Relief.

Brad and Ruth Pape had a nice phone visit Sunday. It was raining where Ruth was too. She made the trip just fine. Brad was in Abilene during the week to see his doctor for an appointment and to get medicine.

With Connie and Georgia Gibbs over the weekend were Shane Ford of Belton; Billy Rickie of Content; Haley, Tammy, and Mark Kazczyk of Winters.

Juanita Shields visited her daughter Jennifer and Dave Haws in Houston. She stayed a week. On Saturday, Juanita's visitors were Mr. and Mrs. Raymond O'Neil and Mrs. Ruby Flannigan

of Brownwood.

Harvey Mae and Noble Faubion had a long phone visit with son Lynn and Carol in Fort Worth. It was also raining there as they talked. Afterwards, Noble and Harvey Mae ate at Casa Cabana in Winters. Valerie Faubion came over Sunday with a pot of delicious soup for dinner.

Margie Jacob spent the weekend with Brenda Jacob in San Angelo. They attended the funeral of Anita Book on Saturday. That afternoon, they went to the North Branch Library in San Angelo to see granddaughter Kathryn Kozelsky and her art display. Carol, Mike, and Jeanna Kozelsky and Brenda and Margie enjoyed supper with Scott and Kathryn Kozelsky in San Angelo.

Coming to see Doris Wood were some longtime friends, Mrs. Weiner Jones and son Wayland of Gladewater. Also visiting were Mr. and Mrs. Matt Ounys of Austin.

On Sunday, Doris Wood, Mr. and Mrs. Maloy Bryant of Abilene had lunch with the Connie Bryants in Ballinger. On Saturday night, they helped Mr. and Mrs. Doug Hoppe, Lela Thormeyer, Hattie Minzenmayer, Jewell Kraatz, Eula Mae Kruse, Theodora Frick, Ramona Hanson, Clara Bell Whittenberg, Mary Kurtz, Leona Jacob, and Gwyn Haussecker.

Carolyn Webb and Edith Everitt met Joe Webb at the Crossroad Cafe in Valera and enjoyed Mexican food sometime during the week. Carolyn was a visitor Sunday at Hopewell Baptist Church.

Mildred Morrison and Helen Alexander went to Abilene to shop. They decided Helen was the safest driver, so she drove. They also indulged in Blizzards at the Dairy Queen. Bradley Scott of Sweetwater spent Sunday afternoon with Mildred.

Bro. Ferris and Ramona Akins of Ballinger were Sunday dinner guests with Nila and Therin Osborne. Louise Osborne of Winters was also a guest. Roy McBeth spent Friday evening with the Osbornes.



KELSEY JONES (left) and CHARLOTTE HORTON, of Winters, were awarded their first twirling trophies and ribbons at the NBTA contest at Colorado City on February 22. The Majorettes will compete in Dallas on March 15.

Two Magical Majorettes awarded trophies, ribbons at first competition

Magical Majorettes Kelsey Jones and Charlotte Horton competed in their first National Baton Twirling Association contest Saturday, February 22, 1997, at Colorado City.

Kelsey competed in the Novice division, ages 0-6, and Charlotte, in age group 7-10, also of the Novice division.

The Majorettes won first place

trophies in Basic Strut and first place ribbons in Ratings.

The Majorettes began twirling lessons in September 1996. Rosie Rocha is the instructor.

Both girls will enter NBTA contests at Dallas on March 15.

Kelsey is the daughter of Georgia Jones of Winters. Charlotte is the daughter of Virgil and Loretta Horton of Winters.

VFW Auxiliary to collect craft items for Scottish Rite Hospital Bazaar

The Winters Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 9193 Auxiliary is sponsoring a drive to collect handmade craft items for the Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for the Children's Spring Bazaar.

Texas Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary President Eve Baldwin has made this her special project for 1997. She feels that "by serving freedom through dedication and harmony" the Auxiliary can make a difference by helping the hospital through the Bazaar.

The Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Children is an unique hospital dedicated to thousands of special children cared for each year and never charged a penny for services. The hospital and any treatments are supported entirely by gifts from generous friends who want to see those children make the most of their lives.

Ninety percent of the patients are treated for orthopedic problems. Many patients have congenital orthopedic problems, such as scoliosis and congenital dislocation of the hip. Other conditions treated result from orthopedic injuries such as spine disorder, orthopedic complications of cerebral palsy, and neuromuscular disease, such as muscular dystrophy,

limb length discrepancies, and hand anomalies.

The hospital provides care for more children with scoliosis, arthritis, and cerebral palsy than any other hospital in the United States. More children are treated for spina bifida than nearly anywhere in the United States. Spina bifida is one of the most common disabling birth defects in the country today.

To be eligible for the Texas Scottish Rite Hospital, a child must simply have a need that requires services the hospital provides, be a Texas resident and under the age of 18. The Children with Learning Disabilities Division serves children between the ages of 5 and 14. The only step necessary for acceptance is a referral from a physician or a qualified health professional.

Winters Auxiliary President Mary Kurtz feels that this is a very worthwhile project and invites not only the members of the auxiliary but anyone else who would be interested in providing crafts for the Bazaar. Contact Mary Kurtz or Adeline Holder or bring your items to the March 11th meeting. Donations of money will also be happily accepted. Let's all be "People Loving People for a Brighter Tomorrow."

Official Records

County Court Civil Cases February 28
Ex Parte vs. Rene Garcia—occupational drivers license

Criminal Cases February 24
Jesse Mills, Jr., Coleman, filed for theft of merchandise by check
Nathan Benstrup, Winters, filed for theft of merchandise by check

February 25
Katherine Taylor, Brownwood, filed for theft of services by check
Marvin Traylor, Winters, filed for theft of merchandise and/or cash by check
Linda Hollis, Norton, filed for theft of merchandise by check

Marriage Licenses February 25
Michael Rene Scarborough and Carolyn Ann Reeves
Leland Shayne Bilbrey and Vivian Jane Radford
Michael S. Sanchez and Julie Flores

District Court February 25
Estate of R.A. Vick aka R.A. Vick, Jr., deceased—contested probate

Divorces Filed February 24
David Louis Triggs and Debra Joyce Triggs
Caroline Beall and Lowell David Beall
February 25
Shona Rene Galindo and Edward E. Galindo

February 28
Petra San Juan Trejo Martinez and Miguel Lara Martinez
Peggy L. Penney and Gordon V. Penney, Sr.

March 3
Dwight Moran and Nancy E. Moran
Alicia Cabrera Jimenez and Efrain Sanchez Jimenez

Justice Court #1 Criminal February 21
Randy Edward Schaefer, filed for minor in possession of alcoholic beverages
Eric William Glass, filed for minor in possession of alcoholic beverages

February 22
Russell Brett Dill, minor in possession of alcoholic beverages—case dismissed
Amy Ruth Hays, minor in possession of alcoholic beverages—case dismissed
Jessica Pam Hamilton, minor in possession of alcoholic beverages—case dismissed

Lesley Dawn Weidler, minor in possession of alcoholic beverages—sentenced to MIP school
Charles William Bowers, minor in possession of alcoholic beverages—sentenced to MIP school

February 18
Jim Coker, filed for retaliation
February 28
Carla Merrifield, filed for theft by check
Tonya Scott, filed for felony theft of service

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First Lady Bush's tour to celebrate 1997 Texas Main Street Cities

First Lady of Texas Laura Bush will join the Texas Historical Commission's Texas Main Street Program for the 1997 First Lady's Tour, March 18 and 20, to celebrate the designation of the 1997 Official Texas Main Street Cities.

Sponsored by the Independent Bankers Association of Texas, the tour will visit Bowie, Celina, and Ferris on March 18 and Breckenridge and Weslaco on March 20.

At each of the five cities, Mrs. Bush will give the keynote address and unveil the first architectural restoration drawing for the downtown renovation. A reception will follow a tour of the city's

downtown area. Accompanying Mrs. Bush on the tour will be representatives from the Independent Bankers Association and the Texas Historical Commission.

"Through the years, the Main Street Tour has become a traditional honor for the First Ladies of Texas," said Terry Colley, director of the Texas Main Street Program. "It is a joy for us to spotlight our small cities as they begin their programs and then to watch their progress."

Texas Historical Commission's Texas Main Street Program is a revitalization program for historic downtowns and neighborhood commercial districts. Implemented in 1981, the program has helped more than 110 communities throughout the state.

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Entries will be accepted Thursday, March 13, from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the Baird Activity Center. Entry fee is \$3 per entry with a limit of 6 paintings. Judging will be Friday, March 14, and winners will be notified by phone Friday afternoon. For more information, contact the Baird Chamber of Commerce at 915/854-2003.

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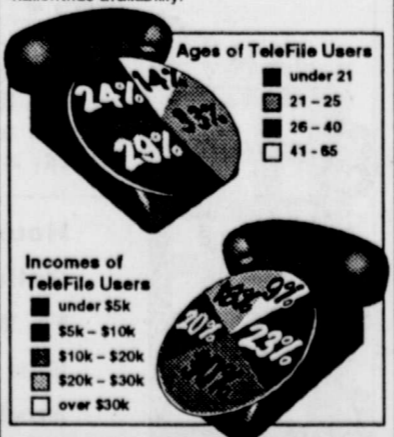
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AMY HEATHCOTT (center) was fortunate to catch a calf during the scramble at the Saturday, February 22, matinee performance of the 1997 Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo. Pictured with Amy are her mom, Barbara Heathcott (left), and Delores Gentry, donor.

Amy Heathcott catches winner at Houston Rodeo

A scramble across the huge Astrodome arena floor resulted in a dream come true for Amy Heathcott, an FFA student from Winters, Texas.

Amy was one of 28 determined Texas youths vying to catch and halter one of the 14 feisty calves and then wrangle it back into the winners' square during the calf scramble at the Saturday, February 22, 1997, matinee performance of the 1997 Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo.

In exchange for her successful scramble, Amy, a student at Winters High School, will receive a \$1,000 calf purchase certificate donated by Citizens National Bank of Texas. The certificate is to be used for the purchase of a registered beef or dairy heifer.

From this point, a year of hard work begins. Scramble winners are required to groom and feed their heifers and keep extensive financial records and progress reports. These reports will be submitted to the certificate donor and to Show officials monthly throughout the year. In addition, each winner is required to keep a pictorial account of the project

and to submit a 500-word essay.

In 1998, Amy will return to the Houston Show to compete in a special scramble heifer show competition for additional prize money and awards.

Overseeing the project will be Roy Shackelford, Amy's Vocational Agricultural Teacher who will offer advice, support, and guidance throughout the year.

"Since its beginning in 1942, the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo calf scramble program has been one of the most popular events in the rodeo. Friendly competition, tenacity, and resourcefulness create unmatched excitement for the audience and contestants alike," said Robert Norwood, general chairman of the all-volunteer calf scramble committees.

"Thanks to the generosity of the certificate donors, youngsters from across the state of Texas have a chance to raise and care for a heifer. The Houston calf scramble program is a wonderful learning experience for these boys and girls. It is not a give-away. It is a year-long experience which includes a lot of hard work and dedication," Norwood added.

The scramble is held during each of the 20 performances of the rodeo which includes professional rodeo action, top-notch entertainers, the world's largest livestock show, a prestigious horse show, indoor fireworks, and much more.

Proceeds from the Houston Livestock Show benefit the youth of Texas in the form of scholarships and research grants to Texas colleges and universities.



1997 WINTERS YOUNG FARMERS OFFICERS are (from left) Dale Duggan, president; Doug Bryan, vice-president; Gary Jacob, secretary; and Rodrick Bredemeyer, reporter.

Hunter's Camp, with Don Haley, receives Excellence in Craft Award—Outdoor Humor

Hunter's Camp, with Don Haley, has received the Excellence in Craft Award from the Texas Outdoor Writers Association in the category of Outdoor Humor.

Each year, outdoor writers from across Texas may enter one column into competition with other writers in varying categories.

The winning column for Hunter's Camp was entitled "Ace, Buck Fever, and a Fat Man

in a Red Huntin' Suit," which appeared in *The Winters Enterprise* and *Ballinger Ledger* in December 1996. It featured Ace getting "whipped" by Santa Claus for taking a shot at Rudolph.

Hunter's Camp has appeared in *The Enterprise* and *Ledger* monthly since 1991, where it takes a humorous look at the world as seen through "a regular ole husband's" eyes.

Haley is a former resident of both Winters and Ballinger. He and his wife Deborah (a former Winters and Ballinger 4th grade teacher) and daughter Michael Anne now live in Brownfield.

Haley is employed by the USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service. Deborah is still teaching her little heart out and Michael Anne is growing like a weed!



March Madness

For common, everyday husbands, March is truly the cruelest month.

Football season is over, deer season is over, quail season is over, and it's seven more long, hot months until dove season gets here.

There's not even any grass to mow.

For husbands, this is the month when we get into the most trouble, mostly because we don't have anything to do.

Take my Dad, for example. After he retired a few Marches back, my Mom looked out the window to see him messing with her car.

She noticed he had a can of black spray paint in his hand.

In horror, she saw him take a couple of squirts at a microscopic scratch on the driver's door of her brand-new Lincoln Continental.

"Why would you do something so lame-brained, numb-skulled stupid," she cried.

"Do you realize how many different colors of black there are?"

"You stood right there and ruined my car!"

My Dad, looking down at the spray can, made a simple, honest statement that somehow found a twinge of mercy in my Mother's heart, thereby saving his life.

He also uttered the immortal words that are the battle cry for all other husbands caught up in the swirls of March Madness.

"Uh...I guess I was bored." The Madness overtook me one afternoon last week as I drove innocently home from work.

It forced me to pull into the local car dealership and start kickin' tires with Tim The Pick-Up Salesman.

"What's that?" my wife asked pointedly, as if she couldn't tell it was a spanking-new 1997 4 x 4 Ford supercab.

"It's my new truck," I said excitedly. "Wanna go for a ride?"

"Where's your old pick-up? We've just barely gotten it paid for!"

"Tim gave me a good deal on this one," I said. "Look...it's got all terrain tires, 5.4 liter engine...."

"Just how on earth do you intend to pay for it?"

"Uh...well...uh...."

"Did it ever occur to you that we have twenty-seven years left on our house payments, braces to buy, piano lessons, kid's shoes and clothes, doctor bills, not to mention about a million payments left on my car!"

"Uh...well...uh...."

"That truck costs as much as a new house! What in the world are you thinking?"

"You've been acting kind of funny these last couple of weeks anyway," she said, "are you crazy or what?"

Crazy? Well.....maybe. But definitely bored!

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"Yeah, I can tell it's a crossbred, but with what?"

Impact of fire ants in urban areas
According to surveys, fire ants are considered the most important urban pest problem, behind cockroaches. Besides stinging people and animals, ants can damage air conditioners, outside lighting, sprinkler systems, computers and other electronic equipment.

City	Estimated total millions of dollars people living in urban areas spend on fire ant treatment, medical costs, and repairs*
Houston	\$33.8
Dallas	\$22.5
Ft. Worth	\$15.0
San Antonio	\$13.7
Austin	\$ 8.2
Total (in millions)	\$93.2

Source: Fire Ant Research and Management Advisory Committee
Graphic: Agricultural Communications, The Texas A&M University System

Conservation News & Notes
By Ronnie Vanick, District Technician

Tillage seminar series continues March 6

Producers are invited to attend the second part of a two 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.

This second half will be held Thursday, March 6, in the Ballinger Community Center. The seminar will begin at 5:00 p.m. and run until approximately 9:00 p.m.

Speakers will be Dr. James Smart, weed scientist with USDA Ag Research Service in Weslaco, and Dr. Dan Kreig, 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.

A meal will be served so come straight from the field and give your partner a break from the kitchen.

A \$5 registration fee will be collected to offset expenses.

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

Farm Bureau to host crop insurance meeting March 10

Runnels County Farm Bureau and Agency Manager Sam Bennett will host a crop insurance meeting on Monday night, March 10, at 7:00 p.m. at the Farm Bureau office in Ballinger.

Topics of discussion will be Multi-Peril and CRC insurance. Ted Gholston, Field Supervisor, and Robert Schmidt, Special Agent, with Rain and Hail Insurance Company, will be presenting the program.

All producers, loan officials, and other interested parties are invited to attend.

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Ten free shade trees available

Ten free shade trees will be given to each person who joins The National Arbor Day Foundation during March 1997.

The ten shade trees are Red Oak, Sugar Maple, Weeping Willow, Green Ash, Thornless Honeylocust, Pin Oak, Silver Maple, River Birch, Tuliptree, and Red Maple.

FOUNDATION GOAL: PLANT 10 MILLION TREES DURING 125TH ANNIVERSARY YEAR.

"This year is the 125th anniversary of Arbor Day, and the free shade trees are part of the Arbor Day Foundation's Trees for America campaign to plant 10 million trees in 1997," John Rosenow, the Foundation's president, said.

"These trees were selected to provide shade and beauty, and a variety of forms, leaf shapes, and fall colors," Rosenow said.

The trees will be shipped at the right time for planting between March 1 and May 31 with enclosed planting instructions. The six to twelve inch trees are guaranteed to grow, or they will be replaced free of charge.

Members also receive a subscription to the Foundation's bi-monthly publication, "Arbor Day," and "The Tree Book" with information about tree planting and care.

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