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Annual Industrial Golf Tournament growing with prosperity for Winters

Winters will be buzzing with people and hopefully business will be booming this Friday and Saturday, June 6 & 7, as the 31st annual Industrial Golf Tournament gets underway at the Winters Country Club.

The number of tournament entries each year continues to increase. One hundred and thirty-six golfers comprising 34 teams entered last year's competition. Just three years ago, only 72 individuals participated.

"If this (tournament) keeps growing, it could be the biggest thing to happen to Winters," said Larry Reed, co-chairman. "It brings money into the community. The whole town could be involved because of the number of people coming."

This year, play has been limited to 54 teams (162 people). This is the maximum limit the golf course can hold. As of press time Tuesday, 52 teams had been

accepted, according to Reed, with persons coming from Wisconsin, California, Rhode Island, Ohio, and many Texas cities.

Anyone may enter the tournament. There are no specific requirements other than to have three members to your team. An entry fee of \$150 per team, usually paid by businesses, will be used to help purchase prizes with a small portion of the fee going to the Winters Country Club.

Charles Bahlman Chevrolet-Geo Inc. will give a new pickup to the person making a hole-in-one on the #3. Other prizes include three sets of tailor-made bubble-burner irons, valued at \$800 per set; golf bags, putters; golf balls; and gift certificates.

Friday has been set as a practice day. Teams have been invited to begin play around noon. Green fees and carts will be provided free of charge. At 7:00 p.m., a barbecue dinner, sponsored by the

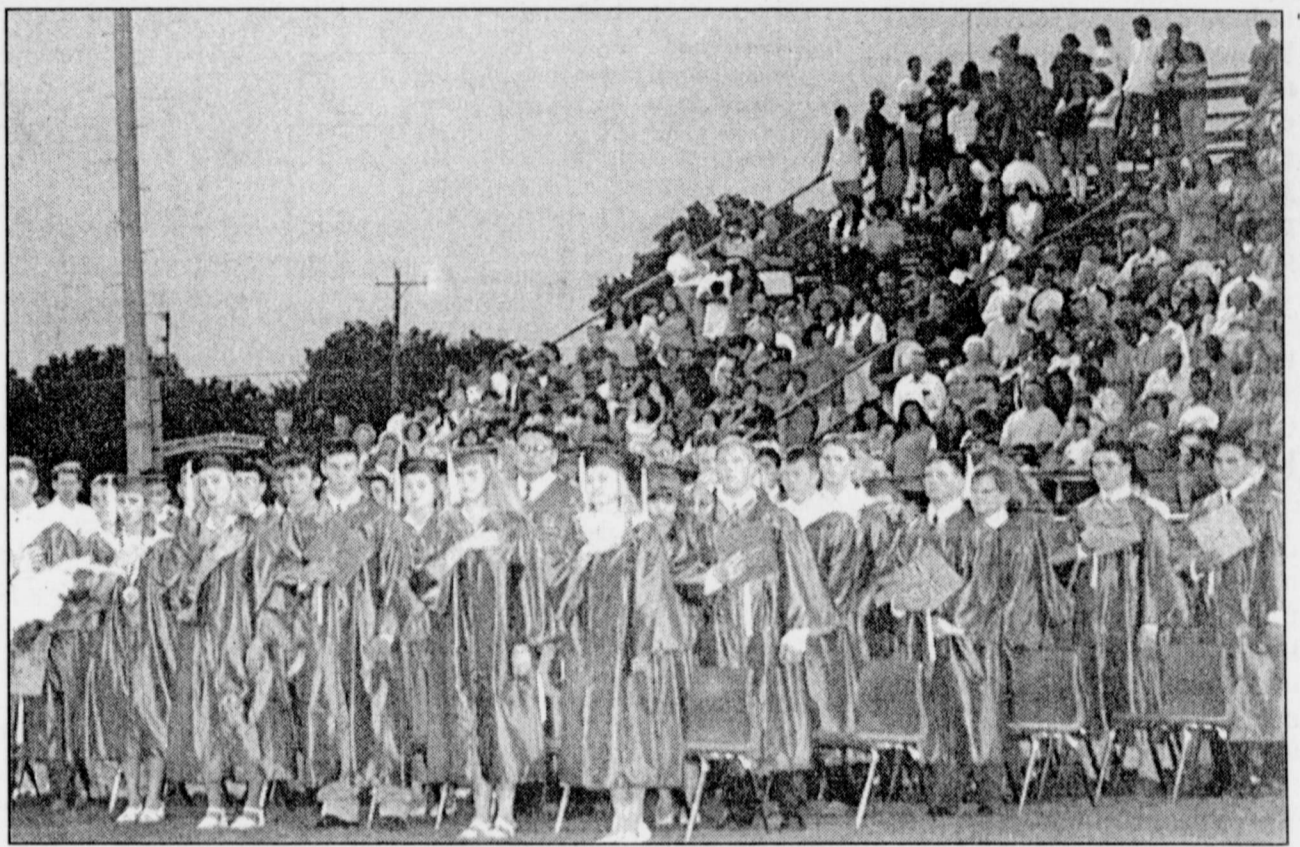
Winters Area Industrial Board, will be served with the assistance of the Country Club ladies.

Official play begins on Saturday morning with tee off at 8:30. A second tee off is at 2:00 p.m. Play will be 18 holes with prizes paid for the top six teams in two flights.

Friends of the Museum have agreed to entertain non-playing spouses for the entire day.

This is a perfect opportunity for Winters to prosper. Vendors and groups are encouraged to participate. Downtown businesses could offer special promotions. Groups or organizations could become involved in various ways.

Of course, for any activity at the Country Club, approval must be received by the board of directors. Please contact Clifford Poe, president, 754-5470; Bill Hall, secretary, 754-5291; or Pee Wee Gehrels, tournament director, 754-4276.



GRADUATING CLASS OF 1997 stands for the pledge of allegiance during ceremonies Friday night in Blizzard stadium. During the program, the Pearl Jackson Memorial Scholarship was awarded to Linsey Brown, Jaime Bahlman received the Floy Hood Hodge Scholarship, and the Jake Joyce Awards for Outstanding Boy and Girl went to James Andrae and Robyn Parramore, respectively.



GIMME THAT WATER BALLOON was the "discussion" between Jami Harris and fellow kindergarten classmate Zackery Kraatz during the end-of-school elementary Water War.

Eradication program back in business

Texas Governor George W. Bush signed the bill reviving the Boll Weevil Eradication Program on Friday afternoon, paving the way for the resumption of the program to do away with the #1 cotton pest in Texas.

The original program, begun in 1995, and struck down by the Texas Supreme Court on April 19, had operated for two seasons in the Runnels County area, greatly reducing numbers of boll weevils found in cotton fields. A lawsuit by 130 cotton farmers in South and West Texas challenged the way fees were assessed for the spraying program.

This Saturday is Ginny Smith Day

This Saturday is the big day! It's Ginny Smith Day in Winters. Big events are planned for the day.

Team roping begins in the morning at 11:00. Books open at 10:00 a.m. A delicious lunch of barbecued brisket and all the trimmings will be served at 11:30, and then an auction will begin promptly at 2:00 p.m.

People wishing to donate items for the auction should contact Fran Kidwell, 754-5365; Janet Cason, 754-5205; or Leslie Pruser at 754-4346.

Items donated to date include a large, antique wardrobe; four round bales of hay; two quilts; two afghans; a roundtrip ticket for two from Abilene to San Antonio; a savings bond; two pair of Ropers; jewelry; a handmade pocketknife; a portable basketball goal; and much more.

Plan on being at one or all of these events! We're expecting a great time for all those in attendance. And don't forget that the Swigs are playing for a big dance at the Winters Community Center on the evening of June 13 from 8:30-12:30.

All proceeds from the team-roping, dinner, auction, and dance will go to help in paying for the costs of treatment to fight Ginny's cancer.

In the event of rain, the dinner and auction will still be held in the building at the rodeo grounds. The team-roping will be re-scheduled for a later date yet to be announced.

The bill signed by Bush passed both the Texas House and Senate unanimously. Minor differences were worked out by a conference committee and the final bill sent to Bush for his signature.

The newly signed bill provides for a referendum in the South Plains on August 1 to activate the program in that area.

Sen. Robert Duncan, R-Lubbock, the bill's author, said, "Our top priority with this legislation was to develop a statewide program that will eliminate the boll weevil. Texas needs to have a policy in place to fight this major threat to our economy." Senator Troy Fraser, R-Horseshoe Bay, who represents Runnels County, and State Representative Jim Keffler, D-Eastland, were co-sponsors of the bill in the Senate and House, respectively. Rob Junell, D-San Angelo, was the primary sponsor of the bill in the House.

The new law gives Texas Agriculture Commissioner Ricky Per-

ry more direct control of the program, including approval of its budget.

"We went through the bill and made the necessary changes to address the concerns of the court and we also resolved the issues that have been ongoing in these eradication zones to gain the confidence of cotton growers," Duncan said.

Texas is the nation's leading cotton producer and the boll weevil has caused an estimated \$20 million a year in crop losses, officials said.

Duncan said the boll weevil program is valuable and not reviving it would have led to massive crop losses. "We really approached this bill from a grower-friendly standpoint," Duncan said. "We realize it's a growers' program and we want to make sure the growers have input—and that it works."

He said the program would be

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Conservation Reserve Program adapted to provide better benefits

16.1 million acres of land to be accepted by USDA

Dwaine C. Lange, chairman of the Runnels County FSA Committee announced May 27, 1997, that the U.S. Department of Agriculture will accept 16.1 million acres of the nation's most environmentally sensitive cropland into the new Conservation Reserve Program (CRP).

"Last February Secretary Glickman pledged that this sign up would be the first step toward a new CRP that would provide more environmental benefits over the next 10 years than the old program did over the last 10. That pledge has been fulfilled," Mr. Lange said. "We set out to enroll land that would yield the highest environmental benefits, keep productive cropland growing food and fiber and be fair to taxpayers in providing the most environmental bang for the buck."

"That goal has been met in three significant ways," Mr. Lange said.

"One, the 16.1 million acres we are accepting into the CRP will result in an increase in the environmental benefits for every dollar spent. Two, the average Environmental Benefits Index (EBI) of the bids we are accepting today is 46 percent higher than the acreage enrolled presently in the CRP. Three, while getting greater environmental benefits, we will be paying 21 percent less per acre—saving more than 1.6 billion for the life of the program."

The environmental benefits of the 16.1 million acres accepted are significantly greater than those of the current CRP. This is due to a variety of factors, including producer willingness to adopt more environmentally beneficial vegetation, the enrollment of acreage in conservation priority areas, the restoration of more than 790,000 acres of wetlands with protective upland areas, and the enrollment

of more than 1 million acres of trees.

"We are very impressed with the number of people willing to make their existing CRP contracts more environmentally sensitive," Mr. Lange said. "Seventy-three percent of the 16.1 million acres are in existing contracts and much of this land will be planted to new and improved cover that will help control wind and water erosion as well as provide significant wildlife benefits."

The regional distribution of acreage in the CRP will remain stable while the environmental benefits are greater.

The temporary retirement of this land will not have a substantial effect on commodity prices, farm income, or the United States' ability to supply world markets with agricultural products.

The CRP is a cost-effective.

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- ### WHAT'S HAPPENING ?
- June 5-9:30 a.m.-Noon & 1:30-3 p.m., Immunization Clinic, TDH 7:30 p.m., Winters Squares, Community Center
 - June 6-11:30 a.m., Senior Citizens Menu
 - Noon, Industrial Golf Tourney Practice Begins, Country Club
 - 7 p.m., Industrial Golf Tourney Barbecue Dinner, Country Club
 - June 7-8 a.m., First Tee Off, Industrial Golf Tourney, Country Club
 - 10 a.m., Books Open for Ginny Smith Benefit Team Roping & Auction, Winters Rodeo Arena
 - 2 p.m., Second Tee Off, Industrial Golf Tourney, Country Club
 - Baird Trade Festival
 - Gospel Roundup for Rehab, Lytle Bend Ranch, Potosi
 - Girl Scout Golf Tourney, Weatherford
 - June 8-2-4 p.m., Gospel Singing, Church of Nazarene, Ballinger
 - June 9-9 a.m.-11:30 a.m., Vacation Bible School, First Baptist Church
 - 11:30 a.m., Senior Citizens Meal
 - Noon, Retired Teachers Association, Methodist Church, Winters
 - 6 p.m., City Council
 - 7 p.m., VFW & Auxiliary
 - 7:30 p.m., School Board
 - June 10-9-11:30 a.m., Vacation Bible School, First Baptist Church
 - 10 a.m., Commissioners Court, Courthouse, Ballinger
 - Noon, Lions Club
 - 7 p.m., WVFD
 - 7:30 p.m., Elm Creek Water Control Board
 - Woman's Club
 - 4-H Fashion Fun Day
 - June 11-9-11:30 a.m., Vacation Bible School, First Baptist Church
 - 11:30 a.m., Senior Citizens Meal
 - 5:30 p.m., Chamber Directors
 - 6-9 p.m., Co-Ed Softball Games
 - Last Day to Order Brisket/Chicken from St. John's Church
 - Women Landowners Seminar, San Antonio
 - June 12-9-11:30 a.m., Vacation Bible School, First Baptist Church
 - 1-2 p.m., Reading Club Begins, Winters Public Library
 - Mammogram Screenings by Shannon, North Runnels Hospital
 - Women Landowners Seminar, San Antonio

Oil Bidness

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According to some who should know, there is an impending research and development (R&D) crisis on the horizon.

It seems the oil and gas industry is slowly moving away from funding any R&D work in company labs, as well as government labs. *The Oil & Gas Journal* recently reported that a study by a "big six" accounting firm definitely shows marked decreases in government and company R&D spending.

To give one the proper perspective on this recent phenomenon, it is helpful to rewind and recall the history of R&D in the oil patch.

The large oil companies used to have extensive labs and staffing with only a general assignment of doing research to aid the company. They had computer experts, petrophysical experts, geological and engineering experts all studying problems and possible solutions.

As times have changed, the further away an employee is from the wellhead, the less likely he or she will keep his/her job. Thus, the folks in these research jobs no longer work in R&D.

R&D is a long-term proposition. There is no immediate cashflow one can point at to justify it. Thus, when companies in the oil patch started to get serious about reducing the size of their operations, some of the R&D guys were first to go.

So, you end up with a lot of companies that are no longer pushing that research envelope.

In 1998, the funding for oil and gas research is about half what it was in 1995. This funding is a symptom of a greater problem: R&D is no longer seen as worth a lot of people's money.

In some form or fashion, this drying up of funds for R&D will affect those working today and tomorrow. The once-proud and leading edge U.S. industry is prone to falling behind in the race to keep our companies on the cutting edge of technology.

As perforating guns age and as the other research-derived revenue starts to suffer, someone will remember about the additional problems to arise from lack of R&D.

Sometimes it's hard to justify the money to be spent on R&D at the time, but it just might payoff down the road. See this space next week for some things that resulted from R&D spending. You probably never guessed that these things had their beginnings as the gleam in a researcher's eye.

HIGHLIGHTS OF AREA DRILLING ACTIVITY COMPLETIONS

Callahan County
HOFCO has completed the Harris #3 in the Jane Field (8 miles NW of Cross Plains) at an initial rate of 10 BOPD & 20 BWPD in the Cross Plains Sand (perfs 1889-1904). Loc. is 2100 FSL & 5114 FWL of J.H. Pickens Sur. No. 221, A-282.

Coke County
Exxon has completed the Bronte Palo Pinto Unit #128 as a plug back in the Bronte Field (2 miles SW of Bronte) at an initial rate of 184 BOPD & 5 BWPD in an unidentified zone (perfs 4308-12). Loc. is 4162 FNL & 1349 FEL of N. Eastland Sur. No. 331, A-134.

Coleman County
Alpine Petroleum has completed the Sealy-Smith #5 in the Walking Three Field (4 miles NE of Silver Valley) at an initial rate of 5800 MCFPD (AOF) in the Morris (perfs 2584-88). Loc. is 607 FSL & 855 FEL of Sec. 57, Blk. 2, GH&H Sur., A-240.

Aurora Gas Inc. has completed the Rough Creek Ranch North #1 in the Rough Creek Ranch Field (2 miles SE of Nove) at an initial rate of 10 BOPD & 100 BWPD in the Gardner Sand (perfs 3416-24). Loc. is 330 FSL & 990 FEL of BBB&C Sur. No. 45, A-68.

Nolan County
Enrich Oil has completed the Stewman Ranch -B- #14 in the Nena Lucia Field (5 miles SW of Maryneal) at an initial rate of 35 BOPD & 45 BWPD in the Odom Reef (perfs 6869-75). Loc. is 1200 FSL & 2350 FEL of Sec. 97, Blk. 1-A, H&TC Sur., A-58.

Runnels County
Purvis Operating has staked the Currie #1 as a Wildcat, 8 miles SE of Ballinger at an initial rate of 111 BOPD in the Odom (perfs 4549-55). Loc. is 724 FSEL & 1400 FSWL of S. Lucas Sur. No. 348, A-348.

STAKINGS

Callahan County
R.B. and B.K. Eubank have staked the R.O. Eubank #55 in the County Regular Field, 6 miles SW of Cross Plains (Depth 500). Loc. is 1601 FEL & 530 FSL of Lab 48, Lge. 181, Comal CSL Sur.

HOFCO has staked two wells in Jane's Field, 8 miles NW of Cross Plains (Depth 1999). The Harris -A- #1 is loc. 2150 FWL & 2504 FNL of J.H. Pickens Sur. No. 221, A-282. The Harris #4 is loc. 3414 FWL & 2400 FSL of same Sur.

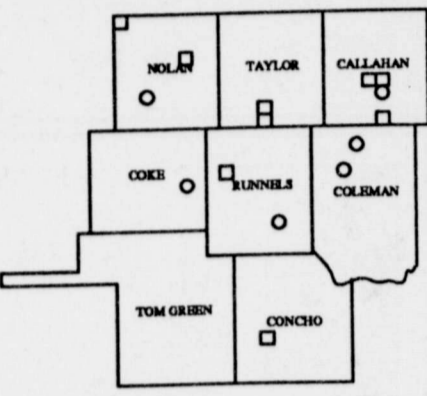
Concho County
Petro-West Corp. has staked the Denis #1 as a Wildcat, 12 miles W of Eden (Depth 2650). Loc. is 1131 FSL & 1381 FWL of E.F. Lewis Sur. No. 22, A-1317.

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

Walter Exploration has staked the Paige Unit #1 in the Sprague Field, 12 miles SE of Sweetwater (Depth 4500). Loc. is 859 FWL & 1774 FSL of Sec. 4, Blk. X, T&PRR Sur.

Runnels County
Cone & Petree Oil & Gas Exp., Inc. has staked the Allar #1 in the Kirkham Field, 4 miles NW of Norton (5000). Loc. is 133 FEL & 2451 FSL of Lab 2, Lge. 271, Burnett CSL Sur.

Taylor County
Christian Energy, Inc. has staked the Clements #3 in the Bull Field, 4 miles SW of Ovalo (Depth 4500). Loc. is 400 FNL & 1065 FEL of J.M. Swisher No. 457. Heart Land Petroleum has applied to re-enter the West Ovalo Gardner Lime Unit #24 in the County Regular Field, 4 miles W of Ovalo (Depth 4700). Loc. is 567 FWL & 4900 FNL of Sec. 34, Blk. 1, SPRR Sur.



Card of Thanks

We would like to express our appreciation to Dr. Jeff May and to all the wonderful ladies who were so generous in preparing the food for our family during the loss of our mother, Dora Hart.

Thanks to the Prayer Circle, the Friendly Ladies Sunday School Class, and the church for all of their prayers; we could not have made it without them.

To all of you who have been with us during this trying time, there are no words to express our love and our heartfelt thanks.

Thank you all,
James D. and Lou Hamilton & family

Card of Thanks

Thank you to everyone for the prayers, cards, phone visits, flowers, gifts, and company during my recuperation.

I am doing great and will soon be my old self again.

Hilda Kurtz

Card of Thanks

I would like to say "thank you" to my family, friends, and neighbors for all the prayers, cards, flowers, food, and visits while I was in the hospital and after returning home.

A special "thank you" to Pastor Jim and Ramona. May God bless you all.

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Wednesday, June 11: Summer salad luncheon. Chicken salad, tuna salad, broccoli salad, macaroni salad, & jello salad.
Friday, June 13: Hamburgers, chips, pea salad, pickles & onions & tomatoes, and Jello cake.

ERADICATION, cont.
monitored closely to see whether changes should be made when the next session of the Legislature meets in 1999.

Provisions of the new bill will:
•Provide for the agriculture commissioner to establish an interim advisory committee in each eradication zone, including at least one grower in each county.
•Require public hearings in the zones.

•Eliminate the power to destroy the cotton crop of farmers who fail to pay assessments.
•Require the commissioner to appoint a new board of directors for the foundation.

•Require elections for the continuation of the program and for directors every four years.
•Preserve the prohibition against the assessments from one zone to pay another zone's debt.

Rep. Keffer said last week he hoped the eradication program could be back on track by the second week of June.

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Obituaries

Opal Watkins Hill

BALLINGER—Opal Watkins Hill, 84, died at 11:40 a.m. Monday, May 26, 1997, at the Ballinger Nursing Home.

She was born October 13, 1912, in San Saba. Opal married Roy Clarence Hill on October 24, 1931, in Ballinger, and he preceded her in death April 6, 1996.

Mrs. Hill worked for many years as a furniture sales clerk at Higginbotham's in Ballinger. She was a member of the First Baptist Church in Ballinger.

Survivors include her daughter, Wanda Bonin of Ballinger; one brother, Otis Watkins of Odessa; two sisters, Emma Webb of Coleman and Maggie Pillian of Wingate; two grandchildren, Tyann Nichols of Lubbock and John Wesley Cosgrove, Jr. of Honolulu, Hawaii; four great-grandchildren; 2 step-grandchildren; and 4 step-great-grandchildren.

Graveside services were held Wednesday, May 28, at 1:00 p.m. at the Garden of Memories with the Rev. Ferris Akins officiating. Burial was under the direction of Rains-Seale Funeral Home of Ballinger. Memorials may be made to Alzheimer's Association.

Henry Rose

ROWENA—Henry Rose, 89, died at 12:20 a.m. Friday, May 30, 1997, in Ballinger Nursing Home.

He was born January 6, 1908, in Runnels County to Charlie Rose and Alvina Hamann Rose. He married Elda Lisso June 18, 1939, in Rowena.

Mr. Rose was a farmer and a rancher. He was a member of the Zoar United Church of Christ in Rowena and the Runnels County Farm Bureau. He served as a past director of Concho County Farm Bureau.

He was preceded in death by his wife on November 17, 1992. Survivors include a son, James Rose and his wife Lema of Ballinger; a daughter, Linda Lane and her husband Bob of Austin; one sister, Pauline Williams of Idaho; three grandchildren, Kyle Rose of Fort Worth, Kenneth Rose and his wife Robyn of Birmingham, Alabama, and Kathryn Moerbe and her husband Steven of Lexington, Texas; five great-grandchildren, Sierra Ashley Moerbe, Tylor Jacob Moerbe, Aleece Nicole Moerbe, Arden Virginia Rose, and Madison Emery Rose; and one sister-in-law, Mattie Rose of Fort Worth.

Services were held at 2:30 p.m. Sunday, June 1, at Rains-Seale Chapel with Sonya Gravlee officiating. Burial was in the Protestant Cemetery in Rowena, directed by Rains-Seale Funeral Home, Ballinger.

Guillermo Gonzales

ABILENE—Guillermo Gonzales, 63, died Tuesday morning, May 27, 1997, at Hendrick Health System.

He was born April 1, 1934, in Nixon, Texas.

Mr. Gonzales was a general laborer and a Catholic. Survivors include three sons, Guillermo Gonzales Jr. of Abilene, Sammy Albert Gonzales of Houston, and Michael Dan Gonzales of Abilene; five daughters, Dora Jimenez, Rachel Ibarra, and Nancy Gonzales, all of Houston, and Michelle Villereal and Marie Villereal, both of Abilene; three brothers, Vicent Gonzales of Abilene, Candido Gonzales and Richard Gonzales, both of Dallas; three sisters, Maria Valdez of Dallas, Connie Ramirez of Dallas, and Tina Brown of Abilene; eighteen grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Rosary was at 7:00 p.m. Thursday, May 29, at the Winters Funeral Home. Graveside services were at 3:30 p.m. Friday, May 30, at Lakeview Cemetery with Father Sam Homsey officiating. Burial was directed by Winters Funeral Home.

Otto Wienecke Jr.

PALUXY—Otto Wienecke Jr., 64, died Tuesday, May 27, 1997, at his home.

He was born in Harper and married Jessie Stocks in Cedar Point in 1956.

Mr. Wienecke was a farmer, rancher, and a sheep and goat shearer. He was a retired Earth County employee and had lived the past 46 years in Paluxy. He was a member of Cedar Point Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Jessie Wienecke of Paluxy; two sons, Audie Ray Wienecke of Paluxy and Wayne Albert Wienecke of Godley; one daughter, Penny Sue Pritchard of Winters; three brothers, Clifford Wienecke, James Wienecke, and Bobby Wienecke, all of Harper; five sisters, Ellie Thomas of Harper, Alma Klien of Fredericksburg, Annie Faye Greeson of Buchanan, Jennie Gold of Uvalde, and Jule McBee of Boerne; and six grandchildren.

Visitation was from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Thursday, May 29, at Stephenville Funeral Home. Services were held at 2:00 p.m. Friday, May 30, at Stephenville Funeral Home Chapel. Burial was in Rock Church Cemetery, directed by Stephenville Funeral Home.

Memorials may be made to Cedar Point Baptist Church.

Lillian Lee Sewell

SULPHUR SPRINGS—Lillian Lee Sewell, 95, passed away at 7:10 a.m. Saturday, May 31, 1997, in Leisure Lodge Nursing Home.

She was born April 2, 1902, in Hopkins County to N.J. Wells Sr. and Katherine Soars Wells. She married O.C. Sewell Sr. in Sulphur Bluff in 1918.

Mrs. Sewell was a homemaker and a member of Central Baptist Church where she was the oldest living member.

She was preceded in death by her husband on July 22, 1974; an infant daughter; a son, Royce C. Sewell; her parents; four brothers; and two sisters.

Survivors include four sons, O.C. Sewell Jr., Truitt I. Sewell, Truman E. Sewell, and Carlton N. Sewell, all of Sulphur Springs; one brother, Woodrow Wells of Lancaster; two sisters, Sue Neal and Alleen Neal, both of Desoto; nine grandchildren including Mrs. C.A. Dry of Sulphur Springs; twenty-one great-grandchildren; fifteen great-great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

Visitation was from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. Sunday, June 1, at Tapp Funeral Home. Services were held at 3:00 p.m. Monday, June 2, in Tapp Funeral Home Chapel with the Reverend Kenneth Rhoades and the Reverend Don Tinsley officiating. Burial was in Martin Springs Cemetery, directed by Tapp Funeral Home.

Nicholas Houston, Mike Houston, Charles Adair, Brad Carr, Warner Gamlin, and Lloyd Cook served as pallbearers.

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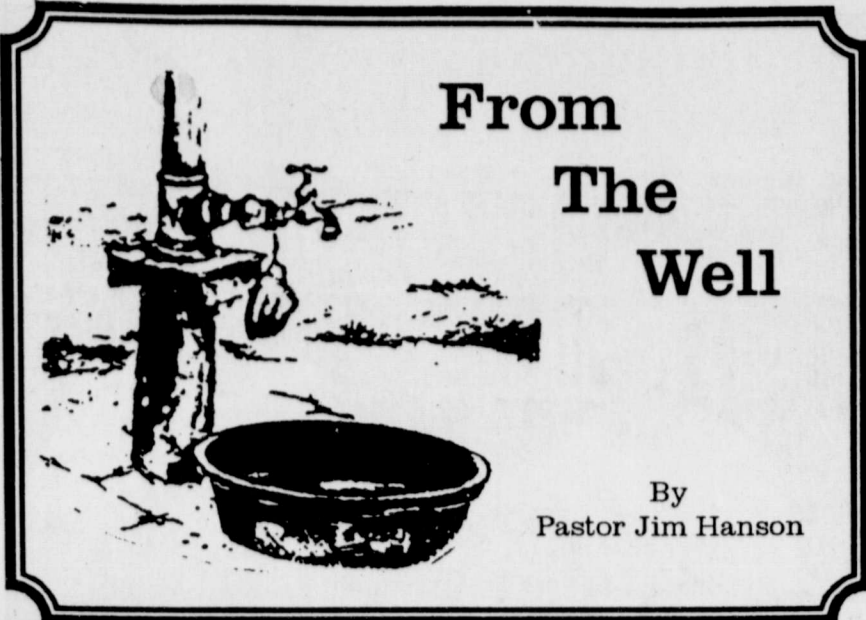
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From The Well

By Pastor Jim Hanson



Pastor Jim Hanson

According to the media, President Clinton's summit on volunteerism was a kind of confession. He and three former presidents conceded that government can't solve America's biggest ache — the desperate plight of millions of kids who are "at risk" of dropping

out of school, becoming pregnant, becoming a criminal, or, of becoming abused, or even killed. (According to some polls, 15 children are killed every day and three million are reported abused each year.) It is serious. The problem is too big for government. The real problem is the breakdown of the family. Years ago I heard a world famous psychiatrist by the name of Scott Peck say, "The greatest invention of the Western world is a father and a mother for every child." At this time in our nation, according to George Gallup, Jr., "almost 40% of children are growing up in homes where their father does not live. It is vitally important for a child to have both a father and a mother."

We all know that. Or, we should. Way back at the beginning, in Holy Scripture, we read "God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him, male and female he created them." And God blessed them and said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply." (Genesis 1:26, 27.) Children are to be born into a family, into a marriage of a man and a woman, a husband and a wife, a father and a mother. That's God's way. The best way.

So, we have a big problem. And we need "volunteers." We need people willing to give time and energy for their kids and kids that are not theirs. We need to have the kind of summit that Ramona and I attended right here in Winters, Texas, on a beautiful Saturday night in the shade of the trees in back of the scout hut and almost directly under the big blue and white water tower.

It was the night of the annual Blue and Gold dinner. It was the Cub Scout banquet of the year. The backyard was filled with parents, grandparents, single parents, leaders, and kids. Some were cubs, others were brothers and sisters.

The tables were set up. The serving table was piled high with brisket and beans and salads and drinks. We had a great meal time. Then came the time for the program. A young scout stood up and shouted, "Attention. Color guard come forward." And two Cubs brought in the flags. They led us in the Pledge of Allegiance and the meeting was on.

It was "awards" night. All kinds of "merit badges" were presented. Each award represented some kind of achievement, some kind of skill that produced something. And, you can bet that there was help from a parent, a leader, or some older friend. As I watched the presentations, I started to count the hours of time and energy and commitment that went into earning them. Freely given. I thought of the leaders and the hours it took to get the year's program going and running, to say nothing of the hours to get this night ready. Wow — it was astounding and outstanding.

An example of volunteerism at its finest. People pitching in, doing their part to help these young boys to develop character and learn to live for God, for family, and for country.

I don't recall any words said at the summit in Philadelphia about the Boy Scouts or Cubs or Girl Scouts. I think they are a wonderful example of volunteerism at its very hardest and very best. With such programs as these in Winters, we can be proud! And grateful! For God and Country and folks who give freely of their time and energy to train up the young folks to live right and to serve!

Father's Day fund-raiser to benefit victims of North Dakota floods

by PASTOR JAMES HANSON

Many of us have been deeply moved by the horrible floods in North Dakota. Some have wondered, "Is there anything we can do to help?"

Luthern Brotherhood Branch #4484 and St. John's Lutheran Church of Winters are sponsoring a "Father's Day Fund-raiser."

Ace Polk will barbecue brisket and chicken. The briskets are \$20, sliced, with BBQ sauce. The chickens are \$5, quartered, with sauce.

For every dollar raised, Lutheran Brotherhood will match with two. If we raise \$1,000, Lutheran Brotherhood will grant us \$2,000.

Our primary goal is to help a nursing home in East Grand Forks. All 80 patients had to be evacuated to a temporary facility 70

miles away, where they are still located. The attendants and caregivers have been continuing to serve their patients, only with much increased travel costs and expenses. The home is still unfit for use. Insurance benefits will not suffice.

Your purchases of brisket and/or chicken will truly help a lot, and will also take care of a good dinner for dad on his day.

Please call Nancy Spill at 754-4073, Clarabell Whittenberg at 754-4414, Teresa Gerhart at 754-5272, or Ace Polk at 767-3647 and place your order by Wednesday, June 11.

You can pick up your order at the Education Building, Saturday, June 14, at 10:00 a.m., or have your order delivered.

Thank you for your support.

Crews News

By Hilda Kurtz



Hilda Kurtz

By the time you read this, I'll be back in San Angelo. My kids keep moving me.

I will be with my daughter until June 17 and will see my doctor for a checkup. I hope and pray he will say "Hilda, you go home."

This means that I will be unable to write for the paper and I'm truly sorry. I've asked neighbors to help, but no soap.

I enjoyed hearing from you guys. I got over a hundred 'get well' cards from lots of folks that read the paper and others I don't even know.

I am doing okay and will soon be on that 4-legged cane.

Public Library announces dates for reading club

Imagine! Explore! Invent! And more! All at the Winters Public Library.

Beginning June 12, children ages 4 to 12 may sign up for "The Incredible Dream Machine" 1997 Texas Reading Club. When you join, you can read some fantastic books, earn awesome awards, and attend great activities.

Fill your days with fun! Register today and be certain you have your library card prior to the starting date.

Sponsored by the Winters Public Library and the Texas State Library, this club will meet on Thursday from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m. through July 17, with one holiday on July 3.

Gospel singing in Ballinger, June 8

There will be a gospel singing Sunday, June 8, at the Church of the Nazarene, at 9th Street and Harris Avenue in Ballinger, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Commissioners fund Interlocal Crime Task Force

West Central Texas Interlocal Crime Task Force asked Runnels County for a commitment to fund a pro rata share of the required matching for a federal grant recently. Runnels County Commissioners met in a special meeting on Friday, May 30, to consider the request.

County Auditor Darlene Smith told commissioners funds had been budgeted in anticipation of need for the program in this fiscal year's budget. Runnels County's share is estimated to be \$4,908.00.

Following a motion by Commissioner Keith Collom, commissioners voted unanimously to commit for the county's share of the money needed.

In the only other agenda item, County Treasurer Margarette Smith told the court that Ballinger National Bank had pledged U.S. treasury bonds in an amount in excess of the security needed for the county's funds. On her recommendation, commissioners voted to accept the security pledge and appoint Ballinger National Bank as the county's depository of funds.

County Judge Marilyn Egan asked commissioners to express an opinion on a date for the groundbreaking for the new county jail — between June 18 or 19. Commissioners agreed to tentatively set the groundbreaking ceremony for 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, June 18.

Kids find new Texas Reading Club material at local public libraries

With school over and assigned reading lists complete, it's time to think about reading for fun! Turn to your local public library for summer reading and turn on "The Incredible Dream Machine" and the Texas Reading Club.

The Texas Reading Club is an annual summer recreational reading program for toddlers through young adults and family members of all ages, sponsored cooperatively by local public libraries and the Texas State Library and Archives Commission in Austin. Using this year's theme of "The Incredible Dream Machine," the program's goals are to encourage reading by inspiring children to seek their dreams in books.

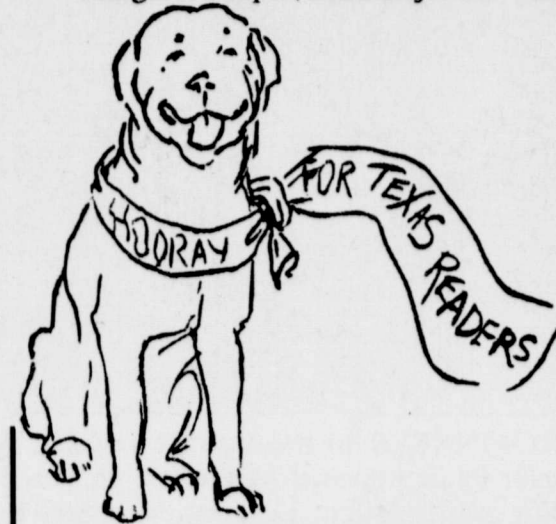
The lovable rottweiler puppy, Carl, hero of many books by author/illustrator Alexandra Day, is the 1997 book character for the reading program. Kickoff events featuring artwork of Carl are being planned in the next few weeks to introduce the theme.

Using a program manual highlighting imagination, innovations, and inventions, local librarians can design reading events that are tailored to the needs of their community.

Toddlers, along with their parents or caregivers, may be invited to participate in 20-30 minute storytime sessions and pre-

schoolers can attend 30 minute sessions involving stories, songs, and activities.

Elementary school-age children can, for example, read the book "Leonardo's Inventions," by Margaret Cooper, and then join in



"HOORAY FOR TEXAS READERS!" says Carl. Turn to your public library for summer reading and turn on "The Incredible Dream Machine."

an activity of making a group display of modern day devices that can be traced to Leonardo's ideas. Libraries might also be planning activities for young adults.

"Summer reading programs at public libraries introduce kids to reading for pleasure, and plant the seeds for a life-long love of reading," says Jeanette Larson, Manager of the Continuing Education Program for the State Library. "The Reading Club is as much a

part of summer in Texas as are picnics and getting together for a swim at the pool.

In keeping with Governor and Mrs. Bush's emphasis on family reading, libraries participating in the Texas Reading Club offer books and videos for families, and are an ideal source for summer family entertainment. Families with children with special needs are also encouraged to participate in the program, and the librarians can make accommodations. Certificates signed by the Governor and Director and Librarian of the State Library are awarded to children who complete the program.

Over 400,000 children participated in last year's Texas Reading Club, with 93% of Texas public libraries offering programs to encourage summer reading.

Established in 1959, the statewide summer reading club began as a service offered by the Texas State Library and Archives Commission to assist rural libraries. In 1978, the Texas Reading Club was expanded to serve all children in Texas through their local public libraries.

The program is designed not only to help kids improve their reading skills, but encourages them to enjoy reading by letting them choose the books they love to read.

Immunization Clinic, June 5

The Texas Department of Health will hold an Immunization Clinic on Thursday, June 5, 1997, from 9:30 a.m.-12:00 noon and 1:30 p.m.-3:00 p.m.

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

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

CRP, continued

voluntary program in which individuals and the federal government cooperate to improve the environment. Landowners or operators establish long-term resource-conserving practices on land that is highly erodible or otherwise environmentally sensitive. In exchange, they receive 10 to 15 years of annual rental payments as well as cost-share assistance in adopting and maintaining those practices. The program is administered by the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Commodity Credit Corporation through the Farm Service Agency (FSA).

Bids for participation in the CRP are ranked according to an Environmental Benefits Index (EBI), which compares the cost of establishing and maintaining the proposed conservation practice to the resulting improvement to the environment. For this sign up, the EBI was redesigned to compare the offers of all acreage based on seven factors: soil erosion, wildlife habitat, water quality, air quality, location in a conservation priority area, long-term retention of conservation benefits beyond the contract period and cost. In addition, soil rental rates were evaluated to ensure that CRP payment rates did not exceed local prevailing rental rates.

"For land that was not accepted in this CRP sign-up," Mr. Lange said, "USDA will offer technical assistance toward improving potential participants' CRP offers in preparation for continuous sign-up and for the next general sign-up this fall."

FSA began notifying producers whether their offers were accepted during the week of May 27-30.



LIONS CLUB OFFICERS, Jimmy Butler, president, and Jean Boles, vice-president, display one of the many flags set out on Memorial Day. Residents may purchase a flag which will be put out and picked up by a member of the Winters Lions organization. This "American Pride" project is an on-going fundraiser for the club which supports various civic needs. Flag Day, June 14, is the next official opportunity to participate in this worthwhile event. Lions raised about \$500 at the brisket sale on May 24, with proceeds to benefit the Winters Public Library.

Fly 'Old Glory' on Flag Day and Independence Day and support the Winters Lions

With Flag Day and Independence Day just around the corner, the time is now to participate in the "American Pride" project sponsored by the Winters Lions Club.

The project will give all Winters residents the opportunity to show their patriotism throughout the year.

With a \$25.00 donation, a Lions Club member will place a large, beautiful American flag in front of a resident's home, near the street, on the following federal holidays:

- Flag Day, June 14
- Independence Day, July 4
- Labor Day, September 1
- Columbus Day, October 13
- Veterans Day, November 11
- M.L. King Day, January 19
- Presidents' Day, February 16

Memorial Day, May 25

The flags will be taken up around dusk and stored until the next appropriate holiday.

Show your American pride with a highly visible flag and help the Winters Lions fund their charitable community efforts such as Christmas in April, eye exams and glasses for needy children and adults, sponsor two high school seniors to Boys State, the Miss Winters pageant, Boy Scouts, and Winters Public Library.

Send your \$25 donation along with your street address to Winters Lions Club, P. O. Box 884, Winters 79567. Or you may call Larry Suit at 754-4553, Aref Hassan at 754-4424, or Jean Boles at 754-4958 for further information.

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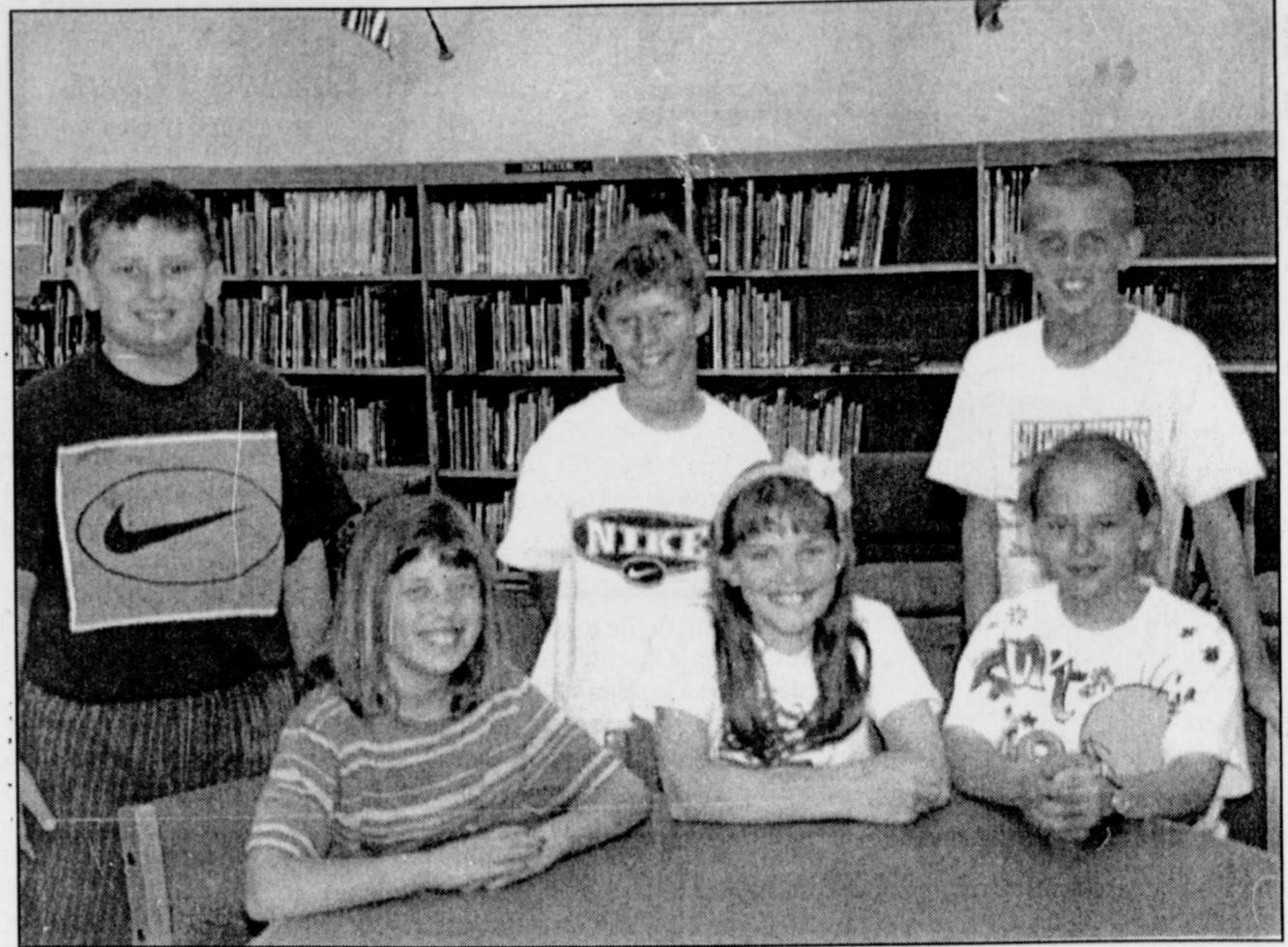
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GOOD CONDUCT AWARD WINNERS for the sixth six weeks at Winters Elementary School were (clockwise from Counselor Paula Roach) Jo Anna Torres, Mrs. Brewer's 5th grade; Elvira Aragon, Mrs. Wilkerson's 4th grade; Jeffrey Leverett, Mrs. Shackelford's 6th grade; Randy Jackson, Mrs. Smith's 3rd grade; Shelby Walker, Mrs. Parramore's 1st grade; Amber Garduno, Mrs. Butler's kindergarten; and Hector Reyna, Mrs. Lincycumb's 2nd grade. Names of all students achieving citizenship, dependability, honesty, and positive effort were submitted by teachers every six weeks. One student, chosen by draw, from each grade received the honor of dining with Principal Wyatt and/or Mrs. Roach in the kitchen lab.



HIGHEST CLASS AVERAGES were achieved by (pairs from left) Katy Wilkerson and Jacob Bridgeman, fourth grade; Briana Parramore and Timothy Fenwick, fifth grade; and DeAnna Goff and Guy Slimp, sixth grade.

Cowan graduates A&M University

Brady Cowan, son of Janis and L.C. Hounsel of Winters, received his bachelor of science degree in industrial distribution from Texas A&M University in College Station on May 10, 1997.

A 1990 graduate of Winters High School, Cowan has accepted a position with Graybar Electric in Dallas.

WHS Class of '54 to reunite

The Winters High School Class of 1954 will meet June 28, 1997, at the Winters Housing Authority for their reunion.

The reunion will begin at 9 a.m.

Good, the more communicative, the more abundant grows. —John Milton

Local sophomore attends leadership program

Chanda Rae Hoppe recently attended the Hugh O'Brian Youth Foundation Texas Panhandle Leadership Seminar. Chanda joined more than 100 other young leaders representing as many high schools from throughout Texas April 26, 1997, in Amarillo.

Representing Winters High School, Chanda is the daughter of Glenn Jr. and Melinda Hoppe.

HOBY Leadership Seminars bring together a select group of high school sophomores so they can interact with groups of distinguished leaders in business, government, education and the professions to discuss present and future issues. The goal is to provide the youths a stimulating forum for learning about the American incentive system and democratic process and for broadening their understanding of their leadership potential and quest for self development.

"The seminar challenged me to think about the world around me

Winters students receive degrees from ASU

Three Winters students at Angelo State University were among 510 students to receive degrees during the Spring commencement at the university.

Kathryn Michelle Kozelsky received a bachelor of arts, with a major in art; Russell Voy Moore received a bachelor of business administration, with a major in business; and Lue Jean Walker received a bachelor of science, cum laude, with a major in early childhood.

and what we, as the future leaders, have to do to positively influence business, government, and society," said Hoppe. "I also better understand that my goals and dreams are important and that the leaders have extreme responsibilities in whatever walk of life they pursue."

Further information about HOBY activities and sponsorship opportunities is available by calling P. Daniel Martinez at (806) 356-7041.

Tabatha Grohman receives degree

Tabatha Lea Grohman, daughter of Freddie and Landa Grohman, graduated from Abilene Christian University on May 10, 1997.

Tabatha earned a bachelor of science in interdisciplinary studies with an early childhood endorsement and a science specialization. She is a member of Kappa Delta Phi, a national honor society for education majors.

Grandparents are John Grohman of Winters, Bette Parks of Abilene, and Carlos and Bennie Walker of Wingate.

Prom pictures are here!

Junior-Senior Prom pictures are now available for pick up at the Winters High School office.

Please come 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Wednesday, June 4, through Friday, June 6.

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Tax payments may be mailed to Winters ISD, P.O. Box 125, Winters, TX 79567.

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WEEK OF MAY 21, 1997

Knights 10, Complete Package 5
Casa Cabana 7, Aces 3
Players 7, Assassins 1
Double Trouble 14, All That 5

WEEK OF MAY 28, 1997

Players 9, Aces 8
Complete Package 13, Indians 5
Knights 9, All That 3
Casa Cabana 20, Assassins 2

STANDINGS

Knights 2-0
Casa Cabana 2-0
Players 2-0
Double Trouble 1-0
Complete Package 1-1

Assassins 0-2
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All That 0-2
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Local couples' granddaughter named All-American Scholar

The National American Scholar and The United States Achievement Academy announced recently that Kristan DeLaCruz of Eastland, Texas has been recognized for her achievement as a National Leadership and Service Award Winner and for her academic accomplishments.

Kristan DeLaCruz, who is a senior at Eastland High school, will appear in the United States Achievement Academy Official Yearbook, and the national American Scholar Book, which are published nationally.

"Recognizing and supporting our youth is more important than ever before in America's history. Certainly, United States Achievement Academy winners should be congratulated and appreciated for their dedication to excellence and achievement," said Dr. George Stevens, Executive Director of the United States Achievement Academy.

The National American Scholar and the USAA National



KRISTAN DE LA CRUZ

Leadership and Service Awards provide students with many benefits and services and is a great tribute to a student's dedication, talent, ability, and academics.

Kristan DeLaCruz is the daughter of Rick and Sherri DeLaCruz of Eastland. The grandparents are Jose and Nadine DeLaCruz of Winters, Tx. and the late Weldon and Louise Collins of Winters, Tx.

Sixth grade hosted Career Day May 14

by MICHELLE DEXTER

On May 14, 1997, the sixth grade at Winters Elementary School hosted Career Day.

Approximately eighty students enjoyed hearing about the careers of fifteen individuals from various area businesses.

The individuals that came and spoke were Mary Lou Garrett, physical therapist; Amy Fischer, pharmacist; Jean Boles, newspaper owner/editor; Stephanie Borecky, Armed Services personnel; and Jerry Sims, postman.

Others were George Flickinger, meteorologist; Elvia Gann, nurse; Jeri Smith, Wal-Mart store coordinator and public relationist; Lanny Bahlman, jeweler; Marqué Mathis, dental hygienist; and Larry Walker, mechanic.

Presenters were also Wayne Hennington, photographer; Jimmy Smith, veterinarian; Lori Lawson, business owner; and Doug Massey, insurance stockbroker.

The sixth grade students would like to thank each individual for taking time out of their busy schedule to come make a presentation. All had a fun and educational time.



CONFIRMANDS AT ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH were (front, l to r) Jacob Goetz, Brandon Davis, Leah Bredemeyer, Lidia Rocha, Lindsay Springer, Jarrett Gerhart, (middle) Dana Clough, Laci Walker, Leslye Geistmann, and Zane Denton. Paster James Hanson (back, left) officiated the service. Nancy Spill (back, right) was catechist.

St. John's confirms ten

On Sunday, May 18, ten young people professed their faith in God and received the Rite of Confirmation.

Parents of Leah Bredemeyer, Dana Clough, Brandon Davis, Zane Denton, Leslye Geistmann, Jarrett Gerhart, Jacob Goetz, Lidia

Rocha, Lindsay Springer, and Laci Walker placed stoles on their child as a symbol of service to Jesus Christ.

Nancy Spill was catechist. Paster James Hanson officiated at the service.

At this same service, James

Andrae, Jennifer Prewit, and Corey VanZandt were recognized as seniors graduating from Winters High School.

Dinner was served in the church parlors honoring the confirmands, graduates, and their families.

Musick named All-American Scholar

The United States Achievement Academy announced recently that Stacy Musick from Sterling City, Texas has been named a National All-American Scholar.

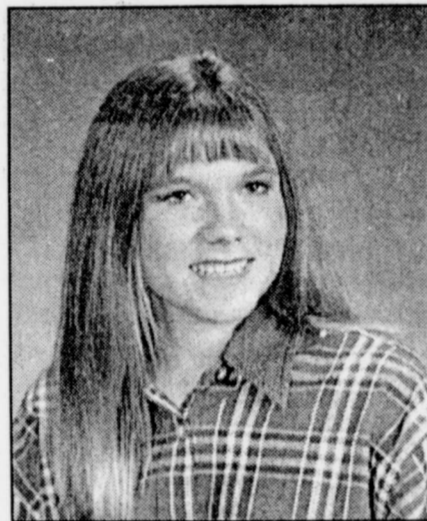
The USAA has established the National All-American Scholar Award Program to offer deserved recognition to superior students who excel in the academic disciplines. The All-American Scholars must earn a 3.3, or higher, grade point average. Only scholars selected by a school instructor, counselor, or other qualified sponsor are accepted. These scholars are also eligible for other awards given by the USAA.

Stacy, who attends Sterling City High School, was nominated for this national award by Mr. Bill Pohl.

Stacy will appear in the All-American Scholar Yearbook, which is published nationally.

"Recognizing and supporting our youth is more important than ever before in America's history. Certainly, winners of the All-American Scholar Awards should be congratulated and appreciated for their dedication to excellence and achievement," said Dr. George Stevens, Executive Director of the United States Achievement Academy.

The Academy selects All-American Scholars upon the exclusive recommendation by teachers, coaches, counselors, and other



STACY MUSICK

qualified sponsors. Once awarded, the students may be recognized by the USAA for other honors.

Stacy is the daughter of Wesley and Karen Musick from Sterling City. The grandparents are Rosalie Simpson of Winters & Troy and Pat Musick of Sterling City. Her great-grandmother is Ozell Howard of Winters.

Bible School at Church of Christ June 16, 17, & 18

North Main Church of Christ will conduct Vacation Bible School, Monday, June 16, through Wednesday, June 18.

Classes will be held from 9:00 to 11:30 a.m.

Children, ages 3 to sixth grade, are invited to attend.

St. John's Christian Preschool now accepting applications

Applications are now being accepted by St. John's Christian Preschool for the 1997-1998 school year.

Classes offered are: Tuesday morning, 9 to 11:30; Tuesday all day, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; and Wednesday morning, 9 to 11:30. Children who will be 3, 4, or 5 by September 1, 1997, may attend one or all classes. Children of all religions, races, and ethnic backgrounds are invited to attend. Enrollment is based on first registered, first accepted. Applications received by July 1, 1997, will be given first consideration.

St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church has sponsored this preschool since 1974 as a service to the community, obeying Jesus's command to "bring the children to me."

Through organized play, activities, and music, the children are taught about love for others and self-worth of each individual. The children are prepared for school by mini lessons and introductions to the ABCs and numbers. Parent participation is encouraged.

Morning classes are \$85 a year and all day class is \$220 a year.

Tuition may be paid in regular payments and a few partial scholarships are available.

Application blanks may be picked up at St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church office, 1100 West Parsonage, on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. or you may call for an application at 754-4820 during the same hours.

For additional information, call Mary Kurtz, director-teacher, at 754-5182.

Official Records

County Court Criminal Cases May 22

Lamonda Baker, Ballinger, filed for terroristic threat.

Misty Michelle Rodriguez, Ballinger, filed for giving false information to a peace officer and a second charge filed for terroristic threat.

May 23 Manuel Gutierrez Torres, Ballinger, filed for resisting arrest.

May 27 Johnny Rodriguez, Jr., Ballinger, filed for driving while license suspended.

Danny Lynn Ercanbrack, Ballinger, filed for driving while intoxicated and possession of marijuana.

Robert Curtis Gehrels, Winters, filed for possession of marijuana.

Patrick Shannon Hartley, Ballinger, filed for assault.

Christine Lee Clayton, Ballinger, filed for driving while intoxicated.

Shannon Croft, filed for theft of merchandise by check.

Doyle Hallum, Brownwood, filed for theft of merchandise by check.

May 28 Austin Hord, Winters, filed for theft.

Marriage Licenses May 23

Juan Jose Galvan and Cecilia Fuentes Hernandez

Manuel Bermudez and Linda Devalos Campos

Timothy Lee Scott and Sharon Hagel Lynn

George W. Palmertree III and Alicia Cortez

May 29 Fred Harold Poe and Sherry Lynn Poindexter

May 30 Michael Lynn Belcher and Teri Marshall Wood

District Court Divorces Filed May 27

Steven Rodriguez vs. Asisla Rosas Rodriguez

Justice Court #1 Criminal May 25

Loye Vernon Churchwell, filed for unlawfully carrying of a weapon.

May 27 Patrick Hartley, order for emergency protection.

Peggy Lynn Penny, filed for injury to a child.

April Rose Quick, filed for forgery.

Small Claims May 23

Mark and Barbara Hoffschneider vs. Darrel White and Kathleen Harris, suit for non-payment of rent.

May 27 Alderman-Cave Feeds vs. Gene Tongate—account.

Alderman-Cave Feeds vs. Craig McMillan, dba MC Ranch—account.

Alderman-Cave Feeds vs. John Carl Smith—account.

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- TX boy
- TXism: "got — deal" (cheated)
- TX drive-in eatery
- Ocean, TX
- TXism: "would have to prime my mouth to —" (thirsty)
- embrace (2 wds.)
- Dallas Co. named for this George (init.)
- sweat outlet
- fruit grown in the Rio Grande Valley
- TX Roddenberry line: "where — has gone before"
- TXism: " — he's a rooster, he'll crow" (inevitable)

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- TXism: "couldn't buy — for a nightmare" (poor)
- TX Blue Bell product: — cream
- ex-mayor of Fort Worth Kay
- Galveston war memorial: Texas
- TXism: "opened up — of worms"
- TX Tech women
- TXism: "put up — shut up"
- it's classified in TX newspapers

Solutions for this puzzle appear in this issue.

Health Notes

At North Runnels Home Health our focus is providing the best care possible for patients and helping them care for themselves. We believe the more our patients know, the better care they can receive.

Alzheimers Patient's Tips for Caregivers

- Tell my close friends, if I can't, about my memory loss.
- Treat me like an adult and a person.
- Do not baby me.
- Notice when I can't find a word and fill it in for me.
- Be a good listener.
- Don't hurry me. It makes me confused and anxious.
- Listen to my feelings, not just the words.
- Know when I want to talk about my illness. Listen and talk to me about it. Don't brush it under the table.
- Make things simple, but let me do them.
- Remind me to write things down.
- Sometimes I can do it. If I can't, don't always ask me, just do it!
- Keep my world quiet, peaceful and structured.
- Do not keep asking me questions. Don't test me.
- Try to understand that there are some days I think there is nothing wrong with me. There are other days that nothing works right.
- I am scared and frightened at times. Please be there for me.
- Share my diagnosis with me. Include me in decisions as long as I'm able, such as driving and finances.
- Let me feel some sense of control.

If there's any secret recipe for dealing with an Alzheimer's patient it would be taking into account who they've been and approach them in a way they understand. Treat them the way you would normally treat them — with respect.

Meet Our Staff

Shirley Hall

Continuous Quality Improvement & Assistant Director

Shirley graduated from Hendricks Memorial Hospital School of Nursing and worked for Hendricks Hospital in Surgery and on the Medical Surgical unit. She was supervisor of the Newborn Premature Nursery for 2 years. She was employed with NRH in '75 and joined NRHHA in '95. She also served as Mayo Program for the City of Winters. Husband Billy is retired from the US Air Force.



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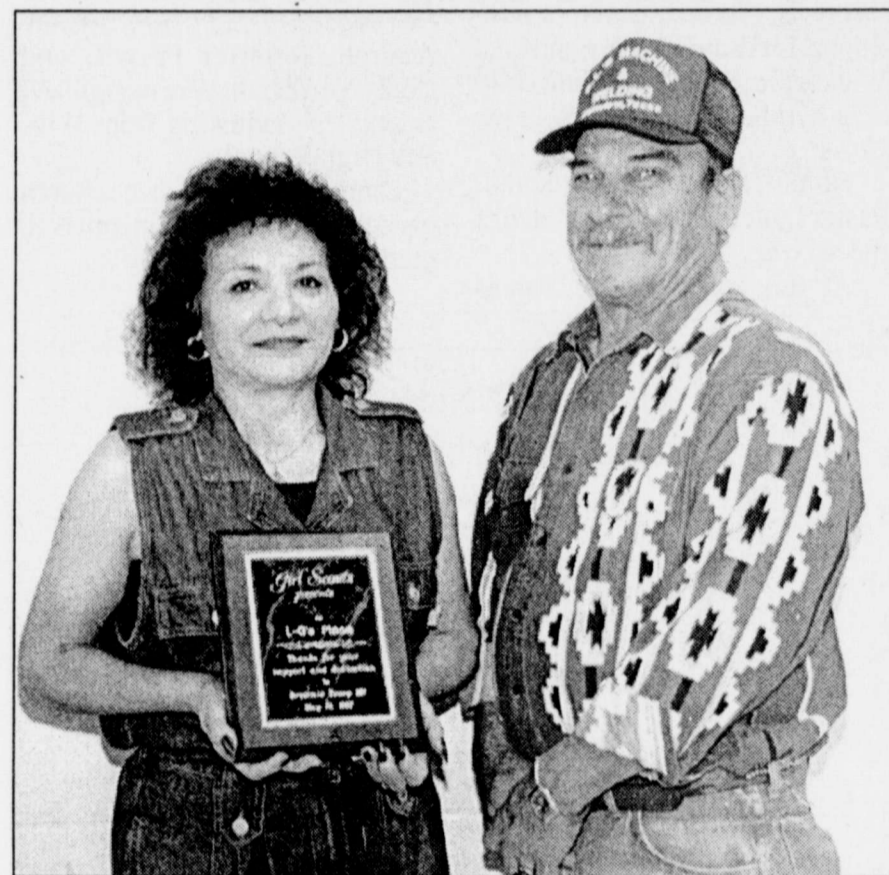
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CHRIS PARRAMORE (left) received a small token of appreciation for her many years of dedicated service as Girl Scout service unit manager. Ms. Parramore is retiring as manager effective this year. Beginning in 1998, Shelia Paschal (making the presentation) assumes the position.



YEAR-LONG BUSINESS SPONSORS Vicki and Louis Gonzales of L-G's Place were awarded a plaque in recognition of their continuing support in 1997 to Brownie Troop #181.

The office of
Dr. Yung Kee Lee
will be closed for Continuing Education
Wednesday, Thursday, & Friday,
June 4-6, 1997
Dr. Lee will resume office hours
Monday, June 9

Girl Scouts awarded at annual banquet

The 3rd annual Girl Scout Awards Banquet was held Wednesday, May 14, 1997, at 5:30 p.m. at the Winters School Cafeteria. Volunteers were recognized for their service to the unit, and girls awarded for year-long achievements.

Junior Girl Scout Troop #163 opened the ceremony by posting the flags. All girls then recited the Girl Scout Promise.

Chris Parramore, service unit manager, welcomed guests. D'Ann Perrie, troop organizer, and Susan Ripple, publicity chair, were recognized for their services.

Ketta Garduno, leader of Daisy Troop #161, presented very special awards to her girls. Since Daisies cannot earn patches, Ms. Garduno recognized each girl for one attribute and presented each with a certificate.

Jessica Barker was recognized for "learning;" Amber Garduno, "helping others;" Juana Harrison, "following directions;" Celisha Jackson, "trying new things;" Camille Kruse, "creativity;" Andrea Smith, "paying attention to details;" Destiny Torres, "positive attitude;" and Britany Woffenden, "following directions."

Ketta was assisted throughout the year by Cheryl Kruse. Brownie Troop #181, led by Irene Simpson, assisted by Rebecca McKown, consists of nine girls.

Two-year members Juanita Simpson and Kelsey Jones each earned try-its in "manners," "dancerize," "play," "safety," "Girl Scout way," "building art," and "my body." Fun patches earned were the "super cookie '97 100+," "food drive," "recycling," and "QSP magazine sales."

Jennifer Smith, also a Brownie for her second year, earned try-its in "building art" and "my body," as well as the fun patches of "cookie sale," "food drive," "recycling," and "QSP magazine sales."

First year member Samantha Sanchez earned "manners," "dancerize," "play," "safety," "building art," "my body," "super cookie '97 100+," "food drive," and "recycling."

Other first year members Shelby Walker and Cassi Mendoza earned badges in "manners," "dancerize," "play," "safety," "building art," "my body," "cookie sale," "food drive," and "recycling." Cassi also

earned a "QSP magazine sales" patch.

Susan Sneed was awarded badges in "manners," "dancerize," "food drive," "cookie sale," and "recycling."

Toni Hagle received awards for "manners," "dancerize," "my body," "safety," "cookie sale," "food drive," "recycling," and "QSP magazine sales."

Francis Reyes was recognized as a new member just recently joining the troop.

Ms. Simpson recognized troop parents and thanked each for allowing her the opportunity to teach their daughters.

Vicki and Louis Gonzales of L-G's Place were awarded a plaque for being year-long business sponsors in providing an outside (out of the Scout Hut) meeting place, refreshments, and other support as needed.

The members of Brownie Troop #180 were recognized by leaders Rebekah Sartor and Amy Lujano.

Amanda Blackshear, Lucia Chavez, Raysha Garcia, Paige Geistmann, Erica Lujano, Miranda Lara, Jessica Meyer, Beca Morrison, Amanda Polk, Elizabeth Sartor, Priscilla Vara, and Kindy Walker each earned badges in "careers," "hobbies," "math fun," and "dancerize."

In addition to these badges, the "play" badge was earned by Miranda Lara, Amanda Polk, Priscilla Vara, and Kindy Walker.

Krystal Gibbens earned badges in "play" and "math fun."

These girls also participated in the cookie sale, food drive, and QSP magazine sales.

Members of Junior Troop #163 are Kinsey Airhart, Esmeralda Espino, Crystal Grenwelge, Kathryn Hatler, Della Jackson, Laura Jackson, Carol Marshall, Marci Paschal, Christina Perrie, Amanda Ripple, Alecia Sudduth, and Katy Wilkerson. Leaders are Debbie Sudduth and Shelia Paschal.

All #163 Juniors earned badges in "pet care," "theater," "sports sampler," "sky search," "troop camper," and "first aid." Most participated in the cookie sale, food drive, and QSP magazine sales. A booth sale was conducted to sell extra cookies.

Girls received patches and prizes for their efforts based on the amount of their overall cookie sales. Earning the super patch for 200+ boxes of cookies was Christina Perrie. She sold 227 boxes. Crystal Grenwelge sold 108 boxes of cookies and earned the 100+ patch, as did Della Jackson for selling 102 boxes.

A field trip to Sea World of Texas in San Antonio earned a special ecology and conservation award for Christina Perrie, Crystal Grenwelge, Kathryn Hatler,

Museum members planning tour of Fort Chadbourne

Members of the Z.I. Hale Museum of Winters is planning an educational (and fun) trip to Fort Chadbourne on Sunday, June 22, for people in the area.

Plans are to leave the museum at 1:30 p.m., visit Fort Chadbourne, hear a presentation from Garland Richards on the history of the fort, and view some of the many artifacts which have been found around the fort area.

Afterward, the group will travel across the Chadbourne Ranch to an area where a picnic lunch will be enjoyed while watching a black powder shooting demonstration.

The group will return to Winters about 6:00 p.m.

The tour of the fort is open to anyone who is interested. All children, 12-years-old and under, must be accompanied by a parent.

A charge of \$5 will cover costs of the lunch, bus, and driver.

Reservations can be made by mail to: The Z.I. Hale Museum, P.O. Box 42, Winters, Texas 79567, or by calling Julie Springer at the Winters Area Chamber of Commerce, 754-5210, during the morning hours. Reservations should be made before Thursday, June 19, in order to have a count for lunches and bus seats needed.

Call 754-4958 to place an ad

Chamber Memo

By Julie Springer, manager

School is out, and we are all ready to take a breather.

But wait, did I hear from my child's mouth, "I'm bored."

Oh well!! We are not bored here in Winters.

This weekend is Ginny Smith Day, and oh what a day it will be. There are ropers coming from all over and there has been a great pour-out of auction items. Don't miss this event, Saturday at the Winters Rodeo Arena.

On the other end of town, the Industrial Golf Tournament will be going on with as many participants and support also.

Who says, "there is nothing to do in Winters." Just take your pick. Let's not forget to say thanks to our local merchants either. They make most of these events happen with their generous donations.

Summer is a busy time for solicitors selling ads and or merchandise. Please if you have any questions about their legitimacy or would like more information on these people, check with the Chamber of Commerce first. We try to keep up with who is going around town selling ads and or merchandise. Don't be the victim of a fraud or scam.

It's time to get those yards groomed, the Chamber will be awarding "Yards of the Month," starting this month. If you want a viewing or know of someone that needs their yard viewed, please phone the Chamber at 754-5210.

Have a great summer and please be safe.

And, kids, before you get bored and possibly get into trouble, check out a book at the library, go swimming, clean up a yard, or call the Chamber and I will do my very best to find a project for you to do.

Laura Jackson, Katy Wilkerson, Marci Paschal, Della Jackson, Kinsey Airhart, and Alecia Sudduth.

Ms. Sudduth offered special thanks to co-leader and friend Shelia Paschal, troop cookie mom, and Winters cookie chairman D'Ann Perrie, and Susan Ripple who assisted throughout the year with various troop activities.

Led by Chris Parramore and Linda Jones, Juniors of Troop #179 Kayla Calcote, Suzanne Jones, Minnie Joe Kraatz, Briana Parramore, Tayna Price, Rebekah Sartor, Maegan Schwartz, and Kari Walker were awarded badges in "looking your best," "leadership," "healthy living," and "first aid (excluding Kayla)." All girls were recognized for participation in the cookie sale, the food drive, and QSP magazine sales.

Junior Troop #162 consists of Dana Clough, Michelle Dexter, Leslye Geistmann, Kirby Hatler, Heather Martin, Lindsay Springer, and Stephanie Wilkerson, and is led by Samm Geistmann, assisted by Ann DeBerry.

These girls earned six badges—"creative solutions," "on my way," "first aid," "healthy relationships," "caring for children," and "making decisions." They sold cookies and participated in booth sales, the "be a reader program," and the food drive.

Chris Parramore, retiring service unit manager, was recognized and thanked for her many years of dedicated service to the girl scout organization with a small token of appreciation given by incoming Service Unit Manager Shelia Paschal.

Upon completion of award presentation, members and their guests enjoyed a potluck dinner. Grace was said by Junior Girl Scout Troop #162.

In closing, Ms. Parramore thanked everyone for coming.

New rattlesnake in area

Winters animal control officer, Freddie Grohman, is asking residents to be extremely cautious of a "new and different" type of rattlesnake in the area.

Two young boys recently contacted Grohman after easily capturing a small snake near Pioneer Vet Clinic. Grohman said the boys had picked up the snake with their hands and placed it in a plastic sandwich container.

Grohman said the snake was about 8 inches long, had rattles about the size of the writing point of an ink pen, and sounded like a cricket when it rattled.

Identified as a Western Massasauga rattlesnake, this species is very similar to its larger relatives but does not have small scales on the top of the head. They are small, hence relatively less dangerous. Most adult snakes of this type measure about 2 feet in length.

In Texas, these snakes are grassland animals that spend the daylight hours hidden either below ground or in dense clumps of prickly pear or bunchgrass. This retiring animal tends to avoid human-inhabited areas and its nocturnal habits further restrict encounters with people.

Breeding occurs both spring and fall, with the 7- to 9-inch young being born during July and August in liters of 5 to 13.

The large, closely spaced brown dorsolateral spots are distinctive; the belly is mottled with gray-brown, though there is more light-colored pigment than dark.

This type rattlesnake is thought to be similar to the first rattlers to branch from the moccasinlike ancestors because it retains the 9 large forecrown scale plates of the copperheads and cottonmouths.

These animals' venom capacity is very low; thus, a bite lethal to a healthy human adult is highly unlikely.

The western diamondback rattler, more common in this area, is larger, speckled and mottled above, with small-scaled crowns. The diamondback also has a black-and-white-ringed tail and the dimly white-bordered vertebral diamonds for which it is named.

The rattlesnake's rattle gains a segment each time the snake sheds; it helps tell age.

Regardless of what type of snake you might encounter, extreme caution is always the right step to take.

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June 17, 1997, 2:00 p.m., MOWING OF HIGHWAY RIGHT OF WAY: CSJ 6014-42-001, Crockett, etc.; CSJ 6011-74-001, Sterling, etc.; CSJ 6012-28-001, Coke, etc.; CSJ 6015-18-001, Edwards, etc.; CSJ 6012-27-001, Tom Green (Urban); CSJ 6014-04-001, Schleicher, etc.

June 18, 1997, 2:00 p.m., MOWING OF HIGHWAY RIGHT OF WAY: CSJ 6012-34-001, Runnels, etc.; CSJ 6013-97-001, Irion, etc.; CSJ 6015-28-001, Concho, etc.; CSJ 6015-29-001, Kimble, etc.; CSJ 6014-36-001, Sutton, etc.

June 19, 1997, 2:00 p.m., INSTALL THERMOPLASTIC PLASTIC PAVEMENT MARKING: CSJ 6014-94-00, Tom Green etc. Counties. **METAL BEAM GUARD FENCE REMOVAL AND REPLACEMENT:** CSJ 6014-95-001, Crockett County.

June 20, 1997, 2:00 p.m., METAL BEAM GUARD FENCE REMOVAL AND REPLACEMENT: CSJ 6015-40-001, Sutton County.

Plans and specifications and proposals for the above mentioned contracts are available at the office of Mr. Dennis W. Wilde, P.E., Director of Operations, 915/944-1501, Loop 306 & Knickerbocker Road, San Angelo, Texas. Mailing address is 4502 Knickerbocker Rd., San Angelo, Texas 76904.

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The event, set for June 7, benefits West Texas Rehabilitation Center and features Greater Vision, Brittany Lacy, West Texas Watchmen, and One Voice along with the Big Country Boys. In addition to these scheduled performers, there will be a talent competition that will be open to individuals and groups from throughout the area. The winners in the solo and the quartet divisions will appear on the program during the evening performance.

The talent competition will begin at 10:00 a.m. The general admission and reserved seating tickets will admit anyone in to watch the talent competition. General admission tickets for the day are \$6. Reserved seating for a Joe Allen barbecue dinner which will be served beginning at 5:30 are \$20 each. A table for eight can be reserved for \$150, which includes the barbecue.

Event organizers suggest that Sunday School classes and other groups call and reserve a table for a day of great gospel music and barbecue. Call (915) 691-7290 to make reservations or for more information.

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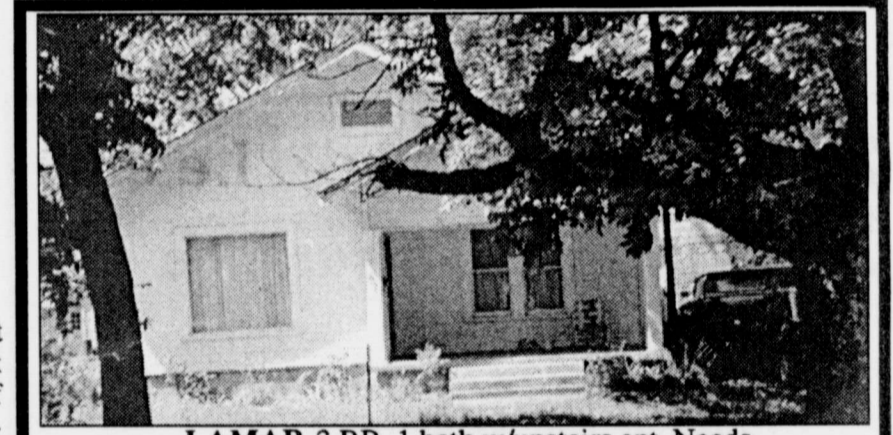
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News & Views on the 17th District

By Charles Stenholm, U.S. Congressman

This year, I began the 105th Congress as the Ranking Democrat for the full House Agriculture Committee. This gives me an important role in developing our nation's agriculture policy. I would like to use this week's column to provide an update regarding the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP).

Since 1985, the CRP has enabled producers to retire highly erodible or environmentally sensitive land, usually for 10 years. Participants receive cost-sharing payments and technical assistance from the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA).

Agriculture Secretary Glickman was forced to implement the CRP without any direction from Congress. In 1995-1996, the House Majority did not permit any discussion of the CRP until after the Senate had included conservation programs in the farm bill at the last minute, just before spring planting.

Without the Secretary's effort to ensure that the CRP was no longer viewed as a set-aside program, special interests such as taxpayer and government waste groups, and the environmental community would have worked together to shut it down.

The fifteenth sign-up has now been completed and, as a result, the USDA has accepted 16.1 million acres out of the 23.2 million acres offered nationwide.

In Texas, 3.2 million acres were offered, but only 1.8 million acres (or 55%) were accepted. This is a stark contrast to the 89% acceptance rate for Kansas and a 68% rate for Oklahoma.

County offices should have received notification on May 23, while landowners were notified by mail beginning May 27.

Producers whose land has been accepted can decide whether they

want their contract to begin on October 1, 1997, or October 1, 1998. Existing CRP acreage must enroll on October 1, 1997, however.

Landowners whose bids were not accepted will be able to consult with local FSA and NRCS offices to determine why their bids were not accepted, and can sign up for Market Transition Contract payments until November 30, 1997.

Early reports indicate that many Texas landowners with existing contracts did not add wildlife strips to their current cover, despite the USDA's willingness to share the cost of adding such strips.

Kansas and Oklahoma landowners, on the other hand, found that adding these wildlife strips gave them additional points—enough points in some cases to put them over the cut-off, which was 259 points in the Environmental Benefits Index (EBI).

Secretary Glickman has indicated he will hold another sign-up before the end of the calendar year, although no specific date has yet been set. An additional sign-up will ensure that the 6 million acres that were not enrolled during the fifteenth sign-up will ultimately be utilized.

Fair entries due

The 1997 Permian Basin Fair and Exposition will be held September 5-13 in Odessa.

Any Runnels County 4-H'er that is interested in exhibiting livestock at this event must contact the Extension Office before August 10. Entry cards are available at the Extension Office.

The Permian Basin Fair will be awarding eight \$1,000 scholarships to senior exhibitors in the livestock division. Applications forms are available at the Extension Office and also should be completed by August 10.

TPWD seeking fields to lease to dove hunters

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) is seeking to enroll suitable fields in the Public Dove Hunting Program. TPWD enters short-term lease agreements with landowners to allow dove hunting during the open season (last year September 1—October 30.)

These areas are not available to all licensed hunters. They can be hunted only by those who hold annual Hunting Permits sold by TPWD. TPWD is able to pay up to twice the ad valorem taxes on fields for the two-month period.

Availability of early fall food sources is the number one factor when considering a field for the program. Early fall food sources for dove in this area include native sunflower, croton, pigweed, ragweed, sudan, milo, and other small grains.

Ideal fields will feature food plants adjacent to cover, water and a grit source. Watering sites for dove must have a slope free of vegetation to the water's edge.

Ideal fields range from 100 to

250 acres in size with at least 20 acres in suitable food plants. Large tracts of cropland are generally not suitable. Cropland interspersed with post oak or mesquite rangeland is preferred.

Fields enrolled in the Public Dove Hunting Program are posted by TPWD personnel as such prior to the beginning of hunting season. Parking areas are also identified. Local game wardens are made aware of the location of these fields and will periodically monitor them. There will not be a game warden on site for the entire period, however.

If you have fields that normally attract doves, where you can wait to begin wheat cultivation until after October 1, or other areas you think meet the above requirements, consider this program. Deadline for applicants is July 1, 1997.

Contact TPWD wildlife biologist Ralph Suarez in Ballinger (915-365-2840) or your local game warden for more information.

Farm bill shifts all crop insurance sales from USDA to private agents

Agriculture Secretary Dan Glickman announced May 23, 1997, that crop insurance will be available exclusively through crop insurance agents, beginning in the 1998 crop year.

Previously, the catastrophic level of crop insurance (CAT) was available through both local USDA Farm Service Agency offices and crop insurance agents in 36 states.

Glickman said this decision was made after carefully reviewing the number of crop insurance agents in each state to ensure that an adequate sales force is in place to provide all farmers with CAT coverage. The 1996 Farm Bill requires USDA to transfer the sales of CAT coverage entirely to the private sector if a sufficient number of agents are available in each state to provide this service.

"While the sales and service of policies will be done by the private sector," Glickman said, "this change will not weaken the existing safety net for producers. I am determined that everyone will have access to crop insurance—large farmers and small farmers alike, especially those with limited resources, minorities, and producers in all areas of the country."

"Before making this decision, private company representatives gave me their commitment to reach out to all America's farmers and to assure that the highest level of risk management service is extended to everyone," Glickman said. "I look forward to this partnership. I also intend to exercise appropriate oversight over the companies to ensure compliance with their commitment."

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USDA will continue to subsidize all policies, establish policy terms and conditions, set rates, and guarantee funds for the payment of approved claims.

The transfer begins with 1998 fall planted crops. Policyholders will receive a letter informing them of this change in about three weeks. However, producers are to continue to go to the local FSA office for service on 1997 policies. This includes reporting 1997 planted acreage and production as well as any losses.

Although a producer's policy will be randomly transferred from USDA to an insurance company, producers may select another agent or insurance company if they do so before the sales closing date for the insured crop. To ensure that all producers are served, insurance companies are required to insure all eligible crops, and provide all levels of coverage in the states in which they operate. Further, participating companies must insure all qualified applicants. Waiver of administrative fees for producers who qualify as limited resource farmers is required by the Risk Management Agency and is available through private companies. Private agents are prepared to assist those qualifying producers with certification of their status.

A listing of local crop insurance agents is available in all Farm Service Agency county offices.

4-H Happenings

Howdy, my four-leaf clover friends.

I'm Amy Heathcott, newly installed reporter and council delegate for the Winters 4-H Club. It is my duty to keep you updated on "what's happening" in 4-H.

The year-end meeting of the Winters 4-H Club was held on Wednesday, May 28, at the Winters City Park.

The meeting was called to order by former president, Chanda Hoppe. The Pledge to the American Flag was given by Lacey Meyer, followed by the 4-H motto and pledge, and the inspiration, given by Mandy Pritchard and Robby Heathcott. Shelly Meyer, former secretary, read the minutes of the April meeting. Mandy Pritchard, treasurer, gave the treasurer's report, and Misty Pritchard reported on what happened at the Park Assessment & Revitalization Campaign (P.A.R.K.) committee meeting.

The business meeting followed. A motion was made to support the Winters 4-H members participating in State Roundup by paying for their traveling cost. The motion passed with a majority vote.

The concession stand will be open June 7 at the Ginny Smith Roping. Members will be called next week about the work schedule.

Patricia Hohensee talked about the upcoming Fashion Fun Day on June 10 and the Farm Safety Day Camp to be held June 18. If anyone is interested in these activities, please contact the County

Extension Office.

The meeting adjourned for the installation of officers.

Let's just say it was a very fruity ceremony, and this ripened apple plans to spread knowledge and wisdom to 4-H members, as well as to the community of Winters.

The new officers are as follows: President Misty Pritchard, Vice-President Shelly Meyer, Secretary Chanda Hoppe, Treasurer Craig Jacob, Reporter Amy Heathcott, and Council Delegates Shelly Meyer and Amy Heathcott.

There are also numerous phone committee and refreshment committee members.

Together we will work to make the best better.

I would like to commend the outgoing officers for all their hard work, dedication, and leadership. I would also like to say "good luck" to Brent Jacob and James Andrae as they go off to college and start working towards the future.

Furthermore, I wished the best of luck to Chanda, James, Brent, and myself at State 4-H Roundup in College Station.

Just a reminder to qualifiers: Jr. points trip is on June 11. RSVP by June 9. Sr. points trip will be June 23.

Again, congratulations, good luck, and have a great summer.

Words of Wisdom: Encouragement is the art of "turning children on" helping to do for themselves, not doing for them.

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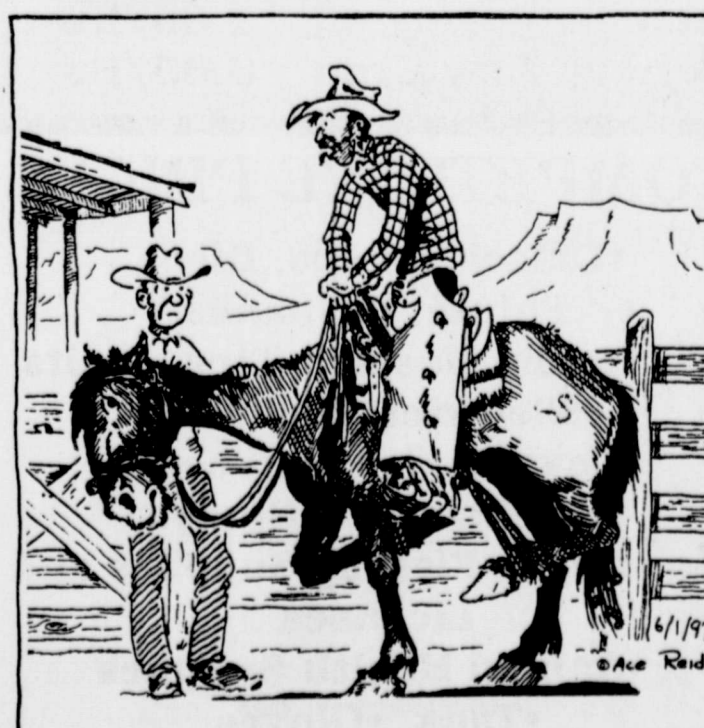
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