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**BLIZZARDS TAKE A BREATHER** and a water break during football practice. Two-a-days started last week with 59 varsity and junior varsity players preparing for the upcoming season. The Big Blue will scrimmage Clyde on August 22 in Blizzard stadium.

## Expanded Local Calling ballots finally arrive

*Vote, sign and return by August 22*

Winters customers serviced by General Telephone Exchange (GTE) should have now received ballots to vote for expanding local calling areas.

Ballots have been sent in a white envelope from the Public Utility Commission of Texas, with a pink form showing through the window.

Exchanges being considered are Abilene, Bronte and San Angelo.

Adding these exchanges will add a per line charge of \$3.50 for residents and \$7.00 per line charge for businesses.

GTE customers are already paying a monthly surcharge of \$.73 per line for a state-wide ELC charge which is paid by everyone in Texas who is not already approved ELC.

Local ELC Coordinator Randall Boles said, "This means if ELC is passed in the Winters exchange, regardless of how many exchanges we get, a resident increase will be only \$2.77 per line more than what they are already paying each month, or \$6.27 per business line.

Voters are reminded that the monthly charge will be the same regardless of how many exchanges are added.

Voters should follow instructions carefully, marking the ballot by darkening the circle labeled "Yes" or "No" next to that exchange.

**Your vote will not be counted without your signature and telephone number.**

Returned ballots must be post-marked no later than August 22. Each exchange must receive at least 70 percent "yes" votes of the returned ballots for the service to be provided.

Ballot results will be made available on September 8, 1997, by the Office of Regulatory Affairs of the PUC, and should appear in the September 11 issue of *The Winters Enterprise*.

For more information, please contact local Project Coordinator Randall Boles at 754-4536 or General Telephone Exchange at 1-800-928-0110.

## City approves funds for airport improvements

During their regular meeting on Monday, August 11, the Winters City Council approved up to \$20,000 matching grant money to make needed improvements at the airport.

After several weeks of negotiations with the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), both parties agreed to a \$40,000 plan for upgrading the city airport.

TxDOT will furnish \$20,000 and the City of Winters will have to match that figure with \$20,000.

The Routine Airport Maintenance Program (RAMP) grant includes \$1,260 for herbicide treatment, \$26,000 for paving, and \$10,000 for marking. All of these are estimates given by TxDOT.

The project will have to be bid by the State and exact figures could not be given at the present time.

The City will have to furnish their money thirty days prior to beginning construction.

TxDOT representatives will take the grant application that was signed at the Monday night meeting to Austin to seek approval.

Grant deadline is August 31, and several departments of the State have to approve the application before that date.

In other action, the council scheduled a public hearing for August 25, 1997, to discuss the proposed tax rate. Last year's tax rate was .6254/100. The council is proposing a .6554/100 rate for 1997. If approved, this will be the first tax rate increase in four years.

Action on the sewer farm lease was tabled until the next council meeting.

The council also approved a resolution authorizing the financing of a new police car through First American Bank. The vehicle was purchased from Charles Bahlman Chevrolet.

A discussion was held on a proposal from Dyess Air Force Base in Abilene for erecting a park facility by Elm Creek Reservoir. Approximately fifteen acres of land would be leased by Dyess AFB for fifty years and Dyess would build recreational facilities on this area to be used by Dyess employees.

City Manager Aref Hassan informed the Council that negotiations had begun on the details of this park project. Hassan said he will report to the Council as information is available.

## Annual Firemen's Fish Fry is Aug. 17

The Winters Volunteer Fire Department cordially invites you to attend their Annual All-You-Can-Eat Firemen's Fish Fry on Sunday, August 17.

The Fish Fry will be held from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Winters High School cafeteria.

Tickets are \$6 for adults, \$4 for children age 12 and under. Tickets may be purchased in advance from any fireman or at the door.

Proceeds benefit future activities of the fire department.



**ONE MAN'S JOY IS ANOTHER MAN'S MISERY** might be the case with Colby Pritchard, age 6, who's all smiles with his lamb. Brother Colton, age 5, wasn't quite as happy to pose during the Winters Summer Classic Livestock Show last Saturday. Approximately 80 youngsters showed more than 200 entries. Results will be published in next week's edition of *The Winters Enterprise*.

## Amendment passes to increase homestead exemption \$10,000

*Only 16% of registered voters cast ballots in tax cut measure*

With voter turnout very light in the special election of August 9, the amendment to increase the residence homestead exemption by \$10,000 passed within the state as well as within Runnels County.

According to unofficial returns, only 16% (1,148 of 7,009) of registered voters in the county cast a ballot.

Runnels County voters favored the amendment 1,116 to 31.

Within the state, Texans overwhelmingly voted for the amendment to cut local school property taxes. With 82 percent of the votes counted, 595,634 individuals voted for the tax cut; only 38,818 voted against it. That was a margin of 94 percent to 6 percent.

Though voter turnout was light, results in each of the 25 counties was lopsided.

Secretary of State Tony Garza, the state's chief elections officer, said he believes it to be the largest margin of victory for a constitutional amendment in Texas history.

The property tax cut was the only question on the state ballot. It increases the minimum school property tax exemption from \$5,000 to \$15,000.

The measure also allows homeowners 65 and older to transfer from home to home a proportionate amount of property tax freezes should they move.

The state has budgeted \$1 billion in the next two years to replace the money schools will lose because of the higher exemption.

Winters schools will lose approximately \$92,000 in revenue according to WISD Business Manager Jimmy Butler. This is

## Sheriff asks commissioners for salary increase

County Commissioners set the 1998 fiscal year budget hearing for August 26 at 10:30 a.m. in the County Judge's office at their regular meeting on Tuesday. According to County Judge Marilyn Egan, there will be no county tax increase with the proposed budget.

Some controversy has appeared in the last week concerning an increase in the County Sheriff's salary for the new fiscal year.

According to sources close to the situation, County Sheriff Bill Baird asked for a \$10,000 increase in his salary of \$26,028 per year and a 6% increase in sheriff's department employees' salaries.

Sheriff Baird, before leaving on vacation last Friday, confirmed he had made the request of Commissioners Court. Baird said, "I have more employees than any other elected department head in the county and I felt the increase in salary was warranted. I am on call 24 hours a day, plus having the responsibility of the jail and its operation."

Baird said, "The sheriff's department brings in a lot of money for the county and I have been in this job for 18 years with very little increase in pay. No one in county government has any more stressful job than me."

Baird said he knew County Judge Marilyn Egan would be getting a \$5,000 increase in pay, funded by the State of Texas. After being turned down by Commissioners for the \$10,000 increase in pay, he returned to ask for a \$5,000 increase in pay.

At the budget workshop held on Monday, August 4, Commissioner Skipper Wheelless made a presentation to the court, encouraging approval of the \$5,000 increase in the sheriff's salary. Commissioner Ricky Strube voiced his disapproval of the increase and said he would not vote for an increase in the sheriff's salary.

Sheriff Baird then asked each of the other commissioners and Judge Egan their feelings on the increase.

Commissioners Collom, Wheelless and Self ended up voting for allowing the \$5,000 increase in salary, with Commissioner Strube voting against the increase.

Judge Egan explained the \$5,000 increase for county judges was for those who spend 40% or more of their time on judicial matters. She said, "To keep the county from having the expense of matching FICA and Medicare

## WHAT'S HAPPENING ?

- Aug. 14-11:30 a.m., Senior Citizens Meal
- 6-7 p.m., Ladies Swim, City Pool
- FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL**
- Aug. 15-11:30 a.m., Senior Citizens Meal
- 5:30 p.m., WHS Flag Corps Giveaway, Lawrence Bros. IGA
- Aug. 16-8:30 a.m. or 1 p.m., 2-Person Low Ball Golf Tourney, Country Club
- 10 a.m.-3 p.m., "Building on the Memories" Workshop, Abilene
- Aug. 17-8:30 a.m. or 1 p.m., 2-Person Low Ball Golf Tourney, Country Club
- 11 a.m.-2 p.m., WVFD Fish Fry, School Cafeteria
- Aug. 18-11:30 a.m., Senior Citizens Meal
- 6-7:30 p.m., Girl Scout Registration Swimming Party, City Pool
- Final Day for City Pool To Be Open**
- 5:30 p.m., Runnels Baptist Assn., FBC-Miles
- Aug. 19-11:30 a.m., Senior Citizens Meal
- Noon, Lions Club
- 7 p.m., WVFD
- 7:30 p.m., Eastern Star
- Aug. 20-10 a.m.-Noon, FREE Blood Pressure Check, Sr. Citizens Center
- 11:30 a.m., Senior Citizens Meal
- WIC, Winters Housing Authority
- Deadline for West Texas Fair Calf Scramble
- 3-6 p.m., Blood Drive, NRH
- Aug. 21-9:30 a.m.-Noon, 1:30-3 p.m., Immunization Clinic, TDH
- 11:30 a.m., Senior Citizens Meal
- 6 p.m., S.O.S Orientation, WHS Library
- ELC Ballots Due
- Brush Sculpting Symposium, SW Texas Jr. College, Uvalde

## Oil Bidness

By Reg Boles ©1997



If you read much about the oil patch these days, you will hear the familiar refrain: "Oil companies are abandoning R&D (Research & Development) and service companies are having to pick up the slack."

Where does this sort of talk come from?

It starts with a simple fact: Exploration and production companies are no longer supporting their historical position as technology developers.

Larger oil companies, especially major companies, have always had a division within their organization that dedicated itself to solving problems in the field. This problem-solving was mainly done in the laboratory and then transferred back to the field once perfected.

In many instances, this effort became basic research and scientific examination. From these efforts have come new logging techniques, drilling methodology innovations, tertiary recovery processes, and other cutting edge technology applied in the field.

The problem became one of separation during the middle 1980s.

These labs within companies suffer from being very far from the profit centers of companies. When the price of oil forced re-examination of the very organization of companies, these labs looked dispensable. After all, there was no immediate revenue loss and an immediate cost savings by eliminating the research departments of the company.

There has been resistance, so some major companies continue to have a shell of an organization that does some research. But, in many cases, this only leaves enough personnel and money to work with someone else to study problems and solutions.

The situation has evolved to a point where service companies have developed their own systems for providing this R&D for oil companies. This has been a necessity of competition, as companies that hire service companies have demanded that they provide answers and new technology.

Now, these service companies are crying "uncle" as they start to struggle under the weight of supporting this strong research effort on behalf of the oil companies.

There are several reasons for this, and next week we will examine the issues that are creating a rift between service companies and their customers.

### HIGHLIGHTS OF AREA DRILLING ACTIVITY COMPLETIONS

#### Coke County

Heart Land Petroleum has completed the Stowe #2 in the Fort Chadbourne Field (7 miles NE of Bronte) at an initial rate of 38 BOPD & 47 BWPD in the Odum Lime (perms 5506-46). Loc. is 579 FSWL & 3144 FNWL of P. Martinez Sur. No. 299.

Oryx Energy has completed the 1AB Unit #1208 in the 1AB Field (8 miles NW of Robert Lee) at an initial rate of 31 BOPD & 108 BWPD in the Pennsylvanian (perms 5633-5773). Loc. is 3700 FSL & 350 FWL of Sec. 4, Blk. 1, W. Scott Sur., A-638.

#### Coleman County

Del Ray Oil has completed two wells in the Rachel Field (4 miles SE of Talpa) in the Gunsight. The R.G. Brookshier-B-#1 potentiated at 15 BOPD & 60 BWPD (perms 2259-65) and is loc. 2434 FEL & 1475 FSL of Sec. 107, ETRR Sur., A-173. The B.L. Pearce #2 potentiated at 12 BOPD & 52 BWPD (perms 2265-71) and is loc. 590 FWL & 400 FSL of R.S. Goodrum Sur. No. 307, A-230.

#### Concho County

Ultra Oil & Gas has completed the Pfluger-B-#1 in the Dare I Field (7 miles SW of Eden) at an initial rate of 108 BOPD in the Hope (perms 1576-1616). Loc. is 2413 FSL & 2420 FWL of Sec. 2049, Blk. 72, T&NO Sur., A-1003.

#### Nolan County

Chisholm Exploration has completed the TXL #1 in the Maryneal Field (8 miles N of Blackwell) at an initial rate of 80 BOPD in the Cisco (perms 4043-53). Loc. is 1537 FSL & 765 FWL of Sec. 15, Blk. Z, T&PRR Sur., A-441.

#### Runnels County

Pittencriff America has completed the Fort Chadbourne Odum Lime Unit #2618 in the Fort Chadbourne Field (7 miles SW of Wingate) at an initial rate of 10 BOPD & 1393 BWPD in the Odum Lime (perms 5312-35). Loc. is 2950 FNL & 2923 FSEL of J. Byrd Sur. No. 469, A-48.

#### Taylor County

Hallwood Petroleum has completed the Farmer #1 as a Wildcat, 7 miles S of Trent at an initial rate of 111 BOPD in an unidentified zone (perms 4507-79). Loc. is 1989 FEL & 1569 FSL of Sec. 1, Blk. 6, T&PRR Sur., A-347.

### STAKINGS

#### Callahan County

Hexagon Oil & Gas has staked the La Reata #1 in the R.D. Raughton Field, 8 miles SW of Putnam (Depth 4200). Loc. is 351 FNL & 330 FEL of H. High Sur. No. 4, A-1796. RULE 36.

#### Nolan County

Clear Fork has staked the C.E. Boyd #10-44 in the EVB Field, 4 miles NW of Nolan (Depth 6800). Loc. is 1150 FNL & 2200 FEL of Sec. 44, Blk. X, T&PRR Sur.

Oryx Energy has staked the V. Baker-B-#19 in the Nena Lucia Field, 8 miles SW of Maryneal (Depth 8100). Loc. is 1900 FWL & 2200 FNL of Sec. 123, Blk. 1A, H&TC Sur.

## Obituaries

### Zane McNeill

ALBANY—Zane McNeill, 43, died Thursday, July 31, 1997, in an Abilene hospital.

He was born March 31, 1954, in Winters and married DeLisa "Sissy" Davis on December 28, 1985, in Albany.

Mr. McNeill was employed by Albany Chemical Company and formerly worked as a trooper for the Texas Department of Public Safety. He was a member of the Abilene chapter of Football Officials Association and Friendship Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Sissy McNeill of Albany; two daughters, Shannon McNeill of Wichita Falls and Amy McNeill of Amarillo; two sons, Zane Phillip McNeill and Jake K. McNeill, both of Albany; his parents, Jon K. and LaVoy McNeill of Wingate; three brothers, Dick McNeill of Wingate, Kent McNeill of San Angelo, and Flint McNeill of Midland; and three sisters, Judy Scott of Wink, Jan Oden of Albany, and Jill McClellan of Abilene.

Graveside services were held at 6:30 p.m. Saturday, August 2, in Johnson Cemetery on State Highway 6 south of Albany with Reverend Bruce Stovall officiating. Burial was directed by Godfrey-Neese Funeral Home of Abilene.

### Card of Thanks

We would like to thank the many friends who showed concern at the loss of Zane.

For all the food sent, we say thank you. The cards, calls, flowers, Wingate Friends flowers, and love meant so much.

Zane was a wonderful, dependable young man who always showed us respect. He will be greatly missed.

Zane was a Christian man and a loving Dad. He left a loving wife, a 20-year-old daughter, 18-year-old daughter, and 15-year-old and 9-year-old sons. Please pray for them and our family. Thank you again.

The family of Zane McNeill

### Sr. Citizens Nursing Home News

By Billie Ruth Bishop

### Nursing home to host party

We will be honoring five residents next week with our monthly birthday party. They are Morris Williams, Janie Willbom, Lawan Foreman, Fances Campbell, and Norma Hogan.

Congratulations to these special people. The Ruth Sunday School class of the 1st Baptist Church will be hosting the occasion.

We at the Senior Citizen Nursing Home are also honoring each birthday by giving that person a meal of their choice. This has proven to be a lot of fun and as one resident said "This will give me something to study about." They have really planned some good meals.

Thanks to all who have brought in fruit and vegetables. We appreciate all of you.

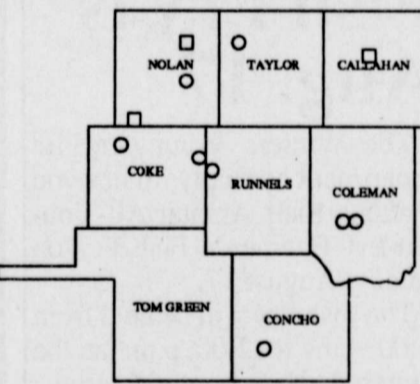
### Runnels Baptist Association to meet August 18

The regular meeting of the Runnels Baptist Association will be held Monday, August 18, at First Baptist Church, Miles.

The executive board and W.O.M. will meet at 5:30 p.m. The evening meal will be served at 6 p.m.

The program begins at 7 p.m. with emphasis on state missions. Roy Epperson, director of missions, will be the speaker. He will speak on "Texas 2000."

The public is invited to attend.



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#### August 18 thru August 22

Monday, August 18: Hamburger steak w/gravy, rice, tomato salad, cornbread, and chocolate pudding.

Tuesday, August 19: Chicken & gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, bread, and lemon pie.

Wednesday, August 20: Roast & gravy, potatoes & carrots, tossed salad, rolls, and gingerbread.

Thursday, August 21: Bar-B-Q brisket, pinto beans, coleslaw, cornbread, and dump cake.

Friday, August 22: Ham, lima beans, mixed greens, cornbread, and cobbler.

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### Mary Ornelaz

BALLINGER—Mary Ornelaz, 79, passed away at 1:22 p.m. Wednesday, August 6, 1997, in Ballinger Memorial Hospital.

She was born February 3, 1918, in Hollister, Oklahoma, to Elivorio Ornelaz and Eduvijes Alfaro.

Ms. Ornelaz was a homemaker and a Catholic.

Survivors include a very special granddaughter, Vanesa Escobar of Ballinger; her mother, Eduvijes Alfaro; three daughters, Helen Escobar of Ballinger, Olivia Sosa of Hanford, California, Maryann Randolph and her husband Allen of Jacksonville, North Carolina; three sons, Clyde Escobar Jr. and his wife Blanca of Houston, Lee Escobar of Ballinger, and Jesus Chavez of Floydada, Texas; six brothers, Steve DeLa Cerda of Lubbock, Richard Alfaro of Lubbock, David Alfaro and his wife Cathy of Ballinger, Martin Gomez and his wife Eva of Amarillo, Tano DeLa Cerda of California, and Juan DeLa Cerda and his wife Eva of San Angelo; three sisters, Luisa Herrera and her husband Leo of Lubbock, Angie Jaloma of Ballinger, Yolanda Jalomo and her husband Rounaldo of Ballinger; thirty grandchildren; sixty great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

Rosary was held at 7:00 p.m. Friday, August 8, at Rains-Seale Funeral Chapel. Mass was held at 10:00 a.m. Saturday, August 9, at St. Mary Catholic Church with Father Louis Mueller officiating. Burial was in the Latin-American Cemetery in Ballinger, directed by Rains-Seale Funeral Home.

### Wilma Edwards

HAMLIN—Wilma Edwards, 54, died Monday, August 4, 1997, at Hamlin, Texas.

She was born October 1, 1942, in Quitaque, Texas, to Gladys Carleton Jones and the late Rev. William Thelon Jones. She graduated from Aspermont High School in 1961 and married Raymond Edwards on April 21, 1961, in Aspermont. They lived in Albany for 20 years before moving to Hamlin in 1992.

Mrs. Jones was a homemaker and a member of the First Assembly of God.

Survivors include her husband, Raymond Edwards of Hamlin; two sons, Timothy Edwards of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, and Charles Edwards of Overton; two daughters, Janie Thomas of Abilene and Kathy Brewer of Eastland; her mother, Gladys Jones of Hamlin; two brothers, James T. Jones of Charlotte and Reverend Robert M. Jones of Winters; two sisters, Gladys Weaver of Hamlin and Rebekah Bristow of Happy; five grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Services were held at 10:00 a.m. Wednesday, August 6, at First Assembly of God in Hamlin with Reverend Ted Miller of Hamlin and Reverend Don Clevenger of Albany officiating. Burial was in Hamlin East Cemetery, directed by Foster-Adams Funeral Home.

Pallbearers were Kenneth Barnett, Mike Maxwell, Mike Jones, Tim Brooker, Ben Bristow, and Chris Mendoza.

### Deward Awalt

ALBANY—Deward Awalt, 71, formerly of Winters, died Tuesday morning, August 5, 1997, in Hendrick Medical Center in Abilene.

He was born November 12, 1925, in Pumphrey. He was a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II. Following his discharge, he lived in Midland. He married Ouita Baldwin on August 5, 1946, in Ballinger.

The Awalts lived in Winters where he worked in the filling station business and owned and operated his own bulldozer. They moved to Albany in 1969 and lived there since. He was a member of Winters Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 9193 and was a Methodist.

Survivors include his wife, Ouita Baldwin Awalt of Albany; two sons, Terry Awalt of Colleyville and Randy Awalt of Albany; one daughter, Brenda Mitchell of Baird; eight grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; three brothers, Charlie Awalt of Pumphrey, Joe Awalt Jr. of Norfolk, Virginia, and Dalvin Awalt of Midland; and three sisters, Alta Komegaw of Brownfield, Winona McDowell of Lubbock, and Loretta Gravello of San Angelo.

Services were held at 2:00 p.m. Wednesday, August 6, in the Winters Funeral Home Chapel with Reverend Gary Torian officiating. Burial was in the Lakeview Cemetery, directed by Winters Funeral Home.

Pallbearers were Cory Awalt, Brad Awalt, Brandon Awalt, Chase Awalt, Steven Mitchell, and Charles Awalt.

### Pantaleon "Buddy" Berger

HOUSTON—Pantaleon "Buddy" Berger, 71, died Thursday, August 7, 1997, in Texas Medical Center Hospice Care in Houston.

He was born August 11, 1925, in Bondurant, Kentucky, and was raised in Jasper, Indiana. He served in the U.S. Military during World War II and the Korean Conflict. He married Lavora Morrison on January 21, 1961, in Seguin. They moved to Houston in 1963.

Mr. Berger worked as a data processor for the University of Texas and the Houston Independent School District. He was a Catholic.

Survivors include his wife, Lavora Morrison Berger of Houston.

Graveside services were held at 10:30 a.m. Monday, August 11, at the Crews Cemetery with Reverend Harold Campbell officiating. Burial was directed by Winters Funeral Home.

### Lorena Gerhart

WASKOM—Lorena Gerhart, 80, passed away at 6:20 p.m. Sunday, August 10, 1997, at Oakwood House in Marshall.

She was born August 5, 1917, in Winters to Edward Gerhart and Anna Ambrecht Gerhart. She received her education in the Winters Public Schools and the Lutheran Concordia College.

Mrs. Gerhart was a secretary for the Federal Government Aviation Agency-Dyess Air Force Base at Abilene. She was a Lutheran.

Survivors include one son, Harrell Minzenmayer of Plano; one daughter and son-in-law, Beatrice and Pat Jenkins of Waskom; two grandchildren and one granddaughter-in-law, Jerry and Katherine Jenkins of Lewisville and Ginger Jenkins of Fort Worth; one brother and sister-in-law, Walter and Alvina Gerhart of Winters; and one sister, Elvira Minzenmayer of Winters.

Services were held at 4:00 p.m. Wednesday, August 13, at Travis St. Chapel of Sullivan Funeral Home in Marshall. Reverend Jerry Thomas officiated. Burial was in Elmwood Memorial Gardens in Abilene, directed by Sullivan Funeral Home.

Memorials may be made to the Travis Library for children's books.

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## From The Well

By Pastor Jim Hanson



Pastor Jim Hanson

Sometimes one wonders about Christianity. At least, I do. Will it survive the 20th Century? Where will it survive if it does survive? It seems as if one's faith in God and in Jesus is not important anymore. What counts is information, fame, success, and dollars. At least it seems to me that way. Sometimes.

And then, seemingly out of nowhere, there is a movement of God's Spirit that just happens. And some song or some slogan out of the past just comes into the picture of life and recaptures our minds and spirits again. And breathes new life into us. Like about 25 years ago when Judy Collins sang "Amazing Grace," without any backup music, put it on a record, and, all of a sudden in every place that had a player, you heard it. Right out in public. The words, "Amazing Grace." And what a sweet sweet sound it was. Encouraging. Faith-lifting it was. I can still remember when a Catholic priest friend of mine and I were in a cafe in southern Minnesota. He said to me, "Jim, there's a new song out that I know you'll just love. Have you got a quarter?" I said, "Sure," and gave him the coin. He went over, put it in the player, and out came those pure, clean words and sounds, "Amazing Grace, how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me," and, for a few moments the whole cafe was silent. Still. Just listening. Such a surprise. My hope soared again.

Well, just the other day, another surprise. This time it wasn't something that you would hear. Rather it was something that you would see — like on a necklace or a bracelet, or on a wristband. A simple thing. Just four initials and a question mark. W.W.J.D.? Engraved in five little blocks strung on a string or a chain. That one wears. As a reminder.

What do the initials stand for? A simple but very profound question. What Would Jesus Do? Young people — youth — all over the country are wearing them. Adults, too. Ramona and I are wearing them. A good friend of ours introduced us to these "behavior beads" by showing us hers and then showing us the article in the Abilene paper that was all about W.W.J.D.

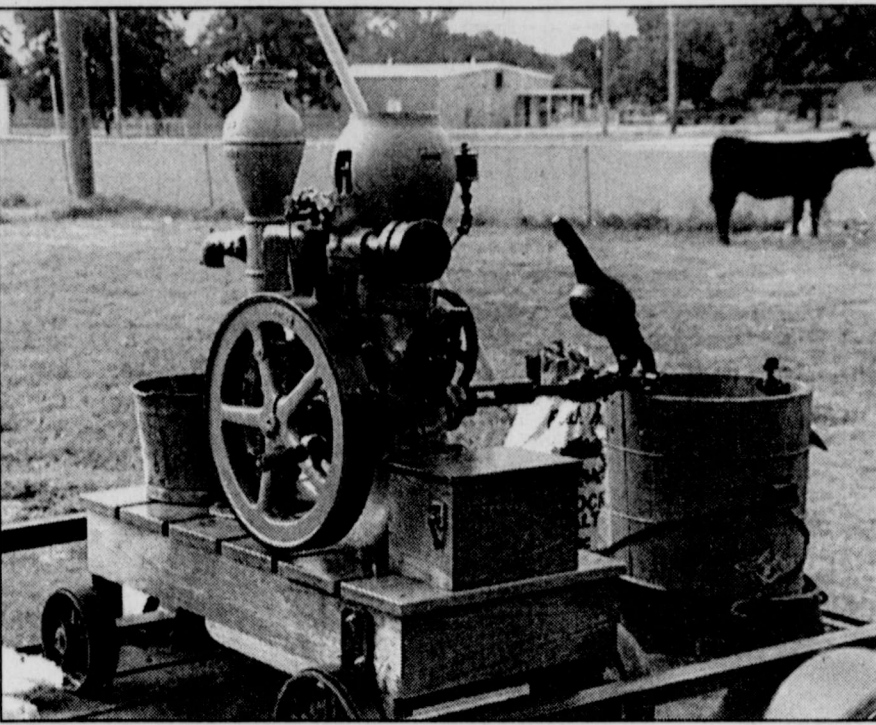
Fascinating. Out of nowhere — a Christian fad. The Spirit of God capturing the need and the mood of people, and bringing right into the public, the name of Jesus. Like a number of years ago when long-haired hippies got filled with the Holy Spirit and started wearing "T" shirts with the name of Jesus in big letters, and they wore them right out in public! "Jesus people" is what they called themselves. Brought a lot of hope and help to what seemed to be a "lost" generation.

I pondered a while about this phrase — What Would Jesus Do? A very good question. The kind of question one should carry in his mind, and also deep in his well. The very same question my wife raised of me when I was wondering how to settle a problem in our family. She looked me right in the eye and said, "Jim, what would Jesus do?" For sure it changed my perspective, and for sure it prevented me from doing some dumb thing that I would later regret, and, for sure it got me on the right track.

The question, "What would Jesus do," comes from a book. It is called "In His Steps," and was written by a preacher by the name of Charles M. Sheldon. He was trying to improve attendance at the Sunday night services at his church in Topeka, Kansas, way back in 1896. So, he wrote a book, right there on his front porch, and each Sunday night he would read a chapter. I don't know that it increased the attendance, but, when he published it, first in serial form in a church paper, and later in a book, it really sold. By 1936, 22 million copies — all over the world.

The plot is simple. When lay people and preachers want to follow the example of Jesus and walk in His steps, just raise the question before you choose any action, "What would Jesus do?"

Wouldn't it be wonderful if these "behavior beads" were to sell 22,000,000? And even more, if indeed, we would ask the right question and then do the Jesus deed — why, the whole world would be changed. And wouldn't it be just like God to do it that way — simple, direct, to the point. I really shouldn't wonder about the future of Christianity any more. I should just wonder about old Jim. And ask the truly wonderful and correct question, "What would Jesus do?" W.W.J.D.?



**ONE BIG SERIOUS ICE CREAM FREEZER** was a popular item at the first Winters Summer Classic stock show last Saturday. The homemade treat was especially enjoyed by the large crowd who braved the hot weather for the day-long event. This freezer, belonging to L. B. Shifflett of Novice, makes five gallons of ice cream.

### Big ice cream freezer great for big appetites

Homemade ice cream lovers received a special treat last Saturday at the Winters Summer Classic Livestock Show.

While several of the Livestock Association members brought ice cream, L. B. Shifflett of Novice brought just a freezer — but not just any ordinary ice cream freezer.

This special freezer was mounted on a trailer and sported a five-gallon bucket. The one-cylinder engine with a one and a half horsepower motor was reportedly

built in the late 1800's and originally served to operate a water well pump.

To make one bucket of ice cream, the local "cooks" used 30 eggs, 5 lbs. sugar, 8 cans of Pet milk, 2 & 1/2 gallons of milk and a "bunch" of vanilla. About 40 minutes later, the ice cream was ready to serve to some very appreciative stock show guests.

With temperatures in the high 90's throughout the day, ice cream lovers finished off about 40 gallons of the sweet confections.

### Chamber Memo

By Julie Springer, manager

### Citywide garage sale is a success

On Saturday, August 2, the Winters Area Chamber of Commerce sponsored its first ever citywide garage sale.

There was good response from businesses and individuals. About 25 homes and businesses had booths and or garage sales during the day.

Hopefully this will be a project that the Chamber can build on and will become even bigger in the years to come. Special thanks to KRBC news for coming to cover the city-wide garage sale.

From the downtown area, we wish our teachers, administrators, staff, and all cafeteria and maintenance employees the very best for a positive and wonderful school year.

Calendar of events:  
Oct. 31, Halloween Boo-Tique  
Nov. 8, Arts and Crafts Fair  
Dec. 6, Christmas Parade and Sno-Queen Crowning.

Please mark your calendars for these very special events.

There will also be a cleanup day scheduled when it gets a little cooler, so please keep that in mind.

### FUMC Youth says "Thanks"

The Youth of the First United Methodist Church extend a great big THANK YOU to everyone who contributed to the Back to School Bash.

Special thanks to Herbert Smith of the Salvation Army Drug and Alcohol Rehab Program; Coach Steve Keenum, head football coach at McMurry University; Katie Craft of Hardin-Simmons University; and Meredith Ripley of Wylie High School.

Great live music was provided by Justin Kaczyk, Josh Lincycornb, John Morris Edwards and Aaron Calcote.

More than fifty kids and sponsors enjoyed delicious snacks, thanks to members of FUMC.

We extend our gratitude to all those who gave donations — Gadzoos, Blockbuster Music, Athletic Supply, Candy Depot, Hastings, Wal-Mart, McMurry University and the Bible Book Store, all of Abilene.

Thanks also to Winters ISD for the use of the activity building.

Brigid Boles  
FUMC Youth Minister



## Local Girl Scouts to host swim party for sign-up

To kick off the new Girl Scout year, a swimming party for recruitment will be held on Monday, August 18, from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. at the City Swimming Pool.

Any girl between the ages of 5 and 17 interested in becoming a scout is invited.

Girls may swim from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. free of charge. Sign-up will be completed from 7:00 to 7:30 p.m.

Refreshments will be served during the event.

Program age levels of Girl Scouting are as follows:

	Ages	Grades
Daisies	5-6	K or 1
Brownies	6-8	1-3
Juniors	8-11	4-6
Cadettes	11-14	7-9
Seniors	14-17	10-12.

Each Girl Scout renewing membership is asked to bring \$7 for yearly registration fees. She must also provide her social security number.

Young women desiring to become a first-time Girl Scout should also bring social security numbers. These girls will be contacted at a later date for registration fee payment and troop identification (pending leader assignment).

Volunteer troop leaders are needed, especially for Brownies and Cadettes. If you are interested, please contact Troop Organizer D'Ann Perrie at 754-4105 or Service Unit Chairperson Shelia Paschal at 723-2697.

For more information, contact Mrs. Perrie, Mrs. Paschal, or any Girl Scout leader.

## Letter to the Editor

### Citizen concerned about city funding in airport improvements

To the editor:

Though I am not a resident of Winters, there are many improvements that need to be made. Monday night I attended the city council meeting, and on the agenda was airport improvements.

Improvements of forty thousand dollars. Half which is to be made by the city with tax dollars. What economic impact will these improvements have for Winters? I am concerned about the future of Winters.

I feel this is "too much spent for too little benefit." I spoke to Ms. Sylvia Knox of the Abilene Visitor and Convention Center about the "Shootout" Races held at the airport. She said the economic impact was over \$80,000 for this event with 1,000 in attendance.

Perhaps the people of Winters should look at making a profit on their tax dollars. Otherwise, the downward spiral of Winters will continue.

Ace Polk

## WHS Flag Corps Beef Tips & Rice Lunch

Sunday, August 24th, 1997

Winters School Cafeteria

11:00 AM to 1:00 PM

Beef tips, Rice, Green Beans,

Salad, Dessert, Tea

10 & Under - \$3.50 Adults - \$5.00

Take-outs Available

## Health Notes

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### Treating Angina with Medication

Medication can prevent the discomfort of angina. Your doctor may prescribe one or several medications to be used in combination.

#### Nitroglycerin

Nitroglycerin and related drugs called nitrates prevent or stop angina by increasing blood flow and reducing the heart's workload. There are two types of nitroglycerin.

- To relieve angina, use short-acting nitroglycerin. It's taken as a tablet that dissolves under the tongue or as a spray inside your cheek.
- To prevent angina, use long-acting nitroglycerin available as a patch, tablet, or ointment. This type won't work fast enough to stop an attack.

#### Other Medications

Beta blockers reduce the heart's demand for oxygen by slowing the rate your heart beats, reducing blood pressure, and making the heart beat less forcefully.

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### Meet Our Staff

Alice Torlan, LVN

A recent addition to NRHHA, Alice received her Licensed Vocational Nurses training through Navarro College, graduating in 1982. In the top three percent of her class. Her health care experience includes pediatrics, labor, and delivery, podiatrics, and general nursing care in hospitals, nursing homes, and physician offices. She was the only nurse to the pediatrician of a Medical Mission Team to Haiti in 1985. She is also a professional storyteller, speaking to children, youth, and adults in a variety of settings.



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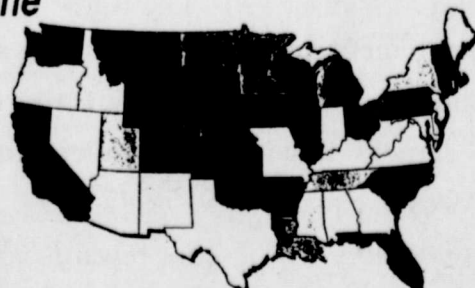
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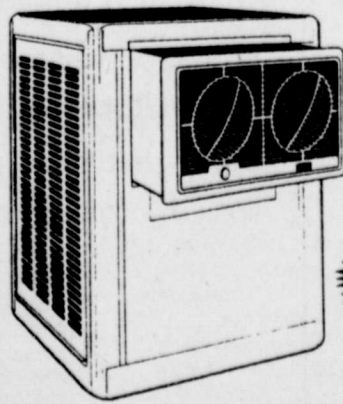
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Sausage  
Apple Juice

Tuesday-August 19

Cereal  
Sliced Peaches

Wednesday-August 20

Blueberry Muffins  
Oatmeal  
Orange Juice

Thursday-August 21

Pancakes/Syrup  
Cereal  
Mixed Fruit

Friday-August 22

Cheese Toast  
Cereal  
Apple Juice

**Lunch**

Monday-August 18

Pizza  
Corn  
Tossed Salad

Chocolate Pudding

Tuesday-August 19

Chicken Nuggets/Gravy  
Mashed Potatoes  
Green Beans  
Hot Roll  
Fruit Jello

Wednesday-August 20

Taco/Meat/Cheese  
Tossed Salad  
Red Beans  
Brownie

Thursday-August 21

Turkey Roast/Gravy  
Mashed Potatoes  
June Peas  
Hot Roll

Friday-August 22

Hamburger  
French Fries  
Salad  
Chocolate Chip Cookie

Milk Served With All Meals  
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TANYA MELTON waits with excited anticipation for her class schedule from Dean of Students, Bill Cathey. Tanya will be a seventh grader this year.

**TEA hands Winters High School 'Recognized' report card**

While students are just now starting a new school year, the Winters Independent School District has recently received its report card for last year.

Possible rankings, required by a 1993 state law, are Exemplary, Recognized, Acceptable and Low-Performing. These rankings are based on Texas Assessment of Academic Skills (TAAS) tests, annual dropout rates and attendance records.

The district report card, or accountability rating, from the Texas Education Agency shows WISD High School as "Recognized" status.

To earn "Recognized" status, a

school must have at least 75 percent of all students from each racial and ethnic group pass each section of the TAAS test, have a dropout rate of 3.5 percent or less, and have attendance of 94 percent or better.

Winters Junior High School and Elementary School were each listed as "Academically Acceptable."

"Acceptable" schools must have at least 35 percent of all students pass each section of the TAAS test, have a dropout rate of 6 percent or less, and have at least 94 percent attendance.

The highest rating given by the

TEA is "Exemplary" in which at least 90 percent of all students from each racial and ethnic group pass each section of the TAAS test, have a dropout rate of 1 percent or less and an attendance rate of 94 percent or better.

WISD Superintendent Mike Harris said he thinks the test is a good reflection of the school's performance.

"I'm very proud of our rating, which is a result of tremendous improvements made in our secondary school," said Harris. "Our faculty and staff have worked hard to get where we are and now we'll have to work hard to keep improving."

**Football tickets go on sale Monday, August 25**

Sale of season tickets for the 1997 Blizzard football season will begin Monday, August 18th. There will be a one week option period for people who had reserved seats last year and who wish to obtain the same seats for this season.

Regular season ticket sales will begin Monday, August 25th and will close Thursday, September 4th for fans who did not have season tickets last year. These season tickets will be sold on a first come, first serve basis.

Season tickets will be sold as a book of four tickets and will include all home games. The price

will be \$12 per book. Tickets will be sold at the school business office between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. on the dates specified.

Tickets for out-of-town games will be available at the business office on Wednesday morning until Friday noon prior to the game being played on Friday. Students may purchase student tickets each week in the Principal's Office.

General admission pre-game tickets are \$3 for adults and \$2 for students. All tickets are \$3 at the gate. The first home game of the season will be September 5th, 1997 with Jim Ned beginning at 8 p.m.

**S.O.S.**

**New volunteer program at WISD needs your help!**

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There are many people in our community who have the time and skills to benefit a child. Please consider the S.O.S. Program and what YOU could do for one child!

There will be an orientation program on August 21 at 6:30 in the high school library.

For more information, contact the school at 754-5574.

**Blood drive to be conducted in Winters Wednesday, August 20**

After a three-year hiatus, United Blood Services is back.

According to UBS Community Relations Representative Gary Karschner, "Life was just busy and schedules did not match. We have tried to do several blood drives over the past few months but we could not get schedules to come together with staff and times and locations. Now we have a match."

The hospital has said, "Let's do it. Bring the portable unit to Winters and park it at the hospital and let's have a blood drive."

The blood drive will be held Wednesday, August 20, at the hospital. The drive will start at 3 p.m. and end at 6 p.m.

Donors wanting to donate can call 754-4553 to schedule an appointment.

UBS urges all donors to make appointments. Karschner said, "The time a donor has to spend at

selected events of choice is limited and we want the person to get in and out as quickly as possible. Generally the entire process takes about 45 minutes. If the donors know this and make an appointment the process is smooth and easy.

"We also want the donors to bring an I.D. card with them. A driver's license or donor card is sufficient."

We also urge the folks to know the name and spelling of medications they may be taking.

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**Immunization Clinic now August 22**

Due to unforeseen circumstances, the Texas Department of Health has rescheduled their August Immunization Clinic.

The clinic will be conducted Friday, August 22, 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.

**WHS flag corps to host lunch**

On Sunday, August 24th the Winters High School Flag Corps is having a beef tips and rice lunch in the Winters School Cafeteria. Lunch will begin at 11:00 AM and end at 1:00 PM.

Along with beef tips and rice, green beans, salad, dessert, and tea will be served. The price for adults is \$5 and for children 10 and under is \$3.50. Take-outs are available.

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## Crews News

By Hilda Kurtz



Hilda Kurtz

*One thing we can be thankful about is that we don't get as much government as we pay for.*

Erskin Davis who was born and raised here and lived in Independence, Missouri, died Sunday. He was the son of the late Pearl and Forst Davis.

Buddy Bugges of Houston was buried Monday morning in the Crews Cemetery. He was married to LaVera Morrison, once a Crews resident.

The Crews Reunion was a big success. Around 150 registered and several more, I'm sure, forgot to register. Alma Phillips Dial of Ridgecrest, California, came the farthest. Hilda Kurtz being the oldest at 88 was presented a lawn chair. Kathalene, 1-month-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Doug Bryant of Cisco and great-granddaughter to Doris, also got a baby lawn chair.

Many thanks to Nila and Therin Osborne, Marvin and Melvena Gerhart for all the work to make this the best reunion ever. The next reunion is in 2 years in the same month and same date. The Osbornes and Gerharts will be in charge once again.

Brian and Sharon Faubion of Lubbock visited Sunday with Noble and Harvey Mae Faubion. Gene Faubion and his friend, Darin of California, also visited on Sunday.

Brian and Sharon are busy working and managing an apartment complex in Lubbock. Gene Faubion is still in the marines and is stationed in California. Others who came were Melinda Kraatz of San Angelo, Valerie and Rodney Faubion who prepared the Sunday dinner, Brian and Sharon Faubion, and Hilda Kurtz.

Mildred Morrison's grandson, Bradley Scott, came twice during the week. Maurine, Bob, and Sara Scott and Bro. Akins and Ramona of Ballinger also came.

Frances Mincey of Big Spring spent the weekend with Doris Wood.

Bill and Sharon Grissom of Colorado City spent the weekend with Adeline Grissom in Ballinger and other relatives.

Visiting with the Connie Gibbs family on Sunday afternoon after

the reunion was Anna Lee Smith and Jim of Odessa, Leona and Ralph Morton of Cisco, Horace and Wanda Gibbs of Rising Star, and Raker Hallford.

I had lightning, thunder, and a sprinkle or two Sunday night.

Coleman Foreman had a 2-1/2 hour phone visit with Aunt Louise Clark of Lubbock. She will be visiting the Foremans in a couple of weeks.

Gerald and Mary Jean Giles of Brownwood spent part of Sunday afternoon with Fairy and Wilbert Alcom.

Jerry Alexander and sons Dusty and Casey of Tuscon, Arizona, and S.K. Alexander spent the weekend with Helen Alexander.

Bill and Sharon Grissom of Colorado City spent the weekend with Adeline Grissom in Ballinger. They also visited other relatives.

Those attending the Ben Richey Boys Ranch 50th anniversary celebration Saturday night were Fairy and Wilbert Alcorn, Helen Alexander, Bro. Akins and Ramona, Nila and Therin Osborne, Melvena and Marvin Gerhart, Mildred Morrison, Juanita Shields, Scott and Melissa Gerhart, and David and Doris Talbott.

I had the nicest surprise Friday evening when my neighbor Linda Duggan, her daughter Katy Duggan, and Susan Mansell and her daughter Amy came and visited. We reminisced at a mile a minute. I hope they come again.

Andrew Elwood Brown of Tularosa, New Mexico, has been staying with his aunts, Linda and Susan, this past week.

Amy Free has learned how to make wild plum jelly while here with her mother. How delicious!

Susan, Linda, Katy, Amy, and Channey put several rattlesnakes down on the Crews road just before the rain shower. Duggan had 6/10" of rain. The Chauncey Mansells down towards Ballinger had 5/10" and I had 6/10".

Elwood's grandson, Benjamin Brown, and Becky Brown stayed last week.

Katy Duggan participated in the Farm Bureau District Contest in Brownwood August 12.

Excuse me a few minutes, I'm in the mist of canning a few peaches.

Margie Jacob spent Monday visiting Anna Dankworth in Ballinger.

Brenda Jacob of San Angelo spent the weekend and on Sunday all her families came Sunday to

enjoy dinner.

Doris Talbott of Odessa spent Friday through Monday with Nila and Therin Osborne.

I talked to Josie Hoppe this past Monday morning. Her phone is finally working again.

I heard from my sister, Mathilda Elkins, in Cliff, New Mexico. They got their first rain in a year this week.

Dennis and Audine McBeth worked at the Winters Stock Show.

Sybil Tounget of Lubbock, her son Craig, and his son Casey, and Al and Jessie Collom visited over the weekend with the McBeths.

I enjoyed talking with Alma Dial of California on Sunday at the Crews Reunion. Hello Alma. She never misses a note I write.

## Billie Angel new owner of Larry's Auto

Billie Angel is proud to announce her ownership of Angel Auto Express, formerly Larry's Auto Express at 914 N. Main in Winters.

Billie, formerly of Weatherford, brings more than twenty years' experience in the automotive service industry having managed a truckstop parts store as well as a convenience store with fuel services.

Bob Lindley will continue to offer his skills and service as chief mechanic, while Raul Ochoa takes care of flat tire repairs.

"I'm really excited about being in Winters and look forward to becoming part of this fine community," says Billie. "I invite everyone to stop by for a cup of coffee and get acquainted."



REVEREND and MRS. ED BIGHAM

## Reverend and Mrs. Ed Bigham to be honored on golden anniversary

Reverend and Mrs. Ed Bigham will be honored on the occasion of 50 years of marriage with a come and go reception. The reception will be held from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. in Central Baptist Church of Coleman on Sunday, August 24, 1997.

Ed was born October 7, 1924, in Tye, Texas. He served in the U.S. Army in the Korean Conflict. He is pastor of the Bradshaw Baptist Church and is a stock farmer.

Vada was born November 6, 1927, in the Drasco community. She is a pastor's wife and homemaker.

The couple met in the Drasco community and were married August 26, 1947, in Abilene. They have lived in Big Spring, Snyder, Abilene, Coleman, Palmer, Victoria, Brownfield, and Fort Worth, Texas, and Marshfield, Missouri.

They have four sons, James Bigham of Coleman, Dale Bigham and his wife Janet of Amarillo, David Bigham and his wife Debbie of Novice, and Charles Bigham and his wife Barbera of Brownwood; one daughter, Elaine Thomas and her husband Martin of Corpus Christi; 17 grandchildren; and 7 great-grandchildren.

Family and friends are invited. It is asked that you not bring gifts as your presence will be a great honor.

## Walter & Alvina Gerhart celebrated 65 years of marriage this August

Walter and Alvina Gerhart were honored by their children on their 65th wedding anniversary on August 3, 1997. The celebration took place in the couple's home with an outdoor fish fry.

Alvina Belitz, daughter of Adolf and Minnie Bredemeyer Belitz, married Walter Gerhart, son of Edward and Annie Ambrecht Gerhart, in St. John's Lutheran Church in Winters, Texas, on August 4, 1932. They were both born and raised around Winters and chose to live their adult lives here. They lived most of their married life in the Harmony community.

Children and family hosting and attending the event were: RC and Mary Kurtz; Richard and Rosalie Sauer; Walter Alvin and Andrea Gerhart; Randall and Janice Kurtz; Darell and Sherrie Kurtz; Mandie and Jarrett Gerhart; Keegan, Camille, and Caitlin Kurtz; Elvera Minzenmayer; Jack and Teresa Davis; Jennifer and Brandon Davis; Merle Wright; Brent Jacob; and David Harvey.

## We're looking for a few good men and women

by SHIRLEY DEAL, West Central Leadership

Are you interested in becoming a more effective leader in your community? If the answer is yes, then the West Central Leadership training program is for you. The nine-month program is affiliated with the state Texas Rural Leadership Program Inc., founded in 1990. Applications are now being accepted from committed individuals who can devote one day a month to work toward personal and community improvement.

"I'm excited about being involved and helping organize the first year of West Central Leadership," said Kevin McMahon, area business manager for West Texas Utilities. "This is a great way to build leadership skills and to work together to promote regional awareness and development in our two-county area," McMahon said. West Central Leadership includes Coleman and Runnels counties.

The purpose of the rural leadership program is to create an effective leadership development for rural Texans by providing small communities in Texas with the working tools for community revitalization. The ultimate goal is to enhance community and economic development.

The first class will begin Sept. 18, with the C.O.P.E. Challenge Course at Camp Tonkawa near Abilene where participants will learn trust-building and get to

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know each other better. The training will conclude with a bus trip to the State Capitol in Austin, May 5, 1998.

Other training classes will include team building, communications, motivation, leadership styles, problem solving, conflict management, education, advanced technology, strategic planning, networking, and much more. Tours will be planned to showcase local areas of interest.

Sponsors of the West Central Leadership are the Texas Agricultural Extension Service in Coleman and Runnels counties and West Texas Utilities Company. Anyone who aspires to be a leader, or become a more effective leader, is encouraged to participate in the West Central Leadership.

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### ACROSS

- 1 TXism: "Ya'll come \_\_\_ ya hear?"
- 5 city of Arlington has imposed this on smoking (2 wds.)
- 6 TXism: "hook, \_\_\_ and sinker" (all)
- 7 in Hidalgo Co. on 107
- 8 Luling's Watermelon Thump has a \_\_\_ contest
- 17 TXism: "\_\_\_ horse town" (small)
- 18 '24 campaign slogan: "\_\_\_ I Ain't Got a Darn Thing Against Pa"
- 21 some Texans ski in Santa \_\_\_ NM
- 22 TXism: "\_\_\_ lick" (none)
- 23 San Antonio Tejano and C&W singer
- 24 rural living
- 29 TXism: "\_\_\_ mind to" (inclined)
- 30 state \_\_\_ has olive branches
- 31 Gov. \_\_\_ Culberson
- 32 TV soap of TX Al Freeman, Jr.: "One \_\_\_"
- 34 way an Astro obtained 2nd base
- 35 \_\_\_ Fresno, TX
- 36 TXism: "mouth \_\_\_ (liquor)"
- 37 TXism: "two \_\_\_ in a pod" (alike)
- 38 Houston Olympics gym coach Karolyi
- 39 TXism: "got a mind like \_\_\_"

- 41 Comanche's oldest TX courthouse: "Old \_\_\_"
- 42 sergeant
- 43 TXism: "took everything but the \_\_\_ my lungs" (robbed)
- 44 this golfer Julius won the '59 Dallas Open
- 45 with Angelo or Antonio
- 46 TXism: "old as \_\_\_"
- 47 in Young Co. on 114
- 48 talented marchers: Texas \_\_\_
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- 52 Mariners to the Rangers
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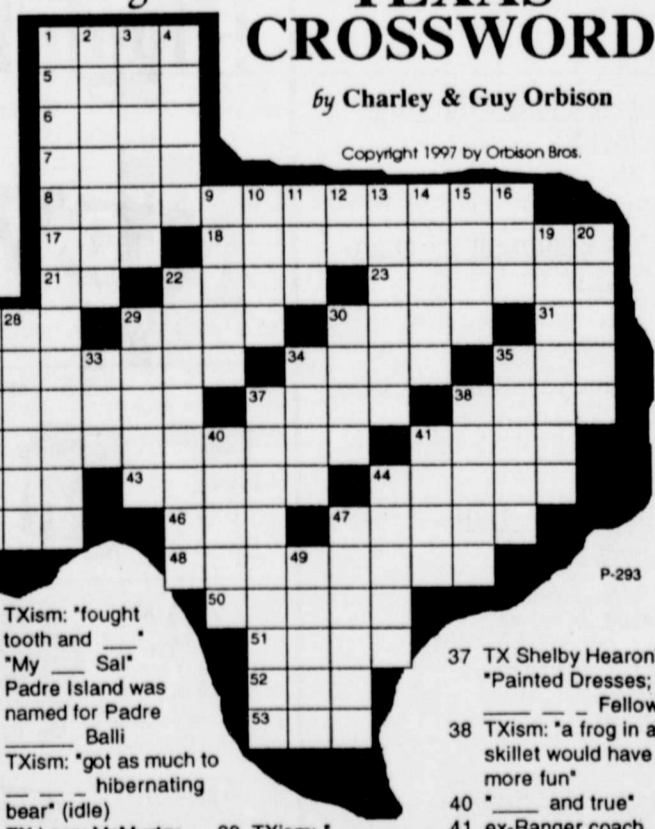
- 1 commodity bundles in west TX (3 wds.)
- 2 Taylor Co. seat
- 3 TX Nash hit: "I \_\_\_ Clearly Now"
- 4 work bread dough
- 9 Biblical word for strike or hit
- 10 Quanah Parker was son of \_\_\_ Nocona
- 11 TXism: "\_\_\_ hog had wings he'd be an eagle"
- 12 TXism: "up \_\_\_ snuff"
- 13 TX King Vidor's "A \_\_\_ A Tree"
- 14 TX bumper sticker: "\_\_\_ Too, Eddie"

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- 15 TXism: "fought tooth and \_\_\_"
- 16 "My \_\_\_ Sai"
- 19 Padre Island was named for Padre Balli
- 20 TXism: "got as much to \_\_\_ hibernating bear" (idle)
- 22 TX Larry McMurry
- 24 in Dallas: "\_\_\_ holler" (call me)
- 25 Thornton Freeway
- 25 TX high school sports league (abbr.)
- 26 state university in Nacogdoches (abbr.)
- 27 proud of their state
- 28 in Hill Co. on 81
- 29 TXism: "\_\_\_ and true"
- 30 TX belle rebuff
- 33 TXism: "let sleeping dogs \_\_\_"
- 34 Spurs Elliott
- 35 this Burrell ran leg on gold '92 Olympics relay
- 37 TX Shelby Hearon's "Painted Dresses; A \_\_\_ Fellow"
- 38 TXism: "a frog in a skillet would have more fun"
- 40 "\_\_\_ and true"
- 41 ex-Ranger coach
- 42 Valentine was born in Stamford, \_\_\_
- 44 oldie DJ line: "\_\_\_ from the past"
- 47 TCU '38 Heisman winner Davey
- 49 TXism: "\_\_\_ the hoof" (hog)

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Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Charles Ottinger Jr.

### Mary Mostad marries Clint Ottinger

Mary Elizabeth Mostad and Clinton Charles Ottinger Jr. were united in holy matrimony Saturday, July 19, 1997, at 7 o'clock in the evening at First Baptist Church of Winters. Reverend Glenn Shoemaker performed the ceremony.

Mary is the daughter of George and Susan Mostad of Winters. Clint is the son of Theresa Ottinger of Redding, Pennsylvania, and Charles Clinton Ottinger Sr. of Penns Grove, New Jersey.

Melissa Barrett registered guests. Cheryl Sneed was soloist, and Susan Conner, organist.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a double-breasted white satin gown with off-the-shoulder cap sleeves. The gown featured lace appliques accented with sequins. The full-length veil was also worn by the bride's mother 26 years earlier. The bride's bouquet was a cascade of pink-tipped white roses with orchids and star gazer lilies.

Maid of Honor was Annalisa Salazar of Odessa. Delana Stacy of Abilene was bridesmaid. Pink roses with burgundy mini carnations and star gazer lilies composed their bouquets.

Best Man was Tom Mahony of Abilene. Groomsman was Ryan Zwernemann. Michael Mostad, brother of the bride, and J.W. Angel, cousin of the bride, served as ushers.

The wedding reception was held in Jones Fellowship Hall of First Baptist Church. Serving were Kayla Colburn, cousin of the bride; Jennifer Gilbreath, friend of the bride; and Lea Angel, aunt of the bride.

Mary is a student at Texas College of Cosmetology in Abilene. Clint is stationed at Dyess Air Force Base in Abilene.

The couple will reside in Abilene.

### Locals granddaughter to marry

Mr. and Mrs. Griff Brown of Winters announce the engagement of their granddaughter, Kati Harrison, to Joe Alexander.

Kati is the daughter of Becky Phillips of Midland and David Harrison of Wasilla, Alaska. Joe is the son of Mr. and Mrs. David Alexander of Gainsville.

An October wedding is planned at First United Methodist Church of Winters.

## Poe's Corner

By Charlsie Poe

### The wedding dress

Since the story about my wedding dress being in the Z.I. Hale Museum, written by Ken Ellsworth, came out in the *Abilene Reporter*, many questions have been asked about it, especially by my grandchildren.

I've been hard put to explain the situation to the children. When showed the picture of George and me in our fancy attire, they said, "I've never seen that picture before — who is that?"

Of course they didn't recognize us — we were married August 21, 1927, when George was skinny as a rail and I weighed 110 pounds.

I also informed the uninitiated that the picture was made in a modern studio on Main Street, run by Mr. Jordan — the only photographer in town. The rocking chair and pillow were modern. My silver vanity hanging on the chair arm was to match the silver on my shoes and the pom-pom on my shoulder.

Ellsworth was impressed by the dress, so small, and asked if I actually wore it. "Of course," I said.

"Can you wear it now?"

"Of course not!" Ellsworth said, "It was a flapper dress, short at the hem, petite, pretty, and made for having a good time. Nice as it was, the dress, a dark navy blue with silver trimming, seemed too frivolous to get married in unless my assumptions about West Texas 70 years ago



Charlsie Poe

had been mistaken. Maybe, the dress made me think, life back then wasn't all black wool suits, bonnets, dust, overalls, and Sunday sermons."

Did the Roaring '20s, he wondered, actually reach places like Winters? He called me to find out.

I gave him a good report on the subject. I finished high school in 1925 and spent the next year in Hardin-Simmons when the craze first started. I learned to dance the Charleston that year and came in the summer to teach my friends the 3 or 4 steps I had learned.

In the fall, I began work in the dry goods section of a retail store co-owned by my Dad, studying all the dress styles and ordering patterns for the women who did their own sewing. Not many dresses came ready made at that time.

When a young farmer came courting, I began to look at the wedding dress patterns. I already had a good dress maker named Mrs. Gamaway.

But that didn't take up all my interest. I had an active part in a summer Little Theatre directed by John Norman. I recall singing

the song, "Is You or Is You Ain't My Baby?," pulling out a knife from my skirt at the last.

Nancy Norman, John's daughter, had to be brought back the second night to see it.

George Poe, the young farmer, was making a bumper cotton crop and he began to press me for a decision. Oh, no, I didn't plan to marry until I was 25, but he prevailed. He wanted to marry before all his money was spent running around, he said.

We agreed that it would be a

private wedding. I wanted to drive to Abilene and be married at my former pastor's home, without telling my parents. But George was old fashioned and wanted to ask for my "hand in matrimony." My mother broke the ice by saying, "I guess its alright if you can eat her cooking."

Daddy gave us a Bible, \$10, and a pearl-handled pistol he had gotten in a trade. We drove to Fort Worth in our little Ford roadster and spent our honeymoon with Eva Poe, his sister.



THE MARRIAGE PORTRAIT of George Poe and Charlsie Graham taken August 21, 1927. The rocking chair and pillow were modern at that time. The vanity hanging on the chair arm was to match the silver in her shoes and the pom-pom on her shoulder. The wedding dress has been donated to the Z.I. Hale Museum in Winters.

### Former Winters couple mark 25th wedding anniversary

Joe and Ann Eckols of Granger will celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary on August 18, 1997.

Joe is a 1971 graduate of Winters High School. He has been an employee of IBM for the past 20 years. He is the son of the late Johnnie Spence and step-son of the late A.R. Spence.

Ann is a 1971 graduate of Clyde High School. She is retired from Georgetown ISD transportation department where she was an aide for special education. She is the daughter of Kenneth York of Cisco and the late Loanna York.

The couple have two daughters, Jessica and Dana, both from Granger.

### EXEMPTION, cont'd.

based upon a decrease of \$8 million in property valuation due to the property exemption.

School officials have expressed concern over the funding after the two-year period, but Governor George W. Bush and lawmakers who pushed the amendment say they will continue to budget that money in the future.

Results of each polling location are as follows:

- Early Voting
- For 181
- Against 5
- Ballinger Courthouse Precinct 1
- For 185
- Against 6
- Winters Housing Authority Precinct 3
- For 173
- Against 4
- Winters Tax Branch Office Precinct 4
- For 70
- Against 2
- Wingate Lions Club Bldg. Precinct 5
- For 38
- Against 2
- Norton Community Center Precinct 6
- For 27
- Against 6
- Ballinger Community Center Precinct 7
- For 112
- Against 1
- Ballinger City Hall Precinct 8
- For 118
- Against 2
- Miles City Hall Precinct 9
- For 114
- Against 2
- Rowena Fire Station Precinct 10
- For 98
- Against 1.

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### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON TAX INCREASE

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The public hearing will be held on August 25, 1997 at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall.

**FOR** the proposal: Alderwoman Shirley Hall, Alderman Dr. Tommy Russell, and Alderman Joe Gerhart  
**AGAINST** the proposal: None  
**PRESENT** and not voting: None  
**ABSENT:** Alderman Nelan Bahlman

The statement above shows the percentage increase the proposed rate represents over the \$0.6107 tax rate that the unit published on July 31, 1997. The following table compares taxes on an average home in this taxing unit last year to taxes proposed on the average home this year. Again, your individual taxes may be higher or lower, depending on the taxable value of your property.

	Last Year	This Year
Average home value	\$18,988	\$19,220
General exemptions available (amount available on the average home, not including senior citizen's or disabled person's exemptions)	\$ -0-	\$ -0-
Average taxable value	\$18,988	\$19,220
Tax rate	.6254/\$100	.6554/\$100 (proposed)
Tax	\$118.75	\$125.97 (proposed)

Under this proposal taxes on the average home would increase by \$7.22 or 6 percent compared with last year's taxes. Comparing tax rates without adjusting for changes in property value, the tax rate would increase by \$0.03 per \$100 of taxable value or 2.5 percent compared to last year's tax rate. These tax rate figures are not adjusted for changes in the taxable value of property.

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 Shyla Gail Campbell, Ballinger, filed for evading detention  
 Bruce L. Plumley, Ballinger, filed for hindering a secured creditor  
**August 6**  
 Wendy Sweek, Ballinger, filed for cruelty to animals  
**August 7**  
 Cameron Keith Butler, Winters, filed for terroristic threat

**Marriage Licenses**  
 Chad Anderson Coburn and Traci Anice McGehee  
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**August 8**  
 Steven Allen Scrivener and Frances Ranea Hastings Hamilton

**District Court Civil August 7**  
 James Larry Jones vs. Virgil Wayne Rhodes—damages

**Divorces Filed August 6**  
 Tammi Jo Salinas and Jamie Salinas

**Divorces Granted August 7**  
 Rondall W. Sanders and Camille B. Sanders

## Oak Ridge Boys to headline WTRC Summer Dinner/Show

The legendary Oak Ridge Boys, who have recorded three platinum and ten gold albums over the past twenty five years, bring their high-energy performance to the Abilene Civic Center in August to benefit West Texas Rehabilitation Center.

The country/pop/gospel group has scored with hits like "Elvira," "American Made," and "Thank God For Kids." They have performed for the crowned heads of Europe and three U. S. presidents — not to mention millions of fans around the world. The Oaks have won pretty much every award a music act can get, from Grammys to top honors from Sweden's Kountry Korral Magazine.

The annual dinner show is set to begin at 6:30 p.m., Friday, August 22, with a reception, followed by a seated dinner and the Oak Ridge Boys' performance.

Wes-Tex Drilling and First National Bank of Abilene have stepped up to help underwrite a portion of the show expenses. Their support helps guarantee the financial success of the show for the Rehab Center.

Since 1979, the dinner show has been the major summer fundraiser for West Texas Rehab Center and has featured such entertainers as Bob Hope, Andy Williams, Victor Borge, Eddy Arnold, and Tony Bennett. Over the years, the show has been the top social event of the summer in the Big

Country area. Tables to seat ten people as well as individual tickets are available for the event. Tables of ten are priced at \$2,500, \$1,500 and \$1,000. Individual tickets are \$275, \$175 and \$125.

John Chalmers and Myrle Greathouse are co-chairmen for the dinner show, as they have been since the event's inception. Chalmers and Greathouse agree that this show with the Oak Ridge Boys has created as much excitement as any of the shows to date. Greathouse stated, "Judging from advanced ticket sales, I'd say that we have a real winner this year."

Chalmers also announced the members of this year's dinner show committee to promote ticket sales and to help with hosting the show. John and Stella Chalmers along with Myrle and Marcella Greathouse co-chair the committee.

Committee members include: Don and Latimer Bowen, Ken and Sue Burgess, Charles and Linda Ezzell. Other volunteers serving on the committee are: Woody and Lee Ruth Gilliland, Julia Jones Matthews, Ken and Linda Murphy, James and Cynthia Parker, H. L. and Billye Proctor Shaw, Shirley Smith, and R. Michael and Gail Wheeler.

For more information and to make reservations, please call the show has been the top social event of the summer in the Big

## WEEKLY GRAIN MARKET REPORT

**TUESDAY GRAIN MARKETS**  
 All Prices Subject To Change

Milo	4.00/Cwt
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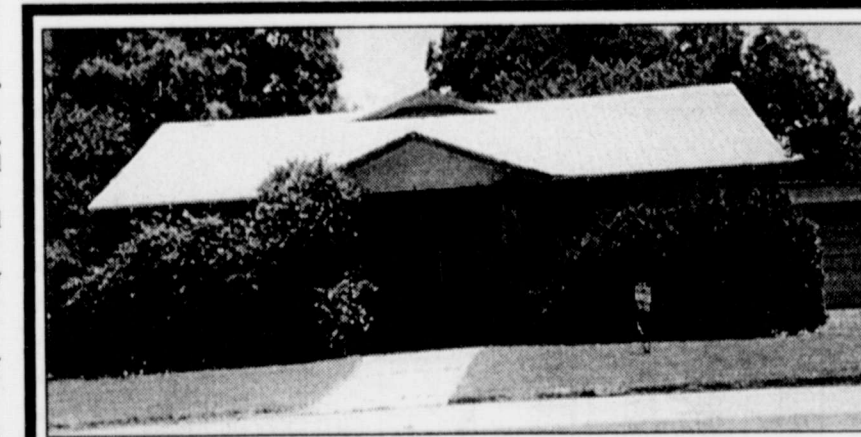
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WINGATE-Brick duplex, 2 BR, 2 bath, carport, lg. lot.

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CHANDA HOPPE exhibited the 4th place overall Simmental heifer at the National Classic in Spokane, WA. Other honors included 7th in Sales Talk, 4th in Senior Showmanship, 1st in Simmental Heifer Show Team, and 12th Overall Senior Individual.

## Hoppe competes well in National Classic

Chanda Hoppe competed at the American Junior Simmental Association National Classic in Spokane, Washington, July 16-20. She was competing with more than 300 young adults from all across the nation.

Events included the Herdsman Quiz, Sire Summary, Sales Talk, Livestock Judging Contest, Extemporaneous Public Speaking, Junior Livestock Show, and Showmanship competition.

Chanda placed in many of these events. She exhibited the 4th place overall Simmental heifer, placed 7th in Sales Talk, 4th in Senior Showmanship, 1st in Simmental Heifer Show Team, and was the

12th Overall Senior Individual. Even though there were many leadership opportunities to be had, the contest was also a great opportunity to meet people from all across the nation.

Chanda was just one of 37 other competitors from Texas. Texas Junior Simmental Association sponsored 3 teams to Spokane, and the teams took home top honors.

Texas had the 1st and 2nd High Senior Individuals in the contest with the juniors taking home the same honors.

Needless to say, Texas was very successful at the National Classic.

## Extension News & Views

By Patricia Hohensee, Extension Agent-HE

## "A Taste of Texas" for folks age 50+

Experience fall and nature at its best this year and enjoy "A Taste of Texas!". That's what folks 50 and over will be doing at the Texas 4-H Center on Lake Brownwood when many will enjoy the annual Octoberfest says Patricia Hohensee, Runnels County Extension Agent- Family & Consumer Sciences.

Sponsored by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, the program will be held October 6-10, 1997.

Opportunities include "hands-on" learning centers where one can learn beaded crafts, oil painting, wood working, stained glass, spider weaving, and other exciting projects. Educational programs on topics such as basket weaving, Native American traditions, local historic tours, and other

current issues are a popular highlight.

Boat rides (weather permitting) and fishing on Lake Brownwood add popularity to your stay. Lighted tennis courts, horseshoes, billiards, volleyball, shuffleboard, dominoes, and card and table games are all popular activities.

A special "Taste of Texas" theme featuring a costume contest and party will provide a festive atmosphere to the event. The theme party will feature some exciting activities and entertainment.

Octoberfest '97! Are you 50 or older? Then it's for you! The program is limited to 165 participants at a nominal fee. Get away and learn to make the most of the best years of your life. Call your County Extension Office today at 365-5042.

## Depot Daze in Ballinger

When looking for something fun to do in Texas...mark your calendar for a visit to historic Ballinger, Texas, and "Depot Daze."

The trade day is scheduled for the last Saturday of each month through September.

Display booths full of arts & crafts, commercial items, trader/flea market goods, and food will be set up on the pecan tree-shaded land adjacent to the railway in beautiful downtown Ballinger, Texas, directly behind the restored Santa Fe Depot.

The one-day event is sponsored each month by the Ballinger Chamber of Commerce.

You are invited to visit the Depot Daze and historic Ballinger soon! Next show date is August 30.

For more information on this event or vendor spaces, call 915-365-2333 or 915-365-5611.

## Public pool to close August 18

The projected closing date for the 1997 season at the Winters public swimming pool is Monday, August 18, according to pool manager Dottie Loudermilk.

The pool is open daily until school starts on Thursday, August 14. It will also be closed on Friday, August 15, but will open Saturday, Sunday, and Monday, August 16, 17 and 18.

## Grandson sweeps chiangus show at Junior Nationals

American Junior Chianina Association (AJCA) members from across the nation gathered in San Antonio, Texas, at the San Antonio Livestock Exposition for the 20th AJCA National Junior Heifer Show, June 23-27.

The annual summer event is much more than a Chi heifer show. AJCA members from 13 states competed in several contests, including judging, obstacle course, salesmanship, showmanship, and public speaking. Team events included a quiz bowl and a fitting contest. One hundred exhibitors were aiming for the top award—the All-Around Champion.

Each year the All-Around Champion is selected by tabulating points from the contests and the show ring. Rachel Postin, Stephens, GA, received the most points and was named the 1997 All-Around Champion. Postin received a Chiangus heifer calf donated by Justin and Jodi Miller, Robstown, TX, as a result of capturing the most points throughout the week.

The National Junior Heifer Show was the culmination of this week-long learning experience. Jim Gillooly, Washington, IN, evaluated 144 entries in the Junior National Heifer Show, June 27. Junior exhibitors competed for the championship titles in the three division show: Division 1 - Italian Fullblood Chianina; Division 2 - Chianina/Chimaine/Chiford/Chiangus-cross and Division 3 - Chiangus.

Brandon Pritchard, Crawford, TX, made history at the NJHS by exhibiting both the Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Heifer in the Chiangus Show.

ABSR Patricia 2F1CA, the grand champion, advanced from Division IV, where she was named champion. WOMs Blk Belle 644F ICA, the reserve champion, came out of Division IV, where she was named reserve champion.

Addison Pritchard, Crawford, TX, exhibited the Division II Champion Chiangus heifer with Wo Ms Erica 354F 2CA.

Brandon and Addison are grandchildren of Jack and Lucille Pritchard of Wingate.

## Large increase in August city sales tax rebates

As reported by the office of State Comptroller John Sharp, August sales tax rebates for the city of Winters increased 41.40 percent as compared to the prior year's August payment. Rebates totaled \$20,773.70 this reporting period. For the prior year's reporting period, rebates totaled \$14,691.18.

This month's payments include sales taxes collected by monthly filers on June sales and by quarterly filers for April, May, and June and reported to the comptroller in July.

Receipts in Miles increased 9.22 percent; Ballinger increased 6.24 percent and reported \$90,183.24 in payments.

City sales tax rebates to date for Runnels County for the 1997 reporting period total \$511,311.77, a 1.38 percent decrease as compared to last year's period total of \$518,491.86.

The current city sales tax rate for Winters and Ballinger is 1.5 percent. Miles is 1.00 percent.

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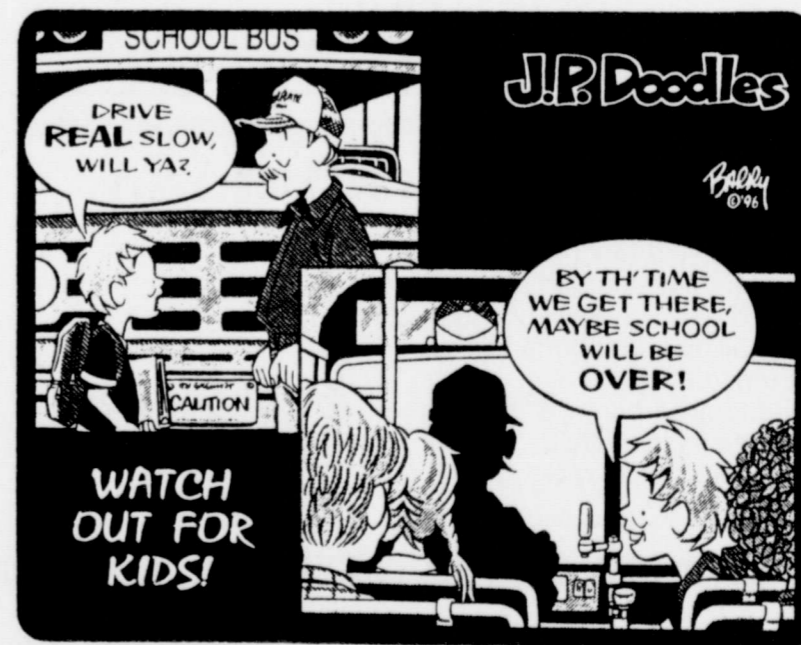


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