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 LOVE—God pardons like a mother,
 who kisses the offense into
 everlasting forgetfulness.

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Glacier Royalty —



NOEMI VEGA and MICHAEL PRITCHARD (center) were crowned 1998 Glacier Queen and King during coronation ceremonies last Thursday night at Winters High School. Other candidates, left to right, were Jackye Dexter, Angela Jacob, Amanda Cross, Lee Woffenden, Chris Lujano, and Justin Mendoza. Miss Vega and Mr. Pritchard represented the senior class.

Early voting for Primary Election

Early voting will be conducted from February 23rd until March 6th in the County Clerk's office located on the first floor of the Runnels County Courthouse for the First Primary Election to be held Tuesday, March 10, 1998.

Voters may vote either Democratic or Republican. Any qualified voter is eligible to vote early in person. There are no restrictions other than to be a registered voter. The color of the current voter registration card is blue.

The County Clerk's office is open from 8:30 a.m. to 12 noon, and 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. In order to study the ballot before voting, Sample Ballots may be obtained from the County Clerk's office.

Applications for early voting ballots by mail will be accepted through March 3rd with the following qualifications:

- 65 years of age or older
- confinement in jail
- disability or expected absence from the county on election day

and during the clerk's regular office hours for the remainder of the early voting period.

If the voter is not 65 years of age or older, confined to jail or disabled, the application will have to be postmarked from outside the county and the ballot will have to be mailed to an address outside of the county.

In order to receive a ballot by mail, a voter must mail a request stating one of these reasons, sign the request, state either Democratic or Republican ballot and mail the request to County Clerk Linda Bruchmiller, P.O. Box 189, Ballinger, Texas 76821.

If a person would like to request an application for an early ballot or if there are questions, call 365-2720.

Weekend early voting will be conducted on Sunday, March 1st between the hours of 11:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. in the County Clerk's office in Ballinger and also in the County Tax branch office at 134 West Dale in Winters.

WISD trustees renew personnel contracts

In the regular meeting of the WISD Board of Trustees on February 9, contracts were extended for one year for Business Manager Jimmy Butler, Secondary Principal Charles Kidwell, Elementary Principal Terry Wyatt, and Athletic Director Robin Byrd.

The contract for Superintendent Mike Harris was extended to June 30, 2001, with an increase in salary of \$2,000 per year beginning July 1, 1998, during the regu-

lar meeting of WISD trustees on January 12.

In other business on February 9, trustees approved the order authorizing the creation of the WISD Public Facilities Corporation.

School board members also voted to order a school trustee election on the first Saturday in May, 1998, from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m.

Filing dates will be February 16, 1998 through March 18, 1998.

Emily Pendergrass will serve as election judge. Clerks will be Lois West, Edna England, Kay Colburn, and Nadine DeLaCruz.

Early voting will be conducted at the school business office between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. beginning April 15, 1998 through April 28, 1998.

Election judges and clerks to serve on the canvassing board of early voting will be Rhonda Goetz,

Sherry Byrd, and Jimmy Butler.

School trustees also set the driver's education tuition at \$150 for the 1997-98 school year.

Board members present were Bob Prewit, Allen Andrae, Debbie Sudduth, Ronald Presley, Rodrick Bredemeyer, and Jack Davis, Jr., as well as Superintendent Harris, Business Manager Butler, Principals Kidwell and Wyatt, and Athletic Director Byrd.

Public meeting Feb. 25 to discuss new junior high school building

The public is invited to attend an open meeting on Wednesday, Feb. 25, to view drawings of the proposed new junior high school building and discuss all aspects of the facility.

Mike Harris, WISD Superintendent, and Jimmy Butler, WISD Business Manager, will be present to answer questions regarding construction and financing.

The public meeting will be at 6:00 p.m. at the school cafeteria on February 25.

Filing open for city, school, hospital elections

Prospective candidates in the May 2 elections have until March 18 for the city and school sign-up, and April 2 for the hospital sign-up.

Trustees will be elected for the Winters Independent School District single-member district Place 1 and at-large Place 7.

The Place 1 position is currently held by Allen Andrae and Joe Pritchard holds Place 7.

Anyone living in the WISD school district may file for the at-large Place 7 position. Only resi-

dents of the Place 1 district may file for that position.

School board candidates who have questions about residency or who want to file should contact the WISD administration office at 603 Heights or call 754-5574.

In the City of Winters city council election, districts 2, 4 and 5 are up for election.

Currently, district 2 is represented by Nelan Bahlman, district 4 is represented by Shirley Hall, and district 5 is vacant following the resignation last year of Garry

Goff, who moved to Roscoe.

Unlike the school election, anyone who is a resident of Winters may run for any place on the city council but only residents of that particular district may vote.

Information may be obtained from city hall at 310 S. Main or by calling 754-4424.

In the hospital election, there are three places open on the board of trustees. All places are open for filing and voting by all residents of the North Runnels Hospital District.

Currently, Sidney Tucker, Teresa Davis and Tobin Byrns hold these positions.

Hospital filing dates and requirements are different than the other entities because they were established by the state legislature when the hospital district was formed.

Information regarding the North Runnels Hospital election may be obtained by calling the hospital at 754-4553.

At press time on Tuesday, no incumbents had filed for re-election.

Youth basketball begins Feb. 23

Games to be held on Mondays and Thursdays

Sign up for Winters Youth Basketball is Thursday, February 19, from 5:30-7:30 p.m. in the Elementary Activity Building.

The program is instructionally based for grades kindergarten through six. Some games will be played for children above these levels.

There is a \$5 fee per child to be paid at registration. The fee includes insurance coverage.

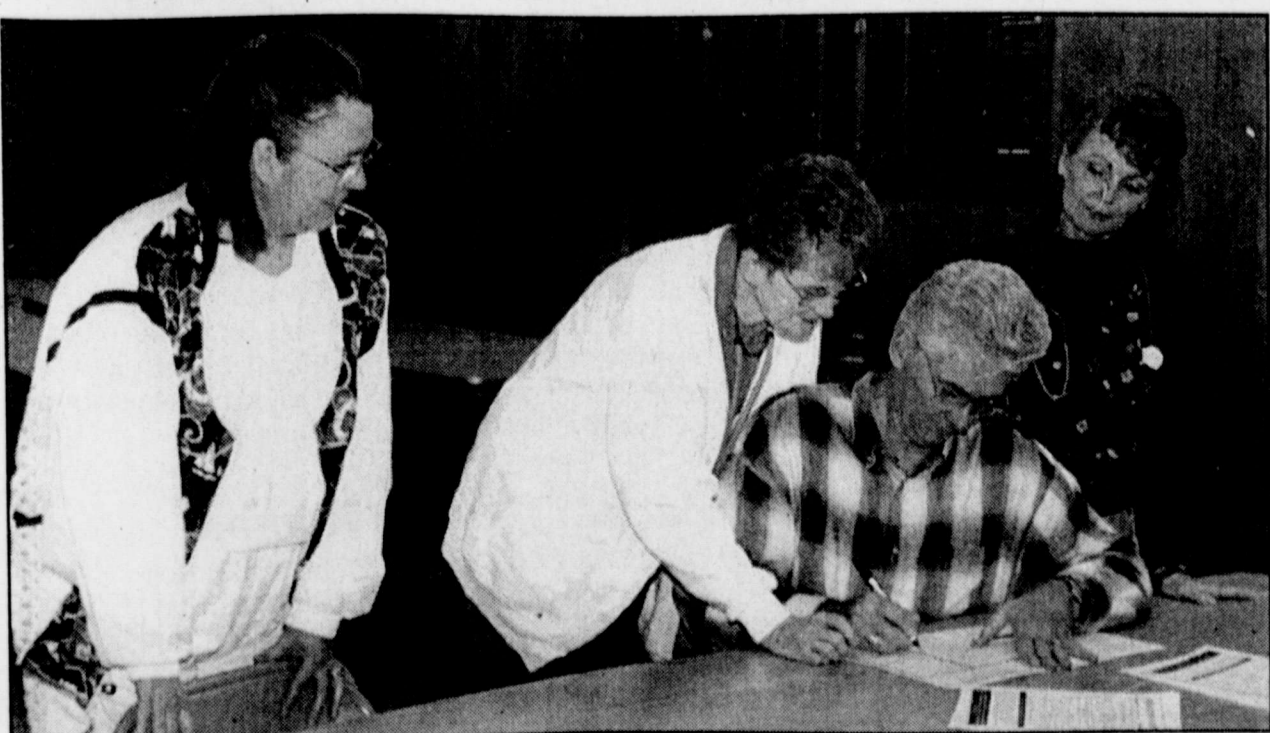
Volunteers are needed for all levels.

The scheduled time for games

are 5:30-6:30 p.m. for kindergarten through second grades; and 6:45-8:00 p.m. for third through sixth grades.

Games begin Monday, February 23, and will be held each Monday and Thursday with the exception of Spring Break week (March 9-13) and a final game on Tuesday, March 24, rather than Thursday, March 26.

For more information, contact Sherri Mikeska at 743-2198, Phil Colburn at 754-5143, or Mandie England at 767-2117.



GLENN SHOEMAKE, pastor of First Baptist Church, fills out his questionnaire before donating blood last Saturday to benefit Ginny Smith who is currently undergoing treatment for cancer. Volunteers (from left) Kay Guy, Shirley Hall and Bobbie Collom were on hand to assist in the blood drive which recorded 59 donors. The benefit was spearheaded by Jeannie Bahlman.

Dr. K. Rightmire appointed county health officer

In absence of Dr. Leckie

Runnels County Commissioners met for a short special meeting on Tuesday. They named Dr. Karen Rightmire of Ballinger as county health officer.

County Judge Marilyn Egan said she had talked to the current Runnels County Health Officer, Dr. Kenneth Leckie, and he said the court should probably appoint someone else as county health officer since he is taking a leave of absence from his practice in Ballinger. Judge Egan said she had talked to Dr. Lee in Winters, but he had declined, and that Dr. Rightmire had agreed to accept the position.

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WHAT'S HAPPENING ?

- Feb. 19-11:30 a.m., Senior Citizens Meal
- 5:30-7 p.m., Sign Up for Youth Basketball, Activity Bldg.
- 7 p.m., Winters Squares, Community Center Literary & Service Club
- Feb. 20-11:30 a.m., Senior Citizens Meal
- Feb. 21-5-7:30 p.m., Chili Supper, Norton Community Center
- Feb. 22-WeCTOGA Meeting, Abilene
- Feb. 23-9:30-10:30 a.m., SS Rep, Winters Housing Authority
- 11:30 a.m., Senior Citizens Meal
- 5:30-6:30 p.m., Grades K-2 Youth Basketball Game
- 6:45-8 p.m., Grades 3-6 Youth Basketball Game
- 6 p.m., City Council
- 7 p.m., Wingate Masonic Lodge
- WeCTOGA Meeting, Abilene
- Feb. 24-11:30 a.m., Senior Citizens Meal
- Noon, Lions Club
- 7 p.m., WVFD
- Fire Department Auxiliary
- Feb. 25-11:30 a.m., Senior Citizens Meal
- Feb. 26-10 a.m., 39+, First United Methodist Church
- 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Beef Stew Luncheon, Rock Hotel
- 11:30 a.m., Senior Citizens Meal
- 5:30-6:30 p.m., Grades K-2 Youth Basketball Game
- 6:45-8 p.m., Grades 3-6 Youth Basketball Game

Oil Bidness

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A lot of things have changed in the oil patch, lately, but there is one thing that hasn't.

No, I'm not referring to the color of crude oil or the inevitability of crude language on the derrick floor.

The single most important thing to being successful in the oil business over the long term is having an "oil finder" working for you. This has always been true and it continues to be, today.

Sure, the oil finders may use different tools and have fancier titles, but they still find oil and gas. No oil and gas — no money. No money — no profit. No profit — no company.

Unfortunately, oil finders don't always have this title tattooed on their arm. Many claim the title but don't fill the shoes. The real trick for a company leader is to pick the real deal. Many times, it means hiring someone and then having them prove (or disprove) themselves.

Looking at a record of accomplishment can sometimes point the way. I have had the privilege to work with several oil finders in my career. They have the knack for picking the location to drill or the zone to open. They have a process they work through, and they find money in the form of oil and gas.

Now, don't let me lead you astray, here. They aren't perfect. They miss some. They do occasionally pursue a dry hole.

The difference comes when they overcome these obstacles. After all, in an industry where the success rate of wildcat drillers is around 10 percent, somebody with a 20 percent success rate is going to double the profitability of a company.

The oil finders search out the clues in the dry holes that lead them to the new discovery. They intensify their work effort to make up for the negative. They keep looking, and they know the value of being right.

The thing about it is that they don't seem to have some ethereal talent beyond comprehension as much as they just work harder than everybody else. The oil finders know how to bring to bear

their education, knowledge, and their talents.

A wise gang pusher once told me that everybody had the ability of a successful wildcatter somewhere deep inside. It was just that there were few who were willing to work hard enough to bring it out.

This gives us all hope that we can become oil finders if we want the title bad enough.

HIGHLIGHTS OF AREA DRILLING ACTIVITY COMPLETIONS

Callahan County

Sabre Oil and Gas Corp. has completed the Jacobs-B-#3 in the County Regular Field (6 miles SW of Putnam) at an initial rate of 6200 MCFPD (AOF) in the Caddo (perfs 3242-48). Loc. is 1910 FWL & 731 FSL of SPRR Sur. No. 319, A-373.

Nolan County

Hallwood Petroleum has completed two wells in the Weaver Springs Field (6 miles NE of Nolan) in the Palo Pinto. The Guthrie #3 potentialized at 343 BOPD & 118 BWPD (perfs 4766-74) and is loc. 489 FSL & 700 FWL of Sec. 73, Blk. 5, T&PRR Sur., A-516. The McReynolds #1 potentialized at 20 BOPD (perfs 4762-70) and is loc. 1236 FEL & 1338 FSL of Sec. 68, Blk. 5, T&PRR Sur., A-1863.

Lytle Creek Operating has completed the Mink #43-#2 in the Barton Ranch Field (10 miles SE of Sweetwater) at an initial rate of 42 BOPD & 102 BWPD in the Strawn Lime (perfs 5732-40). Loc. is 500 FEL & 1275 FSL of Sec. 43, Blk. X, T&PRR Sur., A-422.

STAKINGS

Coke County

Pittencrieff America has staked the Fort Chadbourne Odom Lime Unit #5202 in the Fort Chadbourne Field, 7 miles NE of Bronte (Depth 5700). Loc. is 617 FWL & 330 FSL of N. Lindley Sur. No. 2-1/2, RULE 36.

Coleman County

AEG Oil has staked the F.W. Taylor #B-1 in the Proler Field, 3 miles SW of Trickham (Depth 1999). Loc. is 1420 FEL & 490 FNL of M. Barker Sur. No. 226, A-23.

Runnels County

Hopewell Operating, Inc. has staked the Bryan #1-G in the North Norton Field, 12 miles SW of Winters (Depth 4700). Loc. is 5021 FNL & 330 FEL of Lot 34, W.H. Smith Sur. No. 599, A-599.

Pioneer Energy has staked the Blackwood #3 in the Winters Field, 5 miles SW of Winters (Depth 4900). Loc. is 1500 FSL & 2490 FWL of R. Clever Sur. No. 521, A-77.

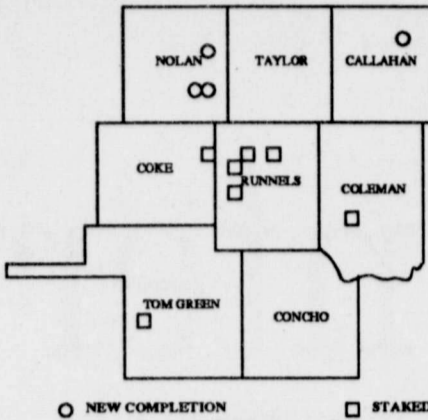
Sabre Oil & Gas has applied to re-enter the McLaughlin #1 as a Wildcat, 6 miles NW of Rowena (Depth 4800). Loc. is 2013 FNL & 2390 FEL of Sec. 149, SCRR Sur., A-540.

Brent A. Wagman has staked the McNeil #2 in the Carolyn Field, 2 miles N of Norton (Depth 5300). Loc. is 847 FEL & 1920 FNL of Lot 5, H&GN Sur.

Tom Green County

B&R Operating has staked the Rathbone #1209-D in the McIntire Field, 5

miles SW of Knickerbocker (Depth 1200). Loc. is 3081 FSL & 1025 FEL of Sec. 9, Blk. 20, H&TC Sur.



In Appreciation

Card of Thanks

I wish to thank everyone for all the phone calls, cards, and prayers during my stay at Baylor Hospital in Dallas. I felt your love and support during this time.

It is so good to be home where I'm trying to go through the recovery period.

I hope someday I will be able to repay the wonderful people in Winters.

May God bless each one of you.

Marthiel Russell

Card of Thanks

Dear Friends, Thank you so much for the flowers, food, memorials, cards, and support during the illness and death of B.J.

We are fortunate to have such good friends.

Thank you, The family of B.J. Mikeska

Card of Thanks

Thank you to all the wonderful people who made my 82nd birthday a day I won't forget.

Thanks for all the nice things done for me, the cards, phone calls, gifts, eating out, and to the group for breakfast at Hobo Bar-b-que.

A special thanks for all the hugs. Hugs are good for all!

Thanks again, Thelma Hoppe

Card of Thanks

On behalf of Cub Scout Pack 249, we would like to thank Bahlman Jewelers for donating ribbons for the Pinewood Derby races.

We would also like to thank Lawrence Bros. IGA and Sammy Sanchez for donating trophies for the finals race.

Your support is greatly appreciated.

Thanks again, Robert Cook, Cubmaster Franklin O'Dell, Asst. Cubmaster



Scientists say dogs and cats share a common ancestor.

WeCTOGA meeting set Feb. 22-23

West Central Texas Oil and Gas Association's 65th annual meeting for WeCTOGA members and their guests has been scheduled for Sunday, Feb. 22, and Monday, Feb. 23.

A reception will be held from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Sunday at the Abilene Civic Center.

Breakfast will be served Monday from 7:00-8:00 a.m. at the Petroleum Club. The membership meeting begins at 8:30 a.m. at the club with a program on unitization and SPE and AGS continuing education.

Lunch is to be served at 12 noon at the Civic Center. Keynote speaker will be Congressman Charles Stenholm.

Social Security Rep. in Winters on Feb. 23

Garland Gregg, representative for the San Angelo Social Security Office, has scheduled his February visit to Winters. He will be at the Winters Housing Project Office on Monday, February 23, between 9:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

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

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

If desired, write to the office at P.O. Box 3808, San Angelo, Texas 76902.

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Monday, Feb. 23: Meatloaf, black-eyed peas, carrot salad, cornbread, and chocolate pudding.

Tuesday, Feb. 24: Turkey & gravy, mashed potatoes, broccoli salad, bread, and pumpkin pies.

Wednesday, Feb. 25: Chicken spaghetti, English peas, tossed salad, rolls, and Jello cake.

Thursday, Feb. 26: Sausage & sauerkraut, pinto beans, pickled beets, cornbread, and apple strudel.

Friday, Feb. 27: Hamburger steak w/gravy, steamed rice, squash, bread, and cobbler.

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Obituaries

Nita L. Dry

WINTERS—Nita L. Dry, 69, died Sunday, February 15, 1998, at North Runnels Hospital in Winters.

She was born August 10, 1928, in Big Spring and moved to Runnels County at the age of 11. She married Johnny P. Dry on December 25, 1955.

Mrs. Dry was a registered nurse, a homemaker, and a Methodist. She was preceded in death by her husband in 1988.

Survivors include one son, Michael Dry of Abilene; two sisters, Nora Jean Pruitt of Fairfield and Elena Roe Sharpe of Waco; one grandson, John Wesley Dry of Fritch; and several nieces and nephews.

Services were held at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, February 18, at the Winters Funeral Home Chapel with Reverend Jim Gehrels officiating. Burial was in Lakeview Cemetery in Winters, directed by Winters Funeral Home.

Pallbearers were James West, Jerry B. Whitlow, Cotton Hubbard, Pat Wood, Ray Alderman, and G.W. Sneed.

David Everett (Dock) Pinegar

WINTERS—David Everett (Dock) Pinegar, 89, died Friday, February 13, 1998, at Hendrick Medical Center in Abilene.

He was born April 2, 1908, in Lone Oak, Texas. He came to Pumphrey in 1916 and married Fay Mitchell on November 24, 1934, in Winters. He has lived in this area since that time.

Mr. Pinegar was a farmer and a member of the Wingate Baptist Church.

Survivors include one sister, Addie Teter of Tulsa, Oklahoma, and several nieces and nephews.

Services were held at 2:00 p.m. Monday, February 16, at the Winters Funeral Home Chapel with Reverend Charles Myers officiating. Burial was in Lakeview Cemetery in Winters, directed by Winters Funeral Home.

Pallbearers were Charlie Awalt, Quincey Traylor, Doug Colburn, Suverne O'Dell, Thurman Self, and John Hancock.

Gertie M. Teten

CARLTON—Gertie M. Teten, 91, formerly of Winters, died Tuesday, February 10, 1998, at Hamilton Health Care Center in Hamilton, Texas.

She was born February 4, 1907, in Story, Arkansas. She married Ralph R. Teten on January 18, 1936. She had lived in Winters for 54 years prior to moving to Carlton.

Mrs. Teten was a housewife. She was preceded in death by her husband; her parents, Alice and Fred Milliom; five brothers; and one sister.

Survivors include one daughter, Jan Schoo of Jonesboro; one son, Lance R. Teten of Arlington; one stepson, Irvin Teten of Abilene; one sister, Ada Teten of Abilene; two brothers, Charles Milliom of Tucson, Arizona, and Floyd Milliom of Winters; four grandchildren, Rodney Teten, Joanne Morton, Robin Neely, and Jennifer Teten; and two great-grandchildren, Courtnee Morton and Justin Morton.

Graveside services were held at 2:00 p.m. Friday, February 13, at Pecan Cemetery near Purvis. Brother Charles Grossman officiated. Burial was directed by Rutledge Funeral Home of Hico, Texas.

Emma Rose Fuchs

ROWENA—Emma Rose Fuchs, 86, went to be with the Lord on Friday, February 13, 1998.

She was born February 9, 1912, to Otto and Ida Lange in Olfen, Texas. She married Leo Henry Fuchs on June 26, 1934, in Olfen.

Mrs. Fuchs was a member of the St. Joseph Catholic Church, the Alter Society, and choir, all in Rowena, and Christian Mothers in Olfen. Her special joy was being a Eucharistic Minister and taking Holy Communion to the sick.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; and two daughters, Shirley Ann Buegeler Blair and Dian Marie Fuchs; and one son, Ralph Paul.

Survivors include one daughter, Ruby Boutte and her husband Howard (Buddy) of Houston; four sons, Harvey Fuchs and his wife Marcy of San Angelo, Leon Fox of Dallas, Norbert Fox and his wife Karen of Keller, and Ray Fox and his wife Jill of Midlothian, Virginia; two sisters, Dolores Lippe of Muenster and Arline Hampton of Coarsegold, California; sixteen grandchildren; and fifteen great-grandchildren.

Rosary was Monday, February 16, at 7:00 p.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Rowena. Mass was Tuesday, February 17, at 10:00 a.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church with burial following in St. Boniface Catholic Cemetery. Arrangements were directed by Rains-Seale Funeral Home of Ballinger.

Pallbearers were grandsons: Greg and Todd Fuchs; Brandon, Brad, Garret, and Bill Fox.

The family extends a special thanks to the staff of Baker-Brame for all the love and care they gave Emma.

C.E. "Kil" Kilpatrick

BALLINGER—C.E. "Kil" Kilpatrick, 77, died at 9:45 a.m. Friday, February 13, 1998, at Heritage Oaks Estate.

He was born June 4, 1920, in Paradise, Texas. He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II. He married Goldia Mae Jones on November 15, 1945, at Abilene.

Mr. Kilpatrick was a retired auto mechanic and a member of Seventh Street Baptist Church in Ballinger.

Survivors include his wife, Goldia Kilpatrick of Ballinger; three daughters, Jolene McBurney of Abilene, Louise Kelly of Ballinger, and Robin Burgess of Ballinger; two brothers, Billy Gene Kilpatrick of Abilene and W.C. Kilpatrick Jr. of San Angelo; three sisters, Gladys Chittum of Abilene, Quida Snow of Abilene, and Ruth Graham of San Angelo; ten grandchildren; and eleven great-grandchildren.

Services were held at 1:00 p.m. Monday, February 16, at Seventh Street Baptist Church in Ballinger with Reverend Tony King officiating. Burial was at 4:00 p.m. Monday, February 16, with graveside services in Admiral Cemetery in Admiral, Texas. Arrangements were directed by Rains-Seale Funeral Home of Ballinger.

Zachary Jacob Ramon

ROWENA—Zachary Jacob Ramon, infant son of Roger Ramon and Hilda Fuentes of Rowena, died at 8:53 a.m. Thursday, February 12, 1998, at San Angelo.

He was born February 12, 1998, at San Angelo. Survivors include his parents, Roger Ramon and Hilda Fuentes of Rowena; and grandparents, Manuel and Elizabeth Fuentes of Rowena, Eluteria and the late Sylvester Ramon of Melvin.

Graveside services were held at 10:00 a.m. Saturday, February 14, at St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery in Rowena with Father Stephen Kennelly officiating. Burial was directed by Rains-Seale Funeral Home of Ballinger.

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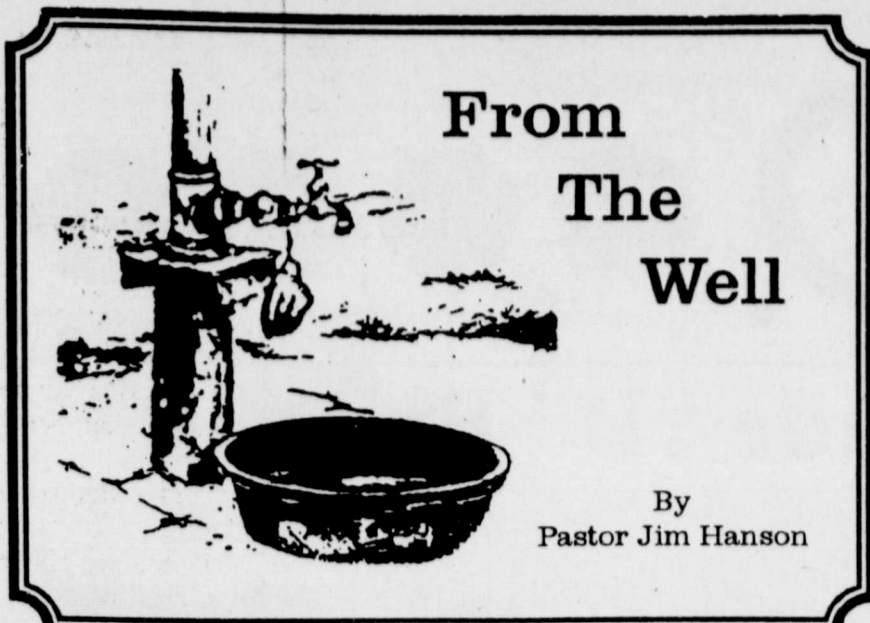
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From The Well

By
Pastor Jim Hanson



Pastor Jim Hanson

President's Day has come and gone. A "ho-hum" holiday in our time. This year, it meant a three-day weekend for some folks. But, that's about all. It's too bad.

When I was a boy, February was a big month at school. For we celebrated the birthdays of two truly great men: George Washington and Abraham Lincoln. George Washington was known and remembered as "the father of our country." Abraham Lincoln was known and remembered as "the saviour of our country." We heard stories about these men. We had their portraits framed and placed on the walls of our classrooms. They were our heroes.

Just listening and learning about them stirred up within us a love of our country — a love for America. We sang patriotic songs. Like "America, the Beautiful," written by Katherine Bates, a teacher and head of the English department at Wellesley College in Massachusetts. One summer as she was teaching school in Colorado Springs, Colorado, inspired by the Rocky Mountains and Pike's Peak, she wrote:

"Oh beautiful for spacious skies, for amber waves of grain
For purple mountain majesties above the fruited plain!
America! America! God shed His grace on thee,
And crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea."

Especially the third stanza:
"O beautiful for heroes proved in liberating strife,
Who more than self their country loved,
And mercy more than life!
America! America! May God thy gold refine
Til all success be nobleness, and every gain divine."

Our heroes were George Washington and Abraham Lincoln. As we sang these songs we knew who the heroes were! No doubt about it — they inspired us to love our country. Just as their lives had inspired the patriotic songs we sang. Now I'd like to remind us all of my hero, George Washington, "the father of our country." Here is a list of some of his accomplishments as President of the United States:

1. He enforced the separation of powers and used the Presidential veto to protect the Constitution.
2. He straightened out the nation's finances, calling for full repayment of the war debt of the Revolution, frugal spending, a balanced budget, and low taxes.
3. He advocated a simple code of legal justice that the common man could understand. He took on the task of educating thousands of citizens about the Constitution, which was the new law of the land.
4. He sought equal treatment for the Indians on par with whites in the courts. In his will, he freed the slaves he had inherited from his family.

5. He called religion and morality the "twin pillars" of the free society. He defended religious freedom. His diaries and lithe and public pronouncements reveal a strong personal faith.

6. He was a peacemaker — made sure his cabinet had representatives of both political parties, and constantly wrote letters to quarreling politicians, encouraging them to trust, be patient, and forgive.

7. He was a war hero who hated war. Had no romantic illusions about soldiering. He established a foreign policy based on strict neutrality and kept his administration free from "entangling alliances." (From the "Book of Heroes," by George Roche.)

He was a living example to all our nation of the statement made by Jaques Auguste de Thou, "After what I owe to God, nothing should be more dear or sacred to me than the love and respect I owe to my country."

Thank God for America. Thank God for George Washington. Let's learn how to love America again.

Ballinger Chamber to host annual banquet February 26

The Ballinger Chamber of Commerce will celebrate its annual banquet, "Hats Off to Ballinger!" Thursday, February 26 at 7:00 p.m. in the Ballinger High School Cafeteria.

The program will feature the honoring of 1997 Board Chairperson Bobby McNaley by 1998 Board Chairperson, Steve Everett, introduction of 1997 "Citizen of the Year" and 1997 "Business of the Year" along with awards to outgoing Board Members, and special presentations by the Junior Chamber of Commerce. Speaker for the evening will be Tumbleweed Smith of Big Spring, Texas. Tumbleweed is well known for his entertaining anecdotes of Texas Culture.

Tickets will be \$10.00 in advance, \$12.00 at the door. Tickets may be purchased in advance from any Board of Director or the Chamber office.

For additional information, contact the Chamber of Commerce office at 365-2333 or 365-5611.



DEBBIE BRYAN lies quietly with son Shelton as a technician with Meek Bloodmobile checks the equipment during the Ginny Smith blood drive last Saturday. Waiting his turn, at right, is Johnny Bob Pritchard. Approximately 59 donors participated in the benefit.

Bob McDaniel announces candidacy for County Judge

Bob McDaniel, 58, of Ballinger, is seeking the office of Runnels County Judge.

McDaniel was born in Bronte and was raised in Brownwood. He graduated from Brownwood High School in 1958 and from Howard Payne University in 1964 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology and Secondary Education. He did postgraduate work in Physics in 1972 at the University of Texas in Austin and has an Associate degree in Nursing from Angelo State University.



A biology teacher from 1964 to 1972, he has also worked in Surgical Pathology at Scott and White Hospital in Temple. He has been owner of Ballinger Emergency Medical Service since 1977 and is also owner of McDaniel Medical and Needful Things antiques. He is married to Theresa and has three children, Lalanie, Shaun, and Amanda.

McDaniel enjoys tennis, wildlife photography, and gardening and has been a Little League umpire and a youth soccer referee. He serves as treasurer for the Ballinger Civic Garden Club and has also served the City of Ballinger as councilman and Mayor Pro-Tem.

McDaniel states that, "A major responsibility of the County Judge entails being a strong leader and an independent thinker insuring that all county residents, regard-

less of wealth, social standing, or ethnicity, be treated the same, with fairness and equality, with courtesy and respect. All matters of county government should be presented in open forum with complete opportunity for public participation, public awareness, and public understanding—no hidden personal agendas and no 'good old boys' politics."

"A few areas I have problems with are serious cuts from our Aging and Senior Citizens Services budgets, a high number of criminal cases on the court docket—1,019 at the end of January, commissioners who view their county jobs as part-time employment, too much duplication of county road maintenance equipment and manpower, and, particularly, commissioners who turn in unmonitored expenses on the use of their personal vehicles, expense checks approaching \$700.00 in one month, that represents a luxury to them and a waste of taxpayer dollars and is one of the many reasons that Runnels County remains one of the most expensive counties in the State to live in in regards to high taxes."

McDaniel states, "My work for you as County Judge will reflect certain virtues and old values that seem to have fallen by the wayside—honesty, integrity, fairness, candor, accountability, and strong leadership. I will apply three standards to every decision rendered, what will it cost Runnels County citizens, how will it benefit the taxpayers, and will the decision be an inconvenience, financial or otherwise, to the business community and the citizens."

Letter to the Editor

Ballinger citizen upset in handling of "rabies" case

Dear Editor:

I am filing a complaint with the State Commission on Judicial Conduct against the County Judges—Marilyn Egan, Greg Lange, and Joyce Weems, about a rabid dog biting me, and the way I was treated by the Judges and law enforcement personnel.

They failed to help me in any way in this rabies matter. By not letting a jury hear my case, I think my civil rights were violated.

I would like to say more, but I don't know yet what is legal for me to say. Look for updates.

Teddy Whitlock
Private Citizen, USA

Girl Scout cookies are here!



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The Course of Contact Dermatitis

The severity of contact dermatitis depends upon the substance and the degree of sensitivity to it. Some bouts of contact dermatitis come and go in a day, while others may become severe and chronic.

Usually, the dermatitis starts as an itchy red rash. If the offending object or substance is not removed, blisters and cracked, peeling skin may develop.

Contact with poison ivy usually provokes a rash within 48 hours, leading to red, itchy skin that develops blisters. The rash may extend beyond the area of contact and expand into large, blistery areas that eventually break and form crusts.

Nickel is another common source of contact dermatitis. Nickel is commonly used in wristwatches and other jewelry. It may require weeks or months of wearing the item for a rash to occur. Then a small area of red, flaky, or itchy skin develops just underneath the object.

People with contact dermatitis from nickel often cannot tolerate jewelry that contains silver, white gold, or platinum. This is not due to an allergy to these metals, but rather to the fact that small amounts of nickel may be present in them. Generally removing the offending object is enough to clear up the dermatitis.

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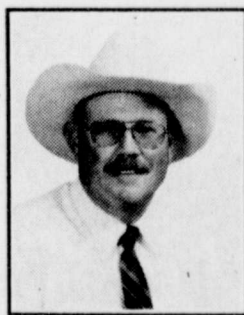
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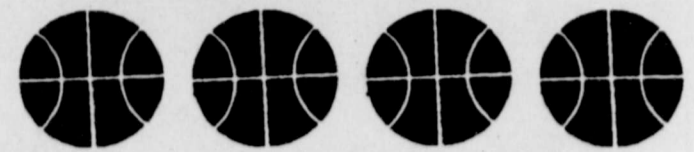
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Play Ball '98

- Feb. 21—Coleman Scrimmage, Here, 1:00, VB
- Feb. 21—Coleman Scrimmage, TBA, TBA, JVB
- Feb. 23—Coleman, There, 4:00, JVB
- Feb. 24—Merkel, There, 4:30, VB
- Feb. 26-28—Hawley Tournament, TBA, TBA, JVB

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

Powerlifting: Winters falls one point shy of win

Winters finished second at the Sterling City Powerlifting Meet on February 14. In team standings, Anson had 22 points and Winters, 21.

Three Blizzards took first place standings with Craig Conner voted Outstanding Lifter of the meet. Results were: Barrett Brown, 8th of 24, 148# Wes Calcote, 6th of 15, 181# Craig Conner, 1st, 198# Dennis Conner, 1st, 220# Kirk Byrd, 6th of 20, 220# Eric Tekell, 7th of 15, 242# Brad VanZandt, 1st in Super Heavyweight Class. Congratulations!

CAFETERIA MENU

Feb. 23 - Feb. 27
Subject to change

- Breakfast**
Monday-Feb. 23
Breakfast Pizza
Cereal
Juice
Tuesday-Feb. 24
Toast
Cream of Wheat
Orange Juice
Wednesday-Feb. 25
Biscuits
Sausage
Juice
Thursday-Feb. 26
Blueberry Muffin
Cereal
Juice
Friday-Feb. 27
Toast
Cereal
Juice
- Lunch**
Monday-Feb. 23
Chicken Spaghetti
Broccoli
Hot Roll
Sliced Peaches
Tuesday-Feb. 24
Steak Fingers/Gravy
Mashed Potatoes
Green Beans
Vanilla Pudding
Wednesday-Feb. 25
Nacho/Meat/Cheese
Red Beans
Tossed Salad
Cinnamon Roll
Thursday-Feb. 26
Hot Dog/Chili/Cheese
French Fries
Sliced Pickles
Chocolate Pudding
Friday-Feb. 27
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1997-'98 7th Grade "B" Breezes



Standing, left to right: Manager Lisa Lee, Kirby Hatler, Robin Sherman, Leslye Geistmann, Kelly Bearden, Stacy Walden, and Lauren Hogan. Kneeling: Leah Bredemeyer, Michelle Dexter, Amy Patterson, Connie Reyes, Stephanie Wilkerson, and Stefanie Davis. Sitting: Grace Martinez, Gabby Hernandez, Heather Martin, Tia Santoya, Raquel Retana, and Lacey Meyer.

Basketball Hoopla

Basketball '98
Catch the Action

Feb. 20—Eldorado*, 5:00, Here, 9B, JVB, VB
VG Varsity Girls VB Varsity Girls
JVG Junior Varsity Girls JVB Junior Varsity Boys
9B Freshmen Boys 8G 8th Girls
7B 7th Boys 7G 7th Girls
*Denotes District Games

Team: Freshmen Boys Coach: Chris Bearden
Opponent: Coahoma Date: Feb. 10, 1998
Place: Winters

POINTS SCORED EACH QUARTER						
	1	2	3	4	OT	FIN.
WINTERS	13	17	19	21		70
OPPONENT	9	23	14	12		58
Free throws made: 12 of 27 for 44%						
Player Name	Points	Rebounds	Steals	Assists		
Ben Hane	1	3	2	0		
Lejor Brown	1	0	0	0		
Justin Calton	6	2	3	1		
James Donica	0	0	1	0		
Jason Lagavel	7	6	10	5		
Cliff Hernandez	0	0	0	0		
Gabriel Hernandez	0	2	3	0		
Samuel Jackson	13	10	4	1		
Chris Jacobs	0	0	0	0		
Cliff Jordan	0	1	0	0		
Zeak Martinez	2	3	3	2		
Justin Mendosa	0	1	0	0		
Kasey Murphy	0	0	0	0		
Jim Smith	2	0	0	0		
Chay Tropic	0	0	0	0		
Colby Walters*	18	2	1	3		

*Denotes high point individual for Winters
Coach's comments: RECORD 10-1, 5-3 in District.

Team: Varsity Boys Coach: Ed Henley
Opponent: Wall Date: Feb. 13, 1998
Place: Winters

POINTS SCORED EACH QUARTER						
	1	2	3	4	OT	FIN.
WINTERS	13	10	11	14		48
OPPONENT	14	11	11	10		46
Free throws made: 16 of 29 for 55%						
Player Name	Points	Rebounds	Steals	Assists		
Lon Bredemeyer	0	1	0	1		
Kayla Colburn	out					
Jessica Corley	2	3	2	0		
Jessica DelaRosa*	7	4	1	0		
Jackie Dexter	0	0	0	0		
Kendra Lopez*	7	7	3	2		
Nacy McClinton*	7	3	1	0		
Michelle Paschal	out					
Kelli Simpson	out					
Britney Teell	3	1	1	1		

*Denotes high point individual for Winters
Coach's Comments: These girls had a super season. Season Record 19-6, District 8-4. Congratulations on your achievements and thanks for a fun year.

Team: Junior Varsity Girls Coach: Deb Whittenburg
Opponent: Wall Date: Feb. 13, 1998
Place: Winters

POINTS SCORED EACH QUARTER						
	1	2	3	4	OT	FIN.
WINTERS	12	6	14	13		45
OPPONENT	18	12	9	16		55
Free throws made: 8 of 14 for 57%						
Player Name	Points	Rebounds	Steals	Assists		
Lon Bredemeyer	0	0	0	0		
Kayla Colburn	out					
Jessica Corley	4	4	1	1		
Jessica DelaRosa	5	4	2	2		
Jackie Dexter	0	0	1	0		
Kendra Lopez	12	4	4	4		
Nacy McClinton	7	3	1	0		
Michelle Paschal	9	18	3	0		
Kelli Simpson	out					
Britney Teell	0	0	0	0		

*Denotes high point individual for Winters

Team: Junior Varsity Boys Coach: Bill White
Opponent: Ferman Date: Feb. 3, 1998
Place: Winters

POINTS SCORED EACH QUARTER						
	1	2	3	4	OT	FIN.
WINTERS	13	17	19	21		70
OPPONENT	9	23	14	12		58
Free throws made: 12 of 27 for 44%						
Player Name	Points	Rebounds	Steals	Assists		
Marl Angel	3	1	1	0		
Celia Gomez	0	0	2	1		
Larry Hoyle	6	5	2	1		
Oscar Laz	7	2	4	6		
Robert Medina	2	2	4	1		
Ashley Newton	12	3	4	3		
Joe Ortiz	13	3	6	0		
Felix Portillo	2	3	1	0		
Lupe Pineda*	12	0	10	3		
V.J. Santoya	4	0	0	0		

*Denotes high point individual for Winters

Team: Varsity Boys Coach: Ed Henley
Opponent: Coahoma Date: Feb. 10, 1998
Place: Ozona

POINTS SCORED EACH QUARTER						
	1	2	3	4	OT	FIN.
WINTERS	14	13	12	10		52
OPPONENT	15	17	18	24		74
Free throws made: 12 of 18 for 67%						
Player Name	Points	Rebounds	Steals	Assists		
Jeremy Alvarado	3	2	6	4		
Courtney Colborn	0	1	0	0		
Justin Minzenmayer*	13	0	0	0		
Bear Nitch	4	2	5	1		
Michael Pritchard	10	4	2	4		
Chris Soto	11	3	2	4		
Chip White	0	0	0	0		
Kenya Whitburn*	13	9	11	8		
Lace Wolfenden	1	2	0	0		

*Denotes high point individual for Winters
Coach's comments: Great effort!! We shot 18 freebies; Ozona shot 38. Enough said!

Team: Junior Varsity Boys Coach: Bill White
Opponent: Ozona Date: Feb. 6, 1998
Place: Ozona

POINTS SCORED EACH QUARTER						
	1	2	3	4	OT	FIN.
WINTERS	11	17	18	11		57
OPPONENT	11	11	16	12		50
Free throws made: 7 of 17 for 41%						
Player Name	Points	Rebounds	Steals	Assists		
Marl Angel	2	1	0	0		
Celia Gomez	0	4	1	0		
Robert Medina	0	1	0	0		
Larry Hoyle*	15	6	3	0		
Oscar Laz	7	2	5	3		
Ashley Newton	0	0	4	3		
Robert Medina	4	3	0	0		
Ashley Newton	14	7	1	1		
Joe Ortiz	11	7	1	6		
Felix Portillo	0	0	1	0		
Lupe Pineda	7	3	2	2		
Arwin Pritchard	0	1	1	0		
V.J. Santoya	0	1	1	0		

*Denotes high point individual for Winters

Team: Junior Varsity Boys Coach: Bill White
Opponent: Coahoma Date: Feb. 10, 1998
Place: Coahoma

POINTS SCORED EACH QUARTER						
	1	2	3	4	OT	FIN.
WINTERS	8	25	14	14		61
OPPONENT	20	13	8	13		54
Free throws made: 13 of 37 for 49%						
Player Name	Points	Rebounds	Steals	Assists		
Chris Gomez	2	1	0	0		
Robert Medina	0	2	0	0		
Larry Hoyle	11	13	2	0		
Oscar Laz	5	3	3	2		
Arthur Martinez	2	2	4	2		
Robert Medina	4	1	3	3		
Ashley Newton	7	3	0	0		
Joe Ortiz*	27	11	5	1		
Felix Portillo	0	0	0	0		
Arwin Pritchard	0	1	0	0		
V.J. Santoya	3	2	1	1		

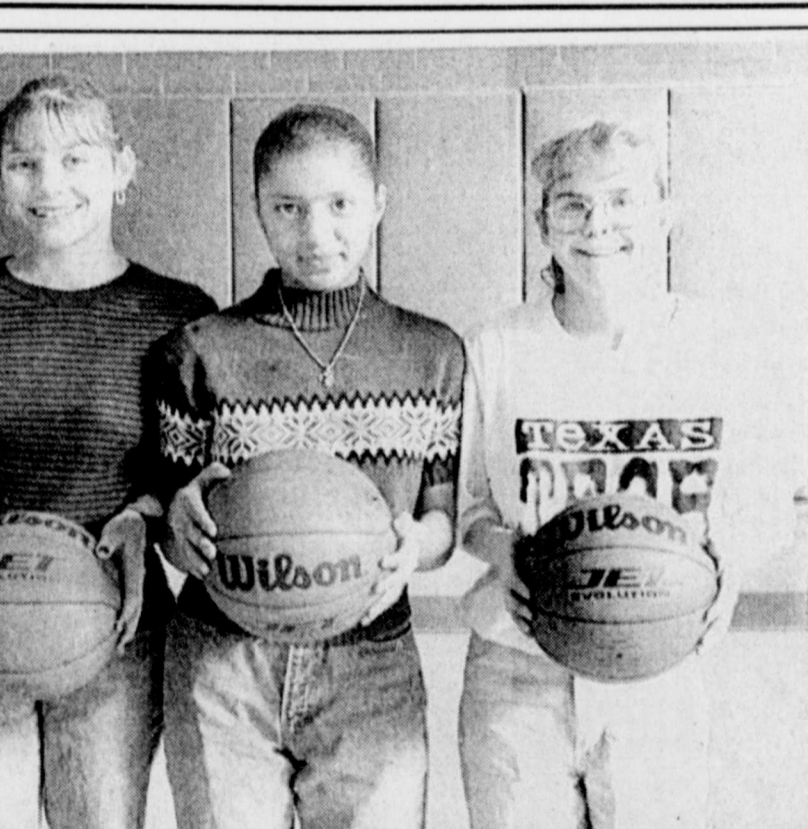
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Team: Varsity Boys Coach: Ed Henley
Opponent: Coahoma Date: Feb. 10, 1998
Place: Coahoma

POINTS SCORED EACH QUARTER						
	1	2	3	4	OT	FIN.
WINTERS	25	21	20	21		87
OPPONENT	25	19	17	16		77
Free throws made: 18 of 37 for 49%						
Player Name	Points	Rebounds	Steals	Assists		
Jeremy Alvarado	1	0	2	2		
Dennis Conner	4	6	3	1		
Justin Minzenmayer	10	10	3	1		
Justin Minzenmayer*	14	7	6	3		
Bear Nitch	6	2	6	5		
Michael Pritchard	11	2	3	3		
Chris Soto	3	2	3	2		
Chip White	4	4	1	0		
Kenya Whitburn*	34	13	10	8		
Lace Wolfenden	0	1	1	2		

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Coach's comments: Super effort!! It felt good to beat the District leader on their home floor, especially since we had a special invitation.

STACEY SNEED shoots over the Veribest defender during 7th grade action.



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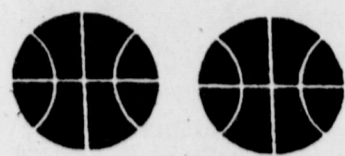
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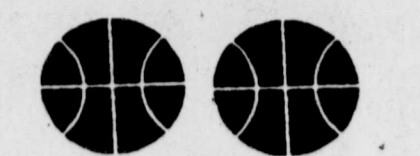
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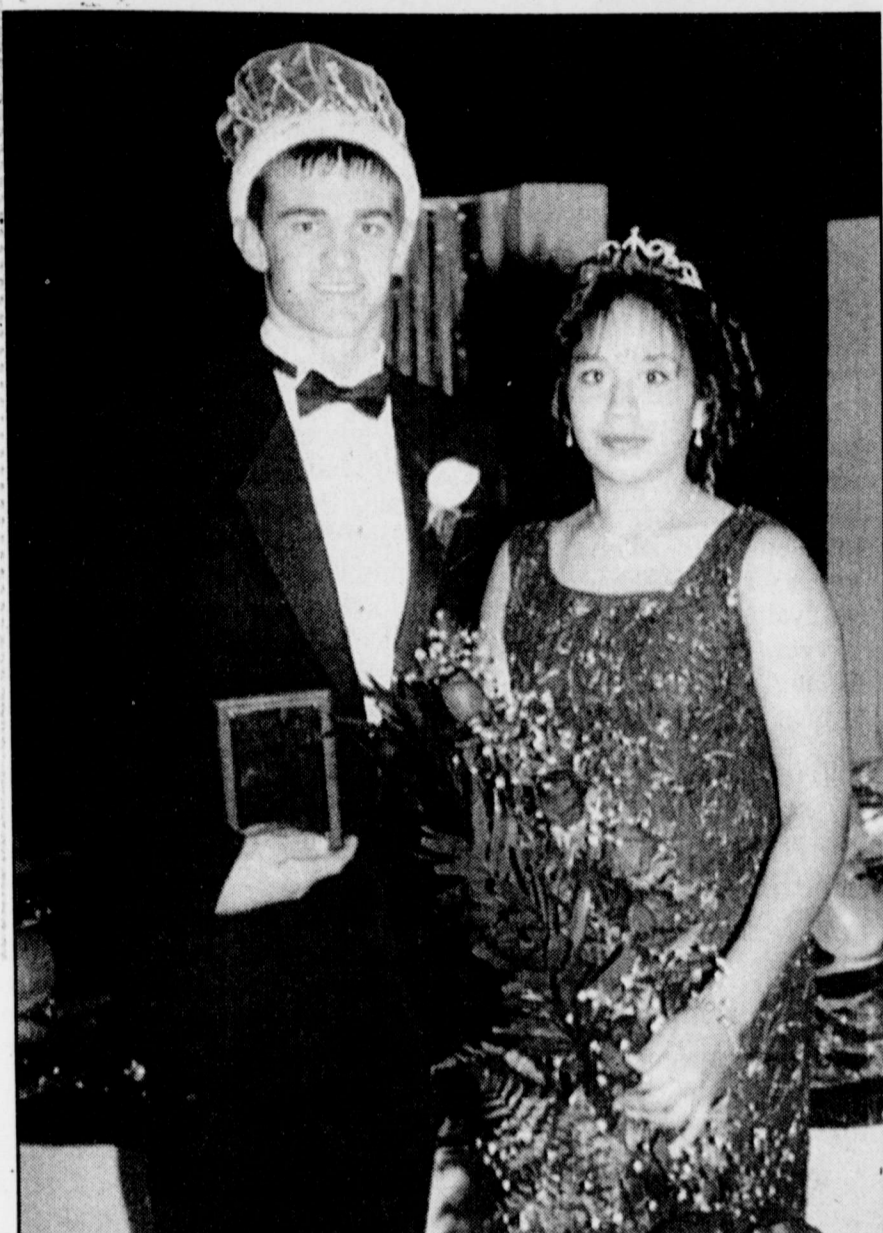
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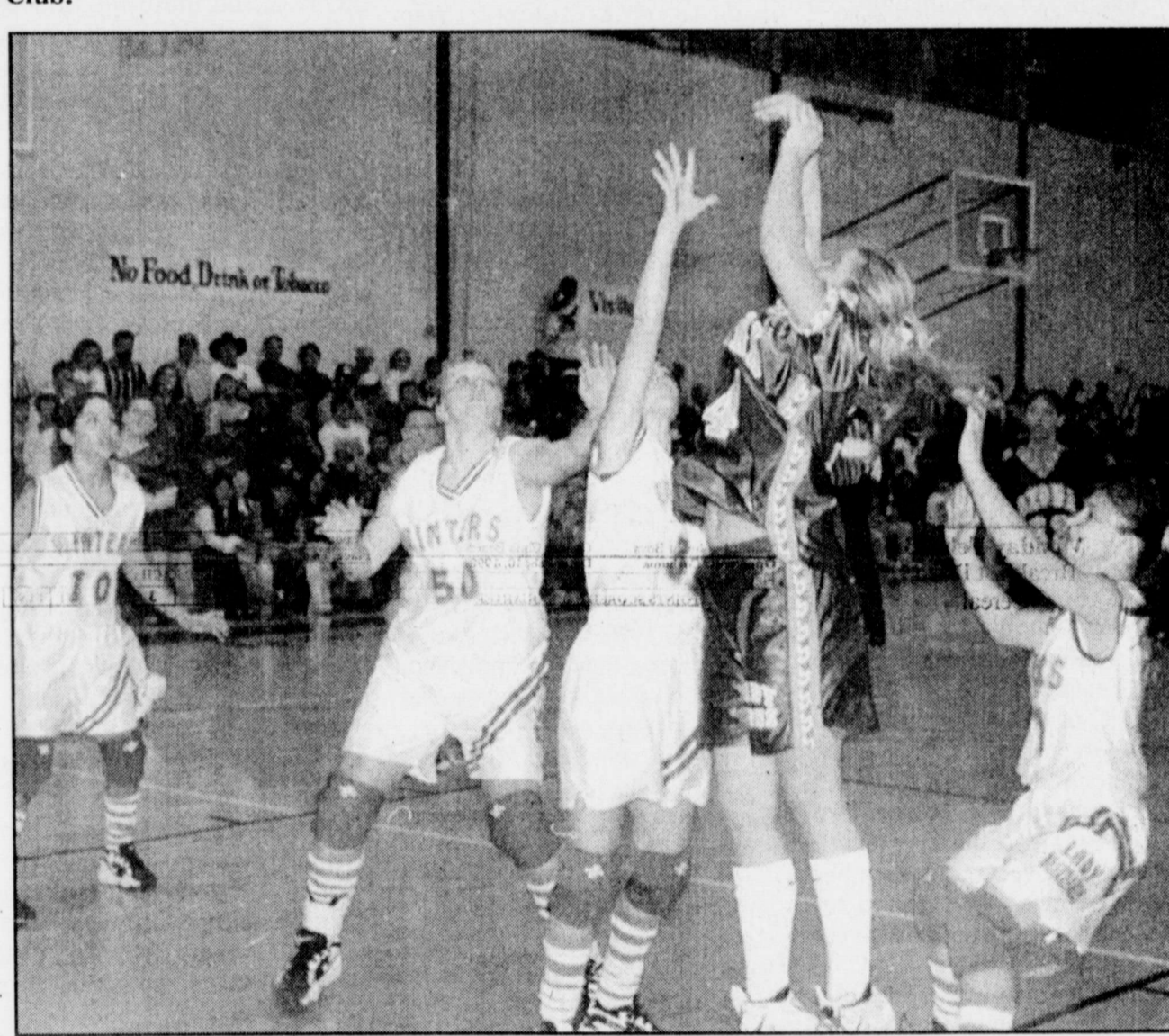
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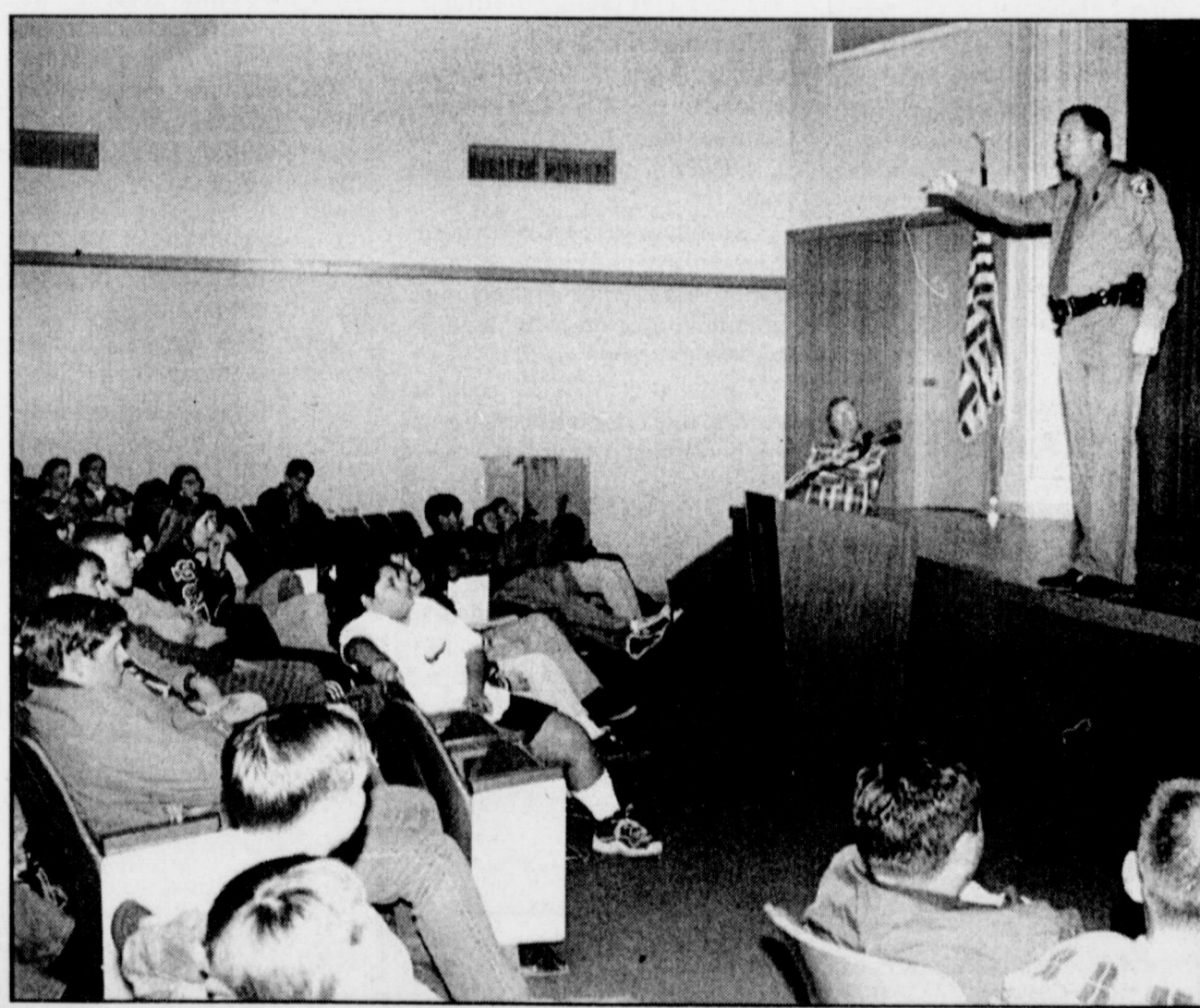
1998 GLACIER KING AND QUEEN crowned last Thursday night are WHS seniors Michael Pritchard and Noemi Vega. Also announced at the coronation were Senior Honors and Class Favorites whose pictures will be published in upcoming issues of *The Winters Enterprise*.



ACCELERATED READERS (sitting, from left) Kayla Hagle, Doris Johnson, Ashley Burson, (standing) Matthew Moreno, Michael Flores, (not pictured) Joshua Leverett, and Principal Charles Kidwell pose with Wal-Mart gift certificates earned by achieving all of their assigned reading points for the second quarter. The awards were made possible by a donation from the Winters Woman's Club.



A FLURRY OF LADY BLIZZARDS moves in on the Ozona player during varsity action. Ozona won district 8-2A while the Lady Blizzards finished the season with 5 wins, 7 losses in district competition and an overall record of 14-16. From left to right are Noemi Vega #10, Desiree' Mathis #50, Karen Oats #32, and Jamie Bishop #11.



RICHARD TREECE of the Department of Public Safety speaks to the WHS student body regarding the "Zero Tolerance" laws concerning alcohol and tobacco use by minors.

Writer's Block

Contributed by students

Michael Pritchard, Noemi Vega crowned Glacier King & Queen

by SHELLEY MEYER

The lights slowly dim. Everyone is welcomed by Brooke Tounget, Glacier co-editor, and as the curtain opens, Julie Paske begins singing "The Rose," by Conway Twitty. The Winters High School Glacier King and Queen coronation has begun.

This honors presentation began in 1958 with the queen contest. A king honor was added in 1972.

Each class nominates one boy and one girl for the honor. Nominees are presented, voted on by the students, then announced in the coronation which was held at night this year for the first time.

The program consisted of the presentation of Senior Honors, Class Favorites, and the Glacier King and Queen.

After the opening song, Misty Melton presented the Senior Honors. Heather Watkins and Greg Evans were elected "Most Likely to Succeed." Jennifer Davis and Tony Torres was voted "Most School Spirited." "Most Athletic" were Karen Oats and Bear Nitsch. Ericka Martinez and Travis Calcote were elected "Friendliest." All those honored were presented with carnations and corsages, respectively.

Candi Lara entertained everyone next with "Dreaming of You," by Selena, then Tammy Thorpe presented the Class Favorites: Kendra Hope and Craig Jacob, freshmen; Paula Salas and Jesse Reyna, sophomores; Candi Lara and Barrett Brown, juniors; and Debbie Baize and Steven Sneed, seniors.

The next singer was Cristin Corley, who sang "My Heart Will Go On," by Celine Dion. Jana Presley presented the Glacier candidates: Jackye Dexter and Justin Mendoza, freshmen; Angela Jacob and Chris Lujano, sopho-

mores; Amanda Cross and Lee Woffenden, juniors; and Noemi Vega and Michael Pritchard, seniors.

As the tension mounted, a quartet consisting of Brooke Tounget, Desirae Hammersmith, Cristin Corley, and Jessica Corley sang "Because You Loved Me," also by Celine Dion.

The 1997 Glacier King and Queen, Roger Martinez and Paula Salas, came forward to crown the new king and queen.

The 1998 Glacier King and Queen are senior candidates Michael Pritchard and Noemi Vega.

Many late hours and hard work went into making the crowning a success. The Glacier staff, under the direction of Sharon Rice, sponsor, presided over the event. Laura Dees, English teacher, played the piano. Many thanks also go to all those who helped make the night a success. The yearbook staff did a great job with the decorations, and all the candidates looked wonderful.

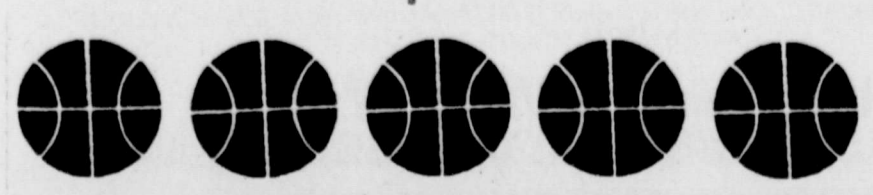
The curtain closed. Another year of Glacier royalty now reigns.

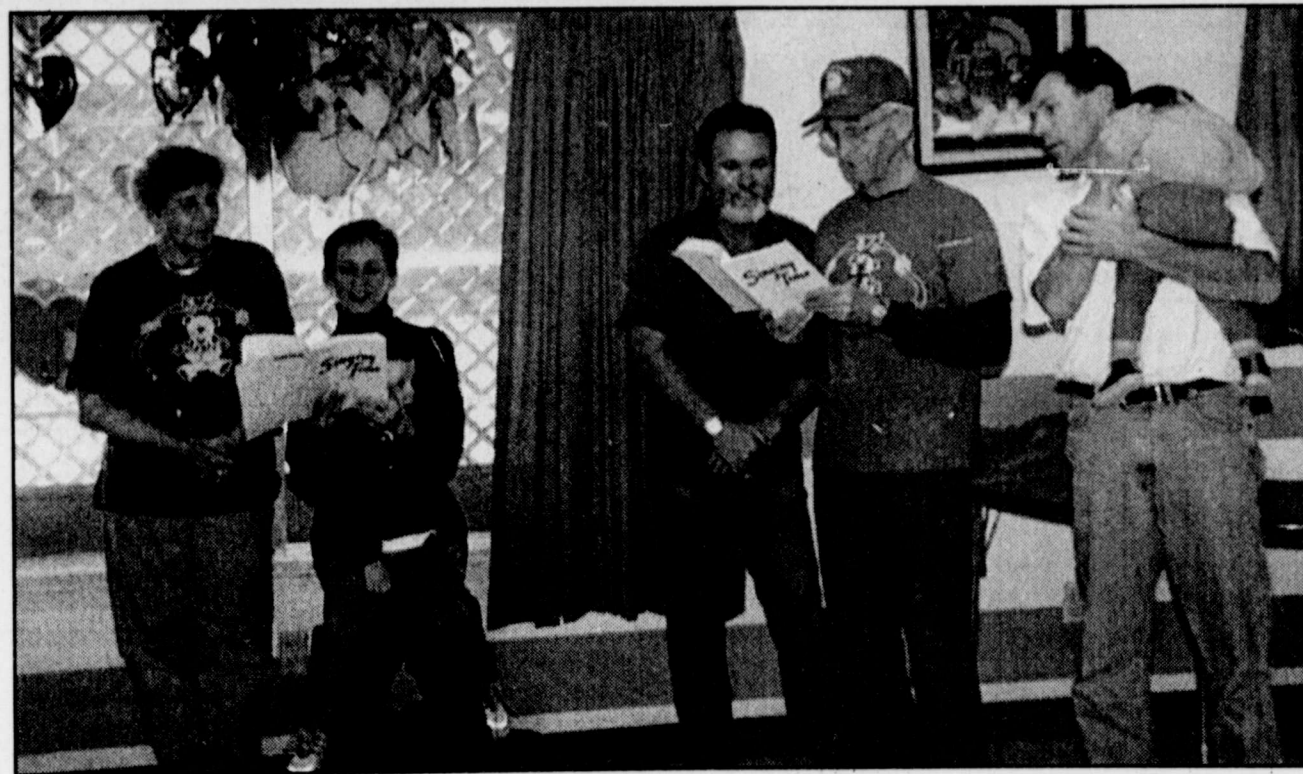
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SPECIAL VALENTINE SINGERS at the celebration at the Senior Citizens Nursing Home were (left to right) Ramona Hanson, her daughter Kathryn Tvedt holding her 4 year old son Hans, Ace Polk, Pastor Jim Hanson and his son-in-law Dan Tvedt holding his 18 month old daughter Siri. The Hansons enjoyed a week-long visit with their daughter and her family who live in South Dakota.

Regional information guides now available

Winters is one of 26 communities in the Midwest region to be featured in the "1998 Texas Midwest Guide."

A project of Texas Midwest Community Network, the 64-page full color guide is a marketing tool for tourism and quality of life in a 20-county region surrounding Abilene. In addition to a regional calendar of annual events, listings can be found for attractions, accommodations, bed and breakfasts, golf courses, lakes and camping, medical facilities, and recreation and state parks. Each participating town is featured with a description of its history and community highlights.

Rowena planning Centennial Celebration

The Rowena Centennial Committee will meet at the VFW Hall on February 24, 1998, at 7:30 p.m.

The Rowena Volunteer Fire Department is in charge of the parade at the Centennial Celebration to be held on July 4, 1998. Anyone wishing to enter a float can contact Mark Irby, 442-2019 or Ricky Strube, 442-2582.

All games and activities should be cleared by Maynard and Nancy Schwertner, 442-4771. The sign-up date for the beard growing contest is April 12, 1998. Anyone who plans to enter the contest must sign up at the VFW Hall between 8:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon on April 12.

Spaces for arts and crafts will be available. For more information, call Nancy Schwertner at 442-4771 or Beverly Teplick at 442-4841.

Exhibits of historical pictures and memorabilia will be at the O.D.H.S. Hall. Margie Zenter is co-ordinating this portion of the Centennial Celebration and can be reached at 442-2041.

Guides are distributed to Texas Travel Information Centers at 11 entry points along the Texas border, Chamber of Commerce offices in the region, convention & visitors bureaus around the state and at 14 trade shows from coast to coast. Information in the guide is also offered on the TMCN home page through the Internet.

The list of participating communities includes Abilene, Albany, Anson, Aspermont, Baird, Ballinger, Breckenridge, Brownwood, Cisco, Clyde, Coleman, Colorado City, Comanche, Cross Plains, Eastland, Gorman, Hamlin, Haskell, Knox City, Ranger, Stamford, Sweetwater, Snyder, Stamford, Sweetwater, and Winters.

For information about the guide, contact your local Chamber office or call the TMCN office at 915/893-2099.

Three receive academic honors at Texas Tech

Three Winters students were among more than 3,800 Texas Tech University undergraduate students to qualify for academic honors lists at the end of the fall semester.

Ashley Allcorn made the President's List. Jamie Brown and Jamie Sims each made the Dean's List.

Students on the President's List earned a 4.0 (A) grade point average while enrolled in 12 more semester hours of classwork. Students who earned 12 or more hours with a grade point average of 3.5 to 3.9 qualified for the Dean's List.

Miss Allcorn, a senior, is majoring in Multidisciplinary Studies.

Miss Brown is a sophomore studying Pre-Physical Therapy; Miss Sims is an Exercise and Sports Sciences junior student.

"Plant Lady" gives informative gardening tips to Woman's Club

The Winters Woman's Club met February 10 in the Charles Allcorn home with Mary Burns, "Plant Lady," from Ballinger, offering the program.

Mary and her husband have a greenhouse where they sell bedding plants for about three months out of each year. Club members received many informative tips on planting, growing, and the caring of bedding plants.

President Melvena Gerhart presided for the business session. Minutes were read and approved. The treasurer's report was given by Cheryl Bryan.

Club members were brought up-to-date on committee reports.

Joyce Bahlman of the nominating committee presented the committee's nominations for the 1998-1999 slate of officers. They are: Pat Ambrose, president; Phyllis Boles, vice-president; Cheryl Bryan, recording secre-

tary; Gail Williams, corresponding secretary; Marlene Smith, treasurer; and Bobbie Ludwick and Ouida Nichols, historians.

Jane Allcorn, Billie Alderman, and Pat Russell served as hostesses with Betty John Byms assisting.

Members present were Pat Ambrose, Joyce Bahlman, Phyllis Boles, Cheryl Bryan, Margaret Burton, Edna England, Melvena Gerhart, Nina Hale, Bonney Kipness, Harte Joyce, Bonnie Lee, Bobbie Ludwick, Ouida Nichols, Edna Ruth Self, Marlene Smith, Gail Williams, and Marlene Wood.

RIGHTMIRE, continued

Commissioners voted to appoint Dr. Rightmire to fill out the remainder of Dr. Leckie's term. Commissioner Keith Collom abstained from the discussion and vote.

Commissioners agreed to place several office machines and some surplus and salvage equipment in the public auction to be held in Wingate on April 4.

The next scheduled regular meeting of Commissioners Court will be Monday, March 9.

Notice

My political ad stating that there are over 33 warrants which have not been served is not an adverse reflection on the Runnels County Sheriff's Office as most of these warrants are out of county. Sheriff Bill Baird and his deputies have been very cooperative in working with County Court.

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Poe's Corner

By Charlsie Poe

The girls carry on

Joyce Spill Gosh, 5125 W. Reno Ave. #1101, Las Vegas, NV 89118. After graduation, I attended and graduated from Texas Lutheran University in '51 and continued a teaching career in elementary education in Marion, Victoria, and La Marque. I also taught in a Christian day school (grades 5-8) in Golden, Ill. After marriage in Milwaukee, Wis., I worked as a substitute full-time until returning to Texas Valley (McAllen). After two years, I then went to the Houston area.

Met my husband, Duane (Scotty) Gosh, a sailor in Corpus Christi, and we've been married 41 years, spending 18 years in Houston. The next 13 years, we lived in the Austin area as owners of Red Barn Garden Centers before coming to Las Vegas, NV as retirees in '95, a career change.

I've been a Mary Kay Beauty Consultant for 15 years, plus corporate secretary - meaning everything from watering plants, selling, cashiering, payroll, etc. (you name it) in our business, plus mother of 2 sons, Guy Gosh, vice president, Nations Bank in Dallas, living in Rockwall with wife and son Matt (13) and daughter, Jessica (11); and Philip, owner of E.O.N.E., Inc. in Austin. He sells organic products, bagged rock, rock, pebbles, mulch, and peat moss. He has a wife and son, Brady, 1-year-old.

Scotty and I have had an exciting life and a very busy one. We've traveled to Europe twice, plus Hawaii, and across the U.S. - always making frequent trips to Wisconsin in caring for his parents, who are now gone. Las Vegas has brought renewed energy as we work consistently to finish a book on "How To Be a Santa Claus," with hopes of encouraging and building strong family ties and values to improve our work.

My high school days are pleasant memories of lunch time sitting on the lawn with special



Charlsie Poe

friends. There was geometry class with Coach Nowell; "study" hall; Mrs. Jackson's foot stomping in typing; Mrs. Hodge's (Hood) English diagramming, Mrs. Kelly's history after lunch class and Ms. Morton's soph. class of memorizing and reciting with my knees shaking...How I've ap-

preciated those great TEACHERS—what role models! Riding the bus twice a day is imbedded in my memory for always but I can't say it was really that pleasant. I still value my role as daughter to 92-year-old mother and enjoy Winters visits.

I've had wonderful opportunities in volunteering, and I guess my most enjoyable times have been as youth choir director in the churches I've attended. In Las Vegas, its our Celebration Singers Advent Choir (as alto) in our over 3,500 member congregation—out of room!

Thanks Mary Beth and all who worked on the committee. We appreciate you!

Clara Nell Brian Lincoln, 5613 Hugh Dr. Dayton, OH, 45459. Thanks so much for including me. Wish I didn't live so far away from Texas.

I keep real busy helping my daughter with her two children ages 6 and 11. They have lived with us for 11 years! My oldest son lives a mile from me so he is here every night for dinner. Thank goodness my younger son and his wife live in Dallas. My sister and brother-in-law live in Bay City, so I get to Texas as much as I can.

My husband, Jack, is an engineer for the air force and is at Wright Patterson Air Force Base.

He travels a lot of the country and sometimes I go with him.

I have fond memories of WHS especially Hamburger Hill and going to the drug store after school. Have a super reunion.

Mickie Jean Riley Inks, 3207 Perry Lane, Austin. I moved to Austin in the summer of 1945 and graduated from Austin High School in May 1947; graduated from Texas University, BS degree 1951.

I married Floyd B. Inks, Jr. We have three children, Bob, Boo, and Jeanna (all living on the same street on Lake Austin) and we have three grandchildren.

Floyd (Chuck) was a Petroleum Engineer, and we moved many times living in different locations in Texas, Louisiana, and Mississippi before moving overseas in 1966.

We lived in Lagos, Nigeria, West Africa for 4 years; in Jakarta, Indonesia, Southeast Asia for 4 years; in Colombo, Sri Lanka Africa 4 years; and in Santa Cruz, Bolivia and Lima, Peru in South America for 3 years. We moved back to Austin in 1983.

Our hobbies are our children and grandchildren. We have a vacation house on the same street with them. We work with radio groups furnishing emergency communications to city, country, state and federal tornadoes, fires and floods. We volunteer at a church consignment where we help with state and sidewalk sales, etc. The money from this work goes to the upkeep of the 150-year-old church, plus last year was shared with 11 other charities.

During our years overseas, we traveled to over 40 countries; and since 1983, have been seeing more of the U.S., Canada, and Mexico.

We attended the reunion in Winters in 1987 and extended an invitation to all of our old friends to visit in Austin. The invitation is still open. Phone 501-459-1477 and come to see us. We will extend our best "West Texas" welcome. Keep well. God bless each.

Third graders entertained Retired Teachers

The third grade music class of Winters Elementary School performed a program for the Runnels County Retired Teachers Association February 9, 1998, at the First United Methodist Church of Winters.

The children, under the direction of Mrs. Fran Kidwell, danced to several musicals and sang several songs with various students singing solo parts.

All the retired teachers were delighted with the children's program.

Hostesses Eula Mae Kruse, Ouida Nichols, Frances Bredemeyer, and Mary Stanfield served a light salad/sandwich/dessert luncheon.

A short business meeting followed. Ann Patterson, president, asked for committee reports.

Nina Hale, legislative chairperson, reported on the TRS Legislature Update on bids for medical claims and network administration. Sarah Parker, community participation chairperson, reported that the Runnels County unit gave 3,495 voluntary hours

in community service.

Materials were distributed concerning the TRTA Member Dental Plan, the Long Term Care Plan, and the Cancer Policy.

Members present were Chris-

tine Wade, Hortense Joyce,

Patricia Hambricht, Mary Stanfield, Ouida Nichols, Frances Bredemeyer, Freddie Gardner, Josephine Estes, and Sarah Parker. Ann Patterson was a guest.

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Thanks to those who sponsored bricks

As of February 7, there have been 738 bricks purchased for the Rock Hotel Walkway. Families, businesses, organizations, and many individuals have contributed greatly to this project, which will be a lasting memorial to those who have been a part of the Winters community.

The museum directors want to again thank everyone who has helped and take this opportunity to recognize those who sponsored bricks of historical significance to the area.

Listed below are the sponsors and an abbreviated form of the bricks which they sponsored:

- Aref Hassan Coach Byrd, Big Country Coach of the Year
- Jerry Sims Winters Post Office, Est. 1891
- Homer Hodge Queen, Lyric, State, Fiesta Theatres
- Booster Club 10 bricks recognizing all Blizzard athletics and achievements
- Milburn Curry Community Brass Band, Org. 1901
- Juanita Bredemeyer Cotton Picker Patented 1915
- FFA Chapter First FFA Chapter in Texas, 1930
- Juanita Bredemeyer Lutheran Cemetery, Est. 1915
- Edna England Baldwin School 1902-1948
- Nelan Bahlman Spill Bros. Co., Est. 1905
- Bobby Mayo State, Queen, Lyric, Fiesta Theatres
- St. John's St. John's Lutheran Church, Est. 1904
- Tommy Young 1962 Blizzard Football
- Marjorie Smith J.W. Copeland, First Mayor
- Wintess VFD Winters Volunteer Fire Dept., Est. 1912
- Kay Colburn Winters Public Library, Est. 1954
- VFW Veterans of Foreign Wars Post, Est. 1951
- VFW Auxiliary VFW Auxiliary, Est. 1954
- T.D. Lancaster Winters High School, Built 1926, Rem. 1982
- Homer Hodge All doctors who have served Winters and current dentists
- Judy Bidix First United Methodist Church, Est. 1890
- Kay Colburn Rogers Hornsby
- Nina Hale Winters Order of the Eastern Star
- Charles Bahlman Church of Christ, Org. 1898
- NRH North Runnels Hospital, Est. 1973
- First State Bank Winters State Bank 1906-1994
- Drasco Reunion Drasco Community
- Former Band Members Sweepstakes Band, 10 yrs, Robert Gans, Dir. Pride of West Texas, Kirke McKenzie, Dir. - 2 bricks
- Mt. Carmel Church Our Lady of Mount Carmel Catholic Church, Est. 1949
- Randall Conner Pumphrey School 1902-1949
- Boles Family The Ballinger Ledger, Est. 1886
- Aref Hassan The Winters Enterprise, Est. 1905
- Hollis Dean In Memory of Those Who Died, Afghanistan War For Freedom
- Sara Hughes Wingate Masonic Lodge, Est. 1911
- Jay Hodnett Lee Bedford Well, Est. 1908
- Lura Lee Garrett The Chick Inn
- Martha Duke Tinkle Park, Est. 1925
- First Baptist J.N. Winters, Founder, 1890
- Iglesia Bautista Emanuel, Org. 1948
- Table Top Mountain Ranch, Est. 1899
- Presbyterian church, Est. 1901
- Economy Food Store
- Parramore Ranch, Est. 1879
- Winters High School Future Homemakers of America
- Lynn Billups
- Jim Young
- Garner Wilson
- Mary Louise Bauer
- FHA

The following bricks were sponsored by the museum because of their historical significance:

- Town named for J.N. Winters
 - Winters Public Schools, Est. 1889
 - Coronado visited area, circa 1545
 - City Council, Org. 1909
 - Blue Gap Post Office, Est. 1879
 - Last Indian Battle in Area
 - Meeks-Jackson Confectionary, Est. 1905
 - 1st Nickelodean, 1924
 - First Store in Winters, 1890
 - 75th Anniversary, 1965
 - Agriculture in Area
 - Centennial, 1890; Centennial First Lady; Centennial Citizens of Year; Centennial Baby
 - Oil Discovered, 1949
 - Red Cross, Est. 1934
 - Winters "First"
 - Winters Masonic Lodge, Est. 1892
 - First Bale of Cotton, 1897
 - Winters Cotton Oil Mill 1909-1939
 - More Cotton Shipped, 1910
 - First Talkies, 1929
 - Runnels County, Org. 1880
 - Audra Mercantile, Bradshaw
 - Abilene Southern Railroad, Arrived 1909
 - C.L. Milling and Grain
 - Z.I. Hale Museum, 1978; Rock Hotel, 1909; Walkway 1998
- The following bricks were sponsored by the museum in recognition of significant financial contributions to the Rock Hotel restoration:
- Dodge Jones Foundation
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 - Strake Foundation
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 - Nina Hale
 - Ray and Billie Alderman
 - Charlies Poe
 - Winters Area Business and Industrial Corp.
 - Friends of the Museum
- The following bricks have been ordered and sponsors are still needed:
- First Miss Winters, 1932
 - First Touchdown, 1923
 - "The Glacier," Est. 1925
 - 1963 Blizzard Football
 - Dr. Tinkle, 4000th Baby, 1947
 - Chamber of Commerce, Org. 1923
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 - Fort Chadbourne, Est. 1852
 - Chadbourne Ranch, Est. 1876.

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CHANDA HOPPE (center) took first place in the Voice of Democracy contest sponsored by the Winters VFW and Ladies Auxiliary. Greg Evans, left, won second place and Cristin Corley, not pictured, took third. Also pictured is WHS teacher John Key, who coordinated the contest and helped the 18 local students who entered the contest. Miss Hoppe received a \$100 scholarship for her local win, and also won second place in the District 22 contest.

Chanda Hoppe wins VFW's Voice of Democracy contest

Winters Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 9193 and the Ladies Auxiliary held a joint meeting Monday, Feb. 9, in the Post Home to announce the local winner of the 1997-98 Voice of Democracy Contest.

Chanda Hoppe was announced the first place winner and presented a scholarship of \$100. Greg Evans was the second place winner, and Cristin Corley was the third place winner.

Miss Hoppe also won second place in the District 22 contest. The group extended thanks to John Key, Winters High School teacher for co-ordinating the contest and helping the students with

First place winner in VFW Voice of Democracy contest

My voice in American democracy

by CHANDA HOPPE

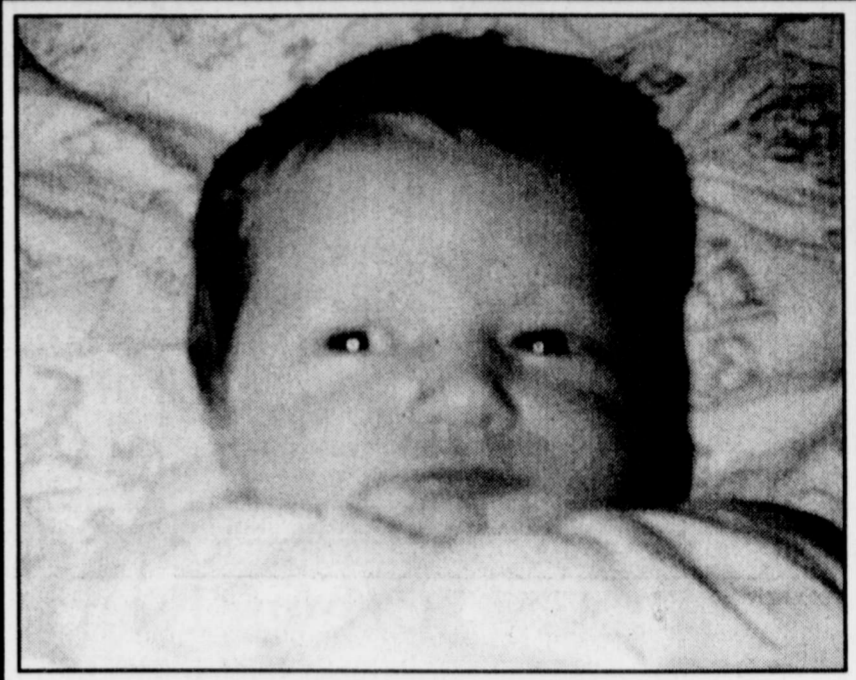
Have you ever stopped and wondered what makes an orchestra successful? It is the conductor and musicians all working in harmony. Have you ever stopped and wondered what makes America great? It is the American people and the federal government working together. All of us working together is what makes America a symphony. America is a government for the people and by the people, but for this concept to work, people must be heard. The politicians have to hear our voice to know our thoughts and beliefs. They can not read everyone's mind. We as a democratic body have to speak up above the crowd and make our opinions known.

Unfortunately, most people are timid and afraid to speak up, but people like me must make themselves known. My voice might be small and insignificant, but it still has a right to be heard by anyone and everyone who is willing to listen. The problem with my speaking up is that no one listens because they feel that I am too young to know the details in certain issues. Young adults of America are forgotten about and ignored simply because no one will listen to their opinions. Many Americans believe that our generation is generation X. That is

not true because we are GENERATION NEXT! Most politicians don't want our voices heard because what we have to say just might make a difference. Even they realize that we are the future. As stated by a congressman in the February 1996 issue of USA TODAY, "The future is in our hands, and all we must do is listen." All the decisions made now are going to affect the future. Don't you think that we have a right to say what is on our mind since all of the decisions made are going to pertain to the young people of America in the long run?

Even though my voice and others like me need to have their voices heard, it is strictly up to us to get the job done. No one is going to ask us our opinion. We have to be a trumpet blasting above

Town Crier



Clifford Daniel Franklin Marcos Elais Perkins

Justin and Jessie Childers of Winters are proud to announce the birth of their new cousin. Clifford Daniel was born at 12:26 p.m. Monday, December 8, 1997, at Shannon Women's and Children's Center in San Angelo. He weighed 7 lbs., 5 oz. and was 19-1/2 inches long. Clifford Daniel and his mommy, Martha Raynville, were welcomed home by his grandparents, Calvin Elais Perkins Jr. and Jessica Marie Perkins of Winters, and Papa Bob and Mema Tammie Kelly, also of Winters. Great-grandparents are Jennie Bell Perkins of Winters, Jessie M. Cook of San Antonio, and Jeff and Kay Darley of Jesup, Georgia. Great-great-grandmother is Mary Revees, also of Jesup, Georgia.

Chicken fries to be served March 1

Parents of the Class of '98 will be hosting a chicken fried steak dinner Sunday, March 1, 1998. The dinner will be at the school cafeteria from 11 a.m.-1p.m. Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$3.50 for children 10 and under. The meal will consist of chicken fried steak and the trimmings with dessert and drink. Take-outs are available by calling Brenda Watkins, 754-4730; David Evans, 754-4797; Rhonda Joeris, 754-4687; or Teresa Davis, 754-5422. All proceeds will go toward Project Graduation '98.

everyone else. America must be united as one force, just as an orchestra is united in a symphony to make it a masterpiece. How can we think as one united front if everyone is divided into groups?

Young people need to make the public realize that our voice is there long before we turn eighteen years old and have a right to vote. We learn to have a voice in grade school when we are listening to our social studies teacher lecture us about a government that we have only heard about. This voice stays with us and grows stronger as we weave our way through high school and college. Teenagers like me must make the American public believe that we are not naive, and that we can make a difference. I challenge you

to make your voice heard no matter who you are. Even if I am a quiet note in a chord, I still have a purpose. Just as I want my voice to be heard, I want to hear yours also. This orchestra can not be great if any significant piece is missing. The melody carries the meaning of the song and gets the point across. More importantly, the harmony is what gives the piece its depth of beauty and supports the melody. Without the harmony the melody will be weak and thin. The melody represents the politicians and elected officials, and the harmony represents the people of the United States of America. The politicians and their policies must be enriched and supported by the harmony of all voices--yours and mine.

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- TXism: "will miss you blink" (small town)
- 5 in Uvalde County: Peg Mountain
- 6 TX melons: honey_
- 7 TXism: "feel like _ chewed up and spit out"
- 8 music not heard on C&W radio
- 9 Ruby went to Dallas jail _ Oswald
- 17 TXism: "mobile mouse" (cat)
- 19 Laredo throws big New Year's _
- 20 Bush was his VP (init.)
- 21 TX Vikki Carr album: "Hombres" (89)
- 22 this Alfred won pres. nomination in '28 (inexpensive)
- 24 TXism: "he's a few shy of a load"
- 30 big south TX spread
- 34 TXism: "rarin' to _"
- 35 past Cowboy kicker Septien
- 36 Christmas carol
- 37 weed chopper
- 39 TXism: "cold enough to make cows _"
- 43 Bronco QB
- 45 extra performance by TX Van Cliburn
- 46 TXism: "dice" (study)
- 47 site of Fort Bliss: Lanoria
- 48 TXism: "it in" (collect money)
- 49 TXism: "up _ snuff"
- 51 dry oil well
- 54 Cowboy's Nate (init.)
- 55 TXism: "happy as a kid _ Santa's lap"
- 56 convent sisters
- 57 "Fiesta" event: "Old San Antonio"
- 60 TXism: "brave enough _ in a boom town cafe"
- 61 Amarillo's _ State Fair
- 62 TXism: "wouldn't touch it with a _ foot pole"

DOWN

- 1 TXism: "it _ cheap"
- 2 Ranger oil field was "The Boom" that Won _
- 3 in Wichita Co. on hwy. 287
- 4 this TX Parker was "Davy Crockett"
- 9 Cowboy Novacek's old position (abbr.)
- 10 Butterfield Mail passed through El Paso
- 11 TX plateau
- 12 TXism: "bone _" (study)
- 13 actor David who was in film "Silhouette" about a TX community
- 14 _ Pepper
- 15 arrival guess
- 16 quick growing TX pasture plant (2 wds.)
- 18 TX town or Ivy League school
- 23 TXism: " _ long" (goodbye)
- 24 TX Didrickson got nickname from this Ruth (init.)
- 25 TXism: "limp as a dish _"
- 26 TX Trini's "Had a Hammer"
- 27 Longhorn State Park
- 28 "Dallas" star Wynn
- 29 TXism: " _ as a watermelon seed"
- 31 TXism: "couldn't find hide _" (hair of it)
- 32 TX Janis tune: "Me and Bobby Mc _"
- 33 this Larry took title from Ken Norton
- 38 Texans call it a water pitcher
- 40 Austin saloon owner killed by Hickock
- 41 TXism: "let _ rip!"
- 42 Chisos or Davis
- 44 TXism: "dance with who bring _"
- 50 TXism: "chew _ a while" (consider)
- 52 TXism: "birthday _" (naked)
- 53 country music cable
- 58 TXism for "must"
- 59 TX Tanya tune: " _ Some Love"

Solutions for this puzzle appear in this issue.

Early Retirement for Two —



RODOLFO "RUDY" LARA, was honored with a party in the stamp department at Dry Manufacturing. Rudy worked over 19 years for the company.

JUDY HARRISON, Production Inventory Manager, is retiring after working over 27 years for Dry Manufacturing.

Beef Stew to be served at Rock Hotel Feb. 26

The Friends of the Z.I. Hale Museum cordially invite you to attend a Beef Stew Lunch at the Rock Hotel on Thursday, Feb. 26, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Beef stew, cornbread, muffins, homemade pecan pie, and drinks will be served. Plates, including take-outs, are available at the cost of \$4 each. Please call 754-2036 for take-outs. Proceeds benefit the Hale Museum and the restoration of the Rock Hotel. Come and enjoy a delicious meal in the fellowship of friends!



VALENTINE KING & QUEEN AND LUCKY WINNER at the Senior Citizens Activity Center were (from left) Ervin Ray Wessels, king; Charlsie Poe, queen; and Doxie Lou Marks with Teddy. The king and queen were crowned by vote of senior citizens in attendance during their noon meal Feb. 13. Mrs. Marks' name was chosen by draw for the teddy bear donated by BMH Homecare of Ballinger.

Crews News

By Hilda Kurtz



Hilda Kurtz

Politicians are funny—they'll do anything for a vote and then nothing after they get it.

Hopewell Church visitors on Sunday were Viron Wilkerson and Ruth Byrd of Ballinger.

There was no ladies Bible study this week.

Bro. Ferris and Ramona Akins of Ballinger, Ruth Byrd, Marvin and Melvena Gerhart, and Louise Osborne were Sunday dinner guests with Nila and Therin Osborne.

Our sympathy to the families of James R. Boothe of Ballinger who died Feb. 2 and was buried in a Ballinger cemetery. James grew up out our way and was our neighbor on their farm west of the community. I remember his parents had some of the most pretty cows.

Fairy and Wilbert Alcom attended the Farm and Stock Show at Abilene on Tuesday.

Melvina and Marvin Gerhart visited Keith and Cathy Gerhart in Abilene on Saturday.

Linda Dry of Winters came out to Josie and Bill Hoppe's Thursday and brought a heart-shaped box of Valentine chocolate candy and a miniature rose bush with

lots of buds ready to bloom. Dorothy Compton came Friday from Wingate and brought peeled peccans.

Brad Pape had a nice phone visit with his cousin Raymond Pierce of L.A., California. He also called Ruth in Mexico.

Lynda and Travis Ford of Rising Star came during the week to see her folks, Georgia and Connie Gibbs. Alvina Gerhart also came one day and helped quilt on Georgia's double-wedding ring patterned quilt.

Brenda and Richard Chambliss of Blackwell and a friend of Bronte visited Pat and Earl Cooper during the week.

Bobbie and Larry Calcote of Winters came out to see Doris Wood and Frances Mincey on Sunday evening.

Happy Birthday, Nila. Nila and Therin Osborne enjoyed supper Tuesday night with the Wesley McGallian family in Wingate.

The Bill Mathis family attended the Fort Worth Stock Show on the 4th and 5th.

Marqué, Desireé, and Will Mathis and Shane Stone also attended the Wall-Winters ball game on Friday. Desireé was in the ball game.

Brenda and Margie Jacob also attended the Winters-Wall ball game to watch Jeanna Kozelsky play.

Mike, Carol, and Kathryn Kozelsky dropped in for breakfast Saturday morning with

Margie and Brenda on their way to College Station to be with their son, Scott, who is attending school there.

Sharon and Jerry Engler of Brownwood, Brenda and Margie also visited with Cookie and her boys on Sunday evening.

Penny and Steve Grissom of Fort Worth were down over the weekend to see relatives including Adeline Grissom and also to check on their future home in Ballinger.

Frances Mincey of Big Spring spent the weekend with Doris Wood. On Sunday, they went to Brownwood to be with Frances' daughter, Darla. Husband Jeff is home recuperating nicely after surgery.

Coleman Foreman spent Sunday afternoon with his wife Lawana in Winters after church services and lunch.

Amidene McAden, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Boatwright of Winters visited with Harvey Mae and Noble Faubion on Sunday afternoon.

Patsy Giles of Brownwood spent Saturday with Roy and Leona Matthes.

Hildegard and Calvin Schovajsa of San Angelo spent Saturday with me. While she gave me a perm, Calvin tried to fish but the rain kept him from doing much good.

Joe and Carolyn Webb were in Austin on Friday and visited son Gene.

Winters FHA to attend regional leadership conference

The Winters High School chapter of Future Homemakers of America will be attending the Region II Conference to be held in Wichita Falls, Texas, on February 27-28, 1998. The chapter members will be among 1,000 delegates attending the two-day conference.

The youth developed theme, "A Sea of Opportunities with FHA/HERO," will be carried out through the workshop and general sessions where members will

discover ways to become actively involved in issues facing today's youth. Some of the issues that will be addressed at the meeting will be family ties, substance abuse, self-esteem, child abuse, leadership, etiquette, handwriting analysis, and home economics careers.

STAR events (Students Taking Action for Recognition) are competitive events in which members will participate at regional meetings. These events will allow the members to showcase their

life skills in different areas of competition. Also, the new officer team for 1998-1999 will be elected to lead the region to greater heights.

Representing Winters High School will be Mandi Hubbard and Teri Ledbetter. Mandi will be running for a regional officer position, and Teri will serve as the chapter's voting delegate.

Future Homemakers of America is a dynamic youth organization that has the family as its central focus. Future Homemakers of America is considered the "best kept secret." Members learn leadership and life skills related to parenting and child development, management, interior design, food science, institution management, hospitality, and career awareness.

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Official Records

County Court Criminal Clarification

The Glen Richardson named in last week's and the current official records is not the Glen Richardson, operator of Kustom Auto Refinishing at 906 10th Street in Ballinger.

February 4

Debra Dixon, Winters, filed for failure to appear

James Franklin Smith, Tye, filed for speeding, appealed from Winters City Court

Curtis Johnson, Ballinger, filed for failure to appear

Israel Delacruz Delgado, Valera, filed for failure to appear

February 9

Clara Odinet, Ballinger, filed for theft of merchandise by check

Phillip Boggess, Ballinger, filed for theft of merchandise by check

Sylvia Gonzales, Ballinger, filed for theft of merchandise by check

Jesse Evans, Eldorado, filed for theft of merchandise by check

Glen Richardson, Ballinger, filed for theft of cash by check

Kelli B. Hubach, Winters, filed for theft of merchandise by check

Jason Barrigan, Ballinger, filed for theft of merchandise by check

February 10

Robert Flores, Ballinger, filed for assault

Gregorio Lopez Tamez, Jr., Winters, filed for driving while intoxicated, subsequent offense, and driving while license suspended

Dispositions

Harold Dean Poe, driving while intoxicated, pleaded guilty, sentenced to six months in county jail, probated to one year, fined \$750 plus \$209.25 court costs

John Sanford Thralls, driving while license suspended, pleaded guilty, fined \$500 plus \$157 court costs

Mary Ramos Arredondo, driving while intoxicated, dismissed for community service

Jay Gunnels, theft of merchandise by check, dismissed at complaining witness request

Stormi Jeanine Fry, possession of marijuana, pleaded guilty, fined \$750 plus \$157 court costs

Maria Gonzales Campos, driving while intoxicated, sentenced to six months in county jail, probated to one year, fined \$750 plus \$224.25 court costs, 50 hours community service

Abel Luna, hindering a secured creditor, pleaded guilty, fined \$4,000 plus \$184.25 court costs, sentenced to one year in county jail

Concepcion Rosas Correa, driving while intoxicated, sentenced to six months in county jail, probated to 18 months, fined \$750 plus \$209.25 court costs

Dwayne Schaefer vs. Bobby Fuchs, suit for baling and stacking hay and commission on bales sold. Court finds for plaintiff, Dwayne Schaefer, and orders defendant, Bobby Fuchs, to give plaintiff 110 bales of hay plus \$110 for stacking and \$14.77 court costs

Carol Ann Bray, driving while intoxicated, dismissed, defendant convicted in another case

James Matthew Robinson, driving while intoxicated, subsequent offense, pleaded guilty, sentenced to one year in county jail, probated to two years, fined \$1,500 plus \$224.25 court costs and 100 hours community service

Terry Lynn Wilson, driving while license suspended, pleaded guilty, fined

\$350 plus \$184.25 court costs

Simon Vasquez, Jr., theft of services, pleaded guilty, sentenced to six months in county jail, probated to one year, fined \$350 plus \$209.25 court costs and 50 hours community service

Charles L. Johnson, theft of merchandise by check, pleaded guilty, fined \$50 plus \$157 court costs, \$15 hot check fee and \$45 restitution

Steve Brown, assault, pleaded guilty, fined \$500 plus \$157 court costs

Elsie Rico, theft of merchandise by check, pleaded guilty, fined \$100 plus \$184.25 court costs, \$20 hot check fee, restitution of \$31.65

David Roman, assault, pleaded guilty, sentenced to six months in county jail, probated to one year, fined \$500 plus \$157 court costs, 50 hours community service

Catarina Rivera, possession of marijuana, pleaded nolo contendere, sentenced to six months in county jail, fined \$750 plus \$184.25 court costs

Trinidad M. Juarez, driving while intoxicated, subsequent offense, pleaded nolo contendere, sentenced to eight months in county jail, fined \$750 plus \$184.25 court costs

Sandra Highsmith, theft of merchandise by check, pleaded guilty, fined \$50 plus \$157 court costs, \$30 hot check fee, restitution of \$51.58

Kim Thompson, theft of merchandise by check, dismissed at complaining witness request

Walter Allen Six, criminal mischief, driving while license suspended, dismissed, defendant convicted in another case

Walter Six, assault, pleaded guilty, fined \$350 plus \$157 court costs

Yvonne Cervantes, theft of merchandise by check, pleaded guilty, fined \$50 plus \$157 court costs, \$15 hot check fee, restitution of \$91.70

Marriage Licenses

February 9

James Kevin Grant and Ruth Lee Rainey

February 13

Danny Lynn Ercanbrack and Peggy Lynn Merrifield

District Court Divorces filed

February 12

Cari Lynn Kraatz and Jerry Wayne Kraatz, Jr.

Divorces Granted

February 4

Lynn Keith Williams and Abie Lou Williams

Dayton Earl McClure and Belinda Catherine McClure

Civil

February 6

Winters Oilfield Supply, Inc. vs. Twelve 26 Production, Inc.—account

February 13

Lee A. Halfmann vs. Maria Elena Estrada—damages

Justice of the Peace Court #1 Criminal

February 8

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Classifieds Get Results

Police Beat

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Winters Police Department reports received and/or investigated from Sunday, February 8, 1998, through Saturday, February 14, 1998. Winters Police Officers:

- received a report of phone harassment in the 400 block of Tinkle Street. This case is still under investigation.
- filed charges against Johnnie Edward Evans Jr., 33, of Austin, for driving while license suspended, after a traffic stop on U.S. 153 and Loop 438.
- received a report of a stolen vehicle in the 200 block of E. Truett. Vehicle was located by officers within minutes. Charges are pending at this time while awaiting further investigation.

Runnels County Crimestoppers offers a cash reward for information which leads to the grand jury indictment or conviction of offenders and the caller does not have to give his or her name. To give a Crimestopper's tip, call your local law enforcement agency at:

Winters Police Department—754-4121
 Ballinger Police Department—365-3591
 Runnels County Sheriff's Department—365-2121

Legal Notices
DESIGN-BUILD REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS
 Winters Independent School District will receive responses to a Design-Build Request for Qualifications. Responses shall be received no later than 4:00 p.m., Friday, March 6, 1998, in the District Administrative Office located at 603 N. Heights, Winters, TX 79567. For a copy of the RFQ Questionnaire or if you have any questions, please call (915) 754-5574. 9-7(2tc)

Request for Bids
 North Runnels Hospital is seeking bids for a multi-line telephone system (10+ telephones) for its Home Health Agency. Bid specifications may be obtained by calling the Administrator at 915-754-4553. All bids should be sent to Administrator, North Runnels Hospital, Hwy 153 East, Winters, Texas 79567 or faxed to 915-754-5097. Bids must be received no later than 4 p.m. on Thursday, March 5, 1998. The North Runnels Board of Directors reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids. 9-7(2tc)

Garage Sales
 Estate, Moving Sale - Feb. 20th, 8-5, 21st, 8-12. Furniture, gas cook stove, baby things, misc. 607 W. PARSONAGE 9-8(1tp)

Miscellaneous
DON'T FORGET to pick up your pictures or other related items that have been published in *The Enterprise!* 8-10(tfc)

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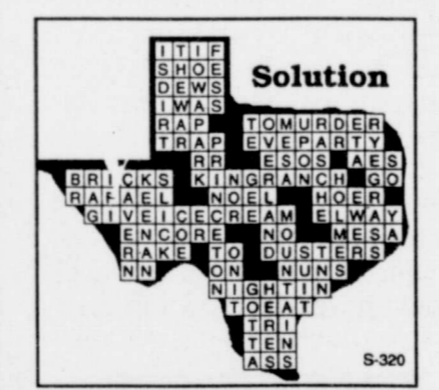
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SCOUTS TAKING OVERALL WINS at the Pinewood Derby races were (from left) Aaron Cook, 5th; Dylan Perrie, 4th; Reece Springer, 3rd; Trenton Grohman, 2nd; and Kevin Cook, 1st.

Pinewood Derby races present five finalists

Scouts receive numerous awards for their efforts

Cub Scout Pack 249 held their annual Pinewood Derby races on Saturday, Feb. 7, 1998, at the Elementary Activity Center.

The boys were presented certificates for first through third places in each division in the categories of Best Design, Best Paint Job, and Most Aerodynamic. Results were:

BEST PAINT JOB

- Tigers**
1. Colby Pritchard
2. Brendan Polston
3. Matthew Doty

- Wolves**
1. Kevin Cook
2. Patrick Escalona
3. Garrett Nitsch

- Bears**
1. Aaron Briley
2. Corbin O'Dell
3. Mark Scates

- Webelos I**
1. Dylan Perrie
2. Jordan Sanchez
3. Justin Fenwick

- Webelos II**
1. Jacob Bridgeman
2. Adam Escalona
3. Cody Pritchard

- BEST DESIGN**
Tigers
1. Brian Ozbirn
2. Matthew Doty
3. Colby Pritchard

- Wolves**
1. Kaighan Price
2. Jason Sherman
3. Andrew Blackerby

- Bears**
1. Aaron Reyna
2. Michael Hubach
3. Aaron Briley

- Webelos I**
1. Justin Fenwick
2. Randy Jackson
3. Jonathan Meyer

- Webelos II**
1. Aaron Cook
2. Adam Escalona
3. Thomas Doty.

Webelos II

1. Cody Pritchard
2. Thomas Doty
3. Jacob Bridgeman

MOST AERODYNAMIC

- Tigers**
1. Reece Springer
2. Cory Fenwick
3. Brendan Polston

- Wolves**
1. Cory Austin
2. Matthew Tucker
3. Michael Blackshear

- Bears**
1. Trenton Grohman
2. Cory Sudduth
3. Allan Green

- Webelos I**
1. Jonathan Meyer
2. Jordan Sanchez
3. Randy Jackson

- Webelos II**
1. Pete Griffin
2. Aaron Cook
3. Thomas Doty.

- RACING RESULTS** of each division follow:

- Tigers**
1. Reece Springer
2. Brian Ozbirn
3. Cory Fenwick

- Wolves**
1. Kevin Cook
2. Kaighan Price
3. Garrett Nitsch

- Bears**
1. Trenton Grohman
2. Aaron Reyna
3. Mark Scates

- Webelos I**
1. Dylan Perrie
2. Jordan Sanchez
3. Randy Jackson

- Webelos II**
1. Aaron Cook
2. Adam Escalona
3. Thomas Doty.

IN THE FINALS, the results were:

- 1st, Kevin Cook
2nd, Trenton Grohman
3rd, Reece Springer
4th, Dylan Perrie
5th, Aaron Cook.

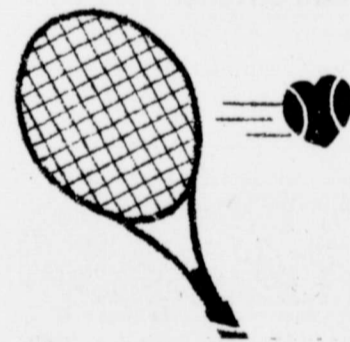
Following the boys' races, the "Braggin' Rights" adult/sibling races were held with Christina Perrie taking first; Allen Perrie, second; and Rhonda Cook, third.

Pack 249 would like to thank Kenyon Black, Mike Harris, Chris Ozbirn, Dawson McGuffin, and Bob Lindley for their outstanding judgement of cars and races. Your time and patience is appreciated! Pack 249 would also like to thank Billy Sherman for all of his help during the car workshop.

Council races will be held in Abilene on Feb. 28 at VFW Post 6873, located across from Dyess Air Force Base's main gate. Entry fee is \$3 per car. Cub Scouts may race in this event, even if they did not win on the unit level. Contact your leader for more details.

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Texas Farmers Union takes strong position on farm prices, market concentration, private property rights

Delegates to Texas Farmers Union's (TFU) 94th annual convention in Plano Jan. 30-31 voted to support removal of federal government commodity loan rate caps, which were frozen at 1995 levels under the 1996 farm bill. Delegates also reinforced their support for a floor price for milk.

"The 1996 farm bill severely limited the safety net that family farmers and ranchers so desperately need," said TFU President Wes Sims of Sweetwater, Tx. "The result is that processors can widen their profit margin by buying low from the farmers and selling high to the consumer."

In addition, delegates passed a resolution calling for a change in the state law which prohibits land owners from hunting on their own property without a hunting license. While the provision is largely ignored for farmers who kill varmints on their own farms, recent arrests of land owner-hunters led the TFU delegation to call for legislation granting land owners the right to protect their own property without being licensed.

Texas Farmers Union's (TFU) board of directors voted unanimously to support a lawsuit by individual beef producers which calls on the U.S. Packers and

Stockyards Administration to enforce its antitrust laws. TFU believes sagging cattle prices are attributable to the lack of competition in the market. As of 1996, four firms controlled the processing of 87 percent of the nation's red meat.

"The nation's beef processing companies have increasingly used captive supplies of cattle to drive down the market price for fed cattle," said Sims. "These practices are driving down producer prices, while consumers receive no benefit from the lower prices paid by the processors."

Cotton producers in Southern Rolling Plains zone vote to continue boll weevil program

The Texas Department of Agriculture announced February 10 that cotton producers in the Southern Rolling Plains Boll Weevil Eradication Zone have voted by more than a 4-to-1 margin to continue a boll weevil eradication program in the 9-county zone. Final results were 673 voting "for" and 163 voting "against" continuing the program in the zone.

The Texas Department of Agriculture issued 1,178 ballots to cotton producers in the zone who were eligible to vote in the referendum. Some 849 ballots were postmarked by the Feb. 2 deadline and counted. Results were tabulated by canvas committee chair James Adkins (retired deputy executive director of the Texas Employee Retirement System) as well as representatives of the Texas Water Development Board and the Texas Criminal Justice Policy Council.

"Boll weevil eradication efforts

in Texas are first and foremost a producer-driven program," Agriculture Commissioner Rick Perry said. "This vote to continue the eradication program in their area, indicates producers in the Southern Rolling Plains Zone will continue their investment in ensuring Texas cotton remains strong and competitive in the global market."

Growers in the Southern Rolling Plains Boll Weevil Eradication Zone initially approved a boll weevil eradication program in 1994 and a maximum assessment to fund it. With producers voting to continue the program, the current assessment rate will not be affected.

In addition to voting to continue an eradication program, cotton producers elected Kenneth Gully of Concho County to represent the Southern Rolling Plains Zone on the statewide board of directors for the Texas Boll Wee-

vil Eradication Foundation Inc. Gully is a cotton producer who farms in the zone and has grown cotton for at least seven years.

The February 2 referendum for the zone was established by new legislation that corrects a constitutional problem found by the Texas Supreme Court with the statewide boll weevil eradication program. Under the new statute, the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation continues to carry out the program. However, the Texas Department of Agriculture takes on additional responsibilities that include setting referenda on assessments and eradication programs in regional zones and appointing advisory committees for each zone.

Councils in the Southern Rolling Plains Eradication Zone are Coke, Coleman, Concho, Irion, McCulloch, Runnels, Schleicher, Tom Green, and the southern part of Taylor.

Extension News & Views

By Mike Mauldin, Extension Agent-Ag

Garden checklist through February

✓ Now is an excellent time to transplant mature or established trees and shrubs while they are dormant.

✓ Make flower and vegetable garden plans now before the rush of spring planting. Time spent in armchair gardening before the fireplace will pay off in improved plant selection. Besides, it is fun to page through the garden catalogs.

✓ Sow seeds in floats or containers to get a jump on plant growth before hot weather arrives. Petunias, begonias, and impatiens should have been sown in early

January. Warm temperature plants, such as tomatoes, peppers, marigolds, and periwinkles should be sown no later than early February.

✓ Apply a light application of fertilizer to established pansy plantings. Use one-half pound of ammonium sulfate per 100 square feet of bed area. Repeat the application every 4 to 6 weeks, depending on rainfall. Dried blood meal is also an excellent source of fertilizer for pansies.

✓ Prepare beds and garden area for spring planting.
✓ Don't fertilize newly set out trees or shrubs until after they have started to grow, and then only very lightly the first year.

✓ When buying plants, the biggest is not always the best, especially when dealing with bare-root plants. The medium to small sizes (4 to 6 feet) are usually faster to become established and more effective in the landscape than the large sizes.

✓ Prune rose bushes during February or early March. Use good shears that will make clean cuts. Remove dead, dying, and weak canes. Leave 4 to 8 healthy canes, and remove approximately one-half of the top growth and height of the plant.

✓ Now is an excellent time to select and plant container-grown roses to fill in those bare spots in your rose garden.

✓ When pruning shrubs, first prune out any dead or damaged branches; then thin out by removing about one-third of the canes only; and last, shape the rest of the plant, but do not cut everything back to the same height.

✓ Water foliage plants as well as other containerized plants only when needed and not by the calendar.

Like a gardener, I believe what goes down must come up.

—Lynwood L. Giacomini

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Keeping an eye on Texas

Rodeo season is in full swing in Texas. The largest, the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo, begins February 20. The action doesn't slow until the final weekend rodeo in Mesquite in October.

Texas' largest rodeos

	1997 attendance*	1998 rodeo dates
Houston	1,013,100	Feb.-Mar.
San Antonio	200,000	Feb.
Fort Worth	150,500	Jan.-Feb.
Mesquite	131,800	Apr.-Oct.
Austin	53,000	Mar.
El Paso	26,400	Feb.
San Angelo	23,800	Mar.
Odessa	23,400	Jan.
Abilene	21,000	Sept.
Lubbock	20,000	Apr.
Gladewater	18,000	June
Beaumont	16,000	Apr.-May

* Attendance figures for most rodeos include some complimentary tickets.

SOURCES: John Sharp, Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts, and rodeos listed.

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