

**Apples of Gold**  
FAITH—Instead of waiting upon the Lord, some people want the Lord to wait upon them.

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**RUNNELS COUNTY FARM FAMILY OF THE YEAR** include (l to r) Aaron, Brenda, Chris, David, and Darren Workman of Ballinger. Not pictured is daughter Melinda who lives in Abilene. In the background is the gas grill which was presented to the Workmans by members of the Southern Rolling Plains Cotton Growers Association who co-sponsored Agri-Plex Ag Day with the Runnels and Tom Green Counties Texas Agricultural Extension Services on March 17. See story on page 8.

## Candidacy light for May elections

With just a few candidates registered for city and school elections and, as of Tuesday, no candidates for the hospital board, only two contested races will be offered to voters in the May 2 elections. Present candidates are as follows:

### City Council

Lisa Nitsch, District 2  
Mike Meyer, District 2  
Steve Esquivel, District 4  
Jimmy Butler, District 5

### School Board

Allen Andrae, Place 1

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**AMY HEATHCOTT** (left) of Winters and **Jessica King** of Ballinger were presented the Pat Lee Memorial Scholarships during Agri-Plex Ag Day.

## Sharp distributes more than \$6 million in annual allocation of local law enforcement training funds

**Runnels County law enforcement agencies receive \$5,851.43**

State Comptroller John Sharp delivered more than \$6 million in supplemental training funds to 2,147 local law enforcement agencies across the state.

"More than 53,877 Texas peace officers now have additional funds for ongoing law enforcement training. The good news is the state's smaller law enforcement agencies—many of them hard-pressed for training funds—share in this allocation," Sharp said.

Runnels County law enforcement agencies received \$5,851.43. The Winters Police Department was allocated \$1,093.45; Ballinger Police Department, \$1,004.36; Runnels County Attorney, \$563.19; Sheriff's Office, \$1,885.03; Constable Precinct 1, \$652.28; and Constable Precinct 2, \$653.12.

Law enforcement agencies

across the state are required to meet standards set by the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Education (TCLEOSE).

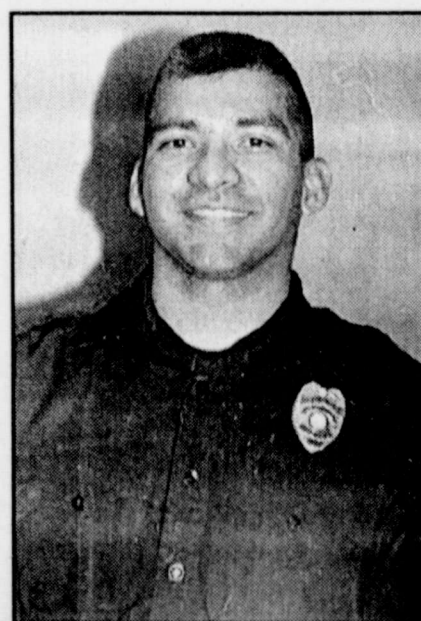
"Many of these TCLEOSE-approved training programs cost between \$55 and \$75 per officer," Sharp said. "A class on crime-scene investigation or fingerprinting will cost \$125. A 560-hour basic peace officer certification class costs between \$775 and \$800."

The law enacted by the Texas Legislature in 1995 requires that 20 percent of the total amount collected from a special \$2 court cost is to be allocated equally among the state's law enforcement agencies. The remaining 80 percent is allocated based on the number of eligible law enforcement positions each agency had

as of January 1.

An eligible law enforcement position, as defined by law, is one held by a person licensed under Chapter 415, Government Code, who works as a peace officer or licensed jailer an average of at least 32 hours a week, is compensated

## Jose Herrera, new officer at Winters Police Department



**Officer Herrera**

The Winters Police Department is pleased to announce the hiring of Jose Herrera, 26. He began his official duties Tuesday, March 17, 1998.

Originally from San Angelo, Herrera previously was employed by the Sonora Police Department

## Agri-Plex Ag Day huge success

Three days of rain followed by a beautiful, sunny day added to the upbeat attitude of the large crowd attending the 12th Runnels County Ag Day, now known as Agri-Plex Ag Day, on March 17 at Ballinger High School.

This year's event was co-sponsored by the Runnels and Tom Green Counties Texas Agricultural Extension Service and the Southern Rolling Plains Cotton Growers Association.

Previously held every year, the multi-county event is now sched-

uled for every-other-year making this year's program the last Ag Day for the 20th century.

Highlighting Agri-Plex Ag Day was the awards ceremony when the David Workman family was named the 1998 Farm Family and John Lange was awarded Agribusinessman of the Year. Amy Heathcott and Jessica King received the Pat Lee Memorial Scholarships. (Details of award recipients may be found on page 8).

The Trade Show opened at

10:30 with commercial exhibitors from various seed, chemical, insurance, and banking professions, along with implement dealers and other ag-related businesses. A wide variety of programs for farmers, women and youth progressed throughout the day.

At the conclusion of the day's events, the Southern Rolling Plains Cotton Growers Association held their annual meeting in the auditorium.



**AGRIBUSINESSMAN OF THE YEAR** is John Lange, at right, who stands with wife, Amy, and children, Jacob and Johanna. The Lange family stands in front of the wrought-iron sign they received from sponsors of Ag Day. John is manager of Porter Henderson Implement Company of Ballinger.

## Better Business Bureau advises caution in purchasing sports poster ad

**Neither school nor team receives any money from campaign**

An Arlington, Texas, company is soliciting local businesses for display ads on Winters High School sports schedules.

The sales person hints that the school district sanctions the sale or athletic team is a "sponsor." The sales pitch leads you to believe that the local school district or the student athletes will benefit from your purchase.

This company's address is the location of at least five different D.B.A.'s — all of which, have unsatisfactory business perfor-

mance records with the Fort Worth Better Business Bureau.

"Last year, this company used similar deceptive and misleading sales tactics in many towns in our 13-county area," said Steve Abel, president of the Better Business Bureau. "These people will prey on any community that wants to support their high school and their student athletes."

Typically once an ad is sold, the team schedule poster will only go to those businesses who purchased an ad. "You are paying \$75 to \$100 for something that will go to only a few people.

"If that is not enough of a scam, neither the team nor the school will see a single penny from these unscrupulous businesses," Abel warned. "They leave town with all the ad sales, happy to return in the fall to do it all over again for football season. These guys have

shown they are willing to come back as long as someone will buy an ad."

The Better Business Bureau suggest these tips if you are approached:

- Get the full name of the sales person and the company name and address.
- Ask how many schedule posters will be printed.
- How will the posters be distributed.
- Is the company willing to certify the number of posters printed.
- Exactly how much will the school benefit.
- Check out the company's record with the Better Business Bureau.

Know what it is you are buying and don't be misled into thinking the school will benefit in some way.

## Second Practical Parent Education Class to be presented Tuesday

The second Practical Parent Education Class will be offered Tuesday, March 31, at 7:00 p.m. in the Winters Elementary School Library.

The topic will be "Developing Teamwork in a Child's Educational Experience."

This topic focuses on creating awareness of the significance of teamwork between home and school in a child's learning process, recognizing the powerful role parents can play in a child's education, identifying behaviors in the family environment that can affect success in school and learning, exploring ways in which parents can become partners with schools, and developing skills for productive home/school communication.

Child care will be provided.

## WHAT'S HAPPENING ?

- March 26-10 a.m., 39+, First United Methodist Church
- 11:30 a.m., Senior Citizens Meal
- March 27-11:30 a.m., Senior Citizens Meal
- March 28-Literary & Service Club Spring Convention, Rock Hotel
- March 30-11:30 a.m., Senior Citizens Meal
- 6 p.m., City Council
- 6 p.m., Weight Watchers, Sr. Citizens Activity Center
- March 31-11:30 a.m., Senior Citizens Meal
- Noon, Lions Club
- 7 p.m., WVFD
- 7 p.m., "Developing Teamwork in a Child's Educational Experience," Elementary Library
- 7 p.m., Aggie Moms Meeting, Ballinger
- 7-9 p.m., Trustee Candidate Workshop, Abilene
- April 1-11:30 a.m., Senior Citizens Meal
- 5:30 p.m., Chamber Directors
- Hearing Services, North Runnels Hospital
- Deadline for Ordering 1997-98 "Glacier" Yearbook
- April 2-9:30 a.m.-Noon & 1:30-3 p.m., Immunization Clinic, TDH
- 11:30 a.m., Senior Citizens Meal
- 7 p.m., Winters Squares, Community Center









Mr. and Mrs. G.K. Beall

## Bealls to be honored on golden anniversary

Opal and G.K. Beall of Copperas Cove, Texas, will be celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary on March 27, 1998. The family will host a reception in their honor on Saturday, the twenty-eighth of March, between 2:30 and 5:00 p.m. at the First Baptist Church in Copperas Cove. Friends and family are invited to attend.

*Paid Announcement*

## Engagement

### McKnight, Caskey engaged

Mr. and Mrs. Troyce McKnight of Sonora are pleased to announce the engagement and impending marriage of their daughter, Kelly Gail McKnight, to David Vance Caskey, son of David and Brenda Caskey of Odessa.

The wedding date has been set for June 20, 1998, at Odessa Mission Baptist Church in Odessa, Texas.

Miss McKnight graduated from Sonora High School in 1996 and is attending Howard College while working at Columbia Medical Center in San Angelo. Mr. Caskey graduated from Odessa High School in 1995 and attended Odessa College. He is currently employed by Sitel Corp. in San Angelo.

Miss McKnight is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Troy B. McKnight of Winters and Mr. and Mrs. Lester S. Tinney, formerly of Winters. Great-grandmothers are Mrs. Dovie McKnight and Mrs. Emily Parks, both of Winters, and Mrs. Josephine Tinney of San Angelo.

## Ripple, Smith on TSTC's Dean's List

Allen Ripple and Melissa Smith, both of Winters, have been named to the Dean's List at Texas State Technical College for the 1998 Winter Quarter.

Ripple is studying Air Conditioning and Refrigeration Technology. Ms. Smith's field of study is Information Management Technology.

To be eligible for the Dean's List, students must take 12 or more hours and maintain a 3.5 grade point average or higher.

### CANDIDACY, cont'd.

Barron Guy, Place 7, At-Large  
Saam Geistmann, Place 7, At-Large

Larry Don Walker, Place 7, At-Large

Deadline for candidacy in the city and school elections was March 18.

As of press time Tuesday evening, there were no candidates registered for the three positions on the board of trustees of North Runnels Hospital. Deadline for candidacy in the hospital board election is April 2. Anyone interested in filing should contact the hospital's business office at 754-4553.

## What percent of my salary goes toward Social Security taxes?

In 1998, you and your employer each pay 7.65 percent of your gross salary, up to \$68,400.

If you're self-employed, you pay 15.3 percent of your taxable income into Social Security, up to \$68,400.

If you make more than \$68,400 in 1998, you continue to pay the Medicare portion of the Social Security tax on the rest of your earnings. The Medicare portion of the tax is 1.45 percent for employers and employees each, and 2.9 percent for self-employed people.

## Poe's Corner

By Charlsie Poe

### Beyond Glorieta

The Aspens were just as golden and the red leaf maple trees were more crimson in the mountains of Glorieta in the year of 1986, but the annual trek of the First Baptist's adults turned out differently than the usual run.

Before we reached Lubbock, our faithful bus began to sputter and cough; however, we reached the Dodge house where we spent the night.

Next morning came the moment of truth. The air conditioner could not be repaired with parts attainable and would have to be bypassed. This would not be a hardship as we were going into the mountains where none was needed. We went on our way rejoicing that the trouble happened near a good location.

For the benefit of first time visitors, we gave a brief history of Glorieta. In 1948, the 800-acre Breese Ranch was purchased. Additional land was bought to make 2,500 acres in all. The center is surrounded by 380,000 acres of the Santa Fe National Forest. Centuries ago, these mountains were named "Sangre de Cristo" or "Blood of Christ," and Glorieta means "Little Heaven."

The center is opened the year around and almost every type lodging is provided, but there are many other places of interest besides Glorieta. On Wednesday afternoon, we took an eight-mile journey to the Pecos National Monument, located at the entrance of Glorieta Pass which has played a prominent role in the history of the American Southwest.

American and Spanish Colonial history of this great cultural site is told in the E.E. Fogelson Visitor Center. Most of the monument's acreage was provided by land donations from Greer Garson and her husband. Their generosity made possible the handcrafted visitor center and museum facility.



BUSY WITH THE BLOOMIN' BUSINESS are (left) Dawn Green and Melinda Tucker of Higginbotham's of Winters. The store, which is expanding its inventory to include gift and craft items, now carries a variety of hanging and bedding plants. A new assortment arrives weekly and any special requests for specific bedding plants will be welcome, according to Mrs. Green, store manager.

## Texas Tomorrow Fund's April 1 deadline is fast approaching

State Comptroller John Sharp has reminded parents and grandparents in the Lone Star state that the *Texas Tomorrow Fund's* April 1 enrollment deadline is fast approaching.

The *Texas Tomorrow Fund*, proposed by Sharp and approved by state lawmakers during the 1995 legislative session, allows families to lock in the costs of their children's future college tuition and required fees for about what they would pay today.

Just a few weeks before the third enrollment period opened on October 14, the Texas Prepaid Higher Education Tuition Board, which Sharp chairs, determined that a prepaid tuition contract paid in a lump sum during the current enrollment period for a Class of 2020 graduate will cost \$10,904.

The current rate, which is about 12% higher than that of the second enrollment period, reflects the rising costs of tuition and required fees at the state's public four-year universities. The *Texas Tomorrow Fund* covers up to 128 academic hours of tuition.

"The *Texas Tomorrow Fund* is the best school bargain this year. For as little as \$92 a month, until that child graduates from high school, the parents of a newborn Texan can sign their baby up for four years of tuition and required fees at a public university," Sharp said.

During the program's first two enrollment periods, more than 65,000 families took advantage of the pay-now, learn-later program.

The seven-member board that oversees the *Texas Tomorrow Fund* also approved an expanded marketing program with the Texas Association of Life Underwriters. For the first time, life insurance agents will be able to sell prepaid tuition contracts during this enrollment period.

Sharp said nearly 83% of the prepaid contracts purchased dur-

ing the two earlier enrollment periods were for the senior college plan, which covers tuition and required fees for up to 128 credit hours at any public senior college or university in Texas. Another 10% were for the junior-senior college plan, covering two years at a public junior or technical college, plus two years at a public senior college or university.

The Comptroller added that 5% of the contracts purchased were for the junior college plan, which pays for up to 64 credit hours of tuition and required fees at a public junior or technical college, and 2% were for the private college plan, covering up to four years at any of the state's private colleges and universities.

Families interested in learning more about the *Texas Tomorrow Fund* can request information by calling toll-free 1-800-445-GRAD (4723).

Texans can find out more about the *Texas Tomorrow Fund* by accessing the Comptroller's Window on State Government on the World Wide Web at <http://www.window.state.tx.us>.

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Progress might have been all right once but it has gone on too long  
—Ogden Nash

## Health Notes

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

### TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE This Week, Part 1 of 3

Test your knowledge about weight control and heart disease risk factors by taking the following true or false quiz.

1. Being overweight puts you at risk for heart disease?
2. If you are overweight, losing weight helps lower your high blood cholesterol and high blood pressure?
3. Quitting smoking leads to excessive weight gain which increases your risk for heart disease?
4. A low-sodium diet is more important than weight reduction to lower high blood pressure?

Answers:  
1. True: Being overweight increases your risk for high blood cholesterol and high blood pressure, two of the major (controllable) risk factors for coronary heart disease. Even if you do not have high blood cholesterol or high blood pressure, being overweight may increase your risk for heart disease.

2. True: If you are overweight, even moderate reductions in weight, such as 5% to 10%, can produce substantial reductions in blood pressure.

By losing weight, you may also be able to reduce your LDL-cholesterol ("bad" cholesterol) and triglycerides and increase your HDL-cholesterol ("good" cholesterol).

3. False: The average weight gain after quitting smoking is 5 pounds. The proportion of ex-smokers who gain large amounts of weight (greater than 20 pounds) is relatively small.

4. False: Weight loss, if you are overweight, may reduce your blood pressure even if you don't reduce the amount of sodium you eat. Weight loss is recommended for all overweight people who have high blood pressure.

Even if weight loss does not reduce your blood pressure to normal, it may allow you to cut back on your blood pressure medications. Also, losing weight if you are overweight, may help you reduce your risk for or control other health problems. Check with your physician, of course, before changing your medication dosage or schedule.



Gloria Tadlock, RN

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FLAG PRESENTATIONS were made last week to the Senior Citizens' Nursing Home by members of the local chapter 1111 Woodmen of the World including (l-r) Bettye Pinkerton-president, Jeanne Hilliard-member, JoanMarie O'Connor-nursing home administrator, Carl W. Riley-WOW area manager, Melba Emmert-local treasurer and Joe Emmert-vice-president.

## Farm Family recognized at Agri-Plex Ag Day

The David Workman family was recognized at the 1998 Agri-Plex Ag Day as Runnels County Farm Family.

According to the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, they are a very deserving and highly regarded family throughout Runnels County and celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary on the day Ag Day was held. They have lived in the Ballinger area since their marriage.

David graduated from Ballinger High School in 1970. He attended Angelo State University and began farming with his father while in school.

David and Brenda farm 1,025 acres of cotton, wheat, milo, and sesame.

David has served as a director of the Ballinger Co-op and the North Runnels Water Board. He currently serves on the Runnels County Crops Committee and as a board member at the Ballinger Independent School District. He is active in the Ballinger Jr. Livestock Association and Knights of Columbus.

Brenda graduated from Ballinger High School in 1971 and LVN school in 1973. She currently works as a nurse for home health. Brenda is a member of the Runnels County Extension Homemakers and is on the Runnels County Home Economics Committee.

David and Brenda are very active members of St. Mary's Catho-

lic Church in Ballinger and are loyal Bearcat parents.

They have four children. Melinda graduated from Ballinger High School in 1994. She is a graduate of Howard College in San Angelo and is currently living and working in Abilene. Aaron and Darren are senior honor students at Ballinger High School. They participated in football with All-District honors and powerlifting with Regional honors. Chris is a sophomore at Ballinger High School where he participates in UIL, is a member of the student council, and plays football, basketball, baseball, and soccer.

The Workman family was presented with a plaque and a barbecue grill.

## TDA secures specific exemption for use of Zorial Rapid 80 Herbicide

Agriculture Commissioner Rick Perry announced that the Texas Department of Agriculture has been granted approval by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to issue a Section 18 specific exemption allowing the use of Zorial Rapid 80 Herbicide (norfluzon) to control annual grassy weeds on Bermuda grass pastures and hay meadows.

Though not all Texas counties are eligible for the exemption, Runnels County does qualify.

The specific exemption for Zorial Rapid 80 Herbicide, manufactured by Novartis, was approved Feb. 6, 1998 and expires July 1, 1998. All applicable directions, restrictions, and precautions on the EPA registered product label for Zorial Rapid 80 Herbicide, as well as restrictions within

this notice, must be followed.

Other restrictions include:

- This product may only be applied at the rate of 0.5 to 1.5 pounds a.i. (0.6 to 1.9 pounds) per acre.

- A maximum of 25,000 acres may be treated.

- Zorial Rapid 80 Herbicide can be applied either aerially or by using ground application equipment. Refer to the federally registered product label for complete application instructions.

- Applications must be made only by certified applicators, by licensed applicators, or by persons under the direct supervision of licensed applicators.

- Livestock should not be grazed or fed foliage from treated area within 60 days after application.

- Treated Bermuda grass meadows/pastures should not be entered within 24 hours following an application of Zorial Rapid 80 Herbicide.

- Application should not be made in any area where the soil depth to the water table is 30 feet or less.

- Zorial Rapid 80 Herbicide must be applied before Bermuda grass emerges from winter dormancy.

For more information or to check your county's eligibility, contact your county Texas Agricultural Extension Office or TDA at (512) 463-7407. A copy of the EPA Approval Notice is available on TDA's web page, <http://www.agr.state.tx.us/pesticide/zorial98.htm>.

## Lange named '98 Agri-businessman

John Lange, general manager of Porter Henderson Implement of Ballinger, was named the 1998 Agri-businessman of the Year at the Agri-Plex Ag Day.

John attended St. Joseph School in Rowena and graduated from Ballinger High School in 1979 and Texas State Technical Institute in Waco in 1980. While in school, he was active in 4-H and FFA showing rabbits and pigs and presenting 4-H method demonstrations.

He married Amy Schwartz on May 4, 1985. They have two children, Jacob, 10, and Johanna, 7, who attend Miles Elementary School. Amy is employed at the

San Angelo National Bank.

John and his family are members of St. Thomas Church in Miles. He is a member of the Knights of Columbus in Miles and the 4th degree Knights in Rowena. He is president of the Catholic Life Insurance Branch 40 in Rowena, and is a member of the Miles Young Farmers and the St. Thomas Parish Council.

While John attended TSTI, he worked for Mansell Brothers in Ballinger during the summer setting up equipment. After TSTI graduation, he went back to Mansell's as a mechanic working his way up to shop foreman and service manager.

Then in 1989, Porter Henderson Implement Co. of San Angelo bought the business, and John became general manager of the PHIC store in Ballinger.

He supports area stockshows, schools, and the 4-H club programs. His enthusiastic leadership in the 1995 and 1997 Texas Farm Safety Day Camps contributed to the overall success of the camps, sponsored by Progressive Farmer magazine and the Extension Service.

John's hobbies are fishing, hunting, and raising vegetables and melons on their farm near Miles.

## Heathcott and King named Pat Lee Memorial Scholarship recipients

At the Agri-Plex Ag Day, two graduating 4-H'ers were recognized as the 1998 Pat Lee Memorial 4-H Scholarship recipients.

Each year the Crops Committee awards \$500 scholarships to two outstanding 4-H'ers who will graduate from high schools in Runnels County this May. The scholarships memorialize Pat Lee who was a Runnels County Extension Office Secretary for 25 years prior to her death in 1988.

Amy Heathcott, daughter of Denny and Barbara Heathcott of Winters, was the first recipient. She is a model 4-H'er who has excelled in many facets of the 4-H club program.

Few others can claim the honor

of serving their 4-H club three years as president, in addition to many other offices. Her love of agriculture is obvious based on her in-depth experience with swine, beef, and sheep projects. She has garnered several stock show honors including championships, herdsman awards, and showmanship awards.

Last summer after attending the week-long Livestock Judging Camp, she was named High Point Individual from a field of many others. She has competed favorably twice at the State 4-H Fashion Show and in method demonstrations, and has completed a record book for many years. In 1997, she was named as a Gold Star honoree.

Winters 4-H Club will greatly miss the enthusiastic leadership that Amy has given, as will The Winters Enterprise where she writes her own 4-H column routinely.

Amy plans to attend Angelo State University in the fall, majoring in Ag Communications.

Jessica King, of the Ballinger 4-H Club and daughter of Sandra and Mike Halfmann, was also named a scholarship recipient.

Currently serving as president of her 4-H Club, Jessica is also vice-chairman of the Runnels County 4-H Council and is on the District 7 4-H Standing Committee.

Her projects have included Foods, Clothing, Sheep, Goats, Rabbits, and Leadership. During the past two years, she was in the winners circles at the State 4-H Fashion Show and on the State 4-H Roundup Share-The-Fun Dance Team.

She has been a Foods & Clothing Teen Leader, teaching at several multi-county workshops for several years. Other leadership experiences include serving on past Food Show & Fashion Show Task Forces and serving as co-chair of the current inter-generational experiences project called Gift of Love. In 1997, she was named a Runnels County Gold Star recipient.

Jessica has completed record books for many years and placed third at State in Fashion Revue. She, too, will be missed in her club.

This fall, she plans to enroll at Angelo State University and hopes some day to be a radiologist.

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### Aggie Moms to meet March 31

Runnels County Aggie Moms Spring Meeting will be Tuesday, March 31, at 7 p.m. at 1002 Country Club Road in Ballinger.

Bring non-perishable goodies for 25 Aggies.

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### Extension News & Views

By Rick Minzenmayer, Extension Agent-IPM

#### Plan for disease prevention

Home gardeners are constantly pestered with diseases that rob them of their harvest. Many gardeners have found that planning properly and following recommended control practices keep vegetable losses to a minimum.

Here are some suggestions:

1. Select a well-drained garden site to prevent damping-off and other problems associated with wet soils.
2. Organic matter (straw, leaves, drop residue) is essential to a productive soil, but it can also increase the occurrence of southern blight. To avoid this, bury organic matter below the expected root zone of next year's crop. This should be done in the fall if possible.
3. Water plants in the morning, rather than the evening for fewer leaf disease problems. Drip irrigation also reduces foliage diseases.
4. Don't save seed from the garden for planting the following year, since certain vegetable diseases are seed-transmitted.
5. Diseases caused by fungi cannot be cured, so they must be

prevented. When you see a fungus problem, irreversible damage already has been done. Cloudy, damp mornings encourage the growth of fungus spores; when such conditions exist, you may want to follow a preventive spray schedule and remove contaminated plants.

6. Grow your vegetables in the same location only once every 3 to 5 years. If this cannot be done, plan your garden to avoid growing vegetables of the same family group in the same area season after season.

Family Groups include:

- 1) watermelon, cucumber, squash, cantaloupe, honeydew melon, pumpkin
- 2) cabbage, cauliflower, brussel sprouts, rutabaga, kale, turnip, mustard, radish, collard
- 3) swiss chard, beets, spinach
- 4) pepper, tomato, potato, egg-plant
- 5) carrot, parsley, parsnips
- 6) onions, garlic, leeks, shallots
- 7) sweet corn
- 8) beans, peas, and southern peas

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