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# The Winters Enterprise

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## Winters to build new post office

*Site undetermined at present time*

With plans in the works for a new post office for Winters, the "what" question is the only known factor. Three crucial elements are still missing from the proposal — the "who, where and when."

The present post office, located at 126 State Street, has some structural problems, according to Winters Postmaster Deen Thompson. Thompson reported these findings to authorities with the U.S. Postal Service who determined that a new facility is feasible and the project was turned over to the proper post office department.

A notice was placed in the post office accepting bids for site locations in Winters. After receiving these bids, the locations were matched with post office criteria. Some of these criteria included patron accessibility, cost of land, and location near the main business area of Winters.

The first site chosen which met this criteria was on the west side of the 200 block of South Main. Landowners in this area were contacted and a selling/purchasing price was agreed upon within the cost limits.

The City of Winters was then contacted for any possible problems in erecting a building on this site. In investigating the site, the city officials found that a main sewer line would be covered by a cement pad in the parking area of the new building.

City officials determined that it would be cost prohibitive to re-route this sewer line. Postal officials were notified of this determination and a second site was sought.

This second site was located south of the new Security State Bank building on the east side of the 700 block of South Main.

At this point, some concerned citizens and downtown business owners questioned the issue of the sewer dilemma raised by the city. After many hours of conversations and deliberations, the city requested that their engineers look at the original site and determine solutions.

The engineers informed city officials that in many instances where buildings have been built over the main sewer line, prior to construction a new sewer line is installed with cleanouts on each side of the building.

City officials determined that this was a workable solution but according to state laws, could not pay the \$1,250.00 for the new pipe. The Winters Area Business and Industrial Corporation was asked to help, and pledged the funds needed for the new pipeline, giving the go-ahead to use property in the 200 block of South Main.

Postal officials at the district office in Ft. Worth could not verify this site, but did suggest that this is the probable site.

Once contracts with the landowners have been signed, the bidding process to build the post office will begin. A possible construction date will not be available until after the bids are closed.

Plans call for a 5,100 sq. ft. building. If the 200 South Main location is chosen, there will be doors opening to the east and to the south. Parking will be on the north and south sides of the building.



A NEW POST OFFICE, as shown by an artist's sketch, is currently being planned in the 200 block of South Main Street.

## WISD board hires new nurse, teachers; sets school lunch prices

During the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Winters Independent School District, Michael Davis was sworn into office as newly appointed Place 4 Trustee.

School personnel changes included the hiring of J'Lynn Cooper, R.N., as school nurse for the 1998-99 school year, Charlotte Jackson as sixth grade teacher, and Sherry Pollan as secondary school Life Skills, at state base plus local supplements.

School trustees accepted the resignation of Helen Grantham, who has taught in the WISD for twenty years.

Trustees voted to keep the lunchroom prices the same as last year as follows:

•Lunch — K-6	\$1.50
7-12	\$1.65
Reduced	\$0.40
•Breakfast —	
K-6	\$1.30
Reduced	\$0.30

The bid by Batts Communications of Abilene for a new telephone system was accepted at a cost of \$16,000. According to business manager Jimmy Butler, the present phone system has been out of service in several areas of the school for several months, and parts to repair the obsolete system are unavailable.

Medical insurance will again be available to all UIL students at the same cost as last year. Winters school district will pay \$9,206.00 to Markel Insurance Company, which paid \$12,807.12 in medical claims during the 1996-97 school year.

Reports were given by Tammy Bright, elementary principal, who reported 60 students attending summer school, with 60 students participating in the free meal program at breakfast and 90 students eating lunch; Charles Kidwell,

high school principal, who reported August 5 as orientation day for high school students and August 6 for junior high school students; and Mike Harris, superintendent, who reported on the numerous physical improvements made to the school campuses.

Harris also reported on the status of the proposed new junior high school building which is set for ground-breaking in September.

An initial budget workshop was held with no action taken by trustees which included Larry Walker, Michael Davis, Ronald Presley, Jack Davis, Jr., Rodrick Bredemeyer, and Allen Andrae. Trustee Debbie Sudduth was absent.

Also present were Harris, Kidwell, Bright, curriculum director Terry Wyatt, and a guest, Cindy Davis.

### WHS Band practices scheduled

Winters Band Director Darrington White announces the following schedule for band practices prior to the beginning of the 1998-1999 school year:

#### JULY 30-31 & AUGUST 3-7

7:00 a.m. to 8:30 a.m.

Full band outside for marching fundamentals

8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.

Section rehearsals for all flutes, clarinets, alto saxophones, trumpets, and French horns

10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Section rehearsal for all bass clarinets, tenor saxophones, baritone saxophones, trombones, baritones, tubas, and percussion

1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Full band indoors for music rehearsal.

### WHAT'S HAPPENING ?

July 23-8:30-11:30 a.m., St. John's Vacation Bible School  
 10 a.m., 39+, First United Methodist Church  
 11:30 a.m., Senior Citizens Meal  
 6-7 p.m., Ladies Swim Night, City Pool  
 6:30 p.m., Game Night, American Legion

July 24-8:30-11:30 a.m., St. John's Vacation Bible School  
 11:30 a.m., Senior Citizens Meal  
 4-9 p.m., Country Peddler Show, Abilene

July 25-9 a.m.-6 p.m., Country Peddler Show, Abilene  
 5 p.m., St. John's VBS at Abilene Zoo  
 7 p.m., Winters Squares, Community Center  
 Chamber Golf Tournament, Winters Country Club  
 WHS Class of '58 Reunion, Community Center  
 Depot Daze, Ballinger

July 26-11 a.m.-5 p.m., Country Peddler Show, Abilene  
 Depot Daze, Ballinger

July 27-9:30-10:30 a.m., SS Rep, Winters Housing Authority  
 11:30 a.m., Senior Citizens Meal  
 6 p.m., City Council  
 8 p.m., Wingate Masonic Lodge

July 28-11:30 a.m., Senior Citizens Meal  
 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Benefit Lunch for Mandie England, Rock Hotel  
 Noon, Lions Club  
 6-7 p.m., Ladies Swim Night, City Pool  
 7 p.m., WVFD  
 Fire Dept. Auxiliary

July 29-11:30 a.m., Senior Citizens Meal  
 July 30-11:30 a.m., Senior Citizens Meal  
 6-7 p.m., Ladies Swim Night, City Pool  
 6:30 p.m., Game Night, American Legion  
 Band Practice Begins

## Commissioners approve 20 additional beds in new jail

County to pay \$61,000 of \$311,000

Runnels County Commissioners gave the go ahead to architects and the construction manager to proceed with the addition of twenty beds to the new jail at their special meeting on Tuesday.

The Federal Marshall's Service has granted the county \$250,000 toward the construction of the additional beds. Representatives of ArchiSystems told the Court that the estimated cost for the construction would be about \$311,000, costing the county about \$61,000 more than the grant. Sheriff Bill Baird told commissioners that if the Runnels County Jail housed 10 prisoners for the federal marshall at \$40 per day, that would mean approximately \$146,000 income to the county. "The only additional costs we would have related to the federal prisoners would be their food," he said. "I don't believe we would be

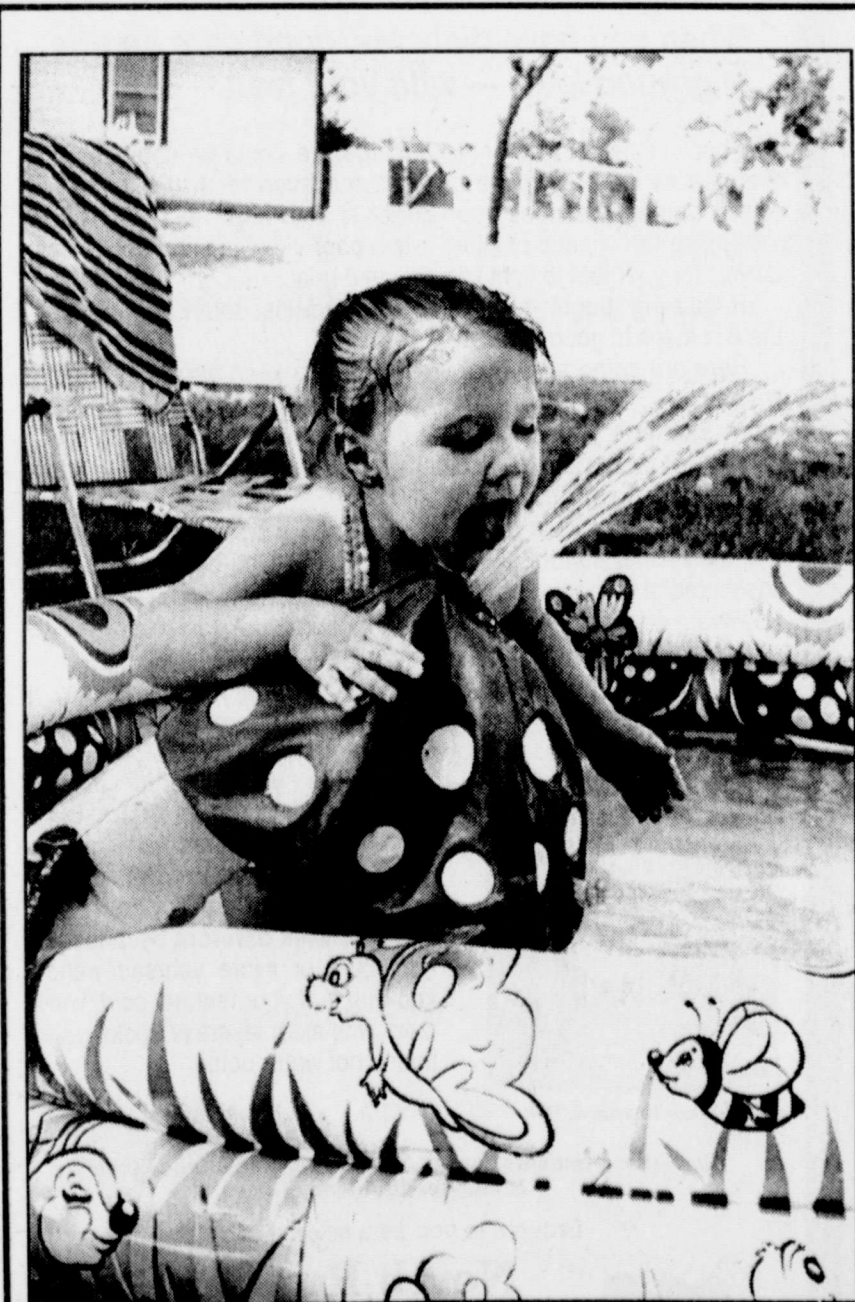
showing good insight if we didn't go ahead with the construction," he added. "We can make up the additional cost in one year or less."

The consensus of commissioners was to proceed with the additional construction on the jail.

Commissioners also voted to loan \$8,535.50 from the County General Fund to the County Sinking and Interest Fund to assist in paying the interest on the bonds for the new jail.

Bids received for roofing of the new jail were rejected by the court because they were still too far above budget. ArchiSystems has said the low bidder has proposed a different type of roofing material which would be guaranteed for 20 years rather than the 10 years specified in the bid specifications, and at a lower price.

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MISSY CALCOTE takes a break from the hot weather with a fun splash (and cool drink) in her backyard pool. Missy is the two-year-old daughter of Mike and Renée Calcote and doesn't mind trying to splash everyone near her, including this photographer.

## Oil Bidness

By Reg Boles ©1998



Finally, we finish up our discussion of those upset at the NYMEX for irrationally impacting oil prices. And, now, the epic continues...

Part 2 ended last time with a list of two problems with the oft-mentioned solutions to the dreaded open-market NYMEX (floor price and import tax).

The first thing that ought to jump right out at you is that getting the federal government in your business always leads to trouble. Think about the record. The IRS, welfare, AmTrak, superconducting supercollider...need I list more?

Recall the federal excise tax (so-called Windfall Profits Tax) that existed to prevent the evil oil companies from making too much profit, even if it resulted from good investments, perseverance through low prices, and plain ole' good fortune (there is no law against good luck last time I checked). There is no way that the U.S. government is going to come to the aid of the petroleum industry without exacting a toll.

That toll would probably include losing some control on how production was marketed and increased regulation overall. And, when oil prices rebounded, there would literally be taxes to pay in some form or fashion that will be punitive. Balancing the scales, you see.

The second problem is less apparent but just as impactful. At issue is the fundamental concept of a free market.

An import tax or floor price would be an artificial influence on the oil market, obviously. In the absence of outside factors, the market will reach a price based on supply and demand, basically. With an artificial component, prices will be set by a distorted mechanism.

The consequences of this are many and usually damaging in the long run.

For example, guaranteed prices dampen the natural desire to cut costs and deploy capital equally to all sources in and outside of the country. This will reduce reserves in the long term because there is less incentive to look for non-U.S. reserves. It won't cut out foreign exploration completely, but it will have an appreciable negative effect.

Another problem would be external. If a non-U.S. producer is sending their oil to the U.S. in the face of an import tax, then the profit margin will be reduced due to the required staff and mechanism by which to report and pay the tax. Further, if U.S. industry is required to pay more for their energy (market price plus tax) than others, they will be at a cost disadvantage.

It would be a tangled web of regulations, bureaucracy, and disproportionate capital application.

The free market has its fits, but I prefer that natural roller coaster

ride to driving into solid walls of government, any day.

### HIGHLIGHTS OF AREA DRILLING ACTIVITY COMPLETIONS

#### Callahan County

Spence Energy Company has completed the George #63-2 as a Wildcat, 5 miles NE of Baird at an initial rate of 270 MCFPD in the Caddo Lime (perms 3550-60). Loc. is 1450 FNL & 2425 FWL of Sur. No. 63, OAL Sur., A-984.

#### Nolan County

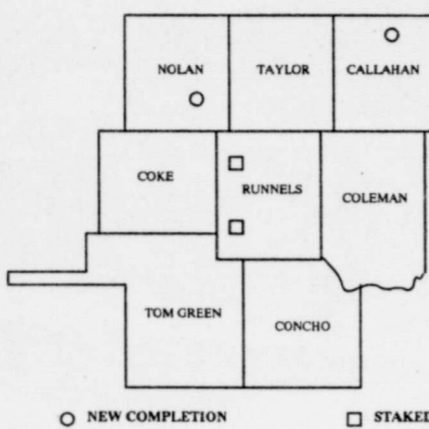
Pioneer Natural Resources has completed the B. Hanks -A- #34 in the NW Hylton Field (6 miles S of Nolan) at an initial rate of 140 BOPD & 1 BWPD in the Cambrian (perms 5950-66). Loc. is 2487 FNL & 963 FWL of Sec. 28, Blk. Z, T&PRR Sur.

#### STAKINGS

#### Runnels County

Echo Production has staked the McNay #2 as a Wildcat, 2 miles NW of Wingate (Depth 3400). Loc. is 1970 FNL & 2180 FSEL of J. Jeffries Sur. No. 293.

Rayco Operating has applied to re-enter the Dudley #1 as a Wildcat, 8 miles N of Miles (Depth 4912). Loc. is 467 FNL & 467 FEL of Sec. 27, BS&F Sur.



### Winters Chamber of Commerce golf tournament to be played Saturday

The Winters Area Chamber of Commerce will host an 18 Hole 4 Person Scramble at the Winters Country Club, Saturday, July 25. Tee time is 8:00 a.m. Carts will be available or you may bring your own. Cash prizes will be awarded to winning teams. Extra contests are scheduled, and door prizes will be awarded to those in attendance. Entry fee is \$100 per team. Please call the Chamber office at 754-5210 or the Winters Country Club at 754-4679 to sign up.

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**DONNA DONICA displays her plaque of appreciation presented for her 16 years of service to the City of Winters as co-worker and good friend, Shelia Paschal, bids her goodbye. Donna began her duties at city hall on May 3, 1982, and was honored with a reception on July 10. She and her family have recently moved to Midkiff.**

### "Depot Daze" in Ballinger this Friday and Saturday

When looking for something fun to do in Texas, mark your calendar for a visit to historic Ballinger, and "Depot Daze." The trade day is scheduled for the last weekend of each month through September. Display booths full of arts and crafts, commercial items, trader/flea market goods and food will be set up on the pecan tree shaded land adjacent to the railway in beautiful downtown Ballinger directly behind the restored Santa Fe depot. The two-day event is sponsored each month by the Ballinger Chamber of Commerce. You are invited to visit the "Depot Daze" and historic Ballinger this weekend, July 25 and 26. For more information call 915/365-2333 or 365-5611 or www.ballingertx.org E-mail: ballingertx@aol.com.

### Country Peddler Show returns to Abilene

The Abilene Civic Center welcomes the return of the Country Peddler Show after seven years on July 24-26, 1998! The Country Peddler Show, famous for its 20-year reputation of presenting quality arts and crafts shows, will feature 100 beautifully designed booths overflowing with handcrafted designs. Renowned artisans from across the United States will proudly exhibit selective home decor including furniture, stylish summer fashions, and charming accessories for any room of the house. The Country Peddler Show hours are Friday 4:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m., Saturday 9:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m., and Sunday 11:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Admission is \$4.00 for adults, seniors are \$2.00, and children under 12 are free of charge. Paid admission is good for the whole weekend with a handstamp or proof of purchase. For more information, please call American Country Shows, Inc. at (830) 997-2774 or write: P.O. Drawer E, Fredericksburg, Texas 78624.

**Little League Pictures are in!**

Individual and team pictures have arrived at *The Winters Enterprise* and will be delivered to the team coaches. If you ordered a picture, please contact your coach.

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## Obituary

### J.P. "Pete" Davidson

**WINTERS**—J.P. "Pete" Davidson, 86, died Monday night, July 20, 1998, at the Senior Citizens Nursing Home in Winters. He was born January 3, 1912, in Fullbright, Texas. He came to Winters as a child. Mr. Davidson was a self-employed ginner. He also farmed and ranched. He was a member of the First Baptist Church, the Masonic Lodge, and was a 32nd degree Shriner. Survivors include one son, Jay Davidson of Abilene; three daughters, Nona Burton of Ballinger, Robbie Puckett of Plano, Marta Dunn of Galveston; nine grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and a loving friend and companion, Marvel Henslee. Graveside services were held at 11:00 a.m., Wednesday, July 22, at Fairview Cemetery in Winters with Reverend Glenn Shoemaker officiating. Burial was directed by the Winters Funeral Home.

### Take precautions now that could save your home from wildfire

Homeowners need to take time to begin defending their homes against wildfire, advises the Texas Forest Service. "The ongoing disaster in Florida should prod Texans, suffering the driest conditions in a century, to build a fire-safe zone called 'defensible space,' around their homes," according to Information Officer Lou Sloat with the Texas Forest Service Fire Prevention Team in Abilene. "Folks living in what we call the 'urban interface,' or what is commonly referred to as 'out in the country,' are at great risk. A few hours of work now could pay off by saving your home from wildfire." Sloat advises homeowners to clear flammable vegetation to a distance of at least 30 feet from homes, and to prune lower limbs, thin tree stands or clear them completely from the safety zone. "Yard trees and shrubs should be at least 15 feet apart and limbs cut off up to 15 feet from the ground," according to Sloat. He also advises removal of limbs that hang over roofs and chimneys, cleaning leaves from gutters and roofs, and storing firewood at least 30 feet away from homes, preferably not on a slope. The dry conditions also dictate some other common sense precautions, according to Sloat. Those include dumping cooking charcoal and spent fireworks into metal buckets then soaking them with water, keeping garden hoses hooked up, and shovel, rakes, and a ladder at hand. "Homeowners should think strategically," Sloat said, advising them to examine their access roads to ensure they're wide enough for fire engines and bridges are strong enough to support large fire vehicles. "Good people to consult are volunteer fire officials because volunteer fire departments are the principle defenders of urban interface homes in Texas," Sloat said.

### Commissioners, continued

After consultation with the County's legal counsel, Judge Marilyn Egan said the bids would have to be rejected and new bids taken with the new specifications. Other business on the agenda included: \*Approval of the independent auditor's report on the audit of the County Clerk's office at the time of transition between retiring County Clerk Linda Bruchmiller and new County Clerk Elesia Ocker. There were no discrepancies found, according to the Judge Egan. \*Commissioners voted to retain the \$10 road and bridge fee collected on each vehicle registered in the county. \*Approval was given to Tax Collector Robin Burgess for the purchase of a new computer printer for her office at a cost of \$3,075.00. \*A lease contract between the county and the Department of Human Services for office space was approved. DHS pays \$350.03 per month for the office space.

## 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.

### DIABETES FOOT FACTS

*When you have diabetes, good care begins at ground level — with your feet.*

Poor circulation and nerve damage are common complications that can seriously damage the feet and even lead to amputation. Nerve damage reduces your ability to feel heat, cold, and pain, increasing the chance of injury, while poor circulation makes it more difficult for your feet to fight infection and heal. Regulating your blood sugar level, exercising, and not smoking are the first steps to good foot care. Here are some additional precautions to keep your feet in good shape:

- >> **Examine your feet every day** and seek medical care if you have a foot injury. Tell your doctor if your feet change shape or color or become less sensitive.
- >> **The skin of your feet may become dry and cracked** because the nerves that control sweating don't work. Use petroleum jelly or unscented skin cream on your feet after bathing to lock in moisture. However, don't put cream between your toes; this can lead to infection.
- >> **Use a pumice stone or emery board daily** to treat calluses. If a callus gets thick, see your doctor. Never try to cut off a callus or corn or use chemicals to remove them.
- >> **See your doctor if you develop a foot ulcer or an open sore.** Untreated sores can become infected and lead to amputation.
- >> **Don't put your feet in hot water or walk barefoot** because you may burn or injure yourself without knowing it. If your feet get cold, warm them with extra layers of socks rather than a hot water bottle.

Jackie Barnard, RN

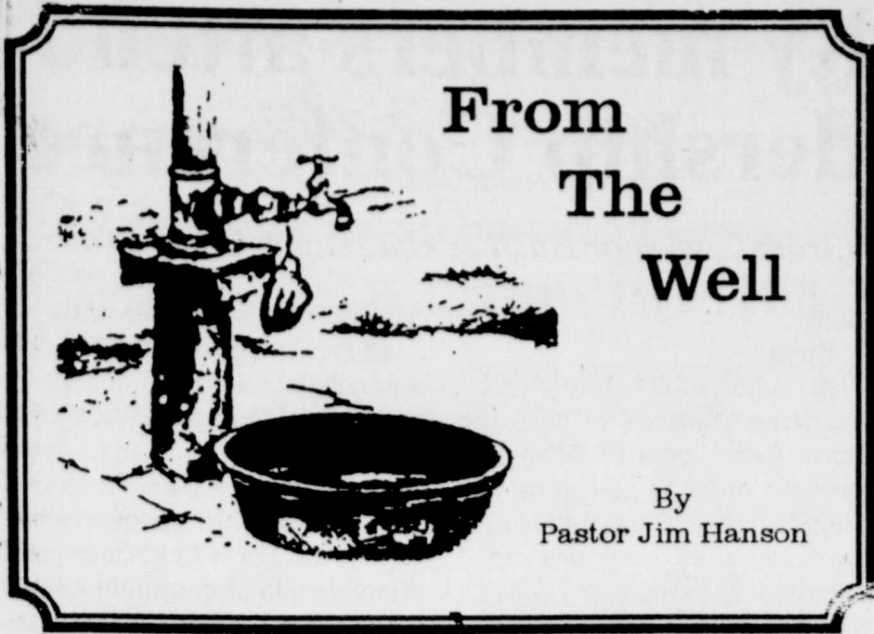
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## From The Well

By  
Pastor Jim Hanson



Pastor Jim Hanson

I can't think of anything that has hit me in the head with more shock than "school shootings." Jonesboro, Arkansas. Edinboro, Pennsylvania. Springfield, Oregon. Awful. Children killing children. I can hardly believe what I have heard reported.

My initial reaction has been one of anger. And then — grief. What in the world is happening? And why? And, what can we do to change it?

The Sunday morning after the first shooting, I asked our Sunday School — which commandment was it that the "shooters" broke? It was amazing... the answers. Only one had it right. So, that gave me an opening. And I then asked, "Do you think that these boys and girls ever heard that God has a commandment, 'Thou shalt not kill?' Do you think that their parents had ever taught them this commandment? Do you think they ever went to Sunday School or church?"

Of course, we didn't know for sure. Of course we had no way of knowing. We do know, because of Madeline O'Hare and her convincing our nation that we ought to remove prayer from our schools and public places, that the Ten Commandments were not hanging on the walls of the school building.

What really angers me about all this is that it was not that way when I was a child. In our community of Brookings, South Dakota, there were three really safe places for children. The home. The school. The church. No matter who might be bullying me — and there were bullies then, too, if I could get inside the door... of my home, or the school, or the church, I was "safe." I was protected. No one could get after me in those 3 places. My parents. The Principal. The Preacher. Each was a protector, and the places they served were "sanctuaries," safe places.

We have come a long way, haven't we? We have really progressed as a nation and a culture. But, there is still hope.

One sign of hope was from the church across the street from the emergency entrance to the hospital. They threw their doors open. The place was full of kids and parents, some members, some others. They came looking for comfort, for prayer, for someone to talk to, and... for reasons. The pastor, Zane Wilson, said, "We decided to have a service of prayer and reconciliation at 7 p.m. It was Ascension Day, and the church was packed." He said in his sermon, "On the first day of the Ascension, those few disciples were feeling very much alone. Right now many of us feel alone, as if God has abandoned us. Don't you believe it. God has not turned his back on us. When we are the most terrified, most threatened, Jesus is closest to us. And Jesus touches us in the touch of community, of those people on your left and on your right — even the ones you have not yet met."

On Sunday, "blue ribbons" were distributed at the church. The ribbons say "Let the violence stop here." "But," the preachers went on to say, "Let the community begin here."

That church became a sanctuary, a safe place for a split, shattered, suffering community. A sign of hope for all of us.

What it really comes down to, these shootings and other violence that seem to be multiplying in our country, is a tragic manifestation of incivility. The opposite of civil-ization. The disregard for others.

Stephen Carter, a Yale law professor, has written a book entitled "Civility." "I have in mind an attitude of respect, even love, for our fellow citizens. Moreover, civility is a moral issue, not just a matter of habit or convention. It is morally better to be civil than to be uncivil."

Carter says civility results from the collapse of the three-legged stool — family, religion, and education. He blames the market place for creating a society where people focus on getting what they want, whereas caring for others and sharing are the values of a civil society. Incivility dominates the tone and substance of public discourse.

Actually, it all boils down to "Love your neighbor as yourself." Which is simple. But not easy. But with God's help, through prayers for His love, it can and will happen. Again, the simple truths of Scripture shed a helpful light on the worst of our human experience. And, offer us a way to matter it a lot better!

## St. John's Christian Preschool now accepting applications

St. John's Christian Preschool is accepting applications for the 1998-1999 school year. Children must be 3, 4, or 5 by Sept. 1, 1998.

Classes will be offered on Tuesday and Wednesday. Morning classes will be from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon and all day classes will be from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Students may enroll for any or all classes.

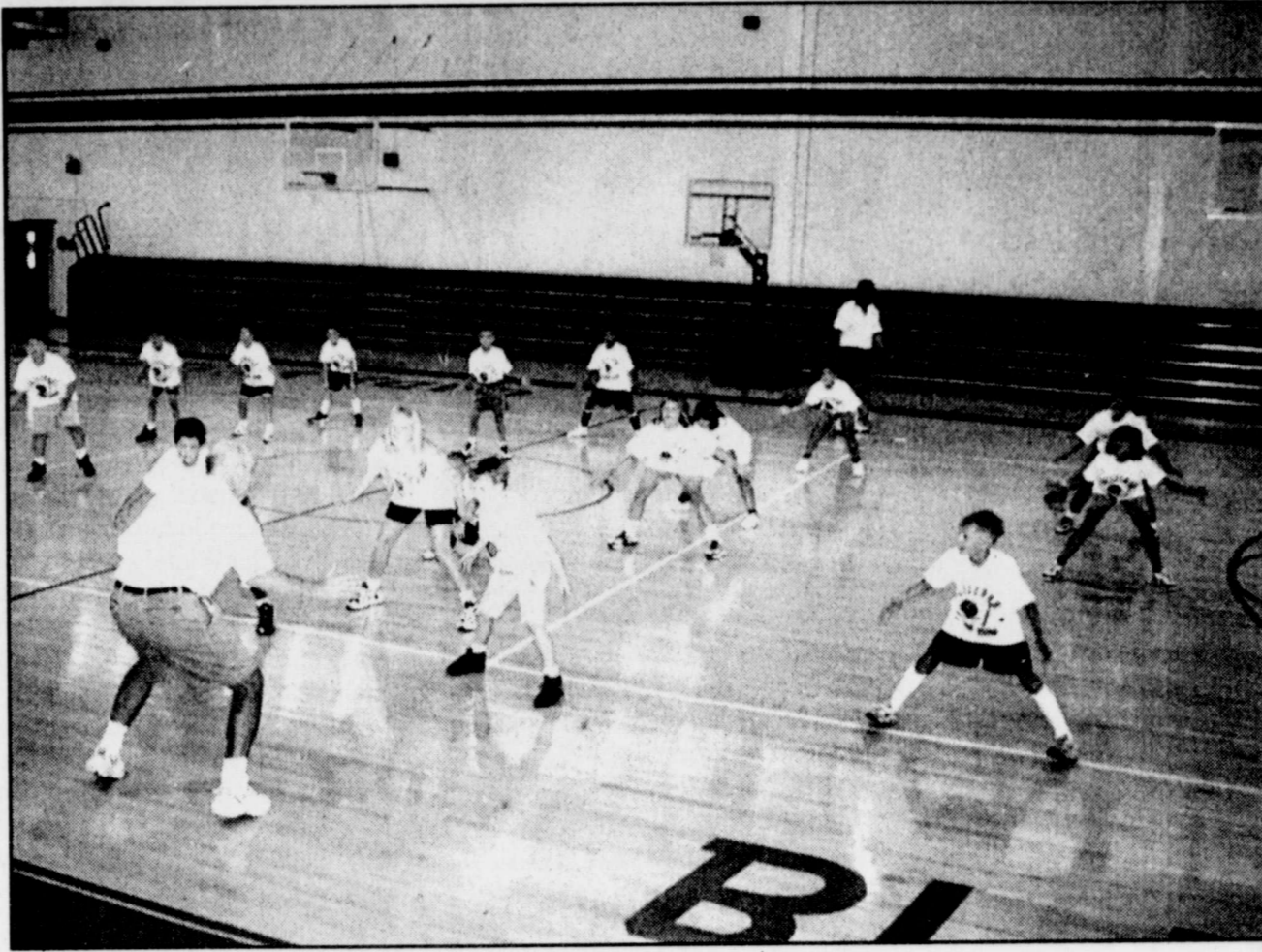
Students enrolled by Aug. 10

will be assured of acceptance.

All faiths, races, and ethnic groups are invited to attend.

Enrollment papers are available at the St. John's Lutheran Church office, 1100 West Parsonage, Winters, on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 8:30 to 12:00 noon.

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



"GET DOWN LOW," says head boys basketball coach, Robert White, as he leads one session of the 1998 Blizzard Basketball Camp. Approximately 60 basketball players participated in the three-day clinic led by Coach White, Coach Kenneth Fowler and Coach Deb Whittenburg.

## Champions named in Blizzard Basketball Camp '98

The results are in for the Blizzard Basketball Camp '98 held July 12-16 at the Winters High School Gym.

Fifty-eight (58) campers were in attendance this year. Instructors were Coaches Robert White, Ken Fowler, and Deb Whittenburg. Assistant coaches were students Jana Presley, Amanda Cross, Jamie Bishop, Samantha Montgomery, and Staci Bishop.

The camp was held in three sessions according to age.

In the 6-8 year old category, Susan Sneed was the girls overall hot-shot champion. Reece Springer was the boys overall hot-shot and boys overall lay-up champion. Amber Garduno was the girls overall lay-up, knockout, and "Land, Air, Sea" champion. Raphael Gallaway was the boys knockout champion.

The 9-11 year old three-line knockout champion girl for Monday was Kathryn Hatler, who was also the overall knockout champion. Jordan Sanchez was the boys knockout champion for Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday. He was also on the champion boys team along with Matthew Awalt, Dustin Burton, Bryce Wilkerson, and Bryant Mikeška.

Krystal Gibbens was the girls Tuesday three line knockout champion and along with Erica Lujano, Marci Paschal, and Adrienne Montgomery won the girls team championship.

The Wednesday girls three line knockout champion was Erica Lujano. She was also the "Land, Air, and Sea" champion and a member of the girls championship team.

Luke England was the Wednesday boys three line knockout champion.

Thursday, Marci Paschal took home the three line knockout championship and the girls overall lay-up champion. She was also a winning member of the girls championship team.

The knockout champions for Thursday were Matthew Tekell and Kinsey Airhart.

The girls overall hot-shot champion was Katy Wilkerson. Dustin Burton was the boys overall hot-shot champion and was a member of the boys championship team.

## "WIC" here twice a month

As of August 1998, the Women, Infant, and Children (WIC) program will be coming to the Winters Housing Authority Meeting Room, located at 300 N. Grant, twice a month.

Office hours will be 9:00 a.m. thru 4:00 p.m. every first Monday and third Wednesday.

For further information, please call (915) 365-5925.

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## Benefit softball tournament for Margaux Murphy

A benefit softball tournament for Margaux Murphy will be played Friday and Saturday, August 14-15. Proceeds will defer Margaux's medical expenses.

Entry fee is \$10 per person, \$5 per home run.

T-shirts will be awarded for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places.

To register or for more information, contact Deb Whittenburg at 754-4470 or Kelli Lipsey at 754-4505 or 754-4388.

## Sales tax rebates show healthy increase for July

As reported by the office of State Comptroller John Sharp, July sales tax rebates for the city of Winters increased 28.04 percent as compared to the prior year's July payment.

Winters' rebates totaled \$10,138.50 this reporting period. For the prior year's reporting period, rebates totaled \$7,918.16.

This month's sales tax rebates include local sales taxes collected in May and reported by businesses filing monthly tax returns in June.

Receipts in Miles decreased 4.45 percent; Ballinger increased 12.59 percent and reported \$30,158.64 in payments.

City sales tax rebates to date for Rannels County for the 1998 reporting period total \$451,111.15, a 13.32 percent increase as compared to last year's period total of \$398,054.34.

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

The Comptroller's next sales tax allocation is scheduled for Friday, August 14.

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## Retirement Reception

honoring  
**Helen Grantham**  
for 20 years of service at Winters ISD

Monday, July 27, 1998  
1:30-2:30 PM  
Winters School Cafeteria



LIONS CLUB OFFICERS recently elected are (left to right) Kenneth Slimp, 1st year director; Dale Montgomery, tail twister; Jim Jordan, 2nd vice-president; Harrel Josey, Lion tamer; Jean Boles, 1st vice-president; Randall Boles, 2nd year director; Bill Spiller, treasurer; John Lee, 2nd year director; and Aref Hassan, president. Not pictured are Terry Wyatt, 3rd vice-president; Mike Harris, 2nd year director; and John McMinn and Danny Prado, 1st year directors.

## Retirement reception to honor Helen Grantham

A reception honoring Helen Grantham will be held at the Winters School Cafeteria on Monday, July 27, 1998, from 1:30-2:30 p.m. Helen is retiring and moving from the community after 20 years with the Winters ISD. Friends and former students are cordially invited to attend.

## Forty-eight at Pritchard reunion celebrate relative's 87th birthday

The 8th annual Pritchard Reunion was July 11, 1998, at the community center in the Ted Meyer Park in Winters. There were 48 attending. Activities included an auction of arts and crafts and a barbecue dinner with all the trimmings. A lot of the younger ones enjoyed swimming in the afternoon. Games of dominoes and cards were enjoyed by some. Everyone enjoyed the day and helped Toby Webster celebrate her 87th birthday with a beautiful cake. A donation was taken to be given in honor of Mr. and Mrs. E.M. Pritchard to the Rehab Center. These attending were Jack and Lucille Pritchard, and Pat and Maxine Pritchard of Wingate; Dorothy Jernigan and Perry Pritchard of Kingsland; Pat Jr. and Doris Pritchard, Kyra and Ashlee Robinson, and Reed Minter of Clyde; Toby Webster of Baird; Steve, Penny, Jessica, Jack, and Jaymee Pritchard, and Johnny, Deb, Misty, Mandy, Cody, Colby, Collyn, and Corey Pritchard, all of Winters; and Kathrin, Brandon, Addison, and Colin Pritchard of Crawford. And Andi, Walter, Mandi, and Jarrett Gerhart of Ballinger; Ronny and Wanda Burns of Abilene; Jack Pritchard of Waco; Brian and Michael Pritchard of Wingate; Tara Burns of Winters; Tyge and Marie Payne of Lubbock; Rex, Cheryl, Kayla, and Kinley Pritchard of Lubbock; and M.J. Whitney and Morgan Haire of Arlington.

## Check out the school's new web pages!!

Please be informed that Winters Independent School District now has approximately 75 web pages relating to various aspects of the school. Pages may be found on the World Wide Web in reference to the high school, jr. high, and elementary, as well as the programs and services offered at WISD. Log on at [www.netxv.net/schools/wintersisd](http://www.netxv.net/schools/wintersisd) for more information.

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July 27-July 31  
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**Monday, July 27:** Spaghetti w/meat sauce, tossed salad, green beans, garlic bread, and glorified rice.  
**Tuesday, July 28:** Steak & gravy, rice, peas & carrots, cornbread, and bread pudding.  
**Wednesday, July 29:** Chicken & gravy, mashed potatoes, boiled squash, rolls, and Jello cake.  
**Thursday, July 30:** German sausage, sauerkraut salad, pinto beans, cornbread, and muffins.  
**Friday, July 31:** Bar-B-Q on bun, chips, coleslaw, pickles & onions, and brownies.

# Local faculty members attend TCTA Leadership Conference

Listen to campaign promises from Governor Bush & challenger Garry Mauro

Winters ISD faculty members Teresa Tekell and Renee Calcote were among more than 500 Texas Classroom Teachers Association members who attended the TCTA Leadership Conference held July 9 and 10 in Austin.

The district educators are local officials of the Winters Classroom Teachers Association. TCTA is a statewide professional association representing 40,000 classroom teachers throughout Texas.

Governor George W. Bush addressed conference participants, sharing his public education policy objectives. Participants also were addressed by Garry Mauro, Democratic party gubernatorial candidate.

Governor Bush and challenger Mauro agree that making Texas public schools the nation's best is the state's top priority. They disagree on how to get there.

As reported by the *Austin American-Statesman*, here are key points in the candidates' plans:

**Bush**  
Ending social promotion by requiring students to pass the Texas Assessment of Academic Skills in order to get promoted. The Bush plan would funnel failing students into programs aimed at providing extra help. Students would then get two additional chances to pass the test.

Financing "teacher academies" to help elementary school teachers improve their skills.

Starting a pilot program allowing the use of state money to pay private school tuition.

**Mauro**  
Raising teachers' pay by \$5,000 a year, plus an additional \$5,000 a year for those who teach subjects for which they are certified.

Improving Teacher Retirement System benefits.

Borrowing \$2 billion from the Permanent School Fund to build enough classrooms to elimi-

nate the state's portable ones. Providing state-funded college scholarships to students who maintain a B-minus average or better.

Conference sessions included a discussion on the upcoming session of the Texas Legislature and effective use of communications mechanisms, such as presentations to school boards at the local school-district level. TCTA also made two post-conference seminars available to participants, one on "Winning with Challenging and Unmotivated Students" and another on "Successful Behavior Management."

TCTA is a nonprofit, nonunion professional association serving classroom teachers and related professionals in Texas. Founded in 1927, TCTA is the only Texas education association that limits active membership to public school teachers and related non-administrative education personnel.

## Crews News

By Hilda Kurtz



Hilda Kurtz

*If a man has enough horse sense to treat his wife like a thoroughbred, she will never turn into an old nag.*

Brother Oscar Fanning was the visiting speaker at Hopewell's Sunday services. Other visitors were Janie Fanning of Abilene, Bill and Sue Shields, Chris Shields, and Bernie Faubion. The usual potluck dinner was served after services.

Faurey and Wilbert Alcorn were in Abilene to see their sister-in-law, Velma Lee Giles, who is in the hospital. On Saturday, the Alcorns were in Brownwood to visit another sister-in-law and her daughter, Allie Giles and Jean Stachelwiga. Later, they went by to be with Johnny and Lorie Giles.

Spending Sunday with Doris Wood were Frances Mincey, Pat and Robert Bryant of Abilene. Robert did some odd jobs for Doris.

Selma Wilkerson spent one day during the week with Dorintha Wilkerson in Winters.

Pat and Earl Cooper thank Roy Minzenmayer for the fruit—peaches and grapes. The Coopers are really enjoying them.

Brother Ferris and Ramona Akins returned from Fallon, Nevada, with church builders to help construct a new church for the Emmanuel Baptist Church. About 200 people help on this church. Several of the Akins' relatives also came, so they had a family reunion.

A few Crews folks attended the REA meeting on Friday night in Ballinger. They were Doris Wood; Frances Mincey; Tommy Sprinkle; Rena Jones; Helen Alexander; Adeline, Katherine, and Luke Grissom; Hilda Kurtz; and John Johnson.

Selma Wilkerson and Mark Kaczyk visited Georgia and Connie Gibbs during the week.

Brett and Sherri Mikeska and boys, and Keith and Cathey Gerhart of Abilene spent part of Sunday with Melvena and Marvin Gerhart. Juanita Shields came on Monday.

Roy Cooper and son J.T. of San Angelo, Dottie and Kalyndrake of Winters spent Sunday with Pat and Earl Cooper.

With Noble and Harvey Mae Faubion during the week were Bernie Faubion of Abilene, Carolyn and Melinda Kraatz, and Melvena Gerhart.

Margie Jacob's Sunday dinner guests were Sharon and Jerry Engler of Brownwood; Jodie, Bryce, and Justin Busenlehner; Cookie, Corey, and Brad VanZandt; and Kathryn Kozelsky of Abilene.

Brenda Jacob spent Friday and Saturday with Margie. Brenda and her job have been transferred to Midland.

Linda and Dale Duggan enjoyed having their two nephews, Benjamin and Andrew Brown of New Mexico, for better than a week.

On Sunday, Bill, Linda, Will, and Kathy Duggan and Bob and Janice Pruser enjoyed supper with Leslie Pruser in Winters.

Karen and Stefanie McGallian,

Doris Tippett, and Cindy Powers were with Nila Osborne when she had her surgery. She is recuperating nicely at home. Visitors during the week were Marvin and Melvena Gerhart, Sam and Dee Faubion, Bernie Faubion, Bro. Oscar and Janie Fanning of Abilene, Melvena Gerhart, and Dean Talbott.

Alma (Spill) Benson of California and Josie Hoppe enjoyed the long phone visit. Carl and Louise Miller of Clyde visited the Hoppes on Sunday and brought fruit and garden vegetables.

Gene and Billy Fenton of Coleman spent Sunday with Leona and Roy Matthias.

Ruth Pape and daughter Debbie Horn of Hondo enjoyed their phone visit Saturday.

Those helping Katherine celebrate her birthday Monday with a dinner were Phyllis Byrd of Abilene, Steve and Penny of Ballinger, and Luke. On Monday night, all enjoyed outdoor hamburgers at Bill and Sharon's home. Happy birthday kiddo. Many more!

Mary Kurtz came Monday evening to wish me a happy birthday. Thanks to all of you who sent cards and phoned. I needed that as I'm babysitting with my dog who was bitten three times by a rattlesnake. I believe the dog is going to be alright — thanks to Jimmy Smith and Todd Rabon.

## Benefit Softball Tournament for Margaux Murphy, Aug. 14-15

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- TX Trini Lopez hit: "If I \_\_\_ Hammer"
- TXism: "wouldn't touch that with \_\_\_ foot pole"
- TX Bush denied involvement in \_\_\_-Contra scandal
- TX Bonnie & Clyde \_\_\_ fugitive life
- Texans like it iced
- TXism: "\_\_\_ sneak up on a mirror to fix her hair" (homely)
- Iowa Park h.s. class
- TXism: "\_\_\_ than his bite"
- MVP of Super Bowl XVIII (init.)
- C&W singer Harris
- this Ripkin's brother Billy was a TX Ranger
- where JFK's motorcade was headed
- TX steak cut
- TX Charley Pride's "Wonder \_\_\_ Live There Anymore"
- Ft. Hood command: "Al \_\_\_"
- Harford is "town without a tooth"
- "Hook \_\_\_ Horns!"
- Rangers' ex-GM
- Grieve (init.)
- TXism: "\_\_\_ your drift" (understand)
- state of TX Buddy Holly crash (abbr.)
- TXism: "that's a fine how do you \_\_\_"
- minimum \_\_\_
- TX Madalyn O'Hair and others like her
- promising or swearing
- TXism: "the \_\_\_ morals" (immoral)
- "go fly \_\_\_"
- TXism: "don't \_\_\_ over spilt milk"
- film: "\_\_\_ at the Alamo" ('83)
- TXism: "\_\_\_ it up" (I liked it)
- it's found in TX genes
- TXism: "\_\_\_ hen fruit"
- TX Stuart Hamblen tune: "This \_\_\_ House"
- Guadalupe is largest spring-river in TX
- Rockets' star when he was Aikeem (init.)
- this TX chemical co. exploded in '50
- TXism: "sneaky \_\_\_ -sucking dog"
- TX barbed wire tycoon: "\_\_\_ Million" Gates
- slogan: "Foat \_\_\_ Ah Lu Yew"
- Spanish name for the TX-Mex. mafia
- "best little crossword in TX" (abbr.)
- "\_\_\_ gut whiskey"
- hurricane mo. (abbr.)
- TX Rangers injured designation (abbr.)
- ex-Cowboy coach Jimmy Johnson has charity for dis \_\_\_ kids
- nickname for chuckwagon chef
- San Antonio Zoo star of "The Deep"
- tennis court divider (2 wds.)
- founder of Fort Worth Star-Telegram (init.)
- "My Gal \_\_\_"
- hairpiece
- TXism: "\_\_\_ footed" (clumsy)

**DOWN**

- "\_\_\_ All \_\_\_ state \_\_\_"
- TX Vidor book: "\_\_\_ Tree"
- TXism: "\_\_\_ doornail"
- Alamo enemy: Santa
- TXism: "\_\_\_ on the hoof" (hog)
- TXism: "costs an \_\_\_ and a leg"
- TXism: "\_\_\_ pilot" (preacher)
- "shop \_\_\_ you drop"
- Bronte, TX 1st name
- TXism: "\_\_\_ Million" Gates
- Houston Post VIP
- knot again
- most Texans are fun to \_\_\_
- TX Paddock crashed in \_\_\_ Alaska
- TX Willie Nelson tune: "The \_\_\_ the Street"

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## Poe's Corner

By Charlsie Poe

### Blessed is a cheerful heart

Stella Moore is truly a pioneer and it is fitting that her 95th birthday, as planned by her children, be celebrated in the Rock Hotel, the oldest restored public structure in town.



Charlsie Poe

Stella was born to Ellis and Georgia Bridwell at Celeste, Texas, on July 19, 1903. They lived there for three years. In 1906, Mr. Bridwell left his farming in Hunt County and came to Winters in an effort to save a sick son, but the baby died.

Winters was a village with three or four stores and Bridwell became a barber in his home, a small house on Tinkle St., with some equipment he brought. Shaves were 15 cents and hair cuts 20 cents. Whiskers and mustaches were still a common sight. His business gave him a comfortable living and made him rich in friends for years.

In the meantime, Stella was busy going to school and church in the one-room building on Main St. with her sisters and brothers. They were Willie, Pearl, Fred, Garland, and Earl. Mittie Meadows was Stella's best friend.

In 1901, a young man named Charlie Grant had organized a community band. They traveled in a bandwagon drawn by four white horses to surrounding towns and played at picnics, weddings, political rallies, etc.

Grant also organized an orchestra for the school children and, of course, Stella and Mittie joined the group. They got to ride in the bandwagon, performing and having fun.

When asked what she attributed her long life to Stella replied, "It was Mama's capacity for play that made the Bridwell home, a home for children of the neighborhood as well as her own."

"We used to pray for rain, for then our home was open to children from the country who couldn't get home from school. There were pallets all over the house. We had shows, games, and music with Mama directing it all until late at night. Ours was a happy childhood."

Life wasn't all play, there were other nights the children remembered when the sewing machine would be running until 11 or 12 o'clock, turning out dresses for the girls.

Stella quit school just before she was to finish to get married. She and Bill Moore were married

November 10, 1920. J.I. Street was his brother-in-law and we lived on the same street. He taught Bill the plumbers trade and he was a good teacher. They made a company and taught all the sons and grandsons the business. They developed a good trade. Bill died May 5, 1987.

The Moores have four children; Ellis Zane; Mittie Jean; Billy George, deceased; and Cynthia Autry, a registered nurse, of Temple. There are 10 grandchildren, 18 great-grandchildren and 3 great-great-grandchildren.

Stella lives alone in her home. She is a spry and happy person and bubbles over as she counts her blessings.

Her long, living room is covered from wall to wall with all the pictures of family and friends she loves. "I don't pack them away in a box to get soiled or lost," she says.

She delights in her pictures as she sits by her telephone and talks to relatives and friends with great excitement.

Her blessings are often recounted. How lucky she is to live in her own house because her children are near by and those sweet people bring her Meals on Wheels.

Her house is cleaned once a week and she is so thankful for her brace that helps her walk. She confides that she wouldn't be walking after two knee surgeries, one hip surgery, and a cracked collar bone. "Don't mention the last one," she said. It soon got well.

Stella chuckled as she had to tell one more joke on her mother. The well was dry and she had been letting the group of children down into it on a bucket and pulling them up.

Wanting her to share their sport, they persuaded her to take a ride down. Her mother fell to the bottom. She suffered no injury except embarrassment when she saw half the town staring down at her. The children had gone to get help to rescue her.

That was a lesson no one forgot.

### The Shed to cater benefit lunch for Mandie England

A benefit lunch for Mandie England will be catered by The Shed and served at The Rock Hotel, Tuesday, July 28. The lunch is hosted by Rock Hotel volunteers, the Wingate Masonic Lodge, Eastern Star, and friends of Mandy.

Serving begins at 11:00 a.m. and ends at 1:00 p.m.

Menu items include a BBQ sandwich, red beans, fixin's, and a dessert.

Plates are \$4 each. Delivery is available by calling 754-2036.

All proceeds go to help Mandie with medical expenses.

### Municipal Court hours change

Judge Virginia Skaggs Parr announces new Municipal Court hours effective July 14, 1998.

The office will be open Wednesday and Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., and Friday from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Lunch hour will vary on Fridays.

### Old home movies shown at Kruse's 40th reunion

Descendants of Dick and Lena Kruse held their 40th annual reunion at Sunday House, Kerrville, Texas, on June 26, 27, and 28. There were 43 present. The host family this year was Dorothy and Ike Splawn and family.

Activities enjoyed by the group included river rafting, "sitting under the shade trees," games, viewing home movies converted to VCR dated back to 1946, and much visiting. The Friday night dinner was served to the group at Acapulco Restaurant. On Saturday night, a wonderful dinner was served in the Wildflower Room of the Sunday House.

Those attending were Millie and Richard Kruse Jr., Trey and Eric from Houston; Loren and Laura Kruse of Odessa; Dorothy and Ike Splawn; Valerie and Cliff Silverling, Aaron, Kathryn, and Alison, Virgie Cromer, Ethel and Stanley Cromer, and Elizabeth of Dallas; and Florence Secrest, Stephanie and David Abbey, and Elizabeth Secrest, all of Dallas.

Also Steve Secrest of Stockton, California; Candy and David Secrest, Emily, Grace, and Phillip of San Antonio; Delbert Kruse, Rodney Kruse, Rhonda and Roger Kruse, Steven and Michelle, all of Winters; Debbie and Scott King, Stanley, Alan, and Aron of Lamesa; Ruby and J.T. Lucas of Stanton; and Kelli Padgett of Midland.

There were two visitors.

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SUMMER READING WINNERS with prizes in hand are (left to right) Corbin O'Dell and Desarés Petty, each with two tickets to Schlitterbahn; Mrs. Kruse, program director; and Hawke Blackshear and Sandy Esquivel with supersoaker water guns.

### It took a lot of reading to win

Winners for the Summer Reading program were determined by how many hours they read. The four children who read the most hours received prizes.

Desarés Petty, who read 9 hours, won two tickets to Schlitterbahn.

Directly behind was Corbin O'Dell, who read 8 hours and 58 minutes. He also won two tickets to Schlitterbahn.

Hawke Blackshear and Sandy Esquivel both won supersoaker water guns.

KTXS channel 12 news donated the tickets for Schlitterbahn, while Wal-Mart in Ballinger donated the supersoaker water guns.

Through the course of the Summer Reading Program, the children had many small visitors drop in. Among them were Molly the rabbit and her small friend, baby Cottontail; a small aquarium of guppies; and George the Hermit crab. George brought with him snacks made from crab meat.

Ice cream for the children was donated by Lawrence Bros. IGA.

Winters Welding Works provided coke, cookies and, a large cooler container. Other refreshments were provided by group leaders, Mrs. Sonia Petty and Mrs. Yvonne Blackshear. Other supplies were furnished by Mrs. Ouida Nichols and Mrs. Bettye Pinkerton.

Justin Laird provided the rabbits; guppies were brought by Hawk Blackshear and Xylephanie Blackshear; and Kirsten Grun, granddaughter of Bob and Oleta Webb, brought her pet crab.

### Ninety-seven in attendance at Schwartz annual reunion

The family of the late W. H. and Sadie Moore Schwartz met for their annual reunion. There was a total of 97 people attending the three day event. There were 11 brothers and sisters, 18 grandchildren, 24 great-grandchildren, and 11 great-great-grandchildren making a total of 64 direct descendants.

A great big Schwartz thank you goes to Laverne Boles for her time and effort securing the building, supplies, and the BBQ dinner, to Rhonda and Donald Currie for bringing the Sunday morning message in song and scripture.

A thanks also goes out to the children participating in singing, Stanley and Marilyn Standlee for the good "ole" Blue Bell ice cream, and to Alan Standlee for the updated descendants charts, and to those who brought prizes.

A most special thank you goes to Charlene Ruzicka who shared with the family a pictorial album and eulogy she gave at her brother Aubrey Wayne Gerhart's memorial service. Aubrey passed away on Easter Sunday of this year.

Those attending were Jennie M. Lee, Janice Brown, Daryl and Teresa Lee; Peggy O'Keefe, Doretta Gerhart, Charlene and Walt Ruzicka; Robyn and Van Hedrick, Alta Belfiore, Gayle Walker, Lavon Smith, Joshua, Michael, and Andrew Smith; George and Sonya Floyd, Tiffany, Amber, and Jay Floyd.

Those also attending this year were Laura and Alyssa Malveaux, Azlete and Monroe Boles, Ryan Boles, and Jean Scott; Thomas and Michael Walkoviak, Waldene Walpole, Joy and Marissa Scroggins, W. H. and Christine Schwartz; Diana and Rebecca Skiles, Jerry and Vickie Schwartz, Emilee, and Lawrence Schwartz, Alvin and Cindy Schwartz.

Also Paige Iness, Kristie and Tony Taylor, Cheyenne, Traves Taylor, Kimberly and James Doyle, Brandon, Brandy, and Ty Doyle; Martha Standlee, Stanley and Marilyn Standlee, Keith Standlee, Alan and Mark Standlee, Don and Carol Schwartz, and Kristy Mulkey; Katie Irwin, Phyllis and Ellis Fulton, Rhonda and Donald Currie, Jonathan and Jared Blakely Currie.

Also Jimmy Schwartz, and Myrna Valenzuela, Mark Valenzuela; Koren, Aaron

Schwartz, Chrissy Jouett Schwartz, Kevin Schwartz, Nancy Allison, Scott and Susanne Sisson, Ryan, Kaley Sisson, and Melissa and Dave Ennis. The Rick Boles family had 7 guests with them and the Donald Currie family had their son with them and a visitor on Sunday.

This year's reunion news is dedicated to the memories of those who are no longer with us and to Gayle Walker's grandparents, W.H. and Sadie, who left this family with a legacy of love, Christian values, and caring for each other in times of sorrow and joy.

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THE 1948 WEDDING PHOTO of Pyburn Allen Brown and Virginia Colburn.

*Editor's Note: A special request by Earnest and Eloise Brown, in observance of Pyburn and Virginia Brown's 50th anniversary, has prompted The Winters Enterprise to reprint the following wedding as it appeared in the newspaper in 1948. Pyburn and Virginia will be honored with a reception in The Rock Hotel Sunday, July 26, from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. Family and friends are invited. Please dress casual.*

### Double ring service read July 25, 1948, in Baptist Church uniting Virginia Colburn and Pyburn Brown

A double ring ceremony uniting Virginia Colburn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. V.E. Colburn, and Pyburn Allen Brown of Odessa, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Francis Brown, was read Sunday evening, July 25, 1948, at 6 o'clock in the First Baptist Church by the pastor, the Rev. L.L. Trott.

Vows were recited as the bridal party stood beneath an archway of fern entwined with daisies flanked by baskets of white gladioli and white tapers in cathedral candelabra.

Traditional wedding music was presented by Helen Love Smith, who also accompanied Nidra Williams, cousin of the bride, to sing "Because" and "Always." At the conclusion of the service, she sang "The Lord's Prayer."

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a gown of white slipper satin fashioned with a fitted bodice, a lace yoke and long lace sleeves and full skirt terminating in a cathedral train. Her fingertip veil of illusion bordered in lace fell from a tiara of seed pearls. She wore a string of pearls, a gift from the groom, and carried a Bible topped with gardenias surrounded by white roses, satin streamers, and white rosebuds.

Keeping with the tradition, something "Old and Borrowed," she carried a handkerchief of her mother's and her veil was borrowed from Mrs. William Davis.

The bride's attendants were Mrs. Earnest Brown of Wink, matron of honor; and Mrs. Jon McNeill and Miss Colleen Raper, bridesmaids. They wore identical dresses designed with net yokes and puffed sleeves, fitted bodice, and full skirt. Each wore a crownless organdy poke bonnet and a string of pearls. Mrs. Brown wore blue organdy and carried a bouquet of pink gladioluses; Mrs.

McNeill's frock was pink and her bouquet was of blue gladioluses; Miss Raper wore green and carried pink gladioluses.

Candlelighters were Mrs. Leon Brown of Wink and Mrs. Willis Davis, who wore orchid organdy dresses identical to those of the bride's attendants. Their corsages were pink gladioli.

Janice Colburn, sister of the bride, was junior bridesmaid. She wore a yellow organdy creation and a corsage of pink carnations.

Patricia Robertson served as flower girl and was attired in a yellow organdy dress and had a pink carnation corsage. Sandra McKee of Aberdeen, Washington, and Pat Rogers of Houston, niece and nephew of the bridegroom, were ringbearers.

Earnest Brown served as best man for his brother. Ushers were Gerald Brown, also a brother of the groom, and Billy Colburn, brother of the bride.

The bride's mother wore a navy blue print frock with black accessories. Mrs. Brown, mother of the groom, chose a pink and brown print dress and brown accessories. Both wore corsages of talisman roses.

#### RECEPTION

Immediately following the ceremony the bride's parents hosted a reception in the home of Rev. and Mrs. Trott. Guests were greeted by Mrs. R.A. Cox of Atlanta, Georgia, aunt of the bride, who presented the bridal couple and their parents.

The lace laid table was centered with a three-tiered wedding cake topped with a miniature bride and groom. White gladioluses added floral beauty to the rooms. Eddy Founts of Hamlin, former roommate of the bride at Hardin-Simmons University; Mrs. Willis Davis; Mrs. Earnest Brown; and Helen Love Smith

assisted in serving. Colleen Raper presided at the register.

For traveling, the bride chose a tailored tan linen suit and white accessories.

Mrs. Brown was graduated from Winters High School in 1947, where she was a member of the band, Future Homemakers of America, and the Goal Diggers Club. She attended Hardin-Simmons University in 1947.

Mr. Brown also attended the local schools and was employed in Georgia for some time. At the present (1948), he is working for Shell Oil Company in Odessa, where the couple will make their home after a wedding trip.

Among the out-of-town guests who attended the wedding were Mrs. R.I. Collingsworth, grandmother of the bride, and R.I. Collingsworth Jr., Mrs. Janie Collingsworth and granddaughter, all of Abilene; Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Collingsworth of Lubbock; Mr. and Mrs. Chester Collingsworth of Merkel; Mr. and Mrs. Pete Nance and daughter of Cisco; Mr. and Mrs. C.M. Murphy and daughter, Mrs. Ted Williams and daughters of Big Spring; Mr. and Mrs. Byron Estes of Rule; Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Colburn and children, and N.E. Colburn, all of Cameron; Mr. and Mrs. A.R. Wade of Lawn; Mr. and Mrs. J.B. Estes of Hatchel; Anita Allen of Bandera; Eddy Fount of Haskell; Wilton Davis of Austin; Mr. and Mrs. R.A. Cox of Atlanta, Georgia; Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Campbell, Mr. and Mrs. Rollin Campbell, Mr. and Mrs. J.M. Pyburn and granddaughter, Mr. and Mrs. Taylor, all of Ballinger.

# Spill reunion includes baptism of infant girl

Descendants of August and Rosa Falser Spill held their reunion June 27, 1998, at the Mt. Carmel Parish Hall in Winters. One hundred and fifteen attended.

Shirley Spill Tarrillion of Austin and Nancy Spill Phillips of San Antonio hosted the event. Genevieve Spill and Walter Adami served as local contact persons. Dan Tarrillion handled mailouts and computer details. Mike Phillips brought his computer and updated family history at the registration desk. Courtney Tarrillion registered the younger children at the "Kid's Corner" where she provided games, toys, and activities for their entertainment.

A delicious barbeque dinner catered by The Shed was enjoyed with many tempting desserts brought by those attending.

Afternoon activities began with the baptism of infant Samantha Nicole, daughter of Bob and Suzanne Spill Wills of Houston and granddaughter of James and Sue Spill of Winters.

### Sixty-five attend Guy reunion

The 23rd Guy reunion was held in Abilene, Texas, on June 28, 1998. There were 65 people in attendance.

Those present were Curtis and Rheba McCartney, Abilene; Steven and Arlena Stevens, Abilene; Todd and LuAnn Loveland, Abilene; Junior and Kay Guy, Winters; Bill and Donna Roberts, Spur; Joey Roberts, Abilene; Jason and Jami West; Abilene; and Jeff, Tami, and Cody Harvey, Olney.

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All enjoyed a silent auction and delicious food. Everyone had a great time.

The descendants will meet again in June 1999.

Sponsors were Stephen Spill of Austin and Alma Benson of California. The Rev. Albert Flathmann officiated. A quartet including Virginia Flathmann, Mary Ohlman, Elizabeth Carlson, and David Flathmann, sang "Father Welcomes (The Children)" in honor of Samantha's baptism.

Shirley Tarrillion and Nancy Phillips conducted a memorial service, with a reading from John 14:1-7, for six family members who had died since the last reunion. They were Alvin Nitsch, Delia Keel, Cecil Adami, Chester Afferbach, Lena Sentz, and Roy Cecil Mitchell.

Dorothy Phensik reported on the progress of the family recipe collection and presented some options on the number of recipes needed for publication. Additional recipes are to be sent to Kathy Harris to be placed on computer file. David Flathmann is historian, and Mike Phillips will be family genealogist.

Other events were songs by children under the leadership of

Elizabeth Carlson and a solo, "He's Got The Whole World In His Hands," by Courtney Tarrillion.

Nick and Mary Sylvia Drobot volunteered to host the next reunion.

A silent auction of donated crafts and other items was held with the proceeds to help defray expenses.

Michael and Joey Phillips and David and Annetta Flathmann led outside games of volleyball and horseshoes.

Virginia Flathmann led a group of family members to Fairview Cemetery to place a basket of flowers at the grave of August and Rosa Spill.

Grandchildren of August and Rosa Spill present at the reunion were Walter Adami, Albert Spill, Josie Hoppe, and Walter Spill. A get well card was signed to send to another grandchild, Bendina Spill Ashborn, who planned to come but was hospitalized the day prior to the reunion.

The next reunion will be planned for June 2000.

### Descendants of David & Lydia Mitchell continue tradition

— Gather for 49th reunion —

The 49th Annual Mitchell Reunion was held Sunday, July 12, 1998, at the Winters Housing Authority. There were 39 people present for the meal.

Attending from the farthest distance was Mary Piel of Del Rio. The oldest attending was Hollis Workman from Hatchel.

David and Lydia Mitchell had 9 children and 29 grandchildren. Two of the 12 living grandchildren were present Sunday.

Family members attending were—

From the Luther and Lizzie Mitchell family: Audra and Lila Mitchell of Winters; Mike and Linda Mitchell of Winters; Randall, Susan, Kevin, Dennis, and Craig Conner of Winters; and Garner and Elizabeth Young of Coleman.

From the Walter and Mary Mitchell family: Shirley and Bob Grant of Levelland, and Ernie and LaDelle Watson of Lubbock.

From the Arthur and Myrt Mitchell family: Hollis Workman of Hatchel; David, Brenda, Mindi, Aaron, Darren, and Chris Workman of Ballinger; Don and Myrtle Bales of Ballinger; Dorothy Wadsworth of Ballinger; Shorty and Kay Workman of Odessa; and Mary Piel of Del Rio.

From the Travis and Ethel Mitchell family: Warren, Charlotte, and Tim Mitchell of

Lockney; Matt, Tandi, Daniel, and Nathan Mitchell and Ruth Mitchell of Austin; and Shirley Stewart of Snyder.

A special time of remembrance was held for those family members and close family friends who died during the past year. This included Dock Pinegar, Omer Hill, Tommye Woodfin, Gregg Grimm, Lois Brown, Bill Rock, Reba Yancy Ellis, Kelli Mitchell, and Cleburne Voelkel.

### Children to cha-cha to Charming Chants

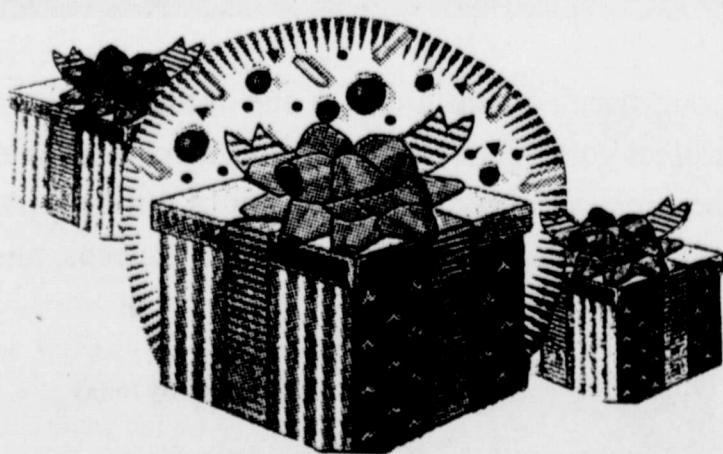
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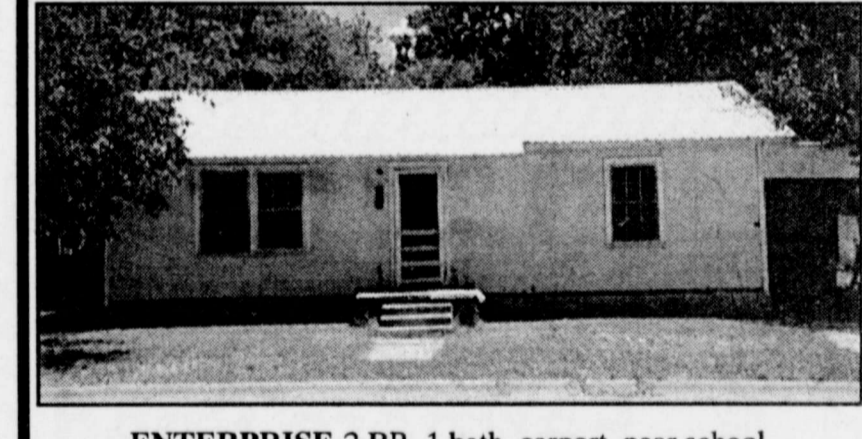
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# Governor requests drought disaster declaration for entire state

Governor George W. Bush is asking the federal government to grant disaster status to an additional 176 counties stricken by drought. Runnels County is among the additional counties.

If the U.S. Department of Agriculture grants the Governor's request, all 254 Texas counties will be under a drought disaster declaration.

In a letter to U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Dan Glickman, Governor Bush describes the economic emergency caused by above normal temperatures and severe drought conditions. If the request is granted, Texas farmers

and ranchers will be eligible for emergency loans to cover losses suffered under the drought. The Texas Agriculture Extension Service estimates total losses will be \$1.5 billion statewide. "I'm asking the federal government to expedite the declaration for all Texas counties because Texas needs immediate assistance," Governor Bush said.

As of July 17, 1998, two Texas counties, Terrell and Glasscock, have been designated disaster areas by the federal government. Requests from 76 counties are pending.

The Governor is also con-

cerned about the risk of fire and the ability of volunteer firefighters to do their jobs.

He has written to the heads of each state agency, urging them to grant paid leave to volunteer firefighters who respond to rural emergencies. "I encourage all agencies to support their personnel who take on this vital community service role," Bush said. "Their response to ongoing fires helps to protect the lives and property of all Texans."

Approximately 40,000 volunteers serve as the primary fire fighting force for rural Texas.

## TDCJ gives \$13 million to drug programs

Tom Green program serving Runnels County receives \$243,000

The Texas Department of Criminal Justice has approved more than \$13.5 million in grants to probation departments covering 109 counties, including many of the state's largest population centers, with substance abuse programs as an alternative to sending nonviolent lawbreakers to prison.

For Fiscal Year 1999, the Tom Green Treatment Alternatives to Incarceration Program (TAIP) will receive \$243,000. The Tom Green program serves Coke, Concho, Irion, Runnels, Schleicher, and Sterling counties.

For 30 TAIP programs in 109 counties, including Tom Green, funding totaled \$12,946,792. Lubbock County Court Residen-

tial Treatment Center received \$300,000 and Nueces County Substance Abuse Treatment Facility in Corpus Christi received \$395,000. This brings the awards to the sum of \$13,642,392.

The grants, administered by TDCJ's Community Justice Assistance Division, will be used by community supervision and corrections departments to identify and assess substance-abusing offenders who would be better served by treatment than by incarceration in jail or prison. The programs target offenders who cannot afford private treatment and for whom no other programs are available; last year, 27,000 were treated, 86 percent of whom earned less than \$20,000 a year.

"Nearly 93 percent of the funds pay to screen, assess, and treat offenders," said Allan B. Polunsky, chairman of the Texas Board of Criminal Justice. "These programs save lives, reduce drug- and alcohol-related crime and save prison beds for violent felons."

TDCJ's Community Justice Assistance Division gives more than \$208 million annually to the state's 122 probation offices, known as community supervision and corrections departments, which serve the state's 254 counties. Some 40,000 offenders, both misdemeanor and felony lawbreakers, are currently on community supervision, placed there by the courts.

**Extension News & Views**  
By Patricia Hohensee, Extension Agent-HE

### Hoppe, Jacobs take top honors on record books

Three Winters 4-H record books were among 33 from Runnels County to be judged at the District 7 Record Book competition at the Texas 4-H Center on July 14. A total of 180 books were entered into the contest from the 23 counties that compose District 7.

Chanda Hoppe received 1st place in Senior Citizenship. Angela Jacob took 1st in Senior Housing and Home Environment while brother Craig was first in Senior Entomology.

These record books advance to state competition at Texas A&M University, August 10-12.

### WORTH THINKING ABOUT

Lawn and garden equipment generate over 12,000,000,000 pounds of air pollution annually. Running a gas-powered leaf blower for one hour produces air pollutants equivalent to driving a car for 34 hours. One hour with a chain saw equals 63 hours of driving.

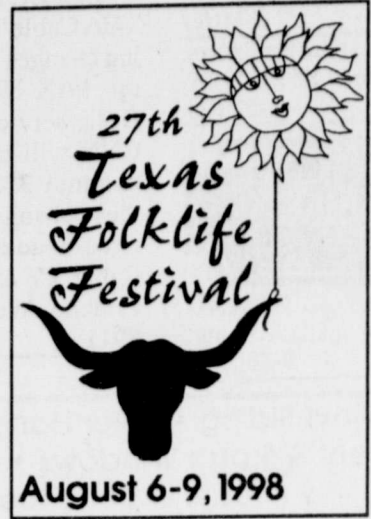
*Use electric lawn and garden equipment as much as possible. If a broom will work, use it instead.*

# Texas Folklife Festival beginning August 6th

It's party time this coming August 6-9 at the Texas Folklife Festival, the event that offers both seniors and kids special treats. Opening day, August 6, is dedicated to seniors. For just \$4, half the price of a regular admission ticket, seniors can enjoy musical performances, ethnic dances, storytelling, craft demonstrations, and delicious food. The discounted price for seniors 55 years and over is available ONLY at the gate.

Saturday, August 8, noon-11 p.m.; and Sunday, August 9, noon-9 p.m. Regular admission prices are \$8 for adults 13 years and over; \$2 for children 6-12 years; and free for children 5 years and under.

Over 10,000 members of some 40 ethnic and cultural groups that participate in the Texas Folklife Festival each year share their traditions through a blend of education and entertainment that every visitor enjoys. This year's participants hail from some 60 counties across Texas.



The Texas Folklife Festival is presented by The University of Texas Institute of Texas Cultures at

San Antonio as an extension of its role as a statewide educational center. It is held on the Institute's grounds on HemisFair Park in downtown San Antonio.

For more information about the Festival, the general public can call (210)458-2390, or visit the Festival's website at [www.texancultures.utsa.edu](http://www.texancultures.utsa.edu).

### Official Records

<b>County Court Criminal July 15</b> Jamie Salinas, Miles, filed for driving while intoxicated, giving false information to a peace officer Terry Lynn Montez, Ballinger, driving while intoxicated, subsequent offense, driving while license suspended	<b>July 16</b> Kenneth Edward Plumley and Bonnie Eva Plumley <b>Divorces Filed July 10</b> Raquel Ann Garcia and Jose Angel Garcia <b>July 15</b> Phyllis Terri Fudge and Lynn Travis Fudge <b>Civil July 15</b> Ballinger National Bank vs. Jerry McGee, Carolyn McGee and Travis McGee—promissory note <b>July 16</b> Midland Pipe and Equipment Co. vs. DBO Oil Inc.—account <b>Justice of the Peace Court Precinct #1 Criminal Disposition</b> Irma Garcia, charged with disorderly conduct, case dismissed July 9, 1998 <b>Criminal June 29</b> Dorsie Eugene Blosser, filed for felony driving while intoxicated <b>July 6</b> Douglas Wayne Cole, filed for felony driving while intoxicated <b>July 3</b> Tracy L. Butterfras, filed for insufficient number of life jackets on motorboat <b>July 10</b> Gregory Eugene Stringer, filed for assault
<b>Dispositions</b> Jason Barrigan, theft of merchandise by check, pleaded guilty, fined \$100 plus \$184.25 court costs, \$15 hot check fee, restitution of \$35.00 Ronny G. Lewis, hunting without landowners consent, case dismissed, complaining witness requested dismissal Terry Ross Joiner, theft of gas, groceries and/or cash by check, three counts, all dismissed, defendant deceased Tine Rea Burke, driving while license suspended, pleaded guilty, fined \$350 plus \$184.25 court costs	<b>Marriage Licenses July 13</b> Robert Keith Bowen and Patricia Eileen Johnson <b>July 14</b> Joe Louis Hernandez and Jenny LeAnn Stokes <b>July 15</b> Miguel Valentin Palma and Beatrice T. Aleman <b>District Court Divorces Granted</b>

## Police Beat

The information below is taken from reports on file with the Winters Police Department. Some of the information is provided to police by citizens, and in some cases, police have not finished investigating the reports. These reports make up a small percentage of the total calls the Department receives and responds to each week.

Winters Police Department reports received and/or investigated from Sunday, July 5, 1998, through Saturday, July 11, 1998. Winters Police Officers:

- received a report of a bigamy case on N. Main Street. Charges are pending at this time against a suspect.
- received a report of possible child abuse in the 400 block of S. Church Street. The case has been referred to Child Protective Services.
- received a report of criminal mischief in the 200 block of Jones Street.

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
- Sheriff's Department—365-2121

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## American Jr. Rodeo-National Finals Rodeo at Sweetwater July 27-Aug. 1

The Sweetwater Chamber of Commerce, for the sixth consecutive year, will be hosting the American Junior Rodeo Association-National Finals Rodeo. The rodeo is scheduled July 27 through August 1, 1998, at the Nolan County Coliseum Complex.

Boys and girls, ages 19 and under, compete in many different roping and riding events.

The age groups are 8 & under,

9 to 12, 13-15, and 16-19.

Monday, July 27, and Saturday, August 1, the competition begins at 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, July 28, through Friday, July 31, events begin at 9:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. Gates open nightly at 6:00 p.m.

Ticket prices are \$5 for adults and \$3 for children 12 & under.

For more information, please contact the Sweetwater Chamber of Commerce at (915) 235-5488 or (800) 658-6757.

## Specific exemptions for use of Pirate and Confirm on cotton

Agriculture Commissioner Rick Perry announced that the Texas Department of Agriculture has been granted approval by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to issue Section 18 specific exemptions allowing the use of Pirate 3SC (chlorfenapyr) and Confirm 2F (tebufenozide) to control beet armyworms on cotton. The specific exemptions expire Sept. 30, 1998.

Confirm 2F, manufactured by Rohm and Haas Company, and Pirate 3SC, manufactured by American Cyanamid Company, must be applied following all applicable directions, restrictions, and precautions on the label as well as the following restrictions:

- Confirm 2F and Pirate 3SC can be applied with ground or aerial equipment and only by a certified applicator, a licensed applicator, or by persons under the direct supervision of a licensed applicator.

- Pirate 3SC may be applied using ground or aerial equipment, at a rate of 0.2 lb. a.i. (8.53 fl. oz. product) per acre, not to exceed 0.4 lb. a.i. (17.06 fl. oz. of product) per acre. A maximum of 2 applications may be made, in a minimum of 5 gallons of finished spray per acre by air, or a minimum of 10 gallons of finished spray per acre by ground application. A 21-day pre-harvest interval must be observed.

- Confirm 2F may be applied at the rate of 0.125 lb. a.i. (8 fl. oz.) per acre not to exceed 0.25 lb. a.i. (16 fl. oz. product) per acre. A maximum of 2 applications may be made, in a minimum of 5 gal-

lons of finished spray per acre by air, or a minimum of 10 gallons of finished spray per acre by ground. A 30-day pre-harvest interval must be observed.

- Confirm 2F may be used for control of beet armyworms, when the initial economic threshold for beet armyworms, averaging two active hits (i.e., recently hatched egg masses with actively feeding larvae) per 100 feet of row is reached.

- Pirate 3SC may only be used for beet armyworms control when beet armyworms populations have reached an average of five active hits per 100 feet of row (regardless of whether Confirm 2F has been used). Active hits will be determined by averaging a series of four randomly selected, 50 to 100 foot of row per cotton field.

- A maximum of 1.8 million acres of cotton may be treated under these specific exemptions.

- A designated agent of American Cyanamide must be present at all distribution sites to ensure that each purchaser of Pirate 3SC receives a copy of use instructions and restrictions to be followed under this exemption.

- All applicators must have a copy of the EPA approval notice in their possession prior to any applications.

For more information, contact your 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/conpir98.htm>.

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