

Apples of Gold

JOY—it takes both rain and sunshine to make a rainbow.

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Elementary Choir selected to sing at Texas Educators Convention

The 75-member Winters Elementary Select Choir has been chosen to perform in San Antonio at the Texas Music Educators Convention on Friday, February 5, 1999, at 11:30 a.m.

A tape of the choir's performance was submitted during the summer, along with an application describing the type of show to be performed. The choir competed with choirs from very large districts throughout the entire state.

Fran Kidwell, choir director, says "thanks to the kids who performed so well last year, thus enabling this year's choir to enjoy this wonderful honor!"

Homecoming Queen to be crowned before game

Bonfire, pep rally, and dance planned during week

Homecoming '98 is just around the corner — and with some changes.

New this year, the Homecoming Queen and Coming Home Queen will be crowned at 6:45 p.m. prior to kickoff of the Blizzard vs. Early Longhorns game at 7:30 on Oct. 16.

During halftime, the Blizzard Band will perform their complete marching contest show in preparation for competition on Saturday.

After the game, all exes and their families are invited to attend fellowship in the old gymnasium.

In conjunction with homecoming, various activities are scheduled throughout the week of October 12.

A bonfire, sponsored by the Winters Exes Association, is set for Monday, October 12. Interested persons may meet at the Methodist Church at 7:30 p.m. and walk to Randall Conner's

Germanfest, October 11

by Pastor Jim Hanson

What is a Germanfest? A bunch of Germans having a feast.

What is an Oktoberfest? A bunch of Germans having a feast in October.

Usually Germanfests are held in October because that's when they did it in Germany. After harvest. Before the cold of Winter sets in.

It is a feast of food—all kinds of German food. Sausage, pork, sauerkraut, rye bread. All kinds of German beer, and dancing in the streets to polkas played by German bands. And people "dressed up" German, with leather shorts and funny hats.

Nowadays, Germanfest are for everybody. Not just Germans. Some of them are really ethnic—where people sing in German and talk in German. Many of them are American—such as the one we have at St. John's, but the basic elements are these: good food, good fellowship, and celebrating our "roots" and our heritage with our friends and our neighbors. It's a lot of work. It's a lot of fun.

This Sunday, October 11, St. John's will be celebrating their version of Germanfest at the Winters School Cafeteria. Worship at 10:00 a.m.—"some of Luther's secrets," and serving from 11:00 to 1:00. There will be a Country Store and 2 quilts are being raffled. Come if you can.



MAKING SWEET MUSIC TOGETHER are members of the Winters Elementary Select Choir as they practice for their upcoming performance in San Antonio. The 75 talented singers, who practice at 7:30 a.m. three times a week before school, were selected to perform at the Texas Music Educators Convention in February. The choir is under the direction of music teacher Fran Kidwell, assisted by Joanie Prado.

City approves zoning for new duplexes

In a special meeting of the zoning board and also a special meeting of the Winters city council on Oct. 1, approval was given to zone

ten acres of the Joyce Bahlman property for two-family residential dwellings.

This property is located on Highway 83, just north of the Parklane addition in Winters.

Twelve acres were originally purchased by the Housing Finance Corporation (HFC). Two acres of the project was left as "Ag Use" for a buffer zone between the housing project and the existing Parklane addition.

In the 5 p.m. zoning board pub-

lic hearing last Thursday, Cindy Davis spoke against the rezoning stating that she felt it would hurt the existing neighborhood.

Scott Cavender of Skytec Construction Company of California spoke in favor of the rezoning stating that he felt it would be good for the city. Skytec is the construction management company for the duplexes.

The zoning board voted unanimously to recommend two-family zoning for the ten acres. Those present on the zoning board were Celesta Bahlman, Mary Ellen Moore and chairman Randall Conner. Absent were Jerry Sartor and Linda Dry.

In the city council meeting last week, Davis again stated her objection to the zoning, and Randall Conner conveyed the wishes of the zoning board in favor of the recommendation.

Cavender presented a site plan for the construction site, stating there will be 25 total duplexes; 20 of which will be two-bedroom,

and five will be three-bedroom duplexes.

He stated that present plans call for underground electric, cable and telephone utilities. Yards will be irrigated with maintenance being the responsibility of the HFC. Trees and shrubs will be planted around all buildings to complete the landscaping.

Cavender also stated that only 180 feet of the 200 feet is buffer zone (2 acres). Twenty feet of the buffer zone is existing alley.

Councilman Tommy Russell moved to approve the zoning of the Bahlman property with Joe Gerhart seconding the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Present for the meeting were Mayor Dawson McGuffin and councilmen Gerhart, Russell and Jimmy Butler. Absent were Mike Meyer and Steve Esquivel.

Housing Finance Corporation members are Manuel Esquivel, Doug Wheat, Joe Gerhart, Jimmy Butler and chairman Melanie Wade.

Jail contractor withdraws bid to commissioners

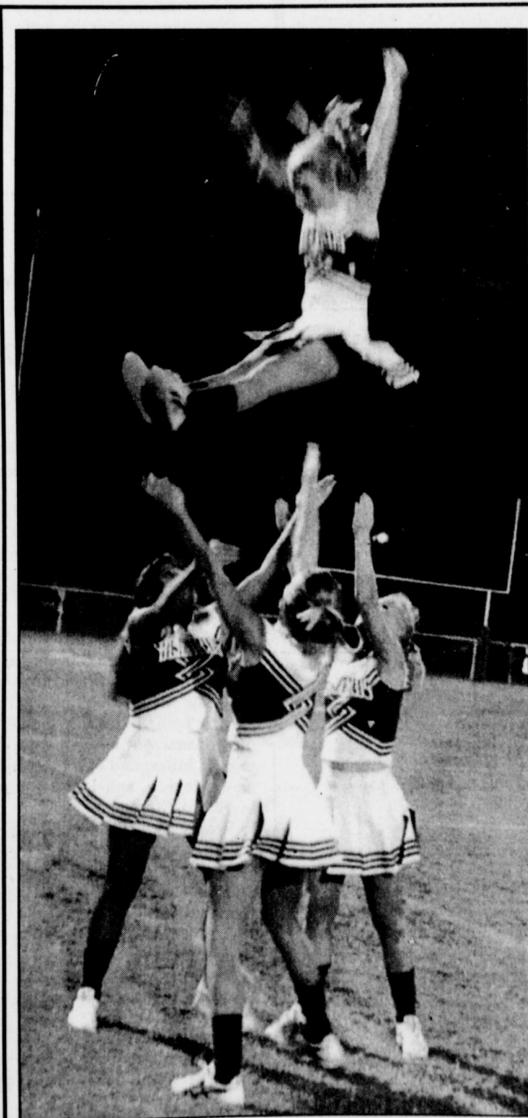
County Commissioners agreed to allow a contractor on the new jail to withdraw the bid for ceramic tile, quarry tile, resilient flooring, and carpet at a special meeting on Tuesday, September 29. David Waller of ArchiSystems, construction manager of the project, recommended the county allow Outlaws Tile Company of Abilene to withdraw their bid. Waller said the company did not have workman's compensation insurance as required by the bidding specifications.

Following the meeting, County Judge Marilyn Egan said she was not sure of the next step to secure a contract for the flooring. She said she would have to check with the county's lawyers to see if the bidding process would have to be repeated.

In other business related to jail construction, commissioners approved change orders totaling \$62,662 with present contractors for the addition of the federal beds at the jail.

Commissioners discussed and passed an order to approve the addition of seasonal employees as an additional employee classification. Seasonal employees will be paid no less than the minimum amount set by Commissioners and no more than the hourly rate (when broken down into an hourly wage) of the lowest full-time employee in that particular department. The County Treasurer will be allowed to hire part-time help in that office, to be paid no more than the

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GOING TO GREAT HEIGHTS are the Blizzard cheerleaders Esmerelda Sanchez, Alison Wells and Angela Jacob, who prepare to catch Shelley Meyer during a pyramid stunt at the football game. Not shown is Candi Lara, who just completed a backflip. These girls devote great time, energy and effort in backing the Big Blue and they welcome your participation at the pep rallies and games.

WHAT'S HAPPENING ?

- Oct. 8-10 a.m., Triple L Club, First Baptist Church
- 11:30 a.m., Senior Citizens Meal
- 5 & 6:30 p.m., Jr. High vs. San Saba, There
- 6 p.m., JV vs. San Saba, Here
- 6:30 p.m., Game Night, American Legion
- Oct. 9-11:30 a.m., Senior Citizens Meal
- 7:30 p.m., Varsity vs. San Saba, There
- Oct. 10-HSU Youth Day
- Oct. 11-11 a.m.-1 p.m., Germanfest, School Cafeteria
- Oct. 12-9 a.m.-Noon, UIL Band Practice
- 10 a.m.-Noon & 1-3 p.m., Flu Immunization Clinic, Sr. Citizens Activity Center
- 11:30 a.m., Senior Citizens Meal
- 6-9 p.m., GED Classes Begin, Winters High School
- 6:30 p.m., Weight Watchers, Sr. Citizens Activity Center
- 6:30 p.m., Project Graduation, Winters High School
- 6:30-9 p.m., Computer Class, Winters High School
- 7 p.m., Weigh Down, First United Methodist Church
- 7 p.m., VFW & Auxiliary
- 8 p.m., Homecoming Bonfire, Conner's Field
- COLUMBUS DAY**
- Oct. 13-10 a.m., Commissioners Court
- 11:30 a.m., Senior Citizens Meal
- Noon, Lions Club, Community Center
- 6:30-9 p.m., Computer Class, Winters High School
- 7 p.m., WVFD
- 7 p.m., Athletic Boosters, Blizzard Stadium
- 7 p.m., Women's Fellowship, 507 State
- 7:30 p.m., Elm Creek Water Control Board
- Woman's Club
- Oct. 14-11:30 a.m., Senior Citizens Meal
- 6:30-9 p.m., Computer Class, Winters High School
- Oct. 15-11:30 a.m., Senior Citizens Meal
- 5 & 6:30 p.m., Jr. High vs. Early, Here
- 6 p.m., JV vs. Early, There
- 6:30 p.m., Game Night, American Legion
- 7 p.m., Winters Squares
- Literary & Service Club

Oil Bidness

By Reg Boles ©1998



Editor's Note: Mr. Boles is not available this week, and he has asked us to re-run a column first appearing in 1994. He notes that the topic is most timely for the current situation, as long as the date references are ignored.

I've heard a lot of people asking about the strong earnings being reported by oil companies during the last quarter of 1993 despite the low prevailing oil prices. Most are confused as to how a company can have such great earnings while having to endure a 25% drop in product prices.

A lot of the confusion results from a subject we discussed in this column some time ago. We talked about how just about any company remotely related to the petroleum business can call themselves an 'oil company.' In this case, major oil companies are reporting earnings right along side the independents, despite one major difference between them. Majors, or most of them, have a fully integrated company, meaning they have oil wells and gas stations. Independents, or most of them, have only oil wells. Nevertheless, both are called oil companies.

The importance of this difference becomes apparent if you consider the circumstances surrounding low oil prices.

Gasoline comes from refineries. Refineries have to buy crude oil to refine into gasoline and other products. Considering the refineries as a separate business unit for a moment, these guys do pretty well when their raw material (crude oil) is cheap. The reason they do so well when crude oil is cheap is that gasoline prices drop slower than oil prices. They drop slower because the refineries are afraid to lower their products prices too soon if a major turnaround in the price of crude oc-

curs.

Major oil companies own refineries, so they get to reap some of this benefit. Independents do not get this advantage, so they suffer on the price of oil and natural gas alone. This is the major case made for integrating a company, broadening the propensity for profit by owning both ends of the business.

Why don't all companies buy their own refineries?

Well, there is risk in being integrated as well. When oil prices are high, there is consumer resistance to gasoline prices that rise too fast. So, gas stations usually go slow on the increases simply to keep their competition from getting all of their customers. Thus, their profit is eroded by rapidly rising crude prices.

Ah yes, there is always an equally compelling downside, isn't there?

In any event, the oil companies claiming high profits are those with refineries. Why, there are some companies (like Sun Company) that are ONLY refineries—they own no domestic crude producing properties. Those with only the oil wells hope for better times and wish their counterparts in the refining business the best.

The one thing they do know is that all of this profit they are so loudly ballyhooing in the press is causing the general public to become even more convinced that all oil companies never suffer, no matter what the oil price.

The 'poor boy' outfit selling their best pickup to keep their wells pumping \$13 oil begs to differ.

HIGHLIGHTS OF AREA DRILLING ACTIVITY
Not Available This Week

Flu immunizations to be given at Senior Citizens Center Oct. 12

The Runnels County Field Office of the Texas Department of Health will hold a Flu Immunization Clinic on Monday, October 12, 1998, from 10:00 a.m.-12:00 noon and 1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.

Location is in the Senior Citizens Activity Center, 601 Wood Street, Winters.

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

Free legal advice for nursing home residents and their families

The NURSING HOME ADVOCACY PROJECT provides free legal advice, by toll-free telephone, to nursing home residents and their families who encounter problems with quality of care.

In their efforts to cut costs, some nursing homes have hired inadequately trained staff, reduced staffing ratios, and reduced basic medical services. In some instances, these actions have resulted in permanent physical damage to the resident or even death. Residents and their families often do not know who to turn to for unbiased, confidential legal advice when such mistakes occur. The resident or family member may fear retaliation, if the resident is still in the care of the offending nursing home.

The result is that many families receive no legal help in securing redress of injuries. Other families locate legal help through yellow-pages, TV advertisements, and similar means. Those lawyers are not screened, and often refer cases to yet another lawyer, who shares a generous fee from the client.

As an alternative, residents or family members may call the Nursing Home Advocacy Project, operated by the Legal Hotline for Older Texans, and receive direct, unbiased information from attorneys who are expert in elder law.

Depending on the case, the attorney may coach the caller in dealing with the nursing home or filing a complaint with the Department of Human Services, or put the caller in touch with the

local Long Term Care Ombudsman or other advocacy group. In appropriate cases, the Hotline would refer the caller to a Board certified attorney with experience in injury cases. Hotline referral attorneys have agreed to charge reduced fees on cases referred by the Hotline.

The Nursing Home Advocacy Project is supported by private donations, the Texas Bar Foundation, and the American Association of Retired Persons, in cooperation with the Texas Department on Aging. The Legal Hotline for Older Texans is a project of Texas Legal Services Center, with support from the Texas Department on Aging, the Texas Equal Access to Justice Foundation, and the AARP.

To reach the Nursing Home Advocacy Project, call toll-free to 1-888-343-4414. This number may also be used to order free brochures for distribution to interested persons in your community.

Senior Citizens Activity Center Menu

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Oct. 12 thru Oct. 16

Subject to change

Monday, Oct. 12: Enchiladas, Spanish rice, coleslaw, chips and hot sauce, and brownies.

Tuesday, Oct. 13: Goulash, tossed salad, carrots, cornbread, and apple crisp.

Wednesday, Oct. 14: Steak & gravy, tomato salad, baked potato, rolls, and hummingbird cake.

Thursday, Oct. 15: Chicken spaghetti, English peas, tossed salad, garlic bread, and chocolate pudding.

Friday, Oct. 16: Cheeseburgers, French fries, corn salad, peach, "Blizzard" Jello.

Birthday girl is Amber Lynn Lara.

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Obituaries

John Edward McAdoo

WINTERS—John Edward McAdoo, 70, died Saturday, October 3, 1998, at Hendrick Medical Center in Abilene.

He was born November 19, 1927 in Winters and was a lifetime resident. He married Joanie McCurdy on December 20, 1952 in Brownwood.

Mr. McAdoo served in the U.S. Army during the Korean Conflict. He was the purchasing agent for John's International and a member of the First Baptist Church. He was an avid golfer, and had won the Men's Club Championship a number of times in the past four decades, and had 10 holes in one in his career.

Survivors include his wife, Joanie McAdoo of Winters; one son and daughter-in-law, David and Cherri McAdoo of Round Rock; and one granddaughter, Chandler Shea McAdoo of Round Rock.

Services were held at 2:30 p.m. Monday, October 5, 1998, at the First Baptist Church in Winters with Reverend James Hanson officiating. The eulogy was given by Randall Boles. Burial was in the Lakeview Cemetery under the direction of the Winters Funeral Home.

Pallbearers were Pat Wood, Herman Baker, Jiggs Nichols, Connie Mac Gibbs, Wilson Marks, Lynn Billups, Jerry B. Whitlow, and Louis DeLaCruz.

Honorary pallbearers were the Winters Country Club members.

Memorials can be made to the North Runnels Hospital in care of the Winters Funeral Home, P.O. Box 395, Winters, TX 79567.

Thursie Hardin

BALLINGER—Thursie Hardin, 91, died at 4:25 a.m. Saturday, October 3, 1998, at Heritage Oaks Nursing Home in Ballinger.

She was born January 7, 1907, in Comanche, Texas, to Will Fenwick and Mary Ann Horton Fenwick. She married Johnny Lee Hardin on October 19, 1924, in Comanche. They moved to Ballinger in 1933.

Mrs. Hardin was a homemaker and a member of the Fundamental Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband on February 22, 1951.

Survivors include one son, Johnny Lee Hardin Jr. of Ballinger; five daughters, Evelyn Hollis of Ballinger, Louise Green of Austin, Joeline Herridge of Ballinger, and Annie Lee Owens and Betty Gene Keele, both of Bronte; thirty-six grandchildren; and numerous great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

Services were held at 11:00 a.m. Monday, October 5, in Rains-Seale Chapel in Ballinger with Reverend Jim Shannon officiating. Burial was in Evergreen Cemetery in Ballinger, directed by Rains-Seale Funeral Home.

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society or a favorite charity.

George Schaefer

OLFEN—George Schaefer, 75, died Tuesday morning, September 29, 1998, at his home.

He was born July 22, 1923, in Olfen, Texas, to Henry Schaefer and Cecilia Halmann Schaefer. He married Patsy Moeller on October 3, 1956, in Rowena.

Mr. Schaefer was a lifelong farmer and a member of the St. Boniface Catholic Church and Olfen Knights of Columbus Council 2772. He was a past president of the Olfen Independent School District.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers, Roscoe and Clarence Schaefer Sr.

Survivors include his wife, Patsy Schaefer of Olfen; two sons, Dwayne and Richard Schaefer, both of Olfen; two daughters, Paula Schriedel of Converse and Carolyn Schaefer of Paint Rock; one brother, Hilmer Schaefer of Rowena; one sister, Earline Johnson of San Angelo; and six grandchildren, Sarah, Catherine, and Christopher Schriedel of Converse, and Megan, Joshua, and Clayton Schaefer of Olfen.

Visitation was Wednesday, September 30, at 7:30 p.m. at St. Boniface Catholic Church in Olfen. Services were held at 10:00 a.m. Thursday, October 1, at St. Boniface Catholic Church with Father Stephen Kennelly officiating. Burial was in St. Boniface Catholic Cemetery in Olfen, directed by Rains-Seale Funeral Home.

Memorials may be made to West Texas Rehabilitation Center or a favorite charity.

Frank Ullrich

MILES—Frank Ullrich, 78, died Monday morning, October 5, 1998, at his home.

He was born on July 16, 1920, to Emil and Mary Schwertner Ullrich in the CrossRoads community near Miles, where he attended school. He married Ruby Braden on November 27, 1945, in St. Joseph Catholic Church in Rowena. They moved to a farm near Miles.

Mr. Ullrich was a lifelong farmer in the Miles and Rowena area and a member of St. Thomas Catholic Church. When he no longer farmed full time, he restored antique farm machinery.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a grandson, Bobby Ullrich; two sisters, Emma Schniers and Frieda Kohrmann; and one brother, Walter Ullrich.

Survivors include his wife, Ruby Ullrich of Miles; one son, Allen Ullrich and his wife Suzanne of Rowena; one granddaughter, Kathi Chitsey and her husband Corby; two great-granddaughters, Bobbi Ellen and Maddi Mae Chitsey; three sisters, Mary Moeller and Helen Ullrich, both of Rowena, and Florine Schmid and her husband Edwin of Brenham; one sister-in-law, Dorine Cmerck and her husband August of Miles; and two brothers-in-law, Leo Kohrmann of Socorro, New Mexico, and Hugo Braden and his wife Susann of Upper Marlboro, Maryland.

Rosary was held at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, October 6, at St. Thomas Catholic Church in Miles. Funeral mass was held at 10:00 a.m. Wednesday, October 7, at St. Thomas Catholic Church with Father Stephen Kennelly officiating. Burial followed in St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery in Rowena, directed by Rains-Seale Funeral Home.

Pallbearers were Wilfred Schniers, Joe Schniers, Pat Schmid, Bennie Frenzel, Tommy Cmerck, and Roman Multer.

Memorials may be made to Hospice of San Angelo, San Angelo Boy's Ranch, or a favorite charity.

Corrected phone books to be distributed beginning Oct. 12

According to Mr. Bruce Condit, Manager of Marketing Communications for General Telephone Exchange (GTE) in Irving, the corrected phone books are being reprinted and are scheduled for distribution beginning October 12.

"We hope to have at least 90 percent of the distribution completed by October 30," said Condit in a telephone interview last Friday. "So some folks will receive their books later than others."

A Reception Honoring
Joyce Krause
upon her retirement as
Winters Public Librarian
will be held on
Tuesday, October 13, 1998
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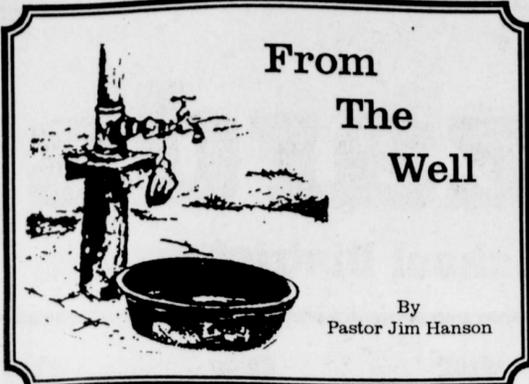
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From The Well

By
Pastor Jim Hanson



Pastor Jim Hanson

It's so hot and dry that even the humor is only dry. All over the Great Plains. The tank's are drying up. It's no longer just a matter of no hay. It's fast becoming a matter of no water.

I wonder if God is trying to teach us something. Not that I believe that He has shut off the water for us. Not when it rains in measurements of feet instead of inches in places where they are flooded, and where the folks living there would be glad to give us plenty of it. But I do believe there are times when God lets "the prince of this world" get his fingers in the weather patterns.

One reason I believe this is because one of the signs of the devil's presence is "confusion." He cannot create anything good. Only chaos and confusion. Only destruction. Luther said our three big enemies on earth are: "sin, death, and the power of the devil." The devil is "the father of lies," a thief, and a murderer, according to Jesus. Jesus is the one who labeled him as "the prince of this world."

It seems to me that the devil has confused the weather systems. He can do that. All over the world, there is upheaval in nature. Terrible floods! Earthquakes. Drought. Untimely. Unprecedented catastrophes. Of course the Bible tells us that these things happen, and will happen until the end of time.

The problem is that many of us don't know what to do about it. So, we complain. Or cuss. Or get anxious and afraid. All of these responses are normal and natural. But, they don't really help. And certainly don't produce rain. Or faith, as far as that is concerned.

What can we do in times of drought and dry weather? One thing is to go to God. And pray, from the heart. Return to one of the oldest prayers in the life of the Church, the Litany, and pray from "epidemic, drought, and famine; from fire and flood, earthquake, lightning and storm; and from ever-lasting-death: Good Lord, deliver us." Folks have prayed this prayer for centuries. It is only in our modern, "get with it" times that we have put prayers like these on the shelf...to be covered with dust. But, when we return to them, they bring recovery, not only to the land but to our souls. More correctly, the right order is recovery to us, and then to the land.

We know this because it is a promise of God in the Holy Bible. That book that we have left on the shelf, to be covered with dust. That "best-seller" that is least read. And, if read, most often is not done. But if we do read it, we find in II Chronicles 7:14, "If my people who are called by my name humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and heal their land." It reads strange, that first must the people be forgiven, and then the land is healed. And, before the people are forgiven, they must humble themselves, and pray, and seek, and turn from their wicked ways.

You see the real problem is not what's wrong with nature. It's what is wrong with us. Sin produces problems. Not only in our relation to each other, but also in the atmosphere that surrounds us. As we have wandered from God and His ways, things get worse instead of better.

The apostle Paul says that creation itself is waiting for us to "get with God." In Romans 8, we read "Creation waits with eager expectation for the people of God to make their presence known." The very fall of humankind into sin brought a curse upon the planet. God's order for creation was overturned, leaving the earth to face disasters, disease, and death.

So, to make a change in the weather, we need to make some changes in our lives. To get our hearts right with God. To pray, not just for rain, but for "the cleansing power of the blood" of Him who came to save the whole creation. To clean up our lives. To live as children of God. And then "There shall be showers of blessing, O that today they might fall, now as to God we're confessing, now, as on Jesus we call! Showers of blessing, showers of blessing we need: Mercy drops round us are falling, but for the showers we plead."



"YOU HAVE TO BE BIG TO TIE YOUR SHOE," says 3-year old Lexee Purdy to her 2-year old cousin Zane Trachta, as the pair enjoyed the nice turf of the football field following Friday night's game. The pair were in town to cheer for their uncle, Chip White #72, of the Blizzard varsity, and to help celebrate his 18th birthday.

Campbell Concert at the First United Methodist Church

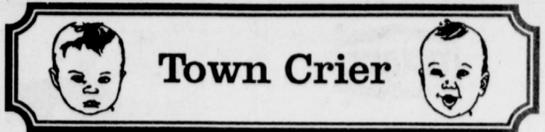
The "Second Sunday Night at First Methodist" series continues with a tremendous country style Christian concert performed by Craig Campbell.

Craig is an "up and coming" new Christian song writer that burst on the scene of gospel music in the past few years. Ron Hebert of KFAN radio in San Antonio says, "Craig Campbell has brought to the table a new gospel song writing style with a heart and soul of Texas. The lyrics have set a new standard for others to follow. Great for secular and Christian stations and a must for any CD collection."

Craig Campbell will be presenting his songs and testimony Sunday evening at 7:00 PM at the First United Methodist Church. The public is invited to attend. There is no admission charge however, their will be a love offering taken to offset Craig's expense in coming.



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Town Crier

Avery Nicole Marshall

Avery Nicole Marshall was born Tuesday, September 22, 1998, at 11:36 a.m. at St. Mary's Hospital in Lubbock. She weighed 8lbs. 15 oz. and was 21 inches long. Avery is welcomed home by big sister Ashten and parents Stephen and Karen Marshall of Lubbock. Maternal grandparents are Carolyn and Jerry Davis of Abilene. Maternal great-grandmother is Ora Green of Winters.

WHS Class of 1943 to hold reunion October 16 and 17

Winters High School Class of 1943 will have a reunion, October 16 and 17.

Festivities will begin October 16 at 5:00 p.m. at the Homecoming Turkey Dinner, sponsored by the Literary and Service Club, at the school cafeteria.

The group will then attend the homecoming game at Blizzard field. Homecoming business meeting will be at the school gym.

On Saturday, October 17, the class members will tour the newly

remodeled Rock Hotel.

They will gather at the home of Estella Bredemeyer for brunch at 11:00 a.m. Time, after the meal, is set aside for visiting and reminiscing.

Addresses for the following are needed: Gwen Oliver, Marion Ford, Daniel Gresham, Pauline Sanders, and James Campbell. If you know where these people are, please call Ouida Nichols at 754-4171 or Estella Bredemeyer at 754-5268.

1956 WHS Class plans reunion

The Winters High School Class of 1956 is planning a reunion with former classmates to coincide with the 1998 Homecoming activities.

The class reunion will be held at the Rock Hotel on Saturday, October 17, from 2:00-5:00 p.m. Dinner will be served at The

Shed in Wingate at 6:00 p.m.

Class members are requested to get their notices turned in as soon as possible after receiving them through the mail.

An address or phone number is requested for Jerry Jones. If anyone knows how we may contact Jerry, please call Marlene Smith at 754-4961.

Card of Thanks

To friends of Donna Gehrels Stamps:

Thank you to all the churches who have put Donna on their prayer list.

Thank you for the prayers, prayergrams, get-well cards, beautiful flowers, telephone calls, thoughtful visits, and kind words.

Donna has a long way to go but is showing improvement every day. Keep her in your prayers, and may God bless each of you.

David Stamps, Dessie Jernagan, LaVeta Perry and family, and Jim Gehrels and family

Classifieds Get Results

Card of Thanks

We would like to thank every one who came out Friday evening and ate at our pregame football supper.

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Wednesday-Oct. 14 Biscuit Sausage Juice
Thursday-Oct. 15 Cinnamon Roll Cereal Juice
Friday-Oct. 16 Toast Sliced Ham Juice

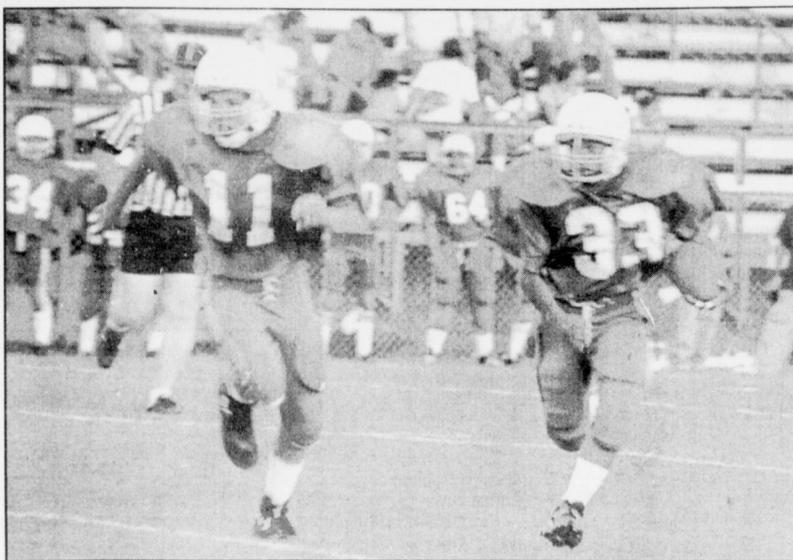
Lunch
Monday-Oct. 12 Student Holiday
Tuesday-Oct. 13 Steak Fingers/Gravy Mashed Potatoes Green Beans Pineapple Pudding Hot Roll
Wednesday-Oct. 14 Tostado/Meat Cheese Refried Beans Tossed Salad Pear Half Cinnamon Roll
Thursday-Oct. 15 Corn Dog June Peas Pineapple Chunks Peanut Butter Cookie
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JOSE VEGA #33 looks for the block from Shane Colburn #11 during 8th grade Breezes action.

JV Blizzards slay Bangs Dragons 33-12

by Kayla Colburn, WHS Correspondent

The junior varsity Blizzards blew away the Dragons 33-12 last Thursday at Bangs.

Chris Yanez scored early in the first quarter on a 24-yard pass by Jeremy Hope. Jeffery Oats' PAT kick was good and Winters led 7-0.

Bangs answered with their own 70-yard drive, capping it off with a 30-yard touchdown pass.

Still in the first period, the Blizzards took over. Tony Agüero ran a 28-yard touchdown on a toss-sweep. Artemio Lopez's PAT kick was good, putting the Blizzards up 14-6.

With 1:42 left in the first quarter Jason Esquivel picked up a fumble and ran a 53-yard touchdown. Oats' PAT kick was once again good, ending the first quarter 21-6.

The second and third quarters were a defensive game for both the Blizzards and the Dragons.

Bangs started out early in the fourth quarter scoring.

Justin Calcote denied their 2-point conversion with an interception. This narrowed the score 21-12.

Knowing the Dragons would try an onside kick, Zeke Martinez pounced on the ball. Now all that

Winters needed was a time-consuming drive — which they did.

Arthur Martinez topped it off with a 5-yard blast to score. The extra point failed, making the score 27-12.

Bangs was moving the ball only to be stopped by a fumble recovery by Ronald Curry.

Tony Agüero's 53-yard "electrifying" touchdown was the final blow that slayed the Dragons 33-12.

Back the Blizzards as they face the San Saba Armadillos in Blizzard stadium Thursday, Oct. 8, at 6:00 p.m.

Go Blizzards!!

PAT kick proves winner for 8th Breezes in 7-6 exciting victory

The 8th grade Breezes held on for a 7-6 win over the Bangs Dragons last Thursday night in Winters.

The Dragons opened the scoring with a cross blast run with 4:28 in the first quarter. The extra point run was no good, and this would prove to be a crucial factor in the outcome of the game.

Runningback Alvaro Rodriguez crossed the goal line for the Breezes with 7:45 left in the second quarter. Mark Moreno's extra point kick was good and Winters led 7-6.

The Dragons threatened late in the game, but a consistent Winters defense held strong, and the clock ran out.

"This was a great win for us — again, a total team effort," said Coach Chris Bearden. "We had fine blocking up front by Brandon Ripple, Matt Tounget, Jared Airhart, Rusty Jackson, and Antonio Aragon, backed up by good running and solid defense. Leading tacklers included Alvaro Rodriguez, Mark Moreno, Jose Vega, Shane Colburn, Michael Flores, Brian Pritchard and a fine performance by Matt Moreno at defensive tackle."

The 8th grade will travel to San Saba to meet the Armadillos at 6:30 Thursday, Oct. 8.

7th grade zips past sleeping Dragons 22-0

Blasting past the Bangs Dragons 22-0 last Thursday, the 7th grade Breezes now stand at 2-1 for the season, and 2-0 in district play.

Tailback Arturo Reyna was the first to score with 4:15 in the first quarter on a toss sweep. The quarterback keeper by Benji Valles was good for the two-point conversion.

Fullback Josh Cavanaugh ran the wedge to score the touchdown in the second quarter. Eric Lopez ran the reverse to hit paydirt in the end zone with 2:05 left in the third quarter. Valles QB keeper was good for the 2-point conversion and Winters led 22-0.

Coach Shane Mobley said, "Although it looks like the offense played an outstanding game, and they did, the defense also played extremely well. The leading tacklers were Michael Roman and Josh Cavanaugh. The offensive line played a great game by blocking guys twice their size."

"The 7th grade Breezes played a wonderful game, and each and everyone of the players deserves credit," continues Mobley. "And thanks for all the great fan support."

The 7th grade will face the Armadillos in San Saba at 5:00 p.m. Thursday.

1998-1999 Jr. Varsity Football Schedule

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME	SCORE
Aug. 21	Wall*		TBA	
Aug. 28	Anson*		TBA	
Sept. 3	Jim Ned	T	6:00	19-0
Sept. 10	Merkel	T	6:30	12-14
Sept. 17	Ozona	H	6:30	47-0
Sept. 24	Goldthwaite	H	9:00	13-30
Oct. 1	Bangs	T	6:00	33-12
Oct. 8	San Saba	H	6:00	
Oct. 15	Early	T	6:00	
Oct. 22	Hamilton	H	6:00	
Oct. 29	Mason	H	6:00	
Nov. 5	Coleman	T	6:00	

1998-1999 Jr. High Football Schedule

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME	SCORE
Sept. 10	Merkel	H	5 & 6:30	7th 6-14 8th 21-24
Sept. 17	Ozona	T	5 & 6:30	No Play
Sept. 24	Goldthwaite	T	5 & 6:30	7th 14-0 8th 36-12
Oct. 1	Bangs	H	5 & 6:30	7th 22-0 8th 7-6
Oct. 8	San Saba	T	5 & 6:30	
Oct. 15	Early	H	5 & 6:30	
Oct. 22	Hamilton	T	5 & 6:30	
Oct. 29	Mason	T	5 & 6:30	
Nov. 5	Coleman	H	5 & 6:30	

1998 Oct. 8

Fearless Football Forecasters



	Monte Angel	Rhonda Goetz	Dale Montgomery	Kevin Floyd	Larry Walker
OVERALL	28-22	29-21	29-21	35-15	34-12
LAST WEEK	5-5	6-4	9-1	7-3	5-5

Winters at San Saba	Winters Coleman	Winters Coleman	Winters Coleman	Winters Coleman	Winters Coleman
Coleman at Bangs	Early	Early	Early	Early	Bangs
Hamilton at Early	Albany	Albany	Albany	Albany	Early
Albany at Jim Ned	Anson	Hamlin	Hamlin	Hamlin	Albany
Anson at Hamlin	GrapeCreek	Grape Creek	Grape Creek	Grape Creek	Hamlin
GrapeCreek at Merkel	Brady	Brady	Brady	Brady	Grape Creek
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Blizzards remain undefeated with 27-0 win over Dragons; San Saba next

After recovering from a mild case of "fumble-itis," the Blizzards got a grip on their offensive game last Friday night and beat the Bangs Dragons 27-0 in the second district contest for both teams.

In what might have been a let-down after the previous week's exciting win over Goldthwaite, the Blizzards did not start the game with the best execution.

Four fumbles and an interception hampered the Blizzard offensive effort in the first half.

Luckily, the Blizzard defense showed up and held the Bangs Dragons scoreless.

There was one outstanding offensive play in the first quarter that put the Blizzards on the scoreboard.

Quarterback Kenny Whittenburg threw a 30-yard pass to Larry Hoyle who caught it on a dead run and took it 50 more yards for the score. Not bad for a runner with a seriously bruised ankle who missed most of last week's game because of his injury.

Josh Minzenmayer kicked the extra point to make the score Winters 7, Bangs 0, with 6:38 left in the first period.

The Big Blue Wrecking Crew made an outstanding goal line defensive stand when the Dragons had the ball on the Winters 3-yard line with a first down.

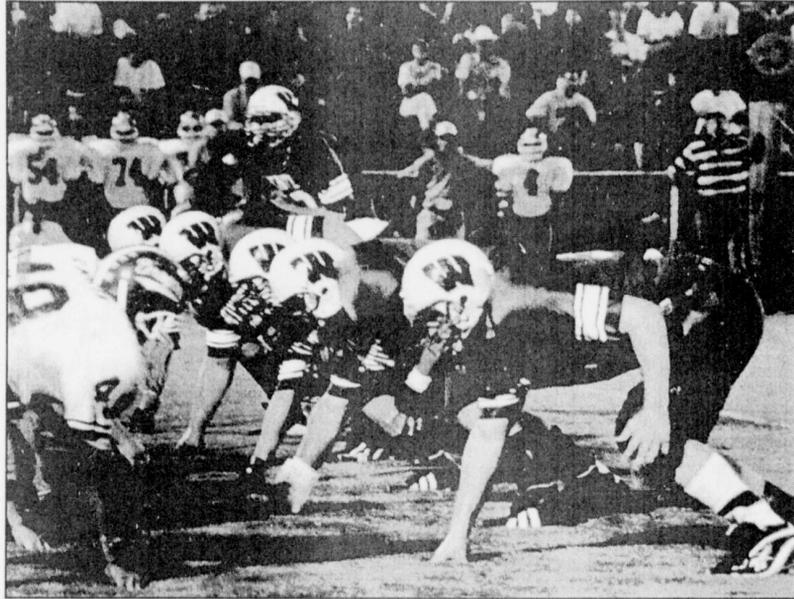
On the Dragons' first attempt, the runner was stopped on the 2-yard line. On second down, Minzenmayer sacked the halfback for a 4-yard loss. On third down, the Dragons made four yards. But on 4th and 2 yards to score, Bangs tried the middle of the defensive line. Bad idea on their part because the Big Blue Wrecking Crew — Brad Van Zandt, Michael Prewit, Eric Tekell and Chris Hoppe — was not budging.

Winters took over just as the first quarter ended. The remainder of the first half saw the Blizzards turn the ball over on three fumbles and one interception.

Bangs took the wind to start the second half, and also received the kickoff. Again the Blizzard defense made its presence known by stopping the Dragons on four plays.

With the wind helping the Bangs punter, the Blizzards started their next offensive drive on their own 6-yard line. On 2nd down and 9, Whittenburg optioned to the left and scampered 93 yards for the touchdown, thanks to a last-second cut to fake the defensive player.

"I was really getting tired after about 70 yards, and thought I was going to be caught so I cut to the left and made it into the end zone," said Whittenburg.



ONE TOUGH BLIZZARD DEFENSE consisting of (left to right) Chris Lujano, Brad Van Zandt, Josh Lincycomb, Michael Prewit and Eric Tekell, with Barrett Brown standing, lines up against the Bangs offense. Not shown at far right is Craig Conner. The powerful defense has allowed an average of only 206 yards per game in five outings.

The PAT attempt failed and Winters led 13-0.

Bangs could not muster any offense on their next possession, and on the attempted punt, the punter fumbled the snap and fell on the ball. Winters ended up with good field possession at the Bangs 31-yard line.

Lee Woffenden and Wes Calcote alternated carrying the ball to get the Blizzards to the 10-yard line with a 4th down and 4 to go.

Whittenburg found Hoyle open in the end zone for the touchdown and the extra point try by Minzenmayer was good, pushing Winters' lead to 20.

In the fourth quarter, Winters capped a drive that started on their own 19-yard line with a 35-yard run up the middle by Woffenden for a touchdown. Again the extra point was good, and with 8:20 to go in the ballgame, all the scoring was finished and Winters would win 27-0.

The win over Bangs gives the Blizzards a 5-0 season record, and 2-0 district standing.

The Big Blue will travel to San Saba Friday night to meet the 0-5 Armadillos. Kickoff is at 7:30 p.m.

P. S. Paul Underwood of Underwood's in Brownwood says "Welcome" and invites everyone to stop by before the game, or even at halftime if Winters is winning big, for continuous serving until 9:30 p.m.



LARRY HOYLE appears to be running on air as he heads for the end zone for the first Blizzard score en route to their 27-0 victory over Bangs. Hoyle caught a 30-yard pass and zipped 50 more yards for the touchdown.

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Directions to San Saba Field

Football fans traveling to San Saba in support of the Winters teams may find the following information useful.

Entering San Saba from Goldthwaite, turn right at the red light onto Highway 190 (Wallace Street). Go till you come to West 3rd Street. You will turn right on West 3rd Street.

You will see the Methodist Church sitting in a zigzag on 3rd street. The football field is to the left of the church.

As a final reminder, of course, if all else fails: Look for the high stadium lights.

STATISTICAL SUMMARY		
	Winters	Bangs
First downs	7	8
Rushing yards	37-259	50-126
Passing yards	165	0
Comp-Att-Int	8-15-1	0-8-2
Punts	2-34.5	6-37.2
Fumbles-lost	4-4	1-0
Penalties-yards	3-25	2-10

SCORING SUMMARY		
By	Winters	Bangs
By Quarters	7,0,13,7	0,0,0,0
FIRST QUARTER		
Winters		
Larry Hoyle 77-yd. pass from Kenny Whittenburg (Josh Minzenmayer kick).		
THIRD QUARTER		
Winters		
Whittenburg 93-yd. run (kick failed).		
Winters		
Hoyle 10-yd. pass from Whittenburg (Minzenmayer kick).		
FOURTH QUARTER		
Winters		
Lee Woffenden 35-yd. run (Minzenmayer kick).		

DISTRICT 25-2A					
OVERALL					
Team	W	L	T	PF	PA
Winters	5	0	0	149	32
Early	4	1	0	105	33
Goldthwaite	3	2	0	92	40
Bangs	1	4	0	57	95
Coleman	1	4	0	96	108
Hamilton	1	4	0	72	116
Mason	1	4	0	37	99
San Saba	0	5	0	43	148

DISTRICT					
Team	W	L	T	PF	PA
Early	2	0	0	33	6
Winters	2	0	0	47	13
Bangs	1	1	0	14	27
Mason	1	1	0	24	28
Goldthwaite	1	1	0	41	20
Hamilton	1	1	0	19	26
Coleman	0	2	0	21	52
San Saba	0	2	0	18	45

Last Week's Scores: Winters 27, Bangs 0; Goldthwaite 28, Coleman 0; Early 7, Mason 0; Hamilton 19, San Saba 12.

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Aug. 27	Anson*	H	6:00		
Sept. 4	Jim Ned	H	8:00	35-13	
Sept. 11	Merkel	H	8:00	33-0	
Sept. 18	Ozona	T	8:00	34-6	
Sept. 25	Goldthwaite▲	T	7:30	20-13	
Oct. 2	Bangs▲	H	7:30	27-0	
Oct. 9	San Saba▲	T	7:30		
Oct. 16*	Early▲	H	7:30		
Oct. 23	Hamilton▲	T	7:30		
Oct. 30	Mason▲	T	7:30		
Nov. 6	Coleman▲	H	7:30		

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Soccer scores for Sept. 26

Results of Winters soccer competition Saturday, September 26, in Ballinger, are as follows:

- Under 12 category—**
Dream Team 0, Icy Hot 6
- Under 10 category—**
Scorpions 2, Aces 5
- Under 8 category—**
Alianza 2, Strikers 3
- Under 6 category—**
Starz 0, Cowboys 9

No scores are allowed for the Under 6 division.



1998-'99 WHS TWIRLERS (from left) Monica Hicks, Shasta Snuffer, and Kristian Cadena received I ratings for their district solo and trio performances. The girls will advance to state competition at San Marcos in June.

Band teams receive Superior and Excellent ratings in competition

The Winters High School Blizzard Band drum major, flag corps, twirlers, and percussionists were awarded high marks in recent competition.

On Saturday, September 26, the drum major, flag corps, and percussionists attended the West Texas Auxiliary Competition in Lubbock, while the twirlers attended District UIL Solo and Ensemble Contest in Haskell.

Drum Major Justin Meyer received a Class I rating on his performance.

Flag corps members Michelle

Paschal, Fallen Perrie, Rebecca Scates, Julie Paske, Norma Gonzales, and Candess Johnson received a II rating on their routine. Michelle Paschal received a I rating on her flag solo, and Fallen Perrie and Rebecca Scates both received a II for their solos.

Percussionists Michael Bellinger, Arthur Martinez, Jeffrey Jordon, Travis Grohman, and Tamra Grohman received a Class II rating.

WHS twirlers each received a Class I rating in their solos and a Class I rating in their ensemble

trio. Twirlers are Shasta Snuffer, Kristian Cadena, and Monica Hicks. They advance to state competition at San Marcos in June.

A Class I rating is Superior; a Class II is Excellent.

According to Dottie Loudermilk, Blizzard Band aide, these competitions are very hard and these students did very well.

The band will be going to Brady, Saturday, October 17, for UIL marching contest.

Fans are encouraged to attend and support the Blizzard Band.



School Days, School Days

Charlotte Jackson Sixth Grade

Charlotte Jackson was employed by Winters Independent School District in August 1998, as a sixth grade math and science teacher. She considers Blackwell her hometown and currently lives in Wingate.

Mrs. Jackson graduated Magna Cum Laude at Angelo State University with a Bachelor of Science degree. Her field of study was elementary education with a math specialization.

Mrs. Jackson was previously employed at McCamey ISD for five and a half years and at Bronte ISD for one year.

She is married to Frank, who is a rancher. They have two boys, Scott, age 30, and Kevin, 25. They attend the Church of Christ.

Charlotte enjoys reading, ani-



mals, and keeping her grandbaby Jake.

She says, "I am very happy to be at Winters ISD. Everyone has been so helpful and friendly; it makes beginning a new job much easier."

FAVORITE BLIZZARD FOOTBALL MEMORY

Editor's note: The following story was submitted by a former Blizzard in response to my request for memories of a special game, season, play or player. If you would like to participate, please send your story in 500 words or less to The Winters Enterprise, 104 N. Main, Winters, Texas 79567. Stories submitted become the property of The Winters Enterprise.

Winters takes 1936 district championship by surprise

I have been able to see a few Blizzard football games since I graduated from Winters High School with the class of 1940. The most recent one being the homecoming game between the Anson Tigers and the Blizzards in 1995. Most of my memories of Blizzard football goes back to the decade of the 1930's. The one game during the era of the 1930's that stands out as my most fond memory was a game between the Blizzards and the Cross Plains Buffalos played on about the first Friday night of October 1936, as I recall.

In 1936, Ellis Zane Moore and I were 13- or 14-year-old Winters High School freshmen and teammates on the "Winters Breezes" team of that time. Ellis is my lifelong and dearest friend; he still lives in Winters.

During the pre-season of 1936, the Cross Plains Buffalos were touted by the sports writers for the *Abilene Reporter News* and the *San Angelo Standard Times* as the team favored to win the district championship, and if I remember correctly, Winters, Brady, and Coleman were considered possible contenders for the championship. At that time Winters was in a district which included Ballinger, Brady, Coleman, Cross Plains, Santa Anna, Bangs, and Rising Star, I believe.

During the week before the game between the Blizzards and the Buffalos, both teams were unbeaten. The sports reporter hype in the *Abilene* and *San Angelo* newspapers was that the winner of the game would go on to win the district championship. Cross Plains was a pregame favorite to win. With all that pregame hype, good old friend Ellis and I would have given all we owned to see the game (which was next to nothing at the time)!

Ellis Zane's mother and dad knew how much we wanted to see that game, so about Tuesday or Wednesday of that week, they decided to take us to Cross

Plains to see the game! Upon being told that wonderful news, there have never been two more happy and excited boys living in Winters, Texas!

So, sometime on that exciting October Friday afternoon of 1936, Ellis, his mother and father, and I headed east out of Winters on that old dirt and gravel road (now highway 153) for Cross Plains by way of Crews, Glen Cove, Coleman - then north of Burkett and Cross Plains. We were in Bill Moore's Plumbing and Sheet Metal Company pickup truck. Bill and Stella Moore in the cab, and Ellis and I riding, on a padding of quilts, in the truck bed, with a basket of fried chicken, sandwiches, and other goodies. I can still remember gravel rattling like bullets under the fenders, and a rooster tail plume of dust behind Mister Bill's old pickup as we drove to Coleman on that old road!

At the game that night, every man, woman, and child living in Cross Plains must have been there to cheer for their Buffalos. There was also quite a large crowd from Winters to cheer for the Blizzards. It was a most exciting and hard fought game, both teams fought hard to win! When the final whistle was blown - the Blizzards had won it by a score of 20 to 12, as I recall, and I believe went on from there to win the district championship.

My good old friend Ellis Zane and I were ecstatic, the Blizzards had won it!!! I am sure Ellis and I woke up everyone living in Burkett, Coleman, Glen Cove, and Crews that night on the way back to Winters. As we passed thru each of those towns we yelled at the top of our healthy, lusty young lungs - "WE BEAT THE BUFFALOS, WE BEAT THE BUFFALOS!!!!!!"

John B. Oliver
WHS Class of 1940
Midvale, Utah

First GED class set for Oct. 12

The Winters Independent School District announces that the first class for the 1998-99 GED classes will be on Monday, October 12.

This class will be held in the High School computer lab. Enter the front door of the High School and follow the signs to the class. The class will start at 6:00 p.m. and go to 9:00 p.m.

You can call to register for the class by calling Terry Wyatt at 754-5574. You may also just come to the first class session.

All classes are free of charge. The classes prepare you to take the GED exam.

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Varsity and J.V. girls place second in Cross-Country

The girls teams took second place in both divisions at the Goldthwaite meet.

In the varsity division Glenn Rose won with 47 points, followed by Winters 73; Dublin 88; Lampasas 116; Bangs 144; and Goldthwaite 147.

In the junior varsity division Comanche had 48 points; Winters 55; Jonesboro 66; Lampasas 74; and Goldthwaite 128.

Individual places and times for the Varsity girls include:

- Kelli Slimp, 3rd, 13:14
 - Cassandra Johnson, 4th, 13:21
 - Mandy Pritchard, 15th, 13:56
 - Kendra Hope, 22nd, 14:09
 - Michelle Paschal, 36th, 14:50
 - Juanita Armendariz, 41, 15:04
 - Sonia Vega, 46, 15:20
- Junior varsity individual places and times include:
- Kourtney Cathey, 5th, 15:11
 - Lucero Vega, 9th, 15:36
 - Tracey Burns, 12th, 15:50
 - Tassi Hopson, 16th, 16:06
 - Jackye Dexter, 22nd, 16:19
 - Lori Bredemeyer, 23rd, 16:21

The teams will compete at the ACU meet at Pecan Ridge next Saturday.

C-C boys varsity take second, and J.V. takes first

The varsity boys took a close second place to Glenn Rose. Winters score was 60 and Glenn Rose had 56. Jimmy Rodriguez won the race by a good margin.

Individual places and times for the varsity boys include:

- Jimmy Rodriguez, 1st, 17:34
 - Felix Portilio, 5th, 18:50
 - Jason Esquivel, 15th, 19:50
 - Juan Santos, 22nd, 20:15
 - V.J. Santoya, 23rd, 20:21
 - Ezequiel Martinez, 32nd, 20:56
 - Tony Aquero, 33rd, 21:00
- Junior varsity individual places and time include:
- Richard Esquivel, 3rd, 20:03
 - Chris Santoya, 5th, 21:27
 - Artemio Lopez, 9th, 22:58
 - Ivan Montana, 10th, 23:14
 - Gabriel Hernandez, 11th, 23:56

Project Grad '98 to meet Oct. 12

Project Graduation '98 will meet Monday, Oct. 12, at 6:30 p.m. at Winters High School.

All senior parents are encouraged to attend and participate on behalf of their children.

How does Runnels County rate in Stenholm's district-wide school survey?

During a Back To School Week tour, Congressman Charlie Stenholm announced results of a School Modernization Survey which he sent to all 403 public school principals within the 17th Congressional District.

The survey investigated the physical status of area schools, including the age of the schools, school safety and threats to learning, availability of Internet and computers in the classrooms, and an evaluation of the physical conditions of the physical plant, including floors, roofs, windows, lighting, etc.

"Having recently read government reports about the state of some of our nation's schools, I wanted to find out if we in the 17th District are prepared to continue providing our children with a safe environment and the appropriate learning tools," Stenholm commented.

"This report indicates that the physical conditions of most of our schools are not dire, and in fact some schools represent model fa-

ilities. Unfortunately, though, approximately a third of the principals rated their schools' conditions as only fair, poor, or very

poor." In addition to district-wide results, Stenholm's report provides county-by-county figures for the 17th Congressional District. A majority of the district's principals responded to the survey, with

ers, it's clear that our education systems will be pressed to meet new demands," Stenholm noted. "I have full confidence that the educators, students, parents, communities, and governments will rise to the challenges."

31 of the district's 32 counties represented. All results reported reflect answers provided by those 203 principals completing and returning the survey by August 26, 1998.

Some of the survey results reported by Stenholm include: Approximately one-quarter of the responding schools are 50 years old or older. Threats to learning included: the environment (such as traffic surrounding the school) 13%, drugs 12%, violence 9%.

More than a third of the respondents currently face an overcrowding problem; an additional 13% anticipate further crowding in the next 10 years. "With the under-18 age group now exceeding the number of Baby Boom-

General Status of School Facilities: Comparison of Runnels County to Congressional District 17			
	Runnels County	17th District	
Average Classroom Age	28	31	
Date of Initial School Construction (Average)	1954	1948	
Does school have computer room?	100%	90%	
Does school have computers in classroom?	100%	86%	
Does school have a library?	100%	93%	
Does school have a cafeteria?	100%	93%	
Does school have a connection to the Internet?	83%	79%	
Does school have wiring in classrooms for Internet connections?	83%	67%	
Percentage of Schools with Fair-Very Poor Building Features: Comparison of Runnels County to Congressional District to State			
	Runnels County	17th Congressional District	State of Texas*
Roofs	17%	37%	23%
Floors	0%	36%	15%
Walls/Windows	0%	39%	16%
Plumbing	33%	46%	26%
Heating/Cooling	33%	41%	26%
Lighting	0%	30%	18%

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Community leaders invited to regional conference

Texas Midwest Community Network announces plans for the 5th Annual Texas Midwest Conference October 21 at the Abilene Civic Center.

This year's conference, entitled "Round Up," will be the ultimate regional networking opportunity for community leaders in city, county, chamber of commerce, and economic development organizations in the twenty county area surrounding Abilene.

Sponsors for this year's event are Abilene Regional Medical Center, Hendrick Health Systems, GTE, TU Electric, and West Texas Utilities.

Morning seminars, a business expo, and a chuck wagon style luncheon provide community representatives opportunities to gather helpful information and make valuable contact within the region.

A legislative reception will highlight the 1998 conference.

The reception will be open to the public and will begin at 1:45 PM, following the luncheon. Ten state legislators from districts representing portions of the Texas Midwest will be honored at the reception.

Honorees include Senator Tom Haywood (Dist. 30), Senator Troy Fraser (Dist. 24), Senator David Sibley (Dist. 22), Representative Allen Place (Dist. 59), Representative Jim Keffer (Dist. 60), Representative Charles Finnell (Dist. 68), Representative David Counts (Dist. 70), Representative Bob Hunter (Dist. 71), Representative Rob Junell (Dist. 72), and Representative Bob Turner (Dist. 73).

Information on conference registration is available by calling the Texas Midwest office (915-893-2099) or by contacting your local chamber of commerce office.



Identity of birthday girl is revealed elsewhere in this issue.

Literary and Service Club prepares for homecoming dinner

by Pat Smith

The Winters Literary & Service Club met Tuesday, Sept. 15, at the home of Eris Beard.

The main topic of discussion was the Homecoming Turkey Dinner which will be held Friday, Oct. 16, at the school cafeteria prior to the Winters-Early football game.

Tickets are on sale from club members. Adults are \$5 each and children are \$3.50. Please try to buy yours before Friday, Oct. 16, so we will know how much food to prepare.

What could be better than turkey, dressing, giblet gravy, cranberry sauce, green beans, sweet potatoes, bread, dessert, and tea before beating the Early football team!

We will also be selling chances for a toolbox to be given away

homecoming night.

Alicia Wyatt presided over the business meeting. She introduced her husband, Terry Wyatt, who is the curriculum director of the Winters school system.

Terry talked about several of his duties including personnel director, records management, technology assistant, and staff development.

Terry talked about the S.O.S., "Save One Student," program. Mentors are needed to volunteer at least one hour a week to work with a student. Call the school for more information.

Yearbooks were distributed. Members present were Emily Pendergrass, Gwen Andrae, Noma Eoff, Eula Mae Kruse, Darlene Sims, Eris Beard, Bobbie Jackson, Alicia Wyatt, Lavelle Killough, and Pat Smith.

Beware of anyone who tries to sell you information about "undisclosed" government or postal job vacancies. The information is free.—A public service message from the Federal Trade Commission.

Fall Festival at Coleman, Oct. 18

A Fall Festival will take place on October 18 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church Hall, 201 San Saba Street, in Coleman, beginning with a Mexican dinner at 11:30 a.m.

Bingo will also begin at 11:30. Games for children and adults, a cake walk, silent auction, crafts, horseshoe tournament, raffle, flea market, moon walk, and train rides will continue until 4 p.m. when entertainment will be presented in the hall.

Concessions will be available throughout the afternoon. Free flu shots will be given too!

Thank you for reading The Winters Enterprise

Banister, Bentrup exchanged wedding vows at Ballinger

Dana Elizabeth Banister and Eugene Weldon Bentrup were united in marriage on Friday, September 18, 1998, in the home of Lahoma Trammell of Ballinger. Reverend T.H. Harding performed the ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Betty Banister of Winters and Jimmy Banister of Odessa. She is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Emuel Newsom of Winters and Ethel Banister of Midland. She was given in marriage by Wesley

Ogle of Ballinger.

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Herb Bentrup of Winters. He is the grandson of Barbara and Raymond Ueckert of San Antonio.

Matron of honor was Sondra Perkins, aunt of the bride, of Franklin.

Best man was Henry Hartley. The bride is employed by Taylor's Restaurant and the groom is employed by M&M Packing.

Baker, Miller united in marriage

Teresa Michelle Baker and Lesley Jeff Miller were united in marriage Saturday, August 29, 1998, at St. John's Lutheran Church in Winters with Reverend James Hanson officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Ann Guthrie of Venus, Texas, and Rudy and Donna Fernandez of Abilene, Texas.

The bridegroom is the son of Buddy and Jo Miller of Winters, Texas.

Brandy Gray was the bride's maid of honor, and Brandi Fernandez, sister of the bride, was bridesmaid. Laurie Webber, daughter of the bride, and Camille Kruse were flower girls.

Buddy Jim Miller, brother of the groom, served as best man with Mike Fernandez, brother of

the bride, as groomsmen. Christopher Fernandez, brother of the bride, was ringbearer. Zane Crouch of San Angelo and Kyle Loudermilk of Winters were ushers.

The bride graduated from Wylie High School, attended Abilene Christian University, and graduated from ATI College as a registered nurse's assistant. She currently is employed by Abilene Diagnostics.

The bridegroom graduated from Winters High School and attended Hardin-Simmons University where he was a member of the Cowboy Band. He is employed by First American Bank in Abilene.

The couple plans to make their home in Abilene.

CTO Executive Director hired

Central Texas Opportunities, Inc. has a new executive director. She is Merridee McClatchy of Trickham, Texas, hired Tuesday night, September 29, 1998, at the regular CTO Board of Directors meeting.

Ms. McClatchy assumed her duties on October 1, replacing Joe Guajardo, interim executive director.

Ms. McClatchy received a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Psychology from Southwestern University at Georgetown, Texas, and later did her graduate work in counseling at North Texas State University.

She brings seven years of non-profit management experience to the position. Merridee said, "I'm excited about the agency - it's something I can believe in and

work for. I ask for the continuing support of the community. CTO's concept of 'People Helping People Help Themselves' lives up with my own personal values and concept of community."

Merridee and her husband, Bob Anderson, have operated a Trickham business named Gourmet Garlic Gardens for the past five years, organically growing 25 varieties of garlic and shipping throughout the USA.

"My first task will be to get my feet on the ground, and make the transition as smooth as possible," said Mrs. McClatchy.

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Olde Ballinger Christmas planned Nov. 28

Christmas comes to "Olde Ballinger" on Saturday, November 28, beginning at 9 a.m.

Downtown will be decorated; food and craft booths and entertainment will be on the courthouse lawn.

The Christmas Parade will begin at 2:30 p.m. Immediately following the parade will be the crowning of Miss Merry Christmas, at the stage, on the courthouse lawn.

Plans are being made for a variety of entertaining and fun things to get you in the spirit of Christmas! Be sure to join family and friends for the beginning of an "Olde Fashioned Christmas."

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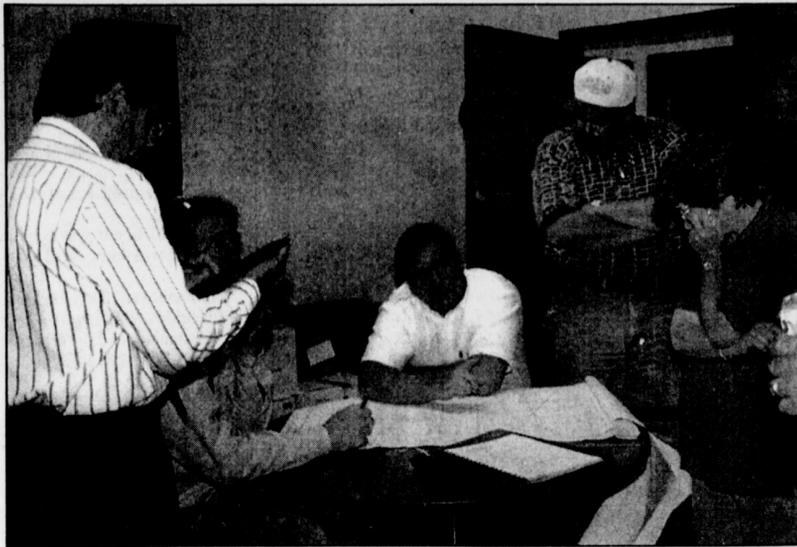
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LOOKING OVER BLUEPRINTS for the new junior high school building are (center in white shirt) Terry Wyatt, WISD curriculum director; Dale Montgomery, WISD maintenance supervisor (in cap); and Beth Wortham, science teacher. At left are the engineer and architect for the project that is currently under construction.

House passes agriculture spending bill

Legislation to fund the nation's agricultural programs for the fiscal year 1999 has been passed by the U.S. House of Representatives and includes emergency assistance for farmers and ranchers affected by drought and low prices, according to Congressman Charlie Stenholm.

The legislation is the result of House and Senate negotiations to provide funding for the Department of Agriculture (USDA), the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and farm relief aid. "Throughout the year, I have warned my colleagues that the agriculture crisis was deepening," said Stenholm. "Farmers and ranchers are facing a desperate emergency and it is high time for Congress to respond to this situation."

The spending measure provides a total of \$4.6 billion for emergency assistance to farmers and includes \$1.65 billion in market loss payments which will result in a 29% supplemental increase in 1998 Agricultural mar-

ket Transition Act (AMTA) payments received by producers, \$2.35 billion in disaster payments, \$500 million in additional operating loans, and \$175 million in livestock feed assistance.

In terms of the agriculture programs funded by this bill, the Big Country will benefit from the following provisions:

- * The USDA's Animal, Plant, Health, and Inspection Service (APHIS) received \$16.2 million for the boll weevil eradication effort.

- * The USDA credit programs received \$1.44 million in loan subsidies, which will be worth \$100 million in loan authority for the boll weevil eradication program.

- * The Agricultural Research and Extension Center in San Angelo will receive funding to do cooperative research in the area of wool production.

- * The Natural Resources and Conservation Service (NRSC) will be able to use funds from the Environmental Quality Incentives

Program (EQIP) to address environmental concerns within the Bosque Watershed Area.

- * Big Spring has been re-designated as a "rural" area, making it eligible for rural housing programs under the USDA.

- * Earlier this year, Stenholm successfully defeated an amendment to cut \$10 million from the Wildlife Services Program (formerly known as Animal Damage Control).

- * Establish an interest-free, one-year recourse loan program for producers of mohair.

"This legislation provides funding for the administration of the basic farm and conservation programs established under the Farm Bill," said Stenholm. "Unfortunately, the emergency assistance provisions provided in this bill fail to address the pressures on farm income and prices, problems which are likely to continue next year," added Stenholm. "I am disappointed that we were unable to focus on improving the long-term safety net for farmers and ranchers."

Poe's Corner

By Charlsie Poe

No place like home

The travelers were on their way home now, and the tempo speeded up considerably. We came down U.S. East from Luray, Virginia, and entered the Shenandoah National Park at Thornton Gap.

The 105-mile skyline drive through the Blue Ridge Mountains was one of beauty but breathtaking. The highest peak is 3,680 feet. We traveled the winding roads and stopped at the Pinnacles for a sweeping view of Shenandoah Valley. Joe Taylor of San Angelo was out taking pictures and almost got lost. From then on, he was first on the bus.

We followed the Blue Ridge Parkway on to Roanoke, Virginia, where we spent the night and were out early the next morning for motoring the interstate to Bristol, Tennessee. When we stopped for lunch at the Piccadilly Cafeteria in Bristol, we learned that the manager was Bill Hoelscher, formerly from Rowena. Boy! We were glad to see someone from home.

Leaving Bristol, we followed a scenic route through Johnson City into Asheville, North Carolina. Since there was a special banquet waiting for us at the Glenstone Lodge in Gatlinburg, Tennessee, we sped on through Cherokee, North Carolina, and the Great Smoky Mountains National Park to reach our lodge, with plans to tour the visitors center at the park the next morning.

Everyone was ready for the roast turkey with all the trimmings provided by our hosts,



Charlsie Poe

Dean and Lois Smith, also in our own private dining room. We really felt uptown!

Hearing about the many gift shops in the city that were open at night, a number of women and a few men caught the trolley and went downtown for a look. We were having such a good time that the conductor expressed concern that we not miss the return trolley, and cautioned us the last one ran at 11 PM.

He also told us on which corner to stand. We didn't miss the trolley, but neither did we shop all we wanted. However, we visited the Heritage Hall in the craft center and saw everything from corn husk dolls and all kinds of arts, even to the making of lye soap.

The visitors center at the Smoky Mountains National Park was well equipped with books about the area.

Returning to Gatlinburg, we toured the city. It is at the base of the highest rising mountain in the East, Mt. Le Conte, and at the main entrance to the Great Smokies. An aerial tramway gives a panoramic view of the city. It is a year-round resort, and, with 200

motels and 60 restaurants, is well prepared to accommodate, the nearly 4 million visitors each year.

The glenstones with which Glenstone Lodge (where we stayed) was built, are an important part of the Smoky Mountains and their people.

The glenstones were separated by nature from large rock masses and made their way to the glens by various routes, as did the settlers who found them several hundred years ago.

As early settlers came to the glens, they found glenstones in abundance. They were used with logs to construct the settlers first houses as well as many of their barns. As communities grew, the same material was used to build stores, churches, and public buildings.

On the road again, we lunched at the Hermitage buffet near Nashville, then scattered for sight seeing. We continued on our way and made a brief drive by Graceland, Elvis Presley's home, as we journeyed through Arkansas and East Texas to our lodging in Fort Worth, with a stop at Baskin Robbins in Texarkana.

Sunday morning and our last day, after a buffet breakfast, devotional, and picture taking, we were on our way again with lunch at Brownwood at Underwoods. If you've never been very far away from Texas, you don't know how good barbecue and hamburgers can taste.

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hourly wage of the lowest paid assistant in the County Auditor's office.

Commissioner Ricky Strube voted against approval of the motion, with the rest of the commissioners voting for the motion.

Other business at the meeting included:

- approval of several amendments and line item transfers in order to end the fiscal year in a balanced condition.

- Approval of GTE requests to bury cable in Precincts 1 and 4.

Dinosaur Walk, Stargazing Party at San Angelo

Hike back in time to tracks left over 200 million years ago by Permian vertebrates or join San Angelo's Amateur Astronomy Club for a night under the stars.

San Angelo State Park will host a Dinosaur Walk and Stargazing Party on Saturday, October 10.

The three-mile hike is scheduled from 1-3 p.m. The stargazing is from 8 p.m.-midnight. Telescopes will be provided.

Reservations available but not required, 915-949-4757.

- Judge Egan reported the execution of a contract on the new jail facility with Harrison Roofing Company, Inc. of San Angelo.

Commissioners met again for a short session on Monday, October 5. The only agenda items were an amendment to the Community Care for the Aged and Disabled contract with West Central Council of Governments for an increase in money received for Meals on Wheels.

The other agenda item was to approve the vendor agreement

between the County and West Central Texas Council of Governments for the period October 1, 1998 to September 30, 1999.

County Auditor Darlene Smith reported the County had received a \$2,000 plus check from Social Security to reimburse the county for indigent medical expenses for a citizen of the county who had finally been proclaimed disabled and is now drawing disability.

Commissioners will meet again on Monday, October 12.

Fellowship of women to begin

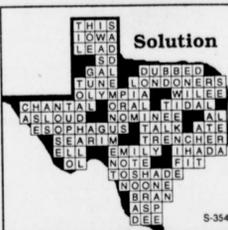
Women's Fellowship will begin Tuesday, Oct. 13, at 7:00 p.m. at 507 State Street in Winters.

All women in the community are invited.

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Notice of Vote on Tax Rate

The Winters I.S.D. conducted a public hearing on a proposal to increase the total tax revenues of the Winters I.S.D. by 4.786 percent on September 25, 1998, at 7:30 p.m.

The Winters I.S.D. is scheduled to vote on the tax rate that will result in that tax increase at a public meeting to be held on October 9, 1998, at 7:30 p.m. at WISD Administration Office.

Library News



Library in need of money

by Brenda Burton, director

Exciting things have been happening at the Winters Public Library.

The air-conditioning and heating units donated by the Winters Economic Development Corporation have been (thankfully) installed.

As a result of the Tocker Foundation Grant received last April, the Children's Library is ALMOST completed. New carpet has been installed; old walls were removed to form one large area; the walls were mudded, taped, and painted; new books and bookshelves have arrived and volunteers are arranging the books; a puppet theater is needing puppets; new tables, chairs, and reading carousel await eager young readers to explore the new books and old favorites.

Under the direction of James (PeeWee) Gehrels, community service workers painted the outside of the building and we are refinishing the antique front door and windows. We are currently researching sign painters to paint the words "Winters Public Library" in the arch on the outside wall, above the door.

The computer center continues to be a popular area for young and old. Many come in to browse the internet; students use the computer as a source to do their research papers; those seeking employment can find where jobs are available and where to send the resume they learned to compile on the computer.

New officers for the Winters Public Library Board of Directors were recently elected to serve a two-year term. Those elected were Bill Spiller, president; Nina Hale, vice-president; Brenda Burton, secretary; and Ouida Nichols, treasurer. The board is currently seeking new members to serve as directors. If you would be interested in participating, please con-

tact one of the current members. Other current directors are Mossetta Mills, Mike Neil, Betty Pinkerton, Betty and Keith Thomason, and Jean Owen.

Although the Tocker Grant that was received last year was a blessing, it was designated to be used for children's books and furniture, and to remodel the children's reading area. The library is in dire need of operating funds. There is a building fund, but it is used to make necessary repairs, such as on the roof that used to leak.

We NEED MONEY!! Currently, the directors are working on other grants to help with the normal expenses, such as electricity, telephone, and salaries. These grants take time, sometimes a long time.

Meanwhile, the library depends on the generous donations of the public. Donations have been scarce of late, and we feel this is something that needs to be brought before the public. The library is important to the entire community, and should be supported by the entire community.

You have an excellent opportunity, make a generous donation, get that warm glow from deep within, and possibly have a material object to show for it. Donations will soon be accepted in the amount of \$20.00 for each chance to win a computer system. The system will consist of a 17-inch color monitor, a keyboard, a mouse, and a hard drive unit, at a value of over \$1,500.00. Only 250 tickets will be sold, with the drawing being held when the final ticket is sold. More details will be made available soon.

Remember, also memorials and honorariums may be made in the name of loved one and friends at any time at the library. Please contribute to a most worthwhile cause. You will be blessed in many ways.

Applications available for CIA home repair

The Christmas in April Board of Directors announces that applications for CIA house repair are now available.

Applications may be picked up at WTU, the Chamber of Commerce, *The Winters Enterprise*, Bahlman Jewelers, and Lawrence Bros. Please return applications to one of these same locations.

The CIA Board would like to thank these businesses for assisting in this way.

The CIA Board would also like to announce that the workday has been scheduled for April 10.

Recently elected board mem-

bers are Terry Wyatt, president; Mark Goetz, vice-president; Danny Prado, vice-president; Mary Wilkerson, secretary; Gordon Fenwick, house scope and selection; Audine McBeth, volunteer recruitment; and Joyce Weems, babysitting.

Continuing board members are Teresa Davis, Dale Montgomery, Mike Harris, Jimmy Butler, Aref Hassan, and Nell Ballard.

If you have any questions about applying for CIA home repair, please contact Terry Wyatt at 754-5783.

Brian Faubion graduates from military training

Army Pfc. Brian L. Faubion has graduated from basic military training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C.

During the training, the soldier received instruction in drill and ceremonies, weapons, map reading, tactics, military courtesy, military justice, physical fitness, first aid, and Army history and tradition.

Faubion is the son of Bernie F. Faubion of Abilene, Texas, and Rodney G. Faubion of Winters, Texas.

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Chuck Cravens, 2 years; René Woffenden, 3 years

WTU sponsors HomeSavers conservation program

Representatives from nine low-income agencies completed training, sponsored by West Texas Utilities Company, for a new energy conservation program called HomeSavers. The HomeSavers program is designed to assist WTU's low-income residential customers with energy-conserving equipment and services to reduce their energy usage.

The various agencies, under the direction of the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA), will determine participant eligibility and implement the program in their respective areas.

Customers who qualify for HomeSavers receive energy education and free water saving products such as low-flow shower heads and faucet aerators. Customers have the opportunity to lease compact fluorescent light bulbs at 25 cents per month for four years, and install them to replace incandescent bulbs that are used at least three hours or more each day.

Program participants can also lease high-efficiency refrigerators for \$8 a month for four years to replace older, inefficient refrigerators that meet a minimum kilowatt-hour use level. Agency coordinators will conduct home audits to determine each customer's projected energy savings and recommend appropriate equipment.

Support for the concept of the HomeSavers program was reinforced with customers' input during the Deliberative Poll™ that WTU conducted in August 1996.

"In looking at ways to plan and provide for future energy needs, our customers indicated

that they place a high value on doing everything possible through demand-sided management and energy efficiency programs to help reduce overall electric usage," said Gary Throckmorton, WTU HomeSavers program coordinator.

The Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUCT) approved WTU's request to contract with the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs to provide low-income, demand-sided management programs, such as the HomeSavers program. WTU's budget for the HomeSavers program is \$325,000 annually for three years. Recovery of the PUCT approved portion of program expenses will be through a small fee called a "purchased power and conservation factor" that will be implemented as a line-item on customers' bills beginning in October 1998.

Because energy conservation programs help delay the need for the construction of new power plants and rate increases to pay for those power plants, the costs for these conservation programs are spread out among all customers. The monthly cost for an average residential customer who uses 1,000 kilowatt-hours of electricity a month is approximately five cents.

WTU's sister companies, Central Power and Light (CPL) and Southwestern Electric Power Company (SWEPCO), also provide the HomeSavers program to their customers.

For more information about the HomeSavers program, customers may contact: Tom Green County Community Action Council - San Angelo - 915-653-1680.

Crews News

By Hilda Kurtz



Hilda Kurtz

The older you get, the more important it is not to act your age.

A good size crowd attended our Saturday night supper. Visitors were Pastor Jim and Ramona Hanson and Nancy Spill. Hosts were Nila and Therin Osborne.

After all the good eats, Therin Osborne, president, called the business meeting to order. The first item addressed was the leaky gym roof. It is in need of repair; however, we still have hopes it might rain. The Halloween Carnival was planned for Saturday, October 31, at 6 p.m. All who have booths to set up can come at 9 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 31, to work. More on this later. If you want to help, please call Nila Osborne. She will give you the details.

Katherine Thomas is in Hendrick Hospital.

Joe and Carolyn Webb were in Abilene on Tuesday to visit with Sam Faubion in Hendrick Hospital. The Webbs also did some shopping. On Saturday, they attended the Fiesta de la Paloma in Coleman. Joe entered his antique 1959 Ford Galaxy car in the parade.

Edith Everett, Joe and Carolyn Webb had Brother Akins and Ramona of Ballinger as Sunday dinner guests after Hopewell Church services.

Spending the weekend with Helen Alexander were Mr. and Mrs. Bo Henderson of Farming-

ton, New Mexico, Bille Fenton of Coleman, and Pat and Abe Giles of Brownwood.

Josie Hoppe had her families, Thelma Hoppe, and Wayne Scatterfield of Winters as visitors and dinner guests on Sunday.

It is raining this very moment as I write this!

On Friday night, Mike and Carol Kozelsky, Margie Jacob, and Beverly VanZandt attended the Winters-Bangs football game.

I ended up with 1/10" of rain and a small hole.

Carol and Mike Kozelsky, Brenda Jacob, Beverly VanZandt, and Margie Jacob spent the weekend in Fredericksburg. They attended the Octoberfest and had a wonderful time.

The Cartwright family spent Sunday with Harvey Mae and Noble Faubion. Eileen prepared a delicious dinner.

Spending some time with Helen Alexander after attending a reunion in Bangs were her sister Jamie Detrich, Ahart and Margie Fisher, Weldon and Lavonda Foreman, Elise and Tye of Kerrville, and Jerry Alexander of Arizona.

Helen Alexander attended the Jenkin Reunion on Saturday, Oct. 3, in Lawn. Approximately 50 attended. The oldest was Ora Roper of Lawn; the youngest was Ora's great-granddaughter.

Hildegard and Calvin Schowajva of San Angelo spent Thursday with me. Calvin worked some on my pickup.

Jerry Alexander visited Katherine Thomas in Hendrick Hospital in Abilene on Sunday. Eileen Cartwright went to see Katherine on Monday.



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Official Records

County Court Criminal September 28
Orlando Arreola Sandoval, Ballinger, filed for assault
Marta Lee Davidson Dunn, Galveston, filed for telephone harassment
September 29
Gabriel J. Ortiz, Winters, filed for theft of merchandise by check
Gidget Plumley, Ballinger, filed for theft of merchandise and/or cash by check
Cecelia E. Petty, Abilene, filed for theft of merchandise by check
October 1
Lebecca Louise Davis, Ballinger, filed for driving while license suspended
Derek Coty Swift, Miles, filed for possession of marijuana
Jose Hernandez Rios, Abilene, filed for driving while intoxicated
Robert Louis Flores, Ballinger, filed for driving while intoxicated, driving while license suspended
Ray Elmer Fritze, Miles, filed for criminal mischief
Dispositions
Robin Wright, theft of food by check, pleaded guilty, fined \$100 plus \$184.25 court costs, \$10 hot check fee
Genaro Maldonado Alfaro, Jr., filed for driving while license suspended, pleaded guilty, fined \$350 plus \$184.25 court costs
Gary Goin, theft of merchandise by check, pleaded guilty, fined \$100 plus \$184.25 court costs, \$35 hot check fee, restitution of \$243.70
Suzanna Kay Roznovsky, driving while intoxicated, pleaded guilty, sentenced to six months in county jail, probated to one year, fined \$750 plus \$209.25 court costs, 50 hours community service
Rebecca Likes, theft of merchandise by check, pleaded guilty, fined \$100 plus \$184.25 court costs, \$35 hot check fee, restitution of \$210
Delia Martinez, theft of merchandise and/or cash by check, pleaded guilty, fined \$100 plus \$184.25 court costs, \$35 hot check fee, restitution of \$200
Gabriel Hernandez, driving while license suspended, pleaded guilty, fined \$350 plus \$184.25 court costs

Melissa Sue Lopez, resisting arrest, case dismissed, witness unavailable
Mark Anthony Cortez, driving while intoxicated, case dismissed, no probable cause for stop
Terry Upshaw, theft of merchandise by check, case dismissed, no proper notification of prior conduct
James Earnest McCall, driving while intoxicated, pleaded guilty, sentenced to six months in county jail, probated to one year, fined \$750 plus \$209.25 court costs, 50 hours community service
Misty Michelle Rodriguez, false report to a peace officer, pleaded guilty, sentenced to six months in county jail, probated to one year, fined \$500 plus \$209.25 court costs, 50 hours community service
Tammi Jo Salinas, giving false information to a peace officer, pleaded guilty, sentenced to six months in county jail, probated to six months, fined \$500 plus \$209.25 court costs, 50 hours community service
Paul Escobar Jalomo III, making alcohol available to a minor, pleaded guilty, sentenced to six months in county jail, probated to one year, fined \$350 plus \$209.25 court costs, 20 hours community service
Daniel Eponuceno Aguilar, driving while intoxicated, second offense, pleaded guilty, sentenced to one year in county jail, probated to two years, fined \$3,000 plus \$212 court costs, 80 hours community service
Laureano Ramirez Sanchez, driving while intoxicated, pleaded guilty, sentenced to six months in county jail, probated to one year, fined \$750 plus \$224.25 court costs, 24 hours community service
Santos Pena Mendoza, theft of merchandise by check, case dismissed, notice insufficient
David Lynn Prince, driving while intoxicated, pleaded no contest, sentenced to one year in county jail, probated to two years, fined \$1500 plus \$209.25 court costs
Antonio Vasquez, assault, pleaded guilty, fined \$500 plus \$184.25 court costs

James Lee Perez, driving while license suspended, pleaded guilty, fined \$700 plus \$184.25 court costs
Mike A. Wilkerson, theft of merchandise and/or cash by check, pleaded guilty, fined \$100 plus \$184.25 court costs, \$35 hot check fee, restitution of \$300
Prissy Tarango, theft of merchandise by check, pleaded guilty, fined \$100 plus \$184.25 court costs, \$65 hot check fee, restitution of \$278.34
Abraham Delgado, making alcohol available to a minor, pleaded nolo contendere, fined \$350 plus \$184.25
David Allen Pittsky, theft of merchandise by check, pleaded guilty, fined \$100 plus \$184.25 court costs, \$15 hot check fee, restitution of \$67.08
Juan Flores III, driving while license suspended, pleaded guilty, fined \$350 plus \$184.25 court costs

Marriage Licenses September 25

Jose Luis Soto and Olga Lydia Calderon
Robert J. Kibler and Tandi L. Turner

District Court Civil September 30

General Motors Acceptance Corporation vs. Keith Butler—contract
Criminal Dispositions
Milton Rios Cortez, felony driving while intoxicated, pleaded guilty, sentenced to 10 years in state prison, probated to 10 years, fined \$1500 plus \$216.50 court costs
Ronald Edward Halfmann, misdemeanor driving while intoxicated, pleaded guilty, sentenced to two years, fined \$2,000 plus \$216.50
Carrol Burrus Miller, felony driving while intoxicated, pleaded guilty, sentenced to 10 years in state prison, probated to 10 years, fined \$5,000 plus \$216.25 court costs
Israel O. Fuentes, felony driving while intoxicated, pleaded guilty, sentenced to five years in state prison, probated to five years, fined \$1,000 plus \$226.25 court costs

TexShare database purchase to benefit Texas libraries

TexShare, a statewide consortium of college and university libraries, is pleased to announce that its recent purchase of Chadwyck-Healey's "Archives USA" makes this major database available to all academic and public libraries in Texas. Archives USA, which Chadwyck-Healey advertises as "the best web and CD-ROM source in the world for information on archival repositories and finding aids," can now be accessed either from its link on the TexShare web site, <http://www.texshare.edu/LibraryService/databases.html> or by going directly to <http://archives.chadwyck.com/main/search>. Public libraries may access the database through the Texas State Electronic Library, <http://link.tsl.state.tx.us/article>. The new database incorporates three major information resources. Resource One is a newly-completed directory of manuscript

repositories, with full addresses including e-mails, URLs, opening hours, details of holdings and areas of special interest. This directory updates and supersedes the "Directory of Archives and Manuscript Repositories in the United States (DAMRUS)," last published in 1988. Resource Two is a collection of records from the "National Union Catalogue of Manuscript Collections (NUMC)," information gathered and compiled by the Library of Congress from the 1950s through 1995, covering some 75,000 collections. Each record includes the Library of Congress' subject and name indexing the collection. Only Archives USA makes all NUMC fully searchable in electronic form. Resource Three offers names and detailed subject indexing of over 42,000 collections whose finding aids have been published separately in the major

microfiche series, "National Inventory of Documentary Sources in the United States (NIDS)." Archives USA integrates NUMC and NIDS information to provide a single record for each collection, with detailed information drawn from both resources when available. The first installment of a growing body of collection records submitted directly to Archives USA has also been included. Archives USA is updated quarterly on the World Wide Web; dates of coverage vary. As with other TexShare databases, access to Archives USA is IP-controlled. TexShare member IPs were submitted to Chadwyck-Healey, giving members immediate access. For additional information, TexShare members may contact Rue Ramirez at 512/495-4389 or rue.ramirez@mail.utexas.edu. Public libraries may contact Beverly Shirley, Texas State Electronic Library, 512/463-5433, or bshirley@tsl.state.tx.us.

Winters I.S.D. to offer computer basics

Winters I.S.D. is offering computer instruction for beginners. No prior computer skills are necessary for this course. Training will be offered introducing beginning computer skills and Windows 98 and its features. (Feature of Windows 98 are very similar to those in Windows 95.) Training will also be offered to introduce the Internet and its features. Classes will be limited. Each participant must register prior to first class date. Classes will be Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays beginning October 12. Course schedule:

Beginning Computer Skills including Windows 98 and Word Processing
Course 1
Oct. 12-14 6:30-9:30 p.m.
Course 2
Oct. 26-28 6:30-9:30 p.m.
Introduction to the Internet
Course 1
Oct. 19-20 6:30-9:00
Course 2
Nov. 2-3 6:30-9:00 p.m.
Materials will be furnished. Cost is \$25 per course. To enroll and/or inquire, contact Rhonda Goetz at 754-5574 ext. 100 or come by the school administration/tax office at 603 N. Heights Street.

Letter to the Editor

Former residents say howdy to all

Dear Editor,
Howdy from College Station. Can you believe we have received 10 inches of rain and more is coming. Sure wished it would blow to West Texas. We miss all of you, and we're keeping up with the local news via *The Winters Enterprise*. Go Blizzards, Go! To say hello, here is our address: 16454 Woodlake Dr., College Station, Tx 77845. Love,
Marqué, Bill, Desiree, and Will Mathis

Rebecah SS Class enjoys salad supper and fellowship

The Rebecah Sunday School of the First Baptist Church enjoyed a salad supper and fellowship at their monthly meeting on September 21 in the home of Mrs. Emily Pendergrass. The class began with a prayer given by Mrs. Virginia Schwartz, who is the teacher of the class. Mrs. Pat Ambrose gave a very inspirational devotional, "When the Mop Bucket Spoke." Class members attending were Pat Ambrose, Vandalyne Josey, Cecelia Reeves, Joyce Krause, Teresa Briley, Virginia Schwartz, Virginia Brown, Jo Poe, Lillian Cooper, Betty Paschal, Darlene Sims, and hostesses Emily Pendergrass and Dixie Lou Marks.

Portions of Hwy 153 to undergo construction

Motorists traveling near Winters on State Highway 153 should be prepared for construction delays for approximately the next six months, according to Patsy Maddux, public information officer of the Texas Department of Transportation. Reduced speed limits in the two work zones will be reduced to 45 miles per hour. Motorists should travel with caution and be prepared to stop. Construction was set to begin on Monday, October 5, and involves the rehabilitation of existing paved roads west of Winters between FM 2111 and FM 1677, and east of Winters between FM 2647 and FM 382.

Time wasted is existence; time used is Life.—Young

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, Sept. 27, 1998, through Saturday, Oct. 3, 1998. Winters Police Officers:
• arrested Robert Guerrero, 38, of Coleman, after a traffic stop for outstanding DPS warrants out of Abilene.
• arrested Margarita Campos Scates, 32, of Winters, for outstanding DPS warrants out of Brownwood.
• arrested Johnny Joe Valles, 20, of Winters, for a motion to revoke out of Haskell County.
• arrested Charles Herbert Hooker Jr., 39, of San Angelo, for driving while intoxicated in the 700 block of N. Main.
• arrested Beatriz Maribel Lopez, 29, of Abilene, for driving while intoxicated on North Main.
• issued a citation to Isias Lara Jr., 19, of Winters, for minor in consumption of alcohol.
• issued a citation to Martin Guzman Villarreal, 18, of Winters, for minor in consumption of alcohol.
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 Crimestoppers tip, call your local law enforcement agency at:
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ACROSS	43 this Erwin is one of the TX "Dixie Chicks"
1 TXism: "in _____ neck of the woods"	46 TX Trips' "I'll _____ Hammer"
5 state where TX Buddy Holly died	47 TXism: "good _____ boy"
6 TXism: "_____ pipe cinct"	48 short letter or memo
7 TX-born journalist Donaldson (init.)	49 TXism: "hissey _____"
8 TXism for "famele"	50 TXism: "big enough _____ an elephant"
9 TX Cyd Charisse's songs in musicals were _____	53 TXism: "nary a soul"
15 TXism: "can't carry a _____ in a bucket" (bad singer)	54 breakfast fiber
16 people who hang their hats in Big Ben city site of the Olympics in 776 BC	55 non TX snake
21 Looney Tune character at Six Flags: _____ Coyote	56 Conway Twitty's mom
22 TX TV show biz reporter for ABC	DOWN
23 Okie healer Roberts a big wave at Galveston in 1900	1 TX Kenny's _____ I Can Make It On My Own"
24 TXism: "_____ as a calf crying for mamma"	2 TXism: "tough row to _____"
25 Gov. Bush might become this in presidential race	3 TXism: "if _____ better, I couldn't stand it"
26 Rangers play in _____ West tradin' _____ (dickar)	4 Dalhart cowboy memorial: "Empty _____"
27 human food tube	8 Galveston bird
28 TXism: "chew the fat"	9 TXism: "_____"
29 TXism: "table grazed"	10 TX George Strait tune: "_____ wound"
30 state park near Port Arthur	11 this Darin starred in TX-filmed "State Fair" (init.)
40 ditch digger	12 weapon of choice of Alamo's Jim
42 building wing	13 Oklahoma town
	14 Seur _____ Salle led 1st French expedition into TX
	15 home of TX eccentric Stanley Marsh
	16 this Neeson starred with TX Martin in "Leap of Faith"
	17 TXism: "they climb the same family tree" to Bryan from Waco and Sean
	20 Troy, Juan, Randy and Sean
	22 Gov. _____ Culberson
	23 cable sports network
	24 TX Neiman and actor Pacino
	25 hangin' loop
	26 Caddo Lake tree: _____ gum
	28 beginning of phone or vision
	31 TXism for "hone"
	33 this Thomas was 1st TX woman in U.S. House
	35 Jerry Jones' home state (postal abbr.)
	36 _____ Joe
	38 TXism: "at the drop of _____"
	41 TX Bush was shot down in WW II over Chi Jima
	44 TXism: "born under a honky tonk _____"
	45 TXism: "want _____ I could spit"
	51 TXism: "fits like ugly on _____"
	52 TX rattler's home

Solutions for this puzzle appear in this issue.

The Parents' Corner

submitted by Bee Gee Johnston, M. Ed., L.S.W.

Editor's Note: This newspaper is going to run a series of parenting articles related to the course called "Redirecting Children's Behavior." This parenting course is 5 weeks long, one evening or morning a week for 3 hours. The Region XV Education Service Center is making it available in Winters if there is enough interest by local parents and/or citizens. The first article follows and if you think you would be interested in the course, please call the ESC in San Angelo. The certified instructor in this area is Bee Gee Johnston, 658-6571, ext. 152. Also, you may obtain more of these parenting articles by visiting the Internet site @ positiveparenting.com or e-mail @ beegee.johnston@netex.net.

Six ways to build your child's self-esteem

1. Let your child hear you acknowledge something she has done in front of another adult.
2. Let your child order his own meal and purchase his own ticket.
3. Leave an encouraging message on the answering machine and have him listen to it.
4. Let your child pick out your earrings or necktie. When old enough have her pick out your outfit and wear it that day.
5. Don't accept sloppy work from your child. HOWEVER be light and/or humorous rather than judgmental in your approach to the matter.
6. After you have corrected your child, take a moment to ask your child what he heard. Children often hear, "You don't love me" or "I am bad" rather than the message you intended.

Success stories

Self-quieting time

One day, after having a particularly calm morning (I was focused that day and remembering to use my new, "nonthreatening" approach!), things began to get a little tense.

The kids were beginning to fight among themselves and fight for attention from me. I could feel my calm beginning to unravel. I remembered discussing "self-quieting" in class. It occurred to me this was as good a time to try it, so I said to them, "OK guys, Mommy is starting to feel a little crabby and angry, and I really don't want to be that way. I think I'm going to take a little break and quiet myself." Then I went to the living room which is where I usually go to be alone.

After about three minutes, my son appeared, dragging his "blankie" with him and climbed on the sofa next to me. He leaned against me and quietly sat there sucking his thumb. I asked, "Do you want to sit with Mommy and have some quiet time too?" Scott nodded and continued to sit with me as I tried to contain my amazement.

Then Sammi came in the room with a glass of water (I almost always have a glass of water nearby), and said, "Here, Mommy, I thought you might want something to drink while you're having quiet time." I thanked her and she climbed up on the couch on my other side.

We sat together for about another ten minutes saying very little, and when we left our "quiet time" together, we were all obviously happier and calmer. We went on to have a terrific day.

What a gift!—Jan Shay

Success with a teen

I have noticed that my teenage son resents when I tell him or remind him to do things.

One thing that helps is if I preface these statements with, "I know you already know this, but this is one of those mom things where I need to tell you for me, not for you."

For example, my son was baby-sitting a toddler and they were bouncing on the trampoline. I said, "I need to tell you one of those 'mom' things, is this OK with you?" He said, yes, with a slight smile on his face. I said, "Please don't bounce him so close to the rim." He said, "OK, mom," again with that knowing smile on his face.

This reaction was much better than giving me an "attitude!"

—Becky Anderson

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A few good men

"She's gonna have to hurry, cause I ain't got nothin'!", I inform my wife.

"You ain't got nothin'?", she mocks me sarcastically, making fun of the way I talk.

"This month's column!", I tell her. "I ain't come up with anything else cause I been waitin'."

"Waitin'? Waitin' fer what? Anything?", she mocks me again.

"You said Mary Wilkerson wanted to write it!", I say.

"You said that she said she was tired of the junk I wrote about wives and stuff and wanted to do her own talkin' on behalf of herself and womankind."

"You said she wanted to call the column 'A Few Good Men,' I refresh her memory.

"You said that she said the list of passable men was short and that there ain't many decent husbands left no more, includin' the ones that you and her and most all yore dang friends was married to!"

"Yore just plum dang right," she says, mocking me some more.

"I reckon that kinda hurts my feelin's, Mary talkin' down to me that way."

"I reckon she just don't really care," my wife mocks.

"Well, I ain't never been nothin' but nice to Mary," I say.

"I think she's spurdy as the mornin', fact is, she's plain durn beautiful is what she is and as smart as a"

"You ain't never gonna make Mary's good husband list," she mocks.

"Why the heck not! What kinda things does Mary know that's got her so riled against me?"

"She's my best friend. I tell her everything," she mocks at will.

"You didn't go and blab about that time I"

"Yep!"

"Or about the"

"Shore did!", she says with her mocking little smile.

"I thought you loved me!", I whine.

"I reckon I do, sometimes, but you're yore own worst enemy with all the stupid things you say and do"

"Would you quit makin' fun of the way I talk, I cain't help it that I'm from Texas."

"I'm from Texas too," she says, "so I reckon I cain't help talkin' like a hayseed neither."

"Will you just stop. I still ain't got no column to send to the Enterprise," I moan.

"Why don't you write about that lady making fun of you this summer when you wore those flannel shorts in 110 degree heat."

"I like them shorts and she was

a snob."

"You could tell everybody how your friend couldn't sell them for a dime at her garage sale, so she gave them and some others to you for rags and you're wearing them!"

"I ain't one to give up on good, usable garments"

"Or I know, write about your playing with that woman's leg sitting behind you the other day at the volleyball game."

"I thought you was sittin' behind me and I thought that was yore leg!"

"Is that what you were telling her husband when he was about to punch you in the nose?"

"Yore a real comedian, ain't you."

"Let's see you could write about that show we saw on the Discovery Channel last night," she says.

"Remember those women in New Guinea who sleep with pigs in their own little huts, away from their husbands, and, after awhile, they couldn't tell the difference and actually preferred the pigs!"

"Would you just go on back to yore hut and leave me alone"

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Applications taken for game warden academy

Texas Parks and Wildlife (TPW) is taking applications for a game warden cadet class scheduled to start June 1999. Applications will be accepted through October 31.

Twenty-five cadets will be accepted in the 46th Game Warden Academy, which will begin its seven-month training on June 1, 1999. More than 600 people applied for the 25 positions in the previous cadet class that graduated in November 1997.

Applicants must be 21 years old on or before June 1, 1999, and have a bachelor's level degree, from an accredited college or university, with major course work in criminal justice, natural resources, environmental science, fish or wildlife management, parks and recreation or a closely related field. The degree requirement must be met prior to the starting date of the cadet class.

To be accepted, applicants must meet the minimum eligibility requirements and successfully complete a written examination, regional interview, final interview, a physical agility test held in Austin, and an extensive background investigation. Applicants must successfully complete each step before advancing to the next step.

After graduation, the new game wardens will be assigned to vacant stations throughout Texas with the responsibility of protecting the state's natural resources. Game wardens also protect lives, enforce the Water Safety Act, and conduct standard peace officer duties.

Applications may be obtained from TPW regional law enforcement offices or by writing to TPW, 4200 Smith School Road, Austin, Tx 78744 or by calling 800-792-1112.

Extension News & Views

By Brandon Morgan, ACEA-AG

In recognition of National 4-H Week, Oct. 4-10—

4-H Clubs offer variety and democracy in action

Young people with a desire to learn more about their world have the opportunity to participate in a fast-growing organization called 4-H.

The 4-H program offers a variety of activities for youth who are in the 3rd grade through 19 years of age.

Young people can get involved in project groups, special interest groups, or service groups that appeal to their interests.

While 4-H meetings that cover a variety of subjects and activities are held periodically, project groups work on one specific subject and last only until the project is completed.

Project subjects may include gardening, foods, raising and caring for an animal, safety and clothing, and are usually directed by a volunteer leader.

Special interest groups are a vital part of the 4-H program and may deal with such subjects as drugs, dating, etiquette, and ecology. These group studies help youth learn more about the world in which they live and help them to better adapt to changing environments.

Service groups help to improve the community and may engage in fund-raising projects for the needy and disadvantaged, or work on neighborhood beautification or with underprivileged youth.

Four-H Club members enjoy their 4-H Club meetings. Here boys and girls elect officers, plan

and conduct their own programs, and hold regular meetings. They take part in community activities and the countywide 4-H program.

Both project work and club activities help 4-H'ers develop desirable personal traits. Greater personal development is one of the finest opportunities boys and girls have as 4-H Club members.

The 4-H Club meeting is a workshop in democratic citizenship. Most club meetings have four parts: inspiration, business, education, and recreation.

The club meeting teaches parliamentary procedure, how to make individual and group decisions, how to use elected officers effectively, and how to plan and carry out group activities. It teaches the duties of citizenship in a democracy. Here boys and girls learn and practice the fundamentals of our form of government.

The educational part of the club meeting centers around individual projects and activities that interest the group. Demonstrations, judging practice, illustrated talks, and group discussions are teaching tools.

Some type of recreation is important at club meetings for personal development and to teach the wise use of leisure time. Group singing, folk games, dancing, active sports, and almost every kind of useful recreation is enjoyed by local clubs throughout the country.

From local to national levels, 4-H is carefully planned according to the developmental needs of growing young people. Clubs are organized in three main ways:

- All boys and girls in a community or neighborhood may belong to one club, with separate projects groups within the club.

- The club may be centered around one project area.

- It may be a social club in areas with sparse population and where travel is a problem.

Usually, 4-H members hold club meetings in their homes, community centers, or schools.

Runnels County has a very strong and highly respected 4-H program, all throughout the county, with clubs in Winters, Ballinger, Rowena, Norton, and Miles.

Winters 4-H Club officers are Mandy Pritchard, president; Chanda Hoppe, vice-president; Angela Jacob, secretary; John Heathcote, treasurer; Tamra Grohman, reporter; Misty Pritchard and Chanda Hoppe, council delegates; and Craig Jacob, historian.

Also Leslye Geistmann, refreshment committee; Ryan Bland, Wacey Cason, Jessica Pritchard, and Cody Pritchard, phone committee; and Deb Pritchard and Melinda Hoppe, adult leaders.

For more information on the 4-H program, contact the County Extension Office at 365-2219 or 365-5042.

4-H County Food Show Nov. 7 in Rowena

The 4-H program, for their monthly meeting September 28, at the Mt. Catholic Church Fellowship Hall, was "Another Road of Our Culinary Quest."

Fifteen adults were present to assist forty-eight 4-H members with the different stations of the program. The adult assistance was greatly appreciated. The 4-H members with were divided into groups and made various nutritious and fun snacks.

Some of the snacks which the members made and shared were Reindeer Bread, Perky Party Mix, Muddy Buddies, and Sugared Popcorn. The agenda also included the discussion and decisions on many topics.

Several 4-H members participated in numerous areas of the West Texas Fair and Rodeo. Many of the entries received awards and those members were recognized during the meeting.

The County Food Show will be

held Saturday, November 7, in Rowena. Those members who will be participating in the Food Nutrition Project had their first meeting on October 6, with the following meetings every Tuesday through November 3. The elementary school members will be picked up at the library and escorted to the Homemaking cottage. There they will cook and study facts about nutrition and foods. During each meeting rotating groups will prepare a meal to be taken to a needy family in the community.

The 4-H/Wal-Mart Bike-athon was October 4. Bike-athon money must be turned in by October 14, so that the results can be announced during the annual Achievement Awards Banquet, October 17 at 7:00 p.m. in St. Mary's Catholic Church Hall in Ballinger. Banquet reservation must be made by October 15.

The club will also have a booth

at the Halloween Carnival, and on a date to be decided have a Dog Dip and Rabies Clinic. The planned fishing outing will be postponed until the rains replenish our fishing holes.

National 4-H week is being celebrated October 4-10. The Winters 4-H club greatly appreciates all the support given to 4-H so that the members can learn lifelong values. The benefits of being a 4-H member are far reaching and could not be achieved without the support of the community.

On Tuesday, January 12, 1999, the 4-H club will have a hamburger and french fry supper during the Early basketball games. Every member is needed to help with this endeavor. All the profit from the supper will go towards new playground equipment for the park.

The next 4-H club meeting will be held Monday, October 19.

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