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NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY members inducted during ceremonies at Winters High School on Oct. 26 include (front row, left to right) Diana Furbee, Donna Trojak, Arthur Martinez, Angela Jacob, Shelley Meyer, Craig Conner, and Mandi Hubbard. Back row, same order, Darci Lindsey, Kenny Green, John Bahlman, Matthew Angel, Jeremy Alvarado, Amanda Cross, Kirk Byrd, Jana Presley, Kelli Slimp, Misty Melton, Avel Hicks and Andrew Williams.

Winters highlighted in Wall Street Journal

Winters was recently the scene of a front-section article concerning congressional elections that appeared in the country's largest circulation daily newspaper.

The Friday, October 30, 1998, edition of *The Wall Street Journal* discussed the impact of the current poor state of the farming economy on upcoming elections, and several communities in this area were part of the article.

Winters and its Blizzards caught the eye of the publication, as did Randall Conner who commented for the article.

Mr. Conner was interviewed about two weeks ago when Washington correspondent David Rogers, following the Stenholm

campaign trail, visited Conner at his local business, Farmers Seed and Supply.

Rogers writes, "In the small town of Winters, where the local team is the Blizzards, Randall Conner watches from the vantage of his seed and supply store across from a hulking gray feed mill. Mr. Stenholm is 'one of the few people who has a good understanding of farming,' says the 49-year-old merchant, who began operating here about the same time Mr. Stenholm came to Congress. 'I just hate it that he's met the opposition he has. We've got too much to lose by making a change now'."



CONGRESSMAN CHARLES STENHOLM (right) visits with local agri-businessman Randall Conner during a campaign stop in Winters at Security State Bank on Oct. 29. Conner's quote of Mr. Stenholm appeared in the Oct. 30 edition of *The Wall Street Journal*.



CONGRESSIONAL CANDIDATE RUDY IZZARD (left) talks with Winters resident Dewey Chestnut. Izzard was in town for a campaign visit on Oct. 27.

Ocker, Stenholm winning in early reports

Current Runnels County Clerk Elsa Ocker appeared to be the winner in the general election held Tuesday, Nov. 3. At 10:00 p.m. press time, with seven out of ten precincts reporting, Ocker had 1,172 votes to Republican challenger Vicki Rutledge's 402 votes. Ocker had 75% of the votes in those seven precincts.

Early votes, Precincts 1 and 7 were yet to be tallied at press time.

Running unopposed in Tuesday's election were the fol-

lowing:

County Judge Marilyn Egan,
District Clerk Loretta Michalewicz,

County Treasurer Margarette Smith,

Justice of the Peace, Precinct 1 Greg Lange,

Justice of the Peace, Precinct 2 Joyce Weems,

County Commissioner, Precinct 2, Keith Collom, and

County Commissioner, Precinct 4, Ricky Strube.

In the race for the seat in the U.S. House of Representatives from District 17, incumbent Democrat Charles Stenholm held a lead in county voting. Stenholm had received 981 votes to Republican challenger Rudy Izzard's 648.

Governor George W. Bush seems to be the county's choice for that office, gathering 1,264 votes to nearest challenger Gary Mauro's 378 votes in the seven precincts reporting.

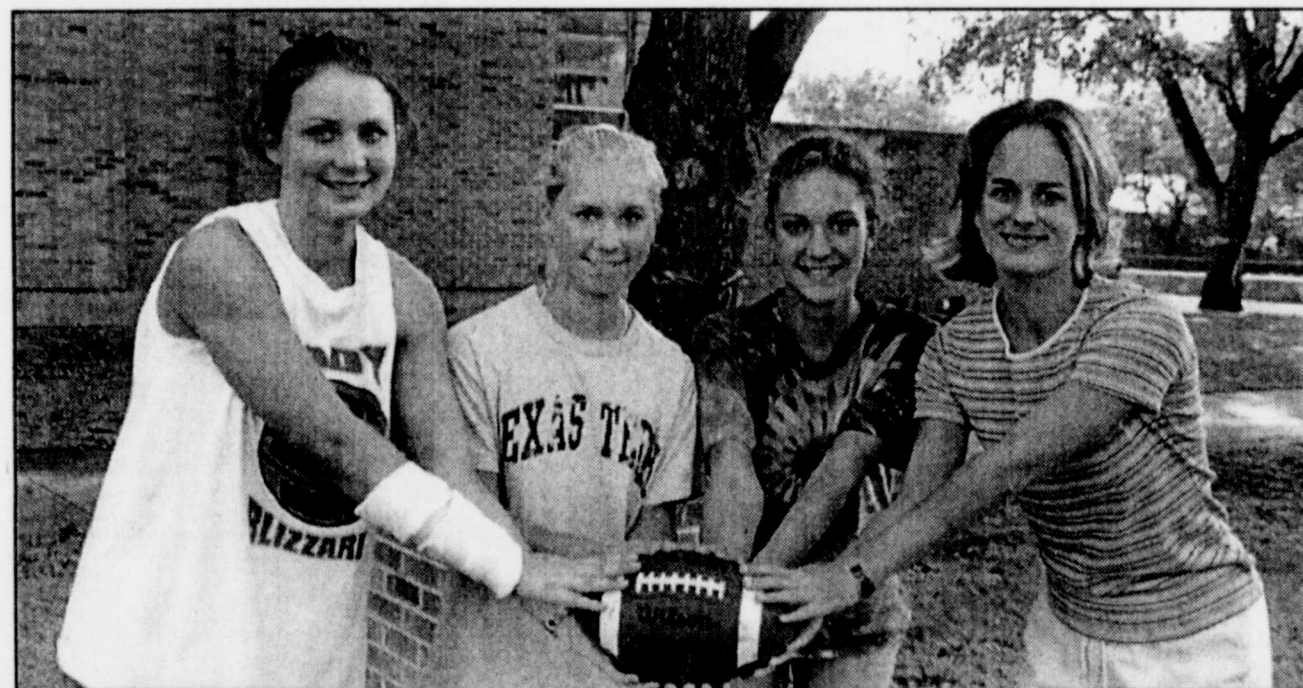
The race for Lieutenant Governor was the closest race of the night. The voters in the seven precincts had cast 824 votes for Rick Perry. Comptroller of Public Accounts John Sharp had received 782 votes from Runnels County voters.

In the Attorney General's race, John Cornyn was leading Jim Mattox 740-598. Libertarian candidate Mike Angwin had received 19 votes.

Voter turnout was generally good in the county. One precinct worker said it seemed that more people voted in this election than any he had worked.

All vote totals given are unofficial and are with seven of ten voting boxes counted.

Complete and final results will be reported in next week's edition of *The Winters Enterprise*.



BLIZZARD FOOTBALL SWEETHEART CANDIDATES are (left to right) Jana Presley, Angela Jacob, Tarra Burns and Alison Wells. The Sweetheart will be crowned during pre-game ceremonies Friday evening at 6:45 prior to the Winters vs. Coleman game in Blizzard stadium.

Football Sweetheart to be named Friday evening

Two seniors and two juniors have been selected as candidates for the 1998 Football Sweetheart. The seniors are Alison Wells and Tarra Burns. Junior candidates are Jana Presley and Angela Jacob.

The sweetheart will be selected by the Blizzard varsity football team and will be crowned Friday, Nov. 6, at 6:45 p.m. before the game at Blizzard Stadium against the Coleman Blizzards.

Alison Wells is the daughter of Jim and Mary Wilkerson of Winters and Howard Wells of Las Cruces, New Mexico. She is a member of the First United Methodist Church, the National Honor Society, WHS Student Council,

and Fellowship of Christian Athletes. She is currently parliamentarian of the Student Council and also serves as a varsity cheerleader.

Alison has participated in band, flag corps, basketball, track, cross-country, and UIL academic events being a regional qualifier. She was Class Favorite her sophomore year and a Football Sweetheart candidate last year.

After her graduation in May 1999, Miss Wells plans to attend Texas Tech University next fall.

Tarra Burns is the daughter of Tobin and Keri Lynn Burns. She is a member of the First Baptist Church and its youth program and

has participated in community organizations such as Toys for Tots, Reading for Success, Meals on Wheels, and Christmas in April.

Tarra is president of the WHS Student Council and previously held the office of parliamentarian. She is a member of the National Honor Society and Fellowship of Christian Athletes. She actively participates in UIL academic events, varsity track, and tennis. She is a past regional qualifier and finalist in track. As a freshman, she was a member of the JV basketball team, Blizzard band, and flag corps.

See SWEETHEART, pg. 2

Way to Go, Cross Country teams!
Good Luck at Regionals
Sat., Nov. 7 at UTSA

Livestock Association hosts annual BBQ Nov. 6

The Winters Livestock Association will hold its annual barbecue on Friday, November 6, at the school cafeteria.

The meal will be served before the Winters-Coleman football game from 5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Brisket, beans, potato salad, and tea, along with cobbler for dessert, will be served.

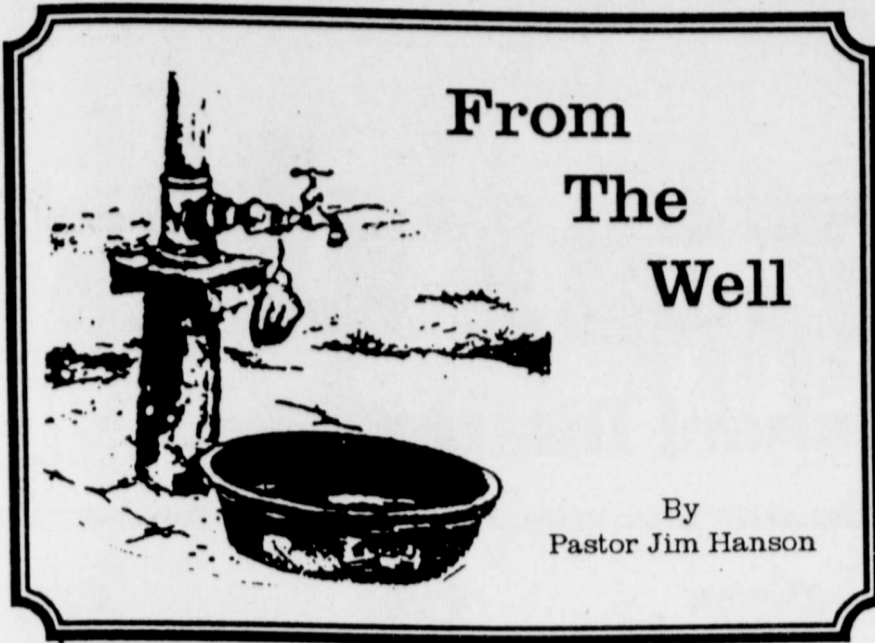
Tickets are \$6 for adults and \$3.50 for children age 10 and under.

Proceeds go to the Winters Livestock Association Stock Show, January 8 & 9, 1999.

To purchase tickets, contact Jim Jordan, Gary Schwartz, Kenneth Slimp, or Virgil Horton.

WHAT'S HAPPENING ?

- Nov. 5-9:30 a.m.-Noon & 1:30-3 p.m., Immunization Clinic, TDH
- 10 a.m., Triple L Club, First Baptist Church
- 11:30 a.m., Senior Citizens Meal
- 5 & 6:30 p.m., Jr. High vs. Coleman, Here,
- 6 p.m., JV vs. Coleman, There
- 6:30 p.m., Game Night, American Legion
- 6:30 p.m., Runnels County Emmaus, Methodist Church
- 7 p.m., Winters Squares, Community Center
- Nov. 6-11:30 a.m., Senior Citizens Meal
- 5-7:30 p.m., Livestock Assn. Supper, WHS Cafeteria
- 7:30 p.m., Varsity vs. Coleman, Here
- 6:45 p.m., Football Sweetheart
- Nov. 7- Calf & Steer Roping Fiesta, San Angelo
- 4-H Food Show, Mt. Catholic Rowena
- 11:00 a.m., Veterans Day Parade, Abilene
- Nov. 8- Calf & Steer Roping Fiesta, San Angelo
- 9:30 & 10:40 a.m. Heaven's Jubilee, St. John's Lutheran Church
- 1:30-5:30 p.m., PIP Starts, WHS Gym
- Nov. 9-11:30 a.m., Senior Citizens Meal
- 6-9:00 p.m., Parent Education Workshop, School Science Lab
- 6:30 p.m., Weight Watchers, Sr. Citizens Activity Center
- 6:30 p.m., Project Graduation, WHS Media Center
- 7 p.m., Weigh Down, First United Methodist Church
- 7:00 p.m., VFW & Aux.
- Nov. 10- Women's Club
- 10:00 a.m., Commissioners, Court House, Ballinger
- 11:30 a.m., Senior Citizens Meal
- Noon, Lions Club, Community Center
- 7 p.m., Athletic Boosters, Blizzards Field House
- 7 p.m., WVFD
- 7:30 p.m. Elm Creek Water Control
- Nov. 11- Veterans Day
- 8:00 a.m., Flag Raising Ceremony, WHS
- 11:30 a.m., Senior Citizens Meal
- Nov. 12- Women's Veterans Rec. Day Prog., Big Spring
- Parent Involvement Day, Winters Schools
- 11:30 a.m., Senior Citizens Meal
- 6:30 p.m., Game Night, American Legion



From The Well

By Pastor Jim Hanson



Pastor Jim Hanson

There are moments of inspiration. There are times when the Spirit of God takes over and the words just flow. Such a moment came to an adult friend of Katie Miller.

Katie is the dear 14-year-old that died in Albuquerque, New Mexico, on October 19, and is the granddaughter of Lawrence and Leona Jacob.

Trish Pascale-Woodhull was inspired to write a beautiful eulogy and pass it on to Katie's mom, Leslie Miller. Leslie passed it on to me, requesting that I read it at Katie's burial, and, if possible, put it in the paper. Of course. Here it is in its entirety.

The story of "Our Katie"

by Trish Pascale-Woodhull

One day God called in an angel to talk to. God said to the angel, "I need your help little angel." The angel smiled and felt honored that God would specifically call on her for help.

"People of the earth need lessons about love and you have so much to go around," God said to this little angel. "So you look for a place to go and for a family to bless. Then be on your way."

The angel sat with a tear in her eye. She knew about the earth and its people. She knew there would be pain and suffering and sadness, something she didn't have to feel while she was in the heavens. The little angel looked up at God, and asked, "When can I come back home?"

God replied, "When you have touched many lives with love... when you have planted seeds of lessons for the people of the earth to nurture and grow from... when you have been a good example for the people to learn from... when the people are strong enough to hold you in their hearts forever... then and only then... I will call you to come home."

And with that the angel left to look for the right parents for her. The right grandparents. The right sister, aunts, uncles. It was important she find just the right family. The little angel searched and searched for parents. She noticed a woman on the earth that was told she would never have children. The angel looked at this woman and thought, "This woman deserved to feel this little miracle of life." The little angel looked at the woman's family and thought, "This is them... this is just the right family for me."

So, on October the 4th, in 1984, in a little place called Ballinger, Texas, Leslie and Bill Miller were blessed with an angel. They called this little ray of sunshine, "Katie."

For 14 years, Katie spread love and joy to any and all she touched. For some, that much love was scary and others just lapped up as much as they could get. It was not often an angel walked on the earth. Katie hugged and laughed and cared about everyone. She starved for love because she was always giving so much of it away. Katie never met a stranger and anyone that ever met her would never be able to forget her.

All of Katie's energy went to other people as she gave and gave and gave. This took away from her physical energy, which began to give her pain. Katie needed to put her energy into her physical body, but not Katie... Katie was a Spiritual Being, remember... she started as an angel.

Katie ended up in the hospital for a whole month. Doctors and nurses working on her vigilantly, her family and friends at her side. There were tubes and wires and all kinds of machines working constantly to keep "OUR" Katie with us. Her little body was wearing down. Katie's spirit looked around the room at her family and friends. She began to fight hard to lick this thing that was happening. She looked up at the light and the angels called to her.

"Not yet," exclaimed Katie. "My family and friends need me still. See them crying and praying for me to live? I don't want to leave them yet." And she began to fight harder.

On the eve of October the 19th, 1998, Katie's grandmother stood by her bed and sang to her... her grandfather tightly clung to her hand... her father wept heavily in disbelief. Leslie put Katie's arm around her, hungering for just one more hug from her little angel. Leslie whispered in Katie's ear, "I don't want you to go with the angels, but I do understand if you really have to go." Tears rolled down her cheeks as she spoke and her heart wept tears of blood from the pain.

God came to Katie and said, "Little angel... little angel... it's time to come home now. Your work is finished here... you don't have to suffer anymore."

"But God," Katie cried, "you don't understand... my family... my friends... they need me... they don't want me to leave them."

God smiled at Katie, "You will never leave them... you have been so special to all these people... you will live forever in their hearts. It's time for your suffering to end... you have done your job and you've done it well. It's time now Katie... It's time for you to come home."

And at that moment, Katie went home. Now, today, we all cry for our loss. We were all blessed with an example of how to live... how to love... and how to laugh. We were all blessed with examples of how to care for one another and how to be a friend. We were blessed with an example of how to be special.

My prayer for us... is that we grieve the loss of this little angel today. She will be missed... extremely missed. As human beings, this is part of our pain... part of our lives. And tomorrow... tomorrow, let's not forget to celebrate the many gifts that Katie brought into our lives. She will live forever... forever in our hearts... forever in our words... and forever in our actions.

Thank you Katie... thank you for the many blessings you gave to so many... in such a short time. We love you... we miss you... forever!

And thank you Trish, for writing it down. And thank you, Leslie Miller, for passing it on. And thank you, Holy Spirit, for doing it again. Inspiring. Bringing hope. And life. Even in death. "Love is stronger than death"... and "love never ends." God says so.

Heaven's Jubilee at St. John's

Heaven's Jubilee will be at St. John's Lutheran Church in Winters on Sunday, November 8.

Pastor Jim Hanson says that these gospel-singing praise people are "so filled with the spirit that the soul just jumps for joy when you hear them."

They will be leading in worship at 9:30 a.m. and 10:40 a.m. Come to one or the other or both.

St. John's invites you to join them and DeWayne Bush, Dwayne Grun, Marcy Grun, Jim Bob Haley, and Jerry Beard for worship - Southern gospel style!



WINTERS ICY HOT soccer team has blazed a hot trail this fall season with a perfect record. The Winters team defeated Ballinger's Dynamites Saturday, and are not invited to attend the Tournament of Champions in Ft. Worth in the 12 and under category. Pictured on back row, left to right, are Amber Green, Timothy Fenwick, Kim Del Real, Matthew Harrison, Skye Salinas, Coach Gordon Fenwick, Jeremy Mendoza, and Joe Cruz. Front row, same order, Justin Fenwick, Armando Nava, Manuel Cordova, Ashley Santoya, Sonja Stout and Jacob Hernandez. Not pictured are Adrian Hernandez and assistant coach Eric Lopez.

"Project Graduation" meeting Nov. 9

Parents and guardians of all WHS seniors are encouraged to attend the "Project Graduation" meeting on Monday, Nov. 9 at 6:30 p.m. in the WHS media center.

National Honor Society inducts new members

Nineteen WHS juniors and seniors were inducted into the National Honor Society during ceremonies on October 26, 1998.

Junior inductees were as follows:

- Matthew Angel, son of Monte and Lea Angel
- John Bahlman, son of Lanny and Brenda Bahlman
- Kirk Byrd, son of Robin and Sherry Byrd
- Craig Conner, son of Randall and Susan Conner
- Kenny Green, son of Billy and Ruth Green
- Angela Jacob, daughter of Gary and Dinell Jacob
- Darci Lindsey, daughter of Raymond and Debra Lindsey
- Arthur Martinez, son of Joe and Florinda Reyna
- Misty Melton, daughter of Janet Aleman, granddaughter of Marjorie Smith

- Shelley Meyer, daughter of Tim and JoDee Meyer
- Jana Presley, daughter of Ronald and Mary Lynn Presley
- Kelli Slimp, daughter of Kenneth and Mary Slimp
- Donna Trojcek, daughter of Kathy Ruebush and Larry Trojcek
- Andrew Williams, son of Douglas Williams

Senior inductees included:

- Jeremy Alvarado, son of Jerry and Elsa Alvarado
- Amanda Cross, daughter of James and Diane Cross
- Diana Furbie, daughter of Steve and Tina Barry
- Avel Hicks, son of Gary and Cynthia Hicks
- Mandi Hubbard, daughter of Richard and Kay Sharpes and Hurby Hubbard

Current NHS members are Jamie Bishop, Barrett Brown, Tarra Burns, Chanda Hoppe, Candi Lara, Teri Ledbetter, Esmerelda Sanchez, Mariusz Skibicki, Tammy Thorpe, Eric Tekell, Brooke Tounget, Alison Wells, Chip White and Kenny Whittenburg. Sponsor is Mrs. Ketta Garduno.



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Mr. and Mrs. Lester S. Tinney

Lester Tinneys to celebrate Golden Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Lester S. Tinney will celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary on Saturday, November 7, 1998 with a reception and dance at the American Legion Hall, Post 470, at North Lake Brownwood from 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Mr. Tinney worked in the oilfield and is retired from Pool. The Tinneys have lived in San Angelo, Doole, Barnhart, Ballinger, Winters, and North Lake Brownwood.

Their daughters and grandchildren will be the hosts for the reception and dance. They invite all friends and relatives to come and help celebrate this occasion.

They have two daughters, Christina McKnight; and four grandchildren.

Florene Selma Tinney & Lester Silvester Tinney were married on November 5, 1948 in Eden, Texas.

For 50 years, they have shared the joys and sorrows of living. Now it is time to celebrate.

Their children and grandchildren invite you to join in honoring them.

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Monday-Nov. 9
Biscuits
Sausage
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Tuesday-Nov. 10
Cinnamon Roll
Cereal
Juice

Wednesday-Nov. 11
Toast
Sliced Cheese
Juice

Thursday-Nov. 12
Waffle/Syrup
Oatmeal
Juice

Friday-Nov. 13
Banana Nut Muffins
Cereal
Juice

Lunch

Monday-Nov. 9
Burrito/Chilli/Cheese
Tossed Salad
Corn
Coconut Cookie

Tuesday-Nov. 10
Chicken Fillet/Gravy
Mashed Potatoes
Green Beans
Vanilla Pudding
Hot Rolls

Wednesday-Nov. 11
Nacho/Meat/Cheese
Refried Beans
Tossed Salad
Peach Cobbler

Thursday-Nov. 12
Roast Beef Gravy
Mashed Potatoes
Mixed Vegetables
Chocolate Pudding
Hot Roll

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A SWARM OF BREEZES wraps up the runner during 8th grade action. From left: Shane Colburn #11, Jose Vega behind Alvarro Rodriguez #22, Michael Flores, Guy Slimp #7 and Antonio Arregon #64.

8th grade beats Mason in pursuit of repeat district championship

by Coach Chris Bearden

Once again, what can you say? When your line gives you green grass, you can rack up a lot of yards.

Alvarro Rodriguez ran 133 yards on nine carries — an amazing 14 yards per carry — and Jose Vega had 67 on six carries for 11 yards a carry.

Because of great team play, the 8th grade Breezes came home from Mason with a 14-8 victory over the Punchers last Thursday night.

JV Blizzards fall 35-0 to Mason Punchers

Halloween came early for the Winters junior varsity, losing to Mason 35-0. Believe it or not, we didn't play all that badly but you couldn't definitely say that luck wasn't on our side.

Mason had a good ball club but we kept shooting ourselves in the foot with bad mistakes.

Mason's first score came on a

The first Breezes' score came with 6:05 in the first quarter when Alvarro Rodriguez scampered 55 yards for the touchdown. The PAT kick failed and Winters jumped out to lead 6-0.

Winters scored again five minutes later when Shane Colburn ran the quarterback sneak for eight yards and the touchdown. Jose Vega ran the extra point score, and the Breezes led 14-0.

The offensive line, which consists of Jared Airhart, Rusty Jackson, Brandon Ripple, Jacob

Goetz, Matt Tounget, and a host of tightends did a great job on the line of scrimmage.

The Breezes also did a fine job throwing and catching the ball.

But the defense is what carried us all night; Mason only hurt us on one play for 90 yards and a touchdown.

The Breezes are now 6-1 for the season and 6-0 for district. These guys will win a district championship if they defeat Coleman Thursday night in Blizzards stadium.

short drive of 23 yards set up by a bad punt.

We came right back and drove to the 30-yard line only to get an end zone interception.

Mason then scored on a trick play — the A&M bounce pass — and it caught us asleep. Then they recovered a pooch-kick like we run all the time. The Punchers

scored on the last second of the second quarter, pushing the score to 21-0.

At halftime I was glad the boys hadn't given up. We talked about adjustments and they had the determination to come back.

We got the ball on the 46-yard line with a good return but as luck would have it, we fumbled the

7th grade loses tight game

by Coach Shane Mobley

The Mason Punchers squeaked by the 7th grade Breezes 24-20 last Thursday evening.

The Breezes played a great game. They had to play "come back" after Mason jumped to a 16-0 lead.

The first score for Winters came with 3:15 in the second quarter when Benji Valles scampered 27 yards on the quarterback keeper.

Winters hit paydirt again when receiver Timothy Fenwick caught the pass and ran 37 yards. Arturo Reyna blasted three yards for the two point conversion, and by the halftime, the score was 14-16.

Both teams scored in the fourth quarter. The Winters TD came when Valles ran the quarterback sneak twelve yards with 1:15 left in the game.

With a few seconds left, Mason maintained the ball to run out the clock.

The Breezes played a hard football game against a tough team.

I'm proud of you guys. I would also like to thank all the parents and fans for their support.

The Breezes close out the season against Coleman in Blizzards stadium on Thursday at 5:00 p.m.

first play and Mason drove on in, making the score 28-0.

Like I said, Mason has a fine team and kept our offense in check for the rest of the game. Even though it was a bad loss, the players promise that they would bounce back and will "take it out" on Coleman.

Thanks to the parents and fans for their great support.

Fearless Football Forecasters	1998 Nov. 5				
	Monte Angel	Rhonda Goetz	Dale Montgomery	Kevin Floyd	Larry Walker
OVERALL	56-34	57-33	61-29	61-29	62-28
LAST WEEK	6-4	6-4	8-2	7-3	8-2
Coleman at Winters	Winters Mason	Winters Mason	Winters Mason	Winters Mason	Winters Mason
Mason at San Saba	Early Albany	Early Albany	Early Albany	Early Albany	Early Albany
Bangs at Early	Ballinger Sweetwater	Ballinger Sweetwater	Ballinger Sweetwater	Ballinger Sweetwater	Ballinger Sweetwater
Hamlin at Albany	Cooper Cooper	Cooper Cooper	Cooper Cooper	Cooper Cooper	Cooper Cooper
Ballinger at Clyde	Rotan Baird	Rotan Baird	Rotan Baird	Rotan Baird	Rotan Baird
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Blizzards punch hole in Mason homecoming 34-8

Final district game vs. Coleman this Friday

With a 34-8 win over the Mason Cowpunchers last Friday night, the Winters Blizzards have clinched at least a tie for the District 25-2A championship. From this point forward it gets very complicated about the playoff possibilities.

More about that later. Back to the Blizzards of last Friday... The Big Blue showcased their offense in the first quarter by scoring 21 points. Winters received the kickoff and started their first scoring drive from their own 23-yard line. Quarterback Kenny Whittenburg carried the first 12 yards. Then Whittenburg passed 14 yards to Avel Hicks, then Lee Woffenden carried for 45 yards. On third and one from the Mason 1-yard line, Wes Calcote made the touchdown and Josh Minzenmayer kicked the extra point to put Winters in the lead 7-0.

The Big Blue Wrecking Crew also showed up to play and held Mason to three downs and a punt. Winters started on their own 17-yard line this time. The big play of the drive was a 39-yard run by Whittenburg to the Mason 33-yard line.

Wes Calcote carried for 24 yards to the 9-yard line, then three more yards to the six. Whittenburg passed to

Minzenmayer for the touchdown. Minzenmayer added the extra point with his PAT kick to make the score 14-0.

The Blizzard defense held the PUNCHERS to zero yards and with 5:14 left in the first quarter, the Big Blue yardage machine was ready to go to work again.

Larry Hoyle started things off with a 40-yard pass reception from Whittenburg to the Mason 22-yard line. Whittenburg carried for 13 yards and Calcote finished the scoring drive with a 1-yard plunge for the touchdown.

After two illegal procedure penalties, Minzenmayer still made the extra point kick, and with 2:37 left in the first quarter, Winters took a commanding lead of 21-0.

After scoring three touchdowns in the first quarter, the offense rested and let the defense do the work in the second quarter. Neither Mason nor Winters scored.

The half ended with Winters still leading 21-0.

The third quarter started as a punting duel with Mason punting three times and the Blizzards booting it twice.

On Winters' third possession of the quarter, the scoring drive started on the Blizzard 7-yard line. Woffenden was able to get the Blizzards out of the hole by

making 39 yards on the first play.

The offensive line made the way easy for the running backs by blasting holes. This powerful line is made up of center Craig Conner, left guard Chip White, left tackle Jay Harris, right guard Eric Tekell, and right tackle Michael Prewitt.

Calcote gained big yardage on the next play and Mason added a personal foul penalty to put the ball on the Mason 26.

On 4th and 3, Whittenburg carried for seven yards to keep the drive alive. Woffenden carried for 24 yards for the score. A pass for the extra point try was missed and the Blizzards led 27-0.

The Wrecking Crew held the PUNCHERS again and forced the punt on the last play of the third quarter.

A pass from the Winters 27-yard line by Whittenburg to Jeremy Alvarado gained 30 yards.

Another pass to Calcote covered 17 yards.

Hoyle snagged the 4-yard pass from Whittenburg for the touchdown. Samson Jackson kicked the extra point and the lead was extended to 34-0.

Mason returned a punt for 40 yards to the Winters 5-yard line. With 5:01 left in the game, the PUNCHERS scored their only touchdown. The 2-point try was good and the final score of the game was 34-8.

The Blizzards, 9-0 for the season, close out regular district play as they face the Coleman Bluecats this Friday. Coleman, coached by ex-Blizzard Bill Grissom, is always full of surprises and Friday's game could be a real contest for the Blizzards.

The Blizzard Football Sweetheart will be crowned in ceremonies at 6:45 p.m. prior to the 7:30 kickoff against the Bluecats.

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STATISTICAL SUMMARY

	Winters	Mason
First downs	19	8
Rushing yards	37-285	23-35
Passing yards	183	141
Total yards	309	176
Comp-Att-Int	14-23-1	12-31-1
Punts	6-39.0	8-43.0
Fumbles-lost	2-0	2-0
Penalties-yards	12-106	7-75

SCORING SUMMARY

By Quarters 21,0,6,7 0,0,0,8

FIRST QUARTER

Winters
Wes Calcote 1-yd. run (Josh Minzenmeyer kick).
Winters
Minzenmayer 6-yd. pass from Kenny Whittenburg (Minzenmeyer kick).
Winters
Calcote 1-yd. run (Minzenmeyer kick).

SECOND QUARTER

Winters
Lee Woffenden 24-yd run (Minzenmeyer kick).
Winters
LARRY HOYLE 4-yd pass from Whittenburg (Samson Jackson kick).
Mason
Jason McMillan 3-yd run (Wade Kimbrell pass from Glenn Toch).

DISTRICT 25-2A

Team	W	L	T	PF	PA
Winters	9	0	0	279	62
Goldthwaite	7	2	0	242	47
Coleman	5	4	0	233	148
Early	5	4	0	178	145
Bangs	2	7	0	109	224
Mason	2	6	0	61	190
Hamilton	1	7	0	104	228
San Saba	0	9	0	62	244

OVERALL

Team	W	L	T	PF	PA
Winters	6	0	0	177	43
Goldthwaite	5	1	0	191	27
Coleman	4	2	0	158	92
Early	3	3	0	106	118
Bangs	2	4	0	66	166
Mason	3	3	0	48	118
Hamilton	1	5	0	51	138
San Saba	0	6	0	37	141

Last Week's Scores: Bangs 20, San Saba 19; Coleman 39, Hamilton 0; Goldthwaite 20, Early 7; Winters 34, Mason 8.
This Week's Games: Bangs at Early, 7:30 p.m.; Coleman at Winters, 7:30 p.m.; Goldthwaite at Hamilton, 7:30 p.m.; Mason at San Saba, 7:30 p.m.

1998-1999 Varsity Football Schedule

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME	SCORE
Aug. 21	Wall*	TBA	TBA	
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	27-0
Oct. 16*	Early▲	H	7:30	35-12
Oct. 23	Hamilton▲	T	7:30	34-10
Oct. 30	Mason▲	T	7:30	34-8
Nov. 6	Coleman▲	H	7:30	

* Scrimmages * Homecoming ▲ District Games

1998-1999 Jr. Varsity Football Schedule

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME	SCORE
Aug. 21	Wall*	TBA	TBA	
Aug. 28	Anson*	TBA	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	6:00	13-30
Oct. 1	Bangs▲	T	6:00	33-12
Oct. 8	San Saba▲	H	6:00	32-14
Oct. 15	Early▲	T	6:00	22-0
Oct. 22	Hamilton▲	H	6:00	25-6
Oct. 29	Mason▲	H	6:00	0-35
Nov. 5	Coleman▲	T	6:00	

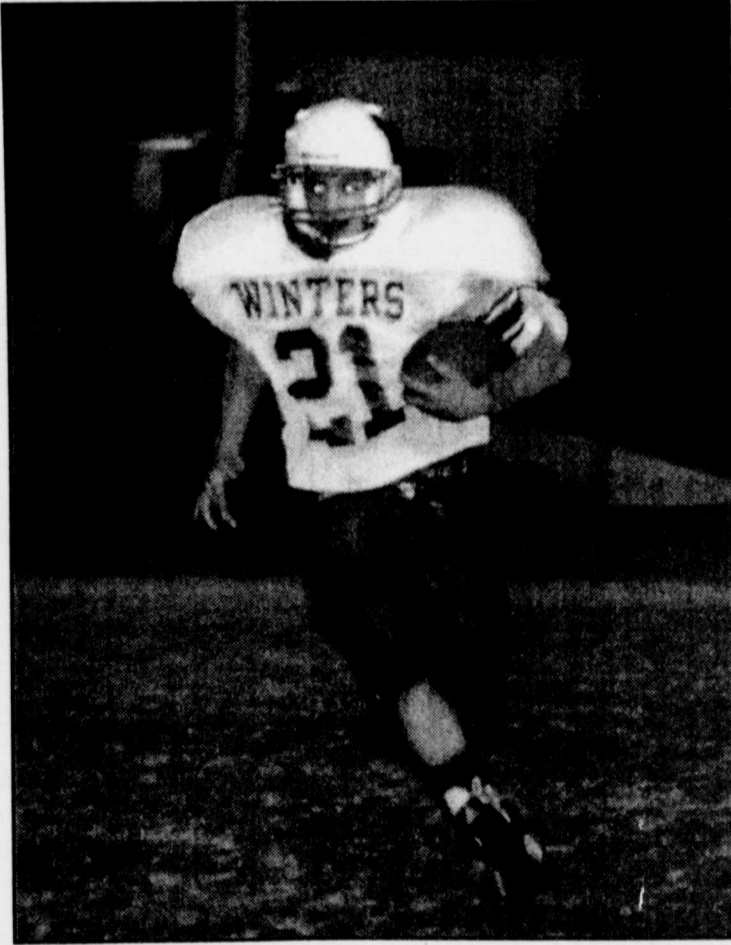
* Scrimmage Games ▲ District Games

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	7th 26-0 8th 34-6
Oct. 15	Early▲	H	5 & 6:30	7th 0-16 8th 6-0
Oct. 22	Hamilton▲	T	5 & 6:30	7th 36-0 8th 21-12
Oct. 29	Mason▲	T	5 & 6:30	7th 20-24 8th 14-8
Nov. 5	Coleman▲	H	5 & 6:30	

▲ District Games

Is he more of a threat on the field or off?



A BLIZZARD ALL THE WAY, WES CALCOTE sported a very different look at the Booster Club's Halloween carnival last Saturday night. The previous night, Calcote #21 on the varsity squad, helped his team win their ninth game in a row. The 175 lb. junior has 115 rushing attempts for 592 yards, averaging 5.15 yards per carry, and six touchdowns. He also has six pass receptions for 70 yards and one touchdown.

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The Parents' Corner

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

Editor's Note: This is the last week 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.

"Redirecting Children's Behavior" is all about teaching cooperation between parents and children and giving your child the responsibility of solving their own problems so that they will be able to use these skills for a lifetime.

If you would like to enroll in the "Redirecting Children's Behavior" course or would like more information, please call the Education Service Center in San Angelo at 658-6571, ext. 152, and ask for Bee Gee Johnston.

Deborah Critzer, the author of today's article also puts out a newsletter for parents on the internet @positiveparenting.com. She is a certified instructor of RCB in Ventura, California, and the article is used with her permission.

What'd you mean no?

by Deborah Critzer

"NO! I won't pick it up!"

"NO! I don't want to eat that!"

"NO! You can't make me do it!"

"NO! NO! NO! NO! NO! NO!"

"NO." This one word probably causes more stress and disharmony in our relationship with our children than any other word in our language. As parents, we often become distracted from the task at hand by this word. We may discipline our child for his attitude, rather than focusing on the job or task that needs to be done.

What is it about this tiny word that causes such an extreme reaction from us? I don't know about other parents, but when one of my children says "NO!" the hair on the back of my neck stands on end and I find myself thinking "How dare you! After all I do for you, this is what you give me??"

Why Does "NO!" push our "buttons?" Think back to when you were a child. What happened if you said no to your parents? Common responses are: "I'd be slapped, grounded, spanked, lectured, or yelled at." Some parents say, "I don't know WHAT would have happened, I just KNEW not to say no." Our experience has taught us that saying no to adults is a bad thing.

What did we learn? Since we parents, as children, were not allowed to say no in our homes directly, what did we do to say no indirectly? Common responses are: Lying, sneaking, plotting revenge, doing a rotten job so they wouldn't ask you again, talking back, and taking it out on someone weaker.

Are children today saying "NO!" more than past generations? Maybe they are! The children in school these days are learning to "JUST SAY NO!" Then, when the child comes home from school and just says, "NO!" to us, how do we react? Probably with, "Don't YOU EVER say NO to me!" The child is bewildered. There is a conflict because young children have not developed the abstract thinking necessary to fully understand the difference.

Why do children say "NO?" There are certain stages where saying "no" becomes an important developmental task. At 2 & 3, children are individuating from their parents. They are discovering their power and the limits in their environment. At school age, children are learning to be assertive, take care of themselves in social situations, and are becoming increasingly influenced by peers and other relationships. Teens rebel to discover their individuality and values. There are positive aspects to these developmental achievements!

How do we usually respond when children say "NO" to us? Generally we parents respond in one extreme or another. We may give in to the demand (permissiveness) out of exhaustion, frustration, or lack of a better idea. The permissive approach does not teach our child respect or responsibility. The opposite is to respond by banishing the word "no" completely and taking punitive measures to enforce the rule. The punitive approach may cause unwanted side effects (lying, sneaking, revenge).

One word — so much to think about. Let's say you are ready to take a risk, and deal "directly" with children, by incorporating some reasonable use of the word "no" into your home. I know it sounds strange, but my kids say "YFS" more often when they know that it's OK to say "NO" sometimes. Here are some suggestions to get started:

Discuss it with your spouse. Take time to consider the pros and cons together. Talk to each other about the goals you have for your children. Discuss how this may benefit or hinder them in your long term parenting plan. Agree about what you really want your children to learn about saying "no" for their future. Then choose the best plan for teaching them over the years. Decide to support each other and present a united front.

Model saying "NO" respectfully. If we want to teach our children to say no in a respectful way, we need to model it for them. So when you say "NO" to your child, say it in the same tone of voice that will be acceptable to you in the future. If we scream "NO!" at them, they are likely to respond in kind. One thing I do is say, "NO, I'm not willing to do that, but I would be willing to do this instead." Now I find my children will say this to me occasionally. "No, I'm not willing to wash the dishes, but I'll rinse them off and put them away instead." I find this much easier to hear, and I even admire my child's creative thinking, as opposed to a flat unwillingness to cooperate.

Request a respectful "NO" and acknowledge them. When a child says "no" in a snotty voice, you can say, "I respect your right to say 'no' to me and I want you to say it respectfully." Request them to repeat it back to you respectfully. Immediately go back to the issue at hand, usually a task that needs to be done. "The dog still needs to be fed, what will you do?" Not getting caught in the battle over the word "no" can avoid 80% of the power struggles that occur with children.

NO. It is amazing how much power this little word has. Perhaps we can create better relationships with our children and give them skills that will be valuable to them as adults. If we can face and conquer this uncomfortable issue directly, we may avoid many of the problems that occur in disciplining our children.

Scouts Food Drive is Nov. 14

The Scouts Annual Food Drive to benefit the Winters Food Pantry has been scheduled for Saturday, November 14, beginning at 9:00 a.m.

Boy and girl scouts of all age levels will canvass the town asking for donations of non-perishable and canned food items.

If you have plans to be away from home or prefer, you may

leave your donated items outside your door. Scouts will collect items as they go door-to-door.

The holidays are just around the corner and the more collected, the better the distribution.

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Children are the foundation of the future; parents and teachers, the building blocks

Kindergarteners show talent to Lions

If society was a beautiful building, our children would have made the foundation. Our educators would have been the designers, architects, and engineers. The parents who try to give away as much as possible, and as much as in their ability, a mentally, emotionally, and physically healthy and well-behaved child to the school system, would have been the providers of the properly needed material for the construction of this ideal building. The teachers, who take the responsibility of the youngest children capable of being molded, have the most important job among all the rest of the educators.

On Tuesday, October 13, at the lunch meeting of the Winters Lions Club, the kindergarten children gave a fantastic program. They came in organized into proper lines and well disciplined with their teachers and some of their parents. The moment they walked in, you could read in their eyes, faces, and gestures that they were ready to give a good program. Sure enough, everyone enjoyed the program. The Lions, their guests, the parents, and the teachers were all pleased with the kids of today and, hopefully, the well educated adults of Winters' future. The children were thanked for their entertainment.

Business reported at the Lions meeting included:

If you don't say anything, you won't be called upon to repeat it.
—Calvin Coolidge

The grant application from Lions Club International Foundation (LCIF) was received. A total of \$75,000 is available for any number of humanitarian projects. Typical projects include expansion of centers for the disabled, equipment for public health projects and eye banks, vocational training, assistance for guide dog training organizations, and any project that aims to benefit the disadvantaged or provides an essential community service.

LCIF's assistance is given in matching form. The grant can be requested in an amount no more than 50% of a project's total cost and the Lions district initiating the project must identify the sources of funding for the remaining balance. The minimum requirement is that at least two Lions Clubs make a financial contribution towards a project before the application is eligible for review. The more Lions that contribute, the stronger the application.

Free eye exams and glasses to as many as 15 needy community members were confirmed with Lens Crafter in the Mall of Abilene. Volunteers take the needy people for eye exams on November 24, 1998. The glasses will be ready on Winters' Home-town Day 1998, Wednesday, December 2, from 8 a.m. to noon.

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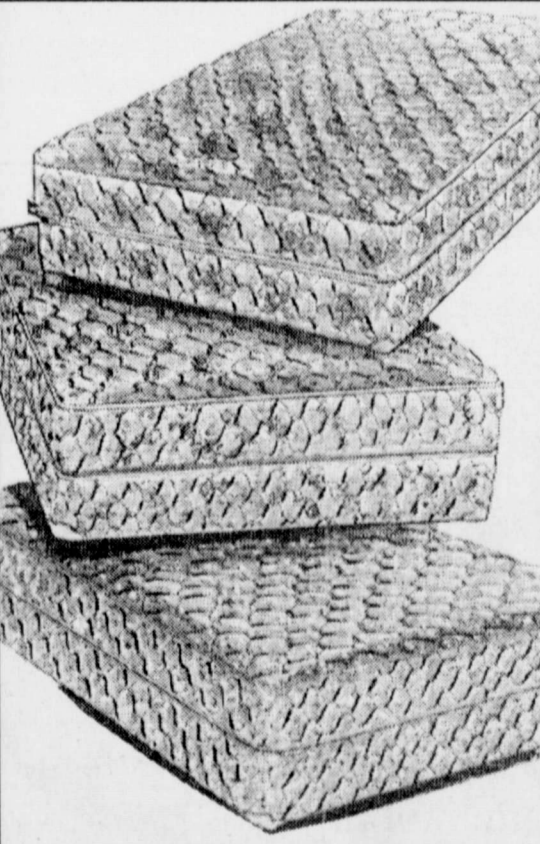
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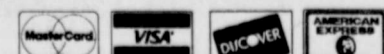
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THE BLIZZARDS OF 1943 at their 55th class reunion are (seated, from left) Ouida Rogers Nichols, class sponsor Floy Hood Hodge, Estella Bredemeyer, (middle) Jo Sullivan Watson, Cleo Sprinkle Colburn, Neva Colburn Puckett, Annie Mae Reeves Cernach, Devona Berry Burns, Enid Spill Anderson, Dixie Parker Coleman, Joyce Lett Dodson, (back) Bob Best, Curtis McCartney, Dealon Stanley, Dorothy Colburn Compton, Fred Poe, Alton Jones, Alex Orr, and Freddie Bredemeyer.

Winters classmates "still recognizable" after 55 years

contributed by Estella Bredemeyer

After 55 years, the Winters High School Class of 1943 still recognize and know each other. Isn't that great!

The group enjoyed a turkey dinner on Friday, October 16, at the school cafeteria and then attended the ball game.

On Saturday, members viewed the Rock Hotel and the Z.I. Hale Museum. At 11:00 a.m., they met for a champagne brunch at 600 S. Arlington with 38 people attending. The patio was decorated with

blue and white streamers and balloons. American flags were also displayed. Pastor Jim Hanson and wife Ramona attended and gave a program on Americanism. He closed with a group singing of "God Bless America." Floy Hodge also gave a short story about snakes in a pit.

For several hours, classmates enjoyed fellowship—remembering the school stories and telling on each other.

Among those attending were

Ouida Rogers Nichols, Floy Hood Hodge (class sponsor), Estella Bredemeyer, Jo Sullivan Watson, Cleo Sprinkle Colburn, Neva Colburn Puckett, Annie Mae Reeves Cernach, Devona Berry Burns, Enid Spill Anderson, and Dixie Parker Coleman.

Also Joyce Lett Dodson, Bob Best, Curtis McCartney, Dealon Stanley, Dorothy Colburn Compton, Fred Poe, Alton Jones, Alex Orr, and Freddie Bredemeyer.

Crews News

By Hilda Kurtz



Hilda Kurtz

Everything is changing. People are taking their comedians seriously and the politician as a "joke."

Hopewell Church morning service visitors were Dan and Pat Henry of Ballinger and Bennie Stubblefield.

The Halloween Carnival was a big success. A big thanks to all the businesses who donated and to all those who helped in any way. The crowd was great. It reminded me of a reunion. I walked in the cakewalk and won a pecan pie on No. 17. I sure would like to have the pecan pie recipe. My phone number is 723-2701. Thanks to the Paschals and the Osbornes who went all out to make this such a big night.

Katherine and Luke Thomas would like to say a big thank you to the wonderful people for everything. The word "thanks" some how does not seem adequate. We will always remember this and all you have done to help us.

Selma Wilkerson spent Saturday with Dorintha Wilkerson in Winters.

Jimmy and Frances Campbell and children of Ballinger came out and had supper with Selma. Helen Alexander came later. All enjoyed dominoes.

On Sunday afternoon, visitors with Josie Hoppe were Glen and

Melba Hoppe and Nancy Spill. Trick-or-treaters also came by to see Josie. They were Dawn, Scott, and Clint Bryan and Vicki and Andrew Blackerby.

Pastor Jim Hanson and Ramona came by awhile on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Maloey Bryant, Robert Bryant, Douglas Bryant and friend Tyler, Mr. and Mrs. Doug Bryant and children, Frances Mincey, Bobbie and Larry Calcote dropped in on Doris Wood during the week.

During the week with Georgia and Connie Gibbs were Saffron, Kenny, Tana, and Lane Gibbs.

Carolyn Webb picked up her mother, Edith Everett, in Sweetwater on Friday. She had spent two weeks with her son, Jim, in Grandfalls.

Sybil Waller and Margie Jacob had a nice visit with Charlie and Ann Dankworth in Ballinger.

Brenda Jacob spent the weekend with Margie.

On Friday night, Beverly, Brenda, and Margie attended the Winters-Mason football game in Mason.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Englert and son Bryce Busenlehner returned home from England last Thursday after a ten-day visit with daughter, Jennifer, and husband Andrew Morrison and their two children, Amber and Bethany. This was the first time to see the two granddaughters!

Margie Jacob had her family home Sunday. The visitors included Sharon and Jerry Englert, Justin and Bryce Busenlehner, Kristi Elliott, Brenda Jacob, Beverly VanZandt, Corey and Brad VanZandt, Carolyn Webb,

Carol and Mike Kozelsky and daughter Kathryn.

Sybil Tounget of Lubbock spent another week with the Dennis McBeth family.

Hildegard and Calvin Schovajsa of San Angelo came Sunday morning. While Calvin sawed pecan limbs away from my house, Hildegard and I dragged the limbs from the yard. We are getting ready to give the house a coat of paint.

From what I've heard, the Crews community received about 2" of rain.

Harvey Mae and Noble Faubion's visitors during the week were Bernie and Jeff McCoy of Abilene, Rodney and Brian Faubion, Eileen Cartwright, Gladys Cotton, Jr. Pape, and Amatina McAden and her husband. Brian Faubion is on his way to Hawaii.

Noble and Harvey Mae had a nice, long phone visit from son Gene in California.

On Wednesday, Pat Parker and Melvena Gerhart visited with Myrtle Wright in Eden.

On Friday night, Jeff and Bernie McCoy of Abilene spent the weekend with Melvena and Marvin Gerhart. They also celebrated Brendon Mikeska's 1st birthday with party. Brian Faubion also attended.

Sunday visitors with Nila and Therin Osborne were Bro. Akins and Ramona, Melvena and Marvin Gerhart, and Louise Osborne.

On Monday night visiting with Melvena and Marvin were Bernie and Jeff McCoy and Dennis, Audine, and Roy McBeth.

A Message from Mandie

Dear Friends,

We have great news and want to share it with all of you who have helped us so much! I have completed all my chemotherapy treatments (Whew!) and have received good reports from my doctors in Abilene and Houston. I feel better and am gaining strength every day.

Lanny and I want to thank all of you for how beautifully you've taken care of our family throughout my bout with cancer. You have loved us, prayed for us, cooked for us, hauled me to Abilene, helped pay medical expenses, taken care of Luke and Julie, and on and on!

Many of you have called and sent cards that have brightened lots of days. I am in awe of how caring this community has been. You have stuck right with us all the way through and I don't know how we'd have made it without you!

In so many ways, this journey has been jam-packed with blessings. We've seen the sweetest side of so many people! We've learned to treasure each day more—the joy of life is in each moment, not "down the road." We've experienced that all things really do work together for good for those who love God.

I hope that we as a community can continue always to help and support each other in times of need. That caring spirit is what makes this place so uniquely special.

All you have done for us is wonderful and we truly appreciate every one of you.

With much gratitude...
Love,
Mandie England

Flu Shots urged for the elderly: Medicare pays

The Public Health Service recommends an annual flu shot for people over age 65, even if they are generally healthy. The cost of both pneumonia vaccinations and flu shots is covered by Medicare Part B (medical insurance.)

The best time to get a flu shot is mid-October to mid-November. Medicare beneficiaries do not need a doctor's prescription or supervision to have this vaccination covered by Medicare Part B. And, beneficiaries do not pay a deductible or coinsurance amount.

Medicare Part B pays the reasonable approved amount for either shot. If the cost exceeds the approved amount, the beneficiary is responsible for the difference between the approved amount and the actual cost.

Generally, the cost will be paid if the vaccine is provided at a doctor's office or by a hospital, skilled nursing facility, home health agency, rural health clinic, federally qualified health center, outpatient physical therapy provider, a comprehensive outpatient rehabilitation facility or health maintenance organization (HMO.)

Medicare Part B pays for pneumonia and hepatitis B vaccinations and flu shots when the beneficiary is in the hospital, even though the hospital stay is covered under Part A (hospital insurance.)

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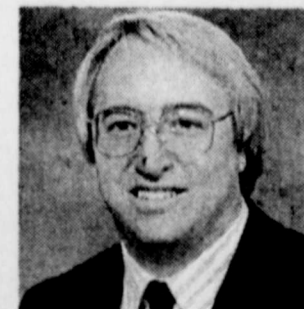
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1 book by TX Dan Jenkins: "___ Oklahoma"

5 TXism: "___ of bones" (skinny)

6 TXism: "thorn in my ___" (problem)

7 Robert ___ was stationed in TX before Civil War

8 TXism: "he'd ___ unnamed in a battle of wits"

9 Rice mascot Sammy

12 TXism: "sharp as ___"

17 San ___

20 TXism for goodbye position of a scoring horseshoe

23 TXism: "straight as ___ star's teeth"

24 Clint Black's "___ Ourselves"

29 suspended Cowboy Leon

30 TX Relays is a track

31 shape of a cowboy who rides a lot

32 this Morgan is said to be the "Yellow Rose of TX"

36 source of TX delicacy cactus jelly

37 TX death penalty uses lethal poison pumped through ___ needles

43 TXism: "can't make a silk purse out of ___"

45 Battle ___ Jacinto

DOWN

1 hand equipment for Will Clark (2 wds.)

2 seat of Taylor Co.

3 green gemstone

4 ex-Cowboy FB Tommie

9 TXism: "chew ___ awhile"

10 monarch butterflies pass through TX in route to ___ grounds in Mexico

11 Six Flags has a ___ flume ride

12 TXism: "stubborn ___ mule"

13 famous 60s UT linebacker

14 Valley plant

15 hideout of TX Sam Bass: ___ Hollow

16 close-___ group

18 Astros GM Smith in early 80s

19 TXism: "six of ___ half a dozen of the other"

21 Rice won the College Bowl in '66

24 this Beatty was film Clyde Barrow (nit.)

25 a long spell

26 TX ___-step

27 westernmost city

28 rented oil rights

33 LBJ line: "___ fella Murkins"

34 TX Willie's 4th benefit: Farm Aid

35 TX Joan Crawford: Lucille ___Sueur

37 "The father of TX ___ more"

38 this Armstrong 1st spoke to Houston from the moon

39 TXism: "hot as road ___ in July"

40 film "The Trial ___ Harvey Oswald"

41 organization for TX Olympians (abbr.)

42 Mineral Wells "Crazy Woman Well" made a woman

44 TX Ginger Rogers "Shall ___ Dance"

46 this Green moved Stars to Dallas (on 132)

48 in Medina Co. on 132

49 small bills

57 Alpine was named for the Swiss ___

The Original TEXAS CROSSWORD
by Charley & Guy Orbison
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Solutions for this puzzle appear in this issue.

Thanksgiving dinner for 12—drawing Nov. 15

Would you like to sit down, and have a leisurely visit with your family and friends, and then without any preparation, you and your guests enjoy a delicious home-made Thanksgiving dinner with all the trimmings?

The First United Methodist Church of Winters will have a drawing for a homemade Thanksgiving dinner for 12—a complete dinner including turkey and dressing and delicious pecan pie.

For a contribution of only \$1 per ticket, you may enter your name in the drawing.

The drawing will be around noon November 15, so the winner will have plenty of time to avoid the shopping and cooking!

Tickets are available at the Church office located at 141 N. Church; also from Glenda Matthews at the Hair Post, 406 N. Main; Mary Lynn Presley at the Beauty Center, 137 N. Main; or call Ouida Nichols, 754-4171 or Jessie Collom, 723-2378.



KASEY RIVES, 11-month-old daughter of Chris and Chris Rives, is all decked out in her cute pumpkin costume while attending the Crews Community Halloween Carnival Saturday night. Proceeds from the event will go toward medical expenses for Kasey's great-aunt, Phyllis Grissom Thomas, cancer victim.

GO BLIZZARDS!

Chamber Memo

Costume winners named

Chamber excited about Craft Show Nov. 14

By Brenda Burton

Downtown Winters was alive with a variety of witches and goblins at the annual Winters Area Chamber Boutique on Halloween.

About one hundred children, parents, grandparents, and friends were treated to candy and other treats that were donated by area merchants.

The judges had a difficult time picking the winners in the costume contest.

First place in the six and under age group was Joseph Deanda, second place was Jared Esquivel,

and third place was C.J. Johnson.

The winners in the seven through twelve year old were Kendra Esquivel, first; Crystal Grenwolge, second; and Corey Fenwick, third place.

The winners were awarded certificates. Each contestant received a participation ribbon.

The directors of the Chamber are grateful for the donations for the Boutique, and especially appreciate the effort of all the contestants who made it all so much fun.

With the time change, it got

dark sooner than we expected, so it has been suggested we start a little earlier next year.

There are less than two weeks until the annual Arts and Crafts Show on November 14.

Booth spaces are available for \$20 each, and tables are \$5 each, if you are unable to bring your own.

With the list of vendors growing daily, there are promises of many holiday decorations and one-of-a-kind items for that special person on your gift list. Please, don't just look.....buy! You will be glad you did, and you will get that last-minute-shopping-hassle behind you.

The "Best Little Pie in Town" contest will begin at 9:00 a.m. at the Arts and Crafts Show.

Judging will be completed before noon, or whenever the judges finish tasting....er...judging the pies.

Winners for ages twelve and under, and thirteen and over, will be awarded ribbons for each type of pie entered.

The tree types of pies are creme, custard, and fruit. Pie crusts may be other than homemade, but the rest of the pie should be homemade.

First, second, and third place ribbons will be given for each pie type.

A "Champion" ribbon will be awarded in each of the two age groups. A "Best of Show" award will be presented to the best overall pie.

Entry fee is \$5 per pie. Entry forms may be picked up at the Chamber office, 118 W. Dale; the Winters Public Library on North Main Street; or *The Winters Enterprise*, 104 N. Main.

Deadline is 9:00 a.m., November 14. Pies become the property of the Chamber, and will be sold for 75 cents per slice, following the judging.

Remember to register for the Christmas parade which will be on December 5 at 1:00 p.m. Line-up begins at 11:30 a.m.

Entry forms are available at the Chamber office, the Winters Public Library, and *The Winters Enterprise*.

Anyone may be in the parade, but only those who enter by noon November 25 will be judged for prizes.

The Cooper Fiddlers will be returning to Winters on January 23, 1999, to entertain at the annual Chamber Banquet. Mark your calendars now.....they are fantastic!!!

Poe's Corner

By Charlsie Poe

The work goes on — and on

Continued from last week

A conference was arranged with Carol Daffern, curator of exhibits of the Panhandle Plains Historical Museum at Canyon. She conducted a two-day workshop in November which was most helpful in continuing the work.

In November, about 200 people visited the museum during the two-day open house held to coincide with the arts and crafts festival. Beginning in December, the museum was opened the second Sunday of each month from 2 to 4 p.m.

On January 26, 1981, a work day was held for cataloging new items that had been given to the museum. Roy Young was named curator to fill the unexpired term of Marvin Jones. Mrs. Dozier presented a complete financial report. Since opening, the museum had received a total of \$10,735.68 in contributions of which \$9323.69 had been spent in refurbishing and upkeep, leaving a balance of \$1,397.55.

This was Prissy's last report. She died Jan 29, at the age of 49. Her contribution to the community was so greatly missed that she was posthumously named Citizen of the Year for 1980 at the annual Chamber of Commerce banquet. Mrs. Loyd Roberson took her place as secretary-treasurer.

New officers were elected in May: Estella Bredemeyer, president; Roy Young, vice-president; Mary Margaret Leathers, recording secretary; Billie Alderman, corresponding secretary; and Edna England, treasurer. Other officials were Mildred Gardner, curator; Joyce Bahlman and Dollie Airhart,



Charlsie Poe

exhibit directors, and Charlsie Poe, publicity. These officers were installed in June by Mrs. Charles Kruse.

The main theme of the museum was "Our Heritage" and other subjects were being added as needed, such as "Our Heritage in Music" or "Our Heritage in Agriculture," etc.

Outstanding exhibits continued through 1981, including the Doll Show with three exhibitors and more than 100 dolls displayed.

Flag Day was in June with the VFW and Auxiliary in charge of the program. Flags, uniforms, insignia, and medals were displayed and their meanings discussed. Cowboy equipment was exhibited during Western Roundup Day. A saddle and other articles were a permanent gift.

Seventeen local artists displayed outstanding pictures in August. The September program coincided with the Baldwin Reunion and brought many visitors. The two-day quilting contest, sponsored by the Arts & Crafts show, in October, and held at the museum, was the highlight of the year.

In June, another round of renovation was begun. Maurine Davis headed the priority of closing and painting 12 more windows, fol-

lowed by the painting of storage space. This work was delayed due to a leaky roof.

Early in 1982, a gold plaque entitled "Family Memorials to the Z.I. Hale Foundation" was displayed and is a permanent fixture at the museum. For a donation of \$200.00 those wishing to honor loved ones, living or dead, may have their names engraved in gold and added to the list. The first plaque has been filled and the second one started.

Many people donated work at the museum, but Cecil Stephens, carpenter, deserves our grateful thanks for his constant assistance.

Trophies won by the Winters school students were presented to the museum and now reside in a trophy room. A browsing room, next door, has scrapbooks and mementoes to be enjoyed by visitors.

After the dedication of the three-year-old museum August 1, 1982, a drive was to purchase the historic Rock Hotel next door. It would permit expansion of the museum and provide a meeting place for other organizations. It would preserve one of the oldest historical buildings in town and the only one in its original state.

Through the generosity of the community and alumni of WHS, the \$30,000 was soon raised in the allotted time period of 6 months.

This is only the beginning — the work goes on and on — but words cannot express our joy and pride your accomplishments achieved and many more that are in progress.

Letter to the Editor

National Animal Shelter Appreciation Week celebrated November 1-7

To the Editor:

When most people think of an animal shelter, they imagine a building housing stray cats and dogs. They may not know that animal shelters also investigate cruelty complaints, issue pet licenses, assist in spaying and neutering pets, and educate members of the community about responsible pet ownership.

The Humane Society of the United States (HSUS) sponsors National Animal Shelter Appreciation Week, November 1-7, to celebrate the services that animal shelters provide. This year, National Animal Shelter Appreciation Week spotlights the contributions made by animal control of-

ficers, who work on the front lines helping people resolve conflicts with animals and aiding injured or stray animals.

Some animal shelters lack the funding and community support to provide top quality services and all shelters could use help. Here are some ideas:

- Donate your time and resources to your local shelter. Volunteers can walk dogs or answer phones. Shelters can always use pet food, toys, and old towels. Ask your local shelter about their needs.

- Educate your friends and neighbors about proper pet care. Pets need food, shelter, love, attention, and regular veterinary

care (including spaying or neutering).

- Get political. Lobby your legislators to pass effective animal control ordinances and strong anti-cruelty laws.

Although animal shelters may not be as visible as police and firefighters, they are also essential to the safety and well-being of the community. The HSUS encourages everyone to learn more about their local animal shelter and the many ways it can help build a better community for everyone.

Dennis J. White
Director, Southwest Regional Office
The Humane Society of the United States

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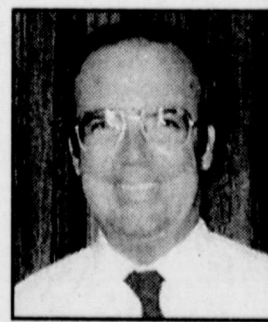
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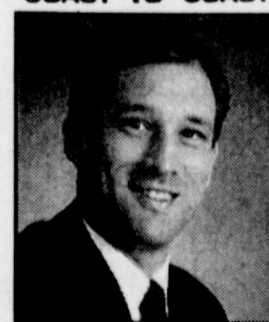
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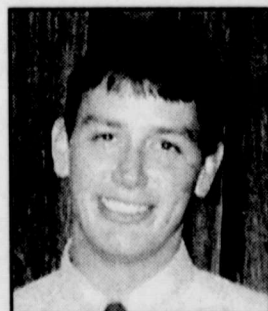
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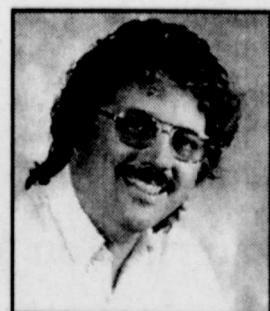
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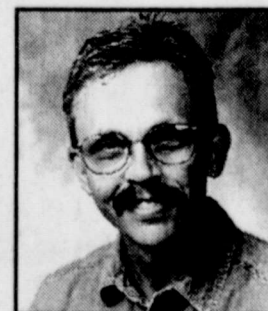
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BEST COUNTRY

Thursday-Trivia • Friday-Favorites • Top 30 Countdown • Country Notes

Official Records

County Court Criminal
October 26
Ray Escobar Martinez, Ballinger, filed for making alcohol available to a minor, 2 counts
Michelle Ann Hollis, Ballinger, filed for making alcohol available to a minor, 2 counts

October 27
Richard Ochoa, filed for failure to appear
Alejandro Ochoa, Winters, filed for failure to appear
Paul Escobar Jalomo III, Ballinger, filed for failure to appear
Lamonda Baker, Winters, filed for failure to appear
Bryan James Collins, Ballinger, filed for failure to appear
Paris Vonzell Berry, Odessa, filed for failure to appear
Steven Garcia Diaz, Knox City, filed for failure to appear
Jose Domingo Sanchez, Winters, filed for failure to appear

Dispositions
Joe Garcia, Jr., theft of merchandise by check, pleaded guilty, fined \$50 plus \$184.25 court costs, \$15 hot check fee, restitution of \$43.19
Mario Anthony Nairo, driving while intoxicated, pleaded guilty, fined \$2,000 plus \$184.25 court costs, sentenced to six months in county jail
Ruben Gomez Jacques, driving while license suspended, pleaded guilty, fined \$350 plus \$184.25 court costs
James Martin Medart, driving while license suspended, pleaded guilty, fined \$350 plus \$184.25 court costs, sentenced to 30 days in county jail
James Martin Medart, failure to identify, pleaded guilty, fined \$350 plus \$184.25 court costs, sentenced to 30 days in county jail
Michael Anthony New, possession of marijuana, case dismissed, defendant

convicted in another case
Don Wayne Jones, assault, case dismissed at complaining witness request
Sebero Tabor Galvan, driving while intoxicated, pleaded guilty, sentenced to six months in county jail, probated to two years, fined \$750 plus \$209.25 court costs, 50 hours community service

Aldo Alfonso Galvan, driving while intoxicated, pleaded guilty, sentenced to one year in county jail, probated to two years, fined \$3,000 plus \$224.25 court costs, 100 hours community service
Jose Alfonso Arce-Pomar, driving while license suspended, pleaded guilty, fined \$350 plus \$184.25 court costs
Jarom Ted Smith, driving while intoxicated, pleaded nolo contendere, sentenced to six months in county jail, probated to one year, fined \$750 plus \$209.25 court costs, 24 hours community service
Dana Jane Holdridge, driving while license suspended, case dismissed, complaining witness not credible
Deanna Campbell, driving while license suspended, pleaded guilty, fined \$350 plus \$184.25 court costs
Alvin Anthony Gerngross, driving while intoxicated, pleaded nolo contendere, sentenced to six months in county jail, probated to one year, fined \$750 plus \$209.25 court costs

Jimmy Flores, Jr., 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
Danny Ray Eldred, driving while intoxicated, pleaded nolo contendere, sentenced to six months in county jail, probated to one year, fined \$750 plus \$209.25 court costs, 50 hours community service
Gabriel Domingo Cavazos, 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
Jimmy J. Flores, theft of merchandise by check, pleaded guilty, fined \$100 plus

\$184.25 court costs, \$15 hot check fee, \$50 restitution
Danny Jason Ercanbrack, driving while intoxicated, case dismissed, completed extra-judicial agreement
John Lynn Kolster, failure to appear, case dismissed, insufficient notice
Ronnie Glenn Tounguet, criminal trespass, case dismissed, insufficient evidence
Leah Denise Tiller, making alcohol available to a minor, case dismissed, defendant convicted in another case

Sara Prendez, failure to appear, case dismissed, insufficient evidence
Leah Denise Smith Tiller, driving while license suspended, case dismissed, defendant convicted in another case
David Espinosa Garcia, assault, case dismissed, defendant convicted in another case
Steven Craig Henderson, possession of marijuana, pleaded guilty, fined \$750 plus \$184.25 court costs
William Dean Harris, possession of marijuana, case dismissed, complainant not credible
Lonnice Jay Flatt, possession of marijuana, case dismissed, complainant not credible

Marriage Licenses
October 30
Ray Elmer Fredrick Fritze and Jeannie Maldonado Torres

District Court Divorces filed
October 27
Rudolfo Lopez and Carol Jean Lopez

Civil
October 26
Petrosurance Casualty Co. vs. Robert Ogle—set aside award

Dispositions
Santos Reyna aka Santos Vejiljo Reyna, driving while intoxicated, subsequent offense, revoked probation, sentenced to state penitentiary for two years, fined \$800 plus \$179.50 court costs
Joaquin Pineda Mendez, assault, pleaded guilty to class A misdemeanor, sentenced to five months deferred adjudication probation and restitution of \$1,687.15 plus \$201.25 court costs
Alfonso Martinez, driving while intoxicated, subsequent offense, revoked probation, sentenced to five years in state penitentiary, fined \$808.50 plus \$216.50 court costs
James Allen Sweek, driving while intoxicated, subsequent offense, pleaded guilty, sentenced to seven years in state penitentiary, \$186.25 court costs
David Wayne Gulden aka Larry Taylor, revoked probation on conviction for delivery of marijuana, sentenced to state jail for 300 days plus \$1,500 fine and restitution of \$165.00, court costs \$161.50
Claude Johnson, driving while intoxicated, subsequent offense, revoked probation, sentenced to seven years in state penitentiary, fined \$1,500 plus \$216.50 court costs
Claude Johnson, driving while intoxicated, subsequent offense, pleaded guilty, sentenced to seven years in state penitentiary, court costs \$221.25

V.F.W. and the Ladies Auxiliary urge everyone to honor veterans

Contributed by Mary Kurtz

On Veterans Day, Wednesday, November 11, 1998, the Winters Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post 9193, and the Ladies Auxiliary urge you to join the nation in honoring all of the many American veterans who throughout history have unselfishly placed their lives on the line for freedom.

This day was conceived as a tribute to the Americans who sacrificed their lives in World War II and now honors all American veterans who have served in the United States Armed Services before and after World War II either in war or peace.

They also want to remember all those who are now serving in this very troubled time. Democracy is not free.

The Winters V.F.W. and Auxiliary will fly a flag at each cemetery in Winters. The merchants will fly the United States Flag downtown, many will attend the special program presented by the Student Council at the Winters High School, and, hopefully, everyone will fly their private flags.

What will you do to show that we are a grateful country and appreciate their sacrifices?

Food pantry in need of help

With the upcoming holiday season, the Winters food pantry is in desperate need of help.

The following items have been suggested for the food pantry: flour, sugar, cooking oil, oatmeal, cornmeal, canned meat, peanut butter, macaroni, dry beans, canned soups, canned tomatoes, hamburger helper, jelly, dry milk, canned fruit, fruit juices, baby food, rice, or other food staples. Green beans are not needed at this time.

The Winters food pantry is located at the Mt. Carmel Catholic Rectory, at 119 West College Street.

For more information, call Father Sam Homsey at 754-4626.

Livestock show entries due

Runnels County 4-H members are reminded that entries for major livestock shows are due in the Extension Office by **Friday, November 13.**

Entries are available in the Extension Office for the Ft. Worth, San Antonio, Houston, San Angelo, Odessa, and El Paso stock shows.

No entries will be taken after the November 13 deadline. County Extension Agents will conduct three entry parties for those 4-H'ers who cannot come by the Extension Office.

The parties will be at the Winters High School Ag Shop on Tuesday, November 10, from 4:00-8:00 p.m., the County Extension Office on Thursday, November 12, from 3:00-7:00 p.m., and the Citizens State Bank Meeting Room in Miles on Monday, November 16, from 3:00-6:00 p.m.

Members are reminded to bring their Social Security Numbers and entry fees when they enter.

Card of Thanks

The Women's Ministry and Missionettes of the Winters Assembly of God Church would like to thank the community and Lawrence Bros. for their support and success of our Bake Sale.

God bless you.
Assembly of God
Ministry and Missionettes

The entry deadline for the Ballinger Stock show is also November 13.

Four-H members planning to enter the Ballinger Stock Show should attend November 12 party or come by the Extension Office prior to November 13.

Four-H exhibitors showing at Winters or Miles should contact their local Agriculture Science Teacher for entry forms.

Winters entries are due December 1 and Miles entries are also due December 1.

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Your vote and support is deeply appreciated


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Veterans...

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The Winters Enterprise joins with The American Legion & Veterans of Foreign Wars

in Honoring Our Nation's Veterans on Veterans Day - November 11.

We salute you because you served in uniform at home and abroad. Many of you fought on foreign shores in Desert Storm, Panama, Grenada, Lebanon, Bosnia, Vietnam, Korea or in World Wars I and II.

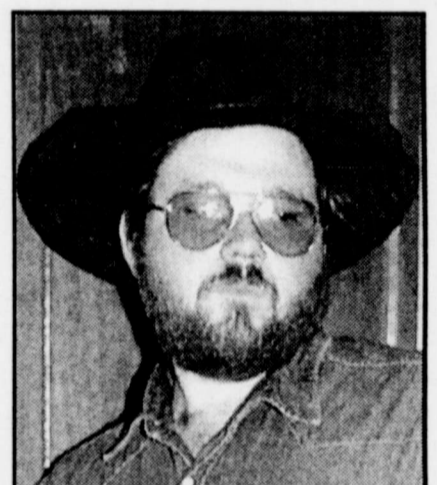
We salute you because you unselfishly answered your country's call to make certain that world freedom and the American way of life would remain strong.

We salute you because even in peacetime you continue to serve your country - to fill a life-long need to serve which you share with veterans everywhere. Many of you continue to serve through service to your community as members of The American Legion.

We must remember your sacrifices today and everyday.

For American Legion membership information, call 1-800-433-3318 or visit our Web site at www.legion.org

Gotcha !!



Happy 36th Birthday!

Love You!

Janet, Wacey & Ty

Identity of birthday boy is revealed elsewhere in this issue.

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- 1-1975 Chevy Custom Deluxe 20, Long-Bed Stepside, V-8

PICKUPS

- 1-1987 Chevy S-10 Pickup, Ext. Cab, 4 cyl. auto
- 1-1975 Chevy Custom Deluxe 20, Long-Bed Stepside, V-8

COMBINE - GRAIN

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- 2-Husky #165 Grain Trailers
- 1-Portable 6"x36" Hutchison Grain Augur, on Rubber, PTO
- 1-15' Augur
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RUNNELS COUNTY GOLD STAR AWARD WINNERS are (left to right) Cody Halfmann, Amy Travis, Phoebe Harrell, Julie McWright, Chanda Hoppe, Lori King, and Cody Cook. Also pictured (center back) is Kit Horne of West Texas Utilities.

Local 4-H members honored

Seven outstanding 4-H members from Runnels County were honored in Abilene on October 26 during the annual District 7 4-H Gold Star Banquet. The banquet was in the Briarstone Manor.

Honored were Cody Halfmann, son of Glen and Diane Halfmann of Miles; Amy Travis, daughter of Tim and Janice Travis of Ballinger; Phoebe Harrell, daughter of David and Marlene Harrell of Norton; Julie McWright, daughter of Mike and

Connie Mauldin of Ballinger; Chanda Hoppe, daughter of Glen and Melinda Hoppe of Winters;

Lori King, daughter of Mike and Sandra Halfmann of Ballinger; and Cody Cook, son of Rex and Jane Cook of Rowena.

Forty-two 4-H members from the 23-county district received the coveted Gold Star Award. The honor is the highest given to a 4-H member on the county level by the Texas Agricultural Service.

Winners were picked by a local committee based on their personal

development, leadership, achievement in 4-H projects and on activities, and contribution made to the overall county 4-H program.

This year's keynote speaker was Nancy Robinson Masters. The Gold Star Banquet is sponsored annually by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service and West Texas Utilities.

Runnels County Rumors

From the United States Department of Agriculture, Agricultural Stabilization & Conservation Service

ECP DROUGHT FUNDS APPROVED—The ongoing drought has caused severe damage in all areas of the county.

Farms and ranches suffering severe damage may be eligible for assistance under the Emergency Conservation Program (ECP) administered by the local County FSA Office if the damage:

- *will be so costly to rehabilitate that Federal assistance is or will be needed to return the land to productive use.
- *is unusual and is not the type that would recur frequently in the same area.
- *affects the productivity capacity of the farmland.
- *will impair or endanger the land.

A producer qualifying for ECP assistance may receive cost-share levels of 50% for permanent and 64% for temporary practice. No producer is eligible for more than \$200,000 cost sharing per natural disaster occurrence. The following types of measures may be eligible:

- *installing pipelines or other facilities for livestock water.
- *constructing and deepening wells for livestock water.
- *developing springs or seeps for livestock.
- *restoring conservation structures and other similar installations (tank clean out).

Producers who have suffered a loss from a natural disaster may contact the Runnels County FSA

Office and request assistance. To be eligible for assistance, practices must not be started until:

- *an application for cost-share assistance has been filed.
- *the local FSA Committee or its representative has conducted an on site inspection of the damaged area.
- *NRCS has made a needs determination, which may include cubic yards of earthmoving, feet of pipeline, etc.
- *FSA Committee has issued approval.

1999 CONTRACT PAYMENT RATES—Production Flexibility Contract (PFC) final payment rates for fiscal year 1999 have been announced:

- *Wheat.....63.7 cents/bu
- *Sorghum.....43.5 cents/bu
- *Barley.....27.1 cents/bu
- *Oats..... 3.0 cents/bu
- *Cotton..... 7.88 cents/lb.

Eligible producers can choose to receive PFC payments all at once or in two equal payments at any time during the fiscal year. The Emergency Farm Financial Relief Act, signed into law last month provides greater flexibility in the timing of PFC payments. Those who do not choose a payment option will receive their full payment near the end of fiscal year 1999.

CRPSIGN-UP—The Conservation Reserve Program sign-up began October 26, 1998, and will

run for 7 weeks ending December 11, 1998.

USDA will continue to evaluate and rank eligible CRP offers using an Environmental Benefits Index (EBI), based on the potential environmental benefits gained from enrolling the land in the CRP. Decisions will be made on the EBI cutoff after sign-up 18 ends. The EBI cutoff used on previous sign-ups may not be used for this one. The cutoff is decided after analyzing the EBI numbers of all the offers. Those who would have met previous EBI thresholds are not guaranteed a contract this time around.

Producers should contact their local USDA Service Center for additional information. If you wish to bid your farm into the CRP, please call for an appointment at (915) 365-5757.

FAILED ACRES—Producers are reminded that when adverse conditions have affected crops or pastures and a loss is apparent, a claim for disaster must be filed on form FSA-574.

Claims for failed acres or low production must be filed within 15 days of the time of loss or abandonment. Evidence of the crops must not be destroyed until an FSA farm visit is made.

Producers must have timely filed crop certification. This requirement applies to all crops planted, improved and native pastures for grazing or haying, and any other type of crop used for production.

Conservation News & Notes

By Kay Mansell, District Technician

RSWCD poster, essay contests underway

The Runnels Soil and Water Conservation District (RSWCD) is again sponsoring the annual Resource Conservation Poster and Essay Contest for students in Winters, Ballinger, Miles, and Offen school districts.

The poster contest is open for students 12 years of age and under. The themes for this year's poster contest are "Wonders of Wildlife" or "In the Children's Hands."

All poster entries should be on standard poster board, cut to half size, approximately 22"x14". Artwork on poster entries should be produced with materials that do not readily smear, crack, or chip. If necessary, a fixative or lamination

may be used. The poster artwork dimension should be flat. Please be sure to include the name of the student, the name of the school, the teacher's name, and the grade on the back of the poster.

The "Wonders of Wildlife" theme stresses the relationship between wildlife habitat and proper land management, especially on lands managed for urban and suburban home sites, farms, and private production lands.

The "In the Children's Hands" theme stresses the need for young people today to concern themselves with the condition of the land and water resources that sup-

port life and the fact that all humans rely on those resources to meet these needs and desires. Losses or damage experienced today, no matter how inconsequential they might appear, may hold severe consequences for future generations.

The essay contest is open to students up to age 18. The subject is "Soil and Water Conservation." This title includes, but is not limited to, the following general concept: The soil and water resources of this nation are vital for providing us with the necessities of food and shelter. Soil and Water Conservation Districts are engaged in the effort to carry out a local conservation program that meets the needs of the nation's soil and water resources for continued productivity. The essay is limited to 300 words.

Ribbons will be awarded for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places in each grade level at each school for the poster winner and essay winner. Cash awards of \$25, \$15, and \$10 will be presented to the 1st, 2nd,

and 3rd place overall district winners. Also, the first place overall district winners will represent the RSWCD at the San Angelo Area Awards Banquet to be held in March on the campus of Angelo State University. At the banquet, the first place overall poster and essay winner will receive an engraved plaque signifying his/her accomplishments in conservation education. The winning poster and essay will be forwarded to regional competition.

All poster and essay entries need to be in the RSWCD office by the time school lets out for the Christmas holidays, which in most cases will be December 18.

For more information, please come by the Natural Resources Conservation Service Office at 2000 Hutchins Avenue in Ballinger or call 365-3415.

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USDA to deliver \$2.8 billion in Market Loss assistance payments

Congressman Charles W. Stenholm praised the announcement by Secretary of Agriculture Dan Glickman concerning delivery of \$2.857 billion in Market Loss Assistance Payments contained in the omnibus spending bill signed into law on October 21.

"I am pleased that the Secretary moved so quickly to bring this vital assistance to our farmers," Stenholm commented. "Folks devastated by economic and natural disasters beyond their control need to meet their expenses, so that they can remain in farming and continue contributing to their local communities which rely on agriculture for their economic well-being."

Starting November 3, Market Loss Assistance Payments were

issued to producers who were eligible for fiscal year 1998 Production Flexibility Contract (PFC) or "Freedom to Farm" payments. The Market Loss payment amounts to approximately 49.72 percent of the total PFC payment made to a producer under the 1996 Farm bill. This means nearly \$24 million were sent to producers in the 17th Congressional District represented by Stenholm. Eligible producers automatically receive the Market Loss payments through the mail with no further action necessary on their part.

Details on how the remaining assistance provided by the spending bill, including livestock feed reimbursement, dairy payments, and assistance to alleviate crop losses resulting from 1998 and multi-year natural disasters, are expected in the near future.

4-H Food Show to be Nov. 7

Over 100 eager 4-H'ers will be participating in the Runnels County 4-H Food Show on Saturday, November 7, 1998, at the St. Joseph's Parish Hall in Rowena. The 4-H Food Show culminates food and nutrition projects being taught throughout the county this fall.

Four-H'ers will be preparing a dish and presenting it and their nutritional knowledge to a panel of judges. Winners of the county contest will advance to district on November 21.

The Awards Program will begin at 4:00 and will be followed by the Tasting Tea.

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Lack of rain may affect rack size on buck deer

by Ralph Suarez
Wildlife Biologist
Texas Parks and Wildlife Dept.

I think we can all agree that the 1997-98 hunting season proved to be one of the better seasons in recent memory. Deer hunters were afforded with one of those special seasons when all the necessary ingredients for producing quality white-tailed bucks came together. Several quality deer were taken in the area, many of which scored over 150 Boone & Crockett points. Likewise, gamebird hunters were treated to an exceptional season. A better than average hatch in both the turkey and quail populations provided hunters with an abundance of birds.

Well, that was last year, and last year we had plenty of rain. What a difference 12 months make. If rain is truly the one ingredient that can determine the quality of the upcoming season, then what can we expect. Words like "extreme heat" and "drought" have many sportsmen concerned for wild-

life populations.

The lack of rain and the prolonged extreme heat have had an impact on wildlife populations. During recent census efforts conducted to determine reproductive success in both quail and turkey populations, preliminary data indicates a very low rate of reproduction and survival of young turkey and quail. While hatching success is low, it is not as bad as it could be. While we did not have the excellent reproductive year we had in 1997, there will still be plenty of adult turkey to hunt this year and even some young birds to replace those lost from the flock. Likewise with quail. Even though we are not finding large coveys of young quail, the average covey size is still around 8-10 birds, composed of both young and mature quail. The mild winter allowed for many mature birds to make it into this year's population. While we have the brood stock in place to produce lots of little quail, at the present time we do not have the range



conditions necessary to support them. If we can get some rainfall in the near future, we can still produce a few more quail this year. The overall outlook for turkey and quail hunting this year is actually fairly good. Next year, however, will probably be a different story. For more information on wildlife related issues, you may contact Ralph Suarez in Ballinger at 915-365-2840.

Traditional Hunter's Dinner at Community Center Saturday

Big Buck Contest signup continues until Friday, November 6

Runnels County's visiting hunters will be feted to a barbecue dinner hosted by the Ballinger Chamber of Commerce on Saturday, November 7. Menu for the meal consists of sausage, brisket, beans and potato salad. The Hunters Appreciation Dinner has become a tradition in Ballinger and the meal will be served from 6:30-9:00 p.m. at the Ballinger Community Center.

A number of door prizes will be given away at the dinner. Also available are raffle tickets for a chance at winning a .270 deer rifle, a Sweeney 300lb Automatic Deer Feeder, 22 rifle or a custom made knife by Si Smith and sheath Jimmie Caughron. Cost of the raffle tickets is \$1.00 each or six for \$5.00. Tickets may be purchased at the Chamber office or from any member of the board of directors.

Local hunters and citizens may purchase tickets for the

meal at \$5.00 each at the Chamber of Commerce office.

Sign up continues until November 6 for the Runnels County Big Buck Contest. Fee is \$10 for the contest. Sign up can be accomplished at the following locations: **Ballinger** at Ballinger Chamber of Commerce, Ballinger Lumber, Donald Paske Shell, The First National Bank of Ballinger, Star Stop and Wal-Mart; **Paint Rock** at First State Bank and Rowena at Bennie's.

Contestants in the 1997 Big Buck Contest received over 30 prizes consisting of guns, binoculars and knives. For the 1998 contest, Johnny Hurt's Wildlife Trophy Taxidermy will contribute a shoulder mount for the winners in the adult and youth Big Buck categories.

Categories for the contest and prizes are: Big Buck; Big Spike-rifle; Big Turkey-12 gauge Remington Express; Old-

est Deer-binoculars. There will also be three drawings for prizes, along with the Deer Management Award with rifles as prizes.

Proceeds from the Big Buck Contest go to West Texas boys Ranch, West Texas Rehabilitation Center, Ballinger Junior Livestock Show, Winters Junior Livestock Show, Christmas in April and Concho County Junior Livestock Show in Paint Rock.

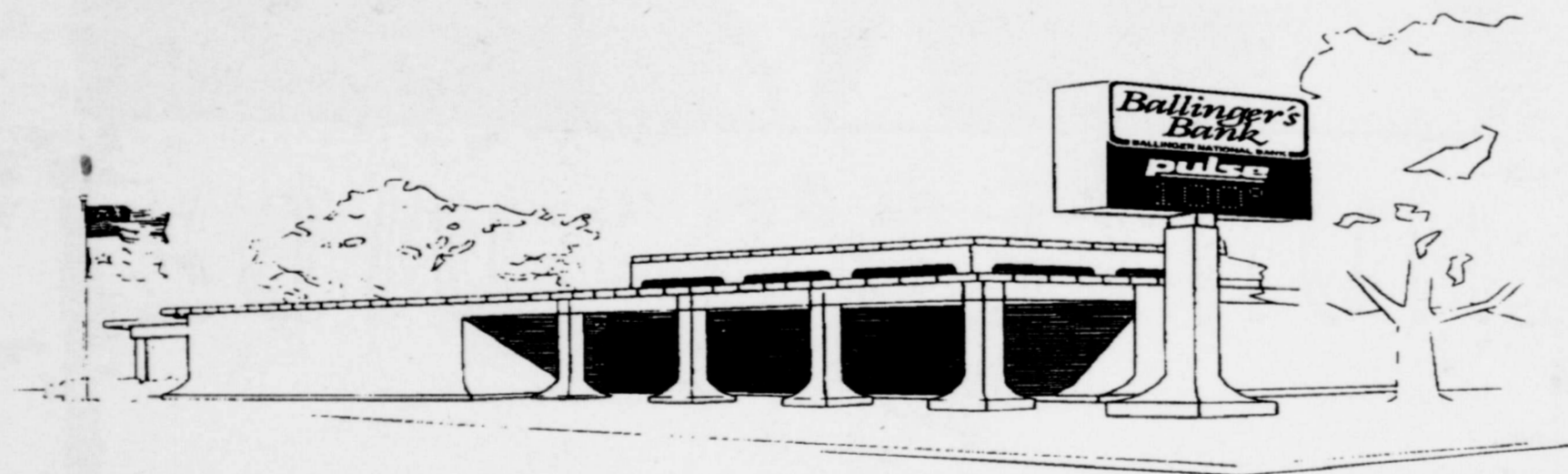
For more information on the Big Buck Contest contact Ronnie Vanicek (915)365-2020 or 365-3415, Stan Bickel (915)365-5301 or 365-2525, Ralph Saurez (915) 365-3517, Kit Hurt (915) 365-3517, Clay Earnshaw (915)365-3029, Johnny Hurt (915)365-5207, Steve Wheeler (915)365-3267 or the Chamber of Commerce (915)365-2333 or (915)365-5611.



Ledger photo
Hunters fill their plates at the Chamber of Commerce sponsored free Hunters Dinner.

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nized for scored entries. Entries must be scored by a TBGA certified scorer and must meet or exceed regional minimum scores.

All program entries must be postmarked prior to February 15, 1999. Regional awards banquets will be held in the spring of 1999 to honor the animals, hunters, landowners, and land managers. TBGA is co-sponsored by Texas Parks and Wildlife (TPW) and the Texas Wild-

life Association (TWA).

For further information, entry forms, or to contact a certified scorer, call TPW at 1-800-792-1112 (menu 5, option 1) or TWA at 210-826-2904.

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Last year's Chamber of Commerce Hunter's Dinner attendees purchase tickets for chances on a rifle and other goodies given away at the dinner. The dinner has become a tradition in Ballinger and last year several hundred hunters and others were fed at the affair.

Youth get first shot at wild game hunting

Young hunters will once again get the first shot at ducks, white-tailed deer, quail and Rio Grande turkey in Texas, thanks to opportunities available during upcoming special youth-only hunting seasons.

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission adopted the early youth-only hunting opportunities last season and because of overwhelming positive response by adults mentoring young hunters, the seasons were approved again this year. Authority to establish a youth-only hunting season was given the Commission by the 75th Legislature.

"The special youth-only seasons were a big hit last year," noted Kirby Brown, youth hunting outreach coordinator for Texas Parks and Wildlife (TPW). "I realized just how popular when I was driving back from San Angelo during the youth weekend last year and saw all these kids at the Dairy Queens dressed in camo."

Special youth-only duck hunting days were scheduled on October 10 in the High Plains Mallard Management Unit (west of US 277, SH 341 and US 283), on October 17 in the South Zone (south of US 90) and on October 24 in the North Zone. In addition to the waterfowl hunting opportunities, youth got their first crack at white-tailed deer, quail and Rio Grande turkey during the weekend of October 31-November 1.

Texas Parks and Wildlife is expanding youth hunting opportunities on public lands and through sponsorship of organized hunts conducted by the Texas Youth Hunting Association.

See YOUTH-page 10

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Deer harvest needed in severe drought periods

from the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture
 Deer need to be harvested in the present severe drought period.

Wildlife, especially large mammals like white-tailed deer, should be managed with the same principles applied to domestic livestock. When forage gets short, landowners reduce their domestic livestock numbers. Deer should be treated the same as domestic livestock, their numbers should be reduced. The only feasible way to reduce deer numbers is to harvest them by hunting.

A heavy harvest of deer early in the hunting season is desirable and necessary for several reasons. First, the deer will be in the best body condition

early in the season and suitable for the dinner table. Second, deer harvested early will reduce the foraging pressure on the range plants, providing forage further into the winter months. Third, an early heavy harvest of a deer herd will reduce the severity of an impending die-off due to malnutrition.

Landowners that stop hunting or curtail the harvest of deer during severe droughts increase the percentage of die-offs due to starvation and malnutrition. During droughts the best policy is "Business as Usual" as far as deer hunting is concerned.

Turkey and quail populations are affected by reduced reproduction during droughts. Hot and dry conditions during

breeding seasons will severely restrict the reproduction of ground nesting birds, however, even small remnant populations have the ability to bounce back with excellent reproduction when conditions become favorable during a breeding season.

Supplemental feeding of wildlife on a large scale is not feasible from an economic standpoint. Also, wildlife will not adapt quickly to supplemental feeds during emergency periods.

While heavy harvests early in the hunting season will not preclude a die-off later in the winter, it will reduce the severity of a die-off and provide a better carry over to the next spring.



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Young hunters must show proof of hunter education

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department reminds hunters born after September 2, 1971 that proof of hunter education certification must be carried and be available for inspection while hunting in Texas.

Even though mandatory certification for hunters born after August, 1971, and who are currently 17 years of age and older has been in effect since 1987, state game wardens continue to find large numbers of hunters who are not in compliance. Game wardens are issuing cita-

tions for failure to comply with the law, which can result in a maximum fine of \$500.

For persons ages 12 through 16, completion of the course is required to hunt without supervision or they must be accompanied by a licensed hunter 17 years of age or older. Children under 12, while hunting in Texas, must be accompanied by a licensed hunter 17 years of age or older.

Hunter education courses are offered around the state to people of all ages. Children under 12 cannot be certified, but will

receive recognition for attending the course. Cost of certification is \$10, and as an added bonus, many other states recognize Texas' certification while hunting in their state. Proof of certifications is required to be on your person while hunting; it is not required to purchase a license.

For course information or exemptions, contact your local TPW Law Enforcement office toll-free at 1-800-792-1112 (menu 6, option 2) or call 512-389-4999.

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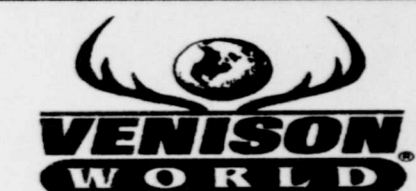
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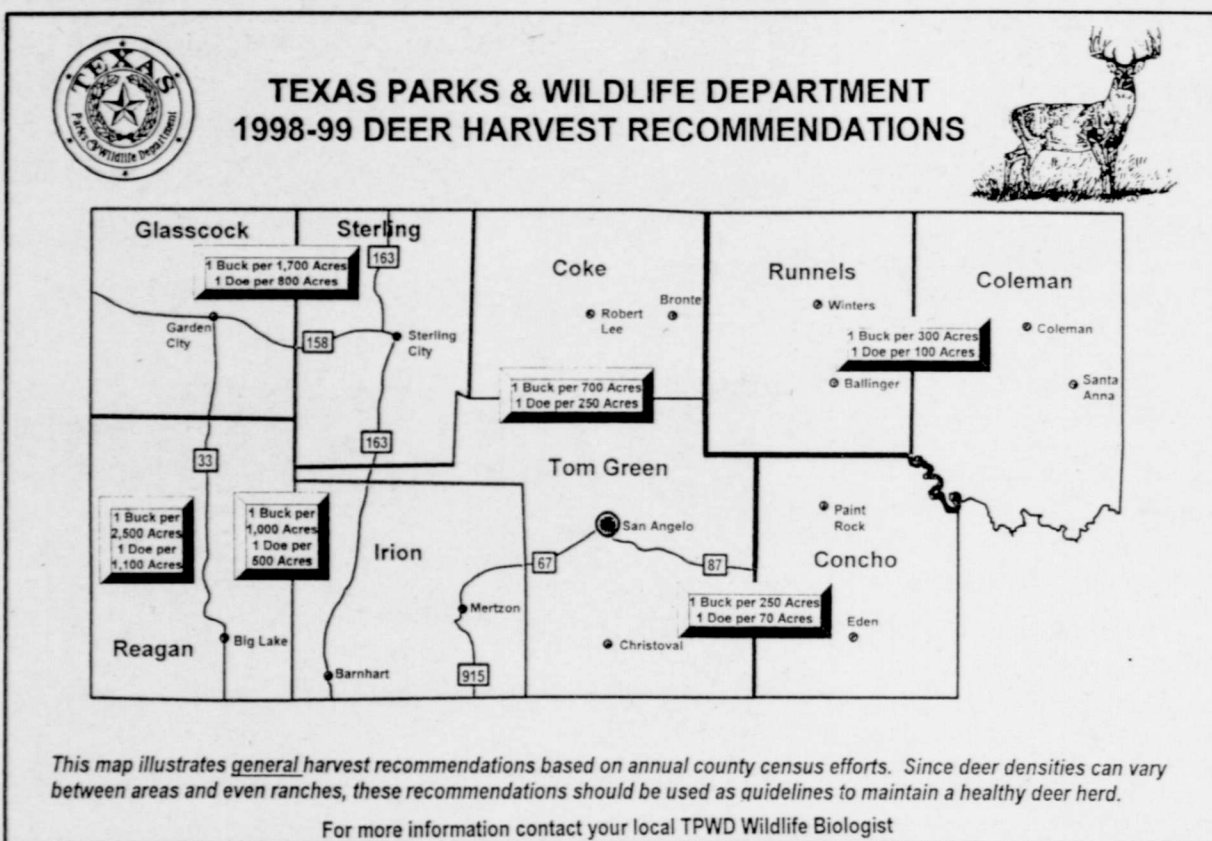


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1998 deer harvest recommendations

Landowners and hunters are reminded that the general deer hunting season in **Runnels County** will open Saturday, November 7, 1998, and continue through January 3, 1999. The legal bag limit in **Runnels County** is four deer, no more than two bucks. No special permits are required for harvesting antlerless deer, however, both bucks and antlerless deer must be properly tagged with an appropriate tag from a valid hunting license.

Deer populations vary from area to area and even from ranch to ranch. The either sex regulation allows landowners and hunters the flexibility to harvest antlerless deer on his/her property in order to keep deer numbers in balance with available food supply. It does not automatically mean that a heavy antlerless deer harvest is needed.

The recommended harvest rates for both bucks and antlerless deer, provided by the department, should be used only as a **general guideline** for harvesting deer. If more intense management is desired, we suggest that landmanagers survey their own properties. This will allow for a more accurate representation of deer numbers on their ranch. Please note that in most cases the department recommends more antlerless deer to be harvested than bucks.

The recommended guideline for harvesting antlerless deer throughout most of **Runnels County** is **one antlerless deer per 100 acres**. The recommended harvest rate on bucks is **one per 300 acres**. For more information concerning harvest rates or wildlife management planning, contact Wildlife Biologist, Ralph Suarez, 915-365-2840.

Purple means stay out!

Trespassers beware. A recently enacted Texas law now allows landowners to mark their property boundaries with a vertical stripe of purple paint, and state game wardens are urging hunters and hikers to watch out.

"A lot of people won't know what purple paint means," said Roy Lawrence, director of law enforcement field operations with Texas Parks and Wildlife. "It's going to be an educational process this year, particularly in East Texas where paint markings on trees are used extensively by timber companies."

The new law, which went into effect September 1, 1997, provides a standardized method of marking property bound-

aries which some landowners say they welcome in areas where signs may be too costly or impractical.

Landowners who use the purple paint system also are required to post signs at entrances to their property notifying trespassers of the purple markings. However, according to Lawrence, absence of signs or markers does not grant permission to trespass. "As long as a person has been given notice that he or she is trespassing, that's all the law requires," said Lawrence. "It can be verbal or written notice, or by way of a posted sign. And, now with purple paint."

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The tag attached to the hunting license must be correctly and legibly completed (hunter's name, ranch, county) and must:

- be designated for use on a specific type of deer or turkey;
- be from the hunting license of the person who killed the deer or turkey;
- have the month and date of kill cut out.

It is against the law to use:

- a tag taken from the license of another person;
- a tag more than one time (or on more than one deer or turkey);
- an incorrect tag on a deer or turkey (Examples: deer tag used on a turkey, mule deer tag used on white-tailed deer, etc.).

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department suggests hunters determine the county or

counties planned for hunting. Check deer and turkey bag limits and season for each county or counties planned for hunting. Carefully plan which tags to use in each hunting situation you are likely to encounter.

A deer or turkey tag is correctly filled out when both sides are completed. The hunter's name goes on the front. The names of the ranch and county where the deer or turkey was killed go on the reverse side, along with the month and date of kill cut out. The tag must stay on the carcass until it reaches its final destination and is finally processed.

Final destination means the permanent residence of the hunter; the permanent residence of a person possessing or transporting a deer, pronghorn or turkey; or a commercial processing facility. Tags and permits must stay attached to the carcass until it reaches its final destination and is finally processed.

If there is no cold storage processing facility established on property where hunting occurs, a person may only quarter a deer or pronghorn in the field before the carcass reaches a processing plant or the home of the person lawfully possessing

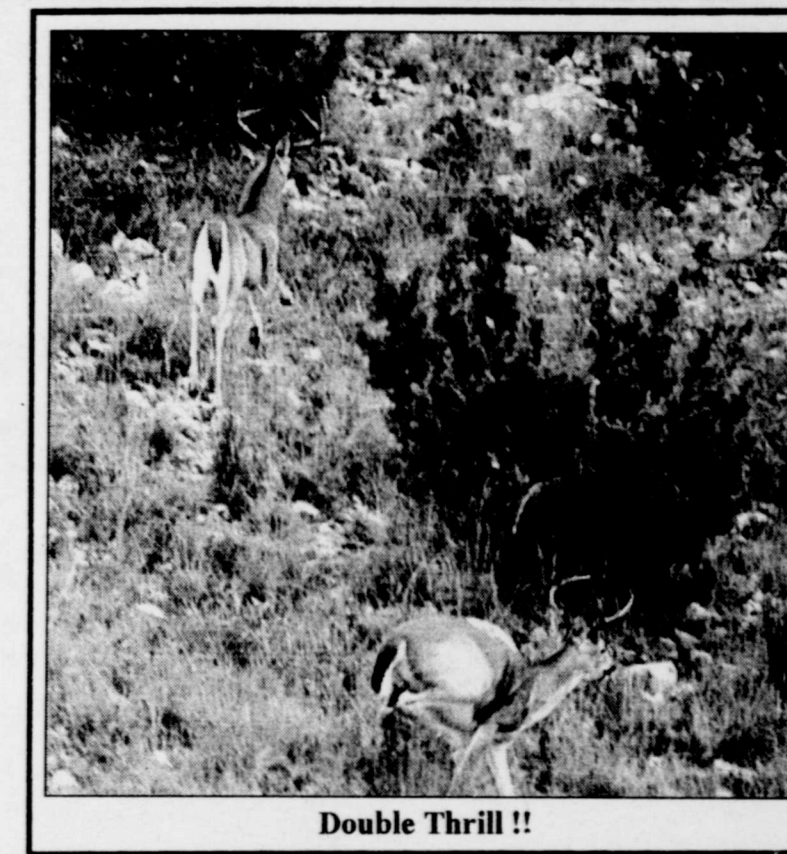
the carcass.

A quartered carcass is not more than two forequarters with the leg portion to the knee attached to the shoulder blade, two hindquarters with leg bones to the hock attached, and two backstraps and the trimmings from the neck and rib cage. The neck and rib cage may be discarded.

It is permissible to prepare and eat all or a part of a deer while in camp, however, all tagging and identification regulations apply.

It is unlawful to possess a deer or pronghorn with evidence of sex removed. The head of a buck deer with antlers attached, the head of an antlerless deer or the unskinned head of a pronghorn must accompany the carcass until it is finally processed. Exceptions to this are, instead of the head, the hunter may obtain a receipt from a taxidermist or a statement from the landowner or landowner's agent containing the following information:

- name of the person who killed the deer or pronghorn;
- date the deer or pronghorn was killed;
- whether the deer was antlered or antlerless.



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Game wardens offer "Top 10" list of things not to forget

In that last-minute scramble around the house prior to heading out to hunting camp this fall, or during that pre-dawn rush to get in the woods, or even on the way back home after a successful hunt, it's easy to forget something.

To help ensure hunters don't end up pleading memory lapse in the face of a possible citation for a game law violation, Texas game wardens offer the following Top 10 "Don't Forget" list.

Don't forget to:

1. "review the Outdoor An-

nual and check for open season dates and bag limits for the county you are hunting"

2. "check for legal means and methods in the county you are hunting"

3. "carry your current (1998-99) hunting license"

4. "clearly identify your target before pulling the trigger"

5. "carry a sharp knife; cut out the date (month and day) of kill on deer and turkey tags and immediately after kill, attach appropriate tag to the deer or turkey"

6. "carry a ball-point pen;

fill out ranch and county name on back of deer and turkey tags"

7. "carry your hunter safety certification card, if applicable, with you in the field"

8. "carry a state driver's license or state personal identification certificate, if you are 17 years of age or older"

9. "fill out a Wildlife Resource Document to accompany any part of a deer or turkey that you give to someone else"

10. "keep all game animals and game birds in an edible condition"

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- 1 c. water

Slice meat as thin as possible, with the grain, (helps if it's very cold) in long strips. Marinate two days (longer won't hurt) in a glass jar or wide mouth crock. Turn oven to 150 degrees, drain meat well and spread over oven racks with a drip pan below. Cook for 8-12 hours until dry and tough. Store in jars or plastic bags.

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New hunting/fishing licenses printed on plastic—may raise questions

Texas hunting and fishing licenses will be printed on Valeron, a durable plastic product, instead of the flimsier receipt paper which has been used for licenses since electronic licensing was introduced in 1996. The new Valeron licenses should prove sturdier and will not require a plastic pouch to keep the license intact.

To help customers through the process, following are some of the more frequently asked questions relating to hunting and fishing licenses.

How can I tell if my new license was printed correctly?

To be sure your '99 license is correct and you are ready to legally hunt/fish, check the following:

•Your license is printed on a strip of white plastic in black ink (no red printing).

•When you fold your tags along the one inch perforations, most of the information for each tag will still be complete when the tags are separated.

•The license indicates it is valid through 8/31/99.

•The license and tags should be printed in one continuous piece, but if the license gets separated from the tags, all items are still valid.

If you intend to hunt migratory birds, you received Harvest Information Program (HIP) certification. When you purchased your license you should have been asked a few simple questions about what you hunted last year. If you answered these questions you are HIP certified and 'HIP' is printed on the right side of your license across from your driver's license number. You must have this certification in order to hunt migratory birds.

My license wasn't printed correctly. What can I do?

Errors in printing cannot be corrected by a merchant unless the problem is discovered within a few hours of issuance. For fastest advice on how to get your particular problem corrected, call (512)389-4820 to reach TPW license staff. Be careful to get advice before you take action. Remember it is illegal to hold more than one license, and license fees are non-refundable.

The strip along the right side came off. Is my license still valid?

Yes. The stay-together-strip is a convenience to help you keep all pieces of your license-tags together. No license information is printed on this strip. If it becomes separated from the license-tags, they are still valid and usable. If the merchant damaged the license while issuing it, the merchant can correct it at no charge within two hours of issuance. After two hours, however, if you wish to have your license replaced, you will have to pay the standard replacement fee and surrender all parts of the unused, separated license/tags.

Where do I place my Federal Duck Stamp?

Your Federal Duck Stamp must be signed across the face and you must carry it while hunting. The stamp does not have to be affixed to your license. If you wish to affix the stamp to your Texas license, attach it to the back of the top license portion. You can cover the tag printing on the back of the top portion since this will not be used for tag documentation.

Do I have to give my Social Security Number in order to get a license?

No. However, we appreciate your cooperation in providing it. State law requires that you be asked for this information in order to comply with child-support collection requirements. Texas Parks and Wildlife is careful with this information and does not make your Social Security Number available from our database. *Do I need to take my son to the store with me in order to purchase his license?*

No. You do not have to be present to purchase a license. It is helpful to have the basic information about the person for whom you are purchasing a license (name, address, date of birth, Social Security Number, etc.). If you do not have this information at time of purchase, the license will be printed with blanks which must be filled in before the license can be used.

I lost my license and tags. What can I do?

You can get a replacement at any place licenses are sold. The fees vary, but most replacement licenses are \$6 and stamps are \$1. You have to complete a form (application for replacement license) and attest to the status of your tags at time of loss. If you lost only the license, or only the tags, you must surrender the parts you did not lose before you can be issued a replacement. The number on your license must match the li-

cence number in order to get a license?

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Mountain lions prey mostly on white-tailed deer

Mountain lions in South Texas tend to have smaller home ranges than their western counterparts, and prey mostly on white-tailed deer, a recently released research report indicates.

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) provided primary funding for the study, which began in 1993 and was completed last year. It was a cooperative project involving researchers from the Caesar Kleberg Wildlife Research Institute at Texas A&M University—Kingsville, biologists with TPWD, and private landowners. Using radio telemetry neck collars fitted onto captured mountain lions, the researchers have been tracking the big cats along a 1,600-

square-mile area of private land in South Texas.

"We've gained a couple of significant findings about mountain lion ecology in South Texas from the research," said Matt Wagner, TPWD nongame program leader. "One of the most important things is that mountain lions in South Texas have little effect on cattle in that area. We also learned these mountain lions have a relatively small home range—about one fourth the size of cats in West Texas."

Of the 69 carcasses identified as possible or probable mountain lion kills, 50 percent were white-tailed deer, 22 percent javelina, nine percent feral hog, and 16 percent other species (including seven sheep,

two bobcats, one mountain lion and one calf).

"Because there is such an abundance of deer in South Texas, mountain lions don't have to travel very far to find prey," added Wagner. "This information will assist the department in future efforts to create a statewide mountain lion management plan."

The study has been led by Louis Harveson, a Ph.D. student at A&M Kingsville, under the direction of Dr. Mike Tewes of the Feline Research Center at the Kleberg Institute. TPWD technical guidance biologist Jimmy Rutledge was the project's field coordinator. The Rob and Bessie Welder Wildlife Foundation and the Boone and Crockett Club also contributed to project funding.

Analysis of data from this study suggests the home range of male mountain lions in South Texas averages 82 square miles, whereas females average about 34 square miles. The study found young mountain lions

usually disperse to new areas. Two radio-collared males moved from their maternal home range to areas 50 miles away, while two females moved only about 10 miles.

The study also suggests mountain lions in South Texas experience high mortality. Of the 19 study cats, two were shot by hunters, two died from neck snares in fences, and two died of unknown causes. Since 1993, researchers have received reports of 22 lions taken by hunters in the same 1,600-square mile study area, indicating there are a lot of mountain lions in this part of South Texas.

Currently, mountain lions are not protected in Texas and may be harvested year round. According to Wagner, the department has received requests to change their status to game species. The department hasn't made that change because mountain lions appear to be stable in number, and even expanding their range in some

parts of Texas under the current regulations.

For a field guide to mountain lions in Texas, a free pamphlet, write to TPWD Wildlife Information, 4200 Smith School Road, Austin, Tx 78744.

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cense number on your tags. *I left my license at home. How can I legally hunt/fish?*

You are required to carry your license with you while hunting or fishing and to comply with all tagging requirements. If you are cited for hunting or fishing without a license but can prove to the court that you were licensed at the time, you will not have to pay a fine. However, if an animal or bird is required to be tagged and you have not done so, then you are in violation and it does not matter if you can produce valid license/tags later. It is illegal to hold more than one of most types of licenses, so you cannot legally purchase another license. Remember to take your license and tags with you!

Can I buy my license on-line?

Not yet. If you wish to purchase by phone with a credit card, however, you can call 1-800-TX LIC 4 U (895-4248) any time of the day or night. You should already know what you need to purchase and have your personal information ready to give to the sales associate. Your license will be mailed to you. During peak sales periods, you should allow at least two weeks for delivery.



YOUTH—from page 4

Grande turkey. General season bag limits for the county hunted applied during the youth-only weekend and a S6 Special Resident Hunting License was required.

Youth 12 years of age and older who have successfully completed a certified hunter education course may hunt alone during the special youth-only hunting season. Supervising adults may hunt other species for which an open season is in effect at that time, but this special youth-only season is intended primarily to provide an opportunity to mentor young hunters.

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TURKEY:	1 point per inch for the total length of one beard or multiple beards. NO POINTS FOR WEIGHT except as tie breaker
OLDEST DEER:	1 point per each year of age, weight is a tie breaker, additional ties will be decided by drawing
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White tail deer	General Nov. 7 - Jan. 3
Turkey (either sex)	General Nov. 7 - Jan. 3

Bag limits for White tail deer
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Bag limits for Turkey
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