



Happy Thanksgiving



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FEW DO SO WELL, THEY SHOULD BE PRAISED! Approximately 35 individuals canvassed the town Saturday, Nov. 14, to collect 1520 pounds of canned goods and nonperishables for the Winters Food Pantry. The event is an annual project hosted by the Boy and Girl Scouts. Pictured are (from front, left) Aaron Grenwelge, Kevin Cook, Brendan Polston, (back) Amanda Ripple, Crystal Grenwelge, Tonya Grenwelge, Matthew Tucker, Christina Perrie, Rhonda Cook, Marci Paschal, Amber Green, Carmela Polston, Aaron Cook, Lisa Lee, Pete Griffin, Adam Escalona, and Shelia Paschal. For names of other participants, please see related story.

Scouts collect 1,520 pounds of nonperishables for pantry

by Susan Ripple, Girl Scout Public Relations

Twenty-three Winters Scouts, six leaders, and approximately six volunteers walked door-to-door Saturday, November 14, to collect for the Winters Food Pantry. The annual event, hosted by the Winters Boy and Girl Scouts, collected a whopping 1,520 lbs. of nonperishable food items. As compared to last year's totals of approximately 105 participants and 1180 lbs. of food, I am amazed. For such few to be on hand, the group persevered and did a wonderful job!

Many thanks to those who offered their time and services to give to such a worthwhile cause!!! And to all those who so freely gave donations, we say a BIG THANK YOU. Without you, we could not have achieved our success. If we missed your house, please accept our apologies. Feel free to take your items to the drop box at Lawrence Bros. IGA or to the food pantry at Mt. Carmel Catholic Church. Collection will continue for distribution during the upcoming holidays.

Tiger Cubs participating included Aaron Grenwelge, Colbyn Pritchard, and leader Tonya Grenwelge. Wolves were Luis Flores, Brendan Polston, Colby Pritchard, and leader Carmela Polston. Bears were Andrew Blackerby, Kevin Cook, Patrick Escalona, and Matthew Tucker. Webelos Randy Jackson and Dylan Perrie and Boy Scouts Adam Escalona, Pete Griffin, Aaron Cook, and leader Robert Cook also participated.

Girl Scouts helping with the food drive were Troop #163 members Crystal Grenwelge, Marci Paschal, Christina Perrie, Amanda Ripple, and leaders Shelia Paschal and Susan Ripple. From Troop #161 were Sonia Armendariz, Angela Gann, Celisha Jackson, Krystal Perry, Brittany Woffenden, and leader Shawna Jackson. Volunteers included Amber Green, Lisa Lee, Vicki Blackerby, Rhonda Cook, Michelle Ferguson, and Deb Pritchard.

Winters Light Up A Life tree ceremony to be held Dec. 5

Everyone is invited to the Winters Light Up A Life tree lighting ceremony to be held on Saturday, December 5, at noon, at Main Drug.

The Light Up A Life Tree is decorated with doves that anyone can purchase in memory or honor of a loved one, family member, or friend for whom they wish to have a special remembrance.

This year's ceremony will include a short memorial service to honor the late Oliver Green, long-time Winters resident who passed away on April 17, 1998.

Mr. Green's wife Ora and their children, William and Wayne Green of Winters, Caroline Davis of Abilene, and Kay Brown of Snyder, will pay tribute to a loving husband and father.

Mary Jo Stevens, head of volunteer work and Jane Seamster, special projects coordinator, both of Abilene, will attend the Tree lighting ceremony.

Doves may be purchased from November 29-December 23 for ten dollars apiece.

If you are interested in purchasing a dove, would like to volunteer, or need more information, please call (915) 677-8516.

Annual Christmas parade, Sno Queen contest Dec. 5

Begin the Christmas season by enjoying the excitement of the annual Christmas parade through downtown Winters on Saturday, December 5.

The Winters parade, sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce, will begin at 1:00 p.m. and the parade route will be published in

next week's edition of *The Winters Enterprise*.

Of course, Santa Claus will be making a special stop in Winters to visit with area children. Pictures with Santa in his sleigh will be made near the stage area by the library. Cost will be \$1.50.

According to Brenda Burton,

Chamber Director, parade entrants should go to the designated area to get in line, and those not lined up in the correct order will be placed at the end of the parade.

Anyone who did not officially enter the parade by the deadline

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Blizzards lose in Area playoffs

Finish season with 11-1 record

Unable to muster and maintain their usual intensity, the Blizzards closed their 1998 season with a 31-6 loss to the Ganado Indians last Friday night.

The Winters team, ranked as high as #2 in the state, ended their season with an 11-1 record and titles of District 25-2A champion and Bi-District champion.

Last Friday night's showdown in Tivy stadium in Kerrville pitted a larger Winters team against a smaller, but quicker opponent who, from the get-go, exhibited unrestrained enthusiasm and energy.

Winters took the opening kickoff and started on their own 20-yard line before a capacity crowd of Blizzard supporters.

Wes Calcote scampered 11 yards on the first play from the line of scrimmage but an incomplete pass and a quarterback sack

forced the Blizzards to punt.

The short punt gave the Indians the ball on their own 46-yard line but the Blizzard defense held and even stopped a fake punt on 4th and 2.

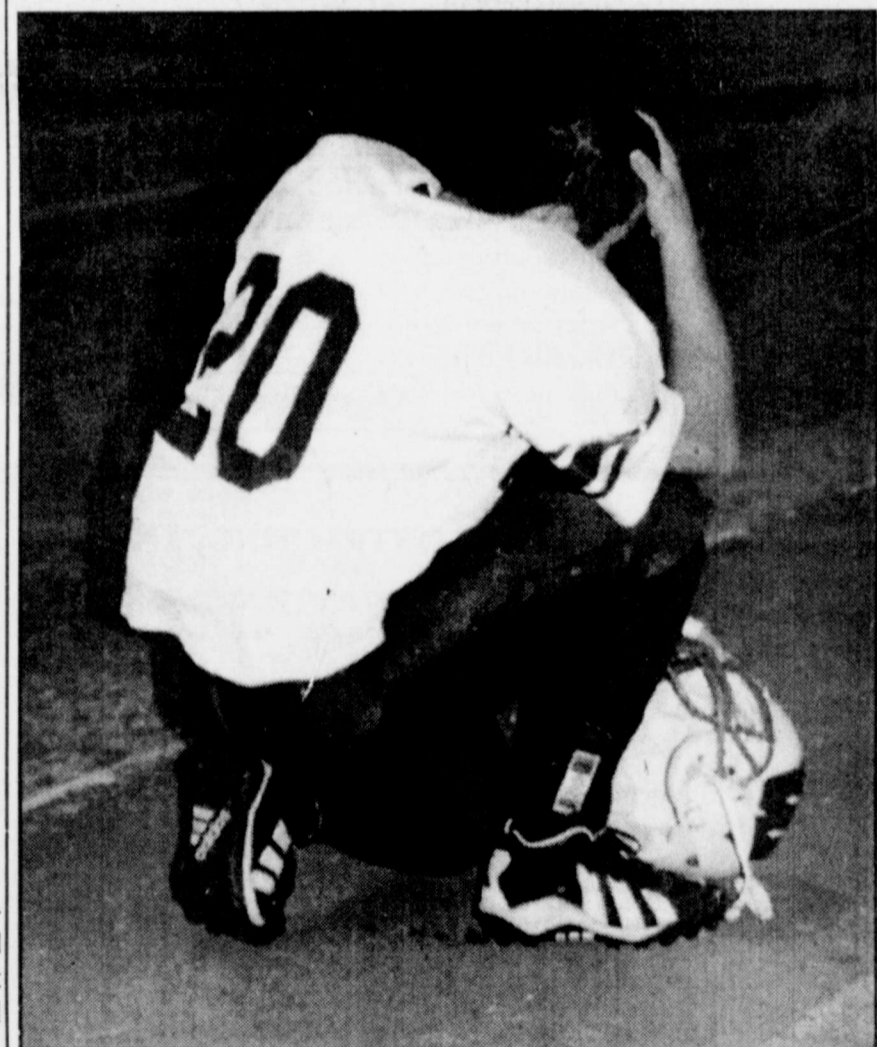
The Blizzards took over with good field position on their own 46-yard line but a holding penalty and an interception gave the ball right back to Ganado.

The Big Blue Wrecking Crew forced the punt again after three plays, and Winters took over deep in their own territory at the 13-yard line.

Halfback Lee Woffenden could gain only two yards on first down, and quarterback Kenny Whittenburg carried for no gain on second down.

On 3rd and 8 from the Winters 15-yard line, Whittenburg was flushed from the pocket and was

See BLIZZARDS, page 5



A DISAPPOINTING ENDING to a spectacular season was expressed by Blizzard Jeremy Alvarado as the final seconds ticked off the clock signaling the first Blizzard loss in the 1998 season. Winters lost to Ganado 31-6 in Area playoff competition in Kerrville last Friday night.



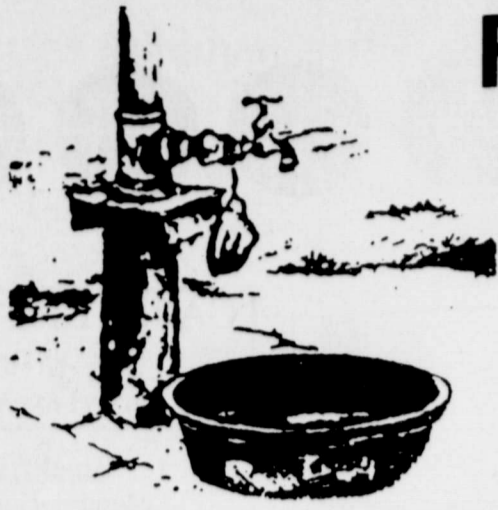
COMPLETELY DESTROYED BY FIRE is this 1987 Ford crew cab pickup belonging to Gary Jacob of Winters. Jacob was stripping cotton last Thursday, Nov. 19, when he noticed flames coming from his pickup which was parked at the edge of the field. Winters Volunteer Firemen responded to the emergency but were unable to save the vehicle. Cause of the fire is still undetermined.

WHAT'S HAPPENING ?

- Nov. 26-THANKSGIVING DAY
School Holiday
The Winters Enterprise Closed
- Nov. 27-School Holiday
- Nov. 28-9 a.m.-4 p.m. Christmas in Miles
7 p.m. Winters Squares, Community Center
Olde Ballinger Christmas
Texas Farm Bureau Convention Begins, Lubbock
- Nov. 30-11:30 a.m., Senior Citizens Meal
6 p.m., City Council
6-9 p.m., Parent Education Workshop, School Science Lab
6:30 p.m., Weight Watchers, Sr. Citizens Activity Center
7 p.m., Weigh Down, First United Methodist Church
7:30 p.m., School Board
- Dec. 1-10 a.m.-3 p.m. WTU Open House
11:30 a.m., Senior Citizens Meal
4 p.m., Friends of Hale Museum, Z.I. Hale Museum
5 p.m., Hale Museum Directors, Z.I. Hale Museum
7 p.m., Athletic Boosters, Blizzard Field House
7 p.m., WVFD
7 p.m., American Legion
- Dec. 2-11:30 a.m., Senior Citizens Meal
6 p.m., Chamber Directors
Hearing Services, North Runnels Hospital
Runnels County Pecan Show, Ballinger
- Dec. 3-9:30 a.m.-Noon & 1:30-3 p.m., Immunization Clinic,
Texas Department of Health
11:30 a.m., Senior Citizens Meal
7 p.m., Winters Squares, Community Center



From The Well



By
Pastor Jim Hanson



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Our choir has a special song we sing — often at this time of the year. It starts out — with a simple melody — with these words: "It is a good thing... it is a good thing... to give thanks unto the Lord."

It's a fun song. It lifts. It lifts. Even as I think of it, it rings in my ears. Good songs do that to us humans! It is a good thing to give thanks to people, too. This year, for whatever reason, I wrote two former teachers. One was a professor of philosophy that taught me a "mind-changing" course in college. He truly opened my mind to a whole new way of looking at literature from a Christian perspective. So, I wrote him a letter, thanking him. He wrote back, "Dear James Hanson." And went on to write how much he appreciated the letter of thanks. Then, in good Norwegian style, invited me to join in a pet project of his — a scholarship fund for students, by making a contribution, thus affording him an opportunity to give me thanks. So, I sent him a check. And, he sent me a "thank you". But — it was fun. A good thing.

The other, a Benedictine Monk who lives in Minnesota. He opened my eyes to the riches of all the denominations in Christianity, and how each denomination had something to give. We became friends. On one occasion Ramona and I were his guests at the Monastery, the first couple to spend a night in the same building as the Monks! We all survived — famously. When I wrote him a much belated "Thank You" for all he had done for me, he responded with a beautiful letter. He wrote "sometimes we who teach wonder if it makes a difference. Thank you for letting me know it does." It is a good thing to give thanks to people.

When our son Paul was a child of two we taught him how to pray... to give thanks... while seated at the table. "Paul, please say thanks." "For what?" "For something you see at the table." That presented a problem for Paul, for you see he prayed with his eyes closed. So that meant he would have to open his eyes, see something, close his eyes, and then give thanks for it. Open and shut the eyes, and then name it. It was quite a ritual. If you didn't turn him off he would name everything on the table — one "open and shut" the-eyes-at-a-time!

It was fun. I can still see him doing it...and it brings a smile to my soul.

Today I want to pray like Paul. For Winters, Texas. For the big table God has spread for us who live here. Open-and-shut-the-eyes and Thank God.

Dear God,

—I thank you for the big blue globe shaped water towers, and the water supply for our city and country.

—I thank you for the City Hall, The Council, The City Manager, all the employees of the city—who keep the services running and keep the peace.

—For the Volunteer Fire Department, who come running and go racing to protect us from fire and disaster.

—For the Hospital, Home Health, and Hospice, for the doctors and dentists and nurses and technicians and aides and E.M.T.s and ambulance drivers, and Board Members too...and a home town Drug Store.

—For the Funeral Home and the folks there who are for us and with us when death comes knocking at our door.

—For the Mental Health people, the Human Service-givers, and all who care for the less fortunate and economically deprived.

—For our schools—Administrators, Board Members, teachers, counselors, cooks and custodians, helpers, and students...and, dear Lord, for a winning football team!

—For our businesses and industries, providing services and jobs, food and clothing, cars and pick-ups, parts, and furnishings.

—For places to eat and folks who prepare and serve it.

—For The Chamber of Commerce, the Industrial Development corporation, The 4-H Clubs, Rodeo Association, The Stock-growers, Farmers, Ranchers, and seed stores.

—For the folks who haul the garbage, recycle the waste, and keep our city clean,

—For the many volunteers—Christmas in April, Auxiliaries, Service Clubs, Food Pantry, and Winters Relief.

—For all the people who keep Scouts, the Little League, Softball, and all the other things for kids to do...going.

—For all the Churches, the people and the preachers.

—For all of the people and things I have failed to mention that are so important to our community, including this newspaper to keep us informed...

I give you thanks. And Lord, what would happen if I kept both eyes open? It would be thanksgiving all the time!

Happy Thanksgiving you'all! Because... it is a good thing... to give thanks unto the Lord...for Winters.

"Tour of Homes" set for Dec. 6

Friends of the Museum and Rock Hotel will be hosting the second annual "Tour of Homes" and "Christmas at the Rock Hotel" on Sunday, Dec. 6 from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m.

The homes of Charles and Jane Allcorn and Mark and Brenda Briley, and the recently built Security State Bank building will be open for viewing by the public.

Detailed descriptions of each home and the bank will be published in next week's edition of *The Winters Enterprise*.

Tickets for the afternoon tour can be purchased for \$7.50 at the Rock Hotel on West Dale street.

Also displayed at the Rock Hotel will be an array of tabletop Christmas trees decorated by friends of the Z. I. Hale Museum and Rock Hotel. Trees cleverly representing various businesses in Winters will be exhibited along with traditional ones decorated by groups and individuals of Winters.

Exhibited along with the trees will be nostalgic toys and dolls from childhoods past.

Refreshments will be served during the tour and Open House hours for all who purchase tour tickets and maps showing the locations of those participating in this holiday affair.

All benefits go toward the continuing renovation and upkeep of the museum and hotel facilities.

Thank you for reading *The Winters Enterprise*

Have a "Country Christmas" in Bronte, December 5

"Country Christmas in Bronte" will be held Saturday, December 5, in downtown Bronte. A parade will highlight the event. Children's activities will be available throughout the day and local merchants will host an Open House.

On December 9, late night shopping will be available with food booths open from 5-6 p.m. A Christmas program will be presented downtown at 6 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend.



PARENT INVOLVEMENT DAY on Thursday, November 12 at WISD was enjoyed by all ages including (left to right) 3rd grader Cameron Burson, his sister 8th grader Ashley Burson, and their mother Alice Palmertree.

THC names Bill Spiller Interim Board Member for the Texas Forts Trail Pilot Project



The Texas Historical Commission (THC) recently named Bill Spiller to serve on the interim board for the agency's Texas Forts Trail pilot project, part of a regional heritage tourism program.

Spiller is a Winters resident and the branch manager of First American Bank.

The interim board will act as a decision-making entity in order to expedite the program strategies of the Texas Forts Trail pilot project.

The group's first meeting took place Saturday, October 24, at the THC's official program launch held at Fort Concho in San Angelo.

At the launch, the Texas Travel Trails Program was introduced as a regional heritage tourism initiative and the Texas Forts Trail region was recognized as the first of 10 Texas territories to be developed and marketed as a tourism destination.

The program is expected to positively impact the local economy by stimulating visitorship to cultural and historical attractions and advocating the ben-

efits of historic preservation.

The board's first task will be to assist with the hiring of a regional coordinator for the Texas Forts Trail.

The regional coordinator, with assistance from the THC, will be ultimately responsible for the successful development of the Texas Travel Trails Program in the Texas Forts Trail region.

"I am very honored to have been chosen to serve on the Texas Forts Trail pilot project interim board," said Spiller.

"The program has the potential to have a very positive economic impact on all the communities within the Texas Forts Trail region, and I am glad to do my part to help make it a success."

The THC's new regional heritage tourism initiative, the Texas Travel Trails Program, utilizes 10 driv-

ing routes of scenic, cultural, and historical interest based on the original travel trails system developed by the Texas Department of Transportation in 1968.

A new brochure, produced by the THC, highlights the Texas Forts Trail region as a tourism destination and is available by calling the Abilene Chamber of Commerce at 800/727-7704 or the San Angelo Chamber of Commerce at 800/375-1206.

The Texas Historical Commission is the state agency for historic preservation.

The agency administers a variety of programs to preserve the archeological, historical, and cultural resources of Texas.

"I am very honored to have been chosen..."
—Bill Spiller

Talents are best nurtured in solitude; character is best formed in the stormy billows of the world.

—Goethe

American Legion Fall Convention held in Llano

contributed by:
Jean Diener, Unit President

The 21st District of American Legion Auxiliary met on October 31 through November 1, 1998 in Llano, Texas.

There are 21 American Legion Auxiliary Units in this district. Unit #261 of Winters, Texas had one delegate and two alternates attending: Mary Corcoran, District Secretary; Wanda Durham, 21st District President; and Jean Diener, Unit President.

Unit #261 submitted to the District a listing of those Programs which they currently support and the addition of one new entity.

That being Girl Scouts of America. The unit voted to increase their support in 1989-1999 in donations, participation in the following areas:

- Americanism: Plans of Work (Essay Contests) were given to the Girl Scout Leaders in Winters and Coleman.

- Auxiliary Emergency Fund: Cavalcade of Memories / Historian:

- Cancer Fund:
- Children/Youth Program: Girl Scouts and Senior Graduation Lock-In

- Community Service: Blood Bank donations, Christmas in April, Food Bank donations, Games Nite donation and participation, Hospital Voluntaryism, Make a Difference Day Projects participation.

- Leadership: encourage and support active members to receive Leadership training.

- Membership: Unit Newsletter, Disabled Membership dues, Moving Up ceremony, and Personal visits to active members who have not attended meetings recently, and recruitment of new members.

- Past Presidents' Parley: Scholarship fund.

- VA and Rehabilitation: Christmas Assessment, Gift Shop participation, and Hospital/Clinic participation.

Business Items:

- National and Department Constitution/Bylaws changes approved. Units will be revising their current Constitution/Bylaws to meet these changes and submit revised Constitution/Bylaws for approval and forward up the ranks.

- The Girl Scouts receive an achievement award called the Golden Award which currently is not recognized by the American Legion Auxiliary nationally. The Golden Award is comparable to the Boy Scout Eagle award which is recognized nationally by the American Legion. The 21st District approved of this resolution and will forward this resolution up to Division, Department, and Nationally, if approved at each level.

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Nov. 30-Coleman, 5:00, Here
 7G, 8G, JVG2
 Nov. 30-Coleman, 5:00, There
 7B, 8B, JVB2,
 Dec. 1—*Mason 5:00, Here,
 JVG, VG
 Dec. 1—Baird, 5:00, There,
 JVB, VB
 Dec. 3-5—Hawley Tourn.
 TBA, JVG2, JVB2,
 JVG, JVB
 Dec. 3-5—Ballinger Tourn.
 TBA, VG, VB
 Dec. 3-5—Jim Ned Tourn.
 TBA, 7G, 7B

VG Varsity Girls VB Varsity Boys
 JVG Junior Varsity Girls
 JVG2 Junior Varsity Girls Second Team
 JVB Junior Varsity Boys
 JVB2 Junior Varsity Boys Second Team
 8B 8th Boys 8G 8th Girls
 7B 7th Boys 7G 7th Girls
 *Denotes District Games



WHS Varsity Lady Blizzards

(front left to right) #03 Amanda Cross, senior, 5'2", guard
 #24 Kendra Hope, sophomore, 5'5", guard
 (middle row) #14 Kacy McCuiston, sophomore, 5'7", post
 #10 Lori Bredemeyer, sophomore, 5'4", guard
 #32 Jessica DeLaRosa, sophomore, 5'4", guard
 #50 Michelle Paschal, sophomore, 5'9", post
 (back row, same order) Assistant Coach Deb Whittenburg
 #23 Jana Presley, junior, 5'9", guard
 #11 Jamie Bishop, senior, 5'1", guard
 Head Coach Ken Fowler
 #22 Kayla Colburn, sophomore, 5'8", post
 #12 Kelli Slimp, junior, 5'7", post
 Team Manager Holly Woffenden

GO BLIZZARDS!



CAFETERIA MENU

Nov. 30-Dec. 4
 Subject to change

Breakfast
 Monday-Nov. 30
 Biscuits
 Sausage
 Juice
 Tuesday-Dec. 1
 Toast
 Cereal
 Juice
 Wednesday-Dec. 2
 Blueberry Muffin
 Oatmeal
 Juice
 Thursday-Dec. 3
 Pancakes/Syrup
 Cereal
 Juice
 Friday-Dec. 4
 Cheese Toast
 Cereal
 Juice

Lunch
 Monday-Nov. 30
 Pizza
 Corn
 Tossed Salad
 Chocolate Pudding
 Tuesday-Dec. 1
 Chicken Nuggets/Gravy
 Mashed Potatoes
 Green Beans
 Fruit Jello
 Hot Roll
 Wednesday-Dec. 2
 Taco/Meat/Cheese
 Tossed Salad
 Red Beans
 Brownie
 Thursday-Dec. 3
 Turkey Roast/Gravy
 Mashed Potatoes
 June Peas
 Hot Roll
 Friday-Dec. 4
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Basketball Hoopla

Team: Varsity Girls Coach: Ken Fowler
 Opponent: Hamlin Date: Nov. 17, 1998
 Place: Hamlin

POINTS SCORED EACH QUARTER						
	1	2	3	4	OT	FIN.
WINTERS	9	10	8	12		39
OPPONENT	16	6	6	23		51

Free throws made:
 Players Name Points Rebounds Steals Assists
 Jamie Bishop 1 2 3 0
 Lori Bredemeyer 0 0 0 0
 Kayla Colburn 0 1 0 0
 Amanda Cross 2 1 10 3
 Jessica DeLaRosa 0 2 1 2
 Kendra Hope* 17 7 4 2
 Kacy McCuiston 0 1 2 0
 Michelle Paschal 3 6 3 1
 Jana Presley 4 4 6 3
 Kelli Slimp 12 7 3 0

*Denotes high point individual for Winters
 Coach's comments: The score is not indicative of how close the game really was. The young ladies fought back from a 12 point difference to within one point with about four minutes left in the game. A great effort by everyone.

Team: JV Boys #2 Coach: Robert White
 Opponent: Bangs Date: Nov. 19, 1998
 Place: Winters

POINTS SCORED EACH QUARTER						
	1	2	3	4	OT	FIN.
WINTERS	16	10	15	7		48
OPPONENT	2	0	3	0		5

Free throws made:
 Players Name Points Rebounds Steals Assists
 Ben Blaine 4
 Will Blaine 2
 Justin Calcote 4
 Jason Esquivel 2
 Jeremy Hope* 10
 Arthur Martinez 4
 Ezequiel Martinez 5
 Wade Parramore 6
 Chris Santoya 5
 Colby Walker 6

*Denotes high point individual for Winters
 Coach's comments: Every player scored. I was very proud of the way this group came out ready to play. It was a good game for us to work on some things in a game environment. All the kids have been working very hard in practice and we know that hard work is going to pay off down the road. (Coach Bearden will be coaching this team when football is over.)

Team: 8th "A" Boys Coach: Robert White
 Opponent: Bangs Date: Nov. 19, 1998
 Place: Winters

POINTS SCORED EACH QUARTER						
	1	2	3	4	OT	FIN.
WINTERS	2	6	6	3		17
OPPONENT	7	12	8	4		31

Free throws made:
 Players Name Points Rebounds Steals Assists
 Shane Colburn 4
 Rusty Jackson 5
 Clint Marentes 0
 Mark Moreno 2
 Dustin Palmertree 0
 Brian Pritchard 2
 Guy Slimp 4

*Denotes high point individual for Winters
 Coach's Comments: We started this game very cold. We did not attack the basket and play as aggressive as we should. As the game progressed, we improved, but so did our opponents. Hopefully, we learned a valuable lesson in attacking and playing more aggressive. (Coach Lipsey will be coaching this team when football is over.)

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Thanksgiving Day

by Matt Angel, WHS junior, student of Mr. John Key, Gifted and Talented English class

I awoke to the familiar voice of my father, "Get up, Son. Get up..." I rolled over, keeping my hold on the warm covers.

The alarm clock said 5:30 AM, and it wasn't lying. I just grunted and went back to sleep when he came back, more accurate than a snooze button, seven minutes later.

"Get up Son, time to rise and shine." So I stumbled out of bed and into the kitchen, a boy of nine years.

The whole family was already up, drinking coffee on the front porch. I was still too young to drink the coffee black, but my grandmother gave me a cup half filled with milk and then walked over to the coffee pot. She poured the steaming liquid into the chilled milk as I watched.

"Two lumps of sugar please," I would say. A box of sugar cubes sat on the counter, the same box I would sneak into when my mother wasn't looking.

It was always a big deal, sitting on the porch, watching the sun rise. The family was together then, not just in the same room.

Sometimes we would drink three pots of coffee together, talking about everything from the weather, to religion, to plans for the future. Sometimes I think if everybody had this time to talk, attending nature's splendor in a sunrise, they would have a lot more feeling for themselves and for others.

Anyway, eventually everyone gets full of caffeine and totally wakes up and goes into the house.

It's Thanksgiving Day, and we're going hunting. My grandma does the cooking and is already getting ready for dinner while my mom bundles me up. Six layers of clothing around me, and I can barely walk. I tell her it's not that cold, but she insists. You see, all the men go hunting on this day, a tradition of sorts for our family. The men are ready to

go, and my mom, aunt, and grandma, wish us well.

I smell the cold, crisp air as we load into the truck. I, being the smallest in our family of eight, took my spot on the tailgate. Dad said we were after turkey today, but I didn't care what we were hunting as long as we were... My grandpa fired up the truck, and headed off down the driveway. He was taking us to the best turkey spot around--the river.

It was a wide, slow moving, sandy river, and we were going to cross it. I was glad Mom bundled me up, because it was cold. Wading through the water was impossible, so we took a small motorboat across. When we were across, my dad and grandpa led the way into the brush lining the riverbank.

I was too small to have my own shotgun yet, but I did have my Rider BB gun. I kept that gun pumped up, and my eyes were peeled for turkey. I kept asking my dad what a live turkey was, but he told me we would scare them away if we talked.

I always thought it was amazing that my grandpa could find an animal track in anything, and he was tracking a big covey of toms. We twisted and turned through the scrubby forest until we came to a clearing. There they were! Funny looking things, I thought then. My brother raised his gun and took sight at one of the turkeys. It was his first hunt with his own gun, and everyone wanted him to get a bird.

I closed my eyes, put my fingers in my ears, and my brother's gun went off with a thunderous boom.

He got one! The big tom was down, being hit right in the chest. It is a proud thing for everyone when a boy gets his first bird. Dad slapped my brother on his back, and my grandpa just smiled with pride.

We tracked a couple of other

coveys of turkeys, but no one else ever got a shot off. It was nearly eight o'clock, and the cold was getting to me. My feet were cold from playing in the water, and everyone wanted to stop and rest. My uncle and brother went to get firewood, and my dad unrolled some snacks Mom had packed.

I was feeling pretty miserable all around, so Grandpa came over to cheer me up. I still hadn't gotten a shot off with my BB gun, so Grandpa said we should have target practice. We didn't have anything to shoot so he let me take a shot at his favorite cap. He would throw it up in the air, and I shot holes all in it. It wasn't much, but I knew it was just as good as any turkey. But by then the fire was crackling and we had warmed sandwiches to eat.

Grandpa decided it was time to go back in, so we tromped through the brushy trees back to the boat. While we were getting in that old motorboat, my dad lost his balance, shaking the boat. When he rocked the boat, my brother lost his footing and tumbled into the river. You could tell by the look on his face that the water was freezing. After we hauled him back into the boat, everyone (excluding my brother) had a little chuckle.

The blast of warm air hit me as I opened the door to the house. It was a good feeling, my ears and cheeks returning their color and feeling. The next thing that caught me was the delicious smell of turkey in the oven and all the smells that a Thanksgiving meal has. We ate the meal, giving thanks to God for everything we had.

It is a good day, a great time of eating, adventuring, and being together.

It is a fond memory I have of my boyhood, and as we celebrate the Thanksgiving season I realize that I am most thankful for the life I have and the people around me.



RELAXING IN THEIR COMFY CLOTHES and reading during "DEAR DAY" (Drop Everything And Read Day) are Mrs. Parramore's first grade class (clock wise on floor) Kevin Jackson, Armando Tamez, Ashley Delacruz, Jonathan Patton, Kenneth Reel, and Bobby Johnson. At back (from left to right) Martiza Bowden, Ursula Estrada, and Danielle Pinkerton.

Financial aid meeting Dec. 3

There will be a financial aid meeting for seniors and their parents who are seeking financial aid for college.

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- ◆ Don't mix carbohydrates with protein (such as topping a dish of spaghetti with meat sauce). Even a little protein can blunt the calming effects of the carbohydrate.
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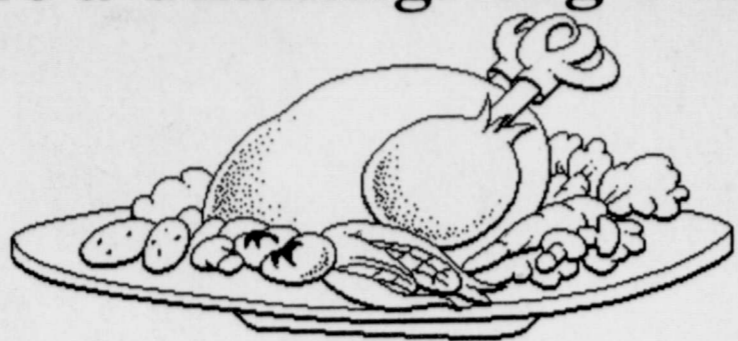
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How to prepare a Thanksgiving Feast

by Mrs. Cavazos' and Mrs. Parramore's First Graders



First, you have to shoot the turkey. Pull the feathers off. Wash the turkey with water and dry it.

Put it in a big pan. Put a spoonful of salt and pepper on it.

Put it in the oven at 100° for 10 minutes. Take the turkey out and stuff it with lettuce. It's done.

Go to the store and get: dressing, 3 tomatoes, 9 carrots, 2 bags of lettuce, 4 bottles of salad dressing, 3 cucumbers, Bac-O's, 5 cans of corn, 2 tubs of butter, 7 potatoes, 6 cans of cherries, 3 bags of marshmallows, 4 cans of pineapple, 5 bananas, 10 red little apples, 1 big pumpkin, and 1 pie crust.

Go to Big Burger Restaurant and get 3 cups of gravy. Go home.

Open the box of dressing. Put it under the turkey. Open the bags of lettuce and put them in a big bowl.

Wash the carrots and lay them on the counter. Peel them and cut off the top part. Cut the carrots in little pieces with a sharp butcher knife. Be careful! Put the carrots in the bowl of salad.

Open the bag of tomatoes. Cut them into big pieces with a butcher knife. Put them in the salad bowl.

Peel the cucumbers and cut them into thin slices. Put the cucumbers into a little bowl.

Open the salad dressing and put it on the salad. Put the Baco's on the salad.

Open the cans of corn with a can opener. Pour them in a big pan. Put half a spoonful of butter in the pan of corn. Put 2 big cups of salt in the corn. Stir it up with a big spoon. Put the pan in the oven for 5 minutes at 1 degree. Take it out. Pour the corn in a bowl and put it on the table.

Get the potatoes. Peel them and cut them into little pieces. Put the pieces in a bowl and put them in the microwave for 20 minutes. Take them out. Mash them with a

potato smasher and put one spoonful of butter in them.

Get the gravy and pour it in a medium size bowl. Put it on the table.

Open the cans of cherries with a can opener. Pour them into a big bowl.

Peel the bananas. Cut them into little pieces and put them in the fruit salad bowl.

Open the cans of pineapple with a can opener. Pour them in the bowl of fruit salad.

Peel the apples. Cut them in half and cut the seeds out. Cut them into little pieces with the knife. Put them in the fruit salad.

Open the bags of marshmallows. Put the marshmallows in the bowl. Mix it up with a big spoon. Put it on the table.

Get the pumpkin and cut the top out. Take out the seeds. Chop the pumpkin into big pieces. Put the pumpkin pieces in a pan and put it in the microwave. Cook for 10 minutes. Put the pumpkin in the pie crust. Put in some good stuff to make it taste good. Put it in the oven for 15 minutes at 7 degrees. Take it out. Put it on the table. Now we're ready to eat!

Happy Thanksgiving.

by Mrs. Colburn's and Mrs. Sneed's First Graders

Menu: turkey, ham, carrots, corn on the cob, hot rolls, dressing, fruit salad, brownies, and chocolate cake.

Next we go to the big IGA grocery store.

First, look at the recipes. Make a list of the things that you will need. The groceries will cost about \$75.00!

We will go hunting for a tur-

key so we don't have to pay.

We will gut our 90 ounce turkey. We will skin the turkey by picking his feathers off.

Wash him off with a water hose. Get an ax and chop his head and feet off. Put the turkey in a pan that is as large as a calendar.

Shake 1/2 of a salt and a cup and a half of pepper. Turn the oven on to 20 "agrees" for 10 or 15 minutes.

Get 14 carrots and wash them for a second in hot water.

Cut the carrots into pieces about the size of a steak. Put them in a pan that is about the size of a computer.

Cook them on the stove for 70 minutes. When it beeps, take them out of the pan and put them on a pretty plate.

Get 10 corns on the cob and pick the green cover off. Put the corn in a bowl as big as a TV and put it in the microwave for 16 minutes on real, red hot.

When it beeps, take it out and check to see if it's hot enough.

Fruit Salad—Cut 3 small cherries into 2 slices than get 30 purple grapes and take off the brown deals and throw them away.

Wash and cut 13 speckled strawberries then peel and cut 15 juicy pineapples into 6 pieces each.

Wash 19 wet peaches that are filthy into 3 pieces. Get 50 crunchy apples and cut into 50 pieces. Get 100 marshmallows.

Put in a bag and shut it.

Dressing—40 hundred salad, 50 squishy tomatoes, 50,000 white kind of salad dressing, chop 70 onions, 60 whole cooked red beans.

Dump in a pan as big as the light panel. Wash it all. Cook in oven 15 hours at 15 minutes.

Brownies—Melt 1 loaf butter put 10 peanuts, add a lot of mix (like 100 measuring cups), 15 bags of chocolate, 10 ounce sugar, 6 ounce milk. Break the shells off 15 eggs and him'em. Put in a 1 inch bowl. Then wash all mix for 3 minutes with spoon. Put in a bulletin board size pan. Put in a 20 hour oven for 11 minutes. Now EAT!

Drinks: 6 gallons strawberry Kool Aid, 100 cups tea, 200 gallons coke, 300 pitchers lemonade. Will feed 100 people.

Runnels County Reds compete in bowling tourney

On October 19, the Runnels County Reds Bowling Team traveled to Abilene to participate in the Area 14 Bowling Tournament. This was the first year the Reds participated in bowling.

The year began with bowlers who had never picked up a bowling ball. All the bowlers worked hard and improved through the practice season. Everyone, including the coaches, had a great time.

The Special Olympians did well. Gold medals were won by Rhonda Williams, Billy Bennefield and Sammy Little, all of Ballinger. Shelley Barnes of Ballinger brought home a silver medal. Stephanie Brunson and Bill Hudgens of Ballinger and Scott Danford of Winters won bronze medals. Fourth place ribbons were awarded to Don Sparks of Winters and Shannon Cowan of Ballinger. Albert Grohman of Winters brought home a fifth place ribbon.

The Reds bowling team is coached by Sue Chambliss and Kathy Hampton.

The Reds will soon be starting the basketball season. Anyone who would like to participate as an eligible athlete or volunteer should contact Barbara Danford in Winters at 754-4705 after 6:00 p.m., Kathy Hampton in Ballinger at 365-3423 after 6:00 p.m., or Sue Chambliss at 365-5397.

Everything is funny as long as it is happening to somebody else.
—Will Rogers



FUN BROWSING AND SHOPPING was enjoyed by a good crowd at the recent annual Arts and Crafts Fair in the Winters Community Center. Contemplating a purchase from booth operator Edna Ruth Self (left) are Kay Colburn and Bonnye Kipness (far right).

Town Crier

John Michael Willborn

Johnny and Jennifer Willborn of Winters are proud to announce the arrival of a baby boy.

John Michael Willborn was born Monday, November 16, 1998, at 6:43 p.m. at Shannon Medical Center in San Angelo, Texas.

He weighed 6 lbs., 10 oz. and was 17 1/2 inches long.

John Michael was welcomed home by two big sisters, Kimberly and Alleyson of Winters.

Maternal grandparents are Jerry and Pam Ripple of San Angelo.

Paternal grandparents are Nana Barnes of Winters and Alvin Barnes of San Angelo.

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Due to limited space, it is not possible to maintain files for the many numerous published photographs. The idea of simply throwing these precious photos away just doesn't seem quite right. We are asking anyone who has turned in a picture to come by our office and pick it up.

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Monday, Nov. 30: Ham & gravy, lima beans, mixed greens, cornbread, and banana pudding.

Tuesday, Dec. 1: Chicken pot pie, tossed salad, vegetable sticks, crackers, and cherry crisp.

Wednesday, Dec. 2: Beef tips & rice, corn salad, broccoli, roll, and gringerbread.

Thursday, Dec. 3: Swiss steak, baked potatoes, green beans, cornbread, and muffins.

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Poe's Corner

By Charlsie Poe

Miss Kitty Kat

Some of the greatest gifts that people can receive do not come in fancy wrappings and big bows. In fact, they may come as a nuisance or even a pest.

This happened to me when I began feeding a beautiful black cat with white whiskers in my backyard.

He was plump and wore a collar, so I know he had a good home, but occasionally he looked hungry. I fed him a few scraps from my kitchen once in awhile to tide him over.

Soon I noticed a yellow cat slipping through the shadows. She was as thin as tissue paper, but very polite. She waited until the coast was clear and looked for crumbs.

At first, I called her everything in the book—from bum to alley cat—but I began to feel sorry for her and fed her more frequently.

When this happened, Blackie disappeared and later I knew the reason why. She was going to have kittens and he was trying to establish a home for her.

I've never seen such devotion as that cat bestowed upon me. She walked by my side, purring every step of the way.

As time went on, she began looking for a place to have her kittens and it worried me too.

I found a heavy cardboard box and it was too small upright, but when turned over on its side she could get her big feet in, but it was difficult for the three kittens to nurse at the same time.



Charlsie Poe

The next day a heavy rain settled the problem. I moved them into my laundry room in the back, where we had to step over them.

After a week of that, I was going to move them back outside, but it came a blizzard. I settled my problem by moving them into my garage apartment. By this time, I was calling the mama cat, Kitty Kat.

The kittens were doing well. They had weaned themselves and used the litter box.

It was time for me to take Kitty Kat to the veterinarian for her shots—but she had a different idea. When the young attendant went to get her, she clawed him until he had to take some shots. I learned to never carry a cat except in a cage.

The night their mother was away the kittens had a ball. They tore the cottage curtains down with their claws and scattered the books in the bookcase. They also broke a flower vase and riddled the flowers.

The very next day, we found a good home for the two largest kittens and the little calico baby stayed with her mother. We had a scratching tree by this time and

rubber ball for the baby to play with, but she was so full of life and so feisty that her mother and I couldn't keep up with her—so she has another home.

You would think that Miss Kitty Kat and I could now live a quiet and peaceful life—not so. We play tricks on each other.

Some mornings I like to read the newspaper first and I pick it up at the front door and read it before I go to the back door and let Kitty Kat in. She caught on to it and waits for me at the front door.

A neighbor boy picks up my newspaper and puts it on the porch when it is bad weather, but Kitty want let him touch it if she is around.

Kitty sleeps outside, but when she is not ready to go she hides. She is quick and silent. Sometimes I go on to bed and forget about her.

One morning I awoke and went to the kitchen as usual to find half of the floor covered with water, some pipes had burst.

I let out a scream and I heard a terrible crash in the back bedroom. Kitty had hidden on the top shelf of the closet and fell down with a crash.

She hasn't hidden from me anymore, but, just like all ladies, she is begging for me to brush her hair. This keeps cat hair from gathering and she looks so pretty with the top of her body covered with brown and all underneath she is white except for her paws.

It is said that pets are good for adults and I'm sure it is true. You don't have time to think about your ailments.

P.S. It has been suggested that I add Miss to her name.



Mr. and Mrs. Michael Reed Minter

Robinson, Minter exchange marriage vows

Kyra Pritchard Robinson and Michael Reed Minter were married Saturday, October 3, 1998, in Nevada.

The bride is the daughter of Pat Jr. and Doris Pritchard of Clyde. Her grandparents are Pat Sr. and Maxine Pritchard of Wingate, Toby Webster of Baird, and the late M.R. Webster.

The groom is the son of Barbara Broadway of Kerrville. His grandparents are Alma Broadway Starkey of Maddisonville and the late Edger Reed Broadway.

The couple will live in Clyde.

Nancy Robertson Masters speaks to Service League

Nancy Robinson Masters spoke to the Women's Service League at their monthly meeting November 17 at First United Methodist Church. Her topic was "Turning Your Downs Into Ups."

Members present included Saffron Gibbs, Dawn Green, Carla Hooper, Cheryl Kruse, Sherry Mikeska, Malinda Poe, Tami Richards, Tammy Dry, Theresa Gerhart, and Christi Green.

Also Donna Guy, Tammy Kaczyk, Christy Lindley, Claudia Petty, Deb Pritchard, Kim Stewart Lee, Chris Reeves, Christy Bernal, and Joann Humphrey.

Hostesses were Theresa Gerhart, Christy Lindley, and Sherry Mikeska. They served bean soup with meat, cornbread, a layered pudding dessert, and tea. Autumn decorations were used for enhancement.



A one carat diamond weighs 200 milligrams.

Letters to the Editor Policy

Letters to the editor on issues of general interest are welcomed by *The Winters Enterprise*.

Please write your name and address on the letter and include a phone number for verification. Letters submitted without signatures will not be published.

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Herd graduates from U.S. Air Force basic military training

Air Force Airman Christopher M. Herd has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

During the six weeks of training, the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization, and customs and received special training in human relations.

In addition, airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

Herd is the son of Sheila G. Pomykal of Plainview and Michael J. Herd of Winters.

His wife, Jessica, is the daughter of Fred W. and Arlene Mendler of Abilene.

Herd is a 1998 graduate of Cooper High School, Abilene.



Olde Ballinger Christmas planned Nov. 28

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

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

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

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- TXism: "will miss you blink" (small town)
- Mule, TX
- homeowners' greenery
- TXism: "fits like ugly ape"
- TXism: "siesta"
- across the Rio Grande from Presidio flying pest
- bridge connecting El Paso to Mexico concerning
- this Catherine was 6th wife of Henry VIII
- TX outlaw Bass (init.)
- Sierra, TX
- Herefords in Topeka (2 wds.)
- co. below Concho
- TXism: "put on fallow" (weight)
- bed cloth
- autobiography of TX-born King Vidor
- "Battle of the _____" was '73
- Astrodome event
- Fort Worth Zoo aviary: _____
- Wizard's realm Canyon"
- George H. to George W. (abbr.)
- five-star general Henry _____ Arnold
- Spanish bear
- president born in Denison (init.)
- TXism: "plain as the _____ mule"

DOWN

- TXism: "been ridden hard and put up _____"
- Campo, TX
- TX Audie Murphy film: "_____ Silver Creek"
- woman's "nighties"
- TX sportscaster Nadel & SMU runner Dickerson
- TXism: "_____ hog had wings he'd be an eagle"
- TXism: "sleeping dogs lie"
- tell a "windy"
- TXism: "honest as the day _____"
- TXism: "wound tighter _____"
- 8-day clock (tense)
- town in Wichita Co.
- Shirilyn of film "Ruby" about Dallas nightclub owner
- Wizard's realm Canyon"
- in '45 TX Nimitz signed _____
- surrender paper
- TX Willie's father & songwriter Gershwin
- TXism: "knee high to _____ hopper"
- TXism: "don't _____ off half cocked"
- TXism: "cautious _____ a small dog with a big bone"
- jazz great Jack who was born in Vernon
- TX band: "_____ the Wheel"
- these are made at TX horse tracks
- TX-born Moyers of PBS (init.)
- Houston's last wife Margaret
- TX pest: fire _____
- TXism: "walking the straight & _____"
- it's on top of a cowboy hat
- TXism: "hot as _____ stove"
- TX singer Stuckey
- "Yes _____!"
- TXism: "ace in _____ (reserve)"
- TX things
- TXism: "put a pencil to _____"
- TXism: "_____ buster" (farmer)
- tear up by the roots
- Robert _____ was stationed in TX when Civil War broke out
- wigs
- TXism: "couldn't _____ through a barbed wire fence"
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Solutions for this puzzle appear in this issue.



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RUNNELS SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT BOARD (left to right) Don Davis, David Ocker, Ed Bredemeyer, Fred Wilde, and C. J. Robinson, Jr.

RSWCD re-elects Fred Wilde, David Ocker

Fred Wilde of Ballinger and David Ocker of Rowena were re-elected to the Runnels Soil and Water Conservation District board of directors on October 8.

Wilde represents Zone One and Ocker represents Zone Two of the district.

The purpose of the Runnels Soil and Water Conservation District, with headquarters in Ballinger, is to promote sound, soil, and water conservation programs on agricultural lands within

the district. In addition, the district serves as a voice for farmers, ranchers, and local community entities on conservation matters.

The board of directors coordinate the conservation efforts of various local, state, and federal agencies and other organizations and has the authority to enter into working agreements with these governmental agencies and private concerns to carry out its purposes.

The five members serving on the district board of directors are responsible for district policies and procedure for carrying out the district program within the framework of the Texas soil conservation district law.

In Texas there are 216 soil and water conservation districts. Each is a legal subdivision of state government organized by local agricultural landowners with the assistance of the Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board.

PARADE, continued

is still welcome to be in the parade. However, cash prizes will be awarded to only registered parade entrants.

Highlighting the parade will be the presentation of seventeen young ladies vying for the title of Miss Sno Queen 1998. Candidates will be featured on cars and floats throughout the parade.

Area businesses and merchants have donated prizes to be given away at a drawing following the parade. On Saturday morning, participating businesses will have designated boxes in which to put entries. The drawing will be held during the Sno Queen festivities which will be held on the parking lot between the Winters Public Library and Alderman Cave.

You must be present at the drawing to win.

Runnels County Pecan Show, Dec. 2

The 1998 Runnels County Pecan Show will be on Wednesday, December 2, in the First National Bank of Ballinger, according to Mike Mauldin, Runnels County extension agent, and Anthony Lange, horticulture committee chairman.

Pecans are probably grown by more people in Runnels County than any other crop and a pecan show is an excellent way to learn about pecans. Everyone is encouraged to participate in this year's show.

Pecans may be entered at the county extension office in the county courthouse annex in Ballinger, Citizens State Bank of Miles, Alderman-Cave in Winters, the Norton Gin, Ballinger Feed and Seed, or the West Texas State Bank in Rowena. No entry will be accepted later than 12:00 noon on Monday, Nov. 30.

Each single entry should consist of not less than 45 pecans of the same variety.

They should not be cleaned or rubbed to the extent that the shape or color is altered.

They should be packed in paper or plastic bag with the exhibitor's name, address, and variety of pecan, if known.

With the short crop this year, the Runnels County Horticulture Committee will not charge an entry fee to enter the pecan show as has been charged in the past.

Exhibitors are limited to one entry of each named variety they grow. However, a grower may enter as many seedlings, known hybrids, or natives as he wishes.

Divisions will be: commercial, classic, and variety seedling.

Champion and Reserve Champion will be selected from each division. Plaques and rosettes will be presented to the Champions and rosettes to the Reserve Champions.

The public is invited to attend open house and public viewing of the entries from 1:00-3 p.m. on Wednesday, December 2, at the First National Bank of Ballinger, sponsor of this year's show.

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Conservation News & Notes

By Kay Mansell, District Technician

Plant a tree

Did you have to settle for a substitute tree instead of the actual tree that you wanted last year because you waited too long to order your choice of trees?

In cooperation with the Texas Forest Service Nursery near Lubbock, the Runnels Soil & Water Conservation District (RSWCD) will be offering quality hardwood and evergreen tree seedlings for sale to area residents through the Windbreak Tree Program.

These seedlings are healthy, viable seedlings that are well adapted to the soil and weather conditions in Runnels County.

The RSWCD will be offering three categories of seedlings this year: conifers, hardwoods, and wildlife packets.

Twelve inch conifers (Afghanistan pine, Austrian pine and red cedar) have a 28 cubic inch root volume and are \$26.00 per 15 trees in felt containers and bullet-plastic containers are \$13.00 for 15 trees.

Afghanistan pine will also be available in one gallon containers and are approximately 18-22 inches tall and are \$25.00 per 5 trees.

Bareroot hardwoods (amur honeysuckle, aromatic sumac, catalpa, desert willow, flameleaf sumac, fourwing salt bush, green ash, hackberry, honeylocust, lace bark elm, nanking cherry, Russian olive, sandcherry, sand plum, and shumard oak) are approximately 24 inches in height and sell for \$24.00 per 50 trees.

The wildlife packets (100 trees in 4 species) contain species beneficial to wildlife habitat and nutrition. Types of wildlife packets available are deer, turkey, squirrel, and quail and pheasant and are priced at \$46.00 per packet.

This program will conclude on February 1, 1999, and seedlings will arrive at the Natural Resources Conservation Service office in Ballinger on February 11, 1999.

Please consider ordering early to have trees reserved before stocks are depleted.

Technical assistance in planning your windbreak is available. For more information, call 356-3415 or come by the Natural Resource Conservation office at 2000 Hutchins Avenue in Ballinger.

Runnels 4-H wins District Livestock Judging Contest Hoppe named high individual

On Saturday, November 14, the Runnels County 4-H Livestock Judging Team hit a home run.

The Senior Livestock Judging Team, consisting of Matthew Kalina, Kaci Collins, Keri Hoelscher, and Cody Halfmann, all of the Miles 4-H Club, took home first place honors at the District 7 Livestock Judging Contest in San Angelo.

The winning didn't stop there though. Chanda Hoppe, of the Winters 4-H, was recognized as the high individual of the contest.

All five of these 4-H'ers qualified for the State 4-H Livestock Judging Contest which will be held at the State 4-H Roundup in College Station next June.

The junior team also competed on Saturday and was recognized as the 10th high team in beef.

The teams and individuals were recognized for placing in individual species and reasons as follows:

- Jacob Kalina-6th high individual, Junior, beef cattle.
- Matthew Kalina-10th high individual, Sr. Sheep and 3rd high individual Sr. Reasons.

- Keri Hoelscher-2nd high individual, Sr. overall, 5th high individual Sr. Beef Cattle, 2nd high individual Sr. Sheep, and 2nd high individual Sr. Reasons.

- Chanda Hoppe-4th high individual Sr. Beef Cattle, 1st high individual Sr. Sheep, and 1st high individual Sr. Reasons.

- Kaci Collins-10th high individual Sr. Sheep, 10th high individual Sr. overall.

- Sr. Team Awards—Beef-2nd, Sheep-1st, and Reasons-1st.

Also competing in the contest were Cody Cook, Amy Schwertner, Eric Probandt, Justin Hoelscher, Sara Schwertner, and Brooke Hoelscher.



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