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## Tour of Homes and Christmas at Rock Hotel planned December 6

The Second "Tour of Homes" and "Christmas at the Rock Hotel" will be held Sunday, December 6, from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m.

An array of tabletop Christmas trees decorated by friends of the Z.I. Hale Museum and Rock Hotel will be on display in the large dining room of the 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.

The Rock Hotel decorations, courtesy of the Friends of the Museum, are arranged to be enjoyed by all who reserve the building during the month of December.

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.

Tickets for the afternoon tour can be purchased for \$7.50 at the Rock Hotel.

The supporters of the museum complex are extremely appreciative for the cooperation and hospitality of those opening their homes and businesses for this

community holiday afternoon. All benefits go towards the continuing renovation and upkeep of the museum and hotel facilities.

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.

The home of Charles and Jane Allcorn is located at 511 Floyd and was originally owned by the late Johnny and Nita Dry. It was designed by Randall Underwood and built by Johnny Merrill in 1984-'85 for the Drys.

A large entry room opens into the den area and into the formal living and dining room areas. The living room, with fireplace and bay window, is separated from

the dining room by divider walls.

The large den with a cathedral ceiling features a fireplace and a wall of windows that overlook the L-shaped veranda extending

across the back of the house.

The kitchen has numerous cabinets and built-ins made of ash by Joe Kozelsky and also has a large center island work area. A breakfast room is located between the den and kitchen with an atrium door opening to the veranda. Three bedrooms and 2-1/2 baths are located in the east section with an atrium door opening to the veranda from the spacious master bedroom. Two bathrooms feature convenient compartmental areas for the bath facilities.

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Found upstairs are two bedrooms, a gameroom, a loft, and bath. One bedroom is decorated in a nautical theme with a homebuilt canopy bed, while the

other is painted in lavender with white trim. The loft has a 57-inch opening to the family room.

The entire home, with the exception of the master bedroom, is decorated throughout with light gray carpet and tile.

Kitchen cabinets, the entertainment center, vanities, and stair railings are finished in a light ash, designed and built by Joe Kozelsky.

Although located in town with other homes to the south and west sides, the home portrays a warm, country feeling with fields to the north and east.

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The new location is at 700 South Main, Winters. It opened for business on May 4, 1998.

The Winters bank facility consists of a new 4,000 square foot brick building with three drive-in lanes and a landscaped parking lot.

At the present time, the bank is hosting an art display featuring original watercolor by Cathy McAnally Lubke. Mrs. Lubke teaches art in the San Angelo area, and is considered to be one of the area's finest artists.

More pictures on pages 3 and 6.

The house has two separate heating and cooling systems, allowing half the space to be closed when desired.

The two-story home of Mark and Brenda Briley, located at 211 Hunters Glen, hosts 2,270 square feet of living area.

A master bedroom, bath, and family room are located downstairs. The master bedroom is decorated in mauve with cranberry tile. The bath includes a corner Jacuzzi and a shower stall. The family room features a built-in entertainment center.

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THE HOME OF MARK AND BRENDA BRILEY  
211 Hunters Glen



MISS SNO QUEEN CANDIDATES include (back row, left to right) Julie Paske, Angie Lee, Theresa Cangioli, Meagen Galvan-Nitsch, Kristian Castillo, Alexis Adams, Michelle Burton, Fallen Perrie, and Leslie Luna. Front row, same order, Shasta Snuffer, Tamara Grohman, Cari Trojcek, Holly Woffenden, Naoi Torres, Shelley Meyer, Angela Jacobs, Candi Lara, Gracie Vidaurri, and Amanda Armendariz. Crowning will take place at the conclusion of the parade on Saturday.

## 1999 Sno-Queen, Christmas parade Sat.

Former Sno-Queens return for 25th anniversary celebration

by Brenda Burton, Chamber Director

The annual Christmas parade, sponsored by the Winters Area Chamber of Commerce, is always on the first Saturday in December. It has become a tradition, and for the past 25 years, the Sno-Queen pageant has been a major part of that tradition.

This year marks the 25th anniversary of the Winters Sno-Queen. As a special attraction, many of the former Sno-Queens will be returning to ride on a float provided by the Chamber of Commerce. A reception will be hosted by the Chamber directors in the First State Bank to honor the former queens and to recognize this year's entrants.

Seventeen girls compete for this year's prestigious title.

Contestants are Theresa Cangioli, sponsored by Lawrence Bros. IGA Grocery; Fallen Perrie, sponsored by Hatler Insurance Agency; and Julie Paske, sponsored by Guy's Dirt Construction.

Also Angie Lee, sponsored by CCS Medical Equipment and Uniforms; Shasta Snuffer, sponsored by Bahlman Jewelers; Naomi Torres, sponsored by Spill Brothers Furniture; and Candi Lara, sponsored by MSR Exploration, Inc.

And Meagen Galvan-Nitsch, sponsored by Heidenheimer's; Cari Trojcek, sponsored by Gehrel's Insurance; Amanda Armendariz, sponsored by Dairy Queen; and Alexis Adams, sponsored by Associated Beef.

As well as Leslie Luna, sponsored by Senior Citizens Nursing Home; Michelle Burton, sponsored by Casa Cabana; and Holly Woffenden, sponsored by Milton's Auto.

In addition are Tamara Grohman, sponsored by Stitches Post; Kristian Castillo, sponsored by Kristian's Hair Gallery; Shelley Meyer, sponsored by Pioneer Vet Clinic; Gracie Vidaurri, sponsored by Winters Funeral Home; and Angela Jacob, sponsored by The Winters Enterprise.

This year's Sno-Queen will receive a \$300 scholarship, flowers, a crown, and numerous donated gifts. First and second runners-up will also receive beautiful gifts.

The theme of this year's parade is "Doing It Our Way." The parade will begin at 1:00 p.m. with line-up at 11:00 a.m. in front of the Family Dollar Store.

See SNO QUEEN, pg. 7

### Bands to play Christmas concerts Dec. 7

Darrington White, WISD band director, invites the public to attend the Christmas concerts for bands from grades 5-12 on Monday, Dec. 7, beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the school auditorium.

There is no admission fee for the concerts.

## City to annex land

Properties receiving city services may be placed in city limits

During Monday night's meeting of the Winters City Council, council members discussed annexing all properties that have city services.

In the last session of the State legislature, a law was passed to allow general law cities to annex into the city limits properties that have any city services.

The city's responsibility after annexation of these properties would be to provide all city services to those areas that may have only one or two of the services. These services include water, sewer, police and fire protection.

Council members instructed city manager Aref Hassan to bring to the next council meeting three lists of properties. The first list will consist of any properties not

in the city limits but that have water and sewer service. The second list will consist of properties that have water or sewer services but not both. The third list will consist of properties that are bounded on two sides by properties inside the city limits.

Hassan stated, "For this city to grow and expand, everything that is in the city needs to be included in the city limits."

Cost estimates for installing sewer where there is only water service were also requested by the council. Hassan presented to the council members figures showing inclusion of these properties into the city limits would bring more money into the city coffers.

Councilmen were enthusiastic

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### WHAT'S HAPPENING ?

- 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
- 6:30 p.m., Project Graduation Meeting, WHS Auditorium
- 7 p.m., Financial Aid Meeting, WHS Auditorium
- 7 p.m., Winters Squares, Community Center
- Dec. 4-11:30 a.m., Senior Citizens Meal
- Dec. 5-1 p.m., Christmas Parade and Sno-Queen Contest
- Bronte's Country Christmas
- Dec. 6-1:30-4:30 p.m., Tour of Homes and Christmas at Rock Hotel
- 2 p.m., CJC Christmas Concert, Cisco
- Dec. 7-11:30 a.m., Senior Citizens Meal
- 6-9 p.m., Parent Education Workshop, School Science Lab
- 6:30 p.m., Weight Watchers, Sr. Citizens Activity Center
- 7 p.m., WHS Bands Christmas Concert, WHS Auditorium
- 7 p.m., Weigh Down, First United Methodist Church
- 7 p.m., Band Boosters, Band Hall
- 7:30 p.m., Ballinger Masonic Lodge
- Dec. 8-10 a.m., Commissioners Court, Courthouse, Ballinger
- 11:30 a.m., Senior Citizens Meal
- Noon, Lions Club
- 7 p.m., WVFD
- 7 p.m., Athletic Boosters, Blizzard Stadium
- 7:30 p.m., Elm Creek Water Control Board
- 7:30 p.m., Ballinger Community Choir, Carnegie Library, Ballinger
- Woman's Club
- Literary & Service Club
- Dec. 9-11:30 a.m., Senior Citizens Meal
- Dec. 10-10 a.m., 39+, First United Methodist Church
- 10 a.m., Triple L Club, First Baptist Church
- 11:30 a.m., Senior Citizens Meal
- 7-9 p.m., Heritage Oaks Holiday Grand Opening, Ballinger



# Oil Bidness

By Reg Boles ©1998



Have you heard the latest? Laser drilling may be the next "big thing" on the technology front for oil and gas. Yes, laser drilling.

Even as the technological advances of the last decade have been heavily weighted toward the drilling sector, there is still room for improvement. That's because many of the latest advances have allowed drillers to do more but not necessarily more for less money.

Even before the recent fall in oil prices, there has been constant pressure to reduce costs throughout the industry. Operating costs are usually the first to be reduced because there are many options there. Drilling is usually farther down the list.

Reducing drilling costs is more problematic. While there are opportunities within specific venues to lower costs, they usually involve moving "up the learning curve".

By this, I mean the costs are reduced as the drillers learn how to maximize efficiency, reduce waste, improve techniques, and reduce errors. This is usually field-specific and doesn't provide much help when drilling starts in a new area beyond some general technique application. Costs are usually only mildly impacted outside of the original venue by improvements developed therein.

Contrast this with laser drilling. This promises to reduce penetration time to TD by 100 times. If a well takes a month or about 800 hours with conventional technology, it might only take 80 hours or a little over three days to get to TD with lasers.

Now, we're talking real money. At more than a \$2000 a day, savings could approach \$50,000 on a total drill and complete cost of \$300,000. With heavier rigs and harsher climates, savings could approach 50% of a well's costs by drastically reducing the time required for a rig.

This can go beyond direct cost savings in areas where there is limited rig availability, a limited concession life, and a fast-and-furious development plan. Where six rigs were required to fulfill the plan before, only two or three might do the trick drilling with lasers.

Now, this technology is not nearly ready for deployment, but it is being researched, tested, and studied. There is even development of a laser perforating tool underway.

Believe it or not, the Russians have a lot to teach the rest of the world in this application of lasers.

But, more on that at a later date.

See you next time.

## HIGHLIGHTS OF AREA DRILLING ACTIVITY

### COMPLETIONS

**Coke County**  
Amerac Energy has completed the Rawlings -390- #1 in the Nipple Peak Field (5 miles NW of Bronte) at an initial rate of 19 BOPD & 5 BWPD in the Ellenburger(perfs 5843-86). Loc. is 1606 FWL & 681 FSL of Sec. 390, Blk. 1A, H&TC Sur., A-1355.

**Nolan County**  
Northland Operating Co. has completed the Whitfield #1A in the West Lake Trammel Field (7 miles SW of Sweetwater) at an initial rate of 22 BOPD & 74 BWPD in the Canyon (perfs 5198-5210). Loc. is 645 FNL & 384 FWL of Sec. 81, Blk. 22, T&PRR Sur., A-295.

**Taylor County**  
Midland Oil and Gas has completed the Rose #1 in the Big Easy Field (6 miles SE of Abilene) at an initial rate of 43 BOPD in the Palo Pinto (perfs 3247-54). Loc. is 2400 FEL & 2422 FNL of Sec. 56, BAL Sur., A-1943.

### STAKINGS

**Coke County**  
Pittencrieff America has staked the Fort Chadbourne Odom Lime Unit #5132 in the Fort Chadbourne Field, 8 miles NE of Bronte (Depth 5700). Loc. is 5187 FSEL & 794 FSWL of P. Martinez Sur. No. 299, A-509.

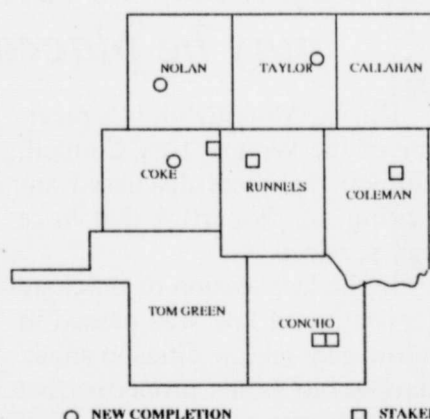
**Coleman County**  
Crimson Energy Company, LLC. has staked the Crimson-Wheeler #1 in the Santa Anna Field, 5 miles SE of Santa Anna (Depth 2700). Loc. is 2712 FNL & 5397 FEL of M. Martinez Sur. No. 750, A-489.

**Concho County**  
W. R. Guffey has staked the Harris #1 in the Dare 1 Field, 1 mile SE of Eden (Depth 2000). Loc. is 330 FSL & 857 FWL of Fisher & Miller Sur. No. 2856, A-191.

The Pickens Company has staked the Tickle #1 as a Wildcat, 2 miles E of Eden (Depth 2200). Loc. is 467 FSL & 467 FWL of E. McCarthy Sur., A-1180.

**Runnels County**  
Echo Production has staked the Colburn #1 in the Fenner Field, 5 miles NW of Winters (Depth 4850). Loc. is 696 FWL & 467 FNL of J. Hensley Sur. No. 83, RULE 36.

EDCO Petroleum has staked the McNeill #3C in the Southeast Wilmeth Field, 2 miles SE of Wilmeth (Depth 3700). Loc. is 330 FEL & 524 FSL of R.A. Maultsby Sur., A-633.



ISAIAS FERNANDEZ, resident at the Senior Citizens Nursing Home, combs the hair of a doll held by Elaine Miller. Mrs. Miller, Josie Hoppe, Margaret Pruser and Nadine Bedford entertained the residents with their program on dolls. The residents helped dress and groom dolls which will be sent to underprivileged children in Kentucky.

## Social Security benefits to increase

Social Security Commissioner Kenneth S. Apfel announced that Social Security and Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefits will increase 1.3 percent in 1999 as a result of the annual cost-of-living adjustment (COLA). The increase will begin with benefits that Social Security beneficiaries receive for December 1998. Increased payments to SSI recipients will begin on December 31.

"Today's news confirms that inflation remains under control," Apfel said. "Low inflation is good for America, particularly for many Social Security beneficiaries living on fixed incomes."

For Social Security beneficiaries, the average monthly benefit amount for all retired workers will

rise from \$770 to \$780. The maximum federal SSI monthly payments to an individual will rise from \$494 to \$500. For a couple, the maximum federal SSI payment will rise from \$741 to \$751.

Social Security and SSI benefits increase automatically each year based on the rise in the Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W) from the third quarter of one year through the corresponding period of the next. This year's increase in the CPI-W was 1.3 percent.

The automatic increase is equal to the December 1986 increase, the lowest since the automatic adjustment became effective in 1975.

## Card of Thanks

We would like to say thanks for the many prayers, calls, visits, and cards while I was in the hospital.

A special thank you to Dr. Lee and the staff at the hospital for the wonderful care that I received while I was in the hospital.

Bud and Jimmie Davis

## Card of Thanks

The family of Leonard Bowden would like to say thank you to everyone who brought food and consoled us in our time of need.

A special thanks to Mike Meyer and Linda Dry at Winters Funeral Home, Pee Wee Gehrels for the service, the Winters Volunteer Fire Department, Mary Ellen Moore for the beautiful flowers, and Wes-T-Go.

Thanks again,  
Darlene, Gene, Elizabeth,  
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**Monday, Dec. 7:** German sausage, pinto beans, macaroni salad, cornbread, and apple crisp.  
**Tuesday, Dec. 8:** Bar-B-Q on bun, chips, cole slaw, pickles & onions, and fruit.  
**Wednesday, Dec. 9:** Ham & sausage, mashed potatoes, green bean casserole, broccoli & rice, roll, and cherry cobbler.  
**Thursday, Dec. 10:** Stew, fruit salad, vegetable sticks, cornbread, and banana pudding.  
**Friday, Dec. 11:** Chicken & gravy, baked potatoes, pea salad, bread, and cake.

**WORTH THINKING ABOUT**  
In winter months, the major home energy usage is for heating. Use an efficient heat pump or natural gas heating instead of heat strip heating.

**Birthday Boy is Andrew Silva.**

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# Obituaries

**Leonard Eugene Bowden**  
WINTERS—Leonard Eugene Bowden, 63, died Monday night, November 23, 1998, in Ballinger Memorial Hospital.  
He was born September 2, 1935, in Miller, Kansas, and came to Texas at the age of six. He was raised in Mercedes, moving to the Winters area in 1958.  
Mr. Bowden was a mechanic for Winters Farm Equipment for many years and was a member of the Winters Volunteer Fire Department for 23 years. He was also a member of the RLDS Church in San Angelo.  
Survivors include one son, Gene Bowden of Eden; three daughters, Darlene Ortiz, Elizabeth Bowden, and Katherine Willborn, all of Winters; nine grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; one brother, Keith Bowden of Taylor; and one sister, Janice Millner of Austin.  
Services were held at 2:00 p.m. Wednesday, November 25, in the Winters Funeral Home Chapel with Reverend James Gehrels officiating. Burial was in Lakeview Cemetery in Winters, directed by Winters Funeral Home.  
Pallbearers were Dustin Frazier, Ricky Joel Ortiz, Mike Mitchell, Earl Foster, John Krause, and Wayne Simpson. Honorary pallbearers were all past and present members of the Winters Volunteer Fire Department.  
Memorials may be made to the Winters Volunteer Fire Department.

**H.H. "Buddy" McQueen**  
BALLINGER—H.H. "Buddy" McQueen, 76, died Thursday morning, November 26, 1998, in Ballinger Memorial Hospital.  
He was born September 21, 1922, in Runnels County to B.U. and Nora Turner McQueen. He served with the U.S. Army 36th Division, 142nd Infantry, during World War II and became a prisoner of war in Germany on September 13, 1943, after being wounded. He received a Purple Heart. He married Mildred Avaneil Curbo on April 13, 1947, in Ballinger.  
Mr. McQueen had worked for the Texas Department of Transportation in Ballinger for 25 years when he retired in 1975. He was active in the women's softball program and very active in the antique business.  
He was preceded in death by his wife, Avaneil McQueen; two brothers, Josh and Mack McQueen; three sisters, Dessie Glover, Mae Phillips, and Ann Ramsey; and a grandson, Jason Thompson.  
Survivors include his wife, Clara McQueen of Ballinger; one daughter, Lana Thompson and husband Manfred of San Angelo; three sons, Danny McQueen and wife Linda of Lanett, Alabama, Joey McQueen and wife Vickie of Mason, and Cary Don McQueen of New Hampshire; ten grandchildren; one great-grandson; and four sisters, Pauline Bradshaw, Pearl Ransberger, and Eva Burris, all of Ballinger, and Fay Ray of Dripping Springs.  
Family visitation was Saturday, November 28, from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. at Rains-Seale Funeral Home. Services were held at 2:00 p.m. Sunday, November 29, at Rains-Seale Chapel with Reverend Darrell Nelson officiating. Military graveside followed in the Old Runnels Cemetery in Ballinger, directed by Rains-Seale Funeral Home.

**Ella Vera Smith**  
MERKEL—Ella Vera Smith, 87, formerly of Winters, died Tuesday, November 24, 1998, in a Merkel nursing home.  
She was born April 10, 1911, in San Saba and lived in Mills County after her marriage to George Lee Smith on November 15, 1932, in Goldthwaite. They later moved to Winters.  
Mrs. Smith was a nurse's aid and a Baptist.  
She was preceded in death by her husband and a grandson, Carey Poe.  
Survivors include one son, George Dale Smith and wife Brenda of Merkel; one daughter, Nelda Poe and husband H.D. "Butch" of Winters; five grandchildren, Curtis Smith of Fort Worth, Sherry Hurst of Abilene, Larry Smith of Merkel, Pam Bell of Alamogordo, New Mexico, and Fred Poe of Winters; seven great-grandchildren, Jennifer, Elise, and Amber Hurst, Chance Smith, and Quentin, Brennen, and Paige Bell; and one brother, Mack Bullard of Winters.  
Graveside services were held at 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, November 25, in the Crews Cemetery with Reverend Gayland Broadstreet officiating. Burial was directed by Winters Funeral Home.  
Memorials may be made to Hospice of the Big Country, 3110 Oldham Lane, Abilene, Texas 79602.

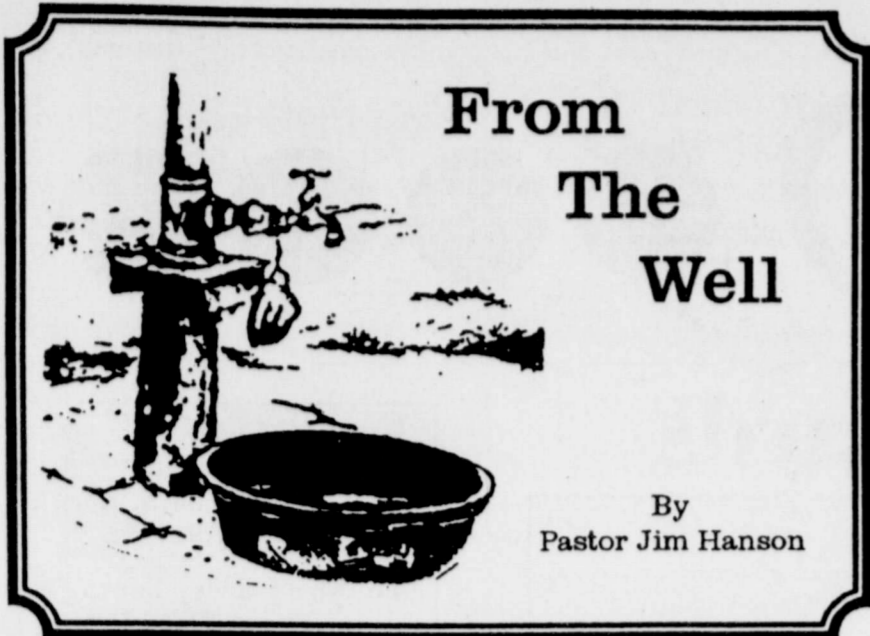
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**For an appointment call: Dr. Gary Goodnight**

**Clinic Number 915-754-4553**





## From The Well

By  
Pastor Jim Hanson



Pastor Jim Hanson

"Oh, you better watch out, you better not cry, you better not pout, I'm telling you why... 'Santa Claus is coming to town.'"

Part of a "Golden Oldie" that I learned when I was a kid. Not that we had a lot of the Santa Claus "stuff" at our house. We had gifts, for sure. And a tree. And all the Christmas goodies. But... no Santa. I guess it was because my folks wanted us all to know that Christmas was reserved for the Christ-child. And, that was okay, too.

But, there is a place for Santa at Christmas. If I ever had any doubts about it, I surely don't anymore. Every since I had a conversation with Santa a couple of months ago. It was at Katie Spill's house, on the day of her birthday. One of her daughters, Joyce, is married to Scotty Gosh. He is the Santa I met there.

Oh, I had seen him before, many times. Every time he and his wife come to visit Katie, they go to church. I'll not forget the first time I saw him, in the line of folks coming forward to receive Holy Communion. He looked just like Santa with a white beard, and white hair, and red cheeks and a smile. But it was not until the party that he let me know that he was, indeed, a Santa Claus.

And, a Santa Claus with a cause. To upgrade Santas and would-be Santas to capture the essence of what Santa Claus is all about... not only to bring gifts... but also to bring PEACE and LOVE, Scotty started being Santa when he was in the gardening and nursery business. In an attempt to make the sales of holiday Christmas trees a family affair. As families began to buy their trees from Scotty year after year, playing the role of Santa began to work its own magic on him. He got "hooked" on Santa.

As we talked, the excitement of his "new calling" took over. He told me that there are forces out there that would not only take Christ out of Christmas, but would take Santa out of Christmas. To take love and peace out of Christmas. So in order to keep Santa on the scene, he has been doing Santa workshops, out there in Las Vegas, Nevada.

In addition to that, he has written a book, "Santa's Handbook, How To Be A Good One." He sent me one in the mail yesterday. It is a wonderful book. Eighteen chapters in all, covering everything from how Santas should look, how to act, how to understand children's facial expressions, how to pick a tree, and all kinds of things on how to do Christmas as a family. Even a chapter on the history of Santa. And, a wonderful chapter on the Ten Favorite Rules for Santas — and for everybody. I'll list them for you: 1) Speak to people. 2) Smile at people. 3) Call people by name. 4) Be friendly and helpful. 5) Be interested in others. 6) Be cordial. 7) Be generous with praise and cautious with criticism. 8) Be considerate of others' feelings. 9) Be respectful of others' opinions. 10) Be alert to give service.

To to it all off, he has written a song, "The Reindeer Song," a family song for everybody all over the world. Some of the lines are:

"Reindeer fly through the sky  
Santa's shouting 'Ho, Ho, Ho!'  
Children sing, sleigh bells ring  
Making music la ti do  
All join hands from every land  
Smiling makes you glow, glow, glow!"

One verse says:

"Gather round, dispel the frowns  
Santa's Plan, Let love abound!  
Forgive the wrong and spread the song  
Happy days to each belong!"

If you are interested, you can call Sammy Claus at 702-873-3551. Or write him at 5125 W. Reno, #3-1101, Las Vegas, Nevada 89118. For sure, this Santa is for real. And, for sure has the same spirit as that real Saint Nicholas. Santa Claus is coming — and, in his very own, very human way, can bring joy to the world.

## TOUR OF HOMES



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THE HOME OF CHARLES AND JANE ALLCORN  
511 Floyd

## 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, longtime 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.

Each donation will be used to light up the life of a patient and family under Hendrick Hospice Care.

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

## Ballinger Choir to perform Dec. 8

The Ballinger Community Choir Christmas program will be Tuesday, Dec. 8, at 7:30 p.m. at the Carnegie Library.

Traditional carols and popular songs of the season will be sung.

Dale Ellis is director of the group, and Mrs. Ida Lee Ellis is the accompanist.

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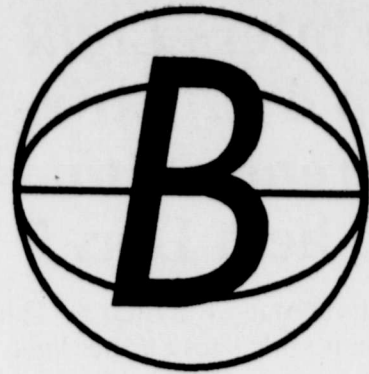
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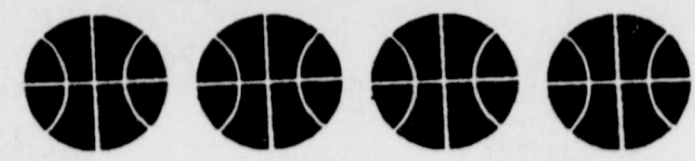
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## WHS Jr. Varsity Lady Blizzards

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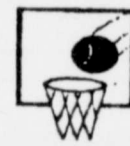


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Michelle Walden  
Meagan Galvan  
Tassi Hopson  
Michelle Burton  
Tracey Burns  
Kayla Torres

### Basketball Hoopla



Team: Junior Varsity Girls Coach: Deb Whittenburg  
Opponent: Miles Date: Nov. 24, 1998  
Place: Miles

POINTS SCORED EACH QUARTER						
	1	2	3	4	OT	FIN.
WINTERS	7	10	7	11		35
OPPONENT	0	0	7	7		14

Free throws made: 7 of 14 for 50%

Player Name	Points	Rebounds	Steals	Assists
Juanita Armendariz	1	3	0	0
Michelle Burton	0	3	2	1
Staci Bishop	8	2	6	3
Tracey Burns*	15	3	3	3
Jackye Dexter	3	2	5	1
Tassi Hopson	0	2	4	0
S. Montgomery	Injured	0	0	0
Mandy Pritchard	2	5	2	2
Brittney Tekell	5	1	7	0
Michelle Walden	1	4	1	1

\*Denotes high point individual for Winters

Team: 8th "A" Boys Coach: Chad Russell  
Opponent: Early Date: Nov. 23, 1998  
Place: Winters

POINTS SCORED EACH QUARTER						
	1	2	3	4	OT	FIN.
WINTERS	4	0	1	7		12
OPPONENT	13	11	2	6		32

Free throws made: 4 of 16 for 25%

Player Name	Points	Rebounds	Steals	Assists
Michelle Burton	0	6	0	0
Theresa Cangioli	2	1	0	0
Meagan Galvan	0	0	0	0
Monica Hicks	0	0	0	0
Cassandra Johnson	0	0	0	0
Isha Lara	6	3	0	0
Kalene Lincycomb	2	0	1	1
Scarlet McMinn	2	0	1	1

\*Denotes high point individual for Winters

Team: 8th "A" Boys Coach: Chad Russell  
Opponent: Early Date: Nov. 23, 1998  
Place: Early

POINTS SCORED EACH QUARTER						
	1	2	3	4	OT	FIN.
WINTERS	11	8	13	20		50
OPPONENT	8	14	13	11		46

Free throws made: 2 of 7 for 29%

Player Name	Points	Rebounds	Steals	Assists
Shane Colburn	4			
Robby Jackson*	25			
Tim Matreos	2			
Mark Moreno	7			
Dustin Palminteris	4			
Gay Simpson	6			

\*Denotes high point individual for Winters

Team: JV Boys #2 Coach: Chris Bearden  
Opponent: Early Date: Nov. 23, 1998  
Place: Early

POINTS SCORED EACH QUARTER						
	1	2	3	4	OT	FIN.
WINTERS	9	13	10	14		46
OPPONENT	21	10	6	11		48

Free throws made: 4 of 6 for 66%

Player Name	Points	Rebounds	Steals	Assists
Dean Blain	11	6	1	3
Will Blain	2	0	0	2
Justin Kalkote	6	3	1	2
Jason Esquivel	1	5	4	1
Jeremy Hoop	5	0	1	1
Jeffrey Jordan	0	1	0	0
Arthur Martinez	3	6	2	1
Lezaniel Martinez	2	9	1	0
Kacy Murphy	0	0	0	0
Jeffrey Dade	0	0	0	0
Wade Parramann	3	3	0	0
Chris Santova	0	0	0	2
Colby Walker*	12	1	4	1

\*Denotes high point individual for Winters

Team: Junior Varsity Girls Coach: Deb Whittenburg  
Opponent: Early Date: Nov. 21, 1998  
Place: Fola Tournament

POINTS SCORED EACH QUARTER						
	1	2	3	4	OT	FIN.
WINTERS	4	1	4	1		10
OPPONENT	28	11	15	9		62

Free throws made: 4 of 6 for 66%

Player Name	Points	Rebounds	Steals	Assists
Juanita Armendariz	0	0	1	0
Staci Bishop	2	0	1	4
Tracey Burns	0	0	0	0
Jackye Dexter	0	0	0	1
Tassi Hopson	1	2	0	0
S. Montgomery	0	0	0	0
Mandy Pritchard*	3	3	1	3
Brittney Tekell	2	5	0	0
Michelle Walden	0	2	0	0

\*Denotes high point individual for Winters

Team: Junior Varsity Girls Coach: Deb Whittenburg  
Opponent: Hamlin Date: Nov. 17, 1998  
Place: Hamlin

POINTS SCORED EACH QUARTER						
	1	2	3	4	OT	FIN.
WINTERS	7	4	6	0		17
OPPONENT	3	8	0	3		21

Free throws made: 7 of 25 for 28%

Player Name	Points	Rebounds	Steals	Assists
Juanita Armendariz	0	0	0	0
Staci Bishop*	12	5	3	1
Tracey Burns	0	0	0	0
Jackye Dexter	0	5	1	0
Tassi Hopson	2	3	1	0
Mandy Pritchard	8	5	3	1
Brittney Tekell	2	2	4	2
Michelle Walden	1	5	2	0

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Team: Junior Varsity Girls Coach: Deb Whittenburg  
Opponent: Hamlin Date: Nov. 17, 1998  
Place: Hamlin

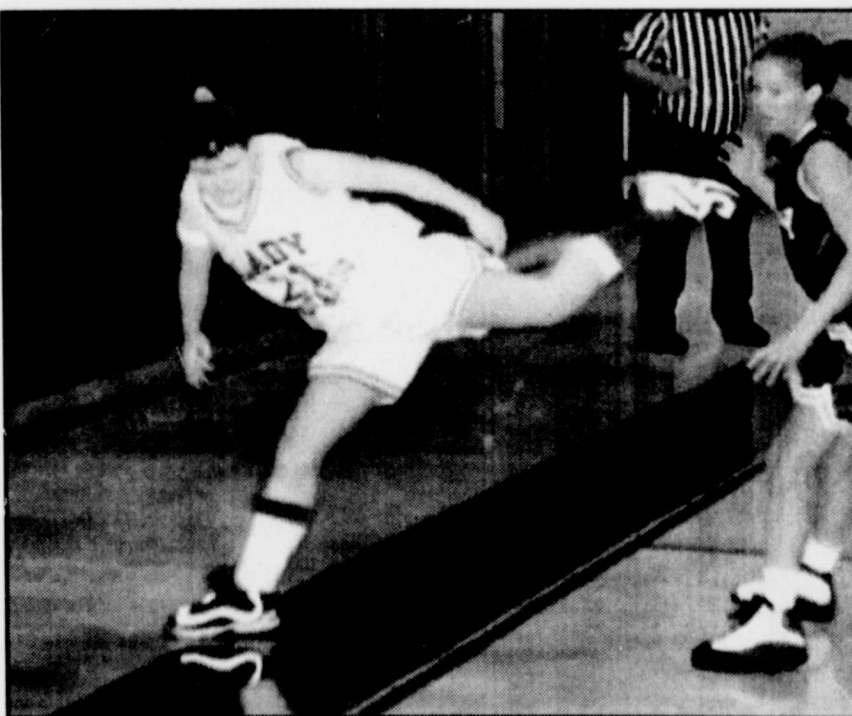
POINTS SCORED EACH QUARTER						
	1	2	3	4	OT	FIN.
WINTERS	7	4	6	0		17
OPPONENT	3	8	0	3		21

Free throws made: 1 of 6 for 16%

Player Name	Points	Rebounds	Steals	Assists
Juanita Armendariz	0	0	0	0
Staci Bishop	2	1	0	1
Tracey Burns	2	1	0	0
Jackye Dexter	0	1	0	0
Tassi Hopson	0	2	0	2
S. Montgomery	0	0	0	0
Mandy Pritchard	0	0	2	2
Brittney Tekell*	11	4	0	0
Michelle Walden	2	10	0	1

\*Denotes high point individual for Winters

There will be a Project Graduation meeting on Thursday, December 3, at 6:30 p.m. in the Media Center.



KALENE LINCYCOMB takes a flying leap as she rushes to keep the ball from going out of bounds during junior varsity action for the Lady Blizzards.

### Basketball '98

Catch the Action

Dec. 3-5—Hawley Tour., There, TBA, JVG, JVB, JVG2, JVB2  
Dec. 3-5—Ballinger Tourney, There, TBA, VG, VB  
Dec. 3-5—Jim Ned Tourney, There, TBA, 7G, 7B  
Dec. 7—Goldthwaite, There, 5 p.m., 7G, 8G, JVG2  
Dec. 7—Goldthwaite, Here, 5 p.m., 7B, 8B, JVB2  
Dec. 8—Coleman\*, There, 5 p.m., JVG, VB  
Dec. 8—Stamford, Here, 6 p.m., JVB, VB  
Dec. 10-12—C-City Tourney, There, TBA, JVB  
Dec. 10-12—Miles Tourney, There, TBA, VG, VB  
Dec. 10-12—Jim Ned Tour., There, TBA, 8G, 8B

VG Varsity Girls VB Varsity Boys  
JVG2 Junior Varsity Girls  
JVB2 Junior Varsity Boys Second Team  
JVB Junior Varsity Boys  
JVB 2 Junior Varsity Boys Second Team  
8B 8th Boys 8G 8th Girls  
7B 7th Boys 7G 7th Girls  
\*Denotes District Games

### CAFETERIA MENU

Dec. 7-Dec. 11  
Subject to change

**Breakfast**  
Monday-Dec. 7  
Cinnamon Roll  
Cereal  
Juice  
Tuesday-Dec. 8  
Blueberry Muffin  
Cereal  
Juice  
Wednesday-Dec. 9  
Biscuit  
Sausage  
Juice  
Thursday-Dec. 10  
Breakfast Burrito  
Cereal  
Juice  
Friday-Dec. 11  
Toast  
Scrambled Eggs  
Juice

**Lunch**  
Monday-Dec. 7  
Fish Krispies  
Macaroni/Cheese  
Green Beans  
Fruit Salad  
Hot Roll  
Tuesday-Dec. 8  
Hot Dog/Chili/Cheese  
Tater Tots  
Sliced Pickles  
Fruit  
Chocolate Pudding  
Wednesday-Dec. 9  
Oven Fried Chicken/Gravy  
Mashed Potatoes  
June Peas  
Vanilla Pudding  
Hot Roll  
Thursday-Dec. 10  
Frito Pie/Chili/Cheese  
Red Beans  
Tossed Salad  
Applesauce Cake  
Friday-Dec. 11  
Ham/Cheese Sandwich  
French Fries  
Lettuce/Pickles  
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**School Days, School Days**

**Sherry Pollan**  
*Special Education*


Sherry Pollan was employed by Winters Independent School District in August 1998 as a self-contained special education teacher at the high school.

Ms. Pollan graduated from Baylor University with a bachelor of arts degree. Her field of study was speech pathology and audiology. She has since acquired a masters degree in deaf education from the University of Texas at Austin, and is currently working on a masters at Angelo State University as a diagnostician.

She was previously employed in Waco, Aldine, and San Antonio, Texas; Kansas City, Missouri; and Washington, D.C.

Sherry has two daughters and one son. Becky, age 19, is attending Baylor University. Fifteen-year-old Megan is a sophomore at Ballinger High School. Zachary, is in 7th grade and is 13.

Ms. Pollan presently resides in Ballinger and is a Protestant. She enjoys raising registered Red Angus cows.




PAUL CARTER, Chrysler representative, demonstrates to first graders what happens when the air bag inside a steering wheel is deployed. Members of the safety tour recently stopped in Winters to present their on-site program to elementary students. The *Do the Buckle* theme appears to be very popular among these children as they attentively watch and listen.

**Do the Buckle campaign makes seat belt safety "cool" for kids**

*Chrysler minivan travels to Winters with life-saving message*

You've heard it for years — "Seat belts save lives!" So, why don't more Americans buckle up? It's a problem Chrysler Corporation is addressing with a new multi-million dollar campaign aimed at reminding kids and people of all ages it's "cool" to *Do the Buckle*.

Featuring a fleet of 10 brightly colored Chrysler minivans, the *Do the Buckle* safety tour will travel a minimum of 300,000 miles reaching more than 45 million people while visiting schools, community centers, auto shows, shopping malls, and other public venues. A two-person team travels in each minivan and performs on-site safety demonstrations and experiments.

The minivan was in Winters on Thursday, November 19, to present Chrysler's program to Winters Elementary students. The invitation had been extended by the Runnels County Extension

Office.

"Every hour someone dies in America simply because they didn't wear a seat belt," said Robert J. Eaton, Chrysler chairman and chief executive officer. "Seat belts are the most effective means of reducing fatalities and serious injuries, and sadly, many Americans aren't using them. We work hard to build safe cars, trucks, and minivans, but even the best safety devices don't work if they are not used and used correctly."

The program's theme song, dance, and video, *Do the Buckle*, play off the tune and lyrics from the '70's hit *Do the Hustle* and incorporate the motion a person makes as they reach over their shoulder and across their torso to buckle a seat belt. In the video, Bucky, a lively, animated character, comes to life to help people of all ages understand the importance of seat belts. The video also features an introduction by Bill

Nye, the star of the weekly Disney production "Bill Nye the Science Guy," and Robert J. Eaton.

The exterior of the minivans feature colorful graphics and a variety of safety messages. The interior is equipped with a monitor for viewing the *Do the Buckle* music video and other safety videos.

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), an estimated 5,500 lives could be saved each year by increasing the level of seat belt usage in the United States to 90 percent. Yet, only 68 percent of Americans wear seat belts. By contrast, Germany stands at 95 percent and Canada stands at roughly 89 percent. *Do the Buckle* is the second phase of Chrysler's successful consumer education outreach, and supports President Clinton's recent plan to increase seat belt usage to 90 percent by 2005.

**Student Council attends District Convention**

by Kelli Stimp, WHS Student Council

Forty-three tie-dye sporting teens from the WHS Student Council attended the District Convention in Abilene on November 11. The members joined a group of 495 student council members from other schools in icebreaker activities such as trying to pop a balloon by hugging and separating into birthday groups to meet new people.

Mrs. Rhea Parramore, sponsor, enjoyed just watching the fun, until the football boys and state cross-country runners started doing the "Bunny Hop." "I was just worried that one of the athletes would be hurt," Parramore said, "and I didn't want to try to explain to the coaches why their kids couldn't play."

But all went well for the WHS



SCARLET McMINN watches her free throw fall through the net during JV action for the Lady Blizzards.

**Financial aid meeting Dec. 3**

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

The meeting will be held at the High School Library on December 3 at 7:00 p.m. Forms will be distributed at this time.

For more information, contact Ketta Garduno at 754-5516.

**Select Choir performance changed to December 17**

Fran Kidwell, elementary school music teacher, reports that the Christmas program performance by the Elementary Select Choir has been changed to Thursday, Dec. 17, following the second grade's program at 6:30 p.m.

For more information, call Mrs. Kidwell at the elementary school at 754-5577.

Birthday Girl is Michelle Paschal.

**Stenholm accepting intern applications**

Congressman Charles W. Stenholm is now accepting applications from college students and educators interested in participating in the 1999 Omar Burluson Internship Program in Washington, D.C.

Completed applications must be submitted in person or post-marked by January 8, 1999, to be considered.

Interns are selected to work in the Congressman's Washington office for one month intervals in June or July. Interns are involved in the daily operation of the Congressman's office and will assist the legislative staff and help research constituent inquiries.

The internship program is open to teachers, educators, and college students registered to vote in the 17th Congressional District, or students attending other universities whose home of record is within the 17th District. The interns are paid a \$1,000 stipend to apply toward basic living and travel expenses.

Intern applications and information can be obtained by contacting Elaine Talley in the Abilene district office at 915-673-7221, from Congressman Stenholm's web page ([www.house.gov/stenholm](http://www.house.gov/stenholm)), or by writing Mr. Raymond McDaniel Jr., chairman, Intern Selection Committee, P.O. Box 543, Abilene, Texas 79604.

Applications are due by January 8, 1999. They will be forwarded to the Selection Committee who will notify finalists by February 19, 1999. Interviews will be held in Abilene on March 13, 1999, and selections will be made at that time.

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# V.F.W. encourages you to support the U.S. troops this Christmas

contributed by Mary Kurtz

Fifty Seven years ago on December 7, 1941 Japanese Forces staged a sneak attack on American installations at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, killing 2,403 American Servicemen and wounding 1,178 others. This attack launched the United States into World War II.

The Winters Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 9193 and the Ladies Auxiliary ask all to join them in their grief over friends lost and in their sympathy for the servicemen and service women and their families who have suffered.

Join us in recalling their sacrifices, their bravery, and their commitment. But also join us in our joy for having served the greatest nation on the face of the earth.

For all who have served, for all who have suffered, and for all who have died, join us as we say, "may the Almighty God bless them—and may God bless America."

We also ask all citizens to fly the flag of the United States at half-staff in honor of the individuals who died as a result of their service at Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1998.

The Ladies Auxiliary and members of Winters Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 9193 are announcing a special effort by the National and State V.F.W. and Auxiliary in supporting the United States Troops that will not be home for Christmas.

They encourage their members and the general public to send cards and letters; because of world terrorism, packages will not be accepted.

Let them know that we appreciate what they are doing for us. Show your support and concern for them by sending a card with a small message to make a difficult period for them bearable.

The following addresses are in effect only from November 15, 1998 to January 15, 1999. Regular postage will be charged.

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Operation Joint Endeavor APO AE 09397

Navy and Marine Corps Personnel aboard ship: Any Service Member

Operation Joint Endeavor FPO AE 09398

For Europe and Southwest Asia:

America Remembers Operation Dear Abby XIV APO AE 09135

For the Mediterranean Basin: America Remembers

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For South America, Central America, and the Caribbean: America Remembers

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Please share your time and letters. Next Christmas it might be one of your family overseas.

In this time of being thankful for what we have received and have in the season to come in which most of us will receive much more, the Ladies Auxiliary and Winters Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 9193 members call upon their friends and neighbors to help them in some recycling projects.

Number 1: we are again collecting old silk and nylon hose to be used in stuffing pillows for the Winters Hospice to be used in their services.

Number 2: we are collecting stamps to be used in therapy for hospitalized veterans. All you need to do is cut around the stamp leaving about 2/8 inch of paper around the stamp.

These may be turned in to any Auxiliary or V.F.W. member or Theresa Patterson at the First State Bank in Winters, or the Cutting Edge Hair Salon, 1019 N. Main, Winters.

## Thirty-Nine Plus final meeting of 1998 Thursday, December 10

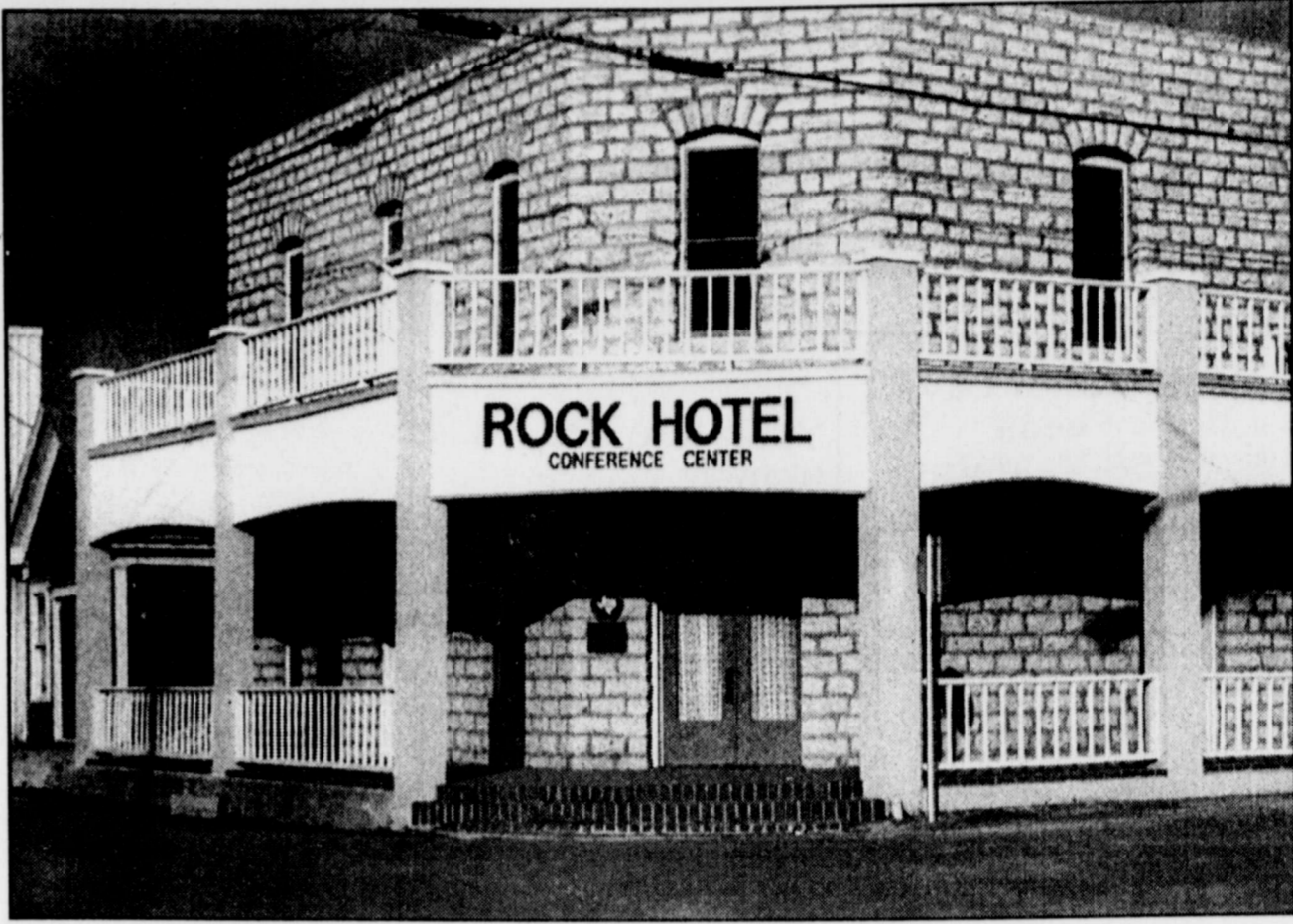
Thirty-Nine Plus is to hold their final meeting of 1998 on Thursday, Dec. 10. A Christmas theme will be observed.

Games and other activities begin at 10:00 a. m.

A noon meal will be furnished by participants, and there will also be a time for prayers for the unfortunate of the community.

This group is sponsored by the First United Methodist Church, as a service to senior citizens and others who wish to come.

Their next meeting will be the fourth Thursday in January.



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West Dale Street

## CITY COUNCIL, continued

about the possibility of adding revenue to the city where some services are already provided.

Tim Glendening, grant consultant for the city, presented a contract from the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs. This contract is for a \$208,000 grant called the HOME program.

The program is to assist elderly and low income residents of owner-occupied single dwellings. This grant would allow approximately nine homes to be brought up to minimum standards.

The city approved the contract and also appointed Glendening as administrator of the contract at a fee of \$8,000 which was included in the grant.

Also approved for the HOME program was a Rehab Manager contract for the amount of \$21,000. Glendening stated that this program will be started in approximately 45 days.

Further information will be published in *The Winters Enterprise* as is made available.

Council members also voted to adopt an ordinance to reduce the speed limit on West Dale street in the area through Dry's from 45 to 40 mph.

Candace Lander of Associated Beef City spoke to the council about a request for a change in the water contract between Associated Beef and the city of Winters. The original contract required the payment for 40,000 gallons of water per day, whether or not they used that amount. Lander asked to negotiate their contract by lowering their minimum and in return, lengthening the one-year contract to somewhere between three to five years.

This agenda item was tabled for further study, and the council asked Hassan to find out how much the city paid for installing the water lines to Associated Beef.

Due to the Christmas holidays, the next council meeting will be December 21, at which time the existing contract with Associated Beef City will be reviewed.

Alderman Mike Meyer moved to approve the proposed animal shelter agreement with the city of Tuscola, with minor changes in

rates, contingent upon approval by the city of Tuscola. These rates will be \$10 per animal per day and a \$10 euthanasia. The motion carried.

Administrator Hassan gave council members the 1997-98 Fiscal Year Annual Report.

Council members recessed to executive session at 7:20 p.m. to discuss personnel matters, and reconvened in regular session at 8:05 with no action taken and the meeting was adjourned.

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## Poe's Corner

By Charlsie Poe

### Postal Service is branching out

There are two choices now available in stamps if you want to brighten up your Christmas cards: Madonna, dressed in gold, holding baby Jesus against a red background or a Christmas wreath of various colors.

The Stamp Act, a law passed by the British Parliament in 1765 to raise revenue requiring that stamps be used for all legal and commercial documents, newspapers, etc., in the American Colonies. It was repealed in March 1776, because of strong colonial opposition.

Although postage stamps were made available in 1847, mailers had the option of sending their letters COD until 1855 when prepayment became compulsory. Previously, if the addressee refused to accept the letter — and they often did — the post offices labor and delivery costs were never recovered.

Street boxes for mail collection began to appear in big cities in 1858 and 1863, free city delivery was instituted in 49 of the country's largest cities by 1890, 454 post offices were delivering mail to residents of U.S. cities. It was not until the turn of the century, however, that delivery came free to farmers and other rural residents.

The period between July 6, 1932 and August 1, 1958 is the longest rates cycle in the history of the Postal Service. The cost of postage stamps was stable for 26 years during this era, leading to a public mind-set labeled as the "three-cent syndrome." Because of the long stretch between rate increases,



Charlsie Poe

public opposition to the four-cent stamp was strong.

The shortest rates cycle was between the period of March 22, 1981 and November 1, 1981, when First Class postage rose from 18 to 20 cents.

The third decade of the 20th century is known as "The Roaring Twenties," and what a ten years it was!

The men, women, and events that highlighted the 1920's are saluted on a 15 cent stamp set as part of the "celebrate the century" program of the U.S. Postal Service issued sets of 15 for the 1900's and the 1910's.

Heading the list of heroes of the 1920's was "Babe" Ruth, beloved as the hitting star of the New York Yankees. He appears on a new 32 cent stamp in the series. He is seen hitting a home run at Yankee Stadium.

The Sylvester & Tweety stamp is the second U.S. offering featuring animated characters. It follows the track of popular Bugs Bunny issue. Both stamps have been declared ambassadors to stampers, the Postal Services youth stamp collection program.

This spring the U.S. Postal Service spring into action with the issuance of five 32 cent "flower-

ing trees" commemorative stamps. They are Pacific dogwood, the Southern magnolia, blue paloverde, yellow poplar and the prairie crab apple.

The last stamps I bought were called "Bright Eyes" and included a dog, cat, fish, and a little fat pig. We are getting fancy.

When the first six postmasters served in Winters postage was 2 cents. They were Frederick Plate, McDonald Townsend, Robert L. Hulsey, Thomas W. Murray, Thomas W. Dillingham, and Wylie F. Flynt.

The post masters serving under the 3 cent period were Benjamin F. Huntsman, Thomas D. Coupland, Harvey O. Jones, Miss Laura Kittrell, and George R. Pace.

Otis J. Murray was clerk in charge during the 6 cent period also Herbert M. Nichols was postmaster.

Charles L. Greer was officer in charge in the 18 cent period and Gay Ann McDorman became postmaster during that time.

Gary V. Absber was officer in charge in the 20 cent period and Benny J. Drye became postmaster.

Joe A. Woods was officer in charge in the 25 cent period and Merle D. Thompson became postmaster. He continues today under our 32 cent period. He led the City in a stamp memorial program during the Winters Centennial 1890-1990. And many of us have the memorial stamp.

### "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.



The first adhesive postage stamps went on sale July 1, 1847.

### TCA Cable TV, Concho Valley Regional Food Bank join forces to collect food for area hungry

From November 30 to December 30, TCA Cable TV will work with the Concho Valley Regional Food Bank to gather food for area residents in need, according to Cable TV General Manager Larson Lloyd and Food Bank Executive Director Milt Johnson.

Lloyd said canned food and other commercially-wrapped nonperishable food items will be collected at the cable office, then given to the Concho Valley Regional Food Bank. "People wanting to help neighbors who are having a hard time feeding themselves and their families should

bring food donations to our office, located at 28 West Concho Avenue, from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Friday," said Lloyd.

Lloyd said the cable company's participation in the food drive stems from a commitment to participation in causes that will benefit area residents. "We feel we have the opportunity to spread the word about the food drive over our cable channels, and that many of our fine customers will feel moved to participate," said Lloyd. "Our objective here is to make sure the food drive receiver enough donations over the

next few weeks so that everyone who is in need will receive enough to eat this winter."

The cable company is also offering a special incentive for those who wish to contribute to the food drive. New cable customers will receive free installation, and current customers will receive a free connection to various cable service, for the donation of 10 or more food items.

Area residents who have questions about the food drive should contact the cable office at 655-8911.

### SNO QUEEN, continued

The route will travel north on Main Street, turn east on Truett, turn south on Rogers, turn west on Parsonage, and then turn south on Murray.

Sno-Queen contestants will continue to Grant Street to the designated area behind the Alderman Cave parking lot.

The rest of the parade will go to East Dale Street, where they will depart.

Judging will be conducted prior to the parade, between 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Judges will be walking among the entrants, and the awards will be presented before the parade begins. Winners will be announced during the Sno-Queen pageant.

If you did not enter the parade before the deadline, you will not be considered for the cash prizes. However, we welcome any and all participants and encourage you to join in the community fun.

Sno-Queen contestants with their cars/floats will meet in the parking area between the First State Bank and Wes-T-Go. All other entries will be directed to the blocked off area at the Family Dollar Store parking lot.

Chamber directors will direct the parade participants to their

designated areas. Everyone's participation will be greatly appreciated.

Area businesses and merchants have donated prizes to be given away following the Christmas parade. Participating merchants will have designated entry boxes available Saturday morning only. Customers will receive an entry ticket with each purchase at the business. The drawing will be

held during the Sno-Queen festivities in the parking lot between the Winters Public Library and Alderman Cave. You must be present at the drawing to win.

Begin the Christmas season by enjoying the excitement of the parade and allowing the children to have their picture made with Santa and his sleigh (\$1.50). The sleigh will be located near the stage area by the library.

### Winters Police Academy applications available thru Dec.

The Winters Police Department announces the formation of its second series in its Citizens Police Academy.

The academy will begin January 13, 1999, with classes being conducted at City Hall on Wednesday nights for six consecutive weeks.

The academy was created to provide information to the attending citizens so that they may make informed judgements about the Police Department and police activity, according to Sergeant Alfredo Sanchez.

Sanchez says the department becomes more aware of the feelings and concerns of the community from the students' interaction

and input. The instruction increases police/community rapport through the educative process.

Topics to be addressed include training, communications, criminal investigations, DWI procedures, family violence, and juvenile laws. Instruction will consist of lectures, tours, demonstrations, and hands-on experience.

You must live or work in Winters, be 21 years of age, and never have been convicted of a Class B misdemeanor or above to enroll in the academy.

Applications are available at City Hall and will be accepted through December 31, 1998.



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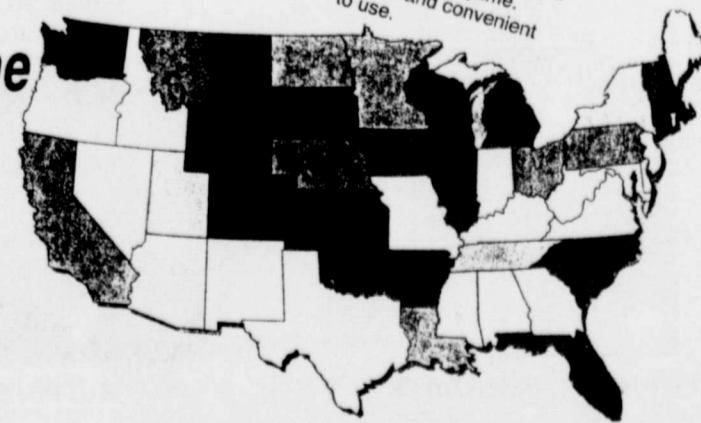
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## Crews News

By Hilda Kurtz



Hilda Kurtz

*If we had known that grandkids were so much fun, we'd had them first!*

The Crews Supper is Saturday, Dec. 5, beginning at 6 p.m. Hot dogs and hamburgers will be served. If you would like to bring a dessert, please do so. Also bring a Christmas tree ornament to exchange. See you there!

Funeral services for Viron Wilkerson were held Monday at 2 p.m. in Dallas. He passed away Saturday, Nov. 28, at Round Rock Nursing Center. Our sympathy to his families and Selma Wilkerson of Crews.

Melvina and Wilmer Gerhart visited Sally Mae Gerhart in Hendrick Hospital, Room 4110, on Sunday evening.

Melvina also reported that Myrtle Wright of Menard is in Shannon Hospital. Myrtle had fractured her sacrum and also received a pacemaker.

Nancy Spill of Winters spent Sunday afternoon with Josie Hoppe. Josie had a nice, long phone visit with Alma (Spill) Benson of California. Alma said as they talked she could see snow but none yet where she lived. Alma says to tell all hello around Winters.

Sunday guests with Nila and Therin Osborne were Helen Alexander; Bro. Akins and Ramona of Ballinger; Marvin and Melvena Gerhart; and Scott and Melissa Gerhart of Winters and Melissa's sister, Amanda. Dennis McBeth, Roy McBeth and his son of Adina also came one day.

Hopewell Church visitors on Sunday morning were Carolyn Webb's granddaughter, Stephanie Webb of Austin; Gene Faubion; and Mrs. Smith of Novice.

Thanksgiving Day with the Wesley McGallians were Nila and Therin Osborne; Don and Cindy McGallian and children; Sue Campbell; and Wesley's niece, her husband, and their baby.

I got about 1/2 dozen drops of rain about 4 p.m. Sunday.

I spent Thanksgiving in San

Angelo with my daughter, Hildegard, and her husband, Calvin. Also present were Jimmy and Brenda Villers and daughters, Shannon and Shea; Peggy and Harold Liebo and daughter, Wendy, and son, Nicholas. Jimmy and Shannon came and got me at 9 a.m. Hildegard and Wendy brought me home at 5 p.m. I had a wonderful time.

Dale, Linda, and Katy Duggan; Elwood and Becky Brown; Frances Brown of Dallas; Amy and Brandon Mansell of Lubbock spent Thanksgiving Day with Susan and Chauncey Mansell in Ballinger.

On Friday, Dale, Linda, Katy, Will, and Leslie Duggan were in Cherokee to visit with Dale's brother Danny and his family. They also met Jerry and Mary Duggan, Dale's parents of Waco, Dale's brother Tim, and Jackie Duggan of Waco. All enjoyed a second Thanksgiving Day.

Spending Thanksgiving Day with Helen Alexander were Weldon, LaVonda, Elise, and Tye Foreman of Kerrville; Erhard and Margie Fisher of Kerrville; Donnelda Shannon of Abilene; and S.K. Alexander of Austin. Some stayed a few more days.

Edith Everett, and Carolyn and Joe Webb spent Thanksgiving with Jim and Mary Everett at Grandfalls. Carolyn spent time Friday in Austin. She picked up Stephanie Webb and carried her home on Monday. Spending Thanksgiving Day with Steve and Penny Grissom were Patsy and Ricky Grissom; Stacy and Brad Walford and sons, Carlton and Patrick; Whitney and friend Chris of Fort Worth; Wanda and Wendall King and their two girls; and Katherine Thomas.

The Faubion families gathered in the home of Noble Faubion on Thanksgiving Day.

Rodney Faubion of Dallas spent a few days and so did Gene from California. Gene is home on leave on his way to Hawaii.

Brian Faubion called home on Thanksgiving Day from Hawaii and talked to the entire family. Lynn Faubion called from Mexico City, where he is located for a current job.

Carolyn Kraatz and sons, Chad and Wayne; Melinda Kraatz of San Angelo; Kenny and Eileen Cartwright and children, Jeremy

and Tiffany Prater had Thanksgiving Dinner. I'm sure they missed their mom, Harvey Mae, who is still in the Ballinger Hospital, Room 26. She was doing some better over the weekend.

The Marvin Gerhart families wish to thank one and all for the help, prayers, visits, cards, and every little thing that their friends did while Sally Mae and Myrtle were in the hospital.

Fairy and Wilbert Alcorn spent Thanksgiving in Weatherford with Johnnie and Linda Denson and their children. Visitors during the week were Abe, Gerald, and Mary Jane Giles; Serell King of Brownwood; Ruthie Odom of San Angelo; and granddaughter Tammy and Keith of Dallas.

Audine McBeth's sister, Gaylene, and her family came during the Thanksgiving holidays and stayed with the Dennis McBeths.

During the week with Juanita Shields were her daughter Jennie and husband Dave of Houston, and her mother of Georgia. They spent Thanksgiving in Abilene with daughter-in-law, Rosalind Shields.

Pat and Abe Giles of Brownwood; Marseno Hallo and T.C. of Dallas; and Billy and Gene Fenton of Coleman spent Thanksgiving with Leona and Roy Mathies.

Carol and Mike Kozelsky hosted the family Thanksgiving dinner in their home in Winters on Thanksgiving Day. Guests present were Joe and Dorine Kozelsky, Margie Jacob, Jeanna Kozelsky of Corpus Christi, Scott Kozelsky of College Station, Kathryn Kozelsky of Abilene, and Sharon and Jerry Engler of Brownwood. Also Jodi, Justin, and Bryce Busenlehner, Kristi Ellis, Katelyn Colle, Brenda Jacob from Midland, and Beverly VanZandt and Corey and Brad.

On Saturday, Beverly VanZandt, Brenda and Margie Jacob, Sharon and Jerry Engler, and Bryce Busenlehner attended the wedding supper and dance in St. Lawrence for Mr. and Mrs. Herb Cook who were married recently in San Antonio. Mrs. Cook is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Halfmann and niece of Margie Jacob. Margie and Beverly returned home with Brenda in Midland and came back Sunday.

## Financial Focus

By Jimmy Newsom

### Diversification can be a life saver

Edward Noble was one of those people who understood that variety is the spice of life. In 1913, he approached Clarence Crane, the inventor of the peppermint Life Saver, with the idea of producing the candy in a variety of flavors. Crane didn't want any part of this plan, so he sold Noble all rights to the candy for \$2,900.

Today, Life Savers is a billion-dollar business, and the reason Noble became owner of it—and not Crane—was because he knew the value of diversification. He didn't base his success on the sales of just one flavor of candy. He knew that by offering a variety of flavors, he could appeal to more people. At the same time, he protected his business should any one flavor fall from grace with the public.

Like Edward Noble, smart investors understand the value of variety. They know that variety is the foundation of a good investment plan. Whether you call it diversification, asset allocation, or simply "not putting all your eggs in one basket," the benefits of spreading your dollars among a variety of investments cannot be overstated.

One of the main benefits of choosing a variety of investments is that you have some protection should one of those investments experience a downturn. No single investment performs well under all conditions. In fact, different types of investments sometimes go in opposite directions. For example, when the stock market declines, bonds generally perform well and vice versa. Owning both types of investments will benefit you in nearly any economic environment.

Diversification also protects against loss of purchasing power.

Having all your money in fixed-income investments, such as bonds and CDs, will not allow you to keep up with inflation. Why is this important? Consider for a moment what has happened to the price of bread over the past 40 years.

Year	\$1 Would Buy
1956	6 loaves of bread
1966	3 loaves of bread
1996	1 loaf of bread

So, although you usually know exactly how much a fixed-income investment will return at maturity, what you don't know is how much purchasing power that money will retain. Placing a portion of your assets in growth investments, however, has historically allowed you to outpace inflation.

Another benefit of diversification is that it offers the potential for better returns. Consider the example of two individuals, each with \$10,000 to invest. Investor A uses the entire amount to purchase U.S. government bonds paying seven percent. Twenty-five years later, his investment is worth more than \$54,000.

Investor B, however, decides to spread his nest egg among five different types of investments. The first three turn out to be good choices. He places \$2,000 in an international growth fund that averages a 15 percent annual return, \$2,000 in a growth-and-income fund that averages ten percent annually and \$2,000 in a tax-free municipal bond paying five percent.

His other two investments are not as successful. One breaks even, and the other is completely lost. How badly do these two investments hurt his return? At the end of 25 years, Investor B has

more than \$96,000, roughly 44 percent more than Investor A.

This example illustrates the importance of diversifying the type of investment. Investor B's portfolio included a growth investment, a growth-and-income investment and a fixed-income investment within each category.

For example, with growth and growth-and-income investments, such as stocks and stock mutual funds, many investors concentrate too much of their money in companies that are familiar, such as consumer goods and utilities. Others lean too heavily on what's hot, like technology stocks. Stocks and stock mutual funds should represent a variety of companies and industries. Diversifying this way will protect you from negative events in any one company or industry.

You can also diversify the fixed-income portion of your portfolio. These investments should include bonds with short-, intermediate- and long-term maturities. This practice, called laddering maturities, protects you against interest-rate fluctuations. When interest rates fall, you have money invested at higher rates. When interest rates rise, you have money available to invest at those higher rates.

The specific mix of investments that's right for you depends on your needs for safety and return. Ask a professional to review your investments to make sure they're adequately diversified. The few minutes you spend evaluating your portfolio can be a priceless investment. As Edward Noble discovered, diversification can be a life saver.

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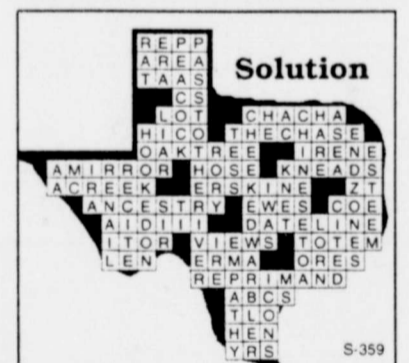
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The information below is taken from reports on file with the Winters Police Department. Some of the information is provided to police by citizens, and in some cases, police have not finished investigating the reports. These reports make up a small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

Winters Police Department reports received and/or investigated from Sunday, Nov. 22, 1998, through Saturday, Nov. 28, 1998, Winters Police Officers:

- received a report of a structure fire in the 200 block of State Street. No injuries were reported and the house received a lot of smoke damage.
- arrested Benjamin Diaz, 20, of Santa Anna, for felony driving while intoxicated, driving while license suspended, and resisting arrest or transport after receiving a report of a disturbance in the 400 block of Charles Street.

- arrested Alice Sorrell, 18, of Santa Anna, after receiving a report of a disturbance call in the 400 block of Charles Street for disorderly conduct and a Class C assault.

- arrested Joe Praxton Adams, 50, of Winters, for public intoxication after receiving a call of a male subject almost getting run over in the 300 block of Hamilton.

- arrested Bobby Duwain Gray, 31, of Winters for possession of marijuana after receiving a report of a disturbance in the 300 block of State Street.

- arrested Arnulfo Silba, 19, of Winters for criminal trespass and failure to identify after receiving a disturbance call in the 600 block of Quah.

- received a report of a disturbance in the 200 block of Tinkle. No charges were filed.

- received a report of a disturbance in the 200 block of Charles. Charges are pending at this time.

- arrested Michael Ray Davis, 26, of Ballinger, for driving while intoxicated after being stopped on a traffic violation in the 500 block of Wood Street.

Runnels County Crimestoppers offers a cash reward for information which leads to the grand jury indictment or conviction of offenders and the caller does not have to give his or her name. To give a Crimestoppers tip, call your local law enforcement agency at:

Winters Police Department—754-4121  
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**URGENTLY NEED** dependable person in Winters area. Regardless of training, write W.P. Hopkins, Texas refinery Corp., Dept. W-79567, Box 711, Ft. Worth, Tx 76101-0711. **9-48(2tp)**

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## Garage Sales

**GARAGE SALE—Our** stuff could be your treasure. Saturday, Dec. 5, only. 214 Laurel Dr., Winters, TX 79567. 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. **9-49(1tp)**

**FOR SALE—Port-A-Crib, \$25;** Portable Whirlpool bathtub with attachment, \$25; T.V. (black and white), \$15; and a Hoover vacuum cleaner, \$25. 511 State Street or call 754-5866. **9-49 (1tp)**

## Public Notice

Elm Creek Water Control District will meet in regular session on Tuesday, December 8, 1998, at the Winters Area Chamber of Commerce, 118 West Dale, Winters, Texas.

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**109 E. Jones-3B/2B,** close to school, fenced yard, wrap-around porch.

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# Drought-stricken farms, ranches may be eligible for ECP assistance

Friday, Dec. 4, last day to sign up at FSA office

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. Producers who have suffered a loss from natural disaster may contact the local county FSA office and request assistance through December 4, 1998.

To qualify for assistance, the damage:

- must be so costly to rehabilitate that federal assistance is or will be needed to return the land to productive use.
- must be unusual and not the type that would recur frequently in the same area.
- must affect the productive capacity of the farmland.

• must impair or endanger the land.

A producer qualifying for ECP assistance may receive cost-share levels not to exceed 64% of the eligible cost of restoration measures. 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 or existing irrigation systems for orchards and vineyards.
- constructing and deepening wells for livestock water.
- developing springs or seeps for livestock.
- restoring conservation structures and other similar installations (tank clean out).

To be eligible for assistance, practices must not be started until:

- an application for cost-share assistance has been filed.
- the local county FSA committee or its representative has conducted an onsite inspection of the damaged area.
- the agency responsible for technical assistance, such as the Natural Resource Conservation Service, has made a needs determination, which may include cubic yards of earthmoving, feet of pipeline, etc., required for rehabilitation.
- FSA committee has issued approval.

For more information, contact the local FSA office at 365-5757.

## New directors on Sheep & Goat Predator Management Board

Canvassing of the ballots submitted by producers for the biennial election of the Sheep & Goat Predator Management Board took place on November 12, 1998, and resulted in the following directors being selected to serve a 6-year term as a director for each of the three districts that comprise the referendum area.

Elected were Eugene Vinson, Reagan County, District 1; Jim Davis, Menard County, District 2; Dan Crenwelge, Gillespie County, District 3.

The board wishes to express their appreciation to all those who participated in this process.

## Official Records

**County Court Criminal**  
**November 13**  
 Belinda L. Ruiz, filed for theft of merchandise and/or cash by check  
**November 17**  
 Edward Villareal, Rowena, filed for theft of merchandise by check  
 Brenda Guerrero, Ballinger, filed for theft of merchandise by check  
**November 18**  
 Robert D. Martinez, Abilene, filed for theft of merchandise by check  
 David L. Whitlock, Waco, filed for theft of merchandise by check  
 Evelyn Flowers, Ballinger, filed for theft of merchandise by check  
 Erick John Esquivel, Winters, filed for resisting arrest  
 Pamela Stokes, Ballinger, filed for theft of merchandise by check  
 Judy Crouch, Ballinger, filed for theft of merchandise by check  
**November 19**  
 Dora E. Chappa, San Angelo, filed for theft of merchandise and/or cash by check  
 Laura N. Lindamood, Miles, filed for theft of merchandise by check  
**November 23**  
 William John Narro, Ballinger, filed for driving while license suspended

**CRP SIGN-UP**—Conservation Reserve Program sign-up #18 ends on December 11, 1998. Contracts accepted during this sign-up will become effective October 1, 1999.

Existing CRP that is scheduled to expire September 30, 1999, may submit an offer at this time. Offers will be evaluated and ranked using an Environmental Benefits Index (EBI) based on the potential environmental benefits gained from enrolling the land in CRP.

Producers are encouraged to contact the Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) to discuss the steps that can be taken to maximize EBI points and increase the chance of offer acceptance. If an offer is accepted, USDA will provide 50% cost share assistance to establish any required cover.

To be eligible to submit an offer, you must have owned or operated the acreage for at least the preceding 12 months. Proof of ownership (land deeds) are required for all offers.

Contact the USDA office of an

appointment to submit an offer.

**CRP GRAZING**—Emergency grazing of Conservation Reserve Program acreage is scheduled to end on November 30, 1998.

Runnels County has been granted an extension to graze through February 28, 1999.

However, before grazing can continue, you must come back to this office and re-register on those acres to be grazed. Grazing without authorization is a violation and will result in a severe grazing penalty and possible contract termination.

Acreage which was grazed earlier and will be grazed during this additional extension will be inspected. If it is found that the grazing plan is being violated, livestock will have to be removed.

**LIVESTOCK ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**—The Livestock Assistance Program will provide assistance to livestock owners who suffered forage losses to native and improved pastures and forage sorghums intended for grazing in 1998. The county committee has requested that this pro-

gram be implemented in Runnels County, and expects this in the very near future. You will be notified when we are approved.

To file an application, you will need to know number, type, and weight range of all livestock owned in 1998. You must have owned livestock for 90 days to be eligible, so be prepared to verify dates of any purchased livestock. Also needed are dates of any livestock sales and dates offspring were weaned.

If you haven't already done so, you will need to provide the USDA office with the acreage, location, and type of grass or forage on which a loss occurred. Also required are the percent of grazing loss for each forage type. The county committee has set the maximum loss at 80%.

Benefits will be paid on the lesser of the feed value of available grazing land or feed value required for the eligible livestock.

Payments will be issued at the end of January, 1999, and may be pro-rated if the requested total benefits nationwide exceeds the authorized \$200 million.

## Extension News & Views

By Mike Mauldin, Extension Agent-Ag

## Forage and grassland meeting coming to area

On December 10 and 11, the Texas Forage and Grassland Council will hold their annual meeting and producer program at the Texas A&M Research and Extension Center in San Angelo.

This organization moves the annual meeting to different areas of the state each year, and tours and programs are tailored to meet the needs of local producers.

The program will begin at 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 10, with the educational tour.

This year's tour will feature research on brush control, native pasture management, and wildlife management.

Tour guides and speakers will be Dr. Alan McGinty and Dr. Darrell Ueckert, co-founders of the popular Brush Busters techniques of brush management.

The tours will conclude around 5:00 p.m.

Three continuing education units (CEUs) will be awarded to producers with pesticide applicator licenses who attend the tour.

Friday will begin with registration at 8:00 a.m. at the A&M Center.

The first topic will be "Renovation of CRP Land" by Dr. Don Dorsett, retired Extension forage

specialist.

Charles Stichler, Extension agronomist from Uvalde, then will discuss "Bermudagrasses For West Texas" and Dr. Billy Warrick, Extension agronomist from San Angelo, will discuss "Summer Annual Grasses."

The final topic will be "Drought Management" and will be discussed by Dr. Dennis Herd, Extension beef cattle specialist from College Station.

The meeting will end with an awards luncheon honoring producers, agribusiness, and youth who have showed great leadership in the areas of forage production.

This program promises to be a very rewarding one to ranchers, hay producers, and small landowners looking to improve grazing for livestock.

A \$20 registration fee will be charged to cover the tour, meeting, noon meal on Friday, and a copy of the proceedings from the conference.

To receive the special pre-registration rate of \$20, please call the Forage and Grasslands Councils office at (512) 238-0515 before December 8.



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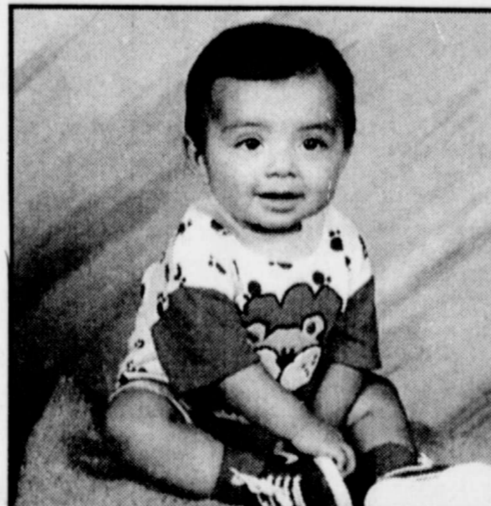
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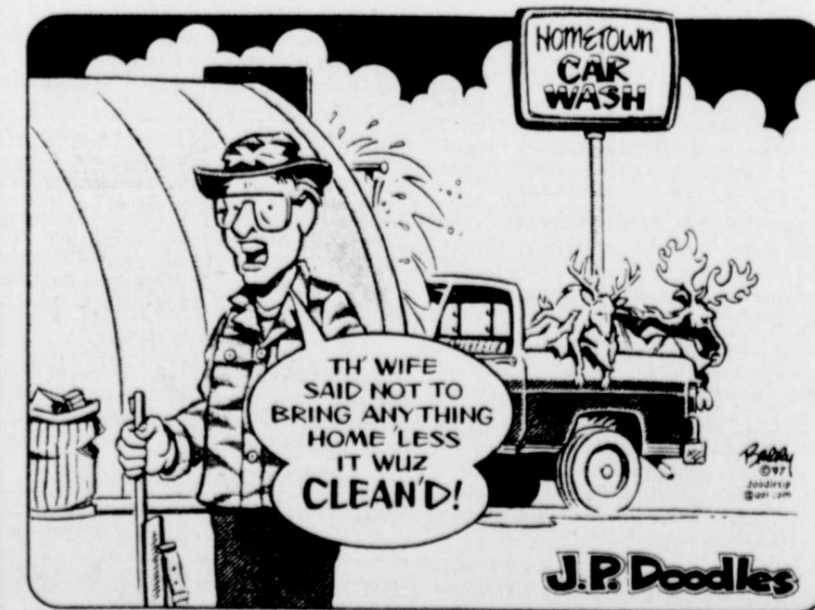
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