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JOY—I know what happiness is, for I have done good work

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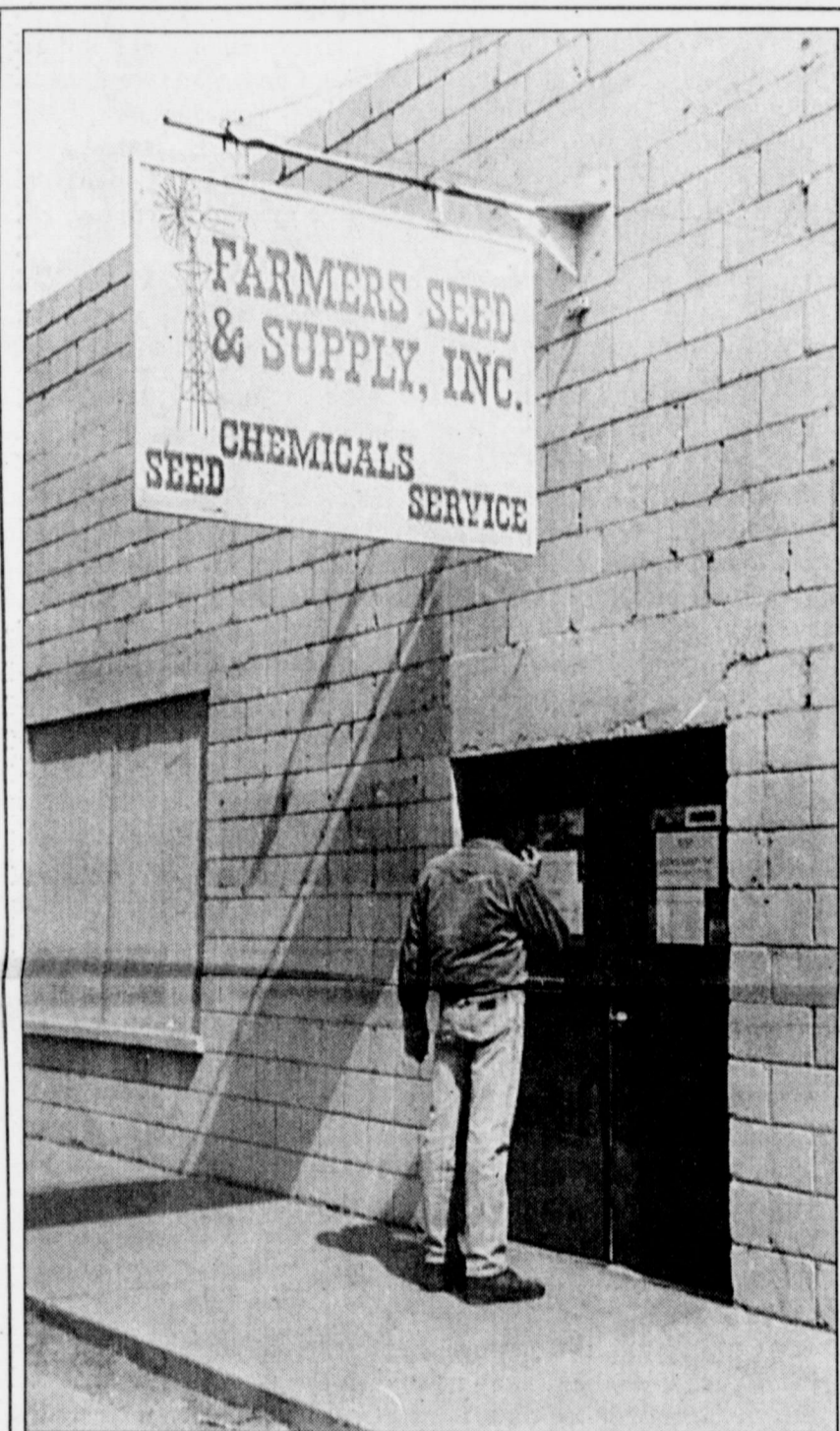
Thursday, March 11, 1999

Winters, Texas

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Farmers Seed and Supply closes after 20 years of service

"Poor ag economy" blamed for demise of business



A LOCAL FARMER reads the closing notice posted on the door of Farmers Seed & Supply. Servicing farmers locally and in nearby states for more than twenty years, the company, owned by Randall and Susan Conner, suddenly closed its doors last Friday, March 4, citing the poor agricultural economy as the major reason for shutting down.

The ripple effect of the poor agriculture economy in West Texas has claimed another victim.

On Friday, March 4, Randall and Susan Conner closed the doors to Farmers Seed and Supply of Winters after serving this area and surrounding states for more than twenty years.

"We've had significant losses over the past three years, particularly 1998," said Randall. "We've got a generally poor ag economy right now. The margins are too small and overhead is too high."

The first eight months of 1998 were "terrible," according to Conner. He said they had three good months in the fall of last year, but it was not enough to compensate for those eight months.

Conner said they had applied for a Small Business Administration disaster loan last August, and after going through a roller coaster of emotions and expectations for eight months, they received word on March 1 that their loan had been denied.

"SBA said we didn't fit their criteria in spite of the situation in 1998," Conner said. "And if you don't grow, you go backward. But

it takes money to grow."

Farmers Seed and Supply, located at 108 South Melwood, began as Farmers Supply in February, 1978. Owners Randall and Susan Conner and Randall's dad, Robert Conner, incorporated in 1980 and became Farmers Seed and Supply, Inc.

In 1988 they sold the operation of the company to Tri-State Chemical of Hereford. After three years, the operation was sold to

plant had been at Conner's farm. In 1982 Brent Mikeska asked Randall to run the Chickasha elevator which was named Winters Grain Company.

During that three years Conner built the seed plant here in Winters.

Mikeska sold the elevator in 1985 to Alderman-Cave, but kept the seed plant for three more years after which time Conner bought it from Mikeska.

offering numerous spring and fall seeds, some of which were proprietary.

One of the most successful seeds was the Win-Tex wheat which was developed in cooperation with Malcolm and Rodrick Bredemeyer of Winters. According to Conner, this became the most predominate beardless wheat in Texas and was also sold in other states.

Then the drought conditions of 1998 really attacked the local farmers.

"Local business just dried up due to the economic conditions," said Conner. "We tried to fill in the gaps with other products or services. We've shipped products to Alabama, South Carolina, Illinois, Arizona, New Mexico, Oklahoma and even Mexico."

Conner said he's continued to have good dealer customers from as far away as 200 miles. "The

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"It's been more than just customers — it's been friend to friend, and not just on a local level but also statewide."
Randall Conner

Abilene Ag, who retained ownership for a year and a half.

Randall and Susan rebought the entire business in 1993 and combined all its aspects. The store had stayed the same but the seed

In 1993, the Conners brought everything together as one business, Winters Seed Company dba Farmers Seed and Supply.

Until recently the business has been a lifeline for local farmers,

Election filing deadlines near

Potential candidates for upcoming elections for City of Winters, Winters Independent School District, and North Runnels Hospital have only a few more days in which to file their candidacy.

March 17 is the deadline for filing for candidacy in the city and school elections. April 1 is the deadline for North Runnels Hospital candidates.

In the school election, seats from Places 2, 4, 5, and 6 will be

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Open House for new jail slated March 27

Open House for the new Runnels County Jail was set for Saturday, March 27, by Commissioners at a special meeting on Tuesday afternoon, March 2.

Commissioners had been told by ArchSystems Construction Superintendent Jimmy Guevara the jail should be complete and turned over to the county by that time. The open house is set for 3:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. on that last Saturday in March.

A budget amendment, to allow transfers of monies from the General County fund and ad valorem taxes from the Road and Bridge fund, was okayed by the Court. The funds will be used for completion of the new jail facility and

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KELLY BEARDEN gets ready to heave her first place toss in the 8th grade shot put competition at the junior high track meet in Winters last Friday.



VINCENT TORRES, 3rd grader, shows some real style as he participates in the "Jump Rope for Heart" fundraiser. Students from first through fifth grade raised almost \$3,000 to benefit the American Heart Association.

Library to host "42" Bridge Tournament

Play begins at 7:30 Friday night at CC

Winters Public Library is hosting a "42" Progressive Bridge Tournament on Friday, March 12, at the Winters Community Center.

Registration begins at 7:00 p.m. with play promptly following at 7:30.

Trophies will be awarded at 10:00 p.m. to winners.

Tickets are available at a cost of \$5 at Winters Public Library or from any library board member. Tickets may also be purchased at the door.

WHAT'S HAPPENING ?

- March 11-10 a.m., Triple L Club, First Baptist Church
- 10 a.m., 39+, First United Methodist Church
- 11:30 a.m., Senior Citizens Meal
- March 12-11:30 a.m., Senior Citizens Meal
- 7:30 p.m., "42" Bridge Tournament, Community Center
- March 15-11:30 a.m., Senior Citizens Meal
- March 16-11:30 a.m., Senior Citizens Meal
- Noon, Lions Club
- 3 & 6 p.m., Social Security Benefit Seminar, Abilene
- 7 p.m., WVFD
- 7:30 p.m., Eastern Star
- Women's Service League
- March 17-9 a.m.-4 p.m., WIC, Housing Authority
- 10 a.m.-Noon, Blood Pressure Check, Sr. Citizens Activity Center
- 11:30 a.m., Senior Citizens Meal
- ST. PATRICK'S DAY**
- March 18-10 a.m., "Down Home Cooking" Workshop, Housing Authority
- 11:30 a.m., Senior Citizens Meal



BLIZZARD RELAYS

Saturday, March 13, 1999

Scratch Meeting 8—8:45 AM
Running Prelims 9—11 AM (VG, JVB, VB)
3200M will run at conclusion of the prelims
Field Events 11 AM—2 PM
Winters Track Complex



Oil Bidness

By Reg Boles ©1999



Every time oil prices dive, there comes a loud hue and cry from various corners of the oil patch that blames everything on the New York Mercantile Exchange (NYMEX) trading of crude. I have always frowned upon such pronouncements because I believe in a free (capital F-R-E-E) market.

Recently, I was cornered by one of these guys, and he took full advantage of the situation to make a case for his position. He believes, pardon me while I paraphrase, that the free market, while good, requires some rules and regulations to make it work in a fair and efficient way.

Those sounded like code words for making the market work in the favor of whomever is making the rules, to me. But, my friend was quick to point out that all markets have rules, from what is legal currency to methods for tracking sales for tax purposes.

I agreed with this, but I said that market places like stock exchanges and commodity pits were unique and required complete freedom. He agreed that they were unique parts of the capitalist system, but he began to lay out a case for why they need certain regulations that ensure fairness and openness.

He started by mentioning that stock markets and commodity exchanges already have regulations, but the ones that govern oil trading are the most lax there are.

It turns out that the NYMEX crude trading contracts are bought and sold by two main groups, for the most part: major oil companies and speculators. Major oil companies include integrated companies that refine crude and need a stable supply at a predictable price over the coming month. They account for about 80 percent of all contracts bought and sold on the NYMEX. Speculators control less than 20 percent of all contracts.

Interestingly enough, however, the speculators churn contracts to a higher degree and react in a volatile manner to any bit of news. They have the most to lose on any swing and may only hold a position for a few hours as opposed to

the major oil companies who buy and hold through the month.

The end result of this is that these speculators who control less than 20 percent of the market are the prime drivers of the prices in the futures market. When you consider that field posted prices mirror the futures prices on the

NYMEX, then you are talking about the world price of crude being influenced by a small group of speculators.

Then comes the case for what should be done. I can tell you now that I was ready to oppose anything that involved shackling the NYMEX from trading crude and setting prices.

But, you'll have to wait until next time for the proposals my friend suggests for making the crude market "kinder and gentler."

HIGHLIGHTS OF AREA DRILLING ACTIVITY

COMPLETIONS

Coleman County

Crimson Energy has completed two wells in the Santa Anna Field (5 miles SE of Santa Anna) in the Marble Falls formation. The Kingsberry #1 potentiated at 525 MCFPD (AOF) from perms 2153-82 and is loc. 402 FEL & 4780 FSL of Wharton CSL Sur. No. 496, A-679. The Wheeler #1 potentiated at 298 MCFPD (AOF) from perms 2114-2236 and is loc. 2172 FNL & 5397 FEL of M. Martinez Sur. No. 751, A-489.

Runnels County

DBO Oil, Inc. has completed the C. C. Gray #1 in the Beddo Field (4 miles NE of Ballinger) at an initial rate of 33 BOPD & 4 BWPD in the Gardner Sand (perms 3918-25). The exact location was not reported.

STAKINGS

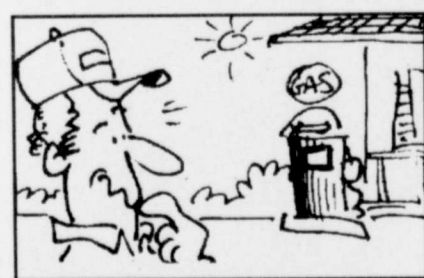
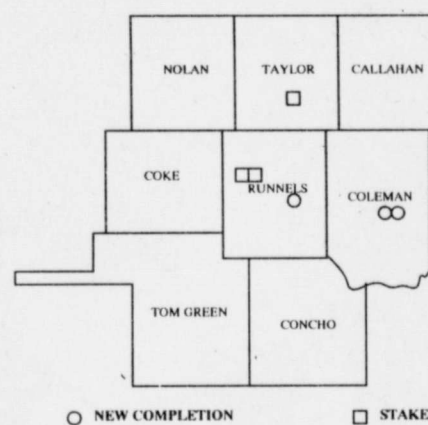
Runnels County

EDCO Petroleum has staked the McNeill-Meadows #1 in the SE Wilmeth Field, 2 miles SE of Wilmeth (Depth 3750). Loc. is 58 FWL & 2039 FSL of G. Clark Sur., A-1018. SWR 36.

E.N. Patton Oil Company, Inc. has staked the McNeill #1B as a Wildcat, 2 miles SE of Wilmeth (Depth 4700). Loc. is 1629 FEL & 330 FSL of J.E. Mills Sur., A-622.

Taylor County

L.C.S. Production has staked the Graham -A- #4 in the County Regular Field, 3 miles W of Tuscola (Depth 5100). Loc. is 986 FNL & 1778 FWL of Sec. 35, Blk. 1, SPRR Sur.



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THESE SENIOR CITIZEN NURSING HOME FOOD SERVICE EMPLOYEES were honored last month in celebration of "Pride in Food Service Week." Those pictured (front from left) include Marci Tubbs, Tabatha Perez and Linda Rodriguez, (back) Joanmarie O'Connor, administrator and Billi Jo Gray, food service supervisor. Not pictured are Valentine Luna, Haidee Perez, Teri Ledbetter, Angie Lee, Ida Arizmendi and Nancy Moran.

Senior Citizens Nursing Home News

By Billie Ruth Bishop

Residents to celebrate March birthdays

Thanks to the Blackerby family for the beautiful flower arrangements. They were distributed throughout all the rooms to the residents. They were so appreciated.

Leonor Torres was named employee of the quarter in our meeting last week. Congratulations, Leonor. Our thanks to the participating businesses for making this an exciting event for the employees of Senior Citizen Nursing Home.

The birthday party for March will be held Thursday, March 18 at 3 p.m. The hostesses for the party will be the ladies of the Literary & Service Club. Those having birthdays include: Albert Wuistingner, March 14; Ruth Johnson, March 27; and Douglas Overman, March 31.

At this time, we have three residents in the hospital. They are Lorene Clark and "Cowboy" Merchant in North Runnels Hospital and B.J. Waldrop in St. John's in San Angelo. We hope for them a good day today.

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March 15 thru March 19
Subject to change

Monday, March 15: Chicken & noodles, beets, English peas, bread, and butterscotch pudding.

Tuesday, March 16: Swiss steak, corn salad, mixed greens, cornbread, and bread pudding.

Wednesday, March 17: Tuna salad, chicken salad, Jello salad, cottage cheese salad, and broccoli-cauliflower salad.

Thursday, March 18: Beef casserole, pinto beans, coleslaw, chips & hot sauce, and brownie.

Friday, March 19: Potato soup, grilled cheese sandwich, vegetable sticks, crackers, and Jello cake.

by Carolyn Scarborough, Librarian, Winters Public Library
There have been some exciting things going on at the library lately. We had our open house on February 23 and had a good turnout.

Shelly Meyer did the drawing for the computer and pulled out Joyce Krause's name. It was an exciting moment.

We have just received a grant from the Catherine Dumraese Trust for \$3,600. This grant is to be used to update our reference and nonfiction sections. We are still floating on cloud nine.

Lila Jefferson from the Big Country Library System just completed a collection assessment for us. This will help pinpoint the areas which are in the greatest need.

Obituaries

Leona Rae Chapmond

WINTERS—Leona Rae Chapmond, 77, died Tuesday, March 2, 1999, in an Austin Hospital.

She was born October 28, 1921, in Wilmeth and attended school at Mazeland and Wingate. She married A.C. Bruce in 1940. She married Lawrence Chapmond, December 21, 1950, in Winters.

Mrs. Chapmond was a retired beautician and a member of the North Main Street Church of Christ.

Survivors include two sons, Jack Bruce of Lubbock and Tommy Chapmond of Austin; one sister, Faye Campbell of Garland; and two grandchildren.

Services were held at 10:30 a.m. Friday, March 5, at the North Main Street Church of Christ in Winters with Jack Bruce and Lanny Bahlman officiating. Burial followed in the Northview Cemetery in Winters, directed by Winters Funeral Home.

Betty Mae Guenther

BALLINGER—Betty Mae Guenther, 69, died Monday, March 1, 1999, at 9:20 p.m. at her residence.

She was born December 10, 1929, in Abilene, to Orson Harrison and Bertha Lee McCaslin Baldwin. She married Orville Earl Guenther in Kermit on February 23, 1951.

Mrs. Guenther was a homemaker and a member of the First Christian Church in Ballinger.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

Survivors include her husband, Orville Earl Guenther of Ballinger; three sons, Steven E. Guenther of Odessa, Larry Alan Guenther of Ballinger, and Orson Guenther of Midland; one daughter, Cathy Dee Werner of Winters; two brothers, Carl E. Baldwin of Albuquerque, New Mexico, and Larry R. Baldwin of Bullard; one sister, Lilah Marie Fowler of Odessa; five grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Graveside services were held at 2:00 p.m. Friday, March 5, at Lawnhaven Memorial Gardens in San Angelo with Reverend Paul Terry officiating. Burial was directed by Rains-Seale Funeral Home of Ballinger.

Johnnie E. Dunn

BALLINGER—Johnnie E. Dunn, 86, died at 12:50 a.m. on Thursday, March 4, 1999, at Canterbury Villa Nursing Home in Ballinger.

He was born July 29, 1912, to William Jasper and Zenie Elizabeth Middleton Dunn in Jones County. He married Lola Lorene Nelson on January 17, 1940, in Hillsboro.

Mr. Dunn was a carpenter and a member of the Avenue B Church of Christ in San Angelo.

He was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers, one sister, and one granddaughter.

Survivors include his wife Lola Lorene Dunn of Ballinger; one son, Earl Dunn of Ballinger; two daughters, Nora Tischler and Lola Jean Drummond, both of Winters; one brother, Sidney Dunn of San Angelo; four sisters, Elsie Wheelless, Mary Longest, Ruby Lutton, and Edith Bradley, all of San Angelo; ten grandchildren; and 19 great-grandchildren.

Services were held at 2:00 p.m. Saturday, March 6, at Rains-Seale Chapel in Ballinger with Charles Ball officiating. Burial was in Old Runnels Cemetery in Ballinger, directed by Rains-Seale Funeral Home of Ballinger.

Raymond Santivanez Cortez

BRIDGEPORT—Raymond Santivanez Cortez, 64, died Sunday, February 21, 1999, at a Denton Hospital.

He was born April 18, 1934, in Winters. He married Mercy Minjarez on April 4, 1961.

Mr. Cortez was a self-employed concrete contractor and a member of St. John's Catholic Church of Bridgeport.

Survivors include his wife, Mercy Cortez of Bridgeport; six sons, Raymond Cortez Jr. of Florida, Jerry Cortez of Arkansas, Larry Cortez of San Antonio, Tommy Cortez, Michael Cortez, and Mark Cortez, all of Bridgeport; five daughters, Delores Vega of Lubbock, Sylvia Chavez of Plainview, Debbie Mares of Waxahachie, Linda Salinas and Michella Davial, both of Bridgeport; one brother, Jessie Cortez of Bakersfield; four sisters, Delores Diaz of Palm Springs, Bessie Casias of Bakersfield, Beatrice Roman of Uvalde, and Rosa DeLaCruz of Winters; twenty-three grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Rosary was held at 7:00 p.m. Monday, February 22, at Hawkins Funeral Chapel in Bridgeport. Funeral mass was at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, February 23, at St. John's Catholic Church in Bridgeport with Father Gonzolo Morales officiating. Burial followed in East Bridgeport Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Joe Cortez, Earnest Cortez, John Cortez, Fred Cortez, John Davila, and Wallo Gonzales.

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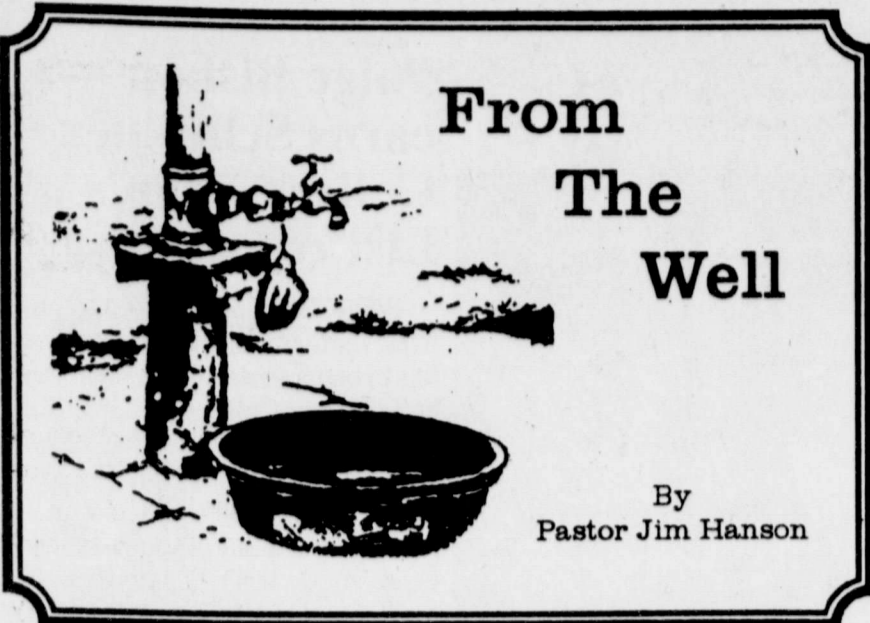
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From The Well

By
Pastor Jim Hanson



Pastor Jim Hanson

His name was Jim Leaf. He was a tall one, with dark hair. And strong. Inside, as well as outside. He had character. He was the Fire Chief of Glendive, Montana. A thankless job—until the fire was going.

Jim saw his job differently than the town folks did. The town folks figured that the fire chief's job, along with the firemen, was to "put fires out." That is, when a fire started some place—to get there in a hurry, and put it out as quickly as possible. Save property. And save lives. And, when Jim and the boys did that, they were showered with many thanksgivings.

Jim and his crew were really good at "putting out fires." Jim was proud of that. But, "putting out fires" wasn't his number one priority. His number one priority was to "prevent fires." And that meant inspections. That meant he had to go to the schools, the places of business...any public place...and, together with the person in charge—go through the property—looking for potential fire hazards.

And Jim was very thorough. Sometimes he made recommendations (which he would enforce) that cost money. Repairs that needed to be made. Electrical wiring that needed to be "redone." The kind of things that you didn't get insurance payments for. There were numbers of people who thought Jim was "nosy," and "too persnickety." Jim didn't think so. He knew it was his job. And the most important part!

I encouraged Jim in this not-too-popular part of his profession until the day he came to visit our church. I guess I had thought our church was in good shape. And that he wouldn't find anything wrong. After all, our church buildings were only five years old, and all of the building specifications had been followed...to a T.

Well, as we went through the building, he found little piles of oily rags in the boiler room. He found some wiring that needed to be replaced. Some "panic doors" to be installed. And many other things. And then he said, "Pastor, we're going to need to have a fire drill. Maybe two or three."

I said, "O.K., Jim, we can do that. We'll call a special meeting some night, and get some people to come out—and then we'll have a fire drill."

Jim said, "No. Pastor—we need to have a fire drill when the church is full of people—like on a Sunday morning. That's when there is the greatest possibility of disaster—not so much people being burned. It's the problem of them pushing and crowding the exits, and stampeding each other."

It made sense. But—a fire drill—on Sunday morning—during the service? It would interrupt the flow of the service. And, once you got people out of the building—many of them would just go home and not come back in. And with all the excitement they would forget the sermon. I was not pleased.

Then Jim said something—with a chuckle in his voice and a smile on his face. "Pastor—we're both in pretty much the same business, aren't we? Fire prevention. You're trying to keep people from going to the blazes of hell. Prevent damnation. By hearing the Word. I'm trying to keep people from being burned up on earth. And—we're both trying to prevent panic. Panic is when it all goes to hell...in all of us."

Well, that was a sermon. And a good one. We did the drills. It didn't hurt. It even gave me a chance to preach a sermon on "inspection of our lives for hot spots."

Ramona and I saw Jim last fall. He's retired now. At Glendive. In the basement of the church at a reception for us—it was so good to spend some time with him. And, just the other day, I saw his name under a joke he had sent in to their church paper. They send it to us, and we enjoy reading it. The joke is "Pancake Breakfast:"

A mother was preparing pancakes for her sons, Kevin, 5, and Ryan, 3. The boys began to argue over who would get the first pancake. Their mother saw the opportunity for a moral lesson. "If Jesus were sitting here, He would say, 'Let my brother have the first pancake. I can wait.'" Kevin turned to his younger brother and said, "Ryan, you be Jesus!"

I laughed. Ramona laughed. Jim is still at it—in prevention. Preventing us from being too grabby. Too self-centered. And—with a little twist on the joke—wouldn't it be great—if we could all just "be Jesus." Worth considering? Worth doing!

Longtime printer thanks Ballinger and surrounding area

My late husband's words were, "Johnnie, when the Lord gets my room ready, lock the shop door and walk away from it." That was December, 1990.

I didn't do that. I suppose that because of the challenge that was to come—to prove to myself that I could do it—I honestly felt that I had to hang in there!

The computer age has caused many letterpress shops to close their doors or replace outdated equipment.

To cut down on expenses I moved my office to my home where I continued taking your orders. I apologize for any inconvenience this caused; however, I was most grateful for the opportunity to serve your printing needs.

At my age, the time has now come to "close the shop door" and be prepared to walk through new doors that the good Lord will open for Howard and me.

As most of you know, I semi-retired when my mother, Jewel Jones, suffered her first stroke. She is now 97 years of age, residing at Canterbury Villa Care Center.

Eddie's mother was recently moved from Shannon Hospital to Baptist Memorial where she and another son reside. At this time, I feel that changes must be made

so that I may be able to do all that I can for the special people in my life.

One major decision I have made is turning all my accounts over to *The Ballinger Ledger* and *The Winters Enterprise*, which includes all standing forms and a proof press that will enable them to pull a proof, make any changes that need be, and carry on your printing needs that were done by The News Printing Co.

The Boles family has helped me out many times. They are a fine Christian family who make their homes in Runnels County and care a great deal about Ballinger and the surrounding area. I am delighted to make this transition.

I trust you will call on the friendly staff at *The Winters Enterprise* at 754-4958 for all your printing needs. They will be happy to assist you, or you may continue calling me at *The Ballinger Ledger*, 365-3501, or at my home, 365-2355.

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Thank you very much for your patronage and trust in us since June, 1974, and The News Printing Co. since 1933.

Sincerely,
Johnnie Gallagher Bramley



JOHNNIE GALLAGHER BRAMLEY prepares to hang up her apron and silence the 1930 hand-fed press as she closes the doors to News Printing in Ballinger. She and her late husband, Eddie Gallagher, owned the business since 1974. Johnnie plans to continue serving customers through *The Ballinger Ledger* and *The Winters Enterprise* commercial print shop.

Card of Thanks

Dearest Friends,
Ronald, Alisa, and Jana join me in thanking each of you from the bottom of our hearts.

The love and concern you all have given us has been overwhelming. Our community is filled with love—as home is. This community is our home that has showered us with its love.

A very special thanks to all that organized our benefit, those who donated food and auction items, those that came, those that bought auction items, to Casa Cabana for closing that day, and for everything everyone did for us.

Thank you for all your prayers that everyone has lifted up for us. God, faith, friends, family, and love will help us through this difficult time.

We are humbly grateful for all your prayers, cards, prayers, letters, support, food, and all the help each of you have given us.

You have shown us a bright light during a dark time. We know with this strength we will survive this. Give praise to our Lord.

With Deepest Gratitude & Love,
Mary Lynn Presley

Card of Thanks

The Winters Public Library would like to thank all of those who gave a donation for a chance to win the computer that we gave away.

Only by your caring and contributions are we able to keep the doors of our library open.

Thank you to the Literary & Service Club and the Women's Service League for your continuing support.

Also thank you to those of you who have made recent memorials to the library.

We appreciate the support of our patrons and the citizens of Winters.

The Library Board of Directors
& Carolyn Scarborough,
Librarian

Card of Thanks

We would like to express our appreciation to the following:
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Pioneer Church of God for all the food,

Mike Meyer & Linda Dry for all their help,

Guiding Light Spirit Filled Baptist Church for all they did, Ladies of First Baptist Church, Brother Kenneth Plumley and his church in Ballinger, Second Baptist Church,

All who sent flowers, cards, & food,

For the visits and prayers during her stay in the hospital and at the time of her death,

To Braul Construction of Giddings and those that donated money to the Cancer Society,

To those who made memorials to Hendricks Hospice Care, Norma Jo Sudduth and Pat Simpson for their support and all that they did.

The family of Louise W. Cate

Card of Thanks

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who helped with the benefit fund-raiser for Mary Lynn Presley.

We sincerely appreciate all those who worked with the meal, the auction, the quilt, and those who attended and contributed in any way.

It is a privilege to live in a community of wonderful, caring people.

God Bless each of you.
Sincerely,
Cheryl Bryan & Mary Slimp

Card of Thanks

Our thanks to our friends for the kindness, food, cards, calls, and memorials you sent during the time of our loss.

May God bless each of you,
The family of
Fay Clark Thompson

Hassan, Mayor, and City Council praised by Municipal Clerks director

Editor's Note: This letter was forwarded to The Winters Enterprise by Winters Mayor Dawson McGuffin.

Dear Mayor McGuffin:

City Secretary/Manager Aref Hassan completed his required professional education for recertification as a Certified Texas Municipal Clerk. He was awarded his certificate on January 28, 1999 (Local Government Code, §22.074).

As an officer of the city, Aref makes every professional and personal effort to keep up-to-date in his legal and administrative duties. Achieving recertification confirms Aref's commitment to his city.

Certification and recertification are neither easy nor auto-

matic. Original certification required successful completion of approximately 200 hours of individual home study on a four-course curriculum and attendance at eight two-day professional development seminars. Recertification requires 72 classroom hours of instruction, completion of three texts, and three comprehensive written papers.

You and the council should compliment yourselves for your support of your city officers in their efforts to be the best of all possible public officials for the benefit of the citizens of Winters!

Sincerely,
Dr. Joyce Snay
Director
Texas Municipal Clerks
Certification Program



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I, Dawson McGuffin, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Winters, Texas, do hereby proclaim the month of March as American Red Cross Month in the City of Winters, and urge each and every citizen of our City to acknowledge and support the American Red Cross programs such as Armed Forces Emergency Services and Disaster Relief Services.

In testimony whereof, witness my hand and the Seal of the City of Winters this the 22nd day of February, 1999.

Dawson McGuffin
Mayor

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March 15-March 19
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Breakfast

Monday-March 15
Biscuit
Sausage
Juice

Tuesday-March 16
Cinnamon Roll
Cereal
Juice

Wednesday-March 17
Toast
Sliced Cheese
Juice

Thursday-March 18
Waffles/Syrup
Oatmeal
Juice

Friday-March 19
Banana Nut Muffin
Cereal
Juice

Lunch

Monday-March 15
Burrito/Chili/Cheese
Tossed Salad
Corn

Tuesday-March 16
Chicken Fillet/Gravy
Mashed Potatoes
Green Beans
Vanilla Pudding
Hot Roll

Wednesday-March 17
Nacho/Meat/Cheese
Red Beans
Tossed Salad

Thursday-March 18
Turkey Roast/Gravy
Mashed Potatoes
Mixed Vegetables
Chocolate Pudding
Hot Roll

Friday-March 19
Hamburger
French Fries
Lettuce/Pickles
Sliced Pears
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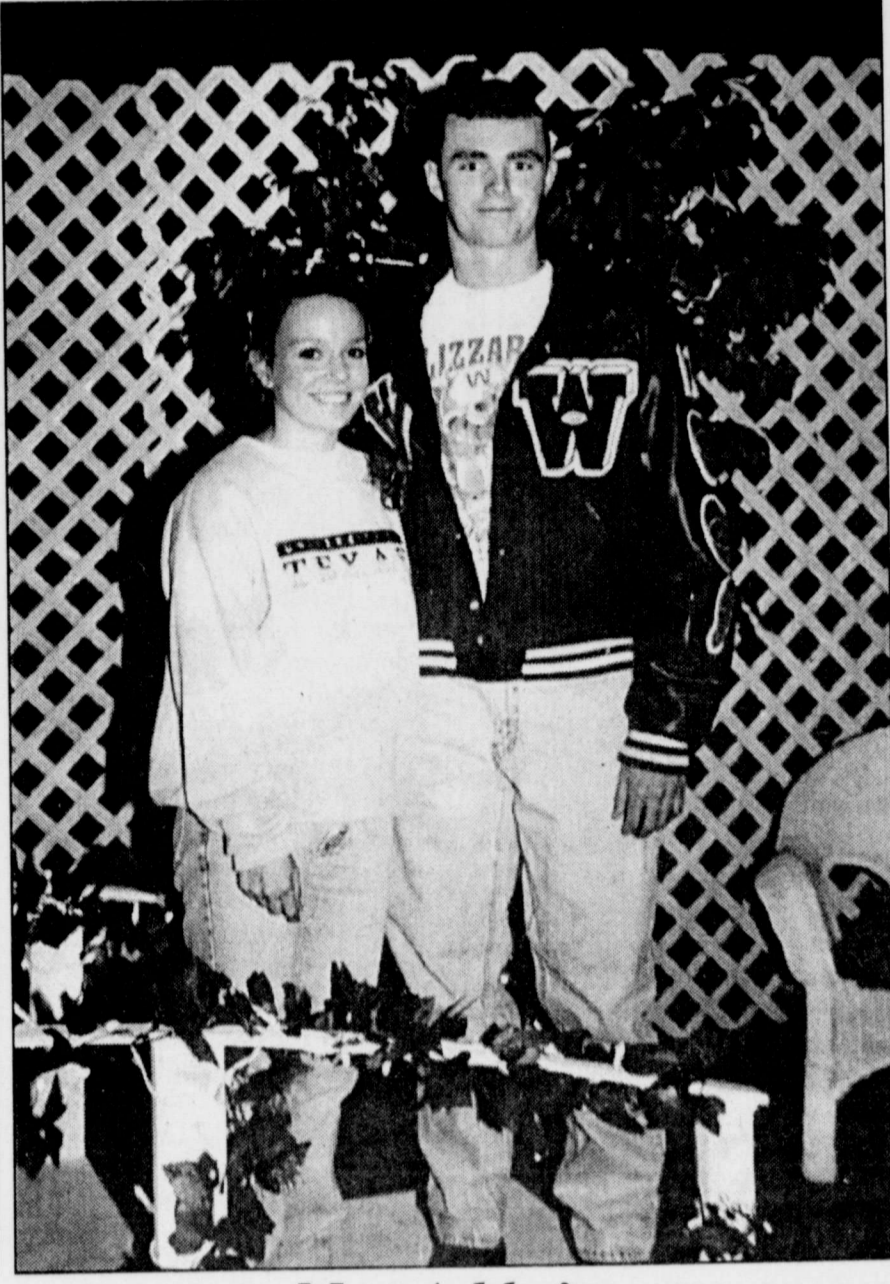
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Paige Bishop earns Schreiner College Dean's List recognition

Paige Bishop, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lanham Bishop of Winters, has been named to the Dean's List at Schreiner College of Kerrville. To qualify for the Dean's List, full-time students must have passing grades in all classes and must earn at least a 3.0 grade point average and at least 12 hours credit for the term.

Runnels Baptist Association to hold Evangelism Rally, March 24

The Runnels Baptist Association will hold an Evangelism Rally on Wednesday, March 24, 1999, at First Baptist Church, Bronte. The rally will begin at 7:00 p.m. The choir should meet at 6:30 p.m. Special music will be heard, and a drama team from Angelo State University will perform. Dr. Russell Dilday will be special guest speaker. Tony King, associational evangelism director, is in charge of the program. The public is invited to attend.

BLIZZARD RELAYS

Saturday, March 13

Scratch Meeting 8—8:45 AM
Running Prelims 9—11 AM
(VG, JVB, VB)
3200M will run at conclusion of the prelims
Field Events 11 AM—2 PM

Field Events
(JVB 4 attempts, VG & VB will have 7 to finals)
Discus: JVB, VG, VB
Shot: VG, VB, JVB
Long Jump: VG, VG, JVB
Triple Jump: VG, JVB, VB
High Jump: VB, JVB, VG
Pole Vault: JVB, VB

Running Finals
(30 minutes after last field event)
400M Relay: VG, JVB, VB
800M Run: VG, JVB, VB
100M HH: VG
110M HH: JVB, VB
100M Dash: VG, JVB, VB
800M Relay: VG
400M Dash: JVB, VB, VG
300M IH: VG, JVB, VB
200M Dash: VG, JVB, VB
1600M Run: VG, JVB, VB
1600M Relay: VG, JVB, VB

Teams entered
Stamford, Jim Ned, Ballinger, Roscoe, San Angelo JV, Winters

Gospel singing planned at West Texas Ranch for Christ, March 21

A gospel singing of all denominations will be held at the West Texas Ranch for Christ, Sunday, March 21, from 2:00 p.m. till 4:30 p.m. The ranch is located 22 miles south of Sweetwater on Highway 70 or six miles north of Blackwell. A sign will be on both sides of the highway, 3 1/2 miles east.

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Team: Varsity Boys
 Coach: Charles Murphy
 Date & place of game:
 Feb. 27, 1999 — Tuscola
 Opponent: Jim Ned
 Winning pitcher: Kahutec
 Winning catcher:
 Losing pitcher: Ronald Rodriguez
 Losing catcher: Oscar Luz
 Key plays: 2B Jeremy Alvarado, Ken Burluson, Oscar Luz

	Runs	Hits	Errors
WINTERS	13	14	1
OPPONENT	14	18	6

Team: Varsity Boys
 Coach: Charles Murphy
 Date & place of game:
 Feb. 27, 1999 — Tuscola
 Opponent: Jim Ned
 Winning pitcher:
 Winning catcher:
 Losing pitcher: Jeremy Alvarado
 Losing catcher: Ben Blaine
 Key plays: 2B Louie Esquivel, Jeremy Alvarado

	Runs	Hits	Errors
WINTERS	6	6	3
OPPONENT	16	17	2

BLIZZARD ACTIVITIES

MARCH 11-18, 1999

SOFTBALL

—March 11-13
 Snyder Tournament,
 There, TBA, VG
 —March 16
 Miles, There, 4:30 p.m.
 VG

TRACK

—March 13
 Blizzard Relays, VB, VG, JVB

POWERLIFTING

—March 13
 Regional Meet at Colorado
 City

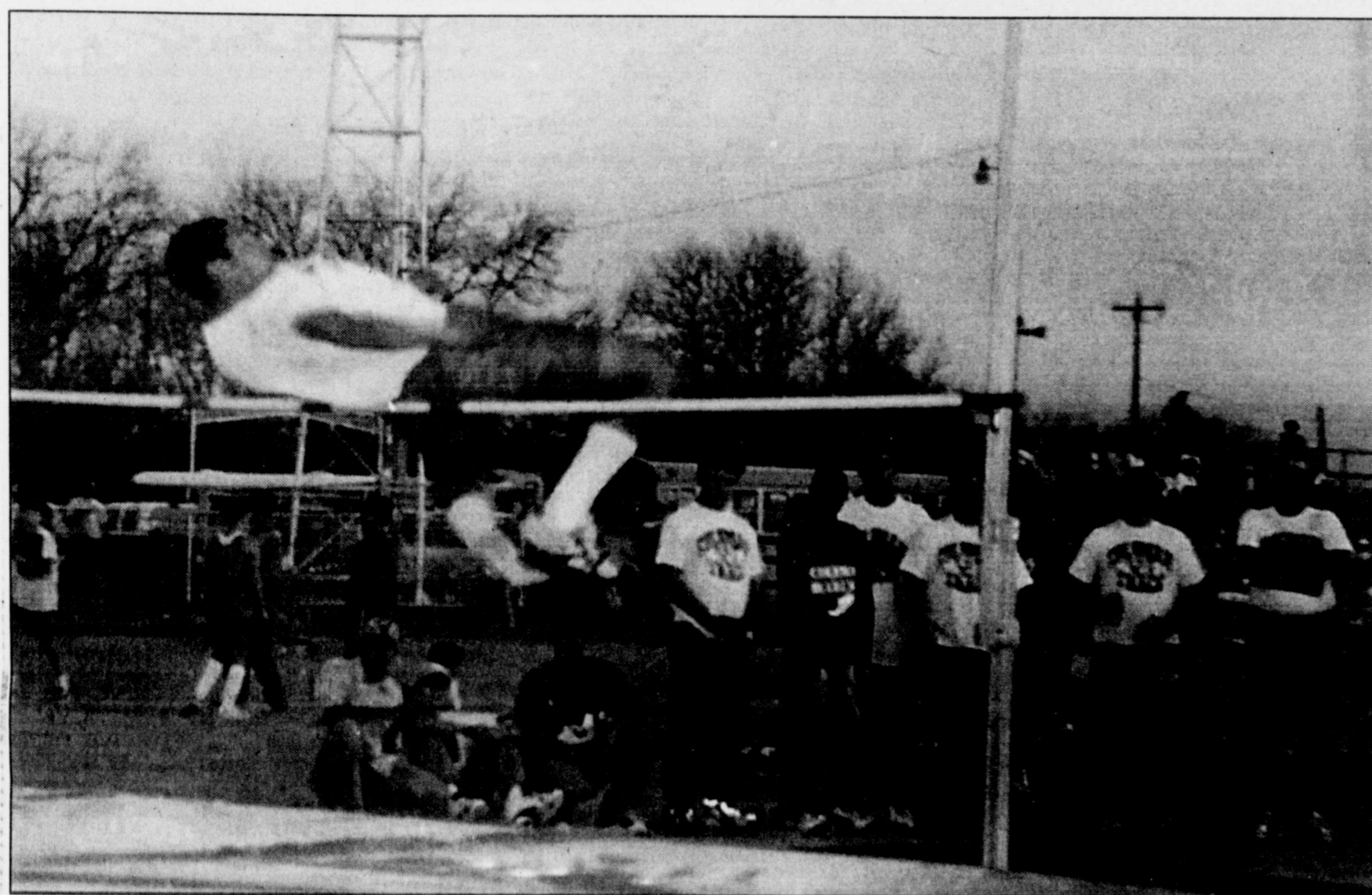
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BLIZZARD VARSITY BASEBALL TEAM consists of (front) Will Blaine, Andrew Medina, Chris Lujano, Ronald Rodriguez, Jeremy Alvarado, Manager Jimmy Fernandez, (back) Coach Charles Murphy, Eddie Rodriguez, Ben Blaine, Brandon Titus, Luis Esquivel, Oscar Luz, Kenneth Burluson, and Coach Chuck Lipsey.



ALVARO RODRIGUEZ clears the bar to take third place in the 8th grade high jump competition during the junior high track meet held at Winters last Friday.

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NOTICE TO MEMBERS OF NORTH RUNNELS WATER SUPPLY CORPORATION

The 22nd Annual Membership Meeting for North Runnels Water Supply Corporation will be Monday, March 22, 1999, at 7:30 p.m. in the Winters Community Center.

Included on the agenda is the 1998 Financial Statement Audit to be presented by Harold Shelburne, CPA. Also, the ballots for the three directors will be counted and revealed.

The director's terms for Lanny England, Dub McMillon, and Doug Bryan expire at this meeting.

Seeking re-election is incumbent Lanny England. Other candidates for election are Rick Ikeler, Rick McClure, Rodney Gordon, and Duane Geistmann.

Dub McMillon and Doug Bryan, who have served on NRWSC Board since 1993, will not seek re-election.

The board of directors, employees, and members of the corporation would like to express their appreciation to Dub and Doug for their outstanding contribution to the water system.

New officers for the year will be elected at the annual meeting. Presently serving as officers are Lanny England, president; Dub McMillon, vice-president; and Dennis McBeth, secretary/treasurer. Present directors are Gary England, Gary Jacob, Doug Bryan, Billy Joe Colburn, Rick Minzenmayer, and Ed Bredemeyer.

There will be a drawing for door prizes and refreshments will be served.

All members of the corporation are urged to attend this annual meeting.

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Dr. Carter is a native of Ft. Worth and graduated from Texas Tech University. He received his medical degree from the University of Texas Health Science Center-San Antonio and completed his residency at Scott and White Memorial Hospital and Clinic. He also served on five medical trips to Mexico and speaks fluent Spanish.

He specializes in surgical and medical diseases of the eye including cataract and glaucoma surgery as well as laser eye surgeries.

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Track Feats

Boys take second, girls fourth in opening track competition

The varsity boys and girls participated in the Wylie Track Meet on Saturday, March 6.

The boys took second with 102 points, falling to Coleman's 187. Third was Jim Ned with 94 points. Stamford took fourth with a total of 76. Blizzard coach is Chuck Lipsey.

The girls team placed fourth with 79 points and ran some good times for their first track meet, according to Coach Deb Whittenburg.

Individual scoring for the boys team included:

3200 M Run
 Jimmy Rodriguez, 1st, 10:45
 Felix Portillo, 3rd, 11:40

400M Relay
 Arthur Martinez, Chris Yanez, Tony Aguero, & Wes Calcote, 3rd, 45.9

800M Run
 Chris Santoya, 4th, 2:14
 Juan Santos, 6th, 2:14

100M Dash
 Wes Calcote, 3rd, 10.63

400M Dash
 Tony Aguero, 4th, 54.3

300M Inter. Hurdles
 Jeremy Alvarado, 2nd, 42.2

1600M Run
 Jimmy Rodriguez, 1st, 4:50
 Felix Portillo, 4th, 5:11
 V.J. Santoya, 6th, 5:15

1600M Relay
 Lee Woffenden, Tony Aguero, Matt Angel, & Larry Hoyle, 3rd, 3:38

Shot Put
 Michael Prewit, 2nd, 46'7"
 Kenny Whittenburg, 3rd, 45'3"

Long Jump
 Wes Calcote, 4th, 20'5"

Discus
 Kenny Whittenburg, 4th, 132'5"

Michael Prewit, 5th, 129'4"
Samson Jackson, 6th, 120'0".
 Scoring for the girls team included:

3200M Run
 Cassandra Johnson, 3rd, 13:51.50
 Juanita Armendariz, 6th, 14:23.63

400M Relay
 Amanda Cross, Staci Bishop, Mandy Pritchard, & Monica Hicks, 6th

800M Run
 Juanita Armendariz, 6th, 2:50.86

100M Hurdles
 Kacy McCuiston, 6th, 18.53

100M Dash
 Staci Bishop, 5th, 13.86

200M Dash
 Misty Pritchard, 4th, 27.72

400M Dash
 Staci Bishop, 2nd, 66.09

300M Hurdles
 Kelli Slimp, 1st, 47.81

800M Relay
 Kelli Slimp, Tracey Burns, Mandy and Misty Pritchard, 1st, 1:53.07

1600M Run
 Cassandra Johnson, 3rd, 6:13.0

Long Jump
 Kelli Slimp, 2nd, 16'4"

Shot Put
 Michelle Walden, 5th, 25'6-3/4"

High Jump
 Kelli Slimp, 4th, 4'6".

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MRS. SHACKELFORD'S DARE GRADUATES are (front, left to right) Michael Medina, Jose Hernandez, Esmeralda Espino, Ashly Santoya, Della LaBedelle Jackson, Adrienne Reyna, Amand Weed, Jacob Hernandez, (middle) Amber Leverett, Thoma s Rice, Amanda Ripple, Megan Kline, Shyla Garza, Amber Green, Flor Cordova, Amanda Ovalles, Claudia Llanas, (back) Mrs. Shackelford, Pete Griffin, Adam Escalona, Andy Landeros, Sandy Reyna, Brenda Rodriguez, Scott Bryan, Josh Rivera, Max Harrison, and Runnels County Sheriff's Deputy and instructor Robert Garza. Not pictured is Cody Pritchard.



MRS. JACKSON'S DARE GRADUATES are (front, left to right) April Leverett, Thomas Doty, Rachel Davis, Kenra Esquivel, Christina Perrie, Tony Hernandez, Kinsey Airhart, (middle) Jacob Bridgeman, Marci Paschal, Kathryn Hatler, Elvira Aragon, Angelita Moreno, Jeremy Mendoza, Adam Fine, Katy Wilkerson, (back) Mrs. Jackson, George Garcia, Skye Salinas, Aaron Cook, Lydia Sanchez, Amy Reyes, Abby Reyes, Adrian Hernandez, Crystal Grenwelge, and Runnels County Sheriff's Deputy and instructor Robert Garza. Not pictured is James Boisse.

Sixth grade students recognized in DARE graduation ceremony

Sixth grade students of Winters Independent School District were honored at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, February 25, 1999, in ceremonies culminating the Drug Awareness and Resistance Education program. Robert Garza, deputy of the Runnels County Sheriff's Office, instructed the program for his sixth year.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Jacob Bridgeman. Deputy Garza welcomed students and guests.

During the course of instruction, essays were written by each 6th grade student on "What I Learned In DARE." A special reading of their essays was given by Rachel Davis, Shyla Garza, Katy Wilkerson, Claudia Llanas, Kathryn Hatler, and Jose Hernandez. Miss Davis' essay was chosen as overall best and she received a special award for her efforts.

Mr. Charles Kidwell, high school principal, addressed the group of students and offered some history on the DARE program. According to Kidwell, DARE originated in Los Angeles, California, in the mid 1980s, and at present, there are 3/4 of a million children taught Drug Awareness and Education in Texas with program regulation requiring instruction by a Certified Peace Officer. Mr. Kidwell also noted that the DARE program has been tested in many locations and has proven time after time that it works. He concluded by offering

this statement for thought: "It's a lot easier to build a child than to repair an adult."

Certificates were presented by teachers, Mrs. Shackelford and Mrs. Jackson. The DARE lion, Darren, was given away by draw with Rachel Davis being the lucky recipient. All students also received t-shirts.

Sixth grade students participating included Kim DelReal, Adam Escalona, Esmeralda Espino, Shyla Garza, Amber Green, Pete Griffin,

"It's a lot easier to build a child than to repair an adult."

— High School Principal Charles Kidwell

Jose Hernandez, Megan Kline, Andy Landeros, Michael Medina, Cody Pritchard, Sandy Reyna, Amanda Ripple, and Ashly Santoya.

Also Scott Bryan, Flor Cordova, Max Harrison, Jacob Hernandez, Della LaBedelle Jackson, Amber Leverett, Claudia Llanas, Amanda Ovalles, Adrienne Reyna, Thomas Rice, Josh Rivera, Brenda Rodriguez, and Amanda Weed.

And James Boise, Aaron Cook, George Garcia, Crystal Grenwelge, Kathryn Hatler, Tony Hernandez, April Leverett, Marci Paschal, Tina Perrie, Amy Reyes, and Skye Salinas.

In addition are Kinsey Airhart, Elvira Aragon, Jacob Bridgeman, Rachel Davis, Thomas Doty, Kendra Esquivel, Adam Fine, Adrian Hernandez, Jeremy Mendoza, Angelita Moreno, Abby Reyes, Lydia Sanchez, and Katy Wilkerson.

Extension News & Views

By Patricia Hohensee, Extension Agent-HE

"Down Home Cooking" workshop to be held Thursday, March 18

A fifth in a series of "Down Home Cooking" workshops will be held at the Winters Housing Authority Meeting Room on Thursday, March 18. The program will begin at 10:00 a.m. and will feature simple, inexpensive recipes.

This free-of-charge nutrition education program to be conducted by Patricia Hohensee, County Extension Agent-FCS.

The workshop series is being offered as part of Runnels County's Better Living for Texans project. The project focuses on providing basic nutrition education for limited resource families.

Participants will receive complimentary recipe handouts and samples of recipes prepared during each class. Files of Life will also be distributed to class participants.

This program is part of the Better Living for Texans effort. All programs and information of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service are available to everyone without regard to race, color, religion, sex age, handicap, or national origin. We will seek to provide reasonable accommodations for all persons with disabilities for this meeting. We request that you contact Patricia Hohensee (915) 365-5042 as soon as possible to advise us of the auxiliary aid or service that you will require.

Social Security benefits to be discussed

"Social Security Benefits" will be the topic of a seminar, Tuesday, March 16, at the Abilene Public Library, 202 Cedar.

Speaker will be Ken Harris, district manager of the Social Security Administrator.

Session 1 for retirees begins at 3:00. Session 2 for pre-retirees kicks off at 6:00 p.m.

For more information or reservations, call Allen Richburg at 1-800-366-9194.

FARMERS, continued

blackland area has been especially good to us," he said.

But Conner sees the whole ag economy changing and believes that things are going to be different.

"I appreciate all our great customers over the years that we've had the opportunity to work with," said Conners. "We've had a tremendous relationship with people. It's been more than just customers — it's been friend to friend, and not just on a local level, but also statewide."

With emotion in his voice, Conner continued, "A lot of people and companies we sold for stuck with us to the end even though they knew we were struggling. We're blessed to have such good friends."

When asked about future plans, Conner said he's not sure exactly what he'll do. "It's time to get on with life," he said. "I love the seed business but I'm ready to do something different."

Those plans may include climbing on a tractor and farming his own land, and doing some commercial spraying. He says one thing he'd like for certain to do is meet some of his longtime customers face to face because "they've become my friends."

Conner is also quick to give high praise and gratitude to his devoted employees such as Beth Bradley who has been with the Conners for 20 years; Sharon Deike, 18 years; and Linda Duggan, 5 years.

"These women have gained the respect of farmers and companies

from all over. And, Conner says with a wide grin, some farmers can be a real challenge to work with."

Other employees who have been an integral part of the business are Junior Martinez, seed plant foreman, off and on for 20 years; Nick Reyes and Joe Reyes, warehousemen for about 20 years, Dean Hukill, road salesman for about 7 years; and Jason Hagle and Bud Hagle, 2 years.

Conner says that a temporary office has been set up in the Sneed building on West Dale "just to tie up loose ends."

Randall and Susan Conner were named Man and Woman of the Year at the Winters Chamber of Commerce banquet in January. Both have made numerous contributions to Winters and the surrounding area.

Randall has received several ag-related awards over the years including Agri-Business Award in 1986 at the Runnels County Ag Day and Man of the Year in Texas Agriculture in 1986.

Susan has been teaching piano in Winters since 1975, and is pianist for First Baptist Church. She serves as secretary-treasurer of the Blizzard Booster Club and is a substitute teacher at Winters High School.

They have three sons: Kevin, 21, who attends Angelo State University; Dennis, 19, who attends McMurry University in Abilene; and Craig, 16, a junior at Winters High School.

Have a good laugh every day!

Senior Social Development Program Offered at Ballinger Memorial Hospital

'Home alone' is a reality for many senior citizens and disabled individuals. Sometimes the isolation and losses are so significant, the individual experiences depression and anxiety.

Ballinger Memorial Hospital has established a new program to assist individuals experiencing depression and other stresses that interfere with a person having a rewarding life. Senior Social Development is a program for individuals that are having stress too severe to manage. The goal of the program is to restore the overwhelmed person to a balanced life.

The program offers individualized treatment, support and education for family members and caregivers, transportation and meals. The team of professionals offers a brief oriented approach with focus on individual strengths of each patient. The services extend beyond the care of the patient to include support and education for the family and caregivers. The patients attend the program 3 days a week from 10:00 am to 2:30 pm for a period of 4 to 6 weeks.

Transportation will be provided for anyone who needs it without cost to the patient or family. Nursing home residents can take part in this program and return to the facility in the afternoon.

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In honor of National Girl Scout Week, March 7-13—

Scouts celebrate 87 years; locals recall fond memories

by Susan Ripple, Winters Service Unit Public Relationist

Think of the changes that have occurred in the last 87 years! Girl Scouting has always managed to change with the times — to maintain a contemporary program of interest to the girls of the present.

The Winters unit joined the Heart of Texas Girl Scout Council in 1951. One scout mother, Eula Mae Kruse, recalls that her daughter Lynn Ann was a member of Mrs. Burns' and Mrs.

Geistmann, Miranda Lara, Erica Lujano, Jessica Meyer, Ashlee Sanders, Elizabeth Sartor, Sonja Stout, and Priscilla Vara.

Junior Troop #163 members include Kinsey Airhart, Crystal

Grenwedge, Kathryn Hatler, Della Jackson, Marci Paschal, Christina Perrie, Amanda Ripple, and Katy Wilkerson.

Girl Scouting is not just for girls, as Mrs. Burns and Mrs. Kruse have commented. Adults learn through their work with the girls. While teaching the girls how to set and achieve goals, they also learn. They learn to "stretch" themselves and as a result their self-esteem increases.

By the year 2000, half of the U.S. workforce

Howard's troop. She remembers sending her daughter to camp and both mother and daughter being thrilled about camp activities.

"Fellow scouts and their leaders did things with Lynn Ann that I didn't have time to do," said Mrs. Kruse. "I was teaching full-time then and I know Lynn Ann looked forward to going (to camp)."

Present local Girl Scout membership includes 58 girls and fourteen adults.

Adults volunteering as leaders, co-leaders, troop committee or service team members are Laura Dees, Dorothy Stout, Diane Torres, Pam Cravens, Saffron Gibbs, Martha Pinkerton, Jennifer Pinkerton, Amy Lujano, Irene Simpson, Rebecca McKown, Shawna Jackson, Sheila Paschal, D'Ann Perrie, and Susan Ripple.

Members of Daisy Troop #338 are Kelsea Garcia, Abby Guy, Kailee Johnson, Kaitlyn Johnson, Haley Kaczyk, Zanny Slimp, Krissy Smith, Aureliana Stout, and Miranda Torres.

Brownies #161 include Sonia Armendariz, Lacey Briley, Angela Gann, Celisha Jackson, Kimberly Jackson, Dedra Kunkleman, Krystal Perry, and Brittany Woffenden.

Brownies of Troop #178 are Maritza Bowden, Sybil Bridgeman, Tiffany Cravens, Kristin DelReal, Tana Gibs, Danielle Pinkerton, Devon Rodriguez, Oliva Stout, and Allison Yates.

Brownies Troop #181 consists of Judy Cangioli, Ashley Gann, Toni Hagle, Charlotte Horton, Adrienne Montgomery, Francis Reyes, Samantha Sanchez, Juanita Simpson, Jennifer Smith, and Mayra Stout.

Juniors of Troop #180 are Amanda Blackshear, Lucia Chavez, Raysha Garcia, Paige

will be women. This statistic would indicate that the girls of today should be exposed to as many different experiences as possible. Girl Scouting has always been an organization that offers girls the opportunity to gain the confidence needed to walk paths they might not have walked otherwise. It offers Girl Scouts the ability to meet the challenges of a changing society and to help them develop skills that will be needed in the world of tomorrow.

In Girl Scouting, girls are challenged to meet the future head-on and master skills needed to compete in the world they will face as adults. Adult volunteers have to keep pace, too. They receive training, honing their leadership skills and continually explore new ways to develop themselves and the girls who are in partnership with them.

Every adult in Girl Scouting, regardless of what position they play, is doing their share to plan for and shape the future. They are proud of the important role they play in the making of tomorrow. As the founder of Girl Scouting, Juliette Gordon Low, once said, "The work of today is the history of tomorrow, and we are its makers."

Girl Scouting has a proud 87-year history and looks forward to making tomorrow the very best it can be.

Thank you for reading

The Winters Enterprise

Poe's Corner

By Charlsie Poe

Cousins meet for birthday

People who read the *Abilene Reporter-News* should know Opal Hunt, the old maid of Bradshaw, for she has been featured many times on various subjects in the newspaper.

I'm going to tell you something you haven't heard yet. She has some scattered cousins here and there and we descended on her for a birthday party Feb. 5 to help her celebrate her 97 years of age.

We knew that she would be in the large old mercantile building that her father began. After her father's death, Opal and her brother, Wayne, ran the store until Wayne's death. Although it is no longer a store, Opal keeps the doors open during the week to meet and greet old friends.

To make it interesting, she has made it more like a museum and a meeting place where she keeps a register of all who enter. Opal keeps bottles of Coca Cola and Dr. Pepper that she will sell, but gives them to her friends on occasion.

We represented many ages — from grandmas to a three-year-old who was first in line. She opened the door for us and said "Lets check it out."

Opal greeted us warmly and we

talked of many things, principally about how we were related. Some were from Tatum, New Mexico, and we had a lot of catching up on kinfolks.

Opal reminded us that her mother was a Brewer and her uncle married Emma Mitchell, who was my great aunt. This makes Opal a first cousin and I am a second cousin.

wouldn't let us cover the cake she wanted to show her friends.

The visitors spent the night at my house and the next day drove out to the Drasco church that Susie Lee had attended. She grew up in the area and we drove out by Uncle Henry Mitchell's farm on our way to Bluff Creek Cemetery where many of our relatives are buried, including my great-grandmother.

We drove back by to say good-bye to Opal — the cake was still on display.

Opal was worried about a growth under her right eye. She would need to have it removed. Her main concern was her cats; she was afraid they wouldn't be taken care of. Opal's nephew, Robert, takes care of her and all her needs, but her

cats are special. She has an animal cemetery which is mostly cats. We drove by to see it on our way home.

Opal is one of a kind — she loves for things to be "like they used to be," and she probably keeps Bradshaw from becoming a ghost town.

P.S. — Opal did have her surgery. She called me from her house and said she came home to feed her cats. She now lives at "Our House" but tries to persuade someone to take her out to see the cats.



A COUSINS PARTY was enjoyed by (from left) Charlsie Poe, Opal Hunt, and Susie Lee Mathers. Standing in the back is Marcia Hilburn. Not shown is Joey and Taylor Conley. All are relatives who attended Opal's 97th birthday on Feb. 5, 1999.

Since Susie Lee Mathers of Tatum, New Mexico, was the daughter of Emma Brewer this made her a first cousin. Her daughter of Tatum was our driver. Her name is Marcia Hilburn. She is a second cousin. Her daughter Joey and small daughter, Taylor Conley, would be third and fourth.

If you are confused, so were we and we decided to sample the beautifully decorated cake that the visitors had brought. Opal furnished the drinks. She

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Solutions for this puzzle appear in this issue.

Judge Sutton announces plans to retire

District Judge John E. Sutton has announced his plans to retire from the bench of the 119th District Court on June 30 of this year.

In a letter to colleagues and the new media, Sutton said, "In May of this year, I will have served as Judge of the 119th District Court for twelve years, which is one-fourth of my life. I have notified Governor Bush of my intention to retire from the bench effective June 30, 1999, and of the need for him to appoint someone to fill the remainder of my term ending December 31, 2000."

Sutton says in his letter the decision has not been easy or hasty. "Public office should occasionally be passed on to someone fresher, more eager and with new ideas and enthusiasm," he says.

Judge Sutton said he would be returning to the active practice of law, but he is uncertain as to whether he will open his own office or associate with an existing law firm.

"Our system of law and our method of dealing with legal disputes, civil and criminal, is not perfect but is unequalled anywhere in the world. I look forward to once again working with the members of the legal profession as a practicing attorney," Sutton said.

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Crews News

By Hilda Kurtz



Hilda Kurtz

A fool and his money are soon parted. The rest of us wait for time.

A nice size crowd met at our Saturday night supper. It was also nice to see all the visitors. Joe and Betty Pierce were hosts who served the best barbecue and beans. Everyone came with delicious dishes. See you the Saturday in April.

Brother Ferris and Ramona Akins' grandchildren were visitors in Hopewell services on Sunday. They were also dinner guests with Nila and Therin Osborne after services.

Ladies attending the mission prayer on Monday at 9 a.m. were Ramona Akins, Deana Talbot of Ballinger, Fairy Alcorn, Juanita Shields, Doris Wood, Selma Wilkerson, and Nila Osborne.

Visitors to Lelon and Doris Bryan were LaRue Bryan; Brent, Dawn, Scott, and Clent Bryan; Kelly, Vicki, Alex, and Andrew Blackerby; Kelly's sister, Brenda Hiler of Uvalde; Nelan and Celesta Bahlman; and Max and Juan Pratt. Lelon and Doris received 1/4 inch of rain.

Coleman Foreman has an appointment in San Angelo on Wednesday with his doctor. Coleman had 4/10 of an inch of rain.

Josie Hoppe as always enjoyed Sunday with all her family and Carl and Louise Miller of Clyde.

ELECTION, cont'd.

Encumbent Jack Davis has filed for re-election in Place 2.

Place 4 is currently held by Michael Davis, who was appointed to the board to replace Bob Prewit, who resigned in June, 1998. Both Davis and Prewit have filed for this spot on the board which is a one-year term.

Vying for Place 5, as of March 9, are Gary Moore and Robert Garza. Place 5 was vacated in December when board member Debbie Sudduth moved from Winters.

Jerry Sims has filed for election in the at-large position currently held by Rodrick Bredemeyer who has filed for re-election.

For more information on candidate qualifications or voting information, please call the school administration office at 754-5574. Mayor Dawson McGuffin has filed for re-election as have coun-

Wallace Farris of Coleman came on Saturday.

On Sunday, Kenny Cartwright and Jeremy Prater had dinner, prepared by Carolyn Kraatz, with Harvey Mae and Noble Faubion.

Carolyn and Joe Webb were in Austin on Thursday and visited granddaughters Janet, Jennifer, Stephanie, Amanda, and Ashley Webb and son Gene Webb. On Sunday, they visited several friends and came home that afternoon. Carolyn's mother, Edith Everett, visited her son Jim in Aspermont over the weekend.

Hildegard Schovajsa of San Angelo spent Wednesday with me and did some paperwork and odd jobs. Later she went by to see Katherine Grissom and also Randall Kurtz in Ballinger.

Georgia and Connie Gibbs were the lucky ones. Why? They got one inch of rain.

Sybil Waller, Beverly VanZandt, and Margie Jacob attended the World Day of Prayer at the Mt. Carmel Catholic Church Hall in Winters on Thursday.

Margie Jacob visited with Evelyn Jacob on Thursday.

Carol and Kathryn Kozelsky, Beverly VanZandt, and Margie Jacob were in Midland on Saturday to visit with Brenda Jacob. All went shopping in Odessa and Midland. Later Brenda treated the ladies to lunch at Luby's Cafeteria. The food was real good.

Carol Engler of Brownwood spent several days with Margie. She did some sewing. Carol and Margie went to Abilene for some tests run on Margie.

Pat and Earl Cooper were in San Angelo during the week. Pat had a small surgery with a good report at Angelo Community Hos-

cilmen Tommy Russell in district 3 and Joe Gerhart in district 1.

No other candidates have filed as of March 9, for positions in the city election.

City election information may be obtained at city hall at 754-4424.

Four positions will be open on the board of directors of North Runnels Hospital. Directors presenting serving in those positions are Randall Boles, Phil Colburn, Archie Jobe and Randall Sneed.

Phil Colburn has filed for re-election to the hospital board.

Information regarding the North Runnels Hospital election may be obtained by calling 754-4553.

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Katherine Grissom and Adeline Grissom were in Abilene Thursday for Katherine's doctor checkup. Her son, Luke, and his group, the ACES, won their soccer game.

I was glad to get the 3/10" of rain on Sunday night.

Georgia and Connie Gibbs' visitors were Linda and Travis Ford of Rising Star, Estella and Troy Smith of Mesquite, and a niece. Georgia and Connie both saw their dentist about their teeth this past week.

Joe and Betty Pierce were in Wharton to see Joe's 91-year-old sister who had pacemaker surgery. She is doing just fine. They talked to her Sunday morning.

After an appointment at the tax office Thursday, I went by to see Randall Kurtz. I also went to see my cousin and her husband, Alice and Ernst Holt, at the Ballinger Nursing Home.

Those helping celebrate Susan and Chauncey Mansell's 30th wedding anniversary on Saturday night were Amy and Brandon Mansell; Becky and Elwood Brown; Dale and Linda Duggan; Will and Leslie Duggan; Katy Duggan; Kyle Grisby; Rodney and Debbie Gordon; Lane, Martha, and Hannah Pickney; Pat Zappe; Jane Padgett; Brian and Cynthia Richards; Harm Ray and Cynthia Glass; and Bill Pollan.

Rodney Faubion came awhile on Sunday for a visit with Linda and Dale Duggan.

NEW JAIL, cont'd.

for items which were not covered in the construction costs. Commissioners stressed they felt the fund could be replaced with revenue from the housing of Federal and out-of-county inmates.

Another item having to do with jail construction was okayed by Commissioners at the meeting. A change order to the existing contract between the County and Lewis Drywall in the amount of \$1,000 was approved unanimously. The additional money is to pay for labor for the application of a floor sealer at the jail.

The only other item on the agenda, opening bids for the sale of a used motor grader and purchase of a new grader for Precinct 2, was tabled for further study.

Legal Notices

BID NOTICE

The City of Winters is accepting sealed bids on a 1980 Chevrolet dump truck and a 1962 Caterpillar loader to be sold as is. Bids will be accepted at City Hall, 310 S. Main, Winters, Texas, 79567, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Bid deadline is 2:00 p.m., Wednesday, March 24, 1999, at which time bids will be opened. The bids will be reviewed and awarded by the City Council at their regular meeting on Monday, March 29, 1999, at 6:00 p.m. The City reserves the right to accept and/or reject any or all bids.
 10-9(3tc)

PUBLIC NOTICE

Statement of Activities United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), Housing Preservation Grant (HPG). The City of Winters is applying for HPG. This grant will be beneficial for low income people of Winters. This program is for financial assistance for low income families for housing preservation and will be used solely for homeowner assistance.

The development standard of FmHA will be used for this program. From the time this grant is awarded within 12 months this program will be implemented. The job will be contracted out. Depending on the amount approved and cost estimated, sub-standard homes will be improved. The minimum projection is four houses. All houses will be within geographical area of City of Winters. This grant will be added to \$200,000 grant received for the same purpose from Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs Home program. Modified system of accrual accounting will be used and single audit conducted. No income is projected from this program. The City of Winters is honoring open records act provisions. The statement of activities and copies of application documents are available for public comment in the City Hall Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
 10-10(1tc)

"Shuffling bones" on a regular basis —



THE 42 CLUB gathers monthly to play dominoes and exchange stories. Members are (seated, from left) Hattie Minzenmayer, Evelyn Jacob, Anita and Roy Schaefer, (standing) James and Lorene Halfmann, Margie and Herbert Jacob, Jeanie Minzenmayer, Francis Holle, Bud Minzenmayer, and Jerry Holle. The hostess for the event prepares a full meal and the members play long into the night. The club was organized in April 1962 with the first games being held at the home of Jeanie and Bud Minzenmayer. Those attending then were Helen and Andrew Lange of Rowena, Joe and Dorine Kozelsky of Winters, Herbert and Evelyn Jacob of Winters, and Donnie and Loretta Michalewicz of Ballinger.

Erin Go Braugh—

Irish holiday celebrates history and legend of St. Patrick on March 17

*May the road rise to meet you,
 May the wind be always at your back,
 May the sun shine warm upon your face,
 The rains fall soft upon your fields and,
 Until we meet again,
 May God hold you in the palm of His hand.*

Possibly the only national holiday that is given recognition outside its native land is St. Patrick's Day. This is a clear indication of the Irish influence throughout the world.

Though not a national holiday, March 17 is recognized in many communities and cities in the United States. Everything from parades, to the 'wearing of green,' to some places going as far as dyeing rivers green, mark the holiday of Ireland's patron saint.

True history and legend are intertwined when it comes to St. Patrick. It is known that he was born in Scotland and was kidnapped and sold in Ireland as a slave.

He became fluent in the Irish language before making his escape to the continent. Eventually he was ordained as a deacon, then priest, and finally as a bishop. Pope Celestine then sent him back to Ireland to preach the gospel.

He was a great traveller, especially in Celtic countries, as innumerable places in Brittany, Cornwall, Wales, Scotland, and Ireland are named after him.

Patrick is most known the world over for having driven the snakes from Ireland. Legend has it that he stood upon a hill, using a wooden staff, driving the ser-

pents into the sea, banishing them forever from the shores of Ireland. There are no snakes in Ireland to this day.

He is given major credit for the conversion of Ireland from paganism, founding churches, and ordaining clergymen. St. Patrick became a hero in Ireland, so much so that there are no fewer than 60 churches and cathedrals named for him in Ireland alone.

Perhaps the most famous of these is the giant St. Patrick's Cathedral in Dublin, the grounds of which bear the mark of the site on which St. Patrick baptized his converts.

It is said that Patrick had a time of it trying to convince the people he met in Ireland to believe in the Holy Trinity (Father, Son, and Holy Spirit). He used the shamrock, which resembles a three-leaved clover, as a metaphor to explain the concept of the Trinity.

Since then, the shamrock has become the symbol of the land of Ireland. Green is associated with the holiday because it is the color of spring, Ireland, and the shamrock. School children have started a little tradition of their own—they pinch classmates who don't wear green on this holiday.

Leprechauns are also associated with this holiday, although it is not exactly known why. They are an Irish fairy that looks like a small, old man (about two feet tall), often dressed like a shoemaker.

It is believed they possess a hidden pot of gold. If caught, he can be forced to reveal the whereabouts of his treasure, but the captor must keep their eyes on him every second.

If the captor's eyes leave the leprechaun (and he often tricks them into looking away), he vanishes and all hopes of finding the treasure are lost.

Kissing the Blarney stone has become a symbol of luck on St. Patrick's Day. Its origins of magical properties aren't clear, but one legend says that an old woman cast a spell on the stone to reward a king who had saved her from drowning.

Kissing the stone while under the spell gave the king the ability to speak sweetly and convincingly (hence blarney). It is tough to reach the stone.

It is between the main wall of the Blarney Castle and parapet. Kissers have to lie on their back and bend backward (and downward) holding iron bars for support.

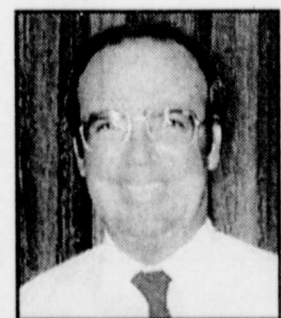
As you can see, there is probably a 'wee bit o' history and a lot of legend and tradition' surrounding the celebration of St. Patrick's Day.

Beyond the history and the legend may luck be with you because "on St. Patrick's Day everybody is Irish!"

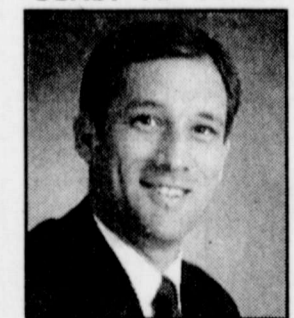
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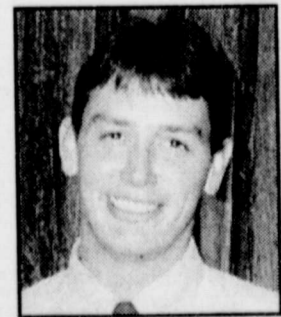
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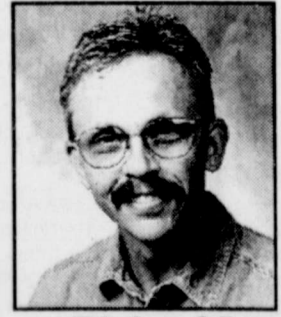
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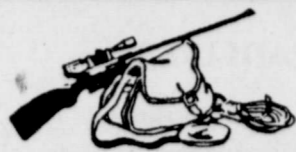
LISTING OF THE WEEK - 119 Penny Lane - Comfort With Style - 3 bedroom, 2 bath, brick facade, fireplace, double car garage, fully landscaped., detached large workshop. Approx. 1800 sq. ft.

704 W. Dale Graceful, Spacious, 3 bedroom, 2 bath, high ceilings, large lot, detached garage. Approx. 1532 sq. ft. 101 Gateway Open Concept Floor Plan. 3 bedroom, 2 bath, great floor plan, brick facade, fireplace, double garage, cedar fencing, large basement. Approx. 2366 sq. ft. 205 S. Cryer Newly Remodeled, 3 bedroom, 1 bath, large lot. Approx. 900 sq. ft. In Historic Block Downtown. 107 N. Main Great location, front, new metal roof, detailed masonry facade. Approx. 3000 sq. ft. 109 S. 2nd New Listing. Wingate. Traditional 3 bedroom, 2 bath, brick single garage, large yard. Approx. 1200 sq. ft.	204 Paloma Great Starter/Retirement, 2 bedroom, 1 bath, newly remodeled interior/exterior. Approx. 841 sq. ft. 711 State Low Maintenance. Vinyl siding, metal roof, 3 bedrooms, large double carport. Approx. 1338 sq. ft. 600 E. Trullit New Listing. Classic Gables. 2 bedroom, 1 bath, corner lot, fenced, new metal roof. Approx. 900 sq. ft. 117 N. Main Great Location For Antique Store. Retail store front, architectural facade. Approx. 2000 sq. ft. 205 Magnolia Shaded Serenity. 3 bedroom, 1 bath, formal living/dining, large rooms, attached carport, huge pecan trees! Approx. 1414 sq. ft.	400 S. Cryer Design Detail. 3 bedroom, 1 bath, wood burning stove, ceiling fans. Approx. 1140 sq. ft. 709 State Charming Stone. 3 bedroom, 2 bath, newly renovated. Approx. 1730 sq. ft. 101 Roberts Classic Character Near School. 3 bedroom, 1 bath, landscaped garage, w/fencing. HVAC. Approx. 1402 sq. ft. 201 S. 2nd Wingate. Modern Brick. 2 bedroom, 2 bath, central H/A, fencing, boat house. Approx. 1240 sq. ft. Freddie Lane Two Building Sites. Lot size 112'x140'. Hunters Glen Building Site. Lot size 100'x120'. Gateway Building Site. New listing. Corner lot 100'x135'.
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You could just tell it was gonna be one of them nights.

Over by the campfire, Ace is scratchin' his head through his hat. A sure sign if there ever was one.

Sittin' on a caliche rock, Slim is whittlin' on a cedar stay with his skinnin' knife and Buck, squattin' on his haunches, is stuffin' a wad of fresh chaw into the cheek of his left jaw.

Nothin' is said to call the meetin' to order, but the Starlight Liars Club is officially in session. To be a member, all you gotta do is pull up a stump and give a listen.

"I was huntin' turkeys," Ace began, still scratchin' his head with his hat.

The big ole' gobbler was close and ever time I'd yelp, he'd gobble, closer ever time. After while, he didn't gobble no more and thangs got quiet as a chicken coop 'fore Sunday dinner.

I heard somethin' behind the liveoak log I was usin' fer a fort.

Leanin' down flatter'n a store-bought pancake, there was just enough room under that log that I could make out the feet of that ole' gobbler and a beard draggin' the ground as thick as a whisk broom.

I called and called, but he wouldn't budge nor say a word. Gettin' impatient, I reached into my possibles bag, found me a

length of cotton rope and fashioned a loop on one end.

Coming up and over that log like a fightin' sow, I flung that noose over that ole' gobbler's head as purty as any calf roper south of the Calvery Stampede.

Like a quarterhorse throwin' a calf, I dug in my heels and leaned back on that rope for all I's worth. In the meantime, that big ole' gobbler took off in the other direction like a scalded cat.

He was stout as a shot of homemade tequila, so's I never could quite get my feet set so's I could tie him off.

Goin' down the draw, I fell to my knees and that ole' gobbler was scootin' me through the wet grass like he was a sled dog and I was a sleigh.

Runnin' and pitchin' like a buckin' horse, he run us straight into a patch of cactus and cat-claw acacia, but I weren't about to let loose of that rope.

About then, them cat-claw bushes ripped into me like a hound dog after a coon. When me and that gobbler cleared the brush, about all I had left was my birthday suit, part of one boot and some shredded hide that had more cactus spines stuck in it than needles in Grandma's pin-cushion.

By the time I managed to regain my feet, we was headed downhill and pickin' up speed

towards the river.

Naked and screamin' like I was, I reckon I looked like one 'a them perverted city slickers with some kinda maniac' d, two-legged feathered poodle on a leash.

Anyways, when we come upon the river, that ole' gobbler took to the air like a supersonic jet gone beserk. I found myself danglin' in mid-air like one 'a them commandos in a Rambo movie.

It was about then that I figured that ole' gobbler had done outsmarted me and that river looked to be about as soft a place as I was gonna find to land.

Aimin' as close as I could to the riverbank, I let loose my grip and hit the water like a tow sack full 'a taters and swum ashore. I covered myself as best I could with mud and leaves and twigs and such and come on back to camp.

So's, any you boys come across a gobbler with a length of rope trailin' off of him, you'll know he's mine...

"Reminds me of the time," draws Slim, "when I was camped out, huntin' deer on the grassy plains of Wyomin', not a tree in sight."

I wake up and this giant mule deer buck is polishin' his antlers on my tent pole...

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Results of 18th CRP sign-up

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) is now releasing the results of the 18th general sign-up of land into the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP), according to Congressman Charlie Stenholm. The sign-up was held from October 26 to December 11, 1998.

Nationwide, the USDA received 90,000 offers totaling 7.1 million acres, and accepted 60,000 offers totaling nearly 5 million acres. Of this acreage, 57% had not previously been enrolled in the CRP.

"In Texas 655,121 acres were offered, with 554,890 accepted into CRP," said Stenholm. "This will bring total CRP acreage in Texas up to 3.9 million acres, as of October 1, 1999. The CRP acreage nationwide will total 31.2 million acres."

The cutoff on Environmental Benefits Index (EBI) scores was 245, as compared to 247 in the 16th sign-up.

"I have been assured that USDA will work with landowners who enrolled acreage last fall from the 16th sign-up, but have been unable to get a cover crop established because of continued dry conditions, to provide them with needed flexibility," said Stenholm.

For further information, landowners should visit their local Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) or Farm Service Agency (FSA) offices.

Extension News & Views

By Rick Minzenmayer, Extension Agent-IPM

Concho Valley Cotton Conference set for Tuesday, March 30

The Concho Valley Cotton Conference will be conducted Tuesday, March 30, 1999, at the San Angelo Convention Center. The program is scheduled from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and is co-sponsored by the Texas Agricultural Extension Services and Southern Rolling Plains Cotton Growers Association.

Topics of interest will include:
 * Insect Pest Outlook
 * Perennial Weed Control
 * Ultra Narrow Row Cotton
 * Economics of Br on Dryland
 * Market Outlooks on Cotton and Grain Sorghum
 * Plant Populations on Br Cotton
 * Twin Buttes Dam Project Sta-

tus
 * Herbicide Carryover in Dry Years
 * Band vs. Broadcast Fertilizer Applications
 * Underground Water and Legislation Update.

A catered complimentary lunch will be served at noon. To pre-register, call the Runnels County Extension Office at 365-5212 or the Tom Green County Extension Office at 659-6523 by March 22. After this date, there will be a \$10 registration fee.

CEUs will be issued for private, non-commercial, and commercial applicators who attend the entire program.

Official Records

County Court Criminal Dispositions

Jeremiah Jordan Johnston, making alcohol available to minor, dismissed, complainant not credible
 Christopher Shawn Harrison, making alcohol available to minor, dismissed, complainant not credible
 Delfina Gaitan Jaques, driving while intoxicated, pleaded guilty, sentenced six months county jail probated to one year, fined \$750, plus \$209.25 court costs
 Regdick Maurice Norton, making alcohol available to minor, dismissed, complainant not credible
 Jasper Lynn Childers, assault, dismissed, complaining witness requested dismissal
 Stacy Shane Ortega, driving while license suspended, pleaded guilty, fined \$350, plus \$184.25 court costs

Augustine Garcia, resisting arrest, pleaded guilty, fined \$350, plus \$184.25 court costs
 Alice Ann Sorrell, possession of marijuana, dismissed, evidence insufficient, no probable cause
 Glen Richardson, theft of merchandise by check, pleaded guilty, fined \$100, plus \$184.25 court costs, \$15 hot check fee, \$21.65 restitution
 Cheryl Lee Maxie, driving while intoxicated, dismissed, completed pre-trial intervention program
 Glen Richardson, theft of merchandise by check, pleaded guilty, fined \$100, plus \$184.25 court costs, \$105 hot check fee, \$318.48 restitution
 Lebecca Louise Davis, driving while license suspended, pleaded guilty, fined \$350, plus \$184.25 court costs

Criminal Cases Filed February 21
 Maria R. Eustice, Eden, filed for theft of merchandise by check
 March 1
 Crystal M. Brauer, Richmond, Va., filed for theft of merchandise by check
 Willie Covington, Ballinger, filed for theft of merchandise by check
 Michael Frenzel, Rowena, filed for theft of merchandise by check

March 2
 Joe Henry Tolliver Jr., Abilene, filed for driving while license suspended

Justice of the Peace Court Precinct 1 Small Claims March 1
 Mueller, Inc., vs. Tammy Click, doing business as Tejas International Group, Inc., account
Criminal February 27
 Larry G. Hendrex, filed for filing fish before reaching final destination
February 28
 David Madore, filed for no fishing license
 James Daniel Steele, filed for public intoxication
March 4
 Richard Ingle, filed for theft

William Herbert Meyers II, Abilene, filed for false report to peace officer
Rachel Nieto, Ballinger, filed for driving while intoxicated, resisting arrest
March 3
 Jason Walker, Winters, filed for assault
 Marvin Power, Ballinger, filed for theft of merchandise by check
 Mary Paske, Ballinger, filed for theft of merchandise by check
Civil March 2
 State of Texas vs. Ubaldo Sanchez, petition for occupational driver's license
Marriage Licenses March 1
 Hector Ricardo Gutierrez and Nancy Dove Robertson

District Court Divorces Filed March 4
 Elsa T. Alvarado vs. Jerry Lee Alvarado
 Miriam Jones and Jim W. Jones
 Debra John Fuentes and Mario Fuentes
Civil March 1
 Winifred Ann Meadows, petition for name change of adult
Clarification: The Carlos Pena listed in the February Grand Jury indictments is not the Carlos G. Pena who lives at 1300 Broad Ave., Ballinger

Police Beat

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

Winters Police Department reports received and/or investigated from Sunday, Feb. 28, 1999, through Saturday, March 6, 1999. Winters Police Officers:

* arrested James Floyd Lail, 40, of Ovalo, for possession of marijuana in the 300 block of N. Main. Officers received a tip and were able to stop the driver and locate the marijuana.

* arrested Jim Heidenheimer, 32, of Ballinger, for driving while intoxicated and possession of marijuana after a traffic stop in the 100 block of N. Main.

* received a report of a theft in the 600 block of Albert Street.

* received a report of a theft in the 100 block of W. Dale. This case is still under investigation.

* received a report of a theft in the 200 block of Jones Street.

* arrested Tammie Sue Drake, 39, of Winters, on outstanding warrant out of Runnels and Taylor counties for theft by check.

* arrested Jerry Lee Alvarado, 42, of Winters, for assault after reporting officer received a report of a disturbance in the 300 block of N. Main.

* received a report of a disturbance in the 600 block of Alexander. Victim was transported to North Runnels Hospital by private auto. Charges are pending against a suspect for assault.

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

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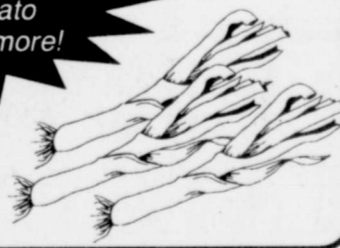
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Friday, March 12

Section B
The Winters Enterprise
Thursday, March 11, 1999

Lesa Marie Ingram

Employee & Manager of Carl Grenwelge Texaco

Thank you for a job well done
everytime!

You make my work so much easier
and your daily attitude
is the best. Lesa, all our
customers just love you for it!!!

Carl Grenwelge

We work hard with our own hands.
1 Corinthians 4:12

To the staff of First State Bank

Mary, Diana, Kathy, Eloisa, Jeanne,
Tammy, Juanita, Theresa

Thank you so much for the hard work and
dedication you put into your job daily.
You are to be commended for all you do
not only for our business but the
service you provide our community.

You, the employees, ARE First State Bank.
Our patrons bank with us because of your
personable and caring attitude.
We appreciate each and every one of you!

Again, Thank you.
Jim Jordan
Branch President
First State Bank, Winters

*Diann Whittenberg
Teresa Davis*

*Thank you for the
efficient service you
provide our church.
We greatly appreciate
your hard work and
dedication!*

*Your church family at
St. John's
Lutheran Church*

Gloria & Yolanda

Thank you for the efficiency and professionalism
you perform in your job on a daily basis.
I appreciate the friendly and courteous service you provide our customers.
Your hard work and dedication never go unnoticed!

George Mostad
Bedford-Norman Insurance

From the fruit of his lips a man is filled with good
things as surely as the work of his hands rewards him.
Proverbs 12:14

Thank You

*Kay Busher, Phillip Esquivel, David Evans,
Landa Floyd, Rhea Parramore & Betty Roath
For all you do to make our ministry here effective!
First United Methodist Church*

DEDICATION

Thank you, Helen Merrill for the
dedication and the persistence in the
past five years. I appreciate your work,
your ideas, and your humor.

THANKS AGAIN!
Randall Boles
WINTERS WAREHOUSE DISTRIBUTION

It's not the hours you put in that counts
but what you put into the hours. *Anonymous*

Thank You

*Thank you Belinda for keeping the shop going
and all that you do.
Thank you Evonne for all the great help.
Thank you Maribel, Sherry and Melvena for filling in.
I appreciate all you do for the good of our shop.
Your hard work and dedication never go unnoticed.*

Mary Lynn Dresley
The Beauty Center

You make a living by what you get, but you
make a life by what you give.
Winston Churchill

Thank You, Efrain & Billy

for the efficiency and
professionalism you perform
in your job on a daily basis.
Your hard work is
appreciated!!

Nelan & Celesta & Joyce
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would like to thank our staff:
Shelby, Sonia, Julie and Michelle
for the outstanding job you do in taking
care of our customers.
Thank You

Susan

Thank you
for the efficiency
and professionalism
you perform
in your job
on a daily basis.
Your hard work is
appreciated!

Marilyn Egan
Runnels County Judge

To The Employees of

Coleman County Electric Cooperative, Inc.

Thank you for the hard work
and dedication you put into
your job daily.

You are to commended for all you
do not only for our
business but the service you
provide for our community.

Thanks again!
**Board of Directors
& General Manager**

Thank You

James, Melinda, Terry, Wayne & Bob
We appreciate all you do for the good
of our company. Your hard work and
dedication never go unnoticed!
Dawn Green, Mgr. Higginbotham's

The man who plants and the man who waters have one
purpose, and each will be rewarded according to his own
labor.
1 Corinthians 3:8

"Thank You"

Pat, Sue & Marcie
Your family at First Baptist Church
wants you to know that we deeply appreciate
all you do to bless our church!

"The membership of First Baptist Church-Winters"

Do what you love and love what you're doing, and
you'll never work another day in your life.
Source Unknown

To the crew at Lawrence Bros. IGA

Joe Luevano, Mary Horton,
Nancy Cavazos, Justin Deike,
Laura Carrillo, Jackie Ozbirn,
Buster Davis, Richard Benavidez,
Fred Poe, Alvin Perez,
Alton O'Neal Jr., Sammy Sanchez,
Janet Armendariz, Rosie Patton

Thank you for the efficient and friendly
service you provide our customers. You are
to be commended not only for your hard
work and dedication to our business, but
your personable attitudes as well.
We appreciate each of you!

Terry Loehman
Manager
Lawrence Bros., Winters

To my crew at
Bahlman Chevrolet
 Gary, Ruth, Rudy, Chris, Rene, Fred
 Thank you for the great job you do day in and day out for us. Your hard work and dedication never go unnoticed. You are to be commended for all you do not only for our business but the service you provide Winters and the surrounding communities.
Charles Bahlman

Some people grin and bear it; others smile and do it!
Anonymous

West Texas Utilities
 would like to thank our employees for their dedication to serving the customer. Your hard work is greatly appreciated and never goes unnoticed!

Employees of the City of Winters:

We appreciate all you do for your city. Your hard work and dedication never go unnoticed!

Mayor, Council Members, City Manager

When your work speaks for itself, don't interrupt!
Anonymous

Moreover, when God gives any man wealth and possessions, and enables him to enjoy them, to accept his lot and be happy in his work —this is a gift of God.
Ecclesiastes 5:19

WTU

recognizes your years of service.

*Joyce Black 15 years
 John Joeris 19 years
 Ray Guevara 25 years*

When we love and laugh with our patient, we elevate the highest degree of healing, which is inner peace.
Leslie Gibson

To our staff at
Security State Banks

Edna Ruth, Donna, Gwen, Sharon, Emily, Malinda & Kelly

Thank you for the hard work and dedication you put into your work daily. You are to be commended for all you do not only for our business but for the service you provide the Winters and Wingate communities.

Bobby & Paul Airhart

Brenda—
 Thank you for your hard work. It is appreciated.
*Kennech A. Slump
 Attorney at Law*

I would like to thank my staff for all their hard work every day!
Dr. Yung Kee Lee

I would like to thank my employees, Mamie, Joe, Yolanda & Janet, for all their hard work and dedication.
*Esther Sharpes
 Manager, Heidenheimer's*

Fifty years from now it will not matter what kind of car you drove, what kind of house you lived in, how much you had in your bank account, or what your clothes looked like. But the world may be a little better because you were important in the life of a child.
Anonymous

Thank You
 to the
Doctors & Staff
 of
North Runnels Hospital

We appreciate all of the hard work and dedication you provide in meeting the health care needs of Winters and the surrounding communities. You are to be commended for the services you perform.
 Our sincerest thanks!

Board of Directors
 North Runnels Hospital



Thank You

to the
Teachers & Staff
 of the



Winters Independent School District

We appreciate your continuous dedication to the education of the youth in our community. Your commitment to the academic and personal growth of our children is to be commended. Our staffs in the classrooms, libraries, computer labs, offices, athletics, and maintenance do their best to provide the best possible service available—for this we are grateful! Please know that your hard work never goes unnoticed.
 Again, Thank you.

The
School Board & Administration
 of the
Winters ISD

To the
Doctors & Staff

of
North Runnels Hospital

We appreciate the professional and efficient service you provide each of our patients on a daily basis. Your sensitivity and compassion towards their needs is to be commended.

Your hard work and dedication to the health care profession never goes unnoticed! Again, we thank you.

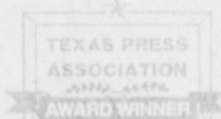
Scott Anderson administrator
Harold Hudgens comptroller

The only certain measure of success is to render more and better service than is expected of you.
Og Mandino

A great big Thank You!!
To Susan, Vicki,
Shirley and Deb

—for your dedication and hard work in handling all the craziness of constant deadlines, multiple projects at once and putting up with my wild ideas. Our newspaper is award-winning because of you, and I deeply appreciate your willingness to share my passion for producing the best publication week after week and year after year.

You're definitely the best!
Jean Boles, editor
The Winters Enterprise



Thank You

Tracy Rice, Jody Bell, Charles Rice & Alexis Adams

for the time and effort you put into the Pioneer Vet Clinic. We appreciate the dedication and long hours you work on a daily basis. You are to be commended for the service you provide us, as well as this community. Many, many thanks!

Jimmy Smith, DVM *Todd Rabon, DVM*

Where our work is, there let our joy be.
Tertullian

Linda Dry

Thank you so much for the efficient and professional service you provide our customers. I appreciate the sensitivity and compassion you give to families in their time of need.

I am grateful for your assistance daily. Again, Thank you!

Mike Meyer
Winters Funeral Home

Barbie, Fran & Sue

Your hard work is appreciated!

Bill Spiller
First American Bank

Helen Merrill

Words cannot express our gratitude for your diversity and efficiency in assisting our many daily needs. Your patience and understanding is above and beyond the call of duty. Though not said often enough, we APPRECIATE you each and every day!

With sincerest thanks,

The staff of
The Winters Enterprise

Performance is more effort and commitment than natural ability.
Anonymous

Thank You

Claudia Arroyo, Laura Bell, Laurie Hensan & T. Sprinkle

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24 Years
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Luis Flores
Karmina Johnson
Wallace Watson

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Billy Hollis

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Felipa Galvan
Jesus Nava
Jose Cruz

6 Years
Milton Cortez

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Roger Martinez
Raul Lopez
Gilberto Roberto Lopez
Manuela Garces
Benny Renfro
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Javier Oliveres

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Kartela Reel
Jorge Martinez
Moviena (Loa) Hunt
Juan Flores III
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Angelea Galvan
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Jose Arnulfo Soto Vega
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Anthony Hubbard

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Gilbert Lujano
Melvin Wayne Rowden
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Daniel Canales

Patrick Hartley
Corry Halmom
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Ruben Reyes
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Louis Padilla
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