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## Fatal fire opens arson and murder investigation

*"No accidental cause determined"*

According to information released by Sergeant Alfredo Sanchez of the Winters Police Department, the fire of March 27 that claimed the life of 5-year-old Dalvin Huffman of Winters is now being handled as an arson and murder investigation.

Members of the Winters Volunteer Fire Department responded in three minutes after receiving two 911 calls from neighbors who reported the 12:30 a.m. fire at 311 Wood Street. Dalvin was apparently sleeping in a middle bedroom near the back

of the house which is owned by his grandmother, Margaret Huffman.

Ms. Huffman, who escaped uninjured from the fire, reportedly told police that she had been sleeping on a couch in the living room in the front of the wood frame home.

The child was taken by ambulance to North Runnels Hospital where medical personnel worked for about an hour in an unsuccessful effort to revive him. The body was sent to the State Medical Examiner's office in San Antonio

for autopsy.

In a press release of April 6, Sergeant Sanchez states that an investigation by the State Fire Marshal's office, Runnels County Sheriff's Department, and the Winters Police Department has determined a cause and origin of the fatal fire.

"The fire originated in the rear of the structure and no accidental cause could be determined," said Sanchez. "The above agencies are still conducting interviews, and we are not releasing suspect information at this time."

*Breakfast & baby-sitting service begin at 7 a.m.—*

## Christmas In April volunteers ready to improve eight Winters homes on Saturday

Christmas in April is set for Saturday, April 10. This year eight Winters families will receive assistance from the program.

Breakfast will be served the morning of April 10 from 7 a.m. to 8 a.m. before reporting to house assignments. Volunteers will serve eggs, sausage, biscuits, gravy, juice, milk, and coffee.

Baby-sitting service will begin at 7 a.m. as well, in the yellow Activity Building at the elementary school. High school and junior high volunteers will assist the adults with supervision.

Lunch and snacks will be provided. Parents of infants need to provide supplies accordingly. Adult volunteers need to pick their children up when they finish work on their assigned home or by 7 p.m.

Volunteers will be provided snacks, drinks, and lunch throughout the day on the refreshment wagons. These food items will be donated by volunteers also, and need to be delivered to the school cafeteria Saturday

morning.

A brisket dinner with all the trimmings will be served from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. as volunteers finish their respective houses. Both meals will be served in the school cafeteria.

CIA provides home improvement for low income and elderly families solely through organized volunteer work one Saturday each April. Materials and supplies are either donated or purchased with monies from donations and fund-raising.

House captains for 1999 are Larry Walker, Scott Gerhart, Phillip Colburn, Bob Lindley, Blas Lugo, and Lanny Bahlman. There are opportunities for volunteering in many areas including carpentry, plastering, plumbing, electrical, painting, roofing, baby-sitting, assisting with volunteer breakfast and evening meals and snacks. Ten to 12 house volunteers are still needed.

Judge Virginia Par of the Municipal Court in Winters is offering anyone owing a fine in her

court the opportunity to lower it.

For every hour worked she will deduct \$6.25 from the total fine. House captains will verify the number of hours worked. If you are interested you can contact Judge Par at City Hall.

If you do not specialize in any one area, house captains will be happy to find a job for you. Individuals interested in volunteering may pick up a form at *The Winters Enterprise* or contact Audine McBeth for more information.

Briskets are on sale for \$20 each and need to be pre-ordered. They will be available on the workday and can be ordered by contacting Nell Ballard or Terry Wyatt at 754-5574. Mr. Wyatt can also be reached at 754-5783.

They will be available until supplies run out. All proceeds from brisket sales will go into CIA funds.

Christmas In April is a fun way to spend a day with friends and fellow community members while helping those in need of assistance.



AND THEY'RE OFF...NO, IT'S NOT THE BOSTON MARATHON—but it is Winters second grade students racing for their Easter bounty. These students held their Easter egg hunt in the city park, while first graders scoured the football field and kindergarteners searched near the yellow activity building. The Easter bunny was able to make an early stop for Winters Elementary students last Thursday before school ended for the long holiday weekend. For more Easter photos, see page 8.

## Look around

What does your property say about you and your community? Are your neighbors proud to have you live next door? Is your yard full of weeds, trash, or old cars?

Take pride in yourself and your town by joining the 'Improvement Movement'. City-wide clean-up begins on Saturday, April 10.

The city of Winters and BFI encourage residents to participate in this spring cleaning campaign. BFI will pick up trash and junk items placed by the curb. There will also be a large dumpster in the Family Dollar Parking Lot.

Weeds 12 inches tall and over are cause for attention. These do violate a city ordinance and need to be taken care of at the owner's expense.

Cut and stacked limbs by the curb will be picked up by the city and chipped. In addition, vehicles which do not have current inspection stickers and license plates should be disposed of.

The city thanks you for keeping your properties neat and clean. "When you look good — we all look good."

## Blood drive cancelled due to gas leak in bloodmobile

The WHS Student Council blood drive was cancelled last week due to problems with the bloodmobile.

Scheduled for Tuesday, March 30, the bloodmobile arrived in Winters and began setting up in the Dairy Queen parking lot.

However, during this time, the carbon monoxide detector inside the unit sounded, alerting workers of unsuitable levels of the gas.

See GAS LEAK, pg. 2

## Two juveniles arrested in tire slashings

Two local 13-year-old juveniles have been arrested in connection with a tire slashing spree which occurred around March 27-29.

According to Winters Police Sergeant Alfredo Sanchez, the juveniles were arrested about 9:45 p.m. on March 30 as they reportedly returned to a parking lot of Dry Manufacturing where they had slashed tires on three vehicles a few days prior. An officer with the Winters Police Department observed the two juveniles as they approached one of the same vehicles that had been repaired after the previous damage.

Sanchez said the two individuals confessed to slashing all four tires on three vehicles and one or two tires on some other vehicles over the weekend. Sanchez said one of the teenagers told authorities they vandalized the vehicles because they were "just out having fun."

Damage is estimated at \$1,500.

## Advisory Board to be formed for PROJECT/HOPE

Central Texas Opportunities, Inc., has established PROJECT/HOPE for citizens of Runnels County. Goals include self improvement for adults and young people, adults attending classes in reading and the other requirements to acquire a GED. The young people will receive assistance in additional reading skills resulting in

better grades, including the TAAS test.

There has been an ongoing program conducted by COOP 42 ADULT BASIC EDUCATION of San Angelo for 30 years and Runnels County has participated for 24 years. The goal is to supplement this program. Plans are be-

See HOPE, pg. 10



SENIOR JEREMY ALVARADO watches his pitch in the final inning of district baseball competition between the Blizzards and Coleman. Alvarado relieved Oscar Luz after 4 innings to be credited with the 11-10 win over the Bluecats. The Blizzards host San Saba tomorrow in district play beginning at 5 p.m.

## WHAT'S HAPPENING ?

- April 8-10 a.m., 394, First United Methodist Church
- 10 a.m., Triple L Club, First Baptist Church
- 11:30 a.m., Senior Citizens Meal
- 6 p.m., Runnels County Emmaus, First United Methodist Church
- 6:30-8:30 p.m., Caregiver Support Group, First Presbyterian, Ballinger
- 6:30-9 p.m., Computer Class, WHS
- April 9-11:30 a.m., Senior Citizens Meal
- April 10-9 a.m., Crews Cemetery Workday/Meeting
- 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Computer Class, WHS
- Christmas In April Workday
- Citywide Clean-Up Begins
- April 11-11 a.m., Rwanda Missionaries at Assembly of God Church
- National Library Week Begins
- April 12-11:30 a.m., Senior Citizens Meal
- 7 p.m., VFW & Auxiliary, Post Home
- April 13-10 a.m., Commissioners Court, Courthouse, Ballinger
- 11:30 a.m., Senior Citizens Meal
- Noon, Lions Club
- 6:30-9 p.m., Computer Class, WHS
- 7 p.m., WVFD
- 7:30 p.m., Elm Creek Water Control, Chamber Office
- Literary & Service Club
- Woman's Club
- April 14-11:30 a.m., Senior Citizens Meal
- April 15-11:30 a.m., Senior Citizens Meal
- 6:30-9 p.m., Computer Class, WHS
- Tax Renditions Due
- Income Tax Day

## Oil Bidness

By Reg Boles ©1999

With all of the turmoil in the oil patch these days, it got me to thinking about the many creative ways a person can be "let go" in our business.

In each downcycle, oil and gas companies have been diligent in reducing their work force each and every time. This reduction is accomplished by layoffs, which is supposed to be a way of terminating employment without "firing" someone.

Some describe the layoff process as someone losing their job, not due to any individual case, but due to an industry-wide cause that cannot be diverted by any human action. Although this description is not too bad (albeit a little snooty), it does overlook the fact that individual performance is often used as a criteria to delineate between those staying and those going.

In any event, the upper management will look for a way to put the best face on the situation. Usually this means labeling those that have to be let go with a name that avoids directly describing what is actually going on. Such as...

**"De-Selected."** A name someone came up with to imply somehow that those being laid off had a special place because they had been "not selected." This is double-speak if there ever was such a thing. "You have been de-selected. Congratulation. Let's see what you have won..."

**"Relieved."** I think this has military roots, as in "You've been relieved of duty." However, I can't help but think it has something to do with going to the bathroom.

**"Made Redundant."** This is used extensively in Europe. Can you imagine being anything that is considered redundant and having your self-esteem survive?

**"Redirected."** As if losing your job was just a temporary detour around a pothole.

**"Outplaced."** This term has its roots in the industry that is hired to help those let go find another job. It is a term that fits into all those buzzword sentences you might hear at a company pep rally. "We are going to use our synergies to jump-start our business, and we will begin that by outplac-ing all of our business partners!"

No matter the term, it feels pretty lousy getting told to hit the road. Sometimes the pain is eased by a generous severance package or a quick turnaround on a new job, but it still stings.

There are some in a certain age range that can benefit from these downsizings. Those at or above 55 often get to retire early in these

situations, and they have their own label for things: *"leisure-accelerated."*

### HIGHLIGHTS OF AREA DRILLING ACTIVITY COMPLETIONS

#### Coke County

Thorp Petroleum Corporation has completed the Dozier #1 in the South IAB Field (10 miles W of Robert Lee) at an initial rate of 19 BOPD & 40 BWPD in the Canyon Sand (perms 5578-5608). Loc. is 2175 FSL & 2214 FEL of Sec. 184, Blk. 2, H&TC Sur., A-1609.

#### Runnels County

Walsh Resources has completed the Calcoete Unit #1 in the North Winters Field (3 miles N of Winters) at an initial rate of 34 BOPD & 1 BWPD in the Gardner Sand (perms 4374-92). Loc. is 642 FEL & 509 FSL of H&TC Sur. No. 87, A-318.

#### Tom Green County

Remuda Operating has completed the Demere #1 in the Hercules Field (3 miles S of Water Valley) at an initial rate of 10 BOPD & 50 BWPD in the Canyon Sand (perms 6153-6347). Loc. is 330 FNL & 330 FNWL of H. Fey Sur. No. 277, A-187.

#### Callahan County

Fossil Operating has staked the Simmons #1 in the Nicholas Field, 5 miles NE of Cross Plains (Depth 4100). Loc. is 1955 FNL & 3948 FWL of J. Lahee Sur. No. 17, A-267.

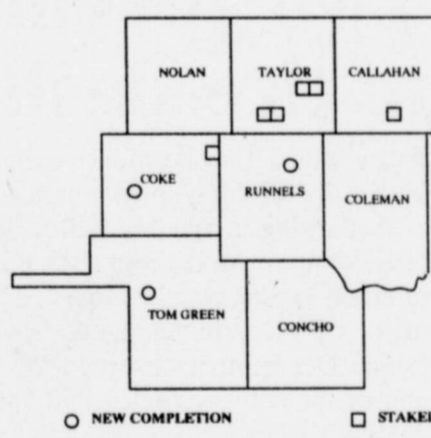
#### Coke County

Pittencierff America has applied to plug back the S. Odom #3043 in the Fort Chadbourne Field, 11 miles NE of Bronte (Depth 6100). Loc. is 569 FSWL & 1241 FNWL of S. de la Garza Sur. No. 304.

#### Taylor County

J.K. Anderson has staked two wells in the E.J. Field, 5 miles NE of Shep. The A. Sears #1 (depth 3150) is loc. 700 FWL & 1100 FNL of Sec. 227, Blk. 64, H&TC Sur. The M. Sears #1 (Depth 4950) is loc. 2497 FNL & 1750 FEL of Sec. 235, Blk. 64, same Sur.

L.C.S. Production Company has staked three wells in the County Regular Field, 3 miles W of Tuscola (Depth 5100). The Graham -A- #11 is loc. 2350 FSL & 2 FNL of Sec. 35, Blk. 1, SPRR Sur. The Graham -A- #14 is loc. 1608 FNL & 88 FWL of same Sur. The Graham -A- #16 is loc. 1711 FNL & 2482 FWL of same Sur.



## Runnels Emmaus to meet at FUMC

Runnels County Emmaus will meet at 6 p.m. Thursday, April 8, at First United Methodist Church in Winters.

For more information, contact Nancy Thompson at 754-4016.

## GAS LEAK, cont'd.

A leak was discovered.

It was decided the drive would be cancelled for the safety and well being of the volunteers. At this time, the student council does not plan to reschedule the drive.

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## "March for Jesus" plans begin

Be in prayer and begin to prepare for the area March for Jesus to be held Saturday, May 22, at 10:00 a.m. This year's theme is "Love One Another."

In Winters, the group will assemble at 9:00 a.m. at the Winters City Park. Transportation will be provided for those unable to walk.

You are asked to bring banners, posters, flags, and streamers for the march; however, no church, organization, or club acknowledgments are allowed. Additionally, bring a canned good to donate to the area food pantry.

March for Jesus programs will be available for \$1 and red and white t-shirts for \$10. There will be a limited supply of shirts on the day of the march!

Last year's march was very successful with residents from Ballinger, Tuscola, and Coleman participating. 1999 March for Jesus Coordinator Noelisa Loehman wants everyone to spread the word and be in prayer. She asks that you plan to be a part of "Jesus Day," June 10, 2000. She reports that it is expected to be the largest worldwide unity march that heaven and earth has ever seen in exaltation of Jesus' name.

Please call Noelisa Loehman at 754-4328 to volunteer your help, for more information, or to pre-order t-shirts.

Loehman thanks you for your prayers and support, and thanks Jesus for watching over the area communities.

## Crews Cemetery workday set for this Saturday

The Crews Cemetery Association will hold its annual meeting and workday on Saturday, April 10, at 9 a.m.

For more information contact Dale and Linda Duggan at 365-3145 or Therin Osborne at 723-2322.

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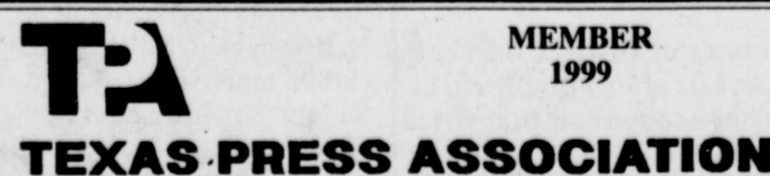
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## Chamber Memo

## Make plans now— Mayfest just a few weeks away

by Carolyn Scarborough,  
Chamber of Commerce Secretary

Mayfest plans are going fast and furious. It's less than a month away.

We have lots of exciting things going on. There will be food and treats of all kinds, so come hungry.

There will be a train ride for kids and a gyro-sphere to try out. We also have games and face painting planned. There will also be a child safety seat check and Kidprint identification program.

If you haven't signed up your group, organization or business for a booth, you need to do so as quickly as possible. The booths are \$20, for a 10' x 10' space.

If your softball team hasn't signed up, please call the Chamber office, at 754-5210, as soon as possible.

This year is Co-Ed division only. We need as many teams as possible to ensure a good tournament.

Cost is only \$10 per person on the roster. Play will start Friday night and continue through Saturday. Don't wait until the last minute, sign up now!

We are also having the Home Run Derby again this year. Entrance into the derby will be a \$10 fee for 10 pitches. Contact the chamber for a complete set of rules.

The Chamber of Commerce will have prize drawings throughout the day to give away things like tickets to Joyland, Fiesta Texas and Hurricane Harbor.

Come and join us for a day of fun, food and fellowship on May 1, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

## Classifieds Get Results

### Senior Citizens Activity Center Menu

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April 12 thru April 16  
Subject to change

**Monday, April 12:** Chicken & gravy, mashed potatoes, broccoli, bread, and bread pudding.  
**Tuesday, April 13:** Beef casserole, pinto beans, cole slaw, chips, and brownies.  
**Wednesday, April 14:** Chicken salad, ham salad, cauliflower salad, pink salad, and pistachio delight.  
**Thursday, April 15:** Spaghetti w/meat sauce, tossed salad, green beans, garlic bread, and apple crisp.  
**Friday, April 16:** Stew, vegetable sticks, fruit salad, cornbread, and Jello w/cream.

## Obituaries

### Lena Mae Lehman

WINTERS—Lena Mae Lehman, 80, died Monday, April 5, 1999, at Abilene Regional Medical Center.

She was born May 2, 1918, in Winters and was a lifelong resident. She married Clifford Lehman on February 16, 1941, in Winters. She was a member of the Dale Sewing Club and the First United Methodist Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband in 1980.

She is survived by one son, Robert Parks Lehman of Winters. Services were held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, April 7, 1999, in the Winters Funeral Home Chapel with Reverend Don Roath officiating. Burial followed in Lakeview Cemetery under the direction of Winters Funeral Home.

Pallbearers were Delbert Kruse, Roy Matthies, Roger Kruse, Rodney Kruse, Cecil Sudduth, and Paul Stoecker.

### Marie Cowlshaw

BALLINGER—Marie Cowlshaw, 88, died Monday, March 29, 1999.

She was born on January 22, 1911, and married H.L. (Pete) Cowlshaw on September 29, 1932.

Mrs. Cowlshaw was a homemaker.

She was preceded in death by her husband, H.L. (Pete) Cowlshaw in 1969; one son, Tom Cowlshaw; one daughter, Betty Moser; one son-in-law, Robert Moser; and one great-granddaughter, Alisha Lamkin.

Survivors include one son, Jim Cowlshaw and wife Betty of McKinney; four daughters, Emma Smith and husband Clovis of Ballinger, Ruby Wearden and husband Charles of Ballinger, Martha Carter and husband Charles of Arlington, and Judy Lippe and husband Fred of Wylie; one daughter-in-law, Sue Cowlshaw of Austin; nineteen grandchildren; eighteen great-grandchildren; and one sister, Beulah Holland of Ballinger.

Visitation was from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. Wednesday, March 31, at Rains-Seale Funeral Home in Ballinger. Services were held at 2:00 p.m. Thursday, April 1, at Seventh Street Baptist Church with Reverend H.G. Barnard officiating. Burial followed in Old Runnels Cemetery in Ballinger, directed by Rains-Seale Funeral Home.

Grandsons served as pallbearers.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Ballinger Senior Citizen Association or Vista Family Hospice in San Angelo.

### George Wright

COMANCHE—George Wright, 77, died Monday, March 22, 1999, at a Comanche hospital.

He was born on May 26, 1921, in Mullin, Texas, to Ealum and Esther (Spinks) Wright. The family then moved to east Winters. He was an Army veteran of World War II, receiving the Purple Heart while serving in China Berna India.

Mr. Wright was a retired heavy equipment operator.

He was preceded in death by his parents and three brothers, Wilson (Pud) Wright, C.D. Wright, and Frank Wright.

Survivors include one daughter, Billie June McCain of Odessa; four brothers, Doyle Wright of Proctor, Max Wright of Midland, Clint Wright of Odessa, and James Wright of DeLand, Florida; and one sister, Juanita Shields of Mansfield.

Services were held at 2:00 p.m. Thursday, March 25, at the Pompey Mountain Methodist Church. Burial was at Duren Cemetery in Mills County. Arrangements were directed by Comanche Funeral Home.

### Bonnie Briley Winter

SAN ANGELO—Bonnie Briley Winter, 79, died on Sunday, March 28, 1999, in a San Angelo hospital.

She was born June 29, 1919, in Dallas, to Homer and Eunice Briley. She married Lyle Winter April 17, 1943 in Coleman.

Mrs. Winter began work at First National Bank, then the Farmers and Merchants Bank, both in Ballinger. She retired, after 35 years in banking, from First City National Bank in San Angelo. She was a member of Immanuel Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her first husband Johnnie Minzenmayer; her children, Jerry Sue Minzenmayer and Patsy Ann (Smith) Fluit; three brothers, Homer Briley, Jr., W.C. Briley, and W.J. Briley; and one sister, Ellen Minzenmayer.

Survivors include her husband Lyle Winter of San Angelo; one sister, Wyonia White of San Angelo; two granddaughters, Jan McCleery and husband Phil, Wyonia Castro and husband Richard, of San Angelo; six great-grandchildren, Christy Correa of San Marcos, David Bryan Skelton of Yuma, Arizona, Amanda McCleery, Katy Ann McCleery and Christopher Smith of San Angelo, Amy Castro of Germany; two great-great-grandchildren, Clinton Correa and Colt McCleery; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Services were held at 10:00 a.m. Wednesday, March 31, 1999, at Johnson's Funeral Home Chapel in San Angelo, with Reverend James Mitchell of Immanuel Baptist Church officiating. Burial followed at 2:00 p.m. at Lakeview Cemetery in Winters, Texas, directed by Johnson's Funeral Home Chapel.

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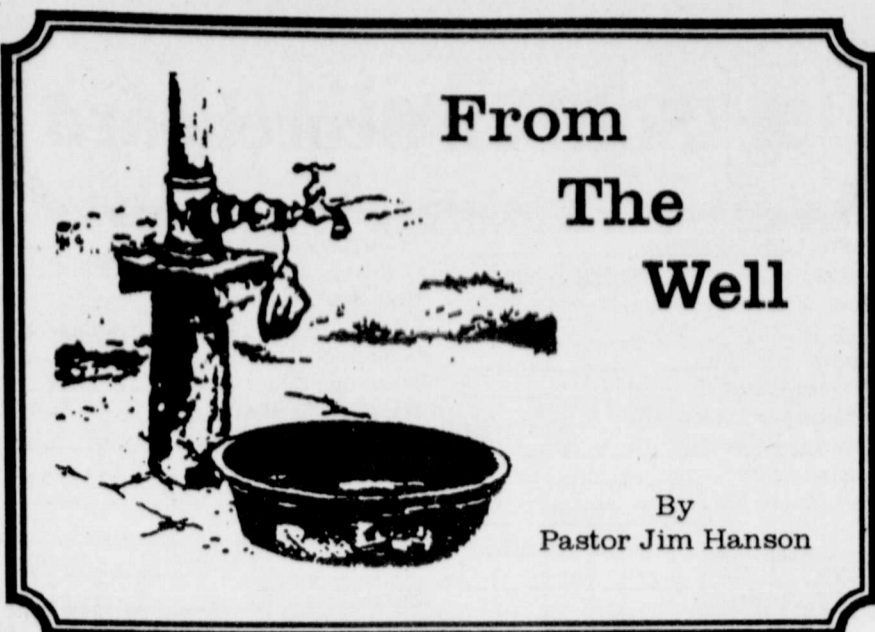
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## From The Well

By  
Pastor Jim Hanson



Pastor Jim Hanson

I've been surrounded by preachers all my life. My dad was a preacher. Back in those days it was not unusual for preachers to get together, one on one, or in small groups — often. We often had a preacher in for lunch or supper — some fellow pastor of dad's who was in town. They never "went out to eat" — they came with dad to our table. It was always special, and fun for us, to have another preacher at our table. They were always kind to us boys, and would usually have a funny story or joke to tell us — at our table.

Ever so often, for whatever reason, dad would have a bunch of them over to the house. For an evening. There would be refreshments, of course. Coffee and sandwiches and some kind of dessert. I can remember myself, sent off to bed — sneaking down the stairs to that place where the steps took a turn, and sitting there. I could pick up pieces of the conversation — and it seemed like they were always having fun — they laughed a lot! I was always attracted to that fellowship, and have no doubt that God used those remembrances in calling me into the ministry.

I still enjoy the fellowship and good times that preachers have when they get together. Once a month the Lutheran pastors of our conference get together. And, we have a good time — most of the time. We spent some of our time "bishop-bashing," and some of the time is spent "congregation-bashing," but most of the time we are pretty much up beat. But the times I enjoy most are our weekly gatherings of the Ministerial Association in Winters.

Oh, we are a kind of motley crew. Father Sam, Barry, Bob, Don, and myself. We always have a good time. There are stories to share, experiences to relate. Father Sam, who loves ancient history, always gives us a lesson from the past. Bob usually has a joke or two. The rest of us chime in — and we laugh and talk and thoroughly enjoy the fellowship.

I've been part of many ministerial associations — in Montana, Minnesota, and Texas. I can honestly say I have enjoyed them all. But right now, here in Winters, I must say, "This one is the best ever." There is a spirit of unity. Of love and care for each other. I detect no spirit of competition. And a sense that we are all in this together, and our goal is to serve the whole community with the love of Jesus in our hearts and the Spirit of God in our actions.

When Barry suggested that we have Holy Week Services for the whole town, and that we do it together in the Community Center — the idea did not SHRIVEL up and die in the middle of the table. It was picked up, messaged, and delivered to our town. And what a week it has been.

I can't think of a time my heart has been so pumped with Holy Spirit joy as these past few days of Holy Week. To see the people of Winters come filing in — from all the Churches. Greeting one another. Visiting as they stand in line to get their plates. Sitting across the table from each other — everybody as one. Unity in the body of Christ.

Then the prayers. And the praises — all the people singing praise songs to God. With one voice! Not a frown in the place! Everybody making a joyful noise! And then — glory be — the "High-Nooners." Yes! The 5 preachers — a quintet if you please, singing — "My Jesus I love Thee," "When I Survey The Wondrous Cross," and others. Believe it or not — we're not so bad — in fact — we are half-good! What a joy it is.

Even if it is Holy Week, and the good sermons are all about the suffering and death of Jesus, I am experiencing — every day, a resurrection in my heart. I am experiencing renewal. The people of God are uniting. In spite of all the death and destruction in the world. In spite of economic down-turns and physical sickness and all the downers the devil and the world give us, there is victory in Jesus. And when the people of God come together — the stone is rolled away. The tomb is empty. He is risen — I know. I experienced Him in the Holy Week crowd at the Community Center in Winters, Texas. Even before Easter. And, I'm certain, even more so in the weeks to come as God unfolds His plans and we are faithful in fulfilling them! Hallelujah!

Birthday boy is Kody McCuiston.

### Card of Thanks

We wish to thank the Ministerial Alliance and the people who provided the food for last week's fellowship & prayer. It was truly a spirit lifting experience. We do hope this becomes a yearly thing. Those that missed it really missed out on something wonderful and special.

Sincerely,  
Pete & Barbara Gray

### Card of Thanks

We would like to express a special thank you to the Ballinger Senior Citizen Association and Vista Family Hospice, 1121 S. Bryant Blvd., San Angelo, for enriching the life of our special mother.

The family of  
Marie Cowlshaw

### Card of Thanks

My family and I would like to let everyone know how much we appreciate all of the love and friendship shown to us from the community of Winters. There are not enough words to express how we feel about all of the compassion shown to us by all of the loving people in Winters.

The loss of a loved one is an especially difficult situation to deal with, but the community has helped us through this very emotional time in our lives.

We want to thank everyone who showed kindness and concern by bringing us food, clothes, flowers, and most of all — your prayers and words of encouragement.

We would like to especially show our appreciation to the Winters Volunteer Fire Department and fireman Chuck Cravens for his valiant rescue efforts, to Jimmy and Elma (Casa Cabana) for all of the time they devoted to taking care of us, and to DeeDee (Kristian's Hair Gallery) for inviting us into her home and treating us like family members. We also want to thank the various churches who were more than willing to go above and beyond to make sure that our needs were met spiritually, emotionally, and physically.

Finally, we want to let George Lozano and Penney Ramon know how much we love and care about them — not just because they opened their home to us, but because they opened their hearts to us and helped us keep things in perspective when we were not able to do so.

Please keep my family in your prayers.

We love all of you,  
Margaret Huffman and family

## DPS Safety Education officer— Women's Service League to sponsor child safety seat checks during Mayfest

Bam — bam — bam — bam. No, this is not a Flintstones cartoon. But it could be your infant bouncing off of the inside of your car as their carseat is slung from side to side during an accident.

National statistics show that 4 out of 5 child safety seats are improperly installed or used in family vehicles.

That's why the Women's Service League of Winters will sponsor a Child Safety Seat check during Mayfest activities on May 1.

DPS safety education officer Sparky Dean of Abilene, will head the clinic. Richard Treece, who is the DPS safety education officer in San Angelo, will train WSL members in April to assist Officer Dean with the check.

In San Angelo, Treece states that 85 to 90% of the carseats they check are improperly installed or

used. If the seat is put in properly it cannot be moved. He and Dean have been through schooling to train and certify them to properly install child safety seats.

"Here's the kicker," said Treece, "you have a new parent who buys a carseat and gets a little booklet on how to install it — I went to school for four days," he stresses, "to learn what a parent is expected to do from a little booklet. That booklet does not tell them all the information they need on child safety seats."

Officer Dean and WSL members will check carseat installation and install it properly if needed. They will also educate the parents on proper installation for future reference.

Plans are being finalized with Wal-Mart of Ballinger to have the three types of child safety seats

available for purchase the day of Mayfest, should there be problems with the ones parents are currently using.

"You don't want to put a child back into a carseat that is not safe and let those cars back on the road," Treece said.

Child safety seats and children buckling up are big issues for Texas legislators. If some state law makers get their way, seatbelt laws may change for children and adults alike, as early as September 1.

The Women's Service League encourages all parents to bring their children, carseats, and vehicles to the safety check from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. during Mayfest. This will be a community service offered free to the public by the WSL and Department of Public Safety.

### Card of Thanks

We wish to express our gratitude for the thoughts, prayers, visits, and food that were received. Blessings to each one who brought their love and comfort to our family during this time.

The family of W.J. Briley

### Card of Thanks

We would like to thank all our friends and family for the generous acts of kindness shown at our dad's death. We appreciate the food, flowers, memorials, and cards.

A special thanks to Dr. Y.K. Lee, who had cared for Dad for over 20 years and to Dr. Jerry Biddix and the staff of North Runnels Hospital.

We thank Pastor Jim and Ramona Hanson and the ladies of St. John's for the family meal, and choir for the lovely service.

We thank God that we live in a small community with loving family and friends to help us in such times as these.

To Mike and Buddy, a special hug!

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Juice
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Cereal
Juice
Friday-April 16
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Fruit Salad
Hot Roll
Tuesday-April 13
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Tater Tots
Sliced Pickles
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Reading disorder is not going to go away—
Everyday tasks are a ritual for the dyslexic student

by Deb Pritchard
Last of a four part series

Dyslexia is a disorder that originates in the brain. It is clearly apparent by a difficulty in learning to read, write, or spell. Forty-two students are currently enrolled in a dyslexia class offered by the Winters ISD. Cindy and Kourtney Cathey tell their story.

Kourtney talks about her young acting career. "School plays—they'd never pick me for a part where you had to memorize lines. If I did it was a short part."

"Yeah — it bothered me. All my friends got cool parts. I'd be in the background without one...all because of dyslexia and my reading problems."

Taking notes off the board at school is nothing short of a chore. "I'm too slow. Off of a white board — it's got to be blue, red, or purple marker. It can't be black, brown, orange, or yellow. I'll see color not words."

As for math, numbers are a lot easier to write than letters. However she does have difficulties. "In story problems, the numbers written in words are hard to distinguish. 4 and 9 are hard for me."

"I can't tell them apart sometimes — especially if the 4 is closed at the top (like this one). Or it's hard to tell whether the number is 39 or 93. I transpose the digits."

Writing a check is a "traumatic experience." "Whatever number I hear last when the cashier gives me a total — I start writing that number first."

"Like at Heidenheimer's, I'll sit in the car out front and write the name on the check (by copying it off the top, front of the building) before I ever go in...so I won't have to do it in front of someone and mess up."

Because of Kourtney's mom Cindy, dyslexia classes are offered each period of the day in the Winters schools. "I teach alphabet phonics — by using tapes from Scottish Rite Hospital. We listen, repeat, listen, repeat, and review."

"We say the alphabet every lesson as well as go over key words. Dyslexics have a hard time with vowel sounds. When they spell words, they put all the consonants but no vowels."

"I have the kids everyday for 45 minutes to an hour," said Cindy. She does a battery of tests to determine their needs including reading ability and comprehension.

She also tests their ability to think and reason as well as their phonological awareness — ability to put sounds together. The students go through three years of dyslexia training.

"She implants it (the phonetic rules) in your brain," said Kourtney. "Because they (the tapes and her mom) go over it and over it — I know it by memory now."

"I don't code as much as I did my sophomore year. (She's a senior.) At first on my own I was really slow (reading). Now I can read a book (100-150 pages) in four hours if I need," she says with confidence.

There are modifications for dyslexic kids on the ACT test (required for application to public colleges and universities). Cindy says, "The questions are taped and they listen to them through individual tape players and earphones. They can play them back as many times as needed for reading, English, science, and math. For the essay section as well as the other subjects, they have extended time."

"Some colleges and major universities will really frown on modifications of the ACT when considering a student," she adds. College scares both Kourtney

and her parents. Knowing the type of assistance her daughter needs, Kourtney says, "Mom is very worried. Dad's afraid someone will say something to hurt my feelings and he wouldn't be there (when it happened)."

"I'm going to Hardin-Simmons. I have an aunt that lives nearby — so I can get her to help me every night if I need to. I'm building myself up now to go to my professors the first day of class and tell them what's wrong."

"She's still going to need stuff read to her through college. That's why she's going close. Bill's (Kourtney's dad) sister can do it — or she can call home. There's not a lot of college text books on tape."

Kourtney reflects on her dyslexia training in the WSD. "If it weren't for mom's program — I'd probably be struggling in special education classes. I'd be very self-conscious — more so than I am now. People would think I was a freak."

"Some (of her fellow dyslexic classmates) use it (dyslexia) as a crutch. Others use it as a challenge like I do — I'll do better next time," she says.

"I want to thank all my family and friends for their help and support," she stated earnestly. "I tell them when they help me — but I don't know if they understand how much they really do help."

Statistics indicate that 50% of people with dyslexia have scotopic sensitivity as well. I have had numerous calls and comments about this series. People have sent copies of the articles near and far. I hope that in some way, I have given insight as to what these kids go through on a daily basis due to these reading disorders. I want to thank Cindy Cathey for her willingness to help our children and share this information with the community. I want to especially thank Kourtney for sharing her story.



RONALD RODRIGUEZ connects with the ball that drove in the winning run for the Blizzards in district action with Coleman last week. Rodriguez went 2 for 4 at bat to help Winters defeat the Bluecats, 11-10. As of presstime Tuesday, the Blizzards were tied with Hamilton for second place in district 25-AA.

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Softball Scoreboard

Team: Lady Blizzards
Coach: Shelly Hayes/Robert White
Date & place of game:
Mar. 16, 1999 — Miles
Opponent: Miles
Winning pitcher: Presley
Winning catcher: Hope
Losing pitcher:
Losing catcher:
Key plays: 2B Presley 3B DelaRosa

Team: Lady Blizzards
Coach: Shelly Hayes/Robert White
Date & place of game:
Mar. 23, 1999 — Winters
Opponent: Loraine
Winning pitcher: Presley
Winning catcher: Hope
Losing pitcher: Garcia
Losing catcher: Lucas
Key plays: 2B DelaRosa 3B Paschal

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Coach's comments: Jana Presley had 7 strikeouts and allowed 4 walks. Kendra Hope had a good game catching and had 3 pick-off plays, plus 2 assists for putouts. Jessica DelaRosa hit the ball well with 2 triples. Paula Salas had 1 triple and Jana had a double as well as a single. Kendra had 2 singles. The girls hit the ball well. We are 1-1 in District.

Team: Lady Blizzards
Coach: Shelly Hayes/Robert White
Date & place of game:
Mar. 30, 1999 — Coahoma
Opponent: Coahoma
Winning pitcher: Buchanan
Winning catcher: Kemper
Losing pitcher: Presley
Losing catcher: DelaRosa
Key plays: 2B Paschal

Table with columns: WINTERS, OPPOSITION, Runs, Hits, Errors. WINTERS: 11, 9, 2. OPPOSITION: 1, 3, 6.

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Coach's comments: We played a good game. We hit the ball well and fielded well. Jana had 7 strikeouts and allowed 2 walks. Our district record is 2-1.

Team: Varsity Baseball
Coach: Charles Murphy
Date & place of game:
March 30, 1999 — Winters
Opponent: Coleman
Winning pitcher: Jeremy Alvarado
Winning catcher: Chris Lujano
Losing pitcher: Stewart
Losing catcher: Thewatt
Key plays:

Table with columns: WINTERS, OPPOSITION, Runs, Hits, Errors. WINTERS: 11, 14, 4. OPPOSITION: 10, 12, 4.

Coach's comments: Everyone hit the ball. This was a very good win. We are now tied for second with Coleman and Hamilton at 4 and 2. Bangs is in first place with 5 wins and a loss.

Baseball Scoreboard

Tekell receives Carr Scholarship from Angelo State

Eric Tekell from Winters High School has been awarded a Carr Academic Scholarship at Angelo State University for 1999-2000. Carr Academic Scholarships are being awarded for 1999-2000, ranging in value from \$1,500 to \$6,000, to qualified undergraduates. During the current year over 900 students from throughout Texas and the nation, as well as numerous foreign countries, are attending Angelo State University on Carr Academic Scholarships.

WHS advances several in district 25-AA UIL literary competition

- Headline Writing
1st, Chip White
Spelling
1st, Alison Wells
Spelling (team)
1st, Winters, (Alison Wells, Jamie Reeves, Tammy Thorpe)
Poetry
7th, Cassandra Fields
Persuasive Speaking
4th, Alexis Adams
Prose
7th, Mandy Pritchard

1999 Project Graduation plans meal

Project Graduation will sponsor a mesquite smoked chicken dinner on Sunday, April 18. The meal will be held in the school cafeteria. Adult meals are \$5 each and will include half a smoked chicken with beans, coleslaw, bread, tea, and your choice of homemade dessert. Child plates for 10 years and under are \$3 and include either one or two chicken legs in addition to all the trimmings. Project Graduation provides a fun-filled night of activities free of alcohol and drugs for graduating high school seniors. Proceeds from the chicken dinner will benefit this event.

Kindergarten and Pre-K Roundup set

It's not too early to be thinking about kindergarten roundup and pre-kindergarten registration, according to Winters Elementary Principal Tammy Bright. Tuesday, April 20 has been set for the sign-up in the elementary library beginning at 6:30 p.m. Spring registration allows administrators to plan the number of kindergarten teachers needed in the fall. Any child who will be 5 years of age before September 1 is asked to register for the 1999-00 kindergarten class. Parents are asked to supply social security cards, shot records, and birth certificates to be copied for school records. Pre-kindergarten registration is slated at the same time. Eligibility is based on income. For further information contact the elementary school office at 754-5577.

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Prewit breaks school shot put record with 54'10 1/2' toss—

# Lady Blizzards win Brady track meet; Blizzards are runners-up

The Lady Blizzard track team captured the championship title in the Heart of Texas Relays on Saturday in Brady. The men's team was runner-up in the meet.

Senior Michael Prewit soundly broke the school record in the shot put, throwing 54'10 1/2". Mark Jacob held the old record of 54'6". Kenny Whittenburg finished second in the event and Mariusz Skibicki was fifth.

The ladies medaled in all but one running event and placed at least one in every event in the meet. Both the 800 meter and mile relays finished first with their best times of the season.

The JV boys were also runners-up in the meet while the JV girls finished third. Samson Jackson and Chris Hoppe finished first and second in the shot and discus, sharing the two titles.

Robert Gibbs won both the long jump and triple jump, while Chris Yanez was second in each.

Michelle Walden won gold for the JV girls in both the shot and 100 meter dash.

Both the girls and boys teams will compete in Clyde on Saturday. Field events will begin at 8:30 a.m. The 3200 meter run starts at 9:30 a.m. and running events are at 1:30 p.m. All running events are finals only.

Results from Brady are:

- Varsity Boys**  
**Shot Put**  
 1st, Michael Prewit, 54'10.5" (WHS school record)  
 2nd, Kenny Whittenburg, 49'1"  
 5th, Mariusz Skibicki, 46'6"  
**Discus**  
 3rd, Kenny Whittenburg, 139'8"  
 6th, Mariusz Skibicki, 131'2"  
**Long Jump**  
 4th, Larry Hoyle, 18'11.75"  
**3200M Run**  
 1st, Jimmy Rodriguez, 10:19  
**400M Relay**  
 2nd, Winters, (Martinez, Hoyle, Agüero, Calcote) 44.8  
**800M Run**  
 2nd, Juan Santos, 2:09  
 4th, Oscar Luz, 2:14

- 100M Dash**  
 3rd, Tony Agüero, 11.2  
 4th, Wes Calcote, 11.2  
 5th, Arthur Martinez, 11.4  
**400M Dash**  
 4th, Zeke Martinez, 54.6  
 5th, Joe Ortiz, 55.6  
**300M Hurdles**  
 4th, Jeremy Alvarado, 42.7  
**200M Dash**  
 6th, Wes Calcote, 24.7  
**1600M Relay**  
 2nd, Winters, (Angel, Santos, Agüero, Hoyle) 3:30

- JV Boys**  
**Shot Put**  
 1st, Samson Jackson, 44'0"  
 2nd, Chris Hoppe, 41'5"  
**Discus**  
 1st, Chris Hoppe, 121'3"  
 2nd, Samson Jackson, 119'8"

- Long Jump**  
 1st, Robert Gibbs, 16'7"  
 2nd, Chris Yanez, 16'0"  
 6th, Jeffrey Oats, 15'1"  
**Triple Jump**  
 1st, Robert Gibbs, 38'8"  
 2nd, Chris Yanez, 36'9"  
**High Jump**  
 3rd, Jeremy Hope, 5'0"  
**400M Relay**  
 1st, Winters, (Gibbs, Hope, Yanez, Oats) 46.0

- 800M Run**  
 3rd, Artemio Lopez, 2:34  
**100M Dash**  
 3rd, Jeffrey Oats, 12.4  
 4th, Robert Gibbs, 12.4  
**300M Hurdles**  
 1st, Chris Yanez, 45.0  
 2nd, Jeremy Hope, 48.5  
**1600M Relay**  
 2nd, Winters, (Hope, Lopez, Yanez, Oats) 3:56

- Varsity Girls**  
**Shot Put**  
 5th, Michelle Paschal, 31'2"  
**Discus**  
 6th, Jessica DeLaRosa, 86'5"  
**Triple Jump**  
 4th, Mandy Pritchard, 30'1.5"  
 5th, Michelle Paschal, 30'1"  
 6th, Juanita Armendariz, 29'5.5"

- Long Jump**  
 2nd, Misty Pritchard, 15'1.5"  
 5th, Kelli Slimp, 14'5.5"  
 6th, Mandy Pritchard, 13'3.5"

- 3200M Run**  
 5th, Kourtney Cathey, 14:13  
**800M Run**  
 2nd, Juanita Armendariz, 2:44.5  
 3rd, Jacky Dexter, 2:46.3  
**100M Hurdles**  
 1st, Kelli Slimp, 15.87  
 5th, Kacy McCuiston, 19.18  
**100M Dash**  
 3rd, Staci Bishop, 13.44  
 6th, Amanda Cross, 14.5  
**800M Relay**  
 1st, Winters, (Sлимп, Burns, Ma.Pritchard, Mi. Pritchard), 1:49.81

- 400M Dash**  
 1st, Staci Bishop, 63.63  
 3rd, Lori Bredemeyer, 67.78  
 4th, Paula Salas, 70.96  
**300 Hurdles**  
 1st, Kelli Slimp, 47.28  
 5th, Kacy McCuiston, 56.29  
**200M Dash**  
 1st, Misty Pritchard, 27.56  
 2nd, Tracey Burns, 28.19  
 3rd, Michelle Paschal, 28.31  
**1600M Run**  
 2nd, Cassandra Johnson, 5:58.72

- 1600M Relay**  
 1st, Winters, (Paschal, Burns, Ma. Pritchard, Mi. Pritchard) 4:20.03

- JV Girls**  
**Shot Put**  
 1st, Michelle Walden, 29'11.5"  
 6th, Michelle Burton, 23'5"  
**Long Jump**  
 5th, Monica Hicks, 12'3.5"  
**400M Relay**  
 2nd, Winters, (Montgomery, Walden, McMinn, Hicks), 58.22  
**800M Run**  
 5th, Scarlet McMinn, 3:17.09  
**100M Hurdles**  
 3rd, Michelle Burton, 20.47  
**100M Dash**  
 1st, Michelle Walden, 14.22  
 5th, Samantha Montgomery, 15.0

- 800M Relay**  
 3rd, Winters, (Montgomery, Walden, Burton, Hicks), 2:09.69  
**200M Dash**  
 4th, Monica Hicks, 30.84




1999 LADY BLIZZARD GOLFERS are (l-r) Coach Robin Byrd, Alison Wells, Tarra Burns, Brooke Tounget, Alexis Adams, and Shelley Meyer.

### Correction

A computer-generated error at Winters High School caused the names of two students to be omitted from the Third Nine Weeks "A" Honor Roll.

Also receiving academic recognition were Tracie Morrison, 10th grade, and Amanda Cross, 12th grade.

**Good Luck Breezes!**   
**District Track April 8 in Early**

## Winters bands receive top ratings at Cisco Music Festival

Winters bands received top ratings last week at the Cisco Music Festival, a prelude to district UIL competition.

Winters High School was given division 'I' ratings in both concert and sight reading by all three judges. A 'I' is a 'superior' rating.

Warren Thaxton, a long time judge of band contests, wrote, "...good to see the Winters band program getting back to a top notch group." Band Director Darrington White added that not one judge wrote anything about playing out of tune. White deems that quite an accomplishment.

"I told them this morning that many kids have gone through these band halls (the last several years), but you're the ones to finally rate a first division," he said.

"You can consider yourselves up there now with UIL, basketball—all those programs. You're getting right in with everyone else, which now makes us a well rounded school," he added.

The WHS concert band will play in district 25-AA competition at Coleman on April 21. "If we can hold it together, and not

get burned out—we'll do fine," concluded White.

Assistant Band Director Bobby Yerigan reports that several junior high students received high marks in solo and ensemble competition as well.

Leslye Geistmann and Lacey Meyer earned a superior rating with their clarinet duet, while Stefanie Davis and Stacey Walden were division 'I' with their piano duet. Walden and Davis earned a division 'II', excellent rating with a brass duet.

Stacey also earned superior ratings for her baritone and piano solos. Leah Bredemeyer was division 'II' with her piano solo as was Chance Hogan with a trumpet solo.

Jena Bahlman, Stacey Sneed, and Heather Martin were division 'II' with a clarinet trio. Tim Medina, Jessica Pritchard, and Timothy Fenwick had an excellent rating with a percussion ensemble.

The junior high band was not rated, but according to Yerigan, did very well. "The judges gave good comments and constructive criticism," he said.

## Boys JV tennis wins title at Colorado City tournament

Varsity draws tough matches early—

by Coach Biff White

It was a good day for the junior varsity boys' tennis team as they captured the J.V. team championship title of the Colorado City tennis tournament.

Jeffrey Jordan won the singles championship while teammates G.G. Hernandez and Jeremy Hope brought home the doubles championship.

Kasey Murphy played well, advancing to the semi final round as did the doubles team of Craig Jacob and Taylor Brown.

In only their second tournament, the J.V. girls also played well. In singles action, Samantha Montgomery lost in the quarter finals while Scarlet McMinn lost to the girl's singles champion in

the semi final match. Our doubles team of Tracey Burns and Monica Hicks played well too.

The varsity team did not fare as well, but we drew hard teams early in the tourney. Colby Walker played the singles champion in the second round.

Chip White and Barrett Brown met powerhouse Reagan County again in the semifinal round, but lost the match. Reagan County played Grady in the finals to win the championship. Grady had beaten the WHS doubles team of Aaron Pritchard and Justin Calcote in round two.

We took Easter off and will play in Abilene on April 9 and 10.

## Students of the Month

Each month the junior high teachers select students from the 7th and 8th grades to be Boy and Girl of the Month. These selections are made on the basis of academics, leadership, and citizenship.

Chance Hogan, 13, is "Boy of the Month" for March 1999. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. John Hogan.

Chance is in the seventh grade where his favorite subjects are history and science. He is honored to have had the highest class average in elementary school.

He enjoys putting together car models. To pass the time, Chance plays on the computer.

His duties include helping around the house, both inside and out.

Chance most admires his mom and dad.

He plans to go to college, major in pre-med, and become a doctor.

Stacey Sneed has been chosen as the "Girl of the Month" for March 1999. She is the daughter of Randall and Cheryl Sneed.

Stacey, 13, is in the eighth grade and enjoys math, particularly algebra.

She is listed on the "A" honor roll and placed in UIL Dictionary Skills. She enjoys playing basketball and tennis, and running track. To pass the time, she talks on the phone and shops.

Her duties include cleaning her room and feeding the dog.

She plans on going to Texas Tech but is undecided on a major.

Stacey most admires her parents and says that they are good role models.



Chance Hogan  
March Boy of the Month



Stacey Sneed  
March Girl of the Month

## Baseball and softball off to great start

Benefit dinner planned April 25

Baseball and softball are here! Boys and girls are taking the field with bats and gloves in hand. Winters has 17 teams of eager youngsters learning to play baseball and softball.

In T-ball (age 5-6 boys and girls), there are four teams. Coaches are Dawn Bryan, Scott and Jennifer Pinkerton, Bob Lindley, and Jimmy Ripley.

There are two teams in Farm League (boys, ages 7-8). Johnny Pritchard and Rosie Patton are their coaches. The girls team in the same age division is Pixie League, coached by Lauren Garduno.

The 10 and under age division has three boys teams and two girls teams. Girls coaches are Cheryl Kruse and Cindy Gann. Coaching the boys are Martin Martinez, John Kraatz, and Dawn Green.

In the 12 and under division, there are two boys and one girls team. Brent Bryan and Gordon

Fenwick coach the boys, and Wayne Green is the girls coach.


Mary Lynn Presley will coach a 16 and under girls team. Dennis Conner will coach junior league boys.

Winters Community Baseball accepts private donations that ensures anyone may play as well as providing for the use of safe equipment. Any amount is accepted and appreciated. Contact Dawn Green at 754-4611 (work) or 754-4430 (home).

On Sunday, April 25, a noon meal will be served to benefit Winters Community Baseball. The menu will consist of chicken strips, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, rolls, a drink, and cherry cobbler. Cost will be \$5 for adults and \$3 for children.

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**10 & under-\$3** Choice of 1 or 2 legs with kids meal

# Poe's Corner

By Charlsie Poe

## The story of Hiram G. Runnels

At long last, a picture of Hiram George Runnels, former Governor of Mississippi, has been sent to the Z.I. Hale Museum by John Robert Gray of Shreveport, Louisiana. When proper space can be prepared, it will be shown to the public.



Charlsie Poe

What makes it important to us is that our county was named for Hiram George Runnels and very little was known about him until we received this copy of his picture. It was obtained from the state archives in Jackson, Mississippi, with information about the family in a book by Don Runnels, which had been collected from many sources.

In 1831, he was a candidate for governor against Abraham M. Scott, Charles Lynch, W.P. Harris, and Adam Gordon. He was defeated by a plurality of 247. He was again a candidate for governor in 1833, and was elected over Abraham M. Scott by a majority of 558.

Governor Hiram G. Runnels was born December 15, 1796, in Hancock County, Georgia. He was the third son of Harmon Runnels, a soldier of the Revolution, who came to the Mississippi Territory in 1810 and settled in what is now Lawrence County, Mississippi.

The legislature at its January-March session indicated that the time for future meetings should be the first Monday in January, which fixed the next session in January 1836.

He was a member of the Territorial Legislature in 1883; delegate to the Constitutional Convention of 1817; the House of Representatives from 1817-1820; and State Senator, 1837-1838.

When Governor Runnels was inaugurated November 20, 1833, the legislature met at the same time. The Constitution of 1832 did not fix a time for the installation of the chief executive and the oversight had not been remedied by statute.

Hiram G. Runnels, after acquiring a common school education, became a teacher in Lawrence County. He served as a private soldier in the War of 1812. In 1822, he was elected auditor of public accounts by the legislature and served by re-election until 1830. On April 8, 1823, he married Aurelia Smith, daughter of Major David Smith of Hinds County, Mississippi.

The constitution however, provided that the governor should hold office for "two years from the time of his installation" and on November 20, 1835, Governor Runnels retired from office.

In 1829 he was elected to the lower house of the legislature and served again in 1840. He was appointed Receiver of Public Money in Mississippi by President Jackson in 1830.

There was an interim from November 20 to December 3 when Secretary of State Dickison called a special session of the newly elected senate.

## National Library Week to be celebrated April 11-17

—Winters Public Library encourages your visit

Where do you go when you need to know? Chances are it's the library.

The information age, according to a poll conducted by the Gallup organization for the ALA.

National Library Week will be celebrated April 11 through 17, sponsored by the American Library Association (ALA) and library supporters across the nation.

Everyone is encouraged to visit the Winters Public Library to see what they have to offer. Internet access is available to all patrons who have a library card and signed policy on file. There is no charge for a library card and they will be happy to assist you in 'surfing the net.'

Some two-thirds of Americans say the library is where they go to get books, use computers, and find other resources they need in

ected president at a salary of \$10,000 a year. When management of the bank was attacked by Governor McNutt, he was publicly caned by Runnels on the streets of Jackson.

In 1840, Runnels fought a duel with Volney E. Howard, one of the directors of the Union Bank.

In 1842, Runnels moved to Brazoria County, Texas. There he was a delegate to the convention which formed the constitution of Texas preparatory to its admission into the union, and was chairman of the committee on the legislative department.

He was afterwards elected state senator from Galveston and Brazoria counties. He moved to Harris County about 1855, and after a short residence, was elected to the state senate.

A short time after his election, he was stricken with a fatal illness and died December 17, 1857. He is buried in Glenwood Cemetery, Houston, Texas.

In announcing his death in the House of Representatives, Mr. Henderson of Harris County said, "He came to Texas in 1842 under a call for volunteers. Those who know him well, as I have done for fifteen years, can bear testimony to his moral worth, for I can assure you that all the relations of life, either as public or private citizen, there was much to admire.

"He was brave, generous, and confiding, his hand and purse were ever opened to a friend. He was a kind parent, a devoted and affectionate husband, and while we mourn his loss as a distinguished public man, we sympathize with his bereaved family and send them resolutions of condolences. Information was submitted by Ann Runnels Burch.



HIRAM G. RUNNELS

## Runnels paintings donated to Z.I. Hale Museum

The Runnels County Historical Commission met in the home of Charlsie Poe on Saturday, March 20, for their regular bi-monthly meeting with Chairman Neuman Smith presiding.

Poe explained the two large pictures in her living room. One was of Hiram George Runnels, governor of Mississippi, which Runnels County, Texas, was named for. This is a copy of a picture obtained from the Mississippi State archives in Jackson, Mississippi. There was also a picture of Governor Hardin Richard Runnels. Both of these were presented

to the Z.I. Hale Museum by John Robert Gray, stepson of the governor.

Smith introduced Charles Ball of Ballinger as a visitor and reported that he had written 25 articles of information for people and he also spoke to the Ballinger Rotary Club about the development of the Abilene and Southern Railway being a joint venture of both towns.

Others attending were Betty Thomason, Daphne Simpson, Rita Stephenson, Anthony Lange, John Hancock, Nina Hale, and David Allbright of Ballinger.

## Rwanda missionaries to minister April 11 at Winters Assembly of God

Billy and Jo Wilson, Assembly of God missionaries to Rwanda, will be ministering in Sunday morning services at Winters Assembly of God, 304 Wood Street, this Sunday, April 11, at 11:00 a.m.

The Wilsons had been missionaries to Zaire from January 1987 until February 1997. After being evacuated from Zaire (for the second time) in December 1996, they transferred to the country of Rwanda, serving there since March 1997.

Rwanda is a new country for the Assembly of God, having been registered in September 1993. The past four years have seen a tremendous growth of churches, according to Rev. Wilson. Just this last year, there were 20 new churches started, bringing the total to over 50 churches in

Rwanda. The Wilsons were instrumental in starting some of these churches, and assisted in building eleven church buildings.

Missionary Wilson says, "God allowed us to help start and direct a Bible School with over 30 students."

The Wilsons have worked with several relief programs to roof homes, helping over 600 families. A food relief program was also completed to help returning refugees. Billy and Jo Wilson are planning to return to Rwanda this summer to continue working with the Bible School and to build churches. Plans are also underway for projects such as fish farming and agricultural help.

Pastor Robert Jones invites everyone to hear this missionary family, Sunday, April 11, at Winters Assembly of God.



BILLY & JO WILSON

"A woman past forty should make up her mind to be young—not her face."  
—Billie Burke

## VFW auxiliary to sponsor art program

The Ladies Auxiliary of Winters Post 9193 is proud to sponsor the Young American Creative Patriotic Art Program for 1999. Developed in 1978, this program encourages high school students to express their artistic talents, demonstrate their patriotism, and at the same time, become eligible for funds to further their art education.

The entry must have been done during the 1998-1999 school year and will be judged on the originality of expressed concept and patriotism; the content and clarity of ideas; the design, use of color, and technique; and the total impact of execution and contrast. Art must be on paper or canvas. Water color, pencil, pastel, charcoal, tempera, crayon, acrylic, pen-and-ink or oil may be used.

National awards will be given to the first five place winners with the first place winner receiving \$3,000 and an expense-paid trip to the American Academy of Achievement's Salute to Excellence Weekend in 2000 honoring youth champions in many fields of endeavor, plus the first-place art will be featured on the cover of the National VFW Auxiliary Magazine and on the Auxiliary's web site.

Entries should be received by April 23, 1999.

If interested, contact WHS art teacher David Hale or Mary Kurtz, VFW Auxiliary.

## Deadline nears for writing contest

The Abilene Writing Guild is sponsoring a writing contest for children and adults.

Anyone may enter original, unpublished works through April 30, 1999.

Categories and maximum lengths are as follows:  
Poetry, rhymed >> up to 30 lines  
Poetry, unrhymed >> up to 30 lines  
Children's stories (written for ages 12 & younger) >> up to 1,000 words  
Articles of general interest >> 750-1,500 words  
Fiction >> 900-2,000 words  
Writings by children under 14 years of age >> up to 1,200 words.

First place will be awarded \$50; second place, \$25; and third place, \$15.

Guidelines may be obtained by calling (915) 691-9426 or 673-4772.

## Cheryle Yarbrough recognized for academic excellence

Cheryle D. Yarbrough of Winters was recently recognized in two events for academic excellence at the University of Texas at Arlington.

Ms. Yarbrough was among 195 students to be named as University Scholars in ceremonies Monday, April 6, during the President's Convocation for Academic Excellence. The students were selected for this honor by the various academic disciplines at U.T. Arlington for their exemplary achievements. The event was held as part of the University's Academic Excellence Week.

Ms. Yarbrough was also among 41 University of Texas students selected from more than 1,900 higher learning institutions to be included in the 1999 "Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges."

Campus nominating committees and editors of the annual directory included the names of these students based on their academic achievement, service to the community, leadership in extra-curricular activities, and potential for continued success.

Ms. Yarbrough joins an elite group of students selected from all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and several foreign nations. Outstanding students have been honored in the annual directory since it was published in 1934.

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- 5 Linden is the seat of this county
- 6 TX Pecos Bill
- 7 TXism: "\_\_\_ could strut sitting down" (big ego)
- 8 quilting or spelling
- 9 across the border from El Paso
- 15 done after drinking Dr. Pepper too fast
- 16 Jacksonville's Tomato "Fast stages" Battle of
- 19 this "Tex" created Pecos Bill in 1923
- 21 has supper
- 22 UT's Ricky Williams '98 award
- 27 Tex Ritter sang the theme to film "High \_\_\_"
- 28 TX Larry Hagman sitcom: "\_\_\_ of Jeannie"
- 29 Fort Worth has world's oldest rodeo
- 30 TXism: "\_\_\_ slate clean"
- 32 TXism: "\_\_\_ long" (good-bye)
- 33 ex-OB Meredith "Enchanted Rock" sound
- 37 TXism: "mad as a wet \_\_\_"
- 38 most favorable "room"
- 39 TXism: "ugly as homemade \_\_\_"

### DOWN

- 1 C&W music org. (abbr.)
- 2 TXism: "got more on his plate than he can \_\_\_ grace over"
- 3 Reba's "\_\_\_ house cat"
- 4 TXism: "\_\_\_ Life Out There?"
- 8 TXism: "\_\_\_ some boot leather" (run)
- 9 TX actress
- 10 TX George Strait tune: "\_\_\_ sound"
- 11 TXism: "spread like gossip \_\_\_ a church meeting"
- 12 TX "Trekkie" Gene
- 13 big dog in Iran
- 14 western writer Grey
- 15 this De Carlo starred in TX-based "Calamity Jane and Sam Bass"
- 45 makes a mistake
- 46 for example (abbr.)
- 47 she sheep
- 48 TX-OK border River
- 49 Rockport festivals
- 52 coiled wire toy
- 53 TX Tierney
- 54 in the manner of
- 55 gains by RB in 22-across (abbr.)
- 15 TXism: "fat as a \_\_\_"
- 16 TXism: "happy as a pig in \_\_\_"
- 17 puzzling problems
- 18 this Marie is "a little bit country"
- 20 out of beef
- 22 short salutation
- 23 Ranger's play-by-play guy (init.)
- 24 TX Meatloaf's "\_\_\_ Anything for Love..."
- 25 daytime dramas
- 26 operator of historic JA Ranch: M.H.W. \_\_\_ Ritchie
- 28 TX Trini's "If \_\_\_ a Hammer"
- 31 musical sound
- 34 this Yvette starred with TX Tommy Lee in "Jackson County Jail" (init.)
- 35 TXism: "another \_\_\_ another dollar"
- 37 TXism: "\_\_\_ as finding a horse thief in heaven"
- 40 TX minerals
- 43 has debts
- 44 Mesquite's Pro Rodeo Hall of Famer
- 50 Santa the general and the town in Coleman Co.
- 51 nickname of TX-born president

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## Crews News

By Hilda Kurtz



Hilda Kurtz

*Some folks never exaggerate—they only just remember "big."*

Hopewell Church visitors in morning services were Keith and Kathy Gerhart of Clyde, Jim Everett of Grandfalls, and Joe Webb of Coleman.

Spending Easter Sunday with Harvey Mac and Noble Faubion were Kenny and Eileen Cartwright, Tiffany and Jeremy Prater, Carolyn and Melinda Kraatz, and Mary Louise Dunivan.

Mary Louise Dunivan of Winters is back home after several days stay in a Ballinger nursing home.

Joe and Betty Pierce were in Brownwood during the week where Joe also placed Easter lilies on his parents' graves. The Pierces carried their grandson Pierce home to San Angelo after he had spent several days here.

I enjoyed my visit with Helen Alexander on Saturday. She went home and baked a pecan pie for her son Jerry of Tuscon, Arizona, who was visiting.

The Kenny Cartwrights heard from Marqué Mathis. Marqué said hello to everyone out here. She is a tiny bit homesick and would like to see us.

Tiffany Prater had her friend, Laura of Coleman, over on Sunday and Sunday night.

Juanita Shields attended Easter services at the First Baptist Church in Abilene. Afterwards, she had lunch with daughter-in-law Rosalinda and grandchildren, Chris, Lynly, and Stephen.

Margie Jacob and Cookie VanZandt attended the dinner at the Winters Community Center on Thursday that was sponsored by the Catholic Church.

Georgia and Connie Gibbs' Easter visitors were Connie Mac and Jean Gibbs; Kenny, Saffron, Tana, and Lane Gibbs; Justin,

Brooke, Haley, Tammy, and Mark Kaczyk; Travis Ford of Rising Star; Lisa and Scotty Ford of May; and Tracie Button and Wilburn Wrinkle of Bronte.

Katherine and Luke Grissom and a friend attended the Ballinger Easter Egg Hunt at the park on Saturday.

After church services, spending Easter with Carolyn Webb were Jim Everett of Grandfalls and Joe Webb of Coleman.

Spending Easter with Bill and Sharon Grissom on the farm were Ricky and Patsy Grissom of Winters; Adeline, Katherine, and Luke Grissom of Ballinger; and Wanda King of Crews.

Nila and Therin Osborne were in Abilene on Wednesday and while there visited with Oscar and Janie Fanning. On Easter, their visitors were Karen, Wesley, John, and Stefanie McGallian; Simon Camacho of Ballinger; Louise Osborne of Winters.

Enjoying Easter with Brenda and Richard Chambliss in Blackwell were Pat and Earl Cooper; Jerry and Dena Chambliss; Ray, Shon, and Sherry Cooper; Amanda and J.T. Cooper; Dottie, Scooter, and Kalyn Drake; and Gena and Steven and family.

At 3 a.m. on Monday, I had lightning and thunder and 1/10" of rain. So did several others in Crews.

Lelon and Doris Bryan's visitors were Brent, Dawn, Scott, and Clent Bryan; Kelly, Vicki, Alex, and Andrew Blackerby; Dewitt and Frances Bryan; Kendra and Aaron Nitsch; and LaRue Bryan. Lelon and Doris had Easter dinner with Kelly, Vicki, Alex, Andrew, and Betty Blackerby at Lowake. Then Doris went out to Mrs. Hoppe's Easter egg hunt.

Those attending the Rowena Easter services on Saturday night were Sharon and Jerry Engler of Brownwood, Margie Jacob of Midland, Margie Jacob, Jodi and Justin Busenlehner, Kristi Ellis, and Shauna Law of Abilene.

On Easter day, Mike and Carol Kozelsky hosted the Easter dinner and egg hunt at their home. Present were Joe and Dorine

Kozelsky, Margie Jacob, Steward and Darina Sehray of Wall, Sharon and Jerry Engler, Brenda Jacob, Beverly VanZandt, Corey and Brad VanZandt, Jodi and Justin Busenlehner, Kristi Ellis, Shauna Law, Kathryn Kozelsky of Abilene, Scott Kozelsky of College Station, and Jeanna Kozelsky of Corpus Christi.

RC and Mary Kurtz hosted our Easter barbecue and potluck dinner in their home on Sunday. The birthday song was sung for little Justin Garza, who is 6-years-old, and RC. After dinner, the gang had the Easter egg hunt. Those present for the occasion were Rosale Sauer of Abilene; Domingo, Dianna, Justin, and Caleb Garza of Sweetwater; and Darrell and Sherry Kurtz and children Keegan, Camille, and Caitlin; Jimmy, Brenda, and Shannon Villers of San Angelo; Hildegard and Calvin Shovajsa of San Angelo; Alvina Gerhart; and myself.

Doris Wood was host for dinner and an egg hunt on Easter Sunday to Mr. and Mrs. Maloe Bryant, Robert and Douglas of Abilene; Mr. and Mrs. Larry Calcote, Jim, Lucy, and Wes of Winters; Mr. and Mrs. John Hord of Wingate; Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Camron and children of Brownwood; Mr. and Mrs. Doug Bryant and children of Brownwood; Mr. and Mrs. James Hord and children of Midland; Mr. and Mrs. Connie Bryant of Ballinger; and Bro. and Mrs. Ferris Akins of Ballinger.

Melvina and Marvin Gerhart had their families present on Easter. In attendance were Keith and Kathy Gerhart of Clyde; Leslie Mints of Lubbock; Scott and Melissa Gerhart; Sherri, Brett, Bryant, Braden, Bryce, and Brendon Mikeska of Wingate.

Doris Wood carried Margie Jacob to Abilene for her doctor's appointment on Monday afternoon.

Linda and Dale Duggan and the Elwood Browns have been going to San Angelo every day to be with Frances Brown, who is ill and in the hospital. John Bean was a visitor on Easter day with the Duggans.

## Ladies Auxiliary accepting nominations for Outstanding Young Volunteer of the Year

The Winters Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 9193 Ladies Auxiliary is accepting nominations and applications for the Outstanding Young Volunteer of the Year in North Runnels County.

This individual must be a U.S. Citizen and be between the ages of 12 to 15. They must have provided outstanding volunteer service to their communities from June 1, 1998 to April 1, 1999.

They will be judged on the number of volunteer activities they have been involved in.

Activities could include volunteering in hospitals, nursing homes, aiding senior citizens, providing services to veterans, involvement in scouting, church or school programs, and other activities which serve the community.

In addition, the quality of service will also be considered, such as an individual who has accomplished one truly outstanding achievement.

The person selected by the Auxiliary will be entered in the State Contest and the Texas winner will be entered in the National contest.

First place winner in state will receive a \$100.00 Savings Bond and the National winner will receive a \$1,000.00 Savings Bond.

Please send nominations to Mary Kurtz, 150 CR 206, Winters, Texas 79567 or call 754-5182.

## Excellence in management

by Aref Hassan, City Manager, City of Winters

Excellence in any issue, problem, opportunity, subject matter, trade, and profession is ideal. As far as an organization is concerned, excellence can improve from the bottom up, from top down, or somewhere in between the organization's pyramid of hierarchy vertically or horizontally.

In public organizations, cities in particular, city managers are charged for the excellence of the city services. Excellence in city services will be planned, programmed, organized, staffed, directed, coordinated, budgeted, promoted, and supported by the city manager. To make city managers think and act about excellence seriously, International City Management Association (ICMA), Texas City Managers Association (TCMA), and Texas Municipal League (TML) are constantly promoting excellence in management. In recent years, they have scheduled management excellence awards to recognize, motivate, and award incentives to city managers toward this ideal goal.

Excellence in management can be implemented in many different areas such as finance management, total quality management (TQM), bench marking, economic development, etc. To my knowledge and experience, excellence in management should start from personnel management. City managers have many resources at their disposal for excellence in management. Nevertheless, human resources will be the top priority for excellence in management. After all, no matter what other types of resources are at our disposal, we have to put a human being behind it in order to use those resources, and one who will

hopefully keep excellent results in mind. The human resources can be used as an asset or a liability depending on the city manager's strategy and tactics to handle this valuable resource.

The "carrot and stick" policy is an old tool that is at a city manager's disposal. Experience has proven in theory and practice that carrot policy works best. You can attract more bees with honey than with vinegar. You can walk with a broken leg but not with a broken heart. Keep your stick handy as well, in case you run out of carrots, or out of patience for offering carrots with no end result of excellence in performance. Motivation and support of the employees definitely builds their self-esteem, confidence, security, and energy for working the extra miles to achieve excellence.

Different city managers can start with different motivational strategies. Recently, we implemented an "Employee of the Quarter" award program. The Employee of the Quarter will be recognized during our staff meetings which are scheduled on the last Monday of every quarter at 10:00 a.m. At these meetings, we will associate with each other, enjoy a cup of coffee, and have a brief meeting to discuss some city related issues, problems, and initiatives. At the end of the meeting, the Employee of the Quarter will be recognized. Our first quarterly staff meeting was held on Monday, March 29, 1999. During this meeting, the mayor honored the Employee of the Quarter with a proclamation and the city manager handed her a \$20 check to go have lunch with her spouse. We have already noticed the positive

impact of our efforts.

One time I was talking to the employees about their uniforms being a benefit. One employee in a polite careful joking way spoke up and said, "If uniforms are so good, why don't you put it on?" At that same meeting, I ordered uniforms for myself at my own expense and have worn them ever since to set an example. The plan was to let them know that it is a pride to put on a public uniform for public service.

Another small token of appreciation that might help is to work with the employees side by side in their field of work. I have scheduled a labor day once a month with each department. On those days, I will roll up my sleeves, pick up a shovel, dig ditches, fix pot holes, fix water leaks, fight fires, etc. My hope is to find out more about the field worker's problems and find the proper solution for them. Meanwhile, I want us to become more acquainted with each other, and to get the feeling that we are in the same boat, that we are members of the same team, and that we try to deliver excellent service to the residents of our area. Indeed, excellence is an ideal goal and reaching this goal takes a lot of effort, hard work, patience, and certainly time. Having the idea and striving toward it is a good start. Obviously, many city managers work toward excellence in management in one way or the other. The secret is not to give up or get disappointed, but to keep building the road to excellence. Just thinking, planning, and implementing toward this ideal goal is a lot of joy and satisfaction.

## Official Records

**County Court Criminal Cases filed March 26**  
Serefino Garcia, San Angelo, filed for possession of marijuana  
**March 29**  
Charles Ryan Burton, Winters, filed for making alcohol available to a minor  
Anastacia Reyna, Winters, filed for driving while intoxicated  
Jerry Wayne Kraatz, Winters, filed for criminal trespass  
Rode Hayes Biggs, San Angelo, filed for driving while intoxicated  
**March 30**  
Jayson Lee Diaz, Merkel, filed for minor in possession of alcohol (appealed from City Court)  
Bennie Bob Long, Abilene, filed for possession of drug paraphernalia (appealed from City Court)  
**March 31**  
Billy Harendt, Wingate, filed for theft of merchandise by check  
Jake R. Scott, Arlington, filed for theft of merchandise by check  
**Marriage Licenses March 29**  
Allan James Binder and Lorry Ruth Minor

**District Court Civil Cases Filed March 26**  
Alderman-Cave Feeds, L.P., dba ACF Trucking, vs. Howard LeRoy Jenkins, individually and dba H.L. Jenkins Trucking, account  
**March 29**  
The City Group/Sales Financing, Inc., vs. Willie Mae Ray and August F. Haehten, breach of contract  
**Justice of the Peace Precinct 1 Felony March 25**  
Charles Joe Wheat, filed for theft over \$20,000 but less than \$100,000  
**March 31**  
Kenny Dwain Alexander, filed for burglary of a building  
**Criminal March 28**  
Lloyd G. Pena, filed for no fishing license  
Robert W. Roberts, filed for no fishing license  
**March 30**  
Jay Vance, filed for theft by check

Darin Ray Durden, filed for theft by check  
**Small Claims March 29**  
Ballinger Feed & Seed vs. J.D. McDonald, account

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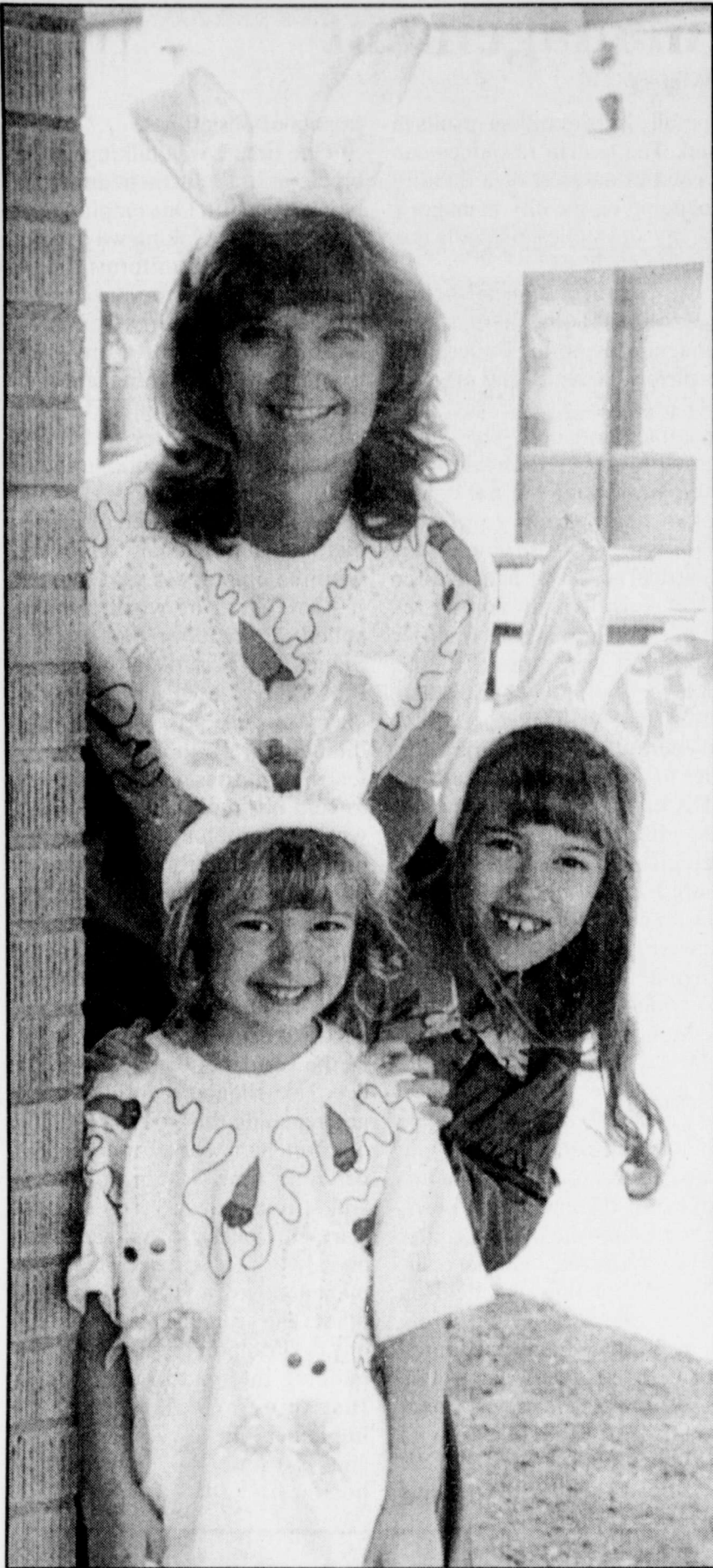
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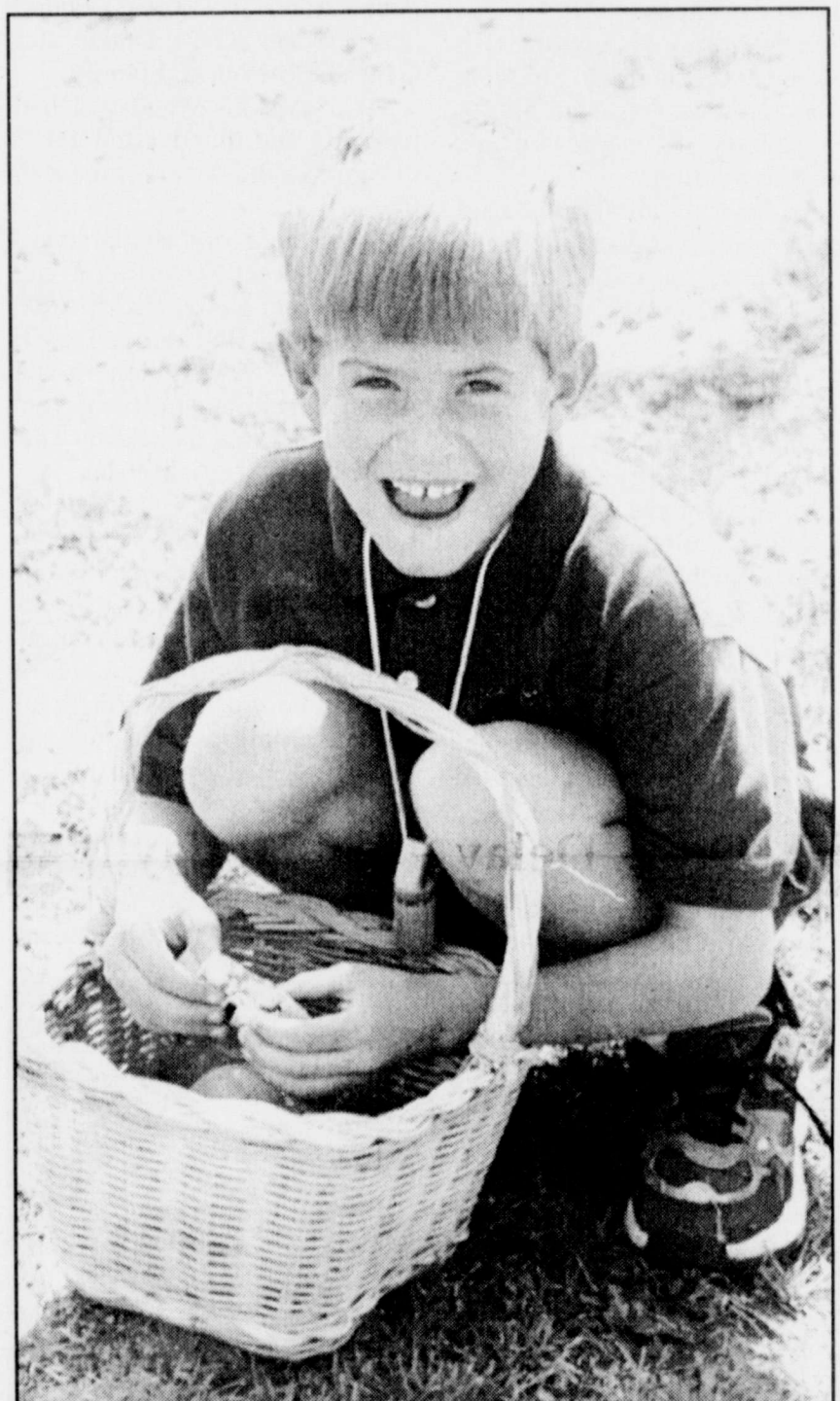
MOM AND HER BABY BUNNIES check to see if the coast is clear before hopping down the bunny trail at Winters Elementary. Mom, Regina Newsom, a third grade teacher, is seen with daughters Alex (middle) and Regan. Alex is a third grade student in Linda Mitchell's classroom and Regan is in Cheryl Butler's kindergarten room.



MAKING A JOYFUL NOISE and having a great time are these area ministers (left to right) Pastor Jim Hanson of St. John's Lutheran Church, Pastor Robert Jones of the Assembly of God, Brother Barry Taylor of the First Baptist Church, Reverend Don Roath of the First United Methodist Church and Father Sam Homsey of Mt. Carmel Catholic Church. The clergymen were part of the public Holy Week services held at the community center.



CAMILLE KRUSE carries a full basket of Easter treats as she scans the park for any unfound eggs during the second grade Easter egg hunt in Winters City Park. Camille is the daughter of Terry and Cheryl Kruse and a student in Cathy Oliver's classroom.



KEVIN BREDEMEYER is all smiles as he sorts through the goodies in his Easter basket following the second grade Easter egg hunt in the city park. Kevin is the son of Malcolm and Sharen Bredemeyer and a student in Troylene Lincycumb's classroom.



ROOM MOMS (L-R) JOANNA MULLIS, KAREN MILLS, AND TONYA GRENWELGE really aren't hording their children's Easter bounty. They are dividing the goodies so each child has an even amount after the first grade egg hunt on the Blizzard football field.

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### 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, March 28, 1999, through Saturday, April 3, 1999. Winters Police Officers:

- officers received several reports of tires being slashed in a three day period on the southwest part of town. Officers located two juveniles walking at night with a large pocket knife in the area of the tires being slashed. After further investigation, officers got a confession from the two juveniles that they had cut the tires on several vehicles. The juveniles were turned over to the juvenile authorities for prosecution.
- received a report of a person being bit by a dog in the 1100 block of Concho. Victim was treated at Ballinger Memorial Hospital and the dog was taken in for 10 day observation.
- received a report of a disturbance in the 800 block of N. Cryer. Charges are pending at this time for assault.
- officers recovered a stolen vehicle in the 400 block of S. Rogers. The vehicle was reported stolen out of Arlington. Charges are pending at this time against a suspect who is currently in jail on other charges.
- arrested Abundio Rangel Jr., 20, of Abilene, for possession of marijuana, after a traffic stop on South Main.

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

Winters Police Department—754-4121  
Ballinger Police Department—365-3591  
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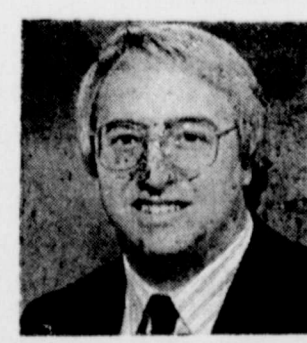
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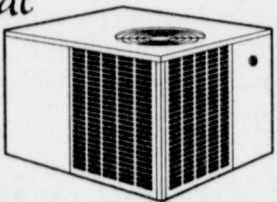
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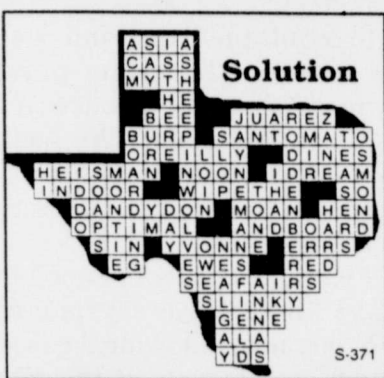
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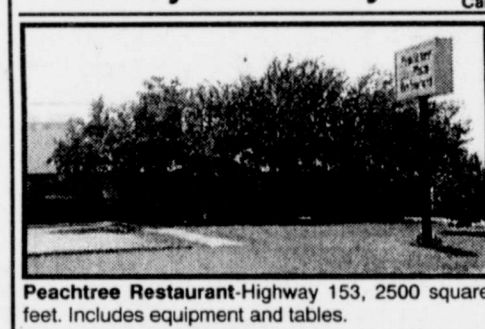
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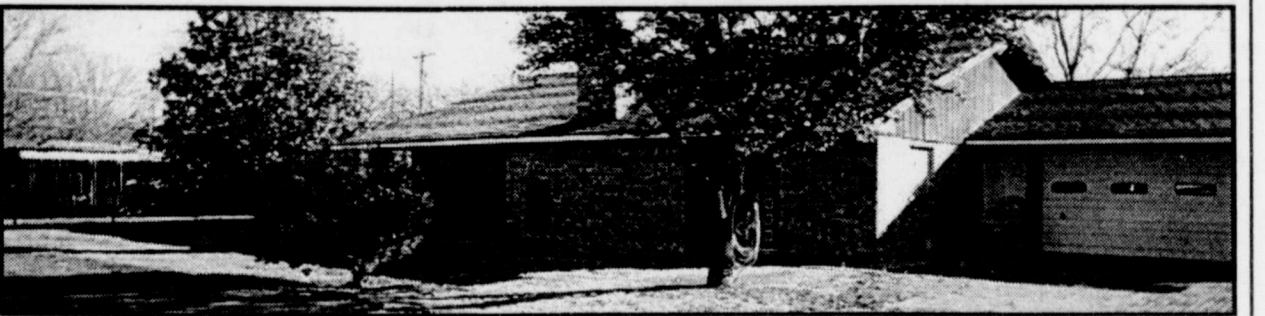
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| <b>New Listing</b><br>213 Wood      | <b>Budget Bungalow.</b><br>3 bedroom, 1 bath, updated on corner lot. Approx. 1200 sq. ft.  | <b>205 S. Cryer</b> | <b>Newly Remodeled.</b><br>3 bedroom, 1 bath, large lot. Approx. 900 sq. ft.  | <b>204 Paloma</b>    | <b>Great Starter/Retirement.</b> 2 bedroom, 1 bath, newly remodeled interior/exterior. Approx. 841 sq. ft.                             |
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| <b>Freddie Lane</b>                 | <b>Two Building Sites.</b><br>Lot size 112'x140'.  | <b>Hunters Glen</b> | <b>Building Site.</b><br>Lot size 100'x120'.  | <b>506 Broadway</b>  | <b>Two lots equipped for trailer house.</b> Water well with windmill, cellar, storage building, double carport, fruit trees.           |

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## Extension News & Views

By Brandon Morgan, ACEA-AG

### When, what type, and how much to mulch

For most gardeners, mulching is a necessity that involves questions about what type to use, how much to use, and when to mulch.

Mulch is virtually any material laid on top of soil to reduce evaporation. Certain mulches have characteristics which make them desirable in particular situations.

Cypress bark mulch is often preferred because it tends to mat down and does not blow in the wind or float. Larger bark chips will often float away if it rains heavily or the soil is overwatered. Red shredded pine bark is a very good mulch.

An economical way to mulch is to save grass clippings from the lawn. It is best to make sure they are dried before applying them as mulch. You can put them out on the driveway and let them dry for a day or so to let them dissipate.

Many people also use leaves from their backyard trees. They last a very long time and can be applied in a very thin layer to the ground.

Where mulches are effective, the real question is how deep to mulch. "As we go west towards El Paso," said Dr. Doug Welsh, a Texas Agricultural Extension Service horticulturist in College Station, "that is where we need a

thick layer of mulch—about four to five inches." This depth is an effective way to stop water from leaving the soil, and any water that is applied will filter down through the mulch and create a strong root system.

Another question commonly asked by gardeners is when to mulch. Most landscape contractors will mulch in the winter season because there is less going on for them. This is also a good time for gardeners, but it is never too late to mulch.

Springtime is a wonderful time to garden and lots of vegetables and annual flowers are being planted. This is obviously a great time to mulch.

It is also important for gardeners to periodically check on the condition of their mulch. It is critical to understand that mulch does break down. Walk outside. Look at your mulch. See how deep it is.

You may have a two inch layer of mulch out in your garden in the spring and by the end of the year it may be only one inch. At that point, gardeners need to replenish that lost mulch.

Check your mulch in your flower beds and if you don't have any you should put it out immediately.

### A good cause deal—Fines adjusted by completing community service work

If you have a fine in the Municipal Court of Winters and would like to do community service for Christmas In April as a means of lowering your fine, please contact Judge Virginia Par or come by City Hall, 310 S. Main, for the necessary paperwork.

For every hour worked on the Christmas in April project, \$6.25 will be deducted from the total fine. For example, if you work 12 hours, \$75 will be deducted. The fine cannot totally be erased in this manner nor does this erase the charge.

You must then contact one of the house captains or Bob Lindley before April 9. The house captain will verify the number of hours worked.

Christmas in April in Winters is April 10.

### Runnels Co. 4-H Round-up slated for April 19

Runnels County 4-H Round-up will be held Monday, April 19, at 6 p.m. in the First United Methodist Church of Ballinger.

Method demonstrations will be judged, as well as 'Share the Fun' acts. A parliamentary procedure contest will also be held.

County 4-H chapters and individual club members are asked to notify the extension office by Thursday, April 12, if they plan to compete. District round-up will be held Saturday, May 1 in San Angelo.

## Texas businesses have April 15 deadline for filing property tax renditions

State law requires Texas businesses to render their property with county appraisal districts by April 15. To render, is to list the taxable property that businesses owned or managed as of January 1, 1999.

While state law requires business owners and operators to render, any property owner — including homeowners, farmers, and ranchers — may render their property with county appraisal districts. Property owners who render are in a better position to exercise their rights as taxpayers. They ensure that the appraisal district has their correct address so they will receive notices of any actions that affect their property or tax bills. If the tax collector cannot deliver a tax bill because of an incorrect or old address, the property owner is still responsible for paying the taxes, plus any late payment penalties.

Renditions must be notarized if they are filed by persons other than the property owner, the owner's employee, or the owner's affiliated entity. Also of note, in rendering property, the owner should be aware that each year stands on its own. Therefore, filing a rendition stating "same as last year" is the same as not rendering at all. State law requires anyone who owns or manages income-producing personal property on January 1st to render with the local appraisal district.

For example, businesses must report their inventories, furniture and fixtures, machinery and equipment, vehicles and other tangible personal property by filing this annual report. Appraisal Districts use the reports to set business property values. When a business owner fails to render, the chief appraiser estimates the value.

Property owners may ask the chief appraiser for additional filing time — through April 30 — if the owners can demonstrate good cause. On renditions, property owners can record their opinions of their property's value. By stating their opinion, property owners make sure that the district sends them a notice when placing a higher value on the property. This notice allows property owners time to gather information to protest the appraisal, if they believe the APPRAISAL DISTRICT'S VALUE is too high.

Taxpayers with property in Runnels County may contact the Runnels County Appraisal District for more information or rendition forms at 406 Hutchings Avenue, Ballinger, or call 915-365-3583. Also, the Comptroller's property tax hotline is 1-800-252-9121 for general property tax information.

### Combs initiates hay hotline in case drought conditions persist

Joining Governor George W. Bush at a drought news conference, Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs announced she is taking action now to help the state's producers begin to prepare for a potential repeat drought this year.

"We are already getting calls from livestock producers about hay supplies running low," said Combs. "I am committing the staff we need to operate the Texas Department of Agriculture's Hay Hotline (1-877-429-1998). This hotline links those with hay to sell to individuals who need to buy hay."

"If the state's dry spell continues and the governor declares an emergency, the TDA Hay Hotline also will be used to solicit donated hay and facilitate its distribution to areas in need."

Commissioner Combs has contacted agriculture commissioners in several other states about the possible need for donated hay from other areas to Texas this year.

"I hope that weather forecasts

for continued dry and warm weather in Texas are proven wrong," she said. "However, if we are entering another dry spell, I want to have all the resources in place so that we can take action quickly."

Runnels County Entomologist Rick Minzenmayer says moisture for this area, following the recent rains, is adequate at this time. However, the area will need more moisture after planting, for crops to mature.

In contrast, the allocation of disaster payments approved by Congress in October 1998, continued to be delayed with USDA officials now predicting payments may not reach farmers and ranchers until June, Combs said.

"This continual foot-dragging by USDA is inexcusable," Combs said. "Last week, I wrote U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Dan Glickman, to tell him how these continual delays are hurting Texas farmers. Many of our farmers cannot begin to plan for the 1999 planting season without this aid."

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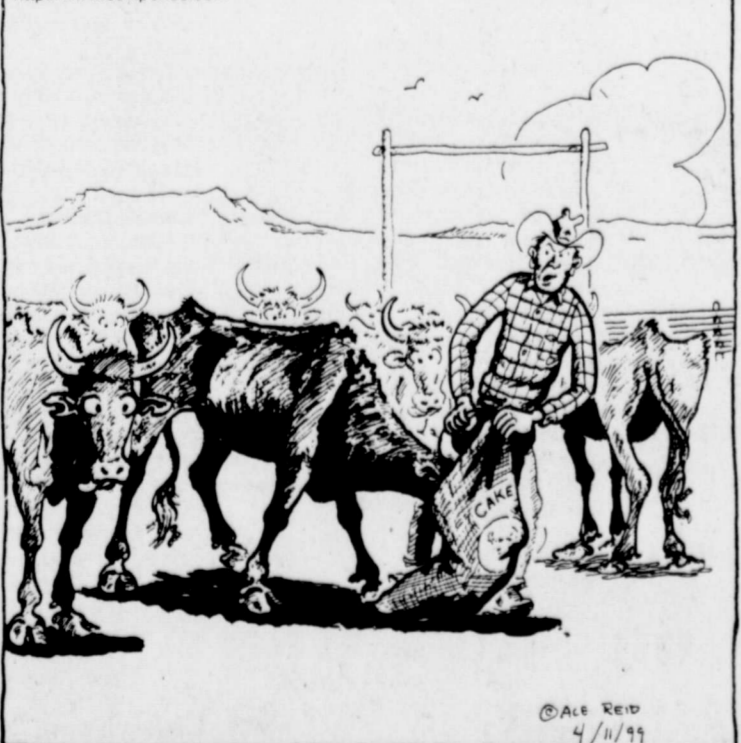
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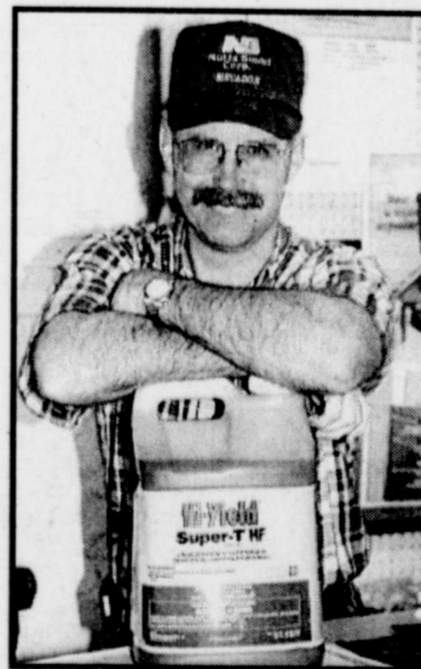
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