

Apples of Gold
LOVE — A foreigner is a friend
I haven't met yet.

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For The Class of '99

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Graduation Friday

Baccalaureate and commencement exercises for the 1999 graduating class of Winters High School will be held Friday, May 28, at 8:30 p.m. at Blizzard field.

The Blizzard band will play the processional, the national anthem and the recessional. The pledge of allegiance will be led by Jamie Bishop, president of the senior class. Jamie will also give the the valedictory address. Eric Tekell will present the salutatory address.

Rev. Jim Hanson of St. John's Lutheran Church will give the baccalaureate devotional.

Mike Harris, WISD Superintendent, will present the Pearl Jackson Memorial Scholarship as well as the Floy Hood Hodge Scholarship. Other awards will be announced by Charles Kidwell, Principal of Winters Secondary School.

Presentation of diplomas will be made by Allen Andrae and Bob Prewit of the WISD Board of Trustees.

Benediction will be given by Tarra Burns, president of the student council.

In case of bad weather, ceremonies will be held in the gymnasium.



TIFFANY CRAVENS takes her best crooning pose during the very delightful first grade performance of *E-I-E-I-Oops!* The musical was under the direction of music teacher Fran Kidwell, assisted by first grade teachers Karen Colburn, Cheryl Sneed, Sherry Cavazos and Chris Parramore.

American Legion Auxiliary to provide poppies for Memorial Day

Members of the American Legion Auxiliary of Roy Scroggins Unit #261 will observe Memorial Day by making red poppies available to the citizens of Winters.

All donations received will be used by the unit to help with rehabilitation of veterans. Auxiliary ladies will be accepting donations on Saturday, May 29, and Monday, May 30, at Family Dollar and IGA parking lots and downtown under the traffic light.

The Poppy Story

In November, 1918, the Ladies Home Journal reprinted the poem, "We Shall Not Sleep," now

Early deadlines due to holiday

Due to the Memorial Day holiday on May 31, *The Winters Enterprise* has changed deadlines for the June 3 edition.

General news and retail advertising are due in our office no later than noon on Friday, May 28. Classified ads will be taken through 5 p.m. May 28. There will be no exceptions.

The management and staff of *The Winters Enterprise* hope that you have a safe and enjoyable Memorial Day!

known as "In Flanders Fields," by Col. McCrae. As a surgeon with Canada's First Brigade, Col. McCrae expressed his grief over "row on row" of soldiers' graves for those who died on Flanders' battlefields. The poem became a rallying cry to all who fought in the First World War.

Before the poem appeared in the *Journal*, Col. McCrae died. His words lived on in Moina Michael, YMCA volunteer who worked with the soldiers in New York City. To keep the message of the poem alive, Miss Michael wore a red silk poppy in honor of these brave men and envisioned the poppy as a memorial to all veterans.

Her idea to mass produce and distribute the flower throughout the country came to the attention of the newly-established American Legion. The poppy was officially adopted as the national symbol in remembrance by the Legion at their Cleveland Convention on September 29, 1920.

In 1921, during the first convention in Kansas City, Missouri, the Auxiliary added their support and agreed to distribute the flowers. See AMER. LEGION, pg. 2

Scholarship Winners



SCHOLARSHIPS TOTALING MORE THAN \$167,000 were awarded to these 1999 WHS graduating seniors during Awards Day on May 21. Recipients include (front row, left to right) Kourtney Cathey, Misty Pritchard, Tamra Grohman, Esmeralda Sanchez and Candi Lara. Second row, seated, are Tarra Burns, Chanda Hoppe, Tammy Thorpe, Jamie Bishop, Brooke Tounget, Teri Ledbetter, Mandi Hubbard, and Alison Wells. Back row, same order, Larry Hoyle, Jeremy Alvarado, Josh Lincycmb, Mariusz Skibicki, Eric Tekell, Kenny Whittenburg, Chip White, Barrett Brown and V. J. Santoya. Not pictured are Jay Harris and Eric Reeves. A complete list of donors and recipients is listed on page 4.

Council prepares for property annexation

As another step in the process of annexing adjoining properties, city council members set the public hearing dates of June 1 and June 7 during their regular meeting on Monday night.

First properties to be annexed are as follows:
Bagwell Enterprises (Carl Grenwolge Texaco station)

K. W. Cook residence
Gene Bernal (Casa Cabana Restaurant)

North Runnels Water Supply
Dr. Tommy and Marthiel Russell (located next to Casa Cabana)

Susie Lancaster residence
Merle Wright residence
Participation and comments

are invited at these public hearings.

On June 28, the council will vote on annexation of these properties.

Council members tabled a request by Herman and Pat Smith to purchase the dead-end alley on the south side of 215 S. Melwood. City Administrator Aref

Hassan said he will have to investigate if the alley has been closed sometime in the past and also notify adjoining property owners about possible sale of the property.

The council denied a request by Noleta Rice to waive \$20 worth of penalties and \$9 worth See CITY COUNCIL, pg. 3

"Reign of Terror" ends; Mr. Key to retire

by Shelley Meyer, WHS junior & Editor-in-Chief of the *Blizzard News Blitz*

"The century has suffered enough," long time Winters High School English teacher John Key said. "Kaiser Wilhelm, Adolph Hitler, Pol Pot, Mummarr Khadifi, Saddam Hussein, Slobodan Milosovic, and Mr. Key. Thankfully, the reign ends in 1999."

Thirty-two years of hissed threats, squinty-eyed intimidations (pop tests), surprise attacks, transcendental choking, red-faced eruptions; and the unsupported accusations of hurled erasers, and even the defenstration (throwing through a window) of a student characterize the legacy of Mr. Key.

All of these atrocities were cunningly supported by propaganda — the unscrupulous dissemination of ghost stories to awe and control naive students.

The fear falls on May 28 with the retirement of Mr. Key.

Key Throws Student Out Window

Forty-four years at Winters

school and he never failed a class. Lots of students failed his class, but John Key, like the ghosts in his house, just keeps hanging around.

"The most enduring thing that keeps coming back are the ghost stories, hunting stories, (baby) delivering stories, then the stories



John G. Key

about me and my classes," Key said.

For 32 years Key has taught at WHS and his tales are still told year after year to terrify seventh-graders.

"I always find it amusing that these stories, anxieties and fears are passed from class to class," he said.

Key thought it was funny when students came to his class for the first time and were scared, but asserted that the fears were unfounded.

"I really never did kill anybody. I promise I didn't." Key said.

Stories about Key circulate throughout the high school. Tales about wearing rubber bands on his head, throwing erasers, and chunking students out windows float through the school.

"The kid got up and jumped out the window, but I didn't throw him out," he said.

Key also mentioned that the room was on the first floor, not his current third-story class.

See JOHN KEY, pg. 2

WHAT'S HAPPENING ?

May 27-11:30 a.m., Senior Citizens Meal
2:30 p.m., Reception for John G. Key, WHS Media Center
2:30 p.m., Early Dismissal For Students

LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

NO TIPS

May 28-11:30 a.m., Senior Citizens Meal
8:30 p.m., Graduation, Blizzard Field
Midnight, Project Graduation '99 Begins

May 29-Depot Daze, Ballinger

BCQHA Mini Circuit, Abilene

May 30-BCQHA Mini Circuit, Abilene

May 31-MEMORIAL DAY

Winters Enterprise Closed

June 1-11:30 a.m., Senior Citizens Meal

Noon, Lions Club

4 p.m., Friends of Hale Museum

5 p.m., Directors of Hale Museum

7 p.m., American Legion

7 p.m., WVFD

June 2-11:30 a.m., Senior Citizens Meal

6 p.m., Chamber Directors

June 3-10 a.m.-Noon & 1:30-3 p.m., Immunization Clinic, TDH

11:30 a.m., Senior Citizens Meal

7 p.m., Winters Squares, Community Center



Retirement reception for John Key on May 27

A retirement reception honoring John G. Key will be held Thursday, May 27, at 2:30 in the WHS Media Center.

Friends, former students and former faculty members are invited to honor Mr. Key for his 32 years of teaching at Winters High School.

Oil Bidness

By Reg Boles ©1999



An interesting phenomenon is developing, and its unique irony is outweighed only by its significance to the future of the oil patch.

You see, there are many fields of great size being developed throughout the world, these days, that can be produced effectively and economically only because of continually improving technology. This is particularly notable of late because the fields' development plans have continued despite less favorable prices. This goes on despite the fact that several of these fields are in extremely harsh or remote venues.

If it weren't for technological advances, many of these fields would never have been candidates for development, and certainly many of the developments would have been halted when prices sank below \$18 (the first time).

Better yet, fields can be developed in such a way as to accelerate the production nowadays. Technology has provided ways to drill less, but more prolific wells, with optimum placement that maximizes rate very quickly.

This is where the irony comes in.

Fields can be produced so fast, in fact, that large or even giant fields can be depleted faster than your billfold at Six Flags. So, even though fields are being developed that may have never been brought on otherwise, technology is also making sure they deplete faster than in the past.

This leads to a problem.

Explorationists are hard pressed to keep up with the pace of depletion. In order for a given company to avoid shrinking, it must find at least as much oil and gas as it is producing. So, finding new fields is required, and the pace that fields are brought on line and depleted these days means your average explorationists has to look under every rock, so to speak, to find fields—again and again.

Bottom line: technology is allowing many frontier fields to be brought on production, but the same technology is demanding that ever-increasing numbers of new fields be discovered.

You might be saying, at this point: "Not a problem. The new fields that can be produced (that couldn't without newer technology) are adding to the base of fields to be developed, so the supply is increasing even though more fields are being quickly depleted."

Maybe. But, it also turns out that many of the fields being developed are those that have been in the inventory for companies for many years. So, there are not that many new fields being discovered—just more old discoveries being developed.

Yes, technology has give explorationists a boost, as well, but the earth is finite, so there is some physical limit to the number of new fields that will ultimately be discovered.

It will be intriguing to see how this all turns out.

HIGHLIGHTS OF AREA DRILLING ACTIVITY

COMPLETIONS

Concho County
Bowerman Energy Company has completed the Baethge #1 as a Wildcat, 7 miles N of Eden at an initial rate of 26 BOPD in the Camar Sand (perms 3083-91). Loc. is 1000 FWL & 2900 FSL of Sec. 144, Blk. 72, T&NO Sur., A-1448.

Nolan County
Walter Exploration, Inc. has completed the Robtann-D-#1 in the Sprague Field (12 miles SE of Sweetwater) at an initial rate of 20 BOPD & 1 BWPD in the Flippen (perms 3470-92). Loc. is 1701 FSL & 1656 FWL of Sec. 4, Blk. X, T&PRR Sur., A-1304.

STAKINGS

Callahan County
Hexagon Oil & Gas has applied to plug back the La Reata #1 in the County Regular Field, 8 miles SW of Putnam (Depth 4139). Loc. is 351 FNL & 330 FEL of Sec. 4, Blk. 5, SPRR Sur., A-1796.

Coke County
L.C.S. Production has applied to re-enter two wells in the Fort Chadbourne Field, 7 miles N of Bronte. The Boeckling #3 is loc. 472 FWL & 2143 FSL of Sec. 347, Blk. 1A, H&TC Sur. (Depth 5576). The Boeckling #4 is loc. 2173 FEL & 2465 FSL of same Sec. (Depth 5800). RULE 36.

Pittencriff America has applied to plug back the S. Odum #3043 in the Fort Chadbourne Field, 11 miles SE of Bronte (Depth 6100). Loc. is 569 FSWL & 1241 FNWL of S. de la Garza Sur. No. 304, A-158.

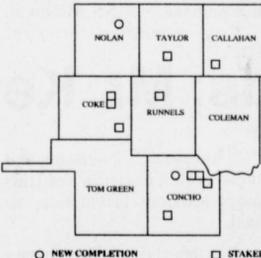
Concho County
Hobbs Energy has staked the Bunger #5 in the Halloran Field, 9 miles SW of Eden (Depth 4000). Loc. is 2390 FSL & 1320 FWL of Sec. 72, Blk. 8, H&TC Sur., A-1685. RULE 37.

LeClair Operating has staked the Burk-B-#1 as a Wildcat, 9 miles NE of Eden (Depth 3500). Loc. is 474 FWL & 474 FSL of F. Schwerdtfeger Sur. No. 1951, A-1204.

The Pickens Company has staked two wells in the West Millersview Field, 4 miles W of Millersview. The Fritz #6 is loc. 2408 FEL & 1780 FSL of Sec. 125, Blk. 72, T&NO Sur., A-890 (Depth 2200). The Fritz #7 is loc. 794 FEL & 1116 FNL of Sec. 125, Blk. 72, T&NO Sur., A-890 (Depth 3500).

Runnels County
Sha-Jam Operating has staked the Susan #1 in the Fennell Field, 5 miles W of Winters (Depth 5000). Loc. is 2150 FWL & 900 FNL of Sec. 69, Blk. 63, CTRR Sur., A-106.

Taylor County
L.C.S. Production Co. has staked the Graham-A-#12 in the County Regular Field, 3 miles W of Tuscola (Depth 4999). Loc. is 2011 FSL & 1376 FWL of Sec. 35, Blk. 1, SPRR Sur.



JOHN KEY, continued

Remember Who You Are and Where You're From

Room 301. In his classroom, Key has taught classes from history to Gifted and Talented (GT) English.

"The hardest thing I ever had to do was teaching seventh through twelve grade GT," he said. "Keeping up with seven class levels was hard."

Even though keeping up might have been tough, Key never entertained any ideas of leaving WHS.

"I used to stand at my classroom window looking out," he said. "In standing there, I would always realize that there wasn't any other place I'd rather be. If I were going to teach in a 2A school, I couldn't imagine teaching any other place. There couldn't be better kids anywhere. Plus, it's my home."

Key attended Winters schools until graduation. After 44 years, his most memorable moment is school integration.

"I remember seeing them (black students) standing out front," he said. "A lot of people came to school apprehensive, but nothing happened."

Good student behavior is another one of the reasons Key has stayed in Winters.

"We always had students who remember who they are and where they're from," he said. "That quality existed long before the saying."

Fake It Until You Make It

Just working with kids is yet another one of Key's reasons to stay.

"Every teacher that stays in teaching does it because they love it and love the kids," he said. "You can only fake it for so long."

Though Key loves teaching, he's also had several conflicts.

"My worst run-ins in teaching have been with cheerleaders," he said. "Flippy little girls in short skirts and those cheerleading suits."

But no matter how stubborn the students, being a teacher is also about learning.

"One thing that you learn from students is that the growing process never stops," Key said. "People continually change—always for the better."

According to Key, one of the greatest feelings is seeing a previous student succeed.

"The biggest feeling of accomplishment is seeing former students go on to become successful," he said, "and you can re-

member when they were sitting in class struggling. You feel like you contributed something to their success."

A Time To Stay and A Time To Go

Key has taught many students throughout the years, but after suffering several small strokes, he has decided to call it quits.

"I'll miss the kids and I know I will," he said. "This year was a real struggle and I wasn't really happy with this year. I really kind of hated that I had to end on a low note."

Though he may be ending his career at WHS, he doesn't plan to leave Winters or quit working all together.

"I don't know what I'm going to do," Key said. "Generally read, write, travel and do yard work. Uh, yard work, I hate yard work."

After all his years of teaching, his best piece of advice to students is to "be honest with yourself and do what you want to do."

Key said that all you should worry about is finding something that you really love and doing it. That's what he did.

"I always planned to be a teacher and I always wanted to be a teacher," he said. "It has been a challenge, it has been enjoyable, and it has given me a sense of purpose and satisfaction. But it's time to go and I'm ready to go."

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May 31 thru June 4
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Monday, May 31: Closed for Memorial Day.

Tuesday, June 1: Swiss steak, hominy, mixed greens, cornbread, and pears.

Wednesday, June 2: Beef tips & rice, boiled cabbage, tomato salad, roll, and apple cake.

Thursday, June 3: Ham & gravy, lima beans, beets, cornbread, and Jello with cream.

Friday, June 4: Mexican cornbread, pinto beans, coleslaw, chips & hot sauce, and brownie.

AMERICAN LEGION, continued

The first poppies were silk and made in France by war widows and orphans. In 1922, at the suggestion of American veterans, unemployed and disabled veterans in American hospitals were permitted to manufacture the flowers.

In 1924, the American Legion Auxiliary was given total responsibility for poppy production and distribution. The Poppy Program is now one of the oldest and most beneficial Auxiliary programs for veterans and has kept the message of Col. McCrae's little poppy alive: "WE HAVE NOT FORGOTTEN."

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Obituaries

Paul Moxley Hickam

KERMIT—Paul Moxley Hickam, 85, formerly of Winters, died Friday, May 21, 1999, in the Kermit Nursing Center.

He was born on November 1, 1913, in Delta County and moved to Winters at age nine. He attended school in Wingate and married Ara Lee "Polly" Davis on December 10, 1938, in Ballinger. They moved to Odessa in 1949 and lived there until 1996, moving to Kermit.

Mr. Hickam was a farmer and mechanic and a charter member of the Twenty First Eisenhower Church of Christ in Odessa.

Survivors include his wife, Ara Lee "Polly" Hickam of Kermit; two daughters, Priscilla Nelson of Kermit and Kay Scroggins of Odessa; five grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Graveside services were held at 3:00 p.m. Monday, May 24, in Northview Cemetery in Winters with Lynn Money officiating. Burial was directed by Winters Funeral Home.

Lena Lucille Humphrey Hammett

BALLINGER—Lena Lucille Humphrey Hammett, 98, died at 7:15 p.m. Monday, May 24, 1999, in Canterbury Villa Nursing Home in Ballinger.

She was born on June 15, 1900, in Blue, Oklahoma, to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Mayberry.

Mrs. Hammett was a homemaker and a Baptist. She was preceded in death by her husbands, William Humphrey in 1965 and Jesse L. Hammett in 1968; two sons, Otto J. and Bob L. Humphrey; and two daughters, Marie Hearn and Wilma Humphrey.

Survivors include one son, Retired Captain A. Dee Humphrey of Hico; three daughters, Juanita Justice of Lubbock, Corean Carlile and husband Oras L. (Shorty) of Weatherford, and Doris Trimble and husband John of Miles; fifteen grandchildren; twenty-six great-grandchildren; and fifteen great-great-grandchildren.

Visitation was from 11:00 a.m.-noon Wednesday, May 26, at Chambers-Wilcox Funeral Home in Cisco. Graveside services were held at 3:00 p.m. Wednesday, May 26, at Oakwood Cemetery in Cisco with Reverend Franklin Stephens of Calvary Baptist Church officiating. Burial was directed by Rains-Seale Funeral Home.

Frances Gearldine Flynn

STAMFORD—Frances Gearldine Flynn, 67, died Thursday, May 20, 1999, in Stamford.

She was born on October 7, 1931, in Gonzales, Texas, and moved to Brady as a child. She lived there until her marriage to George Earl Flynn on October 2, 1949, in Aspermont.

Mrs. Flynn was a waitress, a homemaker, and a member of the Christian Church.

Survivors include one son, George Dean Flynn and wife Christina of Austin; one daughter, Georgette Collins and husband Jerry of Stamford; one brother, Floyd Monk of Lampasas; two sisters, Marie Morgan of Rising Star and Shirley Newman of Mullins; two grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Graveside services were held at 2:30 p.m. Sunday, May 23, at Fairview Cemetery in Winters with Reverend Jack B. Davis Sr. and Reverend Bob Jones officiating. Burial was directed by Winters Funeral Home.

Memorials may be made to your favorite charity.

Cyril William "Bill" Hamilton

SANDERSON—Cyril William "Bill" Hamilton, 70, died Wednesday, May 19, 1999, at his residence.

He was born on March 28, 1929, in Blackwell and graduated from Blackwell High School and attended Sul Ross University. He ranched in Coke County until his marriage to Juanita Picaso on March 13, 1989, in Sanderson.

Mr. Hamilton worked as a soil conservationist and was presently superintendent for the Road and Bridge Department of Terrell County. He was a member of First Baptist Church in Blackwell and Hylton Masonic Lodge #884.

Survivors include his wife, Juanita Hamilton of Sanderson; one son, John Hamilton and wife Connie of Blackwell; three daughters, Carole Allen and husband Lonnie of Blackwell, Susan Hamilton of Abilene, and Victoria Hamilton of Sanderson; one sister, Pauline Wadley of San Antonio; seven grandchildren, Jennifer and Wade Allen of Blackwell, Lindsey and Christopher Hamilton of Blackwell, Dusty Bowen and Casey Hamilton of Abilene, and Davin Hamilton of Sanderson; and one great-granddaughter, Taya Pope of Blackwell.

Services were held at 11:00 a.m. Saturday, May 22, at First Baptist Church in Blackwell with Reverend Jackie Gestes and Reverend Buddy Trull officiating. Masonic graveside services followed in Blackwell, directed by Winters Funeral Home.

Pallbearers were Tommy White, Courtney Gothard, Charles McCarley, Serapio Picaso Sr., Mike Sanchez, and Dudley Harrison. Memorials may be made to Cal Farley's Boys Ranch in San Angelo.

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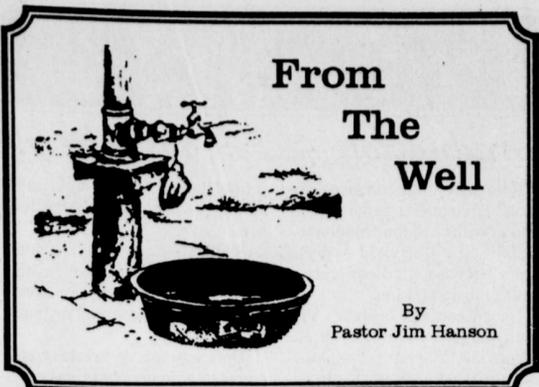
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From The Well

By
Pastor Jim Hanson



Pastor Jim Hanson

It's easy to get frustrated with America these days. Sometimes I get downright angry. With the President. And the Congress. With the politicians and elected leaders. With our failure, as a nation, to deal with the "rural crisis." With the media. With the violence, and

with the immorality. Almost every sit-com on T.V. puts down or makes fun of virtue, or chastity, or truth. As the old line of 75 years ago puts it, "It's enuf to make a preacher cuss." Even to curse America.

But, the other day, I had come across my desk a piece entitled "A World Without America." It was written by Francis Frangipane, a Pentecostal preacher from Cedar Rapids, Iowa. This paper named "River of Life Newsletter" put things in a new perspective for me.

I love that phrase "River of Life." It waters my dry and thirsty soul. It ought to, because it comes from Jesus, who said it like this, "If any one thirst, let him come to me and drink. He who believes in me, as the scripture has said, 'Out of his heart shall flow rivers of living water.'" Now this he said about the Spirit. (John 7:37-39). Frangipane's writing has done that to me several times. Flooded my soul, when it was extremely dry. And when one's well runs dry — you get depressed. Lately, I've been depressed with America.

But, the "River of Life Newsletter" has been flowing into my life. And given me hope again. It is doing for my soul what a full cup of cool clear water does for my body. Refreshes. Renews. Brings life.

Frangipane is not a wild-eyed idealist. He does not ignore the sins of our nation. But he surely got my number when he writes, "Church people do not know the difference between a judgemental spirit and the Spirit Of Christ, the Redeemer. Indeed, we are not sent as Old Testament prophets, calling down fire and judgment down on sinners." And, "in the drama that's unfolding, the church is not playing the role of Christ, but of Pharisees." "The problem is that too many Christians have become disciples of CNN and the media rather than followers of Jesus Christ." "The world sees a church with rocks in its hands looking for adulterers and sinners. We have come 'the church of the angry Christians.'"

This man got to me. And, whereas I don't see the people at St. John's, or First Baptist, or United Methodist, or the Church of Christ, or the Assembly of God, or South Side Baptist, or any of the churches in our town as "angry Christians", I did see myself as one. And, when he wrote, "God does not want us to be judgmental; He wants us prayerful," my conscience said "Amen." And the "river of life" started flowing into my soul.

He asked us to see America as God sees America. "It is not the Promised Land, but it is a land of promise. . . It is not in the Lord's heart to destroy this nation; humble and then heal, yes, but not destroy." He painted a picture of what the world would be like without the United States. What if Germany and Japan had defeated the allies in World War II? Think about it.

And, he encouraged us to pray . . . for our nation. And, our leaders. Especially President Clinton. That's what the Apostle Paul did in I Timothy 2. He called his readers to pray for "kings and all who are in authority." Nero was one of the most corrupt men that ever lived. He had no "secret affairs." He had public orgies! Yet Paul said pray for him.

And so — us, too. He ended the article with this prayer, "Lord, I ask You to forgive, cleanse and renew President Clinton. Heal his family, and our nation as well, from the effects of this difficult time. Then, Father, I ask You to forgive me for my unforgiveness toward the president and all who have sinned against me. Oh God, this day deliver us all from judgmental attitudes! Forgive Your church and help us to remember that 'mercy triumphs over judgment' (James 2:13). Amen." And Amen.

WSL finishes year with salad supper

The Women's Service League held their final meeting of the year on Thursday, May 20, with a salad supper at the First United Methodist Church.

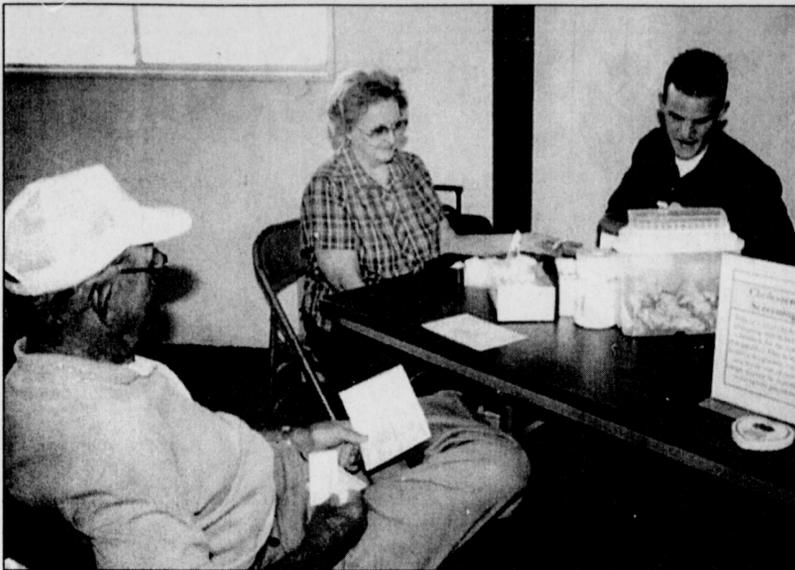
Officers served as hostesses, decorating the hall in a tropical theme. Secret pals were revealed.

Donna Guy was given a gift in appreciation of her term as president of the club. New officers were elected including Carla Hooper, president; Cheryl Kruse,

vice-president; Tammy Young, corresponding secretary; Saffron Gibbs, recording secretary; Tami Richards, treasurer; Christy Lindley, historian; and Deb Pritchard, projects chairman.

Later in the evening, punch and cookies were served to the Girls of the Month and their mothers at a reception held in their honor.

Others present at the meeting were Tammy Kaczyk, Sherri Mikeska, and Theresa Gerhart.



FLONA MORRISON waits for results of her cholesterol test done by a member of the Hendrick Medical Center team which hosted the recent health fair at the community center. At left is husband, Roscoe.

City sales tax rebates decrease 6.82%

As reported by the office of State Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander, May sales tax rebates for the city of Winters decreased 6.82 percent as compared to the prior year's May payment.

This month's sales tax rebates include local sales taxes collected in March, and reported by businesses filing monthly tax returns in April and quarterly returns for the first three months of the year.

Winters' rebates totaled \$17,026.98 this reporting period. For the prior year's reporting period, rebates totaled \$18,274.41.

Receipts in Miles decreased 3.81 percent; Ballinger decreased 4.39 percent and reported \$84,404.85 in payments.

City sales tax rebates to date for Rannels County for the 1999 reporting period total \$315,634.58, a 9.81 percent decrease as compared to last year's period total of \$349,991.65.

The current city sales tax rate for Winters and Ballinger is 1.5 percent. Miles is 1.00 percent.

The Comptroller's next sales tax allocation is scheduled for Friday, June 11, 1999.

CITY COUNCIL, continued

of interest on delinquent taxes. Mrs. Rice had made the waiver request, stating she had not received tax notices.

According to Mrs. Rice, when paying her taxes on January 29, 1999, she asked at city hall for a total to pay all her taxes. This amount was paid and approximately one month later, Mrs. Rice received notice that she was delinquent on five properties. She promptly paid the taxes but refused to pay any penalties or interest.

A motion was passed to prepare an ordinance for a paving assessment for property owners on Broadway street and Majestic street.

Tanya New was hired as new lakekeeper with duties to begin at 6 a.m. on Tuesday, May 25.

Council members present for Monday's meeting were Mike Meyer, Steve Esquivel, Jimmy Butler, and Joe Gerhart, Mayor Dawson McGuffin, City Manager Aref Hassan and City Attorney Ken Slimp.

Literary & Service Club holds final meeting of year

The Literary & Service Club held their final meeting of the year with a covered dish meal in the home of Emily Pendergrass, on Tuesday, May 18.

Eris Beard presided over the meeting. Bobbie Jackson reported on the Senior Tea presented at the high school auditorium on May 11. Ruth Cooper gave the treasurers report.

Ideas were discussed for meetings during the 1999-2000 year and a membership drive was discussed.

Mrs. Beard presented the Alpha Rho Award to Kenny Whittenburg at the WHS Awards Ceremony.

Those in attendance included Gwen Andrae, Eris Beard, Ruth Cooper, Noma Eoff, Bobbie Jackson, Eula Mae Kruse, Emily Pendergrass, and Pat Smith.

Letters to the Editor Policy

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

Names will be omitted at the request of the writer provided the letter has a proper signature, phone number, and address. Anonymous letters will not be published.

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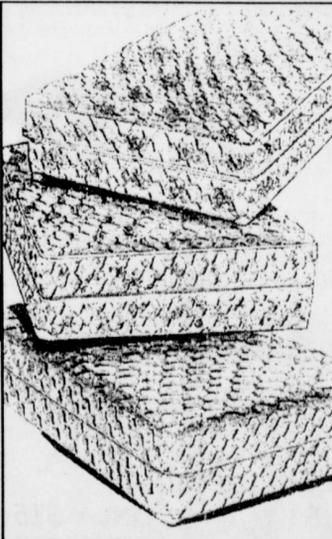
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Afterwards, look at classrooms and visit with teachers while enjoying popsicles.

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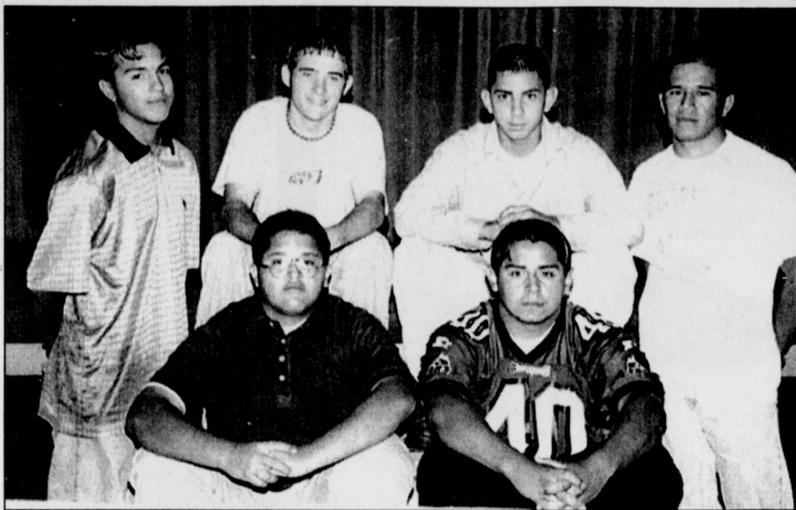
Blizzard Blankets still for sale

The Winters Booster Club still has some Blizzard Commemorative Blankets for sale. The price is \$40.00 per blanket.

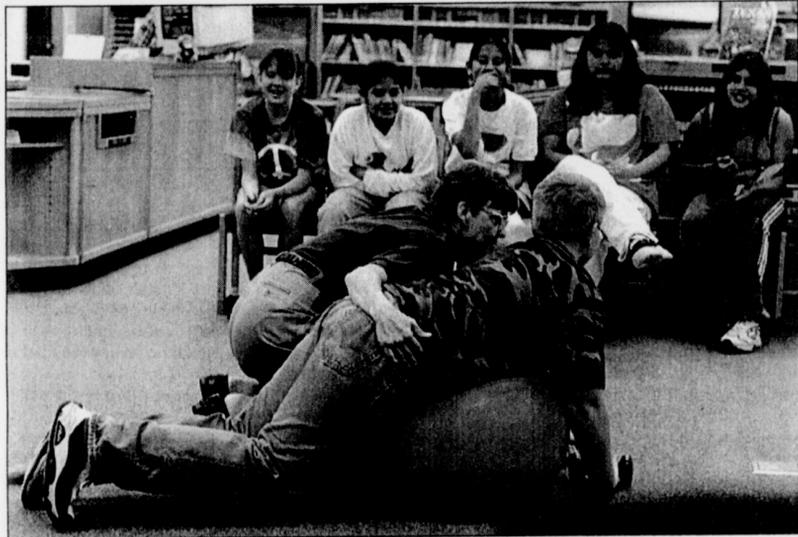
The blankets are full size and display a picture of the high school and a Blizzard in the center of the blanket. The blue and white blanket has a border that displays all activities that are offered at Winters High School.

If you have a special "Blizzard" that would enjoy one of these blankets, or a graduating senior, please call Teresa Davis at 915-754-5422. Blankets may be mailed out of town. Add \$5.00 extra for postage.

"I don't know what the big deal is about old age. Old people who shine from the inside look 10 to 20 years younger."
—Dolly Parton



RECEIVING ALL-DISTRICT BASEBALL HONORS are these members of the Blizzards team. Front row, (left) Louie Esquivel, Second Team, infielder; and Chris Lujano, First Team catcher. Back row, left to right, Ronald Rodriguez, Second Team outfielder; Kenneth Burleson, First Team outfielder; Oscar Luz, First Team utility player; and Jeremy Alvarado, First Team pitcher. Not pictured is Ben Blaine who received Honorable Mention.



AARON COOK gets a sampling of special back therapy from Mary Lou Garrett, Clinical Director of Physical Therapy for Hardin-Simmons University during Career Day at Winters Elementary. Garrett, the former Mary Lou Wilkerson, attended Winters schools until her junior year in high school and later served as chief physical therapist at the West Texas Rehabilitation Center in Abilene for many years. Enjoying the informative program are other 6th graders (left to right) Katy Wilkerson, Elvira Aragon, Monica Flores, Lydia Sanchez and Abby Reyes.

WISD elementary students learn at "Career Day"

Winters Elementary 5th and 6th grade classes recently attended "Career Day" where various speakers told the students about their jobs.

On Thursday, May 13, the 5th graders learned about the different jobs in our school system. Several different speakers throughout the school district described their various jobs and duties.

The 5th grade would like to thank Ketta Garduno, Terry Wyatt, J'Lynn Cooper, Robin Byrd, Charles Kidwell and Bill Cathey for their time spent enlightening these students about their occupations.

On Friday, May 14, the 6th graders listened to speakers whose jobs are not involved with the school district.

The 6th grade would like to thank Lt. Col. Steve Borecky from Dyess Air Force Base, Todd Rabon, D.V.M., Mary Lou Garrett (physical therapist), Raquel Garcia (pharmacist), Leann Kelly and Rick Tomlin from KRBC-TV, Jean Boles from *The Winters Enterprise*, Kelly Lipsy from Security State Bank and Bobbie Collom with North Runnels EMT Service.

Elementary school counselor, Mary Wilkerson, said, "Even though these students are only 10-12 years old, they were able to learn about many different career possibilities that exist and can begin planning for the future."

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Hometown News for Hometown Folks

Additional Awards Day photos will be published in upcoming editions.

Wrangler Belles to hold auditions Saturday, June 5

Auditions for the Cisco Junior College Wrangler Belles are scheduled for Saturday, June 5 at 1 p.m., in the Cisco Junior College gymnasium.

Students who are accepted into the group are recipients of an activity grant that ranges from \$850 to \$1,250 per year.

The Wrangler Belles actively promote the college through numerous appearances around the Big Country.

The organization also provides training in professionalism, individual character, poise, and self esteem.

Any young woman that would like to audition for the team should contact Debbie Baker at Cisco Junior College at (254) 442-2567 Ext. 140 to confirm an appointment for audition.

Young ladies who are unable to attend this audition should make arrangements with the director to audition later in the spring.

Join the adventure!

Hosting a high school exchange student in August '99 may bring the world to your doorstep.

Cultural Academic Student Exchange needs families of all types — retired couples to single parent families. Not only two parent families have enjoyed hosting an international son or daughter.

Students are arriving from various countries — Brazil, Germany, Spain, Russia, Finland, and many others. You can choose a male or female, ages 15 to 18, all with various interests and hobbies matched to your family.

Students arrive sometime in late August with their own spending money for clothes, entertainment, and other expenses. They have their own medical insurance as well.

Host families agree to room and board and to include them as a family member. All students speak English.

For more information, please call Joyce toll free at 877-846-5848.

Thank you for reading *The Winters Enterprise*

Graduation — I'm outta here!

Remember high school graduation? I remember my own ceremony with such fond memories. And it's all still so vivid — guess that's because it's been only a short time ago (Hm?).

I must confess, however, that there seem to be a few gaps in the picture but I'm certain that information is stored in my brain somewhere (probably right along with the location of the \$20 bill I hid for safekeeping and now can't remember where).

Anyway, graduation was a great finale to a terrific school career. I didn't realize it at the time because I spent most of my senior year preparing for graduation and all the festivities that coincide.

Do you remember that feeling? That you could hardly wait to get out of school so you could be free, free, free!!

No more listening to boring teachers trying to make you comprehend stuff you'd never use. Stuff like Shakespeare, government, or (heaven forbid) math. Who would care later if you dangled a participle?

The most important thing was just to get out and away. Yes, get away from all those girls and boys you'd spent 12 or 13 years with and had come to know as family. Get away from those teachers who'd also taught your parents (now that is really old, right?) Get away from dumb rules like saying, "yes, sir" and no, ma'am."

Yes, it would be great to graduate.

Or was it?
No sooner did I leave high

school than I started right into college. Whoa! What happened here?

Suddenly I was in class again, learning more Shakespeare, math, government, and yes, someone else did care if I dangled my participle.

Only now my classmates were complete strangers and I was only a number to all my teachers. I wouldn't get "sent to the office" for absence from class — I'd just have to pay big bucks to take the course over if I flunked.

Maybe high school wasn't so bad after all. Maybe some folks cared about me more than I realized. Maybe those teachers knew I needed to be pushed a little, or even a lot sometime. Maybe my own folks were right when they said that high school was one of the best times of my life.

Gosh, maybe I'd actually use things like manners, politeness and respect that had been required of me.

Now don't misunderstand me. College and life after high school can be just great. It's just that maybe high school deserves a bit more appreciation. Guess it's like a lot of things in life — we don't know how much it means to us until it's gone.

So to all you graduating seniors — congratulations and best of luck in the future.

And remember, when you walk across to accept that diploma, let your heart take a picture of all the good things that go with it. You'll be glad you did.

--And Ne'er the Twain Shall Meet--

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WHS Class of 1999 scholarships received during Awards Day on May 21, 1999

Local Scholarships		
Texas Classroom Teachers Assoc. Scholarship	Kourtney Cathey	\$35.00
Texas Classroom Teachers Assoc. Scholarship	Tamara Grohman	\$35.00
Texas Classroom Teachers Assoc. Scholarship	Josh Lincycorn	\$35.00
Texas Classroom Teachers Assoc. Scholarship	Eric Tekell	\$35.00
Texas Classroom Teachers Assoc. Scholarship	Alison Wells	\$35.00
Texas Classroom Teachers Assoc. Scholarship	Chip White	\$35.00
Texas Classroom Teachers Assoc. Scholarship	Kenny Whittenburg	\$35.00
American Legion Post 261	Ten Ledbetter	\$50.00
American Legion Post 261	Mandi Hubbard	\$50.00
Don Ray Kvaszil Memorial Scholarship	Chanda Hoppe	\$50.00
Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 9183 & Ladies Auxiliary	Chanda Hoppe	\$75.00
Alpha Rho Award, Literary and Service	Kenny Whittenburg	\$100.00
Winters I.S.D. General Scholarship	Candi Lara	\$100.00
Randy Pendergrass Memorial Scholarship	Tarra Burns	\$100.00
National Honor Society	Kenny Whittenburg	\$100.00
Winters Fireman's Auxiliary Scholarship	Brooke Tounte	\$100.00
Mike Grantham Scholarship	Brooke Tounte	\$200.00
Order of the Eastern Star	Mariusz Sulbicki	\$250.00
Winters Area Business and Development Scholarship	Jeremy Alvarado	\$250.00
Winters Area Business and Development Scholarship	Brad Esquivel	\$250.00
Fred D. Bedford Memorial Scholarship	Alison Wells	\$250.00
Ballinger Masonic Lodge	Barrett Brown	\$325.00
Winters Woman's Club Scholarship	Alison Wells	\$500.00
WHS Class of 1965 Scholarship	Josh Lincycorn	\$250.00
Monica Parramore Memorial Scholarship	Misty Pritchard	\$500.00
Justin Mitchell Scholarship	Tammy Thorpe	\$1,000.00
Justin Mitchell Scholarship	Chanda Hoppe	\$1,000.00
Justin Mitchell Scholarship	Kourtney Cathey	\$1,000.00
Justin Mitchell Scholarship	Jamie Bishop	\$1,000.00
Wal-Mart Scholarship	Kourtney Cathey	\$1,000.00 500x2
Lillian Roberson Memorial Scholarship	Kenny Whittenburg	\$1,000.00 500x2
Lillian Roberson Memorial Scholarship	Kenny Whittenburg	\$9,763.00
General Scholarships		
Antilley Scholarship, Hardin-Simmons	Kenny Whittenburg	\$400.00 200x2
Ferguson Endowed Scholarship, Hardin-Simmons	Kenny Whittenburg	\$600.00 300x2
Taylor Telephone Cooperative Scholarship	Jamie Bishop	\$1,000.00 500x2
Taylor Telephone Cooperative Scholarship	Tarra Burns	\$1,000.00 500x2
Taylor Telephone Cooperative Scholarship	Mandi Hubbard	\$1,000.00 500x2
Taylor Telephone Cooperative Scholarship	Eric Tekell	\$1,000.00 500x2
Athletic Scholarship, Angelo State University	Jeremy Alvarado	\$6,600.00 1100x6
TSTC/Texas Instruments	Mandi Hubbard	\$4,000.00 500x8
FHA/Texas Farm Bureau Scholarship	Jamie Bishop	\$4,000.00 1000x4
Hardin-Simmons University Valedictorian Scholarship	Eric Reeves	\$6,000.00 1500x4
Carr Academic Scholarship, Angelo State	Eric Tekell	\$10,000.00 2500x4
Academic Achievement Scholarship, Texas A&M	Barrett Brown	\$12,000.00 3000x4
Academic Scholarship, Hardin-Simmons	Jamie Bishop	\$12,000.00 3000x4
U.S. Navy Post-Secondary Scholarship	V.J. Santoya	\$19,008.00
U.S. Navy Post-Secondary Scholarship	Larry Hoyle	\$30,000.00
U.S. Navy Post-Secondary Scholarship	Esmeralda Sanchez	\$30,000.00
U.S. Army Post-Secondary Scholarship	Jay Harris	\$19,000.00
		\$167,608.00
Local Scholarships		\$9,763.00
General Scholarships		\$157,808.00
Total Scholarships		\$167,371.00

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Headed for State UIL —



WHS TWIRLERS (left to right) Shasta Snuffer, Monica Hicks, and Kristian Cadena will be competing in the State UIL contest on Monday, May 31, in San Marcos. The girls will twirl in an ensemble then offer solo performances.



WINTERS HIGH SCHOOL HIGHEST CLASS AVERAGES for the 1998-99 school year are (left to right) senior Mandi Hubbard (97.0), junior Matt Angel (95.30), sophomore Alexis Adams (97.0) and freshman Joey Joeris (96.20).



ACCELERATED READING PROGRAM WINNERS honored on May 4 include (front row, kneeling) Andrea Rusgrave and Tayna Price. Second row (left to right) Jesse Flores, Kala Hagle, Gabriela Hernandez, Angie Galloway, Ashley Burson, Amalia Villarreal, Savanna Reyna and Joann Cortez. Back row, left, Monica Martinez and Elizabeth Martinez. Not pictured are Macy Hopson, Amanda Poe, Jacob Goetz and Raquel Retana.

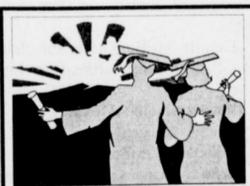
Accelerated Reading students receive awards

Reading for dollars, points, and knowledge, students from Mrs. Davis and Mrs. Rice's reading classes met in the Winters High School Media Center to collect their rewards on Tuesday, May 4. The Winters Woman's Club provided funds to purchase gift certificates from Wal-Mart. Macy Hopson entertained the group by reading "Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day."

Next Amanda Poe read "Dribble" from *Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing*. Both girls read their entries from the oral reading contest, a part of the Jr. High U.I.L. District Academic Meet. The girls were coached by Mrs. Laura Dees. The following students from Mrs. Davis's class received reading achievement awards and a ten dollar gift certificate to Wal-Mart: Ashley Burson, Jesse Flores, Monica Martinez, Tayna Price, and Andrea Rusgrave. From Mrs. Rice's class, Kala Hagle received a \$25.00 gift certificate for earning the most points. The following students earned all of their contracted points and received ten dollar gift certificates: Joann Cortez, Angie Galloway, Jacob Goetz, Gabey Hernandez, Elizabeth Martinez, Savanna Reyna, Raquel Retana, and Amalia Villarreal.



JUNIOR HIGH BAND MEMBERS Leslye Geistmann, Lacey Meyer and Jena Bahlman concentrate during rehearsal for their end-of-school band concert.



Winters High School Graduation Ceremonies
 Friday, May 28, 1999
 8:30 p.m.
 Blizzard Stadium
 (In case of inclement weather, ceremonies will be held in the gymnasium)

Slimp named to S-T All-West Texas Track Team

Kelli Slimp, WHS junior and state champion in the 300 meter hurdles, has been named to the 1999 San Angelo *Standard-Times* All-West Texas Track Team. Kelli's photo finish at the Class 2A meet with a time of 46.17 was just .03 ahead of second place. She also ran a 15.69 in the 100 hurdles and was the third leg on the 800 meter relay team which qualified for state. Kelli, daughter of Ken and Mary Slimp, is coached by Deb Whittenburg.

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I Graduate This Year

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??????????

Good Luck at State

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The Winters I.S.D. Tax and Administration Office will be closed for the Memorial Holiday Monday, May 31st, 1999. If you would like to make a tax payment you may send your payment by mail to:

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This office will reopen on June 1st, 1999.

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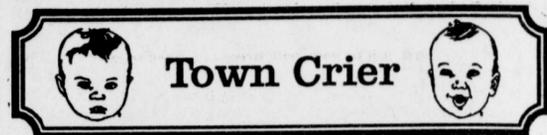
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PREPARING FOR A 'FULL-FILLING' SUMMER are Josh Lincycomb, left, and Wes Calcote as they make ready the city swimming pool for the upcoming season. Lincycomb and Calcote will also work as certified lifeguards at the pool which opens on June 1.

City swimming pool opens June 1

The city swimming pool will be opening Tuesday, June 1, according to Kyle Loudermilk, pool manager. Hours of operation will be Monday through Saturday from 1-6 p.m. and Sunday 2-5 p.m. Prices will remain the same as last year as follows: \$1.50 ages 5 & up, 50¢ ages 4 & under. Booked parties are \$30.00 per hour plus \$6.00 for parties more than 12 people. Season swim passes are also available. The popular "Ladies Only" swim time will be Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6-7 p.m. at a cost of 75¢. Certified lifeguards on duty will include Kirk Byrd, Wes Calcote, Josh Lincycomb, Kendra Hope and Tammy Thorpe. Individual swim lessons will also be available. For more information, call 754-4645.



Elyssia Brenae Esquivel

Andy and Amanda Esquivel are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Elyssia Brenae Esquivel, on March 29 at 8:50 p.m. at Hendrick Medical Center in Abilene. She weighed 5 lbs. 12 oz. and was 19 inches long. Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Robert Villegas of Coleman and great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Nolberto DelaRosa of Coleman. Paternal grandparents are Paul and Rose Ozuna of Tuscola and Raul Esquivel of Abilene. Great-grandparents are Jim and Lucy Baldonado of Winters.

Crews News

By Hilda Kurtz



Hilda Kurtz

If you see someone without a smile, give him one of yours.

Ladies attending Hopewell Bible study at 9:00 a.m. were Selma Wilkerson, Juanita Shields, Carolyn Webb, Ramona Akins, and Nila Osborne.

In the home of Nila and Therin Osborne on Sunday after church services were Stefanie, Karen, Wesley, and John McGallian; Simon Camacho of Ballinger; and Louise Osborne.

Ramona and Bro. Akins of Ballinger came by while Sunday evening with Nila and Therin Osborne. On Monday, Nila and Therin went by to visit Wilmer and Sally Mae Gerhart in Winters.

Melvina and Marvin Gerhart visited son Keith in Clyde on Sunday.

Leona and Roy Matthies met daughter Marcene Hall and grandson T.C. The grandson came home

to spend several days with Leona and Roy.

Visiting Josie Hoppe was Dorothy Comper of Wingate, Joe Otherson of Washington, and D.J. and Laverne Goetz. The Goetzes brought a delicious supper.

Earl Cooper is recuperating well at home after having eye surgery. Daughter Brenda Chambliss spent two days with Pat and Earl.

Selma Wilkerson, Ramona Akins, and Melvena Gerhart helped finish Georgia Gibbs' quilt. Joe and Betty Pierce were in San Angelo Tuesday afternoon to watch grandson Doyle Pierce play Little League baseball.

On Sunday afternoon, former neighbors of Grape Creek and now of Wingate, enjoyed a nice visit in the area.

Carolyn Webb and Edith Everett spent a day in Coleman shopping and going to the library.

Sherry, Keegan, Camile, and Caitlin Kurtz went fishing Sunday afternoon. They didn't catch anything so I think they must have been napping.

Selma Wilkerson's guests Sunday after church services were Juanita Shields, Ferris and Ramona Akins, Lee and Judy Harrison.

Selma received good response on her porch sale Thursday and Friday.

Hildegard and Calvin Schovajsa of San Angelo spent Saturday with me. Calvin worked on my waterlogged pump. Once again, I have running water. He also worked on my washer and then found more things to fix.

Dale and Linda Duggan were in Ennis on Saturday to visit friends Ron and Reeda Peel. On Sunday, they were in Waco to see Mary and Jerry Duggan (Dale's parents).

On Monday, Dale and Linda were in Cherokee to see Danny and Janice Duggan.

Susan and Chauncey Mansell and John Bean came to visit Monday.

Hopewell Church folks, as well as the Crews community, wish Bro. Akins and Ramona many more happy anniversaries.

Margie Jacob attended the graduation of her grandson, Bryce Busenlehner of Brownwood. Others attending the ceremony were Carol, Mike, and Jeanna Kozelsky; Brenda Jacob; Beverly and Brad VanZandt; Jodi and Justin Busenlehner; Kristi Ellis; Jerry and Sharon Engler; John, Cindy, and Garrett Longhofer of

Brenham; Msgr. Zientek; Joseph Busenlehner Jr.; and Keria and Rita Pitts. Afterwards, all enjoyed the reception.

On Saturday, Brenda and Margie Jacob went to San Angelo and had lunch at the Rio Concho Manor with Sybil Waller. They enjoyed playing cars in the afternoon.

Walter Pape had surgery in a San Antonio hospital during the week. The latest report is that he is doing well.

Gene Faubion of Hawaii spent several days with Noble and Harvey Mae Faubion, other relatives, and friends. Mary McKennon of Sweetwater, friend of the Cartwrights, came during the week and all enjoyed the lunch they brought.

Marqué and Desiraé Mathis of College Station and Helen Alexander had supper with the Cartwright family on Tuesday night.

Dennis McBeth tells me that he killed his tenth rattlesnake this year.

Visiting Helen Alexander during the week were Marqué Mathis and Cookie VanZandt.

Wanda King's birthday was Sunday, May 23. Her daughter Melinda and son-in-law Scott, granddaughter Autumn, and grandson Brandon returned to California on Sunday morning after having a nice visit with friends and relatives. They will be missed!

Joe visited his mom on Thursday evening. On Saturday evening, Joe Sims, Cody Karcher, and Cody Errington dropped by after working cattle. They invited Wanda to eat at The Shed with them for her birthday. Jessica King visited Friday night.

Visiting with Leona and Doris Bryan during the week were LaRue Bryan; Gary Bryan; Brent, Dawn, Scott, and Clint Bryan; Kelly, Alex, and Andrew Blackberry; and Milton and Naomi Gerhart.

I received a tiny sprinkle of rain and a little thunder last week.

North Main Church of Christ VBS planned Saturday, June 5

North Main Church of Christ will conduct Vacation Bible School for one day only, Saturday, June 5.

Registration begins at 8:00 a.m. with classes starting at 9:00 a.m.

Lunch will be provided for those in attendance.

Classes end at 5:00 p.m. with a closing program beginning at 5:15 p.m.

Afterwards, you may look at classrooms and visit with teachers while enjoying popsicles.

Church members invite everyone to come out and join them.

God bless you all!

Financial Focus

By Jimmy Newsom

Be realistic when investing in stocks

The market's performance over the past several years has led some investors to expect exceptional returns. The key words here are "expect" and "exceptional."

Webster's Collegiate Dictionary defines expect as "to consider probable or certain." It defines exceptional as "forming an exception, rare." Obviously combining the two doesn't make sense.

If you're not convinced, let's put the market's recent performance into perspective. Over the past 70 years, the Dow Jones Industrial Average has returned about 10 percent annually. This figure includes price appreciation and dividends. Over the past 10 years, the Dow has returned 18.6 percent annually, well above the historical average. In the past four years, the Dow has posted even more impressive returns:

- 1995 return—33.50 percent
- 1996 return—26.01 percent
- 1997 return—22.90 percent
- 1998 return—18.20 percent

Obviously, the returns we've recently enjoyed are extraordinary. Thus, they should be enjoyed, not expected.

Don't be shortsighted
A strong market and its exceptional returns can result in misleading track records for individual investments. Nearly any investment, even a mediocre one, can post a strong performance in an exceptional market. Because of this, it's especially important during times such as these to examine an investment's long-term track record before committing any money. If possible, look for companies that have a track record of at least 10 years. This time frame will show how well the investment has fared in a variety of market conditions.

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- early European in TX: Cabeza de _____
- TX Vikki Carr's _____ Hombres
- Austin's "Flora" _____ in Zilker Botanical Garden
- western "High _____ town"
- TXism: "let _____ horse"
- trivial talk
- TXism: "stirred up a hornet's _____"
- TXism: "got Romeo blood in his veins"
- TX electronics co. (abbr.)
- TXism: "spinning like a weather _____ in a whirlwind"
- Spurs organ. (abbr.)
- a brandy _____
- Country Music _____
- TXism: "let _____ rip!"
- TXism: "it'll take _____ healer to fix it"
- TXism: "don't get your shorts in a _____"
- TX Mac Davis film: "North Dallas _____"
- TX Leon Jaworski replaced this Water-gate prosecutor _____
- worry _____
- TXism: "use it _____ it!"
- Rice won the _____ College Bowl in '66
- TXism: "_____ in with the tumble-weeds" (arrived)
- Fort Worth millionaire
- TX Gilley's "A Head-ache Tomorrow _____ ache Tonight"
- Texans chose Hoover over this Alfred in '28 (init.)
- _____ Vernon, TX
- barbed-wire king Ellwood _____
- terrier type _____
- lobster claw _____
- teacher organ. (abbr.)
- Buffalo _____ TX
- lyric poem _____
- TX Clint Black's _____ Man
- TXism: "_____ a soul"
- Gov. _____ Culberson
- TXism: "couldn't fight his way out _____"
- long fish _____
- Rockets drafted this Marcelo in '93 _____
- _____ Holiday
- TXism: "loaded _____" (equipped)
- loop roper* (poor cowboy) _____
- tie the sneakers _____ again
- TX "western swing" pioneer Willis _____
- TXism: "fat _____ boardinghouse cat"
- low-water-use garden or landscape _____
- Alamo commander Travis (init.) _____
- TXism: "if he bought a cemetery, people would _____ dying" (unlucky)
- Davis Cup winner in Dallas in '65 _____
- TXism: "he's got a _____ trigger temper"
- TX Dennis Quaid starred with this Starr in "Caveman" _____
- work bread dough _____

DOWN

- in Wilbarger Co. on 287 _____
- TXism: "busy _____-armed paper hanger"
- TXism for "How are you?" _____
- TXism: "mean _____ old range cow"
- Cloris of "The Last Picture Show" (init.) _____
- TX Jim Reeves hit: "He'll _____"
- the first man _____
- TXism: "tee ninety" _____
- start the golf match (2 wds.) _____
- Cowboy Emmitt (init.) _____
- the man who fired 39-across (init.) _____
- TXism: "that _____ fancy"
- TXism: "_____ a snorter" (mean)

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Memories Never Die

by Ace R. Polk

They stood silent at the station,
Neither wanting to say goodbye.
She said, "I promised there'd be no tears."
Then she began to cry.
For eighteen years they had lived as one
Now a war was coming between a mother and her son.

The young man stood tall in his uniform, and he held
his head up high.
"Now Mama, I'll be back before you know it. Please
don't cry.
I'll write you when I get there, but I don't know where
'there' will be.
Everything's gonna be alright, Mama. Now don't you
worry about me."

Now she watches for his letters. Slowly go her days.
She keeps his picture by her bed, and holds it when she prays,
"Lord, thank you for my son, and I know you're with him,
wherever that may be.
And please, Lord, if it be your will, bring him back to me."

One day the letters stopped coming. They listed him M.I.A.
They didn't know that he'd been taken to a P.O.W. camp
far away.

Weeks, then months went by; on Mama, they took their toll.
But what they couldn't take was the strength of his Mama's soul.

"Not old enough to drink, but old enough to die.
He was too young, too young!" and she began to cry.
Then the war was over and word came he was coming home.
He'd been found alive in a P.O.W. camp; he was mostly
skin and bone.

It took several months before his senses began to come around.
But only during the day— at night he returned to foreign ground.
The echoing of enemy fire, the screaming of an
"incoming" shell;
Awakening in a sweat and realizing he'd made another
"trip into hell."

He remembered when he was younger and he had a
scratch or cut
That he could always go to Mama and she would fix it up.
Then he grew up and went off to fight a war
And he remembered the tears in Mama's eyes;
and how her heart was tore.

Then one more cold hard fact of life he had to learn about —
That he had journeyed too far into hell and
even Mama couldn't help him out.
They say that time can heal all wounds in mice and men.
And finally, with His help, he came to grips with
a war he couldn't win.

But every time he listens to the radio or turns on the TV
They remind him of the war, of long-buried friends
and memories
And old song "too much to drink, when the rain has
a certain smell."
He felt death, he dealt death and he remembers hell.

Names and dates he can't recall, but he can still see each face.
He remembers thinking "I'm only eighteen! What am I
doing in this place?"
Many years later he's out working in a field
when a low-flying jet screams across the sky
And once more he's frozen back in time,
'cause memories never die!

Jennifer Adams receives degree from McMurry

Jennifer D'Ann Boles Adams was among 126 students receiving degrees during spring commencement ceremonies at McMurry University on Saturday, May 8.

Jennifer graduated magna cum laude with a bachelor's degree in multidisciplinary studies.

While at McMurry, Jennifer was a member of the Dean's List, Kappa Delta Pi education honor society, Who's Who Among American College Students, McMurry Student Activities Council, Indian Insights student recruiting team and New Student Orientation Team.

She was a member of the women's basketball team (captain, voted Honorable Mention All-Conference, Co-Team Most Valuable Player), women's tennis team (captain, voted Most Inspirational and Most Valuable Player), NAIA Conference tennis singles champion, TIP women's social club chaplain and interclub representative. She served as president of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, received the McMurry Pathfinder Award, and was voted IHR men's social club sweetheart, sophomore class favorite runner-up, junior class favorite, and McMurry Princess her senior year.

Jennifer is the daughter of Randall and Jean Boles of Winters. McMurry University is a four-year liberal arts institution located in Abilene, Texas. Affiliated with the Northwest Texas and New Mexico Conferences of the United Methodist Church, McMurry offers its students educational opportunities through 42 majors and 8 pre-professional sequences.

Diana Furbee joins Army

Diana M. Furbee has joined the United States Army under the Delayed Entry Program at the U.S. Army Recruiting Station, Abilene, Texas.

The program gives young men and women the opportunity to delay entering active duty for up to one year.

The enlistment gives the new soldier the option to learn a new skill, travel, and become eligible

to receive as much as \$50,000 toward a college education. After completion of basic military training, soldiers receive advanced individual training in their career specialty.

Furbee will report to Fort Jackson, Columbia, South Carolina, for basic training on June 8, 1999.

She is the daughter of Tina L. Barry of Winters and David L. Furbee of Warren, Ohio.

Harris receives nursing degree

Carla Harris graduated cum laude from Texas Tech Health Sciences Center in Lubbock on Friday, May 21, 1999. She received a bachelor of science degree in nursing.

Carla was recipient of the Rural Health Nursing Award for demonstrating enthusiasm and

interest in healthcare for rural communities and commitment to rural health issues.

In addition, she was awarded the Human Potential Award. She was inducted into Sigma Theta Tau on May 20 and was a member of the Nursing Honors Society.

CNA Olympics in San Angelo to benefit Oklahoma tornado victims

In honor of Certified Nurse Aid Week, June 3-June 10, 1999, Crescent Skilled Nursing and Rehab Center announced they will be hosting a Certified Nurse Aide Olympics on Saturday, June 5, from 9:30 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. The event will be held at 1915 Greenwood in San Angelo.

A few of the events that will be held are a three-legged walker race, toilet paper toss, bedpan race, and donut eating contest. The overall winner will be decided by a tug-of-war between the top two teams. To date, 12 facili-

ties have agreed to participate in the olympics.

All participating nursing facilities will be sponsoring a food booth with proceeds to be donated to the American Red Cross, Oklahoma Disaster Relief Fund.

There is no charge to attend the CNA Olympics; however, donations of canned goods and non-perishable items for the Oklahoma tornado victims will be appreciated.

All ages are invited to enjoy the games, food, and fun.

Engagement



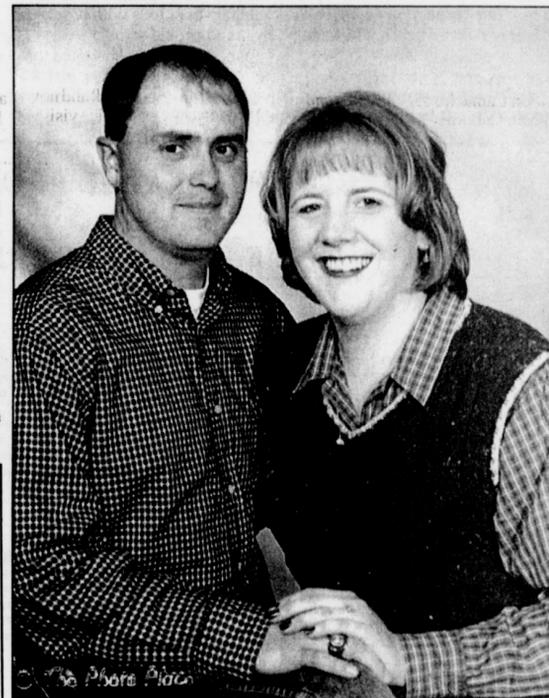
Michelle Lindemann & Harley Belk

Lindemann, Belk to exchange vows

Michelle Christine Lindemann of Ballinger and Harley Allen Belk, Jr. of Norton will exchange wedding vows on July 3, 1999, at the St. John's Lutheran Church in Winters.

Michelle is the daughter of Mickell Lindemann of Ballinger and Howard and Susan Forse of Abilene. She is a 1994 graduate of Ballinger High School and recently received a bachelor of business administration degree in finance from Angelo State University. She is employed by Ballinger Home Health, Inc.

Harley is the son of Allen and Elsie Belk of Norton. He is a 1990 graduate of Ballinger High School. He received a bachelor of business administration degree in computer science from Angelo State University in 1994 and is employed by Mac Oil Field Company, Inc. in Winters.



Nathan Smith and Trisha Kane

Smith, Kane announce engagement

Mr. and Mrs. Jim McDowell of Fowler, Kansas, announce the approaching marriage of their daughter, Trisha Kane, to Nathan Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. Philip Smith of San Angelo, Texas.

The wedding is planned for Saturday, July 10, 1999, at 5:00 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church in Liberal, Kansas.

The bride-elect is a graduate of Meade High School in Meade, Kansas, and received a bachelor of science degree in psychology from Kansas State University in Manhattan, Kansas. She is currently employed with Pioneer Communications of Ulysses, Kansas.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Winters High School and received a bachelors degree in agri-business from Texas A&M University. He is Receiving and Processing Manager at Grant County Feeders in Ulysses, Kansas.

39+ changes date for June meeting

Thirty-Nine Plus, a service for senior citizens, will be postponed one week in June because of conflicts with the church calendar. Thirty-Nine Plus will meet on the third Thursday, June 17.

Barring unforeseen circumstances, the group will meet in July on the second Thursday, July 9.

make the appropriate changes on their calendar.

Thirty-Nine Plus meets at 10:00 a.m. for games and conversation, and then at noon to ask the Lord's blessings on the food and those who have prepared it, and also for God's special blessings on those with health problems.

The general public is invited to attend.

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Keeping an eye on Texas

Texans remember veterans

Memorial Day, May 31, is more than a long weekend. It is a reminder of the tens of thousands of Texans who gave their lives in America's wars this century.

Texas war casualties	
World War I	1,729
World War II	14,248
Korea	1,718
Vietnam	2,759
Persian Gulf	16
TOTAL	20,470



SOURCES: Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts, (www.window.state.tx.us), and Texas Veterans Commission.

The Winters Enterprise is interested in your family reunion!

Please send us a notice of the date, time, place, or other pertinent information and we will inform your relatives of upcoming reunions.

We will also be glad to publish, as space allows, your reunion stories and pictures so that they may be treasured for years to come. A self-addressed stamped envelope must be included in order to ensure that photographs are returned.

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Troy L. Carter, M.D. Surgical & Medical Diseases of the Eye

Dr. Troy Carter, a member of Texas Midwest Eye Center in Abilene, has joined with North Runnels Hospital and Dr. Mike Bacigalupi, to offer cataract surgery in Winters. Patients can now be evaluated, have surgery with complete post-op care and never leave Runnels County.

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LITERARY AND SERVICE CLUB members recently hosted a reception for all upcoming WHS graduates. Seniors enjoying the food and fellowship are (left to right) Tammy Thorpe, Kenny Whittenburg, Avel Hicks and Josh Lincycumb. Club members include Noma Eoff, Bobbie Jackson, Emily Pendergrass and Eris Beard.

Golfers can have fun and win great prizes — Girl Scouts to host 6th Annual H.o.T. Shot golf tournament on Saturday, June 5

The Heart of Texas Girl Scout Council invites area golfers to support the young women of Central Texas while enjoying a great day on a beautiful golf course. The 6th Annual H.o.T. Shot Classic golf tournament will be held Saturday, June 5, at Sugar Tree Golf Club. Sugar Tree is located along the Brazos River just a little southwest of Weatherford.

The tournament is a two-person scramble with a shotgun start. Both men and women are welcome.

The entry fee includes a player's green fee, golf cart, free drinks, lunch, and opportunity drawings.

Prizes include tee gifts and four rounds of golf for four people. The first three places in each flight will receive gift certificates from the Sugar Tree Pro Shop. The first place teams will receive \$300 certificates, second place \$200, and the third place team

\$100. In addition, hole-in-one prizes include a 1999 Buick Century, a set of Masfli Australian blade irons (3-PW), a 7-day Aruba golf vacation for two at the Tierra del Sol Resort and Country Club, a 4-day vacation for two to Raburn Country Resort in Texas, and a 4-day/3-night golf vacation for two to San Destin Beach Hilton Beach Resort in Destin, Florida.

Phylecia Schooling, council president, says that "the proceeds from this tournament will help the council defray the cost of girl programs and help ensure that the council retains its national charter. The council is prohibited by Girl Scouts of the U.S.A. from funding more than 50% of their general operations with proceeds from the cookie sale."

Mrs. Schooling also stated that "Girl Scouting costs a girl \$7 membership dues and the cost of any uniforms, books, pins or

badges (most of which are optional). The \$7 fee is forwarded directly to Girl Scouts of the U.S.A.; none of the fee is retained by the local council. However, the cost to provide the Girl Scout program to one girl served in 1998 was approximately \$175. There would be no Girl Scouting in the area without the help and support of the council."

The H.o.T. Shot Classic is just one of the ways the council has of raising adult-generated funds. They are hoping that golfers from all over Central Texas — and beyond — will participate in this special tournament. All proceeds from the tournament will be used to promote Girl Scouting from Ballinger to Weatherford and from Throckmorton to Lampasas.

If you are interested in participating in this tournament or in being a sponsor, you may contact Eva Siller at the council office (915/646-1516 or 800/346-3215).

Letters to the Editor

Reflection on senseless violence; realize each person is of value

Dear Editor,
As I reflect over the seemingly senseless deaths in Littleton and other communities, there appears to be a common thread that is beginning to unravel in this nation. There really is not any place that is totally safe. It takes a tragedy like this for people to call out to God and to reach out to one another.

One common thread is that the children that are killing other children and adults do not feel that they are being taken seriously. As a human, we need to feel that we are valuable. Many rate their value on attributes like their physical appearance, athletic ability, or scholastic ability. Each person has value. We may not possess the attributes that others have given value to, but God created us for a purpose. Our job as a member of society is to find each person's purpose and help them develop into the kind of person God intended them to be.

Another thread that is unraveling today is that many feel rejected by their peers and society. The feeling of rejection has caused them to de-value their own life and the lives of others. Rejection often isolates us and causes hate to escalate. It does not

have to, but is a choice that many have chosen. If we look at our example, Jesus was rejected. He chose to forgive and he saved the world from certain death.

Finally as a nation we are developing into a violent society. When wake-up calls are sounded in "safe" suburbs, like Littleton, we become shocked and want to blame the schools, the parents, and law enforcement. Blame is easy to place on others. This in itself is not the answer. We are becoming de-sensitized to violence and becoming a cold, self-centered society.

Where shall we place the blame? We must accept the blame. It is now time to repent for our part in these tragedies. How many times have you rejected, made fun of, or hurt someone? That's where it starts. The injury occurs and festers. When does the Golden Rule apply? In my opinion, it should begin with each person with which we come in contact. It is time that this nation repent. We are all guilty of not caring, rejecting or not valuing someone that we come in contact with on a daily basis.

**A Concerned Citizen,
Beverly Briley**

Spring band concert is "Music to my ears!"

Dear Editor,
"Music to my ears!" That's exactly what the Band Concert was this past Thursday evening.

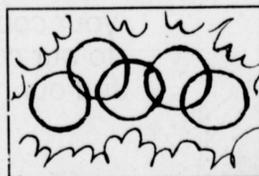
Music has always been an important part of my life. I believe God uses it to add depth and meaning to our lives. We hear sounds we would otherwise not know even existed. It excites us, energizes us, blesses us, calms our spirits, prepares us for worship, and . . . when it is played by children we know and love — it touches our very souls!

As an art, it requires determination and discipline, both internal and external, to learn to play any instrument. It takes a dream that can be realized. It takes a vision . . . starting with little and believing it can become much.

Do you believe in prayer? I do. I prayed that the Lord would send someone to this little town (that has come to mean so much to my husband and I) . . . that would take hold of a dream for what our kids could do and work to help them realize that dream. I see it happening! Don't you? I heard it happening at the Band Concert on Thursday evening past.

Thank you Mr. White and Mr. Yerigan for a job well done! And thank you students . . . fifth through twelfth grades . . . for making such beautiful "music to my ears!"

Mrs. Kidwell



The Olympic symbol consists of five interlocking rings that represent the continents of Africa, Asia, Australia, Europe, and North and South America. Rings are black, blue, green, red and yellow. The flag of each nation competing in the games has at least one of these colors.

Locals complete Texas Rural Leadership Program

Recently, Cynthia Glass, Theresa Patterson, and Bill Spiller completed training through the Texas Rural Leadership Program, sponsored by West Texas Utilities.

The training started in October 1998 and ended on May 5, 1999. The program emphasized personal development, experimental learning, networking, community involvement, and knowledge of community.

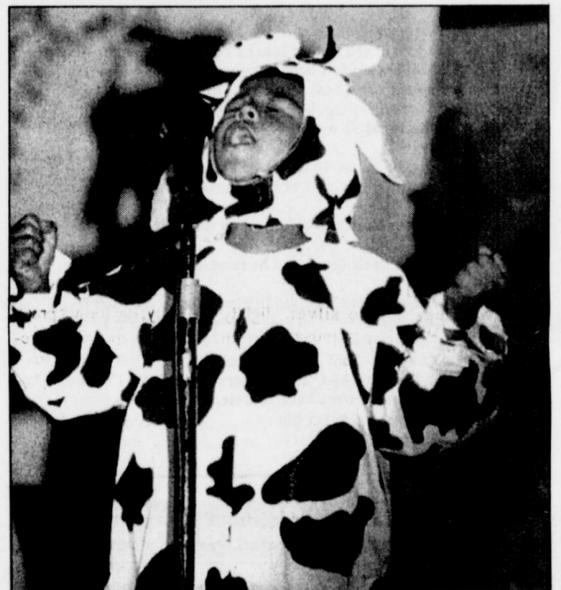
On May 5, the group from Runnels, Sterling, and Coke counties went to Austin to meet with the Texas Rural Development Council. A representative from David Counts' office accompanied the group to the gallery of the House of Representatives. The group was recognized by Rep. David Counts along with Tumble Weed Smith and singer Vicki Carr. The group was also met by Rep. Rob Junell.

A representative from the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department and the Texas Water Development Board spoke to the group, along with Texas Comptroller Carol Keaton-Rylander and Texas Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs.

Later that day, the group had their picture taken with Lt. Governor Rick Perry and Senator Haywood.

Each member of the group was presented with a certificate and a leather attaché case.

Classifieds Get Results



A MOST 'MOO-VING' PERFORMANCE by Raul Perez was given during the extremely entertaining first grade performance of E-I-E-I-Oops! The presentation featured the dilemma of a barnyard full of animals who try to help Mr. Moo (alias Raul) find his own voice.

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, May 16, 1999, through Saturday, May 22, 1999. Winters Police Officers:

- * received a report of a disturbance at 800 S. Main. Victim was transported by private vehicle to NRH. Arrested was Samuel Wayne Drummond, 51, of Winters. He was originally charged with Class A assault. Felony charges are pending for injury to an elderly.

- * received a report of disturbance in the 500 block of S. Arlington. Arrested Joe Paxton Adams for terroristic threat.

- * arrested Jerry Lee Alvarado, 41, of Winters, for driving while intoxicated, fleeing, and possession of marijuana.

- * received a report of cruelty to animals in the 500 block of W. Parsonage. Charges are pending at this time against two suspects.

- * received a report of phone harassment in the 300 block of N. Melwood.

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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PROPERTY VALUE PROTEST AND APPEAL PROCEDURES

The law gives property owners the right to protest actions concerning their property tax appraisals. You may follow these appeal procedures if you have a concern about:

- Market or special appraised value placed on your property
- Appraisal exceeds median level of appraisal of comparable properties
- Inclusion of your property on the appraisal roll
- Any exemptions that may apply to you
- Qualifications for an agricultural appraisal
- Taxable status of your property
- Local governments which should be taxing your property
- Ownership of property
- Change of use of land receiving special appraisal
- Any action that applies to and adversely affects you

INFORMAL REVIEW

Upon receipt of your appraisal notice, please review the VALUE of the property in relation to what like property would sell for THIS YEAR. If you have questions or disagree with that VALUE, PLEASE CALL or COME BY the Appraisal District, 406 Hutchings Avenue, Ballinger, 915-365-3583 PRIOR to filling the Protest Form. If you still decide it is necessary to appear before the ARB (Appraisal Review Board) fill in, sign and return the protest form by the deadline stated on the notice.

REVIEW BY THE APPRAISAL REVIEW BOARD

If you can't resolve your problem, informally with the county appraisal district (CAD) staff, you may have your case heard by the appraisal review board (ARB).

The ARB is an independent board of citizens that reviews problems with appraisals or other concerns listed above. It has the power to order the CAD to make the necessary changes to solve problems. If you file a WRITTEN request for an ARB hearing (called a Notice of Protest) before the deadline, the ARB will set your case for a hearing. You'll receive written notice of the time, date and place of the hearing. If necessary, you may request a hearing in the evening, Saturday or Sunday. There will be ONE weekend day available for appointments. You should make this request at the time you file your protest. Prior to your hearing you may ask to review the evidence the CAD will use to uphold their determination. The CAD may ask you for a copy of the evidence you plan to present. The hearing will be INFORMAL. You or a designated agent may appear in person to present evidence or you may send notarized evidence for the ARB to review at your hearing. The CAD representative will present evidence about your case. You may cross-examine the CAD representative. The ARB will make its decision based on the evidence presented.

You can get a copy of a protest form from the appraisal district office at 406 Hutchings Avenue, Ballinger or one is provided with your appraisal notice.

NOTE: You shouldn't try to contact ARB members outside of the hearing. The law requires ARB members to sign an affidavit saying that they haven't talked about your case with you or the CAD prior to the hearing.

REVIEW BY DISTRICT COURT

After it decides your case, the ARB must send you a copy of its order by certified mail. If you're not satisfied with the decision, you have the right to appeal to district court. If you choose to go to court, you must start the process by filing a petition within 45 days of the date you receive the ARB's order.

TAX PAYMENT

If you appeal and your case is pending, you must pay the lesser of the amount of taxes due on the portion of the taxable value not in dispute or the amount of taxes due on the property under the order from which the appeal is taken.

MORE INFORMATION

You can get more information by contacting your appraisal district office at Runnels County Appraisal District, 406 Hutchings Avenue, P.O. Box 524 Ballinger, TX 76821 or 915-365-3583. You can also get a pamphlet describing how to prepare a protest from the appraisal district or from the State Comptroller's Property Tax Division at P.O. Box 13528, Austin, TX 78711.

RECEIVING NOTICE

The law requires mailing an appraisal notice under certain circumstances: ownership change, value change, exemption change, etc. Therefore, not everyone received a notice. If your value didn't change or increase over \$1000 in value, you did not receive notice. If you did not receive a notice but would like to verify your value or if you are concerned about anything regarding your account, please call the Appraisal District office and someone will be happy to help you and review your property information. Generally, if you did not receive notice, most likely nothing changed regarding your value or exemptions.

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Extension News & Views

By Rick Minzenmayer, Extension Agent-IPM

Gardening tips for annuals, ornamentals, and lawns

Herbaceous Annuals

Potted plants, when placed outdoors, may need to be watered more frequently than if they were inside. If you place plants in clay pots inside larger plastic pots or cover clay pots with aluminum foil, you will reduce the frequency at which you must water. Remember to punch at drainage hole if foil is used.

Pinch back annuals when 4 to 6 inches high to promote bushy growth. Some that perform better with pinching are zinnias, petunias, and salvia. Begonias, coleus, ageratum, salvia, and vinca prefer light shade (5 to 6 hours of sunlight).

Multiflora petunias withstand heat much better than other types and are more attractive throughout the summer. They are more resistant than other types to botrytis, a disease that cripples petunias, especially in damp weather. And they branch more easily, meaning less maintenance. Multifloras are most useful for massed effects in beds.

Set petunia plants among fading tulips or daffodils to hide the unsightly wilting leaves. After the bulb foliage begins to fade you can tie the leaves in gently knots to neaten them, but don't remove them until they have dried completely.

In the past, begonias were recommended for areas of partial sun and full shade. However, they will also do well in full sun if kept moist and well mulched. "Pizzaz" and "Basel Hybrid" are two varieties that do particularly well in full sun.

Wood Ornamentals

When planting a new shade tree, consider whether it is messy or neat in appearance, weak- or strong-wooded, and long- or short-lived. Resist the temptation to plant a fast-growing, weak tree for quick shade.

Some trees that are messy and weak-wooded include silver maple hybrid poplar, mimosa, weeping willow, and Eastern cottonwood. Better choices are live oak, bur oak, red oak, chestnut oak, Chinese pistache, Afghan pine, and desert willow.

Rough or careless handling of balled-and-burlapped trees can

break the soil ball, damaging or breaking off most of the roots, and result in the death of a tree. Never pick up a B&B tree by its trunk; instead, carry it by the root ball, being gentle when putting it down.

If cotton burlap was used to wrap B&B tree roots, it does not need to be removed. Just untie and roll it down from the trunk until it does not stick above the soil line. If a synthetic material wrapped the roots, remove it completely if possible, or at least turn it back to expose the side of the ball and cut it off or push it to the bottom of the hole. If your species of tree you are planting is one that grows a tap root, remove all the synthetic material or the root will not be able to grow properly.

If an old tree shows signs of advanced rotting, remove it before it becomes a safety hazard. Silver maples, willows, poplars, elms, and mulberries can clog septic lines with their roots. Plant these species well away from drain lines and sewers.

Poison ivy is dangerous all year around. You can get an irritation from the leaves, roots, berries, and even smoke from burning the vines. Learn enough to know the leaves so you can guard against it. If you think you may have come in contact with it, wash immediately with soap and water and remove any clothes that may have the oil on them. Prevention is the best medicine for this ailment. Some native grown large trees will have poison ivy growing in the ball of soil at the base of the tree. Be cautious when planting these large trees in landscapes.

Regularly water newly planted trees and shrubs during the first year or two after planting to help establish a good root system. They need at least 1 inch of water each week. It is better to water deeply once a week than to water lightly every day; the former practice encourages deep, drought-resistant roots while the latter practice encourages surface roots that may suffer during dry spells. Mulch to conserve moisture and control weeds.

Lawns and Landscaping

The average family's needs

and activities change in cycles of six to seven years. The smaller the property, the greater the landscape planning challenges. Design outdoor areas and facilities to be modified easily with your changing needs.

Lengthening the time between waterings combined with deep heavy watering encourages root growth while reducing top growth in lawns. This increases the root-to-shoot ratio and produces plants that are more resistant to wilting when exposed to infrequent watering.

Letting a young lawn grow too tall and then cutting it back to the recommended height is detrimental. Such extreme leaf removal stops the flow of food to the root, weakens the plants, and opens the lawn to diseases. Never let it grow so tall that you have to cut off more than one third of the grass blade.

For maximum landscape interest in a small space, try annual vines. They can disguise ugly walls and enliven fences. When trellised they create shade and privacy while hiding undesirable views. Morning glory and its relative cardinal climber (*Ipomoea* spp.) can be started outdoors or sown outside after the last frost date. For edible ornamentals, try scarlet runner beans or Chinese bitter melon (*Momordica* spp.).

Plan a landscaping project on paper first. Do not over plant. Be sure you know the ultimate size of each plant, and allow for its growth.

Grass clippings can be used as a mulch in flower beds and vegetable gardens if allowed to dry well before use. Fresh, damp, grass clippings will mat and may attract pests. Never use clippings from a lawn that has been treated with a herbicide.

For kids on the go, don't forget the H₂O

The summer heat can leave children dehydrated, especially if they are active.

"Kids can become dehydrated very quickly in the sweltering heat," said Dr. Robert Shulman at the USDA/ARS Children's Nutrition Research Center at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston. "The best thing to do is to fill kids up with plenty of water before they go outside to play."

Shulman says in addition to water, sports drinks and fruit juices are also good to give children in moderation. It is best to stay away from drinks that contain high levels of caffeine. Caffeine is known to increase the flow of urine, so instead of replenishing the body, it can contribute to dehydration.

Emergency spending bill to provide relief for farmers and ranchers

On Tuesday, May 18, the House of Representatives passed an emergency spending bill that included \$574 million to provide relief for U.S. farmers and ranchers hurt by persistently low commodity and livestock prices as well as natural disasters, according to Congressman Charlie Stenholm.

"For months now, our farmers and ranchers have been struggling with problems related to low prices and the devastating effects on the on-going drought," said Stenholm. "Given the continued difficulties facing our agricultural economy, our producers need some relief and I am hopeful this emergency assistance will provide some breathing room until Congress finds a long-term solution to the current crisis."

Included in the supplemental bill is \$105 million for the Agricultural Credit Insurance Fund. This will provide approximately \$1.1 billion in credit funds to farmers through the Department of Agriculture's (USDA) guaranteed and direct farm ownership

and operating loan programs, and the Department's emergency loan program.

An additional \$70 million is included for the Livestock Assistance Program.

The bill also included \$145 million for the Agricultural Marketing Service to strengthen agricultural markets; \$43 million for Farm Service Agency (FSA) salaries and expenses; and \$30 million for waste and water loans through USDA's Rural Community Advancement Program.

"FSA employees have been overwhelmed by the task of processing claims for last year's disaster assistance, and this additional funding couldn't come too soon for them, nor for the producers who are depending on the assistance," said Stenholm.

The emergency spending bill also provides emergency funding for agricultural programs geared toward environmental protection and restoration. The USDA's Emergency Watershed Program receives \$95 million, while \$63 million is provided to allow the

Natural Resources Conservation Service to continue to provide technical assistance for landowners enrolling acreage in the Conservation Reserve Program and the Wetlands Reserve Program in fiscal years 1999 and 2000.

The measure also includes \$28 million for the Emergency Conservation Program, which provides cost-sharing assistance to farmers and ranchers for farmland damaged by flooding, drought, tornadoes, and other natural disasters.

"As a nation, we can't produce food and fiber without energy, and we can't produce energy without food. While I am pleased this measure provides our farmers and ranchers with some temporary relief we must recognize that our nation's oil and gas producers are also facing tough times. Unfortunately, this bill does nothing to address the long-term problems facing agriculture and our domestic energy industry. It is high time the Congress and Administration begin working together to address these crises," urged Stenholm.

Extension News & Views

By Steve Byrns, Communications Specialist

Booher joins Extension's Farm Assistance Program

Travis Booher has been named to the newly-created District 7 position of risk management specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service. He is headquartered at the Texas A&M University Agricultural Research and Extension Center in San Angelo.

Booher's primary job responsibility is assisting agricultural producers with risk management decisions through the newly-expanded Financial and Risk Management Assistance (FARM Assistance) program. FARM Assistance is a major component of Extension's Texas Risk Management Education Program that was funded by the Texas Legislature in 1997.

"The program gives producers the ability to analyze their farm and ranch operation to gain information for long-term strategic planning decisions," said Booher. "It's a one-of-a-kind decision support system that helps farmers and ranchers weigh the economic consequences they may encounter

from various risk management strategies before they actually take the risk.

"FARM Assistance is designed to be flexible enough to handle all types of crop and livestock operations or combinations. One of its unique features is its ability to divide an operation into multiple units with a profit and loss statement for each unit. This gives producers specific information on the profitability of certain lease arrangements, cow herds, or crops."

Booher holds bachelor's and master's degrees in agricultural economics from Texas A&M University.

The new specialist previously worked for Kock Industries, Wichita, Kansas; Frontier Risk Management Inc., Chicago, Illinois; and Texas A&M University's department of agricultural economics at College Station.

While at Koch Industries, he was involved in cattle procurement, business and marketing of

fresh and processed meats, and in fresh beef marketing and sales.

While employed by Frontier Risk Management, Booher participated in a pilot program sponsored by the Chicago Mercantile Exchange that provided futures education and training.

At Texas A&M University, Booher aided in graduate and undergraduate agricultural economics instruction. He also developed and conducted an agricultural loan demand survey for the Texas Department of Agriculture under the guidance of the Texas Agricultural Finance Authority. The research was designed to identify potential credit gaps for Texas agricultural producers and agribusinesses.

Producers interested in learning more about the FARM Assistance Program can contact Booher at (915) 653-4576 or they can look at the Texas Risk Management Education Program Internet site at trmep.tamu.edu.

Threat of rabies means leave the bats alone

Look but don't touch.

That's the advice from the Texas Department of Health (TDH) about bats. The once terrifying flying mammals whose popularity has been soaring in recent years are again on their northerly flight paths from Central America and Mexico across Texas as the weather warms.

"Bats are fascinating, beneficial animals," said Pamela Wilson of TDH's Zoonosis Control Division, "but they also carry a high risk for spreading rabies. Of the five human deaths in Texas due to rabies since 1990, three are attributed to infected bats."

Most bats eat large numbers of insects, making them a help in controlling pests that may carry diseases or devastate plants. Some bat species eat fruit, nectar, pollen, smaller bats, birds, and fish. And a few — usually found in South and Central America — do drink blood, prompting some of the fears and myths often associated with bats.

In recent years, giant colonies of bats have become popular tourist attractions, as people gather on spring and summer evenings to watch the bat masses take flight from caves, rocks, and even city bridges. Cuddly stuffed animals in the shape of bats are now companions for children. And the image of a bat has even been translated into a mascot for a sports team.

"But bats are still wild animals," Wilson said. "If someone finds an injured, sick, or dead bat,

I cannot stress enough that the person should not touch it. The bat could have rabies."

Rabies is a deadly viral illness. People become infected with the rabies virus if they are bitten by an animal that has the disease. Only a series of shots will keep an exposed person from getting rabies.

Wilson said that if people find a sick or dead bat, they should call their local animal control agency or local health department. "Any wild animal such as a bat, a raccoon, skunk, coyote, or fox may be sick if it acts unnaturally, especially if it shows no fear of humans," she said. To help prevent rabies people also should be sure their pets receive the required vaccinations yearly and that their dogs and cats are not allowed to roam.

"Bat bites are not always visible," Wilson said. "If a bat is present and there is a possibility of the person being exposed, the bat should be captured and tested for rabies. If rabies cannot be ruled out, the person may need treatment."

Wilson said that problems can occur in the following situations:

- A child touches a live or dead bat;
- An adult touches a bat without seeing which part of the bat's body they touched;
- A bat flies at a person and touches bare skin;
- A barefooted person steps on a bat;
- A person wakes up to find a

bat in the room;

• A bat is found near an infant, toddler, or person who is sensory or mentally challenged;

• A person feels pain after putting his or her hand in the wood pile, brush, a crevice or dark area, then sees a bat in the same area.

"It is important to teach children not to handle bats, especially those that are on the ground or cannot fly," Wilson said. "A bat should not be a show-and-tell object."

Call the local animal control agency to have a trained officer capture the bat. If you must trap a bat indoors yourself, first move children and pets to another room. Wear leather gloves and avoid direct skin contact with the bat. Close the windows and doors and turn on the lights. Wait for the bat to land, then cover it with a container such as a coffee can. Slide cardboard under the can, then tape the cardboard to the can.

If you are bitten by any animal, quickly and thoroughly wash the bite with soap and water. Rinse well and put alcohol or iodine on the bite to kill germs. See a doctor as soon as possible. Be able to describe the animal — kind, size, and color — to the doctor, to the local rabies control authority, or animal control officer. The doctor will decide if you need treatment for rabies. Tell children if they are bitten by any animal to get help right away from their parents, a policeman, school guard, teacher, or other adult.

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NOTICE

The City of Winters will hold the second of two Public Hearings for annexation of the properties described below on Monday, June 7, 1999, at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 310 S. Main, Winters, Texas:

Bagwell Enterprises (Carl Grenwelle Texaco Station) located at 903 N. Main and described as follows: Being a part of the Dolphin Floyd Survey No. 518, Abstract No. 193, Runnels County, Texas, and described by metes and bound as follows: BEGINNING at the Southeast corner of said 250 by 150 ft. tract which point is 50 feet North of the Northeast corner of the Winters Cemetery; THENCE North 100 ft. to the Southeast Corner of a 75 ft. by 150 ft. tract sold to Albert Fry and wife, Ora Fry, by E.A. Shepperd; THENCE West 150 ft. to a point in the West boundary line of said 250 by 150 ft. tract same being the Southwest corner of said tract sold to Fry; THENCE South 100 ft. to the Southwest corner of said 250 by 150 ft. tract; THENCE East 150 ft. to the PLACE OF BEGINNING; together with right-of-way described as follows: Being a part of the Dolphin Floyd Survey No. 518, Abstract No. 193, described by metes and bounds as follows: BEGINNING at the Southeast corner of a tract of land conveyed to Morgan Jones by H.A. Letterman; THENCE North 50 ft.; THENCE East about 180 ft. to road; THENCE South with road 50 ft.; THENCE West about 180 ft. to the PLACE OF BEGINNING, and being the same right-of-way described in instrument from James Glenn to J.S. Bourn, dated January 19, 1956, and recorded in Volume 297, Page 251, Deed Records of Runnels County, Texas.

K.W. Cook property located at 101 Gateway and described as follows: All that certain tract or parcel of land situated in Runnels County, Texas, a part of the survey originally granted comprising of two acres of land out of the S.W. corner of the 72-1/4 acre tract out of M. Fitzpatrick Survey No. 492, Abstract No. 195, conveyed by F.D. Bedford, Receiver, to R.P. Penny Jr., et al. by deed dated May 6, 1940, now of record in Volume 178, Page 272, Deed Records of Runnels County, Texas, this beginning corner being also the N.W. corner of a tract of West Texas Utilities, and being on the concrete curb now located on the E.B. line of the highway; THENCE North, 246 ft. along

said concrete curb, to the end of this curb, for corner; THENCE East 19 ft. for corner; THENCE North 258 ft. along fence line for corner; THENCE East 164 ft. for corner; THENCE South 258 ft. to fence corner, then continuing in Southerly direction 246 ft., more or less, to another fence corner; THENCE West 181 ft. to the PLACE OF BEGINNING, less 50 ft. North and South by 164 ft. east and west conveyed by W.D. Lang, et us. by deed, to Harvey D. Jones Jr. recorded in Volume 331, Page 570, Deed Records of Runnels County, Texas, and less the Bernal track and Russell track herein described.

Gene Bernal (Casa Cabana Restaurant) located at 1032 N. Main and described as follows: Being twenty-seven one-hundredths of an acre out of the M. Fitzpatrick Survey No. 492, Abstract No. 195, Runnels County, Texas, and being a part of the two acre tract conveyed by Celia L. Lang to Geneva Cook by deed dated October 12, 1967, and recorded in Volume 394, page 302, Deed Records, Runnels County, Texas, and being described by metes and bounds as follows: BEGINNING at an iron pin located 1565 ft. South and 50 ft. East from the Northwest corner of Survey No. 492, and in the East boundary line of the State Highway; THENCE East 159-1/2 ft. to an iron pipe in the East line of the said two acre tract; THENCE South 75 feet with the East line of the two acre tract to an iron pin; THENCE West 159-1/2 ft. to an iron pin in the East boundary line of the State Highway; THENCE North 75 ft. to the PLACE OF BEGINNING.

North Runnels Water Supply Corporation located at 1020 N. Main and described as follows: TRACT ONE: Being a lot 77 ft. by 200 ft. in the M. Fitzpatrick Survey No. 492, Abstract No. 195, Runnels County, Texas, and being out of a 2.37 acre tract as described in a deed from C.L. Graham, et us. to Ben Alldredge as recorded in Volume 408, Page 181, Deed Records of Runnels County, Texas. Said tract herein conveyed, being described by metes and bounds as follows: BEGINNING one ft. East of a corner post. Said point is located on the East right-of-way line of the Winters-Abilene Highway and is 28 ft. East of the N.W. corner of the W.J. Yates tract; THENCE South 77 ft. along said right-of-way line of said Highway to a point for the S.W. corner of this tract; THENCE East 200 ft. for the S.E. corner of this tract; THENCE North 77 ft. parallel with the West line of this tract to a point for the N.E. corner of this tract; THENCE W. 200 ft. parallel with the South line of this tract to the PLACE OF BEGINNING.

THENCE North 77 ft. parallel with the West line of this tract to a point for the N.E. corner of this tract; THENCE W. 200 ft. parallel with the South line of this tract to the PLACE OF BEGINNING.

TRACT TWO: All of that certain right-of-way from Ben Alldredge and wife, Johnnie Alldredge, to Milton Gerhart and wife, Naomi Gerhart, dated March 7, 1984, filed of record in Volume 563, Page 707, Deed Records of Runnels County, Texas.

Dr. Tommy and Marthiel Russell property located at 1030 N. Main and described as follows: 160 ft. by 154 ft. of land in Runnels County, Texas, of the M. Fitzpatrick Survey No. 492, Abstract No. 195, described by metes and bounds as follows: BEGINNING at the Southwest corner of the tract of land conveyed to W.D. Lang by R.P. Penny, et al. as described in the deed dated August 5, 1947, now of record in Volume 212, Page 98, Deed Records of Runnels County, Texas; THENCE North 160 ft.; THENCE East 154 ft.; THENCE South 160 ft.; THENCE West 154 ft. to the PLACE OF BEGINNING.

Susie Lancaster property located at 1016 N. Main and described as follows: All that certain lot, tract, or parcel of land lying and being situated in Runnels County, Texas, and being 2-1/2 acres of land, more or less, in M. Fitzpatrick Survey No. 492, Abstract No. 195, Runnels County, Texas, less a strip of land 28 ft. wide sold off to the West end to the State of Texas for Highway purposes by deed recorded in Volume 290, Page 375, of the Runnels County, Deed Records, the portion herein conveyed being 2.37 acres, and described by metes and bounds as follows: BEGINNING 1 ft. East of a corner fence post. Said point is located on the East R.O.W. line of the Winters-Abilene Highway and is 28 ft. East of the N.W. corner of W.J. Yates tract; THENCE South 214 ft. along said R.O.W. line of said highway to a point 1 ft. West of a corner fence post. Said point is 28 ft. East of the S.W. corner of said W.J. Yates tract; THENCE East 483 ft. to a corner fence post located at the S.E. corner of said Yates tract; THENCE North 214 ft. to a corner fence post located at the N.E. corner of said Yates tract; THENCE West 483 ft. to the PLACE OF BEGINNING; being the same property described in the field notes prepared by A.J. Needham Jr. dated June 13, 1959, and being the same property described in a certain deed from E.E. Vaughan et ux. to C.L. Graham, dated August 14, 1959, and recorded in Volume 323, Page 570-571, Deed Records of Runnels County, Texas; LESS: Being a lot 77 ft. by 200 ft. in the M. Fitzpatrick Survey No. 492, Abstract No. 195, Runnels County, Texas, and being out of a 2.37 acre tract as described in a deed from C.L. Graham, et ux. to Ben Alldredge as recorded in Volume 408, Page 181, Deed Records of Runnels County, Texas. Said tract herein conveyed being described by metes and bounds as follows: BEGINNING 1 ft. East of corner post. Said point is located on the East right-of-way line of the Winters-Abilene Highway and is 28 ft. East of the N.W. corner of the W.J. Yates tract; THENCE South 77 ft. along said right-of-way line of said Highway to a point for the S.W. corner of this tract; THENCE East 200 ft. for the S.E. corner of this tract; THENCE North 77 ft. parallel with the West line of this tract to a point for the N.E. corner of this tract; THENCE W. 200 ft. parallel with the South line of this tract to the PLACE OF BEGINNING.

Merle D. Wright property located at 900 Meeks and described as follows: N 1/2 of Lot 15, All of Lot 16, Block 7, Reeves Addition. The public is invited and encouraged to attend these hearings if they have any comments or input concerning this annexation. Details of the annexation may be viewed by contacting the City Secretary's office at City Hall.

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TO Dwight Crawford d/b/a Mesa Cattle Co., Defendant, Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to appear by filing a written answer to the Plaintiff's Original Petition at or before ten o'clock A.M. of the Monday next after the expiration of forty-two days after the date of issuance of this citation the same being Monday the 14th day of June A.D., 1999, before the Honorable 119th District Court of Runnels County, Texas, at the Courthouse of said County in Ballinger, Texas. Said Plaintiff's Petition was filed in said court on the 28th day of October A.D. 1997, in this case, numbered 12,679 on the docket of said court, and styled, Alderman-Cave Milling and Grain Company, Plaintiff, vs. Dwight Crawford d/b/a Mesa Cattle Co., Defendant. The names of the parties, to the cause are as follows: Alderman-Cave Milling and Grain Company are Plaintiffs and Dwight Crawford d/b/a Mesa Cattle Co. are Defendants.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to wit: Suit on Account as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit. The officer executing this writ shall promptly serve the same according to requirements of law, and the mandates there of, and make due return as the law directs.

Issued and given under my hand and the Seal of said Court, at office in Ballinger, Texas, this 29th day of April A.D. 1999.

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10-18(4tc)

NOTICE OF HEARING

Notice is hereby given that a hearing will be held by the City of Winters Building Inspector at City Hall, 310 S. Main, Winters, Texas, on Tuesday, June 8, 1999, at 10:00 a.m. to determine whether or not the house located at 605 Bowen is substandard and should be demolished. Any interested parties are encouraged to attend this hearing.

10-21(2tc)

Tips require reporting

Young people in summer jobs in which tips are involved should be aware that tips may require special reporting for Social Security credit, according to Fredi Franki, Social Security manager in San Angelo, Texas.

"If you work at a job where you make \$20 or more per month in cash tips, that income is covered by Social Security," Franki said. "That means you and your employer are required to pay Social Security and Medicare taxes on this income. And, reporting tips and other income will mean more Social Security benefits for you and your family later when you retire, or if you become disabled or die."

Franki said when you earn tips, you must keep a daily record of the tips you receive. This includes tips received in cash directly from customers or from other employees and tips added to a credit card charge. If your tip income totals \$20 or more in a month, you are required to report the amount to your employer. Your employer is responsible for reporting the correct tip and wage information to the Social Security Administration and the Internal Revenue Service.

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Not much change in Texas Industrial Production Index

As reported May 4, 1999, by the Research Department of the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas, the Texas Industrial Production Index fell a seasonally adjusted 0.1 percent from February to March. March's level was 2.0 percent below the year-ago figure.

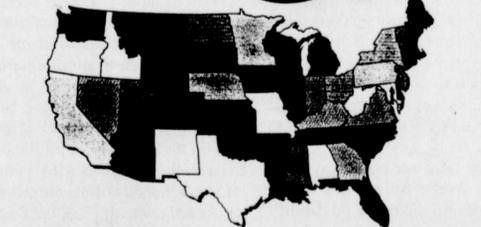
Changes in major components of TIPI between February 1999 and March 1999:

- ◆ Overall manufacturing output was essentially unchanged. Durable goods increased 0.2 percent. Nondurable goods decreased 0.1 percent.
- ◆ Mining decreased 0.7 percent.
- ◆ Utilities increased 0.1 percent.
- ◆ Changes in major components of TIPI between March 1998 and March 1999:
 - ◆ Overall manufacturing output increased 0.8 percent. Durable goods increased 0.8 percent. Nondurable goods increased 0.8 percent.
 - ◆ Mining decreased 9.3 percent.
 - ◆ Utilities decreased 2.6 percent.

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- County Court Criminal May 18**
Robert Lee Fannin, filed for driving while intoxicated
Kristi Smith Egan, filed for driving while intoxicated
Bruce Allan Reynolds, filed for driving while intoxicated
Brent David Jennings, filed for driving while license suspended, possession of marijuana
- May 20**
Larry Thompson, filed for theft of merchandise and/or cash by check
- May 21**
Herlinda Reyes, filed for theft of merchandise and/or cash by check
Jamie Lee Zuniga, filed for criminal mischief
- Dispositions**
Richard Adam Muller, driving while intoxicated, case dismissed, completed community service restitution and pre-trial intervention
Ricci Hunter Ogle, driving while intoxicated, pleaded nolo contendere, sentenced to six months in county jail, probated to one year, fined \$750 plus \$209.25 court costs, 50 hours community service
Darren Halford, theft of food by check, pleaded guilty, fined \$100 plus \$184.25 court costs, \$30 hot check fee, restitution \$42.07
James C. Archer, theft of food by check, case dismissed, insufficient evidence, insufficient notice
Benny Prendez, assault, case dismissed, insufficient evidence, complainant not credible
Craig Stephen Gote, driving while intoxicated, pleaded nolo contendere, sentenced to six months in county jail, probated to one year, fined \$750 plus \$209.25 court costs
Terri Casares, hindering a secured creditor, pleaded guilty, sentenced to six months in county jail, probated to one year, fined \$150 plus \$184.25 court costs, restitution of \$131
Lynn Travis Fudge, driving while intoxicated, second offense, pleaded guilty, sentenced to one year in county jail, probated to two years, fined \$1,500 plus \$209.25 court costs, 100 hours community service
Rachel Nieto, driving while intoxicated, pleaded guilty, sentenced to six months in county jail, probated to one year, fined \$750 plus \$209.25 court costs, 50 hours community service
David Lee Alfaro, driving while intoxicated, pleaded guilty, sentenced to six months in county jail, probated to one

10-20(1tc)

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Extension News & Views

By Patricia Hohensee, Extension Agent-HE

Farm Safety Day Camp slated for June 23

It may take a little parental prodding, but all rural youth should make a point to attend Farm Safety Day Camp on June 23. The camp will last from 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Angelo State University's Management Instruction and Research Center in San Angelo. The camp is tailored for 9- to 15-year-olds who live, work, or visit a farm or ranch.

The camp is being sponsored by the Extension Services in Runnels and Tom Green counties, Progressive Farmer, and nine national donors.

Patricia Hohensee, Runnels County Extension Agent, one of the coordinators for the event said until they've been, most kids would probably do anything else than spend a day of learning at the camp. "That all changes once they're here," she said. "The day is fast-paced and will definitely hold the crowd's attention. The program is divided into seven interactive concurrent sessions. The material is all new, so youngsters who have been to past camps should come again. Besides the lessons they'll learn, it's a great place to see old friends and meet new ones. Though the subject matter is dead serious, the day is really a lot of fun."

The seven sessions and their speakers are: "Grain Safety Issues," Monica Garcia, Extension Assistant Safety-TAEX; "Snakes Beware!," Bob Popplewell, North

Central Texas rattlesnake buyer; "Fire Dangers," Pat Barrett, Fire Safety Engineer, Texas A&M University, College Station; "Tractor and Equipment Hazards," John Lange, manager of Porter Henderson Implement Company of Ballinger; "Livestock Handling," Mike Mauldin, Runnels County Extension Agent; "Chemical Hazards," Dr. Billy Warrick, Extension Agronomist, San Angelo; and "Firearm Safety," Darrell Presley with The Outdoorsman, San Angelo.

The camp is one of nine in Texas and 123 in the United States. Along with the primary sponsors, support is also provided by the following national donors: Shell Lubricant, Farm Plan, Pioneer, Dupont, Cargill, Agco Asgrow, Lowe's Home Improvement Warehouse, and Zeneca Ag Products.

Registration is limited to 125 so early registration is advised. The registration deadline is June 16. Registration is \$10 per person. The fee covers lunch, snacks, a t-shirt, insurance, instruction, and a packet of safety materials.

To register or for more information contact: Runnels County Extension Office, P.O. Box 658, Ballinger, Texas 76821, (915) 365-5042 or Tom Green County Extension Office, 113 W. Beauregard, San Angelo, Texas 76903 (915) 659-6527.

Winters 4-H Club ends year with pizza and coke party

The Winters 4-H Club held their final meeting of the year on Monday at the Winters City Park. President Mandy Pritchard called the meeting to order. Reports were given by the treasurer and County Extension Office.

Mandy and Chanda Hoppe were wished luck by the club as they advance to state competition at Round-Up in College Station next month.

Patricia Hohensee then installed the new officers for the 1999-2000 year. The installation carried a theme of plants and growing.

The meeting closed with congratulations and best wishes to the club's active graduating seniors, Tamra Grohman and Chanda. They were presented carnations and small books about friendship.

There were 22 members and 7 adults present. They enjoyed a pizza and coke party provided by the club before playing and visiting in the park.

The club will not meet again until their back-to-school party in August.



In the 19th century, students at Cambridge University, England, were not permitted to keep a dog in their rooms. Lord Byron, the famed poet, complied with the rule—he kept a bear instead.

Pest Management News

By Richard Minzenmayer, Extension Agent-Entomology (PM)

GENERAL SITUATION—Cotton producers are rapidly planting before the moisture leaves. Hot, dry and extremely windy conditions have certainly dried out everything and grain sorghum is already showing signs of moisture stress in some areas.

Wheat harvest is well underway in Tom Green and Concho counties and will begin within the next few days in Runnels County. Yields are coming in higher than expected in most situations and bushel weights are excellent.

Hopefully this will be the case for all small grain producers in the Concho Valley. With wheat prices at 2.40-2.45/bushel and dropping, we need as high a yield and bushel weight as possible.

SCOUT SCHOOL IN JUNE—The Tom Green and Runnels County Pest Management Committee is sponsoring a scout school on June 7 and 8. This is the only scout school in the state that provides both an intensive classroom and real field experience in a two-day session.

The program will allow the experienced to become familiar again with scouting cotton and associated pests and economic thresholds. For first timers, the school provides an opportunity to learn about cotton insects in the field before the season gets too busy.

Cost for scout school for private industry is \$50 for the first intern and \$10 for each additional intern. Cost for producers attending will be \$10. The fee will cover sponsorship of the program plus publication costs of the education material.

The educational material will include information on cotton physiology, cotton varieties, cotton diseases, and cotton insects. In addition, the material will include color photos of insect pests as well as color photos of the natural enemies present in cotton.

Scout school will be at Texas Agricultural Extension Service in San Angelo. Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m.

PECAN NUT CASEBEARER—Based on observation and pheromone trap catches throughout the Concho Valley, it appears that control sprays should have been applied by May 24.

Trap catch numbers appear to be quite high but egg counts have been low in area orchards. In some cases where water availability is low, nut loss to insects and early shedding of nuts may actually improve remaining nut quality.

The adult pecan nut casebearer is a gray moth about 1/3 inch long. These moths fly at night and spend the day in concealment. The casebearer moth deposits from 50 to 150 eggs on the tips of developing nutlets. These eggs are barely visible by the naked eye and are greenish white when first laid.

The first generation larvae hatch in four to five days and migrate below to feed on buds. Nut penetration follows a day or two of this outside activity. This is the critical state of control.

When young worms are working over a cluster of pecans, they deposit waste material in pellets around the entrance holes. When this phase is observed, control be-

comes difficult. Chemical sprays will not penetrate the nut to kill the burrowing worms. Complete clusters can be destroyed by one developing casebearer larva. All indications are that a light to moderate population of casebearers are present this year.

Pecan nut casebearer pheromone traps began catching adult moths on May 1. The number of moths captured is very erratic. This may be an indication that egg lay will also be variable. Individual observations and egg counts are still recommended as the best means of timing an application and to keep informed of the need of a second spray, ten days following the first.

Many pecan trees have a surprisingly large nut set following the drought. These trees might best spend its energy on developing a healthy canopy of leaves. Therefore, spraying these trees for pecan nut casebearer and saving all of the pecans might be counterproductive to the overall tree health.

Nitrogen fertilizer is the key to good leaf production and filled nuts. Vegetative shoots on bearing trees should grow six to twelve inches annually. Ones making more than twelve inches of shoot growth are receiving too much nitrogen.

Apply nitrogen fertilizer beginning in early spring before pecan buds begin to break. Two or three applications may be necessary to obtain the needed growth.

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