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Notice given to discontinue 911/emergency communication services — City Council to consider Winters' position —

Though not in immediate jeopardy, current 911 services to the Winters area may be discontinued in January 2000 due to action taken by the Ballinger City Council in a meeting on Monday, June 14.

The Ballinger City Council voted to send a letter of notice to West Central Texas Council of Governments (WCTCOG) indicating Ballinger's intention to discontinue 911/law enforcement communication services for Runnels County.

The Ballinger City Council

met in a closed session with Winters representatives Aref Hassan and Tommy Russell. According to the meeting notice, one of the items for discussion was the dispatching contract.

Ballinger City Administrator Tommy New said the Ballinger Council agreed to send the letter to WCTCOG because of action taken in a June 8 meeting by the Runnels County Commissioners. The commissioners voted to pay only 50% of next fiscal year's dispatching costs, as opposed to the 911 Board's proposal of a 67%

contribution.

In a statement on Tuesday morning to *The Winters Enterprise*, Precinct 2 Runnels County Commissioner Keith Collom said, "The Runnels County Commissioner's Court did not take any action to change the contract between the county and the cities.

In fact—the county agreed to maintain the county's 50% payment to the City of Ballinger for the dispatch. Thus the county is still willing to pay the greatest share of the cost of dispatching."

In accordance with the conditions of the contract between the City of Ballinger and WCTCOG, a written notice must be submitted within 180 days prior to termination. The contract term runs from January 1 through December 31 of each year. Ballinger's urgency was to meet a July 1 deadline to allow 180 days before December 31.

Winters City Administrator Aref Hassan has declined to give Winters' position on the action, deferring the decision to the Winters City Council. The council will meet on Monday, June 28, at 6 p.m. in the City Council Chambers. The 911 issue is a scheduled agenda item.

For consideration, Hassan will provide council members with a copy of Ballinger's letter and a

911 bound report by County Commissioner Keith Collom. Hassan wants to "ensure citizens it will be taken care of correctly."

The City of Ballinger has provided 911 service for Winters, Ballinger, and the other municipalities in Runnels County since 1993. Both Winters and Ballinger feel they have been paying a disproportionate share of the costs for the past two years.

The two cities and the county still have time to come to a resolution. The future of 911 services provided to the Winters area will be determined at a later date.

A June 18 news release from County Judge Marilyn Egan's office was prompted by recent media inquiries. A copy is printed on page 3 of this paper.

A copy of the Ballinger City

Council letter provided to *The Winters Enterprise* is reprinted below. Dated June 15, the letter reads:

The recent action taken by Runnels County Commissioner's Court regarding the communications/911 operating cost has necessitated that the City of Ballinger take the following steps.

The Interlocal Agreement 911 and Emergency Communication requires the City of Ballinger to give the West Central Texas Council of Governments a 180 day written notice that the City of Ballinger will no longer perform the 911 service for Runnels County. This action became necessary because the City of Ballinger cannot continue to assume a greater share of these

See 911 SERVICE, pg. 2

Fireworks display, watermelon feed at Ballinger Lake Park on Saturday

Ballinger's 10th annual Fireworks Display and free watermelon feed will be held at the Ballinger Lake Park this Saturday, June 26.

The event is sponsored by the Ballinger Chamber of Commerce. Chamber officials will be on hand to sell barbecue burgers, chips, and soft drinks beginning at 5:30 p.m., followed by the serving of free watermelon slices at 8:00 p.m.

The fireworks display will be

one of the largest Ballinger has seen, with some of the largest shells available. The display is planned to begin promptly at 9:25 p.m. and last approximately 25 minutes. Spectators are encouraged to stay through the finale where 350 shells will be fired in approximately one minute. According to Kit Hurt, fireworks coordinator, the finale will be the "noisiest, brightest, most spectacular finale ever seen at the Ball-

inger event." In the event of inclement weather, an alternate date of Sunday, June 27, at the same time and place has been set.

Please bring lawn chairs or blankets and join your neighbors and friends in an evening of fun.

For more information, you may contact the Ballinger Chamber of Commerce at (915) 365-2333 or 365-5611.

THC awards Fort Chadbourne Foundation \$5,000 grant for signage and brochure project

The Texas Historical Commission (THC) recently awarded a \$5,000 Heritage Tourism Partnership Grant to the Concho Valley RC & D and the Fort Chadbourne Foundation for the Fort Chadbourne Signage and Brochure Project.

The grants, created as part of the THC's Texas Travel Trails Program, call for heritage sites to

work with the tourism industry to plan and execute the projects.

A total of \$37,525 was awarded to nine organizations. The THC designed the grant program to help communities fund projects that will enhance the visitor experience to cultural and historic sites and events in the Texas Forts Trail region. "Projects could include inter-

pretive exhibits, events highlighting historic sites, brochures that take travelers off the beaten path,

and educational materials," said Mario Sanchez, director of the THC's Heritage Tourism Program.

Fort Chadbourne is located on Highway 277 between Wingate and Bronte.

Chanda Hoppe receives 4-year, \$10,000 Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo 4-H Scholarship

Chanda Hoppe, daughter of Melinda and Glenn Hoppe Jr. of Winters, was among the Texas 4-H students who received a financial boost for education during ceremonies June 8 at the Texas 4-H Roundup in College Station, Texas. Chanda has been awarded a four-year, \$10,000 Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo 4-H Scholarship.

Selected by members of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, Miss Hoppe demonstrated academic excellence and strong leadership skills throughout her high school career.

She served as president of the Runnels County 4-H Council and Winters 4-H Club, and was an officer of the National Honor Society, senior class, Winters Future Farmers of America, and Blizzard Band. She was director of the Texas Junior Simmental/Simbrah Association and competed in UIL academics. She is proud to have been listed on the honor roll.

Chanda received the Texas 4-H Gold Star Award and first



place in the Texas 4-H Wool Judging Contest.

During her 4-H career, Miss Hoppe acquired valuable knowledge and says "I have learned 4-H is more than record books and sewing projects, it is learning skills for the rest of your life. A person can pass on all of these valuable traits to the next generation of scientists, doctors, and

lawyers."

Chanda's community involvement includes various church activities, caroling and sending cards to the residents of the nursing homes, making food baskets for the homebound and collecting for the food pantry, picking up trash and cleaning the park, and participation in a book drive. She was an active member for Toys for Tots, Voices in Action Gift of Love, West Texas Rehab Center, Runnels County Foster Kids, Christmas in April, and American Heart Association "Heart Smart" campaign.

Miss Hoppe graduated seventh of 57 in her class. She plans to attend Texas A&M University and major in animal science.

Underscoring the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo's commitment to educational programs, the number of 4-H scholarships awarded in 1999 was increased from 60 to 70, the second increase in two years. These 4-H scholarships are funded through net proceeds from the 1998 Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo.



SHELLEY THE SHEEP (aka Shelley White) gives some of her wool to first and second grade students (l-r) Lacye Briley, Tana Gibbs, Marlandy Luna, and Julie England. The group corded then dyed the wool as part of First Baptist Church's Vacation Bible School activities. The church held a four-day Bible school from June 14-17 with over 165 children and volunteers attending. The children ranged in age from 3-years-old through sixth grade. More Vacation Bible School pictures from local churches can be found on page 7.

Winters sales tax rebates decrease 64.5%— \$16,539 drop from year ago figure

As reported by the office of State Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander, June sales tax rebates for the city of Winters decreased 64.50 percent as compared to the prior year's June payment.

This month's sales tax rebates include local sales taxes collected in April, and reported in May.

Winters' rebates totaled \$9,100.36 this reporting period. For the prior year's reporting period, rebates totaled \$25,639.11.

Receipts in Miles increased 7.61 percent; Ballinger decreased 10.78 percent and reported \$29,371.90 in payments.

City sales tax rebates to date for Runnels County for the See **REBATES DROP, pg. 2**

WHAT'S HAPPENING ?

- June 24-11:30 a.m., Senior Citizens Meal
- 2-3 p.m., Reading Club, Winters Public Library
- 8 p.m., Rodeo & Dance, Coleman
- June 25-11:30 a.m., Senior Citizens Meal
- 8 p.m., Rodeo & Dance, Coleman
- June 26-5 p.m., Rodeo Parade, Coleman
- 7 p.m., Winters Squares, Community Center
- 9:25 p.m., Fireworks Display, Ballinger Lake Depot Daze, Ballinger
- June 27-2:30 p.m., Farm Bureau Contests, Ballinger
- June 28-9 a.m.-4 p.m., SS Representative, Housing Authority
- 11:30 a.m., Senior Citizens Meal
- 6 p.m., Weight Watchers, Sr. Citizens Activity Center
- 6 p.m., City Council, City Hall
- 7 p.m., The Phillips Family in Concert, Winters Assembly of God Church
- 7:30 p.m., School Board, WISD Administration Bldg.
- 8 p.m., Wingate Masonic Lodge
- June 29-11:30 a.m., Senior Citizens Meal
- Noon, Lions Club
- 7 p.m., WVFD
- June 30-11:30 a.m., Senior Citizens Meal
- July 1-10 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

Oil Bidness

By Reg Boles ©1999



In the United States, transportation of products from the oil patch to market is mostly a given. Transporting oil and gas is seldom a barrier to development, and we tend to take it for granted.

Oh sure, there are companies who have marketing groups always at work to find the best deal for the producer by choosing one transporter or buyer over another. But, it is a matter of degree, as in how much profit can we make. It is seldom, if ever, a do-or-die issue in proceeding with a domestic development.

In other parts of the world, on the other hand, transportation can be the key element in deciding if a project will fly. At a minimum, it is a logistical problem that must be dealt with early in the process on even par with where to drill and how much equipment to install.

Take the Caspian Sea area in the former Soviet Union (now Kazakhstan and neighbors), for instance.

There, you can find giant fields with great potential for productivity and large reserve capacity. Unfortunately, they lie in an area of the world where the local sales price is artificially low (due to government requirements) and the demand is insufficient to soak up all of the potential production.

Profit and success lie thousands of miles away. Many companies have signed on as partners in developing the several supergiant fields that are there. The tough part is that even though they have formulated plans and assessed the potential of the projects, they cannot proceed until they have a signed agreement to transport the oil and gas to the markets of Europe and America.

Behind such an agreement are several local charlatans, middlemen, brothers-in-law of influential people, and government officials who get a piece of the pie and gum up the works. Any pipeline from that part of the world that will be sufficient to carry the volumes necessary to make the projects successfully economically will cost a lot of money (billions), will cross many borders, and will take years to build.

The players in this game realized this from the get-go, so they formed companies, consortiums, and "schmooze" (also called public relation groups—they wine and dine the local officials) teams to lay the ground work for building pipelines over any number of routes.

Unfortunately, as most who do business in that part of the world know, the local politics, the worldwide politics, and the wobbly legal structure make any negotiation a long, tiring, and exasperating process that may lead to no happy conclusion.

After ten long years, there has been some progress of late, but the deal is not yet done to take oil from the Caspian region in any meaningful quantity.

So, next time you take the local crude hauler for granted, shame on you!

HIGHLIGHTS OF AREA DRILLING ACTIVITY

COMPLETIONS

Coke County

RIM Operating, Inc. has completed the Hendry Point Unit #4 in the West Fort Chadbourne Field (11 miles N of Bronte) at an initial rate of 146 BOPD & 190 BWPD in the Ellenburger (perfs 6388-6407). Loc. is 87 FNWL & 199 FNEL of J. Holleman Sur. No. 305, A-204.

Concho County

The Pickens Company has completed the Fritz #5125 in the West Millersview Field (4 miles W of Millersview) at an initial rate of 386 MCFPD (AOF) in the Cross Cut Sand (perfs 2782-88). Loc. is 1675 FWL & 1700 FSL of Sec. 125, Blk. 72, T&NO Sur., A-890.

Nolan County

R.L. Adkins has completed the Dickson #3-30 in the Joan Field (6 miles NW of Maryneal) at an initial rate of 61 BOPD in the Ellenburger (OH 7132-64). Loc. is 2190 FNL & 2525 FWL of Sec. 30, Blk. X, T&PRR Sur., A-1507.

Runnels County

Echo Production, Inc. has completed the McNay #4 in the Half Century Field (2 miles NW of Wingate) at an initial rate of 22 BOPD in the Flippen (perfs 2992-97). Loc. is 1231 FNEL & 2743 FSEL of J. Jeffries Sur. No. 293, A-1184.

STAKINGS

Coke County

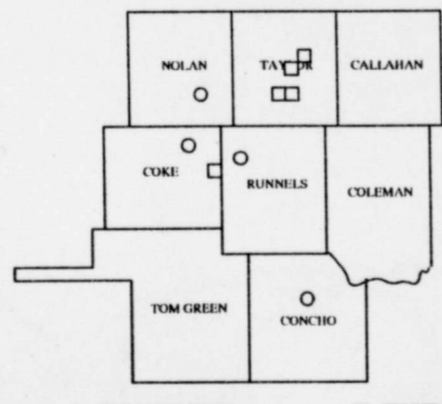
L.C.S. Production Company has staked the Stowe #5 as a Wildcat, 7 miles NE of Bronte (Depth 5800). Loc. is 467 FNL & 467 FNWL of J.A. Montieth Sur. No. 1, A-529. RULE 36.

Taylor County

Fossil Operating has staked the Arant #1 as a Wildcat, 3 miles SW of Potosi (Depth 5000). Loc. is 2310 FEL & 1300 FSL of Sec. 59, LAL Sur., A-1638.

L.C.S. Production has staked two wells in the County Regular Field, 2 miles W of Tuscola (Depth 4999). The Graham -A- #18 is loc. 2512 FWL & 121 FNL of Sec. 35, Blk. 1, SPRR Sur. The Graham -A- #19 is loc. 1287 FWL & 149 FNL of same Sec.

The Bruce A. Wilbanks Company has staked the Brnovak #1 as a Wildcat, 7 miles S of Trent (Depth 3300). Loc. is 700 FEL & 2617 FSL of Sec. 69, Blk. 19, T&PRR Sur., A-1426.

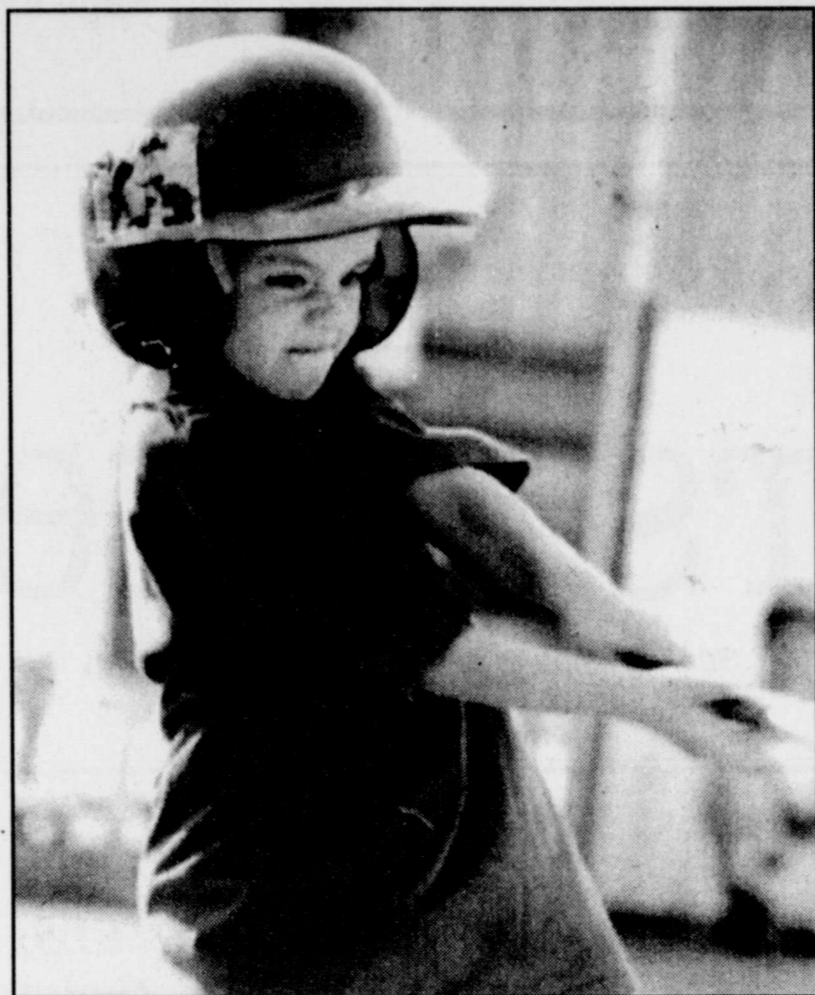


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THE "EYES" HAVE IT! A determined Wesley Hagle, 6, concentrates on the ball as he gives it a healthy whack from the tee during recent Little League T-ball action.

Sr. Citizens Nursing Home News
By Billie Ruth Bishop

Men honored on Father's Day

On Friday, we honored the men of the nursing home with a Father's Day party. We served punch and cake, then recognized the oldest and youngest father, and father of the most children. Mr. Walter Collins was the oldest father. He is 99 years young. Mr. Doc Smith took the honors of being both the youngest and father of the most children. They were presented gifts and every man had a red carnation boutonniere.

Mrs. Elva Jackson is a new resident. We welcome her to our midst. The monthly birthday party was held Thursday of last week. The ladies of First Methodist Church provided refreshments and entertainment. Although there were no birthdays in June, we all enjoyed getting together and singing hymns and patriotic songs, then refreshments of punch and angel food cake and cookies.

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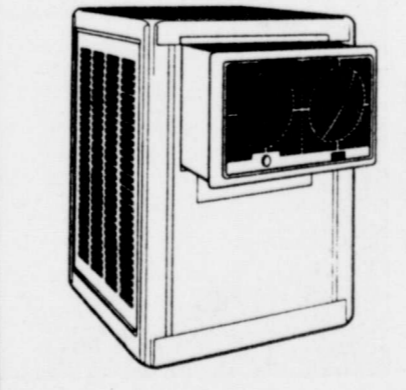
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June 28 thru July 2
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- Monday, June 28: Ham & gravy, lima beans, mixed greens, cornbread, and pudding.
- Tuesday, June 29: Spaghetti & meat sauce, tossed salad, green beans, garlic bread, and Jello.
- Wednesday, June 30: Pork roast & gravy, rice, boiled cabbage, roll, and strawberry shortcake.
- Thursday, July 1: Salmon croquettes, baked beans, coleslaw, cornbread, and dump cake.
- Friday, July 2: Cheeseburger, pea salad, chips, homemade ice cream, and cookies.

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Obituary

Charles F. (Joe) Berry

BALLINGER—Charles F. (Joe) Berry, 67, died Friday, June 18, 1999, at 3 a.m. in Tennessee.

He was born February 9, 1932 in Ballinger. He married Toshi Onodari in 1952 in Yokosuka, Japan.

Mr. Berry served in the Navy during the Korean Conflict. He was a data processor with Maremont Corporation in Nashville, Tennessee. He was a layminister in the Methodist Church, and a member and officer of the Lions Club, Masonic Lodge, Gideon, and Toastmasters. He was also a member of the Data Processing Management Association.

Survivors include his wife Toshi of Ballinger; two sons, Jimmy and his wife Frances of Lebanon, Tennessee, and Richard Allen Berry of Ft. Worth; one sister, Claudean Reynolds of Stillwater, Oklahoma; a special aunt, June Curbo of Ballinger; nine grandchildren, four great-grandchildren, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Visitation was held on Monday, June 21, from 7 to 8 p.m. in the Rains-Seale Chapel in Ballinger. Services were held on Tuesday, June 22, at 10 a.m. at the First Methodist Church of Ballinger with the Reverends Bill Hughes and Dale Shultz officiating. Burial followed in the Crews Cemetery, directed by Rains-Seale Funeral Home.

Social Security Representative in Winters on June 28

Garland Gregg, representative for the San Angelo Social Security Office, has scheduled his June visit to Winters. He will be at the Winters Housing Project Office on Monday, June 28, between 9:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

Anyone who wants to file a claim for benefits, get information, or transact other business with the Social Security Administration may contact him at this time.

Your Social Security matters can be handled just as quickly by

telephone. For help when you first want to sign up for Social Security or Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefits, call (915) 949-4608. The office is open every weekday (Monday through Friday) except holidays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. If you just need information or are already receiving benefits, call 1-800-772-1213 from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. every weekday except holidays.

If desired, write to the office at P.O. Box 3808, San Angelo, Texas 76902.

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costs. Therefore, the Council has voted to discontinue the 911 law enforcement communications services.

The Interlocal Agreement between Ballinger, City of Winters and Runnels County requires a 60 day notice before the cancellation or termination of communication services can be made by either one of the entities. The City of Ballinger hereby gives this notice to the other entities.

The City of Ballinger recog-

nizes the importance of the emergency communications and realizes it is a vital aspect of the overall plan for delivering accurate, timely, and safe emergency care. It is of utmost concern that Runnels County citizens - whether they live in the municipalities or not - continue to have the best service possible.

This letter will serve as the required notifications.

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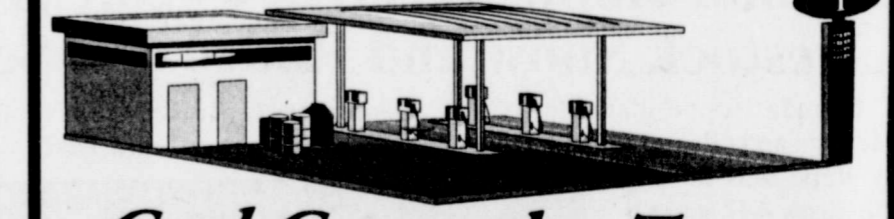
1999 reporting period total \$355,537.87, a 13.25 percent decrease as compared to last year's period total of \$409,884.92.

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, July 9, 1999.

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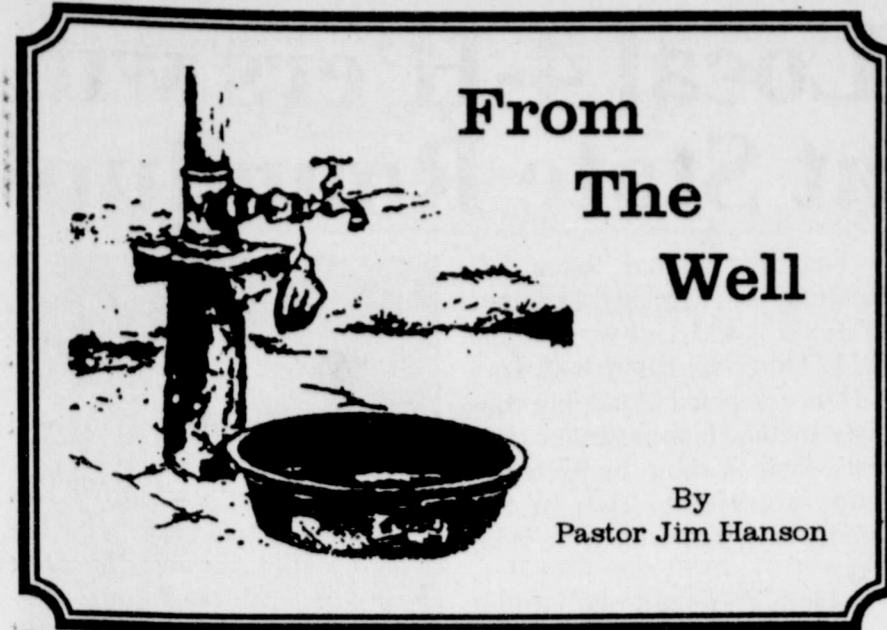
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From The Well

By Pastor Jim Hanson



Pastor Jim Hanson

I finally found it. A book that fits my fantasy. As you know, I like "cowboy" things: cowboy hats, cowboy clothes, cowboy music, and cowboy poetry. From the time I was a little boy, listening to Gene Autry and Roy Rogers on the radio, I dreamed of being a cowboy. When I went down to Uncle George and Aunt Susie's farm in Wisconsin each summer, my first purchase was a wide-brimmed straw hat. I'd buy one with my hard-earned cash — my reward for washing milk pails, helping feed the pigs and chickens, picking the eggs, carrying lunch to the men "in the field." I really didn't mind any of the work — because in my fantasy I was "on the ranch." I'd take that hat, which was shaped like a farmer's hat, and go to the stock tank and immerse it in the water. And then I'd carefully reshape it — to look like Tom Mix's. Or some other cowboy hero.

For the rest of the summer, I was "Cowboy Jim." I loved it. Once in a while, I'd mount a calf, and we'd go all around the barn yard until I fell off. And, every evening, after the horses had worked all day, I'd mount one and lead the other down to the water tank for them to drink. They were so big that my legs stuck straight out, but I didn't care. That big old plow horse was my "Paint," a beautiful 4-year-old cow pony, for sure!

When I was 12, I got a job being a "stable boy" for a man who had three American Saddle Bred beauties. Every so often I could ride one. And, when I was to be assigned a place to serve my intern year at seminary, I elected Montana. Three months later, I was on a train for Havre, Montana. It wasn't much later that I found myself, most Saturdays, out on the prairie riding one of Vic Hansen's horses. A dream come true. And, until I got dumped about 10 years ago, I'd ride some every year.

I've had some really good rides, too. Like the week I spent with 10 teenagers, riding all over Teddy Roosevelt's ranch near Medora, North Dakota. Or on a weeklong trail ride along a river in Northern Minnesota. And the time I got to get in on a real honest-to-goodness "old time" roundup, where there were rope corrals for the horses, and the branding and trimming were done "on the ground." I saw Roy Herigstad, the rancher who invited me to come, this last September in Glendive, Montana. He came to a reception the church folks had for Ramona and me. I recognized him right away. And asked, "Do you still do roundups the old fashioned way?" He replied, "Of course — and you're invited to come on out and help us this coming spring." It would be fun.

But, I'm really not a cowboy — just a cowboy at heart. There's a book by that title, "A Cowboy At Heart." Written by David Kopp. (Questar Publishers Inc., Box 1720, Sisters, Oregon 97759). In his preface entitled "A Saddlebag of Dreams," he writes "Cowboys like to say that every man chooses his wages. So, they say, choose the big payoff — like spending your days on horseback under God's wide heaven. The money ain't there, but the payoff sure does make up for it."

"A cowboy will tell you if you're doing your job, and doing it in the right place on earth, even the dust there will have your name on it. And when you turn in at night, you'll find gold in your pockets."

"Maybe that way of thinking is what makes the American cowboy our most enduring hero, underpaid, sleep-deprived, bone-jarred, and dust-covered as he's always been... they come riding into our little town (population 860) every June for the Professional Cowboys Association Rodeo."

"It's the one time of the year when the rodeo athlete, ranch hand, and city dude all stand around wearing the same hats, kicking the same dirt."

"This little book is for the cowboy hearin' all of us — maybe especially for the average guy who can't seem to shake loose of lone prairie thoughts in a parking lot world. It's for people who:

- long for simple things.
- enjoy living close to nature, or wish they only could.
- think a horse holds up his end of a conversation just fine.
- still value courage, honor, hard work, and sudden humor in bad circumstances, and
- sustain a genuine faith in the Lord above.

"It's a book about cowboys, just ordinary people after all, who wouldn't take a million for their saddlebag of dreams. Set yourself down for a spell. Maybe you're one of them."

And as you read, you'll find in it this prayer:
"Lord, on this long ride through life, I know that you are always near me.

You understand every craggy range in my cowboy heart. And anywhere I choose to go, you help me feel at home there.

May my words and deeds bring honor to you, and goodness to those who depend on me." Amen.

This book is, as they say, a good read. For me — it was a read and a ride! God bless you.

Judge's office clarifies county's stance on 911 emergency service

Editor's Note: Due to recent inquiries by news media regarding the Emergency Communications System in Runnels County, the office of Runnels County Judge Marilyn Egan has prepared the following news release.

The Cities of Ballinger, Winters, and Miles are located in Runnels County, as well as a number of unincorporated towns and rural communities. The 1998 estimated populations show Ballinger with a population of 4,129 (35.38%), Winters with a population of 2,944 (25.22%), Miles with a population of 913 (7.82%), and a population of 3,686 (31.58%) for Runnels County residents living outside the three cities. The total population for the County was listed as 11,672.

In 1988, the Cities of Winters, Miles, and Ballinger, as well as Runnels County, signed an identical 9-1-1 Resolution, in which each entity resolved that the entity "provides its wholehearted support to the establishment of an enhanced 9-1-1 Emergency Telephone Number and the implementation of the 9-1-1 fee and surcharge in (their respective entity) and chooses to participate in the 9-1-1 regional plan in accordance with Article 1432f."

In 1990, the Cities of Miles, Ballinger, and Winters, as well as Runnels County, signed an identical Interlocal Cooperation Agreement, in which each entity agreed to the following:

The County of Runnels and the Cities of Ballinger, Winters, and Miles agree to designate Ballinger Police Department as its Public Safety Answering Point (hereinafter "PSAP") and further agree as set forth below:

A. Suitable space for 9-1-1 equipment will be provided at the PSAP site.

B. 9-1-1 calltakers and 24 hour answering service 365 days per year will be provided at the PSAP site.

C. An emergency standby power supply for the ANI/ALI telephone equipment and room lighting where calltakers are located will be provided at the PSAP site.

D. Assurance that all Public Safety Agencies operating within the county/city maintain a published seven digit telephone number that can accept emergency calls will be provided.

The current Interlocal Agreement for 911 and Emergency Communications is dated February 1, 1993. That contract was signed by the Mayors of Winters and Ballinger, and by the Runnels County Judge. The City of Miles did not enter into this contract. In the contract, it is agreed upon that the City of Ballinger shall be responsible for all communications, employee benefits, employee matters, payment of salaries and overtime, and payment of invoices concerning police communications, maintenance of the equipment, procedures, and dealings with other agencies regarding communications.

It is further agreed upon that the City of Winters pay 25% (twenty-five percent) of "the cost of the salaries and overtime of all communications officers and employees" and Runnels County pay 50% (fifty percent) of "the cost for the salaries and overtime of all communications officers and employees," and the City of Ballinger "shall be responsible for the remaining twenty-five percent of said costs."

The contract states: "The 1992

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cost of salaries and overtime for the total salaries for the communications officers and employees was fifty three thousand six hundred ninety nine (\$53,699) dollars but the cost of the 1993 and future years may vary as to the total costs of future communications officers and employees; any future employees added to the system shall be first approved by the parties to this contract."

The 1999-2000 budget proposal submitted by the City of Ballinger to the County shows a budget of \$102,900 (one hundred two thousand, nine hundred dollars). The City of Ballinger then deducted \$5,000 (five thousand dollars) for "Ballinger clerical expense," leaving a budget proposed to be shared in the amount of \$97,900 (ninety seven thousand, nine hundred dollars).

The amount the City of Ballinger asked to be shared in 1993 was \$53,699. That amount has increased over the years to the amount they are asking to be shared for the 1999-2000 budget of \$97,900. That is an 82.3% increase over a seven year period.

The County may not have liked the increases the City of Ballinger asked for over the seven years, but in the interest of getting along and paying what the County considers as "our share plus," the County has continued to pay 50%. Now, the City of Ballinger is asking the County to increase its share to 67%.

In an attempt to determine whether the County should be responsible for paying an increased share, a study was done in which a "usage of emergency communications" was done to determine the different entities' percentage of use. A two year record of dispatching was provided to the County by the City of Ballinger. The City's records showed uses as follows:

City of Ballinger	62.86%
City of Winters	24.98%
City of Miles	0.02%
Runnels County	12.04%

To ensure the County was being fair, the County included in its numbers the following: Sheriff's Department; Texas Department of Public Safety; Parks and Wildlife, Rowena Fire Department, Wingate Fire Department, Ballinger Fire Department calls outside the city limits; Winters Fire Department calls outside the city limits; Miles Fire Department calls outside the city limits; and half of all the Emergency Medical Service calls.

With the County's use only totaling 12.04%, the County felt 50% of the ever increasing dispatch budget was more than fair and that the City of Ballinger had no basis for increasing the County's share to 67%.

In a letter from the City of Ballinger to Runnels County, dated June 15, 1999, the City of Ballinger states, "The recent action taken by Runnels County Commissioners Court regarding

the communications/911 operating cost has necessitated that the City of Ballinger take the following steps... the City of Ballinger will no longer perform the 911 service for Runnels County. This action became necessary because the City of Ballinger cannot continue to assume a greater share of these costs."

The contract calls for the County to pay 50%. The County has been paying 50%. The County is willing to pay 50%. The County took no action to change the funding of the dispatch. The statement, "the City of Ballinger cannot continue to assume a greater share of these costs" is unclear. With the County paying 50% and the Cities of Ballinger and Winters dividing the remaining 50%, which entity is it that is paying the "greater share?"

Runnels County will not allow its residents to go unserved by 911. Discussions will no doubt continue as to the funding and operation of 911 and other Emergency Communications.



Return overdue library books to Winters Library

by Frances Bredemeyer

Help me find my way back home. I'm lost, so are 178 of my family members. Some of us have been away from home since 1997.

We are books, audio tapes, and videos from the Winters Public Library. Please look on your bookshelves, under your beds, and in your favorite reading area and return us to the library. **No fines will be charged until July 15 — so hurry!**

Also, clean out your bookshelves and donate your abundance to the library. What we can't use will be put in a book sale in December to help keep the library operating.

Letter to the Editor

Resident issues S.O.S. to save 911

Dear Fellow Townspeople:

I'm writing this letter in response to the fact that our county is losing its 911/dispatch services, because everyone's frustrated over who pays what and who doesn't.

I understand their feelings, but there's more at stake than money — **PRECIOUS LIVES!**

Yes, money is tight in every town in our county, but with a lot of hard work, effort, and open minds; we can come to an agreement.

It shouldn't be to throw away a great asset like 911/dispatch that's made an improvement in each and every town from Miles to Rowena to Ballinger to Winters and to Wingate! Are we trying to isolate ourselves like in the StoneAge before 911/dispatch?

This letter is not intended to make anyone hot under the collar. It's meant to bring Runnels County together, like the one big family we are. Farmland, trees, pavement and lots of miles may have all of us (towns) separated, but underneath all that we (towns) are extremely close. I and many other people have family, friends, and acquaintances in almost all the towns in Runnels Co. So why must we fight like children over an ice cream cone when each of us can take turns sharing.

I was born in Ballinger and lived there until I was 4. Then my family and I moved to Winters. I'm still here in Winters, but I work in Ballinger at our local family Wal-Mart. I've served numerous people from every town and they're all unique.

Each and everyone of us make some kind of difference in our fellow townspeople's lives every second of everyday. Through the good times and the bad we have all come together to help each other out no matter what. Whether it's local fund-raisers for our local organizations, people in need, or just having a huge block party, Runnels Co. always comes together with a bang.

So, I'm sending out a **major S.O.S.** to everyone in Runnels Co. to help keep our towns running safe and soundly. PLEASE HELP SAVE 911/DISPATCH.

I'm placing 911/dispatch SOS sheets in local places all over the county to bring forth to all town councils. If you don't want to lose 911/dispatch, please sign your name and the town you reside in. It's going to take all of us (Ballinger, Miles, Rowena, Wingate, Hatchell, Crews, Norton and Winters) to save ourselves and the future of our children, grandchildren, nieces/nephews, grandparents, siblings, and families which we have become.

The future is ours to behold. Voice your opinions, concerns, and ideas to your local government officials. One voice makes a small ripple, many voices make a tidal wave. Let the citizens of Runnels Co. be that tidal wave. PLEASE SHOW YOUR SUPPORT AND SIGN THE S.O.S. SHEETS LOCATED AT LOCAL AREAS OF BUSINESS.

Sincerely concerned,
Sandee L. Curry
Winters, Texas

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— 9 am —
Site opens to public

— 7 pm —
Dutchman's Kitchen
Bean & Cornbread Supper
Fort Chadbourne Suttlers Store
Silent Auction

— 9 pm to Midnight —
Dancin' with Terry Sneed & Up The Creek

Freewill Donations benefiting the Fort Chadbourne Foundation will be accepted.



NO... THESE STUDENTS WEREN'T ASKED TO SIT OUT DURING RECESS! They are, however, the Winters Elementary students who competed in UIL literary contests this spring. Students in grades two through six displayed skills in creative writing, oral reading, spelling, art, music, dictionary, math, and geography. The students were coached by a number of elementary teachers. The elementary UIL coordinator was Troylene Lincycomb.

Local 4-H'ers win at State Roundup

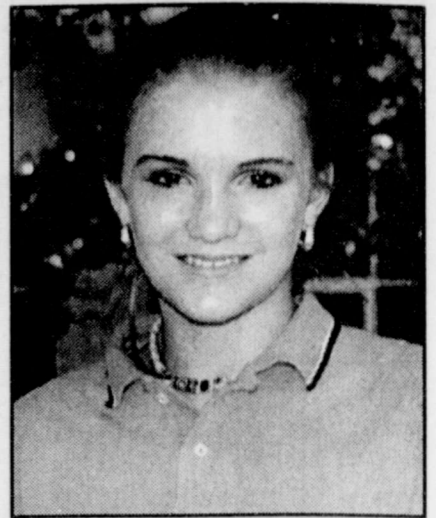
The 53rd annual Texas 4-H Roundup was held on the campus of Texas A&M University, June 8-11. Thirty-six Runnels County 4-Hers competed in judging contests, method demonstration contests, fashion show, and scholarship interviews. Two of the county delegates were from Winters.

Mandy Pritchard placed third in method demonstration competition, where youth are allotted 12 minutes to speak about a specific subject within various categories. Mandy placed in the Pork category. She also competed in the Fashion Design-Apparel competition.

Mandy is the daughter of Johnny and Deb Pritchard. She served as president of the Winters 4-Club this past year.

Chanda Hoppe was awarded a \$10,000 Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo scholarship. She also competed with the Runnels County Mohair Judging Team.

Chanda is the daughter of Glenn Jr. and Melinda Hoppe. She was vice-president of the Winters' club this year.



Mandy Pritchard
3rd, Method Demonstration

State 4-H Roundup provides youth throughout the State of Texas the opportunity to compete against each other in a "good sportsmanship" environment.

According to the county extension agents, Runnels County 4-H was extremely well represented at this event and the kids deserve to be congratulated for their hard work, dedication, sportsmanship, and for a job well done.

Annual Coleman Rodeo begins tonight, runs through Saturday

Coleman will host its 62nd Annual PRCA Rodeo Thursday through Saturday, June 24-26, with nightly performances only at 8:00 p.m. in the Coleman Rodeo Association's dust-free arena.

Thursday is Family Night with tickets costing \$2.00 for children 12 and under, \$3.00 for adults. Ticket prices for Friday and Saturday performances are \$3.00 for kids 12 and under, and \$5.00 for adults.

The rodeo dance will be held at the Rodeo Dance Pavilion each night starting at 9:00 p.m. Coleman's own Southern Cross will provide the music.

Dance tickets for Thursday-Saturday are \$3.00 for children 12 and under and \$5.00 for adults.

The rodeo is approved by the Professional Cowboys Association and the Women's Professional Association to insure that

some of the top cowboys and cowgirls in the nation will be competing for some \$6,000 added prize money.

Bullfighters for the 1999 rodeo are Jim Bob Fellar of Fort Worth and Chris Anstad.

Rodeo events include bareback riding, saddle bronc riding, calf roping, steer wrestling, girls barrel racing, and bull riding. The kids goat scramble will be held each night. A featured event will be team roping.

New this year, the Rodeo Association will be having an official Chuck Wagon Cook-Off. Ted Troplett and Jack Horne are chairmen. Ten wagons will compete in a variety of events with competition on Saturday. Eating will begin at approximately 6:00 p.m.

For more information, call (915) 625-4128.

Texas Folklife Festival planned August 5 through August 8

The 28th Annual Texas Folklife Festival will celebrate over 40 cultural groups of Texas for four fun-filled days, August 5-8, 1999, at the Institute of Texan Cultures in downtown San Antonio.

Festival hours are Thursday and Friday, August 5 and 6, 5-11 p.m.; Saturday, August 7, noon-

11 p.m.; and Sunday, August 8, noon-9 p.m.

Come enjoy a variety of foods and entertainment. Learn traditional skills of pioneers!

For more information, write the Texas Folklife Festival, 801 S. Bowie St., San Antonio, TX 78205-3296, or call (210) 458-2390.

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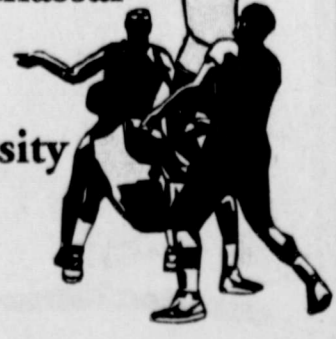
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Whittenburg & Tekell to play All-Star football

Kenny Whittenburg and Eric Tekell, 1998-99 Blizzard varsity football players, will be competing in the Heart of Texas All-Star Classic at Ranger Field in Ranger on Saturday, June 26. The game will begin at 8:00 p.m.

In high school football action, Whittenburg and Tekell received numerous area and state honors.

Whittenburg will continue his football career at Hardin-Simmons University in Abilene, and Tekell at Angelo State University in San Angelo.

Fans are invited to attend this special game.

Physicals needed before playing school sports

All 7th grade and freshman boys and girls who plan to participate in athletics must have a physical.

Physical forms can be picked up at the WISD Administration Office.

Completed forms should be turned in to Coach Byrd.

AAD Basketball Camp is July 5-8

Assist Sports Camps is proud to announce its Athletes Against Drugs Basketball Camp scheduled for July 5-8. A shooting camp will be held on July 9.

Current NBA player Andrae Patterson of the Minnesota Timberwolves will help conduct the camp for boys and girls in grades 1-12. The camp will be held at the Mabee Complex on the Hardin-Simmons University campus and at St. Paul United Methodist Church in Abilene.

The camp, which attracted over 200 campers last year, will be conducted by Hardin-Simmons basketball coach Dennis Harp and Joe Abunassar. Abunassar is one of the leaders in basketball individual instruction, conditioning, and training.

There is both a day camp and overnight camp. The camp is designed to provide each individual with a balance of basketball skills, fun, and enthusiasm.

For more information, or to register, call Dennis Harp at 670-1467.

U.S. Coast Guard Academy sets nationwide competition

The U.S. Coast Guard is now accepting applications to the Class of 2004. Appointments are tendered solely on the basis of an annual nationwide competition with no congressional nominations or geographical quotas.

Applications must be submitted to the Director of Admissions prior to December 15, 1999.

Candidates must arrange to participate in either the SAT 1 or ACT prior to or including the December 1999 administration.

Candidates must be unmarried at the time of the appointment, have no legal obligations, and must have reached the age of 17 but not 23 by July 1, 2000. Candidates must be assured of high school graduation by June 30, 2000.

To obtain an application of further information, write: Director of Admissions, U.S. Coast Guard Academy, 31 Mohegan Avenue, New London, CT 06320; or call 1 (800) 883-8724.

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Poe's Corner

By Charlsie Poe

The McNeills homestead in Plainview, Texas

Part 2 of a series



Charlsie Poe

Editor's note: A guest editorial follows, written by Dorothy West of Dallas, as requested by Charlsie.

John returned to Texas and married Carrie on December 18, 1887. Harrison Martin (Carrie's brother-in-law) was opposed to the marriage. He felt Carrie deserved much better than John McNeill. He also felt that their plans to homestead in Plainview, Texas, would be too hard a life for Carrie. However, in later years, Harrison learned to love and respect John McNeill. Carrie's father, B.B. Langham, was also opposed to the marriage, but upon his death years later, he made John sole administrator of his estate.

Carrie and John lived in Jack Country for several years, planning and getting ready to homestead in Plainview, Texas. During this time, they had two children, Henry Clovis (1888) and Joanna Moss (1890). Around 1890, they went with 17 other families from Jack County to Plainview by wagon train. Carrie only saw her family at Midlothian once during the next 16 years.

One amusing thing happened on the trip. The McNeill family did not have a cow, but the Ogden family did. This meant that the Ogden's had cream and butter. Around mealtime, Clovis (then two-years-old) would somehow turn up at the Ogden's campfire and this embarrassed Carrie and John. It took 11 days to make the trip.

Many hardships awaited them in Plainview: shortages of water and timber, severe winters, prairie fires, dust storms. But also good times were there: seven children were born, lifetime friends were made, and there was lots of love and laughter.

Because of the shortage of timber, the family lived in a half dug-out structure until a permanent home could be built. Mark Everett (1892) was born in the half dug-out. When the house was finally built, logs were hauled from Palo Duro Canyon near Canyon, Texas. It took two men and two horses to haul timber from the canyon. It was a very hard and tedious job. They also built barns and fences from these logs. Cow chips were gathered for fuel in the winter. Rain was always a welcome sight. The windmill was a lifesaver. Little did they dream that an underground sea of water was beneath them that would later be used for irrigation.

John became a freighter. He went by wagon to Amarillo (100 miles away) for supplies. He furnished the community with coal to burn and many staples. It took a lot of faith for Carrie to stay alone, but she had a great belief in the Creator - she trusted in God, she had love for her husband - and was able to live in her time and environment. All of these hard times gave her a knowledge of how to live a fuller life.

Many amusing things happened. Once when John was gone to Amarillo, Carrie thought she saw a bald-headed man on the

barn. She felt this was strange, but it seemed so real she boarded up the house and kept the children in. Several days later, a circuit rider preacher happened by. She told him about the bald-headed man. When the preacher left and was about two miles from the McNeill farm, he saw a bald eagle fly up from a gully. He returned to the McNeill place to report what had probably frightened her.

Some neighbors of the McNeill's asked the preacher home to eat one Sunday. The family was still living in the half dug-out. The mother had put some fresh buttermilk out before going to church. As she was serving it, her four-year-old son asked, "Ma, what's in the buttermilk? It has two big eyes and they're looking at me." The eyes turned out to belong to a big green frog.

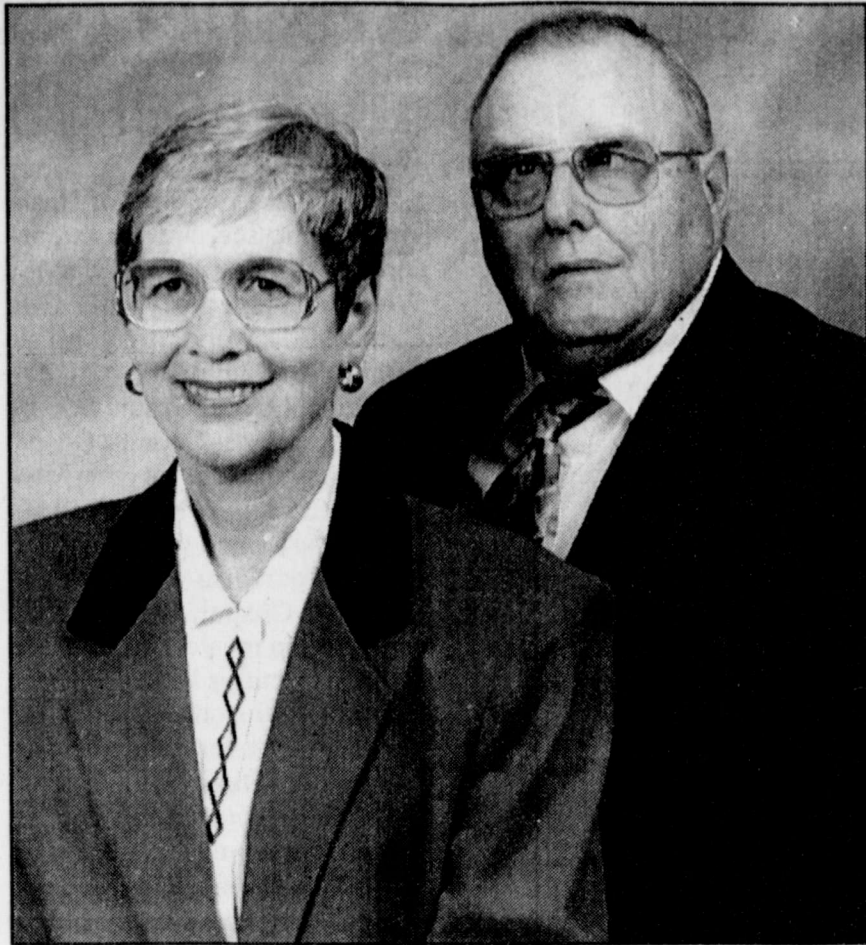
Ethel remembers getting a spanking for taking a gun from off a shelf. Clovis shot a bird at age four.

Terrible things happened too. Once when John was on a freight trip a terrible blizzard came, and John's ears were frostbitten. Another time, John was exposed to the measles during a land deal. Having never had the measles, he decided to wait for the freight trip. He waited three weeks then left on the trip. Another blizzard came and he took the measles after all. John's friend, Mr. McVickers, was with him. John came home a very sick man.

After the house was built six children were born: Archie (1894), Ira Milford (1896), Cape Verde (1898), Julia Etheline (1900), Eula Pearl (1903), and Clara Mae (1905). Little Mark died at age six and is buried near Plainview.

Most of the 17 families who came to Plainview together to homestead gave up and left long before John and Carrie finally did in 1905. The railroad came to Plainview causing a land boom. Because of this and also the hardships and hard winters, John decided to sell out. By then, he had 1,600 acres. He sold at \$10 an acre, receiving \$16,100. Also, he sold his cattle and other property.

Continued next week



Naomi and Milton Gerhart

Mr. & Mrs. Milton Gerhart honored on 40th wedding anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Milton Gerhart recently observed their 40th wedding anniversary. Their children will celebrate the event with them in July. Milton was born on July 18, 1935, in Winters, Texas. He retired from Milton's Auto Supply in 1988, upon selling the business to son Joe. Milton is a veteran and presently builds and sells portable metal buildings.

Naomi was born March 23, 1941, in Winters, Texas. She co-owned and co-operated Milton's Auto Supply with her husband and is currently employed part-time at Milton's Auto Supply. She is a choir director at St. John's Lutheran Church and a member of St. John's Chancel Guild.

The Gerharts met at St. John's Lutheran Church in Winters where they married on June 20, 1959.

They have three sons and daughters-in-law, Terry and Libby Gerhart of Houston, Toby and Melinda Gerhart of Allen, and Joe and Theresa Gerhart of Winters. They also enjoy six grandchildren, Hope of Houston, Greg and Anthony of Allen, and Jordan, Christopher, and Daniel of Winters.

Along with enjoying their grandchildren, Milton and Naomi Gerhart like to travel.

Freddie and Landa Grohman to be honored on silver anniversary

The children of Freddie and Landa Grohman will honor their parents on the occasion of their 25th wedding anniversary on Saturday, July 3, 1999.

Friends and family are invited to a reception at the North Main Church of Christ from 2 to 4 p.m.

No gifts please. Your presence is your gift. However, if you have a special remembrance, please write it on a note or card to be placed in a memory book.

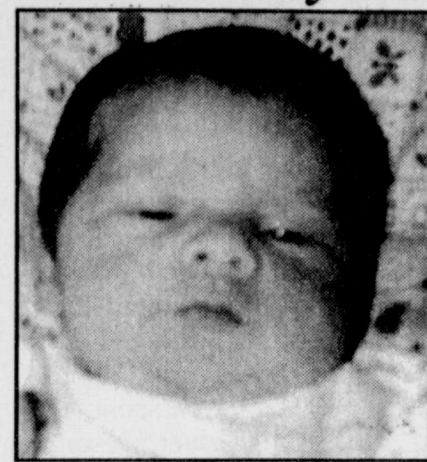
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The average American consumes twice the energy of the average European and eight times the energy of those in developing countries.

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Town Criers

Emiley Maria Childers



Justin Edward, 7, and Jessie Rashae, 2, are proud to announce the birth of their sister, Emiley Maria. She was born at 3:10 p.m. on Tuesday, May 18, 1999, at Abilene Regional Medical Center. Emiley weighed 6 lbs. 4.8 ozs. and was 19.5 inches long.

Her proud parents are David Edward and Francesca Tennille Childers of Winters. Maternal grandparents are Calvin E. Jr. and Jessica M. Perkins of Winters. Maternal great-grandparents are

Jessie Cook of San Antonio, Jennie Bell Perkins of Winters, and Jeff and Kay Darley of Jesup, Georgia. Maternal great-great grandmother is Mrs. Mary Reeves of Jesup, Georgia.

Paternal grandparents are Eddie Milton and Betty Childers of Winters.

Christopher Ray Diaz

Steven Ray Diaz and Amy Lynille Perkins are proud to announce the birth of their son Christopher Ray. Christopher was born at 11:17 a.m. on Saturday, May 29, 1999, at Abilene Regional Medical Center. He weighed 6 lbs. 3.2 ozs. and was 20 inches long.

He is welcomed by two brothers, Steven Ray Diaz, 4, and Christian Antonio Diaz, 3, and a sister, JoAnna Christina, 2, of Knox City.

Maternal grandparents are Calvin E. Jr. and Jessica M. Perkins of Winters. Maternal great-grandparents are Jessie Cook of San Antonio, Jennie Bell Perkins of Winters, and Jeff and Kay Darley of Jesup, Georgia. Maternal great-great grandmother is Mrs. Mary Reeves of Jesup, Georgia.

Paternal grandparents are George and Zoila Diaz of Knox City.

Stephen Tyler Garza

Stephen and Isabel Garza are proud to announce the birth of their son, Stephen Tyler Garza, on Thursday, June 3, 1999 at 4:33 p.m., in Brownwood Regional Hospital. He weighed 6 lbs. 7 1/2 ozs. and was 19 inches long.

Very proud aunt is Shyla Garza of Winters. Maternal grandmother is Ruby Trevino of Coleman.

Paternal grandparents are Chuck and Betty Tabor and Robert and Amy Garza of Winters. Paternal great-grandparents are Betty Burson of Winters, Joe and Mary Burkett of Burkett, and Jim and Lucy Baldonado of Winters. Paternal great-great-grandmothers are Alice Zuniga of Winters and Opalene Pope of Burkett.

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Crews News

By Hilda Kurtz



Hilda Kurtz

More people get run down by gossip than by cars.

Correction: Bro. Ferris and Ramona Akins, and Juanita Shields were last Sunday's dinner guests with Carolyn Webb, and not the Joe Pierces.

Keith and Cathy Gerhart were visitors at Hopewell morning services on Sunday.

Louise Richey is home recuperating nicely after being in an Abilene hospital with a fractured hip. She wishes to say hello to all her Crews friends and thanks so much for the phone visits, cards, etc.

I am glad to report that Doris Wood is home doing great after being in an Abilene hospital and having a pacemaker replacement. Her children and family has been coming in and out all week.

Leona Matthies is home after spending a week with her daughter, Marcene Hall, and grandson T.C. in Dallas.

Spending Father's Day in the home of Noble and Harvey Mae Faubion were Walter Pape of Santa Anna; Pete, Mary, Helen, Jennifer, and Paul Sutherland of Denver, Colorado; Carolyn Kraatz; Rodney Faubion of Irving; Kenny and Eileen Cartwright; and Jeremy and Tiffany Prater.

Eileen and Tiffany spent Friday in Abilene shopping and then ate out.

Rodney Faubion spent the weekend with his folks, Noble and Harvey Mae Faubion.

Helen Alexander and Reba Grosshans, of San Angelo, had a nice long phone visit during the week.

Stefanie McGallian and Simon Camacho visited with Nila and Therin Osborne on Saturday afternoon. John McGallian and Sue Campbell, of Winters, invited Nila and Therin Osborne; Karen, Wesley, and Stefanie McGallian; and Simon Camacho for Father's Day dinner. Mrs. Ray Self came in the afternoon.

Selma Wilkerson spent Monday with her daughter and son-in-law, Judy and Lee Harrison, in Winters.

Only a few tenths of rain around Crews by Monday.

Adeline Grissom came out Sunday to see Bill and Sharon Grissom, and Steve and Penny Grissom. She also went by to see Katherine and Luke Grissom on her way home.

Dale and Linda Duggan called me from Robert Lee. They are on their way to Mexico to visit Roy Duggan and family. She called to give her Crews news.

On Father's Day, the Duggans served dinner to Bob and Janice Pruser, Theodora Frick, Will and Leslie Duggan, Katy Duggan, Kyle Grigsby of Abilene, and Amy Mansell. Then on Sunday evening, they all went over to Susan and Chauncey Mansell's to celebrate Katy Duggan's 21st birthday. Cake and ice cream were served. Many more happy birthdays, Katy!

On Friday, Dan Miller brought some fish plates from Abilene to Josie Hoppe. They were delicious.

Spending Father's Day with Josie were Louis and Carl Miller, of Clyde, who brought garden vegetables; Dawn, Brent, Scott, and Clint Bryan; Elaine and Dan

Miller; Elby Miller; and Nancy Spill.

Georgia and Connie Gibbs visited with Mrs. Janie Richey on Thursday.

Randall and Eva McCutcheon, of Mertz, visited Connie and Georgia Gibbs on Saturday. Connie Mae Gibbs, of Winters, visited Father's Day.

Joe and Betty Pierce's daughter and son-in-law, Debbie and John Tierce of Midland, came Saturday to spend Father's Day. All drove out to The Shed and had steak dinner. They stayed most of the week.

The Crews project started on time. The crew started tearing off the roof, and will put the new roof on next.

Brenda and Richard Chambliss of Blackwell; Gina Schultz, Nicholas, and Elizabeth of Bronte spent Father's Day with Pat and Earl Cooper. Earl had a nice phone visit from son Ray in San Angelo.

Scott, Melissa, and Keith Gerhart spent Father's Day with Melvena and Marvin Gerhart.

Hildegard Schovajsa, of San Angelo, spent Wednesday with me. We did odd jobs including putting a new tail light on my pickup.

Margie Jacob and Carol Kozelsky spent Tuesday in San Angelo shopping and ate out. It was a perfect day. Sybil Waller of the Rio Conchos in San Angelo spent several days with Margie. On Thursday, Margie and Sybil were in Brownwood with the Jerry Englers. They visited with Lawrence Goetz. On Sunday night, Margie ate supper with Beverly VanZandt.

On Monday afternoon, Helen Alexander, Selma Wilkerson, Melvena Gerhart, and Fairy Allcorn helped quilt on Juanita Shields' quilt.

Gospel group to perform June 28 at Assembly of God Church

The Phillips Family of Nashville, Tennessee, will be in concert on Monday, June 28, at the Winters Assembly of God Church, 304 Wood Street. Music will begin at 7 p.m.

Named Gospel Group 1993 by the International Country Gospel Music Association, the group consists of Christine Phillips and her sons, Charles and Greg.

They perform a mixture of Southern Gospel, inspirational, and worship music, and have had eight consecutive hit songs on the national radio charts. Each are gifted songwriters and their albums contain their original material. Other groups have also recorded their songs.

Charles and Greg are both ordained ministers. Charles is also a published author and has committed to memory over 2,000 scripture passages. Greg is also experienced in working with youth in churches and schools.

The family travels full-time singing gospel music. Their purpose in doing so is to see the sinner saved, the believer encouraged, and all glory and honor given to God. They began recording in Nashville in 1990, and since then have been receiving steady radio airplay and nationwide chart action, with their latest three albums receiving excellent critics review in "U.S. Gospel News," "The Gospel Voice," and "The Singing News."

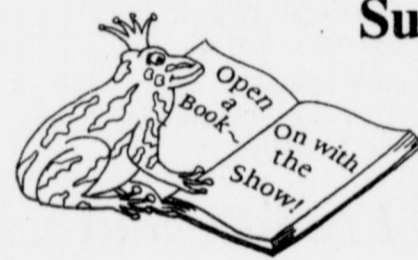
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GREG, CHRISTINE, AND CHARLES PHILLIPS (left to right) invite you to come hear their hit songs as they perform in concert at Winters Assembly of God Church, June 28.

gregation of Winters Assembly of God Church welcome everyone to this special night of praise and worship.

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Financial Focus

By Jimmy Newsom

Investment tips for single parents

When it comes to investing, single parents share basically the same concerns with two-parent families. They want to provide opportunities—especially educational opportunities—for their children, and they want their own retirement to be comfortable.

Single parents, however face many unique challenges, especially financial challenges. Although many single parents don't earn as high an income as two working parents, one of the biggest mistakes a single parent, or anyone for that matter, can make is to assume that there are no options for building a better financial future.

It Doesn't Take Much

Let's look at how a single parent can establish a basic investment plan. Assume a single mother who is 35 years old has one child, a 6-year-old son. She hopes her son will enter college at age 18, and while she knows she won't be able to finance his entire college education, she would like to make a contribution.

If this parent could invest just \$50 a month and that investment could compound at 8 percent annually, she would accumulate between \$12,000 and \$13,000 by the time her son enters college. Although that wouldn't cover his entire college expenses, with student loans and her son working to pay some of his own bills, it would be a big help.

Don't Put Off 'Till Tomorrow...

One of the biggest investment mistakes made by both single parents and two-parent families is putting their children's future before their own. Many parents delay investing for their retirement and wait for "the perfect time" to invest. This is usually some landmark event, such as paying off the car or home, changing jobs, or the children leaving home.

Unfortunately, there are two problems with this approach. First,

people often adopt goals that take years to achieve, or worse, once they achieve their goals, they simply replace them with others, such as taking that dream vacation. The other problem with this approach is that waiting to invest costs you money.

If our 35-year-old mother waits until her son enters college to start investing \$50 a month in an Individual Retirement Account earning 8 percent annually, she'll have accumulated less than \$25,000 when she turns 65.

A Little Now Can Mean A Lot Later

If, however, she starts investing now and invests \$50 a month in an IRA earning 8 percent annually, she'll accumulate more than \$73,000 by the time she reaches 65. That's \$48,000 more than if she waits! In addition, she may qualify for fully or partially tax-deductible IRA contributions, and she doesn't have to pay taxes on the earnings on her IRA until she withdraws them at retirement.

Take the First Step Toward a Brighter Future

Although the rates and time periods in the examples above aren't intended to reflect the performance of any specific investment, they do illustrate the importance of starting an investment plan early and sticking with it. Time and discipline are an investor's most valuable assets. In addition, when choosing an investment, make sure you select one that's appropriate for your investment risks and that can meet your specific investment needs.

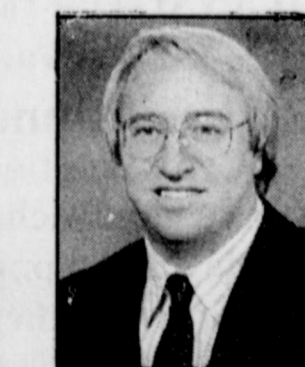
Whether you're a single parent or part of a two-parent household, remember the best time to start investing is now. Don't be intimidated by how little you have to invest or how little you know about investing. Begin reading about investing and seek the investment advice of a professional. Together you can determine the best strategy for ensuring a bright financial future for both you and your children.

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WTU completes power systems year 2000 readiness checks

West Texas Utilities Company (WTU) has completed Year 2000 (Y2K) readiness activities within its critical power production and delivery systems. WTU has inventories, updated as needed, and tested equipment critical to generating, transporting, and delivering electricity. Other Y2K activities are on schedule to be completed later this year.

"Year 2000 readiness has been a top priority for WTU," says Paul Brower, president and general manager, "and our employees have met the challenge to examine and update our most critical power systems to make them ready for the transition into the year 2000 and beyond. Their commitment to the project has

resulted in our reaching this milestone."

WTU's mission-critical systems where Y2K testing is complete include:

- Power generation facilities that currently produce electricity for the CSW system
- Power transmission and distribution networks (wires, poles, switches, relays, etc.)
- Energy Management System (economic dispatch of power)
- Fuels acquisition and management (coal and natural gas supplies).

Brower said, "We are confident we can maintain the same high standard of safe and reliable service our customers have come to

enjoy. Our findings revealed no Y2K related issue we believe would have impacted our ability to produce or deliver power around critical year 2000 dates."

Employee teams have been part of a formal readiness program addressing Y2K issues at WTU for several years. The project was coordinated by WTU's parent company, Central and South West Corporation. CSW posts current readiness information on its Internet site at <http://csw.com/y2k>.

Central and South West Corporation is a Dallas-based public utility holding company that owns four U.S. electric utility subsidiaries.

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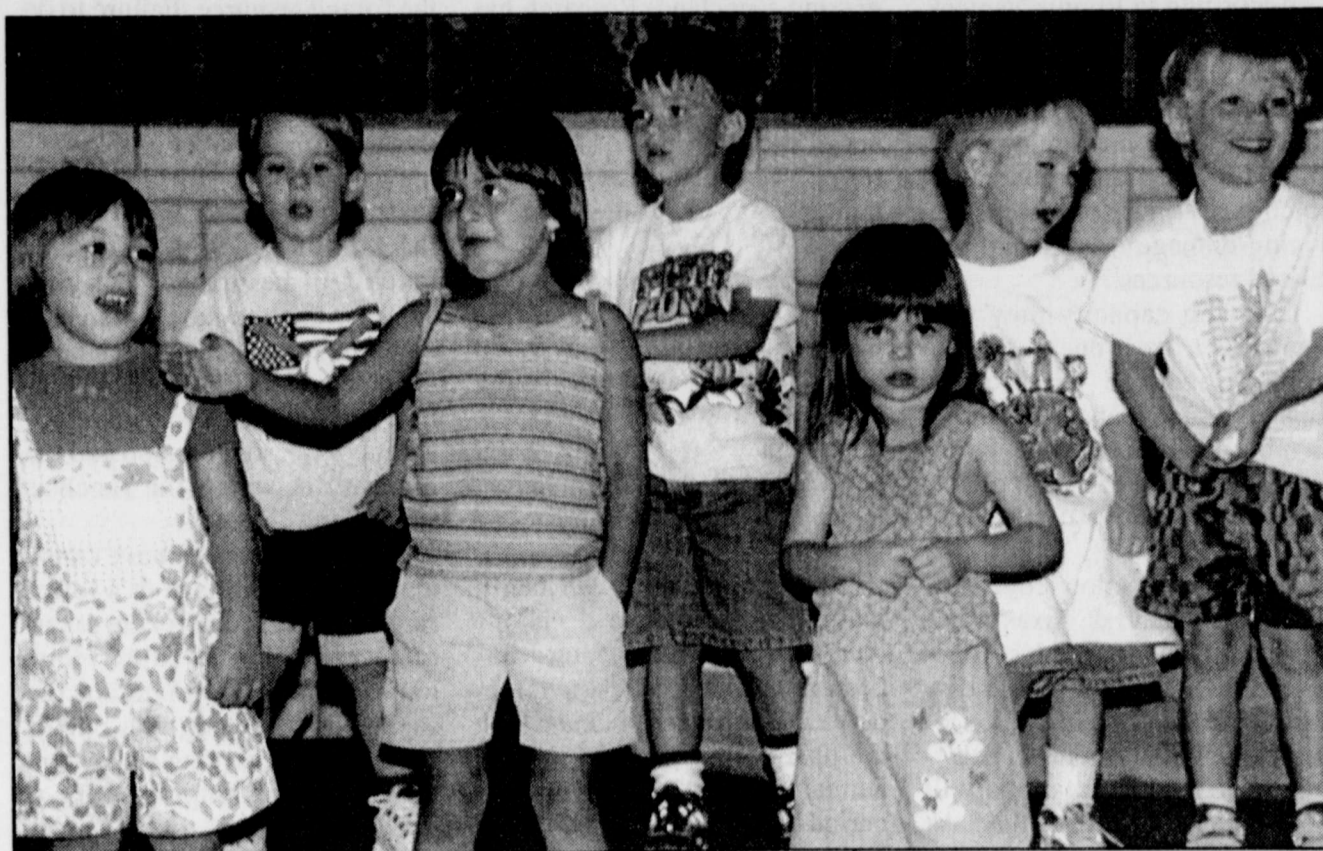
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TRENTON GROHMAN & ZANE PETTY (left photo) are "all wrapped up, all tied up, all tangled up in Jesus" at the North Main Church of Christ Vacation Bible School closing ceremonies. (At right) Also at the Church of Christ VBS, these pre-schoolers seem to be reaching the masses as they sing their praises to God in all different directions. The Church of Christ held a one-day VBS on Saturday, June 5. Approximately 62 children, pre-school through sixth grade, and 25 volunteers, took part in the event.



"THE MORE WE GET TOGETHER . . . THE HAPPIER WE'LL BE . . ." sing (Left photo, front, l-r) Clent Bryan, Scottie Tubbs, Jarred Briley, Caleb Pringle, and Kaighan Price at the First United Methodist Church Vacation Bible School. Also singing under the direction of Fran Kidwell were (back, l-r) Matthew Tucker, Wiley Guy, Allan Green, Luke England and his nephew, Robert Floyd. Over 45 kids, age pre-school to 5th grade plus 12 volunteers, attended the three day VBS from June 9-11. (At right) Fernando Perez, Donovan Martinez, and Patrick Escalona concentrate on basket weaving at the marketplace of Jerusalem during activities at the First Baptist Church VBS.



Legal Notice

BYLAWS OF COLEMAN COUNTY ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE INC. ANNUAL MEETING ARTICLE II Meeting of Members

SECTION 1. ANNUAL MEETING. The annual meeting of members shall be held at such time, during the month of July as the Board of Directors may direct, and such meeting shall be held at such place in the Cooperative service area, as shall be designated in the notice of the meeting for the purpose of electing directors, passing upon reports covering the previous fiscal year, and transacting such other business as may come before the meeting. If the election of directors shall not be held on the day designated herein for any annual meeting, or at any adjournment thereof, the Board of Directors shall cause the election to be held at a special meeting of the members as soon thereafter as conveniently may be. Failure to hold the annual meeting at the designated time shall not work a forfeiture or dissolution of the Cooperative.

SECTION 2. SPECIAL MEETINGS. Special meetings of the members may be called by the President, by the Board of Directors, or by a majority thereof, or upon a written request signed by at least ten per centum (10%) of all members and it shall thereupon be the duty of the Secretary to cause notice of such meeting to be given as hereinafter provided. Special meetings of the members may be held at any place within the County of Coleman in the State of Texas specified in the notice of the special meeting, or elsewhere within the area served by the Cooperative as may be designated by the Board of Directors.

SECTION 3. NOTICE OF MEMBERS' MEETINGS. Written or printed notice stating the place, day, and hour of the meeting and, in case of a special meeting, the purpose or purposes for which the meeting is called, shall be delivered not less than ten (10) days nor more than twenty (20) days before the date of the meeting, either personally or by mail, by or at the direction of the Secretary, or by the persons calling the meeting, to each member; provided, however, that with respect to all meetings at which

directors are to be elected such notice shall be so delivered not less than ten (10) days nor more than fourteen (14) days before the date of the meeting. If mailed, such notice shall be deemed to be delivered when deposited in the United States mail, addressed to the member at his address as it appears on the records of the Cooperative, with postage thereon prepaid. The failure of any member to receive notice of an annual or special meeting of the members shall not invalidate any action which may be taken by the members at any such meeting.

SECTION 4. QUORUM. As long as the total number of members does not exceed one thousand (1,000), at least fifteen per centum (15%) of the total number present in person shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at all meetings of the members. In case the total number of members shall exceed one thousand (1,000), then at least one hundred fifty (150) of the members present shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at all meetings of the members. If less than a quorum is present at any meeting, a majority of those present in person may adjourn the meeting from time to time without further notice.

SECTION 5. VOTING. Each member shall be entitled to one (1) vote and no more upon each matter submitted to a vote at a meeting of the members.

SECTION 6. VOTING BY MAIL. In addition to the method of voting for directors of the Cooperative as provided by the existing bylaws and by a member being present and voting in person, each member shall be and is hereby permitted to vote by mail for directors of this association. At the time notices of members' meetings are given as provided by Article II of these bylaws and with a notice of member's annual meeting, or any postponement

thereof, there shall be sent to each member either personally or by mail a ballot which shall contain the names of all members who have been nominated as candidates for directors with a statement of the number to be elected and with appropriate instructions to the member to vote for such members: EACH MEMBER SHALL BE INSTRUCTED AFTER VOTING FOR THE REQUIRED NUMBER TO SIGN SAID BALLOT AND RETURN THE BALLOT TO THE COOPERATIVE AT ITS OFFICE PRIOR TO THE DATE OF SAID MEETING. Said ballots when so received shall be retained and placed in a locked ballot box until the date of the members' meeting at which time shall be delivered to the inspectors of Election and counted together with the votes cast in person at such members' meeting. The Directors who receive a plurality of the vote shall be elected. Drawing by lot shall resolve, when necessary, any tie votes.

SECTION 7. ORDER OF BUSINESS. The order of business at the annual meeting of the members, and so far as possible at all other meetings of the members, shall be essentially as follows:

1. Report the existence of a quorum.
2. Reading of the notice of the meeting and proof of the due publication of mailing thereof, or the waiver or waivers of notice of the meeting, as the case may be.
3. Reading of unapproved minutes of previous meetings of the members and the taking of necessary action thereon.
4. Presentation and consideration of, and acting upon, reports of officers, directors, and committees.
5. Election of directors.
6. Unfinished business.
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8. Adjournment.

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Determining carrying capacity is first step in sound grazing management program

Determining carrying capacity is the first step in developing a sound grazing management program.

According to Ronnie Vanicek, Resource Team Leader with the Natural Resources Conservation Service at Ballinger, "carrying capacity is the maximum stocking rate at which a pasture or ranch can be grazed without incurring damage to vegetation or related resources."

Carrying capacity may vary from year to year due to fluctuations in forage production. Vanicek stated that a person must be able to identify the major plants that grow on their ranch to correctly determine carrying capacity.

Without this knowledge, low value plants, such as, Texas grama or Hairy tridens might be confused with the higher quality Buffalograss. The inclusion of low-value plant species in carrying capacity computations will yield a capacity higher than the ranch can support.

Range professionals inventory the plant species that occur on a ranch, and by using scientific sampling techniques determine the pounds of forage produced by each plant species on a per acre basis.

As stated above, not all plant species are created equal. Only those plants palatable to livestock and wildlife are used to determine

carrying capacity.

The old grazing management adage of "take half and leave half" still holds true when applied to grazing rangeland. Research has found that only 25% of the total plant production is actually consumed by the animal. The remainder of the "half taken" is lost to trampling, soiling by urine or manure, and bedding down of animals.

Taking 25% of the total accessible production of desirable plants and then dividing by 9,490 gives the approximate carrying capacity for a pasture or ranch. Vanicek says the value of 9,490 is the pounds of forage required to support an animal unit for one year.

A range manager can begin making stocking rate decisions once the carrying capacity has been determined. Stocking rate is defined as the acres of land which the operator has allotted to each animal-unit for the entire grazing period of the year.

The range profession developed the animal-unit equivalent concept to aid in making stocking rate decisions. An animal unit is a 1,000 pound cow and is expected to consume 9,490 pounds of air dry forage in a year. Five sheep, six goats, and six deer are equal to one animal unit.

A range manager can more easily allocate usable forage resources when using animal unit

equivalents.

White-tailed deer, if present on the ranch, must be figured into the overall numbers of animals using the forage resource. Failure to do this will result in the over-utilization or overgrazing of many desirable browse and forb species.

The difference between carrying capacity and stocking rate is that the range manager decides the rate at which a pasture or ranch will be grazed. Carrying capacity is a measure of the current forage production potential of the ranch. It is influenced by rainfall, temperature, productive potential of the soil, erosion and the intensity at which the ranch is stocked.

Stocking at a rate above carrying capacity will lead to a lower carrying capacity. Stocking at carrying capacity will slow range improvement and maintain the status quo. Stocking at a rate of about 80% of carrying capacity in a normal year, implementing a planned deferment rotation grazing system will allow for range-land improvement.

The Natural Resources Conservation Service, working in conjunction with the Runnels Soil and Water Conservation District, is available to assist you in determining the carrying capacity of your ranching operation. To contact them, come by their office at 2000 Hutchins Avenue in Ballinger or call at 365-3415.

Texas Industrial Production Index falls 0.2 percent

As reported June 9, 1999, by the Research Department of the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas, the Texas Industrial Production Index fell a seasonally adjusted 0.2 percent from March to April. April's level was 1.5 percent below the year-ago figure.

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

- ◆ Overall manufacturing output decreased 0.1 percent. Durable goods were unchanged. Non-durable goods decreased 0.3 percent.
- ◆ Mining decreased 0.5 percent.
- ◆ Utilities decreased 0.2 percent.

Changes in major components of TIPI between April 1998 and April 1999:

- ◆ Overall manufacturing output increased 1.0 percent. Durable goods increased 1.1 percent. Non-durable goods increased 0.8 percent.
- ◆ Mining decreased 8.8 percent.
- ◆ Utilities increased 0.3 percent.

Perseverance is the hard work you do after you get tired of doing the hard work you already did.

—Newt Gingrich



HONORED AS RUNNERS-UP FOR CONSERVATION PRACTICES were (left to right) Leroy Pelzel, Second Place Conservation Farmer; David Ocker, director representing Runnels Soil and Water Conservation District; and Ronnie Vanicek, RSWCD resource team leader.

Pelzel honored at region banquet

Leroy Pelzel was honored as second place Conservation Farmer at the Region 2 banquet on May 6, 1999. The banquet was held in Wall at the Saint Ambrose Catholic Church Parish Hall.

Leroy was presented a plaque for Runner-up Conservation Farmer. The Runnels Soil and Water Conservation District was also recognized with a plaque for Runner-up District.

The purpose of the awards program is to recognize and honor a

soil and water conservation district and individuals who have dedicated their efforts and talents to making wise use of renewable natural resources.

Region 2 consists of 44 counties in central, south central, and west Texas.

Sponsors of the region awards program are the Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board, the Association of Texas Soil and Water Conservation Districts, and the 214 local soil and water conservation districts in Texas.

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Police Beat

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

Winters Police Department reports received and/or investigated from Sunday, June 13, 1999, through Saturday, June 19, 1999. Winters Police Officers:

- arrested Dale Wayne Gray, 31, of Winters, for driving while intoxicated after a traffic stop on N. Main.
- received a report of a criminal mischief in the 600 block of E. Truett.
- issued a citation to Nathan Patrick Helser, 18, of Winters, for animals at large.
- received a report of a burglary of a habitation in the 500 block of Tinkle. The items were recovered within a couple of days. This case is still under investigation.
- arrested Danny Trevino, 28, of Winters, for public intoxication on N. Main.
- arrested Robbie Wayne Galloway, 25, of Winters, for Class A assault after receiving a report of a disturbance in the 200 block of Wood.
- arrested Jerry Lee Alvarado, 41, of Winters, for public intoxication, resisting arrest, and aggravated assault on a public servant.

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
- Sheriff's Department—365-2121

Official Records

County Court Criminal Dispositions

June 17
Rebecca Lynn McKown and Dana Gayle McKown

Divorces Granted

June 9
Victor Flores and Natividad Flores

Civil Cases filed

June 10
Jeff Morris, dba Hand Crafted Creations, vs. Complete Packaging Corporation, suit on account

Justice of the Peace Precinct 1 Felony Cases

June 14
Jerami David Dunn, an adult, petition for change of name of an adult

June 15

Complete Packaging Corporation vs. Bill Riggs, dba Riggs Construction Management, and Brad Bolton, individually and dba Bolton Welding, and Guy Bolton Welding, individually and dba Bolton Welding of Coleman, suit on damages

June 18

Mary Frances Segura, filed for forgery
Eirma Linda Lopez, filed for forgery

June 21

Robert Nicholas Rullan, filed for felony driving while intoxicated

Criminal

June 12

Christopher Lee Goswick, filed for possession of drug paraphernalia

June 15

Canuto Pena, filed for public intoxication

June 21

Zane Petty, filed for theft by check

Marriage Licenses

June 14
James Clayton Richards and Vanessa Dawn Clifton

June 17

Jack Coleman Shepard and Kerri Ann Bicen

District Court Divorces filed

June 14

Brandy Michelle Galloway and Robbie Wayne Galloway

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- 21 TX Twitty's "It's Only Make ___"
- 22 TXism: "hot as ___ stove"
- 23 TX backyard spa (2 wds.)
- 28 TX before the Civil War: ___ bellum
- 29 TX fire ant to wake up
- 31 TX Autry TV series "Range ___"
- 35 photoelectric cell edibles of "Fiesta San Antonio" (2 wds.)
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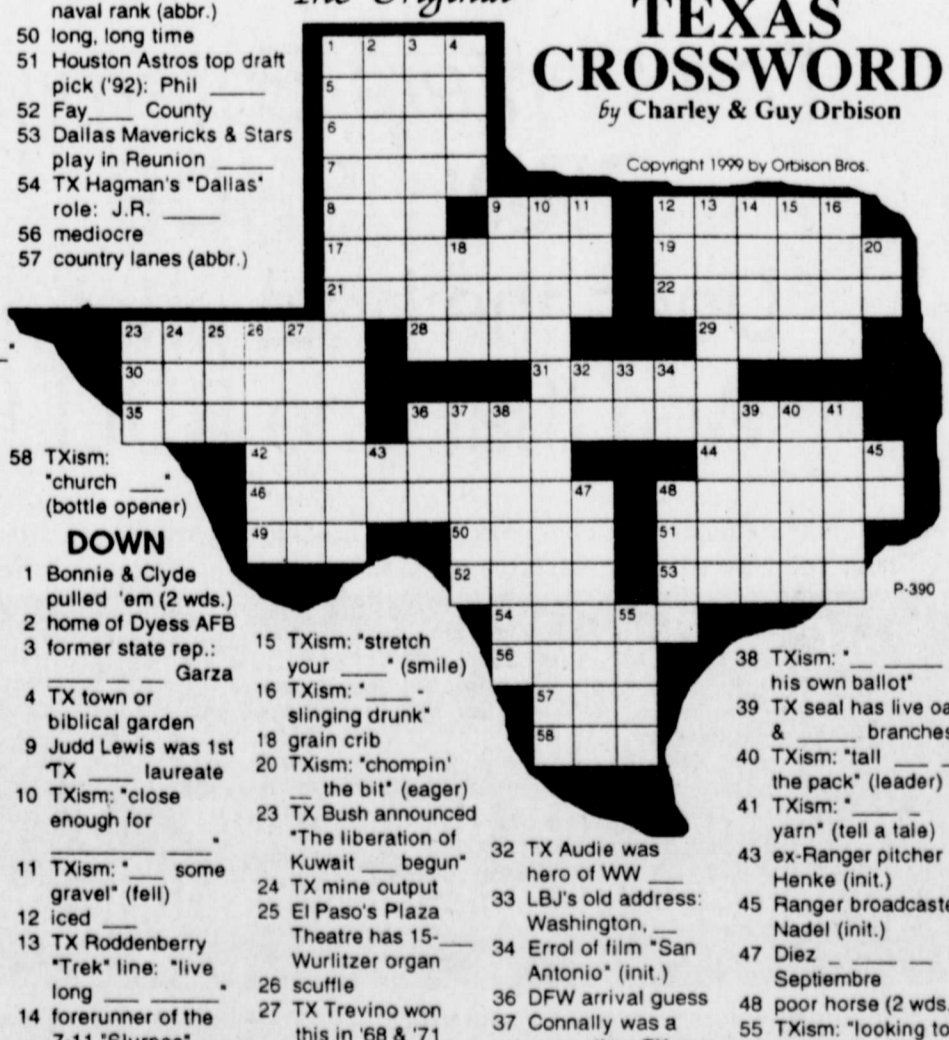
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- 13 TX Roddenberry "Trek" line: "live long ___"
- 14 forerunner of the 7-11 "Sturpee"

The Original

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Solutions for this puzzle appear in this issue.

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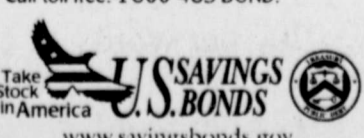
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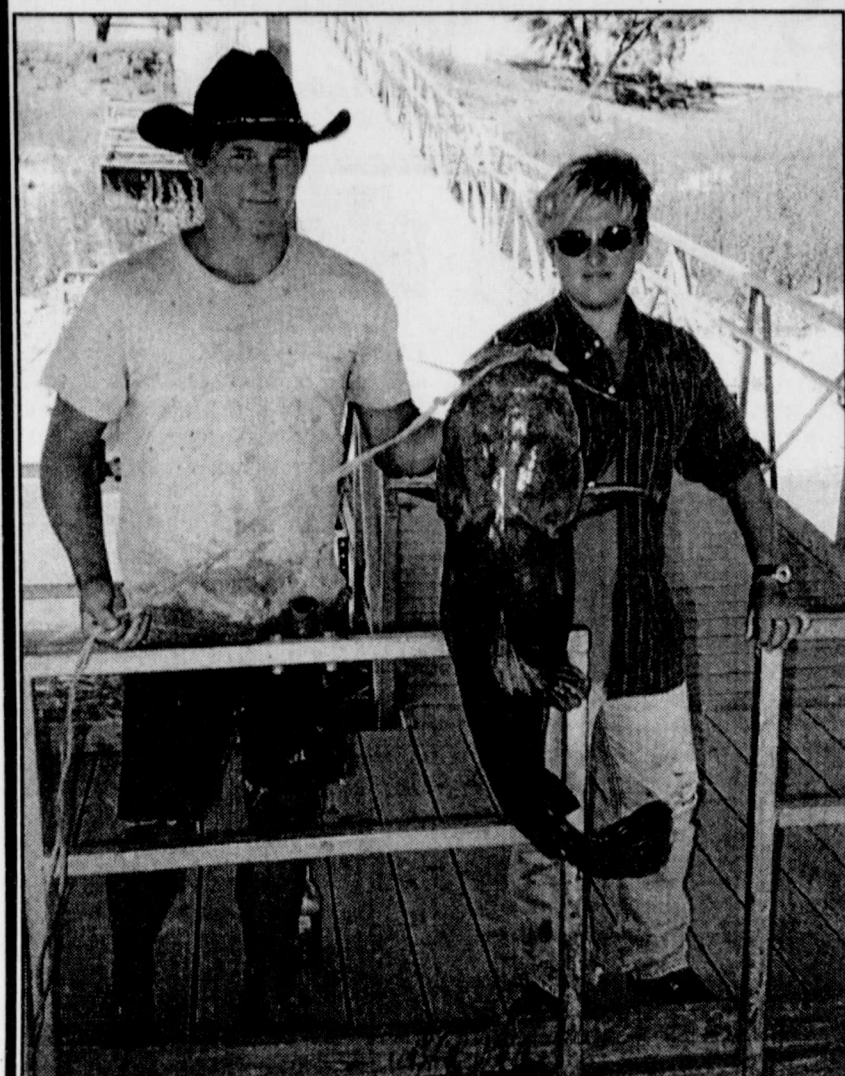


Photo courtesy of fisherman Charles E. Simpson of Stephenville

COUSINS RYAN AND GRACE KINCAID of Novice hauled in this 40 pound yellowcat at Elm Creek Reservoir in Winters over the Memorial Day weekend. The big fish was caught on trotline, using live bait, on Saturday, May 29, 1999.

Bronte's Fort Chadbourne Days celebration set for Saturday

The Fort Chadbourne Foundation will host Bronte's Fort Chadbourne Days at the ranch this weekend. Fort Chadbourne is located on Highway 277 between Wingate and Bronte.

Beginning at 9 a.m. on Saturday, June 26, the Ft. Chadbourne site will open to the public for tours and visitation.

During the day, the guests will be defended from periodic attacks by Indians and wild desperados by the Infantry, Calvary Dragoons, and an assortment of Texas Volunteers.

A few replica buffalo will be

stalked and shot to demonstrate the science of black-powder shooting and buffalo windage.

The Fort Chadbourne Suttlers Store Silent Auction and Dutchman's Kitchen bean and cornbread supper will commence at 7 p.m.

Terry Sneed and Up The Creek will provide music for dancin' on the parade ground from 9 p.m. to midnight.

There will be no charges for the day's events, however free will donations to benefit the Fort Chadbourne Foundation will be accepted.

Combs: "Farmers, ranchers, commodity groups invited to give testimony at World Trade listening session"

Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs announced that producers, commodity groups, and other agricultural organizations have the opportunity to testify on international trade issues during a listening session July 8 in Austin called by the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative.

"Texas is one of the leading agricultural exporters in the nation and ranks among the top five states in overall value of agricultural exports," Combs said. "This is a chance for the Texas agriculture industry to relay priorities and concerns to federal trade and

agricultural officials.

"The meeting is among 11 planned nationwide before the United States begins the next round of World Trade Organization negotiations on Nov. 30 in Seattle," says Combs.

The Austin listening session will be held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., July 8, at the state Capitol in Room E1.010. Those wishing to testify must register and provide their written testimony to the Texas Department of Agriculture by June 14. All testimony must be limited to five minutes. For a registration package, contact Dawn

DeBerry at the Texas Department of Agriculture, P.O. Box 12847, Austin, Texas 78711 or telephone (512) 475-1615.

Testimony from the regional listening sessions will provide officials from the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative with recommendations to help develop the United States' objectives for agricultural trade policy during the next round of World Trade Organization negotiations, Combs said.

Combs, who will host the Austin listening session, said her in-

ternational trade priorities include a more rapid response system for resolving agriculture trade disputes, particularly when perishable commodities are involved.

Combs' other trade priorities involve sanitary/phytosanitary restrictions, tariffs, subsidies, and biotechnology.

"I encourage Texas farmers, ranchers, and other agricultural groups to attend this meeting and provide our federal officials with firsthand accounts from the field of how international trade can be improved to help our state's agriculture industry," added Combs.

Pest Management News

By Richard Minzenmayer, Extension Agent-Entomology (PM)

GENERAL SITUATION—Cotton and grain sorghum's overall condition and potential has vastly improved the past two weeks in the Concho Valley.

The entire valley has received much needed rainfall and most areas have received from two inches up to six inches from June 8-18. If rain continues to fall, we could easily see a bumper crop this year.

Cotton varies in growth stages from still in the bag to the eighth true leaf stage. Many fields of grain sorghum are beginning to head. Once sorghum begins to bloom, it will be necessary to monitor for headworms and sorghum midge.

SCOUTING PROGRAM—Scouts have been hired and have begun checking fields in Runnels and Tom Green counties. This year's scouts are Peggy Simpson, Lindsey Hilik, Jennifer Begnaud, Jennifer Block, and Josh Minzenmayer.

COTTON—Cotton is progressing well with the good moisture conditions. Thrips infestations have generally been moderate in most fields.

Individual plant infestations have ranged from 0 to 6 thrips per plant. These levels should not be a problem in older cotton (5-6 true leaf) with good growing conditions.

If cotton plants are younger (cotyledon to 4th true leaf) and growing conditions are slow, this level can delay maturity. Our

guide indicates that the threshold is 2-5 thrips per plant in cotton prior to 4th true leaf stage. After cotton reaches 6th true leaf stage, thrips infestations are usually not a concern.

Adult fleahoppers are beginning to move into the older cotton fields which are approaching pinhead square stage. Producers are encouraged to begin monitoring for this pest once a cotton field reaches the 6th true leaf stage.

Remember the first crop is always better than trying to set a second crop later. A later crop is almost always much riskier.

Adult fleahoppers are about 1/8 inch long and are pale green in color. Immature fleahoppers resemble the adults but are wingless.

Fleahoppers are usually associated with weed hosts, especially silver leaf nightshade, woolly croton and western horse nettle and therefore, weed infested fields should be monitored closely.

This is a very difficult pest to scout for because adults and immatures are very wary and will disperse by flying (adults) or running down the stalk (immatures) making detection very difficult. Fleahoppers cause damage by feeding on small squares causing them to abort.

The decision to treat for fleahoppers is based on the number of fleahoppers present, the squaring rate and/or present square set. During the first three weeks of

squaring, the economic threshold is 15-20 fleahoppers per 100 terminals combined with a less than 75-80% square set.

ROUND-UP READY® COTTON—Time is running out to effectively apply Round-up® to Round-up Ready® cotton without going against label and reducing your yield potential. Many producers have asked the question, "How long before it reaches the 4th true leaf stage?"

Node development relates closely to heat unit accumulations and we can expect a new node forming every three to five days up the plant. It usually requires five to seven days to form another node out on a fruiting branch. We can expect cotton to begin squaring at about 35 days after emergence.

So if your cotton field is in the 3rd true leaf stage today, in three to five days depending on temperature, it will reach the 4th true leaf stage. The warmer the temperature, the faster the growth.

TURNROW MEETINGS—Turnrow meetings began this week. Please be sure to sign in so you can receive CEUs at the end of the season. The location and times for next week's meetings are:

Tuesday, June 29
Wall Co-op 8:30 a.m.
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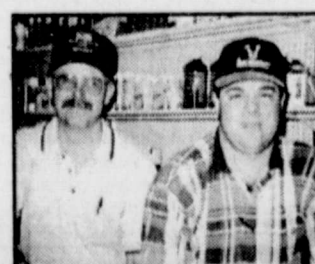
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