Apples of Gold

JOY-Two tragedies in life: One is not to get your heart's desire. The other is to get it.

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# Winters Enterprise Serving Winters and North Runnels County

Thursday, July 29, 1999

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# Dr. Keith Boles opens practice August 4 "Small Town Doc" finally arrives

After waiting and planning for seven years, North Runnels Hospital is welcoming Keith Boles, M.D. to Winters. Dr. Boles will finally begin practice in Winters on Wednesday, August 4.

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In 1992, Boles signed a contract with the State of Texas and North Runnels Hospital to practice in Winters in return for scholarship funding to attend medical

During these past seven years, Dr. Boles has kept readers of *The* Winters Enterprise updated on the status of his medical training through his column titled, "Education of a Small Town Doc."

Scott Anderson, NRH Administrator, said, "We are very, very excited about Dr. Boles' arrival. We've been preparing for over a year to have our staff trained to handle the new patient load that Dr. Boles will bring to North Runnels Hospital."

A Family Practice doctor, Boles is specially trained to see patients claims. of all ages, from newborns to senior adults. While he enjoys treat- medicine, Dr. Boles received a ing entire families, Boles takes a Bachelor of Science degree in Mespecial interest in pediatrics and chanical Engineering from Texas

outside of Runnels County for two years. their healthcare.

"Our nursing staff is trained in Advanced Cardiac Life Support and will soon attend training in Pediatric Advanced Life Support," said Anderson. "We have been updating our other staff members to handle the young adults and pediatric patients that we anticipate Dr. Boles will treat at our facility."

Starting July 29, appointments can be made for August 4 by calling 754-1317. Office hours will be 8:30 to 5:00 Monday through Friday. Dr. Boles' office will be located on East Hwy. 153 in the Lee Medical Clinic building. Assisting Dr. Boles in his office will be Carla Harris, R.N. and Renae Coit, office manager. He asks for your patience as his employees are trained in their respective duties, especially in filing insurance

Before deciding to go into gynecology. He hopes to attract A&M University and worked for

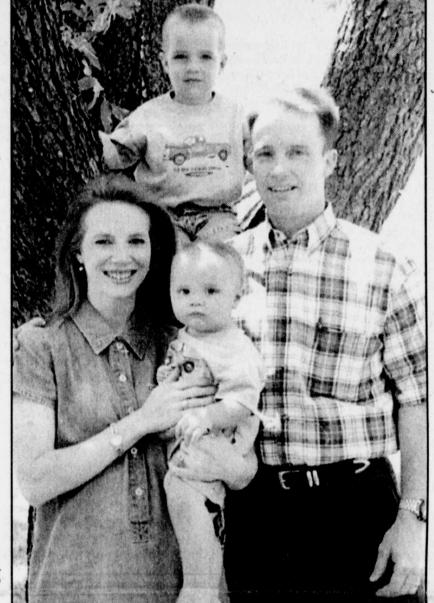
patients who are currently going Blum Engineering in Dallas for

Once he decided to change careers, he was an Alpha Omega Alpha honor graduate of Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center School of Medicine in Lubbock. He has recently completed a three-year training program at Waco's McLennan County Family Practice Resi-

When asked if he is glad to be finished with school, Boles said, "Yes, I'm eager to start serving the people of Winters."

Boles brings with him to Winters his wife Lori and their two sons, Brett, age 3, and Blake, age 1. They say they are glad to be close to family, since his grandparents, Monroe and Arlene Boles, his parents, Roeneal and Phyllis Boles, and his uncle and aunt, Randall and Jean Boles are longtime residents.

In his spare time, Boles enjoys playing with his kids, jogging, waterskiing, and reading. He and his family look forward to being active members of their church and the community of Winters.



Dr. Keith Boles, wife Lori and sons Brett and Blake

# Three more arrested in burglaries

On Wednesday, July 21, three more juveniles were arrested by Winters police in connection with a string of burglaries and vandalism on the night of July 6.

Two 15-year-old males and one 16-year-old male were arrested and taken to the Juvenile Detention Center in San Angelo.

According to Sergeant Alfredo Sanchez of the Winters Police Department, the arrests of July 21 were the result of information received from individuals who may be eligible for a reward from Crimestoppers.

A 16-year-old female had also been arrested in connection with the crimes of July 6. This juvenile was also charged with burglary of a building and was taken to JDC in San Angelo.

Sergeant Sanchez said the arrests on July 21 conclude their investigation of suspects for crimes against The Beauty Center, Windmill Enterprises, Joe's Rent-All, Bedford-Norman Insurance, and Farmers Seed and Sup-

POE'S CORNER TRAFFIC CONGESTION has been a regular happening as road construction continues on Highway 153 east and west of Winters. The 2.6 million dollar Texas Department of Transportation project was started in October, 1998, and should be completed by September,

# TxDOT explains delay in local road construction

Anyone who has traveled east or west from Winters on Highway 153 has no doubt experienced the physical discomfort and mental frustration caused by what seems to be endless construction of the two projects which were started October 5, 1998.

One section of Hwy. 153 three miles west of Winters that is under construction runs from FM 384 to FM 1677 for 2.259 miles. The other section, located 5 miles east of Winters, runs from FM 2647 to FM 382 for 6.778 miles.

Mr. Donald Peterson, Supervising Area Engineer with the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), recently spoke to members of the Winters Lions ters residents who must travel country roads. However, that plan through the rough construction ar- was abandoned.

Peterson said the reason for the into roadway ditches which fur- of working days allotted. ther eroded stability of pavement structure. He also cited high main- away the old surfaces and then put tenance cost and lack of person- down cement to stabilize eight nel as additional reasons for re- inches of underlying subgrade. building the roads.

"Safety is always our first concern," said Peterson, who added that TxDOT had considered closing these sections of Hwy. 153

Club and tried to appease the Win- altogether and making detours to

He further stated that Prater Equipment Company, Inc., from work was because existing pave- Comanche, Texas is working two ment was heavily contaminated crews on the 2.6 million dollar by underlying soils due to pump- project which, as of the end of ing actions caused by roadway June, 1999, had expended 89% of traffic, and groundwater seepage contract monies and charged 86%

> Workers first had to grade Twelve inches of flexible base has been added which is being topped with two surfaces.

In further detailing the work See TxDOT, page 7

# Sales tax holiday coming August 6-8

School buildings are mostly empty. Family vacations are underway. Texas temperatures are rising. The Rangers and Astros lead their divisions. It's definitely summertime in the Lone Star State.

Summer is in full swing, but Texas families might want to start thinking about their back-toschool shopping. Why? Thanks to Senate Bill 441, which the Legislature passed and Governor Bush signed earlier this year, Texas families will enjoy 72 hours of tax-free shopping in early August.

On August 6, 7, and 8, Texans will enjoy the first-ever Texas sales tax "holiday." Items of children's and adult's clothing, and non-athletic shoes, costing less than \$100 will be completely exempt from state and local sales taxes. Texas leaders estimate this sales tax holiday will save Lone Star State consumers \$69.2 mil-

The sales tax holiday means that consumers will save up to 8.25% on their purchases of Wranglers, Red Wings, or Doc Martins.

# **Elementary** registration August 2

Winters Elementary School will hold a registration day for grades pre-K through sixth, on Monday, August 2, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. according to Principal Tammy Bright. Registration will be held in the elementary school

Anyone new to the district is invited to register their children on this day. In addition, anyone who has not pre-registered their pre-kindergartner or kindergartner is encouraged to do so at this

For more information, contact the elementary school office at 754-5577.

commonly used as everyday exempt. But items used exclu-

baseball caps, or running shoes

Athletic shoes and clothing costing less than \$100, will be wear, such as football jerseys, sively for athletic purposes, such See TAX HOLIDAY, pg. 4

# WABIC offers grant incentive for business facade improvements

The Winters Area Business and Industrial Corporation has developed an incentive grant program designed to encourage beautification and improvements on local business facades. A maximum of \$5,000 has been earmarked for

this project. The WABIC will award grants matching the amount that individual businesses are willing to spend on improving their building's front exterior, up to \$250. For instance, if a business is willing to spend \$150 of their monies on improvement, WABIC will grant an additional \$150 toward the project.

Eligible projects include paint-

face, masonry repair or cleaning, permanent signage, awnings, window repair or replacement, moving air conditioning units from front of buildings, permanent landscaping, restoration to original appearance, and decorative outside lighting.

Grants will be awarded on a first-come, first-served basis, until funds are depleted. This is conditional on approval by a committee as to whether the application meets the guidelines.

Applications are available at the Chamber of Commerce and are now being accepted. Grant approval will be completed by January 1, 2000. For information, ing any previously painted sur- contact the WABIC at 754-5210.

# WHAT'S HAPPENING?

July 29-11:30 a.m., Senior Citizens Meal Noon, Grain Sorghum Production Meeting, Rock Hotel

July 30-7 a.m., Band Practice Begins 11:30 a.m., Senior Citizens Meal

4-9 p.m., Country Peddler Show Begins, Abilene Aug. 1-6 p.m., Revival Begins, Southside Baptist Church

ICA Annual Trade Show & Convention Begins, San Antonio

Aug. 2-8 a.m.-4 p.m., Elementary Registration 9 .am.-4 p.m., WIC, Winters Housing Authority

11:30 a.m., Senior Citizens Meal

7 p.m., Revival, Southside Baptist Church

7:30 p.m., Ballinger Masonic Lodge

Wire Recycling Event Begins, Wall Aug. 3-11:30 a.m., Senior Citizens Meal

5 p.m., Hale Museum Directors

7 p.m., Revival, Southside Baptist Church

7 p.m., Baseball Assn. Closing Ceremonies, Girls Softball Field 7 p.m., American Legion

7 p.m., WVFD

7-9 p.m., Area Art Guild Organizational Meeting, Ballinger Aug. 4-9 a.m.-4 p.m., Hearing Services, North Runnels Hospital

11:30 a.m., Senior Citizens Meal 6 p.m., Chamber Directors

6-8 p.m., FUMC Summer Fun Blast, City Park & Pool 7 p.m., Revival, Southside Baptist Church

Aug. 5-10 a.m.-Noon & 1:30-3 p.m., Immunization Clinic, TDH

11:30 a.m., Senior Citizens Meal 6:30 p.m., Runnels County Emmaus, Methodist Church

7 p.m., Winters Squares, Community Center 8 p.m., Athletic Booster Rlizzard Field

# Oil Bidness

By Reg Boles ©1999



News Flash!! Oil promoter accused of bilking public! The accused cannot be located and many investors are left with nothing!

I know some of you are shocked to hear that such a thing could be true. Why, a swindle in the oil patch is as rare as \$40 oil.

Unfortunately, such swindles are more common than they should be in this business While the majority of deals done in the oil patch are legitimate, there are the proverbial bad apples.

A long-term shady character from north Texas is being accused of running fraudulent oil and gas investor deals. It seems he was using new investors' money to pay existing investors without ever putting the money into drilling or whatever. For some others, he didn't even bother to pass the money along, he just purchased nice things for himself.

While such things are making the news here in Texas, now is a good time to remind ourselves of how to be careful and avoid similarly unpleasant outcomes. Let's look at a few pertinent points...

First of all, it is best to remember that cons work best on the greedy. Sure enough, if you think you can steal something for nothing, you are probably (a) breaking the law or (b) going to get conned in the process. So, if you are considering an investment, check your greed at the door. Expect to pay a premium for a good deal with low risk. Higher risk will allow a smaller investment, but the chances of success are much reduced. There are few shortcuts to this simple rule.

Another good rule is check out the source of the pitch. That is easier said than done, I know. Many deals do not come with a historical record of the operator or the promoter. The few that do are unsubstantiated and undocumented. The only solution is do some independent verification.

Ask for references from other investors. Call them. Check on the company's credit record if possible. Do some homework to check out your future partner. Just because someone says something is so doesn't make it so.

Ask key questions, like: (1) on drilling well proposals, ask for detailed projection of results of well if not provided; (2) ask for offset production information similar to the work in proposal, if it exists; (3) how long it will take to payout the investment you make-more than a year on well work and more than three years on a drilling well should be considered poor; (4) what is the percentage that promoter is taking, whether it be override or carried interest—too much override and not enough participation is a danger signal; and, (5) what is the net revenue interest (the amount you get paid on) divided by the working interest (the amount you pay)—if this is below 75 percent, be careful.

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Be careful out there when it comes to such investments. They are not for the uninitiated and they require significant technical understanding to evaluate. In some cases, professional assistance might be recommended to facilitate a sound decision on an important question.

Good luck.

HIGHLIGHTS OF AREA DRILLING ACTIVITY

COMPLETIONS

None This Week

**STAKINGS** 

Callahan County

Seven Wells Oil & Gas Exploration has staked the Scott #2 in the County Regular Field, 7 miles S of Baird (Depth 1200). Loc. is 2240 FNL & 500 FWL of BBB&C Sur. No. 127, A-93.

Coke County

Kerr McGee Corporation has applied to plug back the Jameson Strawn Sand Unit #5-35 in the Jameson Field, 2 miles SW of Silver (Depth 6543). Loc. is 2993 FEL & 2452 FSL of Sec. 316, Blk. 1A, H&TC Sur., A-1847.

Marshall & Winston, Inc. has applied to plug back the March -35- #1 as a Wildcat, 9 miles SW of Robert Lee (Depth 7280). Loc. is 3550 FNL & 667 FEL of Sec. 35, Blk. Z, D&SE RR Sur., A-112.

Coleman County

Rayco Operating has staked the R.L.P. Investments #1 in the County Regular Field, 3 miles W of Novice (Depth 4000). Loc. is 330 FEL & 1263 FSL of Sec. 30, Blk. 2, T&NO Sur., A-915.

Sha Stephens, Inc. has staked the Warren-Thurman #1 as a Wildcat, 8 miles S of Burkett (Depth 3300). Loc. is 1764 FEL & 1024 FSL of Sec. 27, Blk. 3, HT&B Sur

Concho County

The Pickens Company has applied to re-enter the R.L. Carter #2 in the West Millersview Field, 2 miles SW of Millersview (Depth 3196). Loc. is 2228 FWL & 467 FSL of Sec. 97, Blk. 72, T&NO Sur., A-874.

**Nolan County** 

Lytle Creek Operating has staked the Colyer #1 as a Wildcat, 12 miles S of Sweetwater (Depth 6300). Loc. is 1980 FSL & 1330 FEL of Sec. 101, Blk. X, T&PRR Sur., A-511

Walter Exploration has applied to plug back the Robtann -C- #1 in the Sprague Field, 12 miles SE of Sweetwater (Depth 3750). Loc. is 2242 FSL & 1726 FWL of Sec. 4, Blk. X, T&PRR Sur.

Runnels County

London Petroleum Corporation has staked the R. Edington #1 in the R. Perkins Field, 8 miles NW of Ballinger (Depth 4400). Loc. is 100 FWL & 1172 FNL of R.K. Wylie Sur. No. 42, A-938.

Texas United Geoproduction, Inc. has applied to re-enter the Rose #1 in the Wildcat, 3 miles SW of Rowena (Depth 4760). Loc. is 7030 FNL & 330 FWL of R.G. Trimble Sur. No. 181-1/2.

**Taylor County** 

GeoSurveys, Inc. has staked the Tarpley #2 in the Patterson Field, 2 miles N of Merkel (Depth 2900). Loc. is 775 FNEL & 1010 FNWL of Lge. 148, Lab. 12, Grimes CSL Sur., A-72.

Heart Land Petroleum has staked the West Ovalo Gardner Lime Unit #25 in the County Regular Field, 4 miles W of Ovalo (Depth 4500). Loc. is 800 FSL & 330 FEL of T.J. Sproles Sur.

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IT'S A BIRD ... IT'S A PLANE ... No, it's Corey Caldwell, 8 springing off the diving board at the City Pool as summer nears an end. Corey is the son of Lauren Hansen of Winters.

# City Pool to close Aug. 11

The Winters City Pool will simply won't have the guards," he close for the summer on Wednesday, August 11, 1999, at 6 p.m. With school beginning August 12, the pool will be without lifeguards, prompting closure for the

Kyle Loudermilk, city pool manager, said that all swim parties must be held by the August 11, date. "We won't have any evening parties after the 11th. We

Card of Thanks

We would like to take this opportunity to express our appreciation to everyone that helped our family during the loss of our beloved Gilbert Arroyo.

Thanks to everyone for the food, flowers, cards, prayers, and kind words that provided so much comfort to us.

A special thank you to Mike Meyer, Linda Dry, Father Sam, and the Guadalupañas.

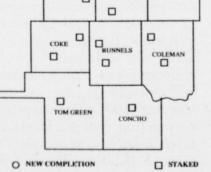
We would also like to thank Dry's Finish Department and everyone who helped with the family meal.

To our family and friends, we especially thank you so much for helping to keep Gilbert alive in our hearts.

Thanks and God bless you all. The Arroyo family Victoria Rodriguez & family

Tom Green County

Bob Hughes Oil has applied to re-enter the Turner Estate -A- #2A in the Hall Field, 10 miles S of Carlsbad (Depth 2000). Loc. is 2310 FWL & 330 FNL of Sec. 60, Blk. 5, H&TC Sur., A-8104.



# Card of Thanks

Dear Family & Friends,

said. He also notes there will be

no Saturday party bookings

Monday through Saturday, and 2

booked as soon as possible for the

remaining two weeks of the sea-

son. He can be reached at 754-

Pool hours are from 1 to 6 p.m.,

Loudermilk asks that parties be

through the end of the season.

to 5 p.m. on Sundays.

4645 during pool hours.

Words can never tell you how thankful we are for the outpouring of love and prayers. Your support as customers at the store was so appreciated and will not be forgotten.

Your open arms welcome to your churches, fellowships, organizations, and businesses only confirm what we feel in our hearts. Winters has always been and will always be "our home"!

We love you and to have that love returned is the greatest blessing God could give us! God answers our prayers in ways we don't understand sometimes. In ways that seem unfair or hurtful for us!

All he asks, is that we be obedient and if we are hurt along the way-be forgiving! And always know if he shuts a door, it is only because he is ready to open a better one!

We can't know what tomorrow holds but we know who is holding our hand!

God bless each of you always Terry, Noelisa & Adam Loehman

## **Emmaus to meet**

Runnels County Emmaus will meet Thursday, August 5, at 6:30 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church in Winters.

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

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# **Obituaries**

# Vera Ashby Martin

WINTERS—Vera Ashby Martin, 103, died Friday, July 23, 1999, in a Winters nursing home.

She was born on January 12, 1896, in St. Augustine, Texas, and lived most of her life in the West Texas area. She married Gordon Ashby on May 25, 1914, in Bay City, Texas. She moved to Winters in

Mrs. Martin was a housewife and a lifetime member of the Eastern

She was preceded in death by her husband in 1938 and one daughter, Clara B. Fitzgerald.

Survivors include one daughter, Adelle Young of Canyon Lake; one sister, Effie Pumphrey of Winters; three grandchildren; six greatgrandchildren; one great-grandchild; and several nieces and nephews.

Services were held at 10:00 a.m. Monday, July 26, in the Winters Funeral Home Chapel with Reverend Don Roath officiating. Burial was directed by Winters Funeral Home.

#### Lucile Moore

BALLINGER-Lucile Moore, 92, died at 8:23 a.m. Thursday, July 22, 1999, at her home.

She was born on December 31, 1906, to Tom and Dillie Williams in Hutto, Texas.

Mrs. Moore was a cook for the Head Start Center in Ballinger and was a member of Mt. Moriah Baptist Church.

Survivors include four sons, Lawrance Moore of Odessa, Frankie Lee Moore of Abilene, and Leroy Moore and Elroy Moore, both of Ballinger, and a host of grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Services were held at 1:00 p.m. Saturday, July 24, at the Community of Faith Church in Ballinger with Minister Queandro Quarles officiating. Burial was in Evergreen Cemetery in Ballinger, directed by Rains-Seale Funeral Home of Ballinger.

#### Virdie Adala Jackson

BALLINGER-Virdie Adala Jackson, 93, died at 3:40 a.m. Thursday, July 22, 1999, at Heritage Oaks Nursing Home.

She was born on January 24, 1906, to Robert E. Lee Bryan and Elizabeth Larkin in Fife, Texas. She married Charles Vade Jackson on August 8, 1924, in Sterling City.

Mrs. Jackson was a homemaker and a Baptist.

She was preceded in death by her husband in 1981 and two sons, Lloyd Charles Jackson and Jimmy L. Jackson.

Survivors include one son, David L. Jackson of Bryan; two daughters, Evelyn Hanson of San Angelo and Joy Overby of Ballinger; one sister, Mamie Lewis of Wichita Falls; and seventeen grandchildren.

Graveside services were held at 10:00 a.m. Saturday, July 24, at Evergreen Cemetery in Ballinger with Reverend Winford Gore officiating. Burial was directed by Rains-Seale Funeral Home of Ballinger.

#### **Senior Citizens Activity Center** Menu

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Monday, Aug. 2: Swiss steak, hominy, beets, cornbread, and cherry crisp.

Tuesday, Aug. 3: Meatloaf, mashed potatoes, green beans, cornbread, and fruit.

Wednesday, Aug. 4: Pork roast & gravy, sauerkraut salad, lima beans, hot roll, and Jello cake. Thursday, Aug. 5: Hamburger steak & gravy, rice, pea salad, bread, and banana pudding. Friday, Aug. 6: Tamales w/ chili & cheese, Spanish rice, tossed salad, chips & hot sauce, and cobbler.

### Correction

The Winters Enterprise incorrectly listed the female barber at Raymond's Clip Joint as Jewel 'Dean' Moss. The correct last name is Means.

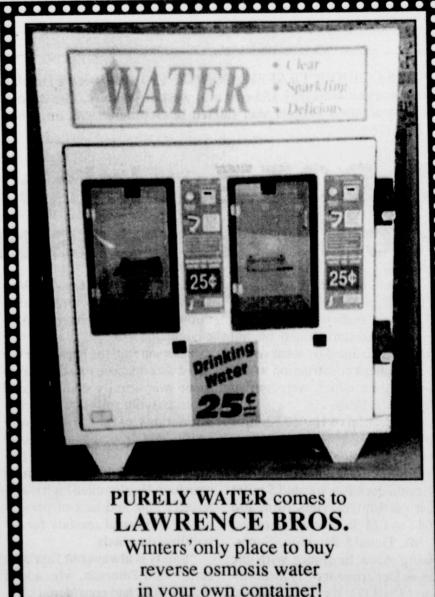
Yes, we did have it down correctly on paper but when typing 'saw" the name Moss instead.

Please Ms. Means accept our sincere apologies. We regret the



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Revival set at

start at 7:00 p.m.

Southside Baptist

Church, Aug. 1-4

day through Wednesday, August

A revival is planned at Southside Baptist Church, Sun-

Sunday School will be at 9:45 a.m. The Sunday morning service will be at 10:50 a.m. and the evening service is scheduled at 6:00 p.m. On Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, the service will

Preaching will be Reverend T.H. Harding. The music will be conducted by Heaven's Jubilee.

Everyone is invited to attend!

Southside Baptist Church is

located at 617 Crews Road.

Brother Dwayne Andruss is pas-

**FUMC plans** 

**Summer Fun** 

**Blast, August 4** 

Church plans a back-to-school,

church-wide, Summer Fun Blast

on Wednesday, August 4, from 6

to 8 p.m. The event will be held

at the City Pool and Ted Meyer

food, and for those who would

like, swimming. The children and

youth of the church are adopting

new grandparents for the evening

and are inviting senior members

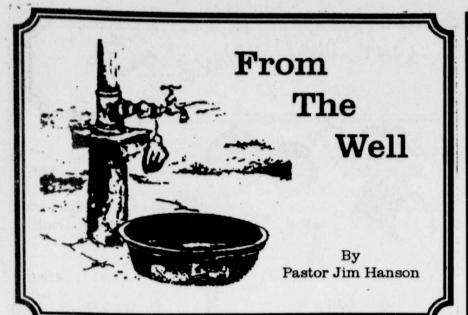
from the church's roll to attend

It is easy to sit up and take no-

tice. What is difficult is getting

There will be table games, horse shoe pitching, fellowship,

The First United Methodist





Pastor Jim Hanson

We could hardly believe our eyes. Here, on the streets of Winters, Texas, was a man carrying a cross. A big one. Heavy. And, on the cross were these words "Jesus loves U."

I told Ramona, "We know that man. I think it's Walter Masters. You know, the guy who drove the Frito Lay truck. His wife, Tammy,

brought the 'March for Jesus' to us two years ago."

I crossed the street. Sure enough, it was Walter. He and wife Tammy, their two girls, Ashley and J'Ann, were back in town for a day or two. And he was doing what he was called to do, "to carry his cross and follow Jesus," bringing the simple message to people on the streets of small towns and cities: "Jesus loves U." He is truly a disciple. Wherever he goes.

He and his wife knew, early on in their life together, that they would be missionaries. One day Walter went to a men's breakfast, and there he heard the message from a Baptist missionary. And in that message, he heard the call of God to become a missionary. When he came home and shared this with Tammy, she said, "I've know for some time that we would be missionaries. I'm with you."

At first, they assumed this meant the traditional way of college and seminary training, and then sponsored by a denomination they would go someplace and be missionaries. But, those doors just didn't open. God had another plan for them. One they had never dreamed.

One day as they were driving down the road, they saw a man, stranded with his pickup, alongside the road. On the pickup were these words, "Jesus loves U." This man was a missionary. He went to rest areas and Wal-Mart type parking lots, and just ministered and witnessed to people as "the Lord led." Walter helped him get his pickup

It seemed to Walter and Tammy that "maybe this is what God is calling us to do." So, they worked and got themselves ready - to hit the road and bring the message to people at rest areas and parking lots. They were blessed and knew it was this kind of direct, person-toperson missionary activity they were called to do.

But, there was something more that God had for Walter. They knew that. So they came to Winters. Walter worked for Frito Lay. They purchased a used R.V. and a used pickup. Had just enough money — "the Lord provided." And when they took off this time, their method or way was different.

It was the way of "carrying the cross." Like Arthur Blessit, who, a few years ago, carried a cross on his shoulders all over the world. One day as he was sitting in his office, the Lord said to him, "Take the cross off the wall, and carry it." He did. Like Larry Grose, who I met one day 10 years ago in Odessa. He walks, carrying a cross, on I-20 in that area.

So, this time before leaving, Walter made a cross. Out of 4x4s. The first time he carried it was around Whitlow's building. "I wore out carrying it around the block." Not anymore. He's in great shape, having carried the cross on the streets of small towns and cities all over Texas. "As the Lord leads."

He is a missionary to the people on the streets, whoever they are. His method is simply to go where the Lord sends him. He walks, carrying the cross, smiling and waving to the people as he goes. He has many

He has had little hostility directed to him. He just walks with the big cross. It is the cross that attracts. And the message of the cross — "Jesus loves U." And the people are not in church — they are on the streets. Walter and his family are "sowing seeds" of salvation, sowing the

good seed wherever they go. One day in Brownsville, he was attracted to a building. It had a big sign with a big cross on it, with these words "A.B.C., All Because Calvary." He went in and visited with the owner. When he asked, "How is it going with you?," the owner broke down in tears. Everything was going wrong — his wife, his family, his business. He had backslid bad. Walter came just at the right time. And the Christ of the

Cross ministered to that man through Walter. Walter and his family, like the early apostles, "deny themselves, take up the cross, and follow Him." They have no sponsors. They carry no tracts. They assemble no crowds. They just sow the seed. Jesus leads. They follow. Not afraid. In public. On the streets. With the people. Like Jesus. For everybody.

It's not for everybody — this way. But it's a lot more appealing to me than the big T.V. evangelists and the mega-churches. Simple. Down to earth. For real. The cross and the sign "Jesus loves U." And the man carries it. Think about it. And let that thinking renew your faith. It surely did mine.

If you'd like to write them: Walter, Tammy, Ashley, and J'Ann Masters P.O. Box 2696

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# NOTICE

The office of

Tommy L. Russell, D.D.S.

will be closed Thurs., July 29 thru Fri., Aug.6 and will re-open Monday, Aug. 9

Dr. Russell will be attending the American Academy of Implant Dentistry meeting.

# Too cool... NOT



TRYING TO BEAT THE HEAT are (standing, from left) Jacie Frierson, age 7; Candace O'Dell, 7; Vanna Henson, 9; (in house) Corbin O'Dell, 9; and Josh Henson, 8. The youngsters came up with the idea of selling water ballons for 25¢ each to any takers, and, believe it or not, made their money back with profit. The cardboard house, complete with an umbrella roof, provided some relief from the mid-to-high 90° temperatures. Parents are Frank and Jodie O'Dell, Kerry and Julie Frierson, and Jim and Becky Henson.

### **County begins** budget workshop

In a short, five-minute special meeting on Tuesday, Runnels County Commissioners took care of two items of business then moved into a budget workshop.

Commissioners gave their approval to a letter of support for the City of Ballinger's application for funding through Texas Department of Transportation's Enhancement Program.

The only other item on the agenda was a change order on the new jail from ISI Security Systems decreasing their billing to the county by \$1,751.80.

The County Judge and Commissioners, along with County Auditor Darlene Smith and County Treasurer Margarette Smith, then began work on the 1999-2000 fiscal year budget for the

County Judge Marilyn Egan said the appraisal district estimate of taxable value in the county for this year is \$297,692,304. Judge Egan said that value is higher than last year, but she was unsure as to the amount of increase.

The county has a current tax rate of \$.73 per \$100 valuation. Commissioners were working with requests from department heads for their 1999-2000 budget and trying to make the amount of money coming in balance with the requested amount of money

Judge Egan said she expected the budget to be completed and approved sometime in September. The County's fiscal year begins October 1.

#### TAX HOLIDAY, cont'd.

as golf shoes or football pants, are not eligible for the sales tax break. In addition, jewelry, handbags, wallets, and formal wear are not exempt. School supplies such as notebook paper, pens and pencils, file folders, backpacks, etc. are not exempt. Sales tax must be paid on these items.

The Legislature also eliminated sales taxes on over-thecounter medications and up to \$25 per month in Internet access charges. Altogether, state leaders cut consumer sales, business, and property taxes by nearly \$2 billion this year allowing citizens to keep more of their hard-earned

State leaders used the record \$6.4 billion budget surplus wisely. Record increases were funded in public school funding, a \$3,000 pay raise for school teachers, human service and criminal justice needs, and then returned nearly \$2 billion to the people in the form of tax cuts.

Going back to school is often stressful for children and parents alike. Back to school shopping can be a taxing and expensive experience. Fortunately, the state leaders have made things easier by cutting taxes. So as your summer vacation comes to a close and the 1999 school year looms on the horizon, remember that you have 72 hours of tax-free shopping on August 6, 7, and 8.

Last clinic before school begins-

# TDH shot clinic set for Thursday, August 5

weeks away and parents need to make sure their children's immunizations and shot records are current. As a rule of thumb, children need a series of shots at age 4 and 12 and tetanus boosters every ten

This applies only if immunizations have been kept current since birth. If parents are in doubt as to whether their children are up-to- entry.

The start of school is just two date on shots, Lea Angel, RN/ BSN, with the Texas Department week for someone to evaluate.

and 1:30 to 3 p.m. The clinic is

# Searching for WHS Class of 1979

The Class of 1979 is planning their 20th reunion for this fall. A date is slated to be announced soon.

Please contact Becky McKnight Boles at 214-553-9823 or e-mail at RegMo@aol.com for more information.

Anyone wanting to help is also welcome to contact Becky.

of Health, encourages parents to bring the records by her office this The TDH will be holding their

up and taking action. monthly shot clinic on Thursday, August 5 from 10 a.m. to noon located in the Professional Building, Suite 108, the Grant Street

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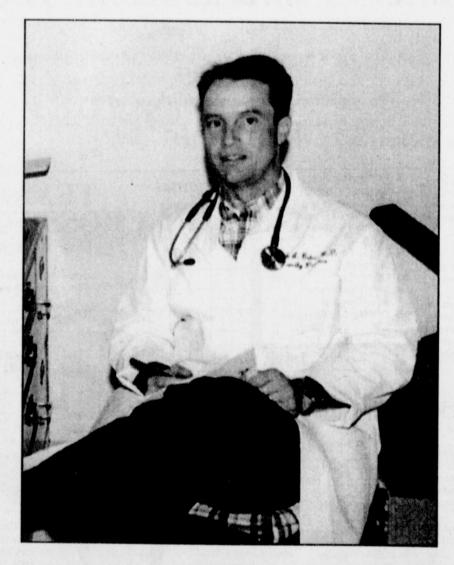
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# North Runnels Hospital is proud to welcome

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Dr. Boles is a graduate of Texas A&M University. He was an Alpha Omega Alpha honor graduate of Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center School of Medicine in Lubbock. He has recently completed a three-year training program at McLennan County Family Practice Residency in Waco.

A Family Practice physician, Dr. Boles is specially trained to see patients of all ages, from newborns to senior adults, with a special interest in pediatrics and gynecology.

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# Elementary students reminded of school dress code

"Meet the Teachers Night" & TIPS registration—

by Tammy Bright, Winters Elementary Principal

as we approach the beginning of dress code policy. The school ena new school year. "Meet the Teacher Night" is scheduled for Wednesday, August 11, from 6 to 6:45 p.m.

School supplies may be brought to school on this night. School supply lists are available at the elementary school office, area merchants, and The Winters Enterprise.

school care program will be offered again this school year. You may register at "Meet the Teacher Night."

back to school clothes, please re-

Here are just a few reminders member that WISD does have a courages students, under the supervision of their parents, to maintain high standards of dress, grooming, and appearance.

> Students shall come to school looking neat, clean, and wearing clothes that will not be a health or safety hazard to the student or

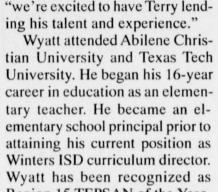
The district prohibits pictures, The TIPS before and after emblems, or writing on clothing that are lewd, offensive, vulgar, or obscene, or depicts or advertises tobacco products, alcoholic beverages of any kind, drugs, or As you begin shopping for any other substance prohibited

In keeping with the above guidelines we are strongly requesting that shirts promoting WWF wrestling, not be worn due to recent injury and death of youngsters involving WWF wrestling moves and holds.

Students may wear hemmed shorts provided they are midthigh length. Shirts should be long enough to cover the mid section when arms are raised.

Wonderful plans are being made and discussed for the upcoming 1999-2000 school year. Teachers are getting their rooms ready and we are excited about another great year at Winters Elementary. See everyone soon!

### **Terry Wyatt named District** before playing 15 TEPSA President



Terry Wyatt, curriculum director at Winters ISD, was recently named District 15 President for the Texas Elementary Principals and Supervisors Association. Wyatt and his fellow officers

from the 20 TEPSA districts across the state were installed at the association's annual Leadership Conference, held this year in July in Galveston.

"Much of TEPSA's strength comes from the service of our the elementary level.

state and district leaders," said Executive Director Sandi Borden, "we're excited to have Terry lend-

Region 15 TEPSAN of the Year.

TEPSA represents more than 4,000 elementary and middle school leaders, including principals, assistant principals, central office administrators, and supervisors of reading, mathematics, science, special education, and other disciplines. All told, TEPSA members supervise two-thirds of the children in Texas public schools. Formed in 1917, TEPSA was created to improve children's futures by bettering education at

# school sports

All 7th grade and freshman a physical.

Physical forms can be

# High school band to begin practices

As announced by director Darrington White, the 1999-2000 Winters Blizzard Band will begin practice Friday, July 30, and continue through Tuesday, August 10.

A complete schedule for the high school band practices fol-

July 30 and August 2-3 7:00-8:30 a.m.

Full band outside for marching fundamentals

8:30-10:00 a.m.

Section rehearsal for all flutes, clarinets, alto saxophones, trumpets, and French horns

10:00-11:30 a.m.

Section rehearsals for all bass this weekend in Houston. clarinets, tenor saxophones, baritone saxophones, trombones, ritones, tubas, and percussion

Full band indoors for music

1:30-3:00 p.m.

**August 4, 5, and 6** 7:00 -8:30 a.m.

Full band outside for marching indamentals

1:30-3:30 p.m.

Full band indoors for music

August 10 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Full band to start the U.I.L. Marching Contest half-time show.

# Physicals needed

boys and girls who plan to participate in athletics must have

picked up at the WISD Administration Office.

Completed forms should be turned in to Coach Byrd.

### **Baseball closing** ceremonies set for August 3

Winters Community Baseball will hold its closing ceremonies for all ages, girls and boys, on Tuesday, August 3, at 7 p.m. on the girl's softball field at the park.

Everyone needs to bring their full uniform to turn in to their coach on this night. If anyone still has candy or candy money, it will need to be turned in at this time. No player will receive a trophy until these have been collected.

### be greeted with the whimsical, upbeat characters depicting various aspects of school life. Elementary school principal Tammy Bright wanted to brighten the walls and asked for ideas. Mrs. Lincycomb, who has all level art certification, drew free-handed and painted one 'athletic spirit' wall and one 'academic' wall. The project took about 32 hours to complete. Secondary school schedules to be picked up August 9

According to Charles Kidwell, Winters secondary school principal, all students entering seventh grade as well as any new students entering the Winters secondary school system should report to the auditorium at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, August 9.

All other students should pick up their schedules according to the following order on Monday, August 9:

12th grade — 1:00 p.m.

11th grade — 1:30 p.m. 10th grade — 2:00 p.m.

9th grade — 2:30 p.m.

8th grade — 3:00 p.m.

For further information, please contact the secondary school office at 754-5516

# Local teachers attend TCTA **Leadership Conference**

Winters ISD teachers Laura potentially dangerous situations Dees and Teressa Tekell were and how to protect themselves among more than 400 Texas and others in the classroom area. Classroom Teachers Association members who attended the TCTA Leadership Conference held July formation of effective local lead-8 and 9 in San Antonio.

The district educators are local officials of the Winters Classroom Teachers Association. TCTA is a statewide professional association representing 40,000 classroom teachers throughout Texas.

lence, focusing on ways to diffuse administrative personnel.

They also discussed the recent legislative session and shared inership.

TCTA is a nonprofit, nonunion professional association serving classroom teachers and related professionals in Texas. Founded in 1927, TCTA is the only Texas education association that limits Conference participants at- active membership to public tended a session on school vio- school teachers and related non-

### to play in national tournament this weekend Two local youths have quali- from San Antonio, Dallas, Fort Bedford-Norman Insurance, fied for the ASA National Region Worth, Austin, Waco, and Hous- Pizza Hut, Casa Cabana,

7 Softball Tournament to be held ton.

Rachel Davis and Amber Green play for the Merkel 12 & under team, "Shockwaves." The girls began working out with the Merkel squad after the district tournament in June in preparation

for the state tourney. The girls finished 12th in the state tourney held in Temple, July 9-11. This past weekend the team finished fifth in the regional tournament held in Dallas. They competed along with 47 other teams from the area including squads

### **Athletic Boosters** to begin year with organizational meeting, Aug. 5

The Winters Athletic Booster Club will meet Thursday, August 5, at Blizzard Field at 8:00 p.m.

This will be an organizational meeting and officers will be elected.

The annual "Meet the Blizzards" ice cream supper has been set for Friday, August 13, at 8:00 p.m. All players, coaches, and cheerleaders will be introduced and everyone is invited to attend.

The first Blizzard scrimmage will be held here against Wall on August 20.

# **National Fair Housing Law** prohibits discrimination

This year marks the 31st anniversary of the National Fair Housing Law. To promote fair housing policies, the West Central Texas Council of Governments encourages potential homeowners and renters to be aware of their rights. Title VII of the Civil Rights Act

of 1968, as amended, prohibits discrimination against any person on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, age, handicap, familial status, or national origin in the sale or rental of units in the housing market.

For more information on fair housing or to report possible fair housing discrimination, call the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Dvelopment's toll-free hotline at 1-800-669-9777.

Two locals qualify with Merkel softball team

TROYLENE LINCYCOMB, second grade teacher and very talented artist, stands with some of

her artwork that now graces the south entrance to the elementary school. Students and visitors will

The national tournament will host teams from New Mexico, Oklahoma, Louisiana, Mississippi, and Texas.

the following businesses and people who helped make this trip Camille Kruse, Mandie, Lanny, a success: The Stitchin Post, Ken Luke, and Julie England, and Slimp, Magic Shine, Milton's Hilda, Rene, Holly, Brittany, and

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In addition are Dr. Lee, Dr. Biddix, Winters Chamber of Commerce, Charlotte Barker, The girls would like to thank Dorothy Laughon, Raymond's Clip Joint, Cheryl, Terry, and Hardware & Auto Supply, Sierra Woffenden.

# **Big Country Home Educators to** host back-to-school fellowship

Big Country Home Educators will be holding their annual backto-school fellowship on August 2, 1999, 6:30 p.m. at First United Methodist Church, 1318 South Second Street and Butternut, Abilene.

Anyone interested in learning more about home education or joining a supportive organization dedicated to strengthening your family and enhancing your children's education is invited to

The keynote speaker will be Tim Lambert, president of the Texas Home School Coalition. He will be speaking on the legal aspects of home schooling and what comes after graduation.

Children are welcome, however, no childcare is provided. There will also be a time to register for next year's school activi-

For more information, please call 915-673-2040 or 915-695-2166.



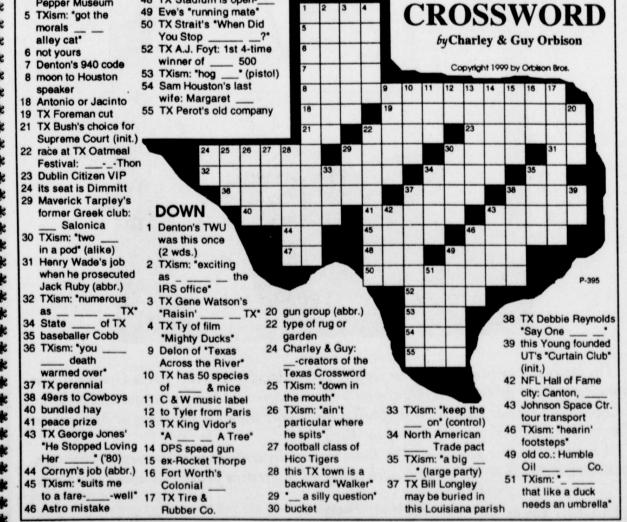
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### **Crews News**

By Hilda Kurtz

A father spends most of his life reaching in his pocket for money to give small tots something. His favorite words are "Now, when I was your age ... '

\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\* Hopewell Church had their usual dinner on Sunday after morning services. Visitors were good time with young Audra. Audrey Miller of Hamlin, Chris Shields, and Brenda Alexander.

Ladies attending the Monday morning Bible study are teacher loupe. Selma Wilkerson, Carolyn Webb, Doris Wood, Fairy Allcorn, Melvena Gerhart, Nila Osborne, and visitor Leona Matthies.

I wish to say a BIG "thank you" to the Winters Lions Club for the surprise on my birthday Tuesday. Thanks so much for the BIG cake - it was delicious. All the Lions got a cake square for their lunch. I'm not good at words, but I love - last week. you all. I've worked for Lions for 22 years and have enjoyed it.

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calls, and gifts. Thank you Father B.J. of Brownwood for the prayer card.

Visitors last Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. A.J. Collom were Mr. and Mrs. Dick Rightmire of Fort Worth, and Mr. and Mrs. Scott Carlisle and son of Amarillo. Larry and Bobbie Collom and Courtney Collom visited with Keith and Karen Collom.

Bobbie and Larry Calcote came out to Doris Wood's Sunday to spend the day. They did some fishing and had good luck. They stayed for supper. Jim Calcote of Midland came Thursday and did some odd jobs for Doris.

Ronnie and wife Bennet of Arkansas spent several days with Earl and Pat Cooper. Brother Lanny Lacy spent one night this past week.

Helen Alexander's granddaughter, Brandi, and friend Stacey Newman of Tuscon, Arizona, spent one day in Abilene

shopping. Tiffany Prater spent Thursday and Thursday night with the girls. Helen and Stacy were in Austin and visited S.K. Alexander during the week.

Coleman Foreman spent Saturday with Lawan in the Winters nursing home. Coleman also had a long, nice visit with Weldon Foreman on Saturday night.

Abie, Johnny, and Sara Giles of Brownwood came by to see Fairy and Wilbert Allcorn after being out at the Crews Cemetery on Saturday.

Noble and Harvey Mae Faubion had a nice phone visit with son Rodney and Alzi Campos in Irving during the week.

Selma Wilkerson and a group of 22 went on a Vacation Bible School mission trip to Mexico on Monday through Friday.

During the week with Georgia and Connie Gibbs were Donnie Gibbs of Menard, and Kenny and Tana Gibbs of Winters.

I enjoyed the happy birthday phone visit from my sister

Josephine in California. Edith Everett spent the weekend in Aspermont with her son Jim and granddaughter Marsha while the grown-ups worked

# "Runnels Is My County" available

Charlsie Poe, author, has announced the second edition of "Runnels Is My County", which is now available for sale at The Winters Enterprise at 104 North Main, or at the author's home at 207 W. Truett during the week or by appointment by calling 754-5431.

Price of the keepsake publication is \$20, plus \$1.65 tax, and \$3.00 for mailing. This is a short time sale.

"Runnels Is My County" was the official Texas award winner in 1970 as the Best Publication of the Year on local or regional history.

The new edition features an index for ease of reference. The book makes an excellent gift, especially to share with younger generations so that they may keep in touch with their heritage.

cattle. Carolyn Webb picked up Marsha on Sunday evening and brought her home.

Audra Miller spent Saturday and Sunday with Carolyn Webb and attended Hopewell Church services. Grandma is having a

Hildegarde and Calvin Schovajsa spent Sunday out here gathering peas, okra, and canta-

Dale and Linda Duggan hosted a "get-acquainted" supper for Mr. and Mrs. Grigsby of League City. Present were Katy Duggan, Kyle Grigsby of Abilene, Will and Leslie Duggan, Bob and Janet Pruser, Elwood and Becky Brown, and Susan Chauncey.

Dale Duggan attended the Woodard family reunion in Waco

I just finished reading a letter and happy birthday card from Ruth Thank one and all for the cards, Pape of old Mexico. She says hello and is doing fine.

Jacob were in Brownwood on Wednesday and visited with the Jerry Engler family. They all enjoyed the salad luncheon at St. Mary's Catholic Church.

The children and friends of Andrew and Louise Michalewicz gathered for the Micknic reunion at Hord's Creek from Friday to Sunday with 180 attending. Margie Jacob and her family also attended.

Herbert Jacob was the oldest. Marty Wieshuhn was the youngest, and Jennifer Phillips from Indiana came the farthest.

A barbecue pit, made and donated by James Furr, was won by John and Paula Frerich. The scholarship in memory of Andrew and Louise Michalewicz was won by Brad VanZandt.

On Sunday, a prayer service was held at 10 a.m. and all adjourned.

# Hilda Kurtz: nonagenarian and still cookin'

Born July 20, 1909, just west of Winters on the Old Bredemeyer place, Hilda Kurtz claims the Winters Bank was established that same year.

She spent two early years in Carol Kozelsky and Margie Tulsa, Oklahoma, has been to Michigan one time and Mexico a couple of times. Other than that, she's been right here in Runnels County. "I'm a home person," she

Hilda didn't start school until she was 9-years-old, attending the Cochran School. Best known for her "Crews News," she also cooks for the Winters Lions Club noon meal. She started making hot rolls for the Lions over 21 years ago and has only missed once during that time she claims proudly. "I enjoy Lions Club. Those men are just wonderful."

Not one to get out much, she tries to do all her errands one day a week-Tuesday, Lions Club day. She drops off her news article to the paper well before 7 a.m. Then it's on to the Community Center to prepare lunch. After the meal is cleaned up, she's off to do her grocery shopping and



90 YEARS YOUNG is Hilda Kurtz as she is presented with a surprise birthday cake by the Winters Lions Club on July 20.

ing home.

Hilda has also been a member of the Ladies Aide at St. John's Lutheran Church since 1926. She has a daughter, Hildegarde

Schovajsa, and a son, R.C. Kurtz, four grandchildren, seven great-

any other errands before return- grandchildren, and two stepgreat-grandchildren.

As for her birthday, Hilda says, "I never saw so many cards in my life! I get cards, phone calls, and everything-you've got no idee!" She didn't realize her "Crews News" was so well read. "I'll keep it up—that's why I do it."

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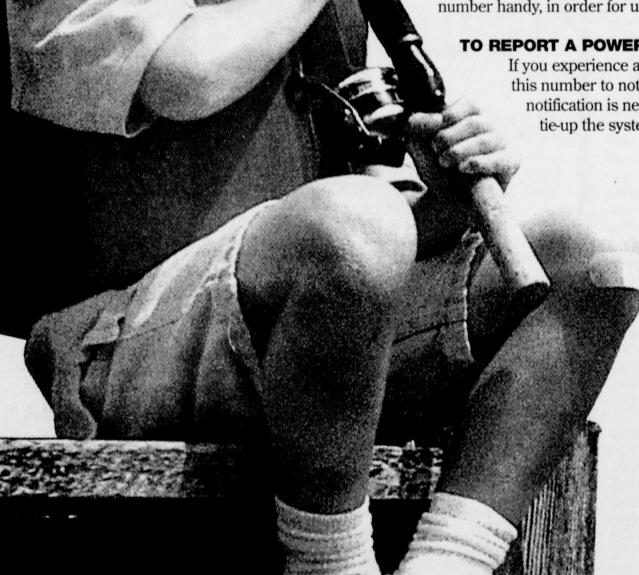
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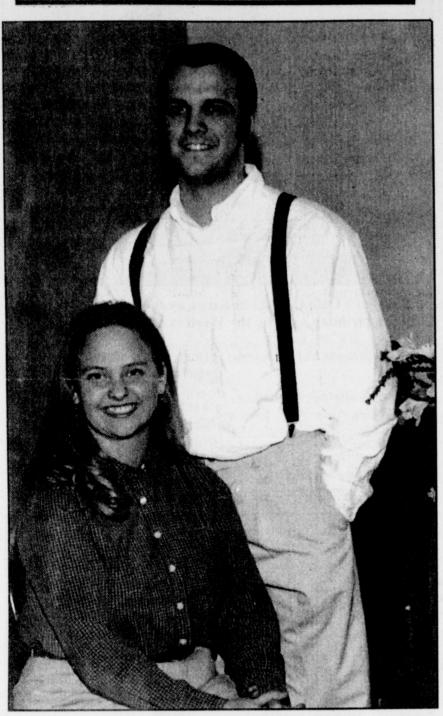
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# Engagement



Jill Notgrass & Kent Benfer

# Locals' grandson to marry

Paul and Sue Notgrass of Abilene announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Jill Diane Notgrass, to Neal Kent Benfer. Kent is the son of Keith and Tonya Benfer of Abilene.

Jill's grandparents are Tom and Zona Mauller of Newark, Ohio, and Martha Notgrass of Clyde. Kent's grandparents are Nelan and Celesta Bahlman of Winters and Edwinna Herron of Fort Worth. His greatgrandmother is Earldean Damron of Ballinger. The groom's mother, Tonya (Bahlman) Benfer, graduated from Winters High School in

A June 17, 2000, wedding is planned at Southern Hills Church of

The bride-elect is a 1998 graduate of Cooper High School in Abilene and is currently an English major at Abilene Christian

The prospective groom is a 1998 graduate of Abilene's Cooper High School and is a Bible major at Abilene Christian University.

### **Ballinger hospital administrator** speaks in Washington, D.C. on behalf of all rural hospitals

Board of Directors of the Texas Organization of Rural and Community Hospitals (TORCH), including Ballinger Memorial Hospital Administrator Robert Vernor, traveled to Washington, D.C. to visit with Texas Congressmen to discuss the impact of the Balanced Budget Act of 1997 (BBA) on rural hospitals. The delegation presented the Congressmen with a copy of a quantitative analysis on the BBA's impact on rural hospitals.

This "Impact Study" used hospitals' cost reports for fiscal year 1998 and the study revealed the BBA has had a significant negative effect on the operating margins of rural hospitals and has diminished the services many of them provide. The TORCH Impact Study was praised by the Congressmen for its exceptional content, clarity, and presentation of factual, timely information.

TORCH recognizes that Congress did not anticipate the BBA hurting rural hospitals as much as it has, yet the Congressional Budget Office's recent report on the BBA indicates that the cuts are almost double their initial projections (\$44 billion projected, \$71 billion incurred). Because rural hospitals operate on very slim profit margins to begin with, the cuts imposed by the BBA put many of them "in the red," and additional cuts dictated by the BBA are scheduled to be implemented on October 1, 1999.

This is why it is important that "small town" community leaders work cooperatively with their local hospital governing board and administration in contacting their Congressmen to implore them to

Recently, a delegation of the exempt rural hospitals from the BBA so the community hospital will not be forced to close and the residents lose access to health care.

If Congress does not provide relief and fix some of the problems resulting from the BBA before the end of this session, many of Texas' rural hospitals will likely close within the next two years, according to representatives of several hospital accounting firms familiar with rural hospitals in Texas.

Over the years, the impact of rural hospital closures on the community has been witnessed: residents lose access to health services and have to commute many miles to receive their medical care; the economic infrastructure of the community is significantly impacted by higher unemployment because of the loss of one of the largest employers in the community; new businesses do not move to town and those businesses that can, leave, so they can have healthcare access for their employees.

Congressman Charles Stenholm (D-TX) said, "If a rural community loses its hospital, it loses its chance to exist in the next millenium."

TORCH is a statewide professional association of general acute care hospitals in Texas which provides a full range of services to its members, including educational conferences, monitoring of regulatory agencies, advocacy before the Texas Legislature and the U.S. Congress.

The organization, founded in 1990, from a purely grassroots beginning, has grown and strengthened into the primary advocate for rural hospitals in the state of Texas.

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# Mandi K. Hubbard and Kevin J. Briley exchange vows in double ring ceremony

Mandi Kay Hubbard and Kevin James Briley, both of Winters, exchanged marriage vows on Friday, June 4, 1999. Rev. Jeff Robinett performed the double ring ceremony at 7 o'clock in the evening in the First Christian Church in Coleman, Texas.

The bride is the daughter of Kay and Richard Sharpes of Winters and Hurby and Jim Ann Hubbard of Early. Her grandparents are Ms. Hazel McClure and the late Clint McClure of Coleman and Pat Hubbard of Fisk. The groom is the son of Bobby and Connie Briley of Winters. He is the grandson of Theresa Briley and the late W.J. Briley of Winters and O.G. Davis of Raymondsville.

Church decorations included an arch entwined with white tulle and greenery with raffia laced around white and pale yellow flowers. A swirled candelabrum featured votive candles with white tulle and greenery entwined and tied in with the tulle draped pedestals that held potted ferns.

The aisles were adorned with white tulle pew markers that featured greenery and raffia entwined. The entry to the sanctuary was lit with two votive candelabra entwined with tulle, greenery, and raffia.

Jo Tyson, organist, provided music for the ceremony, and D'Ann Tisdale was soloist.

The bride was given in marriage by her family and escorted to the alter by her father. For her wedding, she chose a custom designed sleeveless gown of candlelight bridal satin that featured a bodice of bridal lace accented with pearl and bugle beads with sequin hand beading.

Her train was attached at the waist and was handbeaded with bridal lace appliques throughout the entire six foot train. To complete her outfit, she wore a pearl tulle veil. Her entire outfit was custom designed and handmade by her grandmother, Hazel McClure. She carried a bouquet of white and yellow roses with yellow spider mums accented with baby's breath, leather leaf, and sprengri.

Diaz of Coleman, sister of the bride. She wore a floor-length opened back dress in seafoam green crepe with green organza floor-length scarf attached at the back waist with matching heels. Baby's breath was woven into her

Bridesmaid was Kaci Thweatt of Gouldbusk. She was dressed identical to the matron of honor. Mikayla Diaz, niece of the bride, of Coleman, was flower girl. Her tea-length sea foam green crepe dress was gathered at the waist and featured a green organza sash with bow. She also had baby's breath woven into her hair.

The groom's attire featured a black western tuxedo with tails, white shirt, and cross bow tie.

Serving the groom as best man was Will Loveless of Big Spring. He wore a black western tuxedo, white shirt, and cross bow tie. Groomsman was Ryan Stieg of Balmorhea. His attire was identical to the best man.

Ring girl was Devon Rodriguez, niece of the groom, of Winters. Her attire was identical to the flower girl.

Following the wedding, the reception was held in the church fellowship hall. The bride's table featured a white cloth scallopdraped with white bridal tulle and accented with nosegays of white and yellow roses and yellow spider mums and greenery.

The bride's cake featured three tiers with fresh yellow and white roses and yellow spider mums on each layer. The centerpiece included the bride's bouquet along with the attendants' bouquets displayed on glass pillars. The punch bowl was adorned with fresh flowers and displayed a fresh flower ice wreath.

The groom's table was draped with a candlelight table cover and featured a horseshoe shaped chocolate cake with chocolate dipped strawberries. A brass and wire candelabrum held votive candles and was entwined with greenery and raffia for the center- the groom is a May 1999 gradupiece. The table also featured a ate of Howard County Junior Colbrass coffee urn.



Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Briley

Houseparty members were Lori Smith, Misty Pritchard, and Candice Henderson.

The couple is at home in Stephenville, Texas, where both will attend Tarleton State University in the fall.

The bride is a May 1999 graduate of Winters High School, and

The rehearsal dinner was held June 3, 1999, at the fellowship Dawn White, Mandy Tongate, hall of the First Christian Church and was hosted by the groom's parents. Red and navy tablecloths covered the tables that held centerpieces of sunflowers and bluebonnets. The serving table featured an old water can with large sunflowers with a large raffia bow. A complete barbecue meal with all the trimmings was served.

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The family of the late Naomi Eunice Polk. Hambright met at the Winters Community Center on Sunday, July 18, 1999.

Before the noon blessing was given, Therin Osborne asked for a moment of silence to honor the Matron of Honor was Misti memory of Eldon Hambright who passed away in April.

> meeting was held with Donald Hambright presiding.

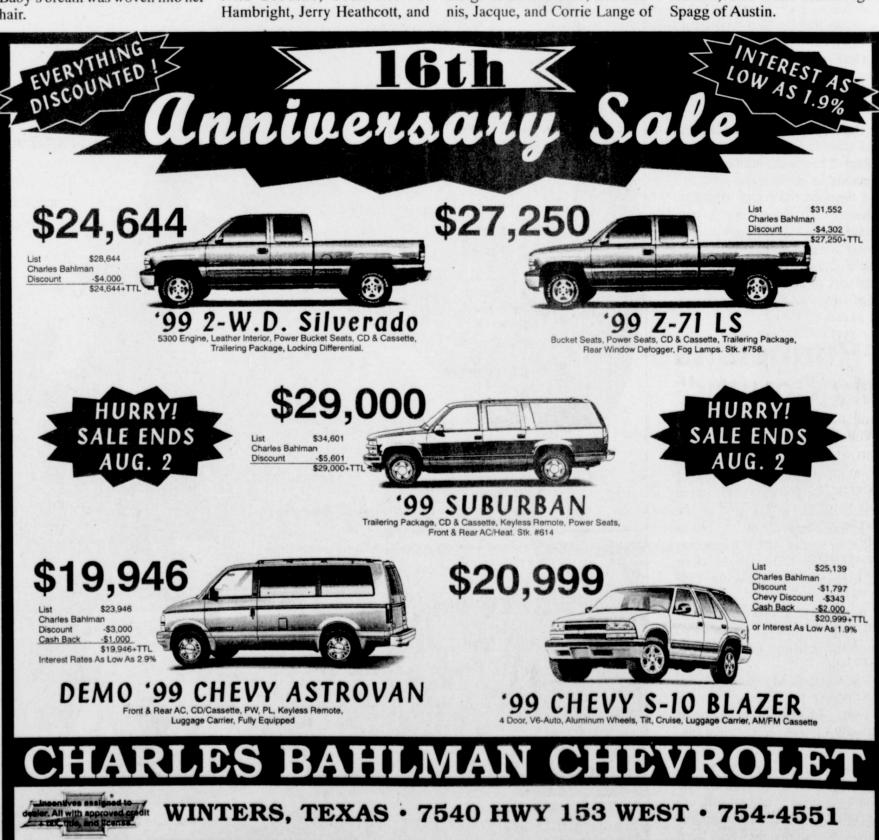
> Those attending from Winters were Selma Osborne, Therin and Nila Osborne, Cecil and Pat

From Ballinger were George and Gereldine Lange; Simon Comacho; Aubrey and Patsy Faubion; Cody Lewekin; Cliff, Melissa, Cody, and Camren Faubion; and Neomia Owens.

Others were Donna, Whitney, and Colby Brazzel of Fort Worth; After lunch, a brief business Troyce and Carol Hambright of Bella Vista, Arkansas; Donald Hambright of Fort Worth; Mike and Shirley Dyess of San Angelo; Kevin Lange of Austin; Greg Lange of San Antonio; and Den-

Kerrville.

Also Gaston and Ophelia Ernst of San Antonio; Adriana and Brice Ernst of San Antonio; Joe and Michelle Peña of San Angelo; Wesley, Karen, John, and Stefanie McGallian of Wingate; Donna, Darby, and Zachary Tharwell of San Angelo; Ben and Kay Hambright of Bronte; Mark Hambright of Bronte; James Hambright and Courtney Stokes of San Antonio; Outia Awalt of Albany; JoAnna Hambright of Austin; and Toni Hambright



# Writer recalls early days with country music star

No one in Texas ever believes me when I talk about my first years in journalism. After all, I am a Yankee! I'm a former Hoosierfrom the great state of Indiana. Of course no one remembers that either. It's one of those 'I' states . . .

I worked on the weekly newspaper of our high school, (1,000 plus students). I was sports editor. During sporting seasons in high school, I was a stringer for The Indianapolis News and The Noblesville Daily Ledger, calling in scores and statistics after Friday night ballgames.

Summers, I worked for Topics Newspapers. I was the first female reporter to enter a men's locker room in Indiana. I was covering the 1978 Indiana-Kentucky High School All-Star basketball game.

That same summer, another teenage girl I was interning with at the paper was assigned to write a feature story on this upstart 17year-old guy who was signing a pro contract to play professional ice hockey. His name was Wayne

Gretsky. Another tidbit, everyone always rolls their eyes about and says "yeah, right," is that country music star Steve Wariner is from my hometown of Noblesville. In fact, Steve played in a band with my cousin before he ever had a drivers license.

During family reunions, weekends, or summer nights, my cousin would bring Steve to my grandparent's house, or ours, or my Aunt Char's, for a "jam session." All of my cousins are musically inclined. My siblings and I missed that boat somewhere. Anyway, we have some of it documented on home videos (the 8 mm versions), of Steve and my family.

Just the other day, my mom sent me a letter and enclosed a newspaper article I had written in 1978. I was so talented for a child of only 5. Actually, I was 19, and had just finished my first year of college. Steve had just released his first single to hit the country charts. I was the first reporter from my hometown to interview

I thought it would be fun to share it with you, just as it was written 21 years ago. Here is the original article from The Topics, June 14, 1978:

#### **Local Boy Makes** Good As Nashville **Country Singer** by Deb Chapman

"In high school, if you said you liked country music they (his classmates) laughed at you. I never told anyone except my close friends, but I used to play with a band at Channel 40 on the



DEB CHAPMAN PRITCHARD, journalist for The Winters Enterprise, shows the original clipping of a story she wrote in 1978 about a then up-and-coming country music star, Steve Wariner, who wrote his current hit song "I'm Already Taken" 21 years ago. At that time, Deb was a stringer for The Topics newspaper in Indiana, and also a friend of Wariner's.

weekends. I'd come to school on Monday morning and some of the kids would joke around and make fun of me after seeing the show. I'd just listen to them and then go right back out there on Friday

Though amusing then, chances are those classmates aren't laughing and joking about that young, good looking country singer anymore.

Hit Single

Steve Wariner, who at 23 has a hit single on the country music charts, left Noblesville midway through his senior year in 1973 to play for Dottie West.

"She was playing at this club and the guys in the house band got me onstage to sing between shows. Evidently, Dottie must have listened to me sing, because she came on stage and did a couple of duets with me," said

That night, Dottie and her husband asked Steve to join their road band. Though he wanted to, at 17, Steve said no in favor of finishing high school at Noblesville.

A few months later, Dottie called Steve from Nashville and

engagement. "I did spots with her on the Opry and her husband Byron produced some tracks on me," said Steve.

#### **Publishing Company**

He spent three years with Dottie West and her band before breaking away on his own. Soon though, he joined with Bob Luman and together formed a publishing company.

Luman has recorded several of Steve's songs including five on his current album, "Alive and Well." Before making the album, Luman had nearly died of internal bleeding.

For nine months while Luman recovered, Steve went without work. "I had offers to go with other artists, but I chose to stay with Bob," Steve said.

While at recording sessions for Luman, Steve met Paul Yandell, a guitarist who has traveled and worked with RCA producer and guitar legend, Chet Atkins. Yandell was impressed with Steve's singing and asked him to make a tape for Atkins.

"Months and months went by, I didn't hear anything and I figured nothing would ever come of it," said Steve. "Then one day, renewed her offer. This time Steve I was up on my parent's farm in accepted and joined her band in Kentucky and I got a long Reno, Nevada for a two-week distance call. It was Chet Atkins."

in, but after the first verse it's fiction. I had to make up a good story to end it.". **Started Early** 

she was taken, I had to write that

Not just a whim, Steve started writing when he was young. "I must have been 15 or 16 when I wrote my first song." When asked if he ever sang them in public, he said, "Heck no! I wouldn't sing them for anyone. I was too embarrassed. I'd go hide somewhere to write them. I'd go to the bathroom and write songs; take my guitar and everything."

"After everyone else would go to bed at night, Steve would go into the bathroom and play. Even during the day he'd shut himself up in there," said Steve's mother.

"I must have written a hundred songs in the bathroom," he laughed. "With all my brothers and sisters around, it was a good place to get away."

#### **True Happenings**

Much like "I'm Already happenings. "Most of the songs I him," she said. write are real experiences. They else," he said.

I have to be in a certain mood. I just know when I'm going to waiting for a big record, keep write a song and I've got to be by myself. Other writers are Steve of his future. established and can just write anywhere, but not me. I have to throw them (the lyrics) around in my head."

Though he began writing in his mid-teens, Steve began performing even younger. "I started eight, fooling around with a guitar around the house. I played the drums in a band when I was 11years-old for little dances around

"All my relatives played. It was natural to see two or three guitars around the house. I play a little bit of everything; the guitar, bass, steel, drums, fiddle, and players around me that I admired, would study under, but no formal lessons. I'd play along with records for hours," he said.

When Steve started playing with Jack Hoppess and the just opened it and read it to herself Country Pride here in Noblesville, he was "too young to even drive" to the playing engagements. "I was raised listening to it," said Steve about his decision to sing country music. "It's all I ever heard. The stuff now is middle of the road."

"I like country but I don't like all country. It's changed so much with new artists that it's not even country, it's more contemporary. I like contemporary and that's the direction we're going with."

#### **Busy Schedule**

The easy going country boy, who was an avid artist at the high school, hasn't changed much since leaving Noblesville five years ago. Now a resident of Nashville, Tennessee, Steve said, "The only change so far is that I'm a lot busier. I still sketch a bit, but not as much as I used to. There

just isn't enough time." "No, I'm not married and probably won't be for quite a while. You know with a job like

this and trying to get started . . ." A professional singer for nearly six years now, Steve always had a goal for himself and his music. "He was always determined. Lots of days he would come home from school for lunch and go to his room and play. He's devoted all of his life to this," said Steve's mother.

"He always said when he turned 18 he was going to Nashville, and of course we never really paid much attention to it. But if Dottie hadn't come along, Taken", Steve writes about true someone else would have taken

Steve, who turns 24 on either happened to me or someone Christmas Day, has a publishing company of his own besides the "I sit down with my guitar and partnership with Bob Luman. "I'm just going to keep recording, writing and keep publishing," said

#### **Patience**

"I realize that it's really hard for a new artist," said Steve with a smile. "I know it takes time, but I'm just being patient . . . and I feel real confident. I'm just going to keep doing what I'm doing playing when I was seven or now; record and hopefully have

As you probably already know, a lot has happened in Steve's career since 1978. I know he's married now and has at least two children-boys. Dottie West has passed away.

In more than 20 years after recording his first single, Steve has more than a dozen No. 1 banjos. I'm self taught. Those songs and 30 Top 10 singles to his

> It took all of those 20 years, but in 1998 he was finally awarded Single of the Year, Song of the Year, and Producer of the Year for the hit, "Holes in the Floor of Heaven" by the Country Music Association.

He currently has two singles receiving plenty of air-time, working their way up the charts, including "Two Teardrops" and "I'm Already Taken", a remake of his first hit single. My husband Johnny came home a couple of weeks ago and said, "You've got to listen to Steve Wariner's new song."

Little did he know, I already had—over two decades ago.

### TxDOT, continued

schedule, Peterson explained that asphalt can be put down from only May 15 through September 15, because cold winter weather causes the asphalt to lose rocks and stability.

He said that Prater Equipment was actually a week ahead of schedule and that a seal coat is scheduled for application this last week of July as the final step for the road east of Winters.

The section west of Winters, which is currently undergoing work on the flexible base, is scheduled for completion the last

week of August. Randall Conner, manager for the Winters Area Business and Industrial Corporation, asked Peterson to consider compensating Winters for the loss of traffic, inconvenience and income. Conner suggested that TxDot help the city with funding for new sidewalks, entrances into Winters, roadside parks near the city, and better truck access into west Win-

ters. Peterson explained that "first of all, TxDOT has very limited funds to help any cities." He further explained specifically that encroachments (awnings) would hinder any sidewalk repairs and construction. He suggested that letters be sent to Representative Robert Junell for help with any

entrance ways into the town. And as far as roadside parks are concerned, Peterson said the parks are being done away with. No new parks are being built and

if any road is widened, existing parks in that area are destroyed and not rebuilt.

Peterson went on to tell the Lions members that TxDOT will also begin work at the Winters airport about the middle of August. Plans are to excavate and establish an embankment, stabilize the subgrade, complete the flexible base, then apply paint and seal coat. The airport project is expected to be finished in late September, 1999.

Anyone needing further information is asked to contact Carla Baize at the TxDOT office in Ballinger at 365-2218.

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Representing Ballinger, Winters, Miles, and Runnels County—

## 911/Communications Committee conducts first meeting; proposed allocations to be presented to City Councils

The first meeting of the 911/ communications committee, made up of representatives of Runnels County, the City of Ballinger, City of Miles, and City of Winters was held Thursday, July 22, in Ballinger.

**RCA Contract** 

Wariner with RCA, and produced

Steve's first single release, "I'm

the song peaked at 63 on

Billboard, 55 on Record World

and 65 on Cash Box. "That's real

good for the first time out. Most

artists have to put out five to six

singles before this happens. I'm

Obviously pleased with the

ratings of his new single, Steve

also takes credit for writing it.

"The first part of the song is true,"

wrote I love you on a note of

yellow paper and sent it to the

front of the row to a little blond

haired girl. The blond haired girl

and I was so embarrassed when

she turned around and said, 'I'm

already taken; you spoke up too

late. I love somebody else, so

About the verse, Steve recalls,

"I went to First Ward and I liked

this girl in my class so I wrote her

a note saying I liked her and she

wrote me back saying she liked

another guy. You know back then

how you passed around notes," he

said with his newly acquired

southern drawl. "She didn't say

you'll just have to wait."

'My little third grade hand

said Steve. The verse reads:

Already Taken.'

tickled to death!"

In July of 1977, Chet signed

In its ninth week on the charts,

Runnels County Commissioner Skipper Wheeless, chairman, began the meeting by explaining what he felt the committee's functions were and the negotiations which had taken place between the County and City of Ballinger representatives.

Wheeless told those present, "We're trying to reach an agreement on the division of costs for the City of Ballinger to provide the service for one more yearuntil October 1, 2000. By law, no entity with a population under 100,000 has to have 911, but we feel it is a necessary and vital service. Since Ballinger and Runnels County have reached a tentative agreement on how much funding they will provide, we're hoping Winters and Miles will help out. We just need to find out how

much you will help." Wheeless pointed out in a let-

ter from City Administrator Aref Hassan of Winters to Joe Rogers with West Central Texas Council of Governments, Hassan had put forth two figures Winters might be willing to pay, \$10,769 or \$12,228. "We're looking at the

\$12,228 figure as one which might be approved by the Winters City Council."

Councilman Jimmy Butler of Winters replied, "Of course we were looking at the \$10,769 figure!" Butler went on to say that since the City of Winters had been paying around \$24,000 a year for the service, he felt the Winters City Council might approve pay-

ing the \$12,228 figure. Eugene Kasberg, of the Miles City Council, said since the City of Miles has been paying nothing and has very little use of the service, "we'll just have to present it to the council and see what they'll approve. Of course, I don't think

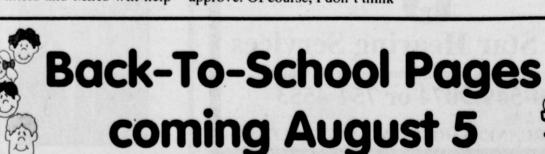
we can realistically expect approval of the \$2,500 figure quoted elsewhere for Miles.

Mayor Grant Lee of Ballinger told the group, "The City of Ballinger just wants out of the dispatching business. I think the county's offer to increase their portion of the payment for expenses to \$60,000 is a very positive thing." Lee said the City of Ballinger had discussed budgeting between \$17,000 and \$20,000 for 911/dispatching.

Councilwoman Carolyn Little told the Miles delegation, "We need Miles' contribution to this."

The meeting closed with the Winters and Miles representatives agreeing to go back to their councils and get a firm commitment so all the entities could budget for the coming fiscal year.

"When we get that done," Wheeless said, "we can go on to working on moving the 911/communications to the county in the following year."





# **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, July

18, 1999, through Saturday, July 24, 1999. Winters Police Officers: · arrested one female juvenile and three male juveniles, all of Winters, in connection with the downtown burglaries. All juveniles were transported to the

detention center in San Angelo. arrested Fred Harold Poe, 20, of Winters, for driving while license suspended,

after a traffic stop in the 100 block of W. Broadway. • received a report of a disturbance in the 200 block of Roselane. No charges were

filed and separation was made. · received a report of a theft in the 200 block of Jones. This case is still under

 arrested Manuel Rosales-Trejo, 26, of Mexico, for being in the United States illegally and for assault, after a report of a disturbance in the 300 block of Willis.

arrested Ponce Genaro Hernandez, 47, of Mexico, for being in the United States illegally, after a reported disturbance in the 300 block of Willis. arrested a juvenile male in the 700 block of W. Parsonage for evading arrest or

detention. The juvenile was released to his mother and charges were referred to the • received a report of an attempted burglary of a habitation in the 200 block of E.

 received a report of a theft in the 200 block of Redtner. 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** 

Edward Guevara, assault, dismissed, insufficient evidence, apparent reconciliation of differences

**Criminal Cases Filed** July 7 Jerry Ochoa, filed for driving while

Caren C. Mowrey, filed for theft of merchandise and/or cash by check

July 8 Guadalupe Ray Roman, filed for as-

Fred Acosta Cortez, Winters, filed for driving while intoxicated

July 12 Kelli B. Hubach, filed for theft of merchandise and/or cash by check

July 19 Gary Madrano, filed for driving while

Oscar H. Jimenez Sanchez, filed for driving while intoxicated

Wes Russell, filed for theft of merchandise and/or cash by check Luis G. Llanas, filed for possession of

Price Rowe Moore, filed for reckless

July 22 Richard Castillo Ortiz, filed for driv-

ing while intoxicated Richard Lee Valenzuela, filed for driving while intoxicated

Pete Ochoa, filed for driving while intoxicated

a peace officer **Marriage Licenses** July 20 Michael Douglas Parker and Jennifer

Sam Tony Ramos, Jr., filed for fleeing

**District Court Divorces Filed** July 21 Laura E. Carrillo and Rudolfo Carrillo

Justice of the Peace Precinct 1 Criminal Cases Filed July 17

Shawn L. Granado, filed for possession of undersized black bass Eraclio M. Rogers, filed for public intoxication

Sam Tony Ramos Jr., filed for driving under the influence, minor Joel Quiroga, filed for public intoxi-

> **Small Claims Court** July 6

Providian National Bank vs. Barbara July 21

Cook Properties, Inc. vs. Joycelyn P. Vickery Hall, dba Chic Boutique, suit on July 22

Joel Shipp vs. Dane Bishop, dba Bishop & Sons Dirt Contractors, suit on material

# Comptroller revamps window on state government

Web site features info about upcoming sales tax holiday

now get details about the upcoming sales tax holiday from Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander's new and improved internet site.

Comptroller Rylander invites people to visit the agency's web site at http://www.window. state.tx.us.

"It is a more user-friendly Window on State Government. It is bolder, more focused, and, most important of all, it contains more information," Comptroller Ryland said. "It is our goal to offer a state-of-the art web site that allows Texans quick access to valuable reports and information that this agency produces."

The Comptroller's web site features state and local economic and demographic data, special reports on economic trends, Texas School Performance Review reports, and much more.

To assist taxpayers, the site now contains more detailed infor-

Retailers and shoppers can mation about Texas taxes; tax forms to download; how qualifying taxpayers can file tax returns online; and the STAR automated research system, which opens the door to the latest information about tax laws and rules.

Details about the August 6-8 sales tax holiday are easily accessible, including a list of items that will be exempt from state, city, and county sales taxes, and other information to help retailers prepare for the sales tax holiday.

"I want to ensure that every Texan has access to accurate information about the sales tax holiday, so they can benefit from this much-needed tax relief," Comptroller Rylander said.

The Comptroller plans to add more information and more new features to the web site in the fu-

"I am committed to making information about state government easily available to Texas taxpayers," Comptroller Ryland said.

# Girl Scout recruitment to begin with swim party

Scout year, a swimming party for recruitment will be held on Monday, August 9, from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. at the City Swimming

and 17 interested in becoming a scout is invited.

Girls may swim from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. free of charge. Signup will be completed from 7:00 to 7:30 p.m.

during the event.

Program age levels of Girl

Scouting are as follows:

Ages Grades K or 1 **Daisies** 5-6 6-8 Brownies 1-3 8-11 4-6 Juniors 11-14 7-9 Cadettes 14-17 10-12. Seniors Each Girl Scout renewing

To kick off the upcoming Girl membership is asked to bring \$7 for yearly registration fees. The fee will be used to pay for accident insurance covering member participation in approved Girl Scout activities Any girl between the ages of 5 throughout the year. She must also provide her social security

Young women desiring to become a first-time Girl Scout should also bring social security numbers. These girls will be con-Refreshments will be served tacted at a later date for registration fee payment and troop identification (pending leader assign-

Volunteer troop leaders for all age levels are needed. If you are interested or need more information, please contact Service Unit Chairperson Shelia Paschal at 723-2697.

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### **Financial Focus**

By Jimmy Newsom

# Don't be a bear watcher

stock market as it climbed to record heights, some individual investors are now taking up a new sport—bear watching.

Some people are sure they've caught a glimpse of the bear market, but each time, it has turned out to be an unsubstantiated sighting, and the market has soon regained its losses.

some investors are nervously an- likely go buy some more to take ticipating the arrival of a bear advantage of the great prices.

Unfortunately, even those who make a living trying to predict stock market movements are rarely accurate. History has proven that thus far every significant advance in the stock market has been followed by a correction. However, whether that correction will occur in two weeks, two months or two years, no one knows for sure.

Wise investors know that market timing is futile. Instead, they adopt a plan that offers protection in the event of a stock market decline.

This plan does not include abandoning stocks or stock mutual funds. Since the early 1950's, there have been 15 bear markets, periods when the Standard & Poor's 500 declines 15 percent or more. During each of these declines, the stock market fell an average of 24 percent. Certainly, the thought of watching the value of your \$10,000 portfolio fall to \$7,600 is not a pleasant one. However, history has shown that not only has the stock market fully recovered from each of these bear markets, it has gone on to reach new highs.

While no one enjoys watching

Compare

After months of cheering the the value of their investments fall, a period of eight or even 18 months is a very short span in the 20 or 30 years that most people spend investing. In addition, temporary declines in stock prices offer opportunities for investors to purchase shares of the best companies at more reasonable prices. Think of it this way, when your favorite brand of clothes go on Convinced, however, that the sale, do you focus on how much stock market's upward trend won't you paid for them the last time? continue forever, and it won't, Probably not. Instead, you most

If you want your portfolio to be in the best shape possible to weather a market decline, make sure you own good-quality companies. While the stocks of strong companies are not immune to stock market declines their prices typically do not fall as much as those of lesser-quality companies, and they generally rebound faster.

Stocks that are most vulnerable during market declines are those that have very high priceto-earnings ratios-the "hot" stocks of the day. Heavy concentrations of Internet stocks, for example, should probably be reduced and replaced by stocks in more reasonably valued industries.

The value of owning goodquality stocks over long periods of time cannot be overstated. Only stocks offer the inflation protection and rising income potential you need to ensure that you don't outlive your savings. To realize their long-term rewards, however, stock owners must live through short-term declines. During those uncomfortable periods, remember, the worst thing a bear market can do is scare you away from the investments you need most.

### Invitation to form Area Art Guild Organizational meeting, Aug. 3, in Ballinger

In consideration of the many day, August 3, from 7:00 to 9:00 talented individuals living in the surrounding communities, it has been suggested that the time has come for the creation of an "Area served. Art Guild."

A meeting will be held Tues-

to share their ideas and input on "harvesting" the wonderful knowledge and creativity that makes each community special.

p.m. at Ella's Art Gallery, 807 Hutchins, in Ballinger. For your enjoyment, refreshments will be

For more information on how Interested individuals are asked you can be a part of this fun and educational endeavor, contact Shirley Minzenmayer, 754-4216; Sandee Kasper, 365-3817; Jean Hensley, 365-8262; or Edith Collins, 365-5864.

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# Wire recycling event to be held at Wall beginning August 2

"wire recycling event" in conjunction with the annual Texas Natural Resource Conservation their wire to the Wall Co-op on Commission's TNRCC Country Clean-up in Wall. The first year's August 27. event collected 92 tons of wire and scrap metal, and the second year collected 183 tons! Participants came from Menard, Christoval, Ballinger, Mertzon, and all points in between.

SAFE was able to make these events possible with the support of Commercial Metals of Odessa, Acme Iron and Metal of San Angelo, Wall Co-op Gin Number 1, the Tom Green County Jail Work Detail, and the Tom Green County Adult Probation Depart-

of even though it is recyclable. One of the main drawbacks is that it gets caught up in the baling machines and can cause damage that is costly to repair. Commercial Metals in Odessa is one of the few companies in our area that handle the job.

cling Event will be held in conjunction with the sixth annual TNRCC Texas Country Clean-up on Friday, August 27, at Co-op Gin Number 1 at Wall (that's the 659-6524.

In 1997 and again in 1998, the one just down the street from Wall San Angelo Friends of the Envi- High School). The Country ronment (SAFE) sponsored a Clean-up will be held from 8 a.m. until noon.

Participants can start bringing August 2 and continue until noon

All types of wire will be accepted: baling wire, fence wire, barbed wire, chain link fencing, chicken wire, even cable (cable needs to be separated). Any type of metal such as sheet metal, metal posts, stock tanks, or old appliances also will be accepted.

There are probably years and years worth of wire laying in fields or behind barns, and now is your chance to get rid of it.

Please note: If you have a refrigerator, freezer, or refrigerated air conditioner that you need to Wire is very difficult to dispose dispose of, call the Citizen's Recycling Center at 659-0722 for assistance. These items will NOT be accepted at the clean-up.

Items that will be accepted at the Texas Clean-up on Friday ONLY will be empty plastic pesticide containers (rinsed three owns a baling machine that can times), used motor oil, oil filters, lead acid batteries, and standard The third annual Wire Recy-sized tires (24.5 inches - limit 50 per person).

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#### **Legal Notices**

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE The State of Texas

County of Runnels NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN

that by virtue of a certain Writ of Execution issued out of the Honorable County Court at Law #1 of Taylor County on June 3, 1999, by the Clerk of said County Court at Law #1 of Taylor County for the sum of THREE THOUSAND THREE **HUNDRED NINETY AND 12/100** DOLLARS (\$3,390.12) plus costs of suit, under a Judgment in favor of Rayco Operating, Inc., in a certain cause in said Court, No. 18,319, and styled Rayco Operating, Inc. v. Judy Kerr Slusher, placed in my hands for service, I, William A. Baird as Sheriff of Runnels County, Texas, did on the 7th day of June, 1999, levy on an undivided interest in one certain oil, gas, and mineral leasehold estate, as well as on the buildings, pipelines, fixtures, and other appurtenances situated in Runnels County, Texas, described as follows, to-wit:

An undivided 1/32nd working interest in the oil and gas lease dated February 19, 1980, by and between A.J. Bishop Jr. as Lessor, and Pyramid Production Company, as Lessee, covering the following tracts of land: 'oil, gas, and mineral lease and well First Tract: 83 acres of land out of

the Joseph Warner Survey No. 86, Abstract 929, in Block No. 64, C.T.RR.Co. Surveys, in Runnels County, Texas.

Second Tract: 15.9 acres of land out of the Joseph Warner Survey No. 86, Abstract 929, in Block No. 64, C.T.RR.Co. Surveys, in Runnels County, Texas,

and levied upon as the property of Judy Kerr Slusher and that on the first Tuesday in August, 1999, the same being the 3rd day of said month, at the Courthouse door of Runnels County, in the City of Ballinger, Texas, between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., by virtue of said levy and said Order of Sale, I will offer for sale and sell at public vendue, for cash, to the highest bidder, all the right, title, and interest of the said Judy Kerr Slusher in and to the above described property.

And in compliance with law, I give this notice by publication, in three public places, including the Courthouse door, as provided by Rule 647, Texas Rules of Civil Procedure. Witness my hand this 8th day of July,

Sheriff, Runnels County, Texas by: Robert Garza, Deputy

WILLIAM BAIRD

#### SHERIFF'S NOTICE OF SALE The State of Texas County of Runnels

WHEREAS by virtue of an Order of Sale and Judgment issued out of the 119th Judicial District Court of Runnels County, Texas, on the 24th day of May, 1999, in Cause No. 12,797 where Midland Pipe & Equipment Co. was Plaintiff and DBO Oil, Incorporated, was Defendant, on a Judgment rendered in said Court against Defendant and in favor of said Plaintiff for the sum of \$6,253.17 plus attorney's fees of \$1,500.00 with interest at the rate of 10% per annum, from date of Judgment, together with all costs of suit; I did on the 25th day of May, 1999, at 10:30 o'clock a.m., levy upon the following described

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as the property of DBO Oil, Incorpo-

rated, to wit:

RUNNELS COUNTY, TEXAS, and on the 3rd day of August, 1999, being the first Tuesday of said month, between the hours of 10:00 o'clock a.m. and 4:00 o'clock p.m. on said day at the Courthouse door of said county, I will offer for sale and sell at public auction for cash to the highest bidder, all the right, title, and interest of DBO Oil, Incorporated, in and to said above described property.

Witness my hand this the 8th day of July, 1999.

WILLIAM BAIRD Sheriff, Runnels County, Texas by: Robert Garza, Deputy

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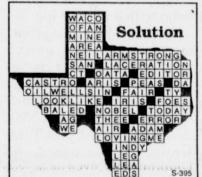
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# Leroy Pelzel receives Goodyear Award

cently presented the Goodyear Award for outstanding conservation by Grant Teplicek, Goodyear dealer/representative.

Goodyear recognizes those individuals who have been re- Water Conservation District.

Leroy Pelzel of Miles was re- warded by their local soil and water conservation districts for their conservation efforts.

Leroy was selected as the Outstanding Conservation Farmer for 1998 by the Runnels Soil and

Curent members on the district board are David Ocker of Rowena, Ed Bredemeyer of Winters, C.J. Robinson Jr. of Norton, Don Davis of Winters, and Fred Wilde of Ballinger.

# **Stock Show Association** plans Winters Summer Classic for August 7

Third Annual Winters Summer \$5 late fee and be cash only. Classic Jackpot Show on Saturday, August 7, 1999. The show will be held at the Winters Show Barn located off the Novice Highway beside the City Park.

Barns open for livestock Friday, August 6. Weight cards must be turned in between 7 and 9 a.m. on Saturday. Showmanship com-

The show order includes market goats, market lambs, heifers (born after January 1, 1998), and prospect steers. Entries should be postmarked by Saturday, July 31. Entry fees are \$15 for cattle and

lem for ranch owners - and their

ney with the Texas Agricultural

Extension Service, will hold a

Ranch Estate Planning Seminar

on August 8-9, 1999, in conjunc-

tion with the Annual Beef Cattle

Short Course. The seminar will

start at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, Au-

gust 8, and conclude at 4:00 p.m.

on Monday, August 9. It will be

in Room 457 of the Blocker

Building on the Texas A&M Uni-

versity Campus at College Sta-

Topics covered will include the

Dr. Wayne Hayenga, an attor-

The Winters Junior Livestock \$10 for sheep and goats. Entries Show Association will host the received after July 31 must add a

Scurry County Extension Agent, Greg Gruben of Snyder, will judge cattle. Comal County Extension Agent, Marty Gibbs of New Braunfels, will judge sheep and goats.

Belt buckles will be awarded to Grand Champions in the four categories. Monogrammed duffle petition begins at 10 a.m., Saturbags will be presented to Reserve Grand Champions. Class winners will receive monogrammed caps.

Generators and fans are welcomed. Concessions will be available including grilled hamburgers and homemade ice cream.

Admission to the show is free.

wills, living trusts, and powers of

attorney. Most of the time will be

spent on income and estate tax

saving plans for ranching fami-

lies. Irrevocable trusts, generation

skipping trusts, bypass trusts,

property ownership, community/

separate property, special use

valuation for ranches, partner-

ships, and corporations will be

discussed in the context of the gift

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### **Runnels County Grain Sorghum** Production Meeting today

The Runnels County **Grain Sorghum Production** Meeting will be today, July 29, at the Rock Hotel.

The meeting will begin at noon with a catered lunch.

Dr. Billy Warrick, agronomist with the Texas Agriculture Extension Service in San Angelo, will speak about "harvest considerations and suggestions." Then Mr. Travis Taylor, from the Texas Grain Sorghum Board, will have a one-hour training on laws and regulations for pesticide applicators.

This program is being conducted by the Runnels County Extension Office. The program is being sponsored by Runnels County Crops Committee.

# **Pest Management News**

By Richard Minzenmayer, Extension Agent-Entomology (PM)

COTTON APHIDS—Cotton aphids seem to be on the increase again. Heaviest infestations are in the younger cotton, primarily those fields planted during midlate June.

Aphid infestations averaging more than 50-75 aphids per leaf will shut cotton down, especially if you leave them on the leaves for an extended period of time. The cotton crop is generally 10-14 days behind schedule and heavy aphid infestations will only delay it that much more.

TDA recently released Furadan® for emergency use on controlling economically damaging infestations of cotton aphids in District 7.

Furadan® 4F (flowable carbofuran) may be applied as a foliar application, using ground or aerial equipment, at a rate of 8 oz. product (0.25 lb. a.i.). A maximum of two (2) applications may be applied under this exemption. Do not apply more than 0.5 lb. a.i. per acre. A 27-day pre-harvest interval must be observed.

A maximum of 900,000 lbs. of carbofuran may be used under this specific exemption to treat up to 1,800,000 acres of cotton in Texas. A copy of the Section 18 labeling must be in the user's possession at the time of application. Use of closed mixing and loading systems for both aerial and ground application is required.

All areas where Furadan® is applied under this specific exemption are required to be posted with signs developed and distributed in accordance with EPA's Worker Protection Standard (WPS). These signs picture a face with an outstretched hand and the words "Danger/Peligro, Pesticides/ Pesticidas, KEEP OUT/MO EN-TRE."

For all use areas, signs must be visible from all usual points of entry to treated areas. For example, signs must be visible from treated area, and each footpath and other walking route that enters the treated area. When there are no usual points of entry, signs must be posted in the corners of the treated area or in any other location affording maximum visibility. Signs must be visible and legible during the time they are posted. The signs will be posted

prior to treatment, so that they are present while application is being made. Signs will remain in place for the entire re-entry interval as defined on the product's registered label (14 days post-application).

Handlers of carbofuran are required to wear coveralls over a long-sleeved shirt and long pants, shoes, and socks for each job function, a chemical resistant apron (when cleaning equipment, mixing, or loading), chemical resistant headgear for overhead exposure, protective eyewear, chemical resistant gloves, and res-

This specific exemption expires on September 30, 1999.

FLEAHOPPERS—Fleahoppers continue to cause major problems in the younger cotton.

Producers are now getting nervous about getting a crop set. An early crop is usually always the cheapest to produce and also the most profitable in the end. Folks, it's getting late to start trying to set a crop. Many fields that should be approaching bloom stage right now have less than a 50% fruit set. That's not good. I would like to see an average of 8-10 squares per plant set going into bloom on dryland cotton with some underground moisture. On irrigated cotton an average of 16-18 squares per plant set is adequate.

PHORID FLIES RELEASED IN TEXAS AGAINST RED IMPORTED FIRE ANTS—An introduced phorid fly, Psedacteon tricuspis, is being released in central Texas as a biological control agent of the red imported fire ant. This is the first release of an exotic phorid fly by the Fire Ant Program and the Entomology Department at Texas A&M.

This parasitic fly received a great deal of media attention as it causes the heads of parasitized fire ants to fall off. Because only 1-3% of the ants are parasitized, of the Red Imported Fire Ant" at each access road, each border direct mortality due to parasitism the Texas A&M fire ant web site with any labor camp next to the is of little consequence. The per- http//:fireant.tamu.edu. While at parasitize fire ants cause the fire about the research there on phorid ants to hide and disperse to escape flies and fire ants.

attach. As a result, foraging for food by fire ants is disrupted, giving native ants a competitive edge.

Phorids released by Texas A&M are being reared at the USDA-ARS laboratory in Florida through a partnership with the Southern Legislative Conference. The project is being conducted by Dr. Jerry Cook with funding from the Texas Army National Guard.

About 3,500 adult P. tricuspis flies were released over a threeweek period this spring near Bastrop. The release site is now being monitored to determine if the flies established. If additional flies are available, releases will be made at other sites in central and north Texas this season.

P. tricuspus is one of some 20 species of phorids that attack fire ants in South America. Although the first species to be released in Texas, P. tricuspis may not be the most effective phorid species as it only attacks red imported fire ants at disturbed mounds. Other species of phorids attack fire ants along foraging trails and, therefore, may be more effective in disrupting food collection by fire

Also, P. tricuspis may be too large to successfully reproduce in the small ants present in multiplequeen colonies which infest most of the eastern two-thirds of Texas. The small head capsules of ants from multiple-queen colonies result in the production of a large number of male flies of this species. A predominance of males may limit reproduction.

P. tricuspis is also being released near Laredo, Texas, under the direction of Dr. Larry Gilbert at the University of Texas' Breckenridge Field Lab.

For more information on biological control of red imported fire ants, access the fact sheet "Potential Biological Control Agents ceived benefit of the phorid fly is this site, you can follow the link that their dive-bombing efforts to to the University of Texas to learn

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