

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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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.

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 school.

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 of all ages, from newborns to senior adults. While he enjoys treating entire families, Boles takes a special interest in pediatrics and gynecology. He hopes to attract

patients who are currently going outside of Runnels County for 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 claims.

Before deciding to go into medicine, Dr. Boles received a Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering from Texas A&M University and worked for

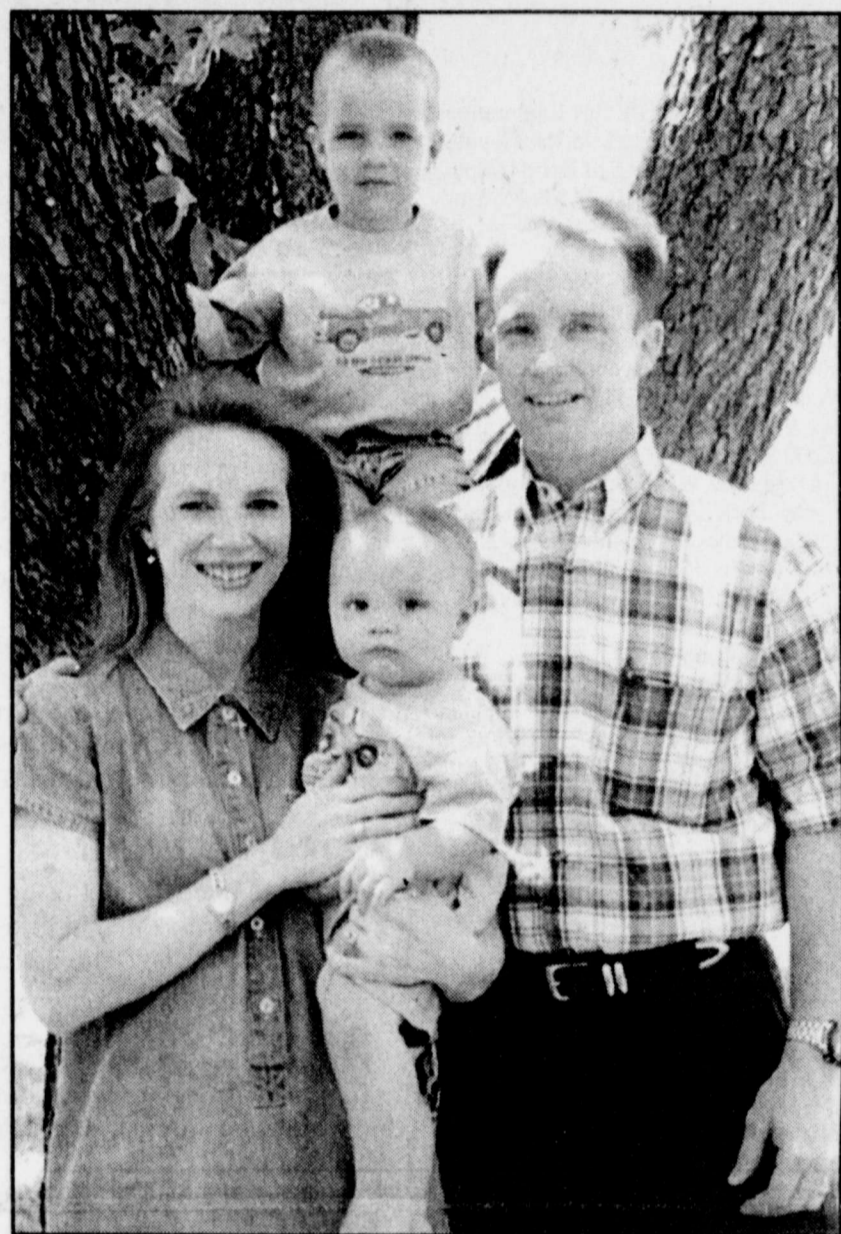
Blum Engineering in Dallas for two years.

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 Residency.

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 Supply.



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, 1999.

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

Club and tried to appease the Winters residents who must travel through the rough construction areas.

Peterson said the reason for the work was because existing pavement was heavily contaminated by underlying soils due to pumping actions caused by roadway traffic, and groundwater seepage into roadway ditches which further eroded stability of pavement structure. He also cited high maintenance cost and lack of personnel as additional reasons for rebuilding the roads.

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

altogether and making detours to country roads. However, that plan was abandoned.

He further stated that Prater Equipment Company, Inc., from Comanche, Texas is working two crews on the 2.6 million dollar project which, as of the end of June, 1999, had expended 89% of contract monies and charged 86% of working days allotted.

Workers first had to grade away the old surfaces and then put down cement to stabilize eight inches of underlying subgrade. 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-to-school 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 million.

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

Athletic shoes and clothing commonly used as everyday wear, such as football jerseys, baseball caps, or running shoes

costing less than \$100, will be exempt. But items used exclusively for athletic purposes, such as 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 painting any previously painted sur-

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, contact the WABIC at 754-5210.

Elementary registration August 2

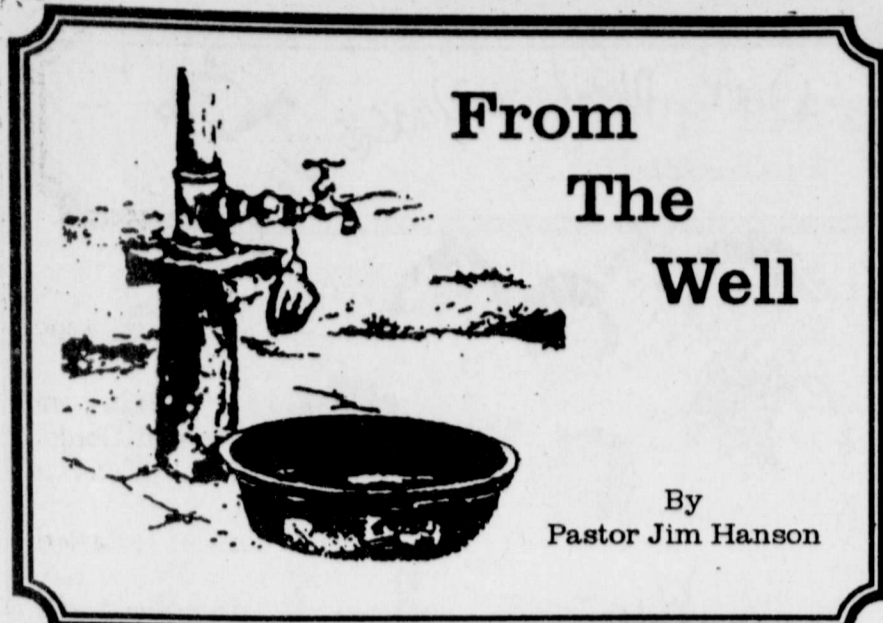
Winters Elementary School will hold a registration day for grades pre-K through sixth, on Monday, August 2, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. according to Principal Tammy Bright. Registration will be held in the elementary school office.

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 time.

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

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 a.m.-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: Lizzard Field



From The Well

By Pastor Jim Hanson



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 running.

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-to-person 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 Blessitt, 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 stories.

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
San Angelo, Texas 76902

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 balloons 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 Margaret Smith, then began work on the 1999-2000 fiscal year budget for the county.

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 going out.

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-the-counter 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 money.

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

The start of school is just two 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 years.

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

date on shots, Lea Angel, RN/BSN, with the Texas Department of Health, encourages parents to bring the records by her office this week for someone to evaluate.

The TDH will be holding their monthly shot clinic on Thursday, August 5 from 10 a.m. to noon and 1:30 to 3 p.m. The clinic is located in the Professional Building, Suite 108, the Grant Street entry.

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.

Revival set at Southside Baptist Church, Aug. 1-4

A revival is planned at Southside Baptist Church, Sunday through Wednesday, August 1-4.

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 start at 7:00 p.m.

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 pastor.

FUMC plans Summer Fun Blast, August 4

The First United Methodist 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 Park.

There will be table games, horse shoe pitching, fellowship, 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 with them.

It is easy to sit up and take notice. What is difficult is getting up and taking action.

—Al Batt

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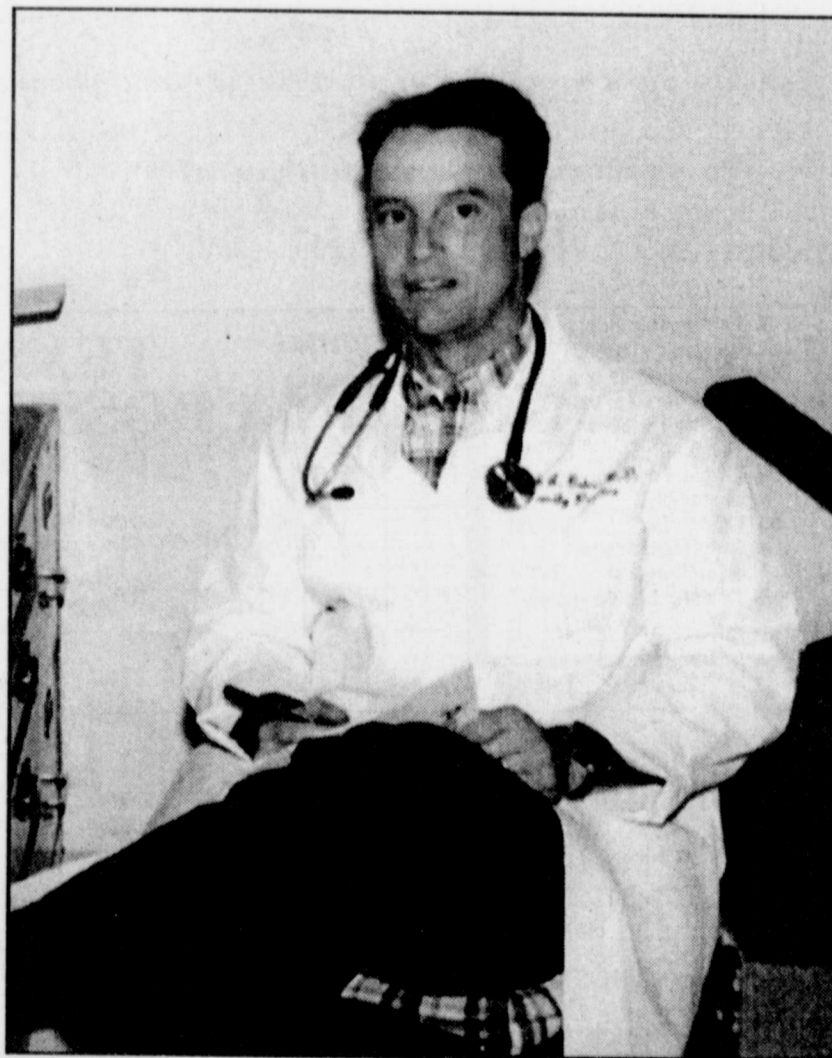
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Keith A. Boles, M.D.

Family Practice

and announces the opening of his office August 4 at Lee Medical Clinic East Hwy 153



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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.

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 Audrey Miller of Hamlin, Chris Shields, and Brenda Alexander.

Ladies attending the Monday morning Bible study are teacher 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 you all. I've worked for Lions for 22 years and have enjoyed it.

Thank one and all for the cards, 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

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 good time with young Audra.

Hildegard and Calvin Schovajsa spent Sunday out here gathering peas, okra, and cantaloupe.

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 last week.

I just finished reading a letter and happy birthday card from Ruth Pape of old Mexico. She says hello

and is doing fine.

Carol Kozelsky and Margie 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 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 said.

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.

any other errands before returning home.

Hilda has also been a member of the Ladies Aide at St. John's Lutheran Church since 1926. She has a daughter, Hildegard Schovajsa, and a son, R.C. Kurtz, four grandchildren, seven great-

grandchildren, and two step-great-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 idea!" 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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"Runnels Is My County" available

Charlie 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.

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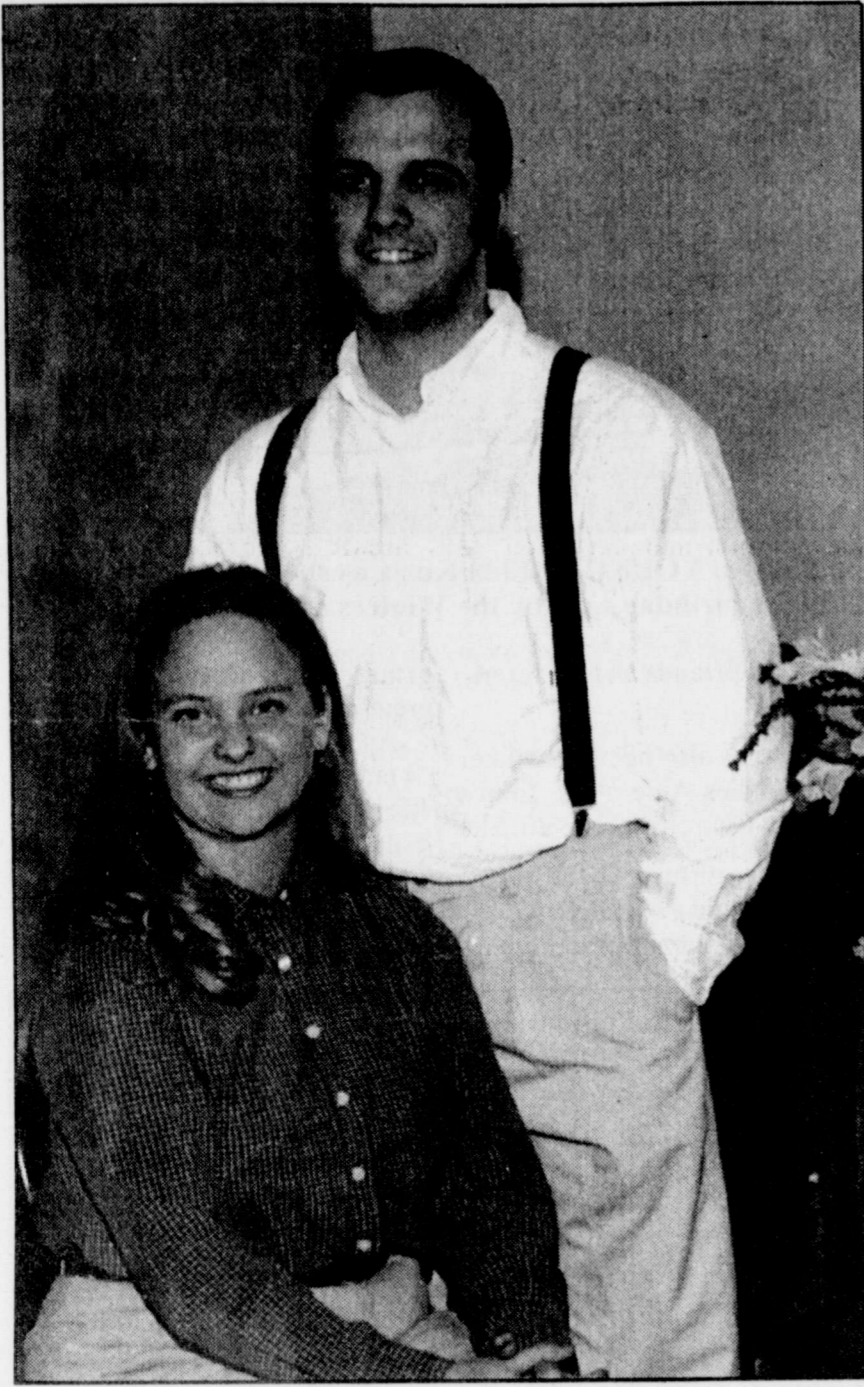
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Jill Notgrass & Kent Benfer

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 Mauler 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 great-grandmother is Earlean Dameron of Ballinger. The groom's mother, Tonya (Bahlman) Benfer, graduated from Winters High School in 1976.

A June 17, 2000, wedding is planned at Southern Hills Church of Christ in Abilene. The bride-elect is a 1998 graduate of Cooper High School in Abilene and is currently an English major at Abilene Christian University.

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

Recently, a delegation of the Board of Directors of the Texas Organization of Rural and Community Hospitals (TORCH), including Ballinger Memorial Hospital Administrator Robert Vernon, 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 (\$4 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

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 health-care 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 millennium."

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.

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 Raymondville.

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 altar 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 beaded headband with fingertip 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 sprengr.

Matron of Honor was Misti 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 hair.

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 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 scalloped with white 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 centerpiece. The table also featured a brass coffee urn.



Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Briley

Houseparty members were Lori Smith, Misty Pritchard, Dawn White, Mandy Tongate, 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 groom is a May 1999 graduate of Howard County Junior College.

The rehearsal dinner was held June 3, 1999, at the fellowship 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.

Hambright descendants gather at Winters Community Center

The family of the late Naomi 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 memory of Eldon Hambright who passed away in April.

After lunch, a brief business meeting was held with Donald Hambright presiding.

Those attending from Winters were Selma Osborne, Therin and Nila Osborne, Cecil and Pat Hambright, Jerry Heathcott, and

Eunice Polk.

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; 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 Dennis, Jacque, and Corrie Lange of

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 Spagg of Austin.

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Leroy Pelzel receives Goodyear Award

Leroy Pelzel of Miles was recently presented the Goodyear Award for outstanding conservation by Grant Teplicek, Goodyear dealer/representative.

Goodyear recognizes those individuals who have been 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 Water Conservation District.

Current 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

The Winters Junior Livestock Show Association will host the Third Annual Winters Summer 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 competition begins at 10 a.m., Saturday.

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

\$10 for sheep and goats. Entries received after July 31 must add a \$5 late fee and be cash only.

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 bags 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.

Ranch Estate Planning Seminar set for August 8-9

Estate taxes are a major problem for ranch owners — and their heirs.

Dr. Wayne Hayenga, an attorney with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, will hold a Ranch Estate Planning Seminar on August 8-9, 1999, in conjunction with the Annual Beef Cattle Short Course. The seminar will start at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, August 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 University Campus at College Station.

Topics covered will include the

basic tools of estate planning: wills, living trusts, and powers of attorney. Most of the time will be spent on income and estate tax saving plans for ranching families. Irrevocable trusts, generation skipping trusts, bypass trusts, property ownership, community/separate property, special use valuation for ranches, partnerships, and corporations will be discussed in the context of the gift and estate tax rules.

For more information, call Sharon Wehring or Dr. Wayne Hayenga at (409) 845-2226, fax (409) 847-9374, or e-mail w-hayenga@tamu.edu.



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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 mid-late 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-ENTRE."

For all use areas, signs must be visible from all usual points of entry to treated areas. For example, signs must be visible from each access road, each border with any labor camp next to the 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 respirator.

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 under-ground 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, *Pseudacteon 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, direct mortality due to parasitism is of little consequence. The perceived benefit of the phorid fly is that their dive-bombing efforts to parasitize fire ants cause the fire ants to hide and disperse to escape

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 three-week 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. tricuspis 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 ants.

Also, *P. tricuspis* may be too large to successfully reproduce in the small ants present in multiple-queen 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 of the Red Imported Fire Ant" at the Texas A&M fire ant web site <http://fireant.tamu.edu>. While at this site, you can follow the link to the University of Texas to learn about the research there on phorid flies and fire ants.

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.

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