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Blizzard royalty crowned at 1999 homecoming



Billy Joe and Kay Colburn
1999 Coming Home King and Queen

Paula Salas and Aaron Taylor were named 1999 Homecoming Queen and King during pregame ceremonies on Friday, October 8. Mr. and Mrs. Billy Joe Colburn were honored as the 1999 Coming Home King and Queen.

Paula, a senior, is the 17-year old daughter of Santos and Erlinda Reyna. While at WHS she was chosen Glacier Queen and Class Favorite, and participates in softball and track.

She is head cheerleader for the Blizzard squad. She attends Mt. Carmel Catholic Church and plans to further her education in cosmetology. She was escorted by her father.

Aaron, also a senior, is the 17-year old son of Barry and Susie Taylor. He plays offensive lineman and linebacker for the Blizzard football team and throws discus and shot put for the WHS track team.

While attending Aspermont High School, he was a class officer and participated in UIL and track & field. He was named all-

district in football. Aaron is a member of the First Baptist Church in Winters where he is active in their youth group. He would like to attend Hardin-Simmons University following graduation.

In keeping with the Coming Home Queen tradition, Mrs. (Kay) Colburn's title marks the third in her family. Her mother, Kathaleene (Kat) Young, was honored in 1978 and her aunt, Frances Campbell, was recognized in 1968.

Kay was born to Kathaleene and Roy Young in San Angelo, Texas, in 1934, the oldest of six children. At the age of two, she moved to Winters with her family.

Kay is a 1951 graduate of Winters High School. While in high school, she was active in band serving as drum major for four years and was elected as school pianist. She was also a member of the Student Council, Future

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Paula Salas and Aaron Taylor
1999 Homecoming Queen and King
(escorted by Santos Reyna)

Observing Fire Prevention Week, October 3-9—



Winters Volunteer Fire Department members and their years of service are (front, l-r) Robert Cook, 10 yrs.; Wayne Green, 6 yrs.; Billy Sherman, 15 yrs.; Richard Hamilton, 27 yrs.; Raymond Lindsey, 18 yrs.; Bobby Blackwood, 7 yrs.; Rene Woffenden, 1 yr.; (back) Mark Bridgeman, 5 yrs.; Jack Davis, Jr., 22 yrs.; John McGallian, 6 mos.; Steven Grenwelge, 6 yrs.; Jerry Jackson, 9 yrs.; Mark Briley, 11 yrs.; Bobby Staggs, 22 yrs.; and Chuck Cravens, 3 yrs. Members not pictured are Rodrick Bredemeyer, 8 yrs.; Jack Davis, Sr., 25 yrs.; Kenneth Doty, 9 yrs.; Curtis Jackson, 7 yrs.; John Joeris, 17 yrs.; John Kraatz, 4 mos.; James Lange, 3 yrs.; Bob Lindley, 11 yrs.; Mike Meyer, 22 yrs.; and Clayton Woffenden, 2 yrs.

County commissioners hear status report on jail restoration

Runnels County Commissioners heard a report from Dr. Bill Tatum, chairman of the committee seeking to restore the old jail, at their regular meeting Tuesday, October 12.

Dr. Tatum told commissioners two things are holding up progress on the project. The first is getting a tax deductible designation for contributions from the Internal Revenue Service. The second holdup is the cleanup of the old facility.

"Before we can invite architects and foundations from which we might receive grants to look at

the building, we would like to have it in a clean condition," Dr. Tatum told the court. Commissioners Skipper Wheelless told Dr. Tatum the cleanup was delayed until termite control could be accomplished.

Another item on the agenda was the consideration of removing the wood flooring on the first floor of the old jail in order to assist in getting a good control of the termites infesting the building. Commissioner Wheelless said the exterminator had recommended the removal of the wood flooring to allowing for thorough treat-

ment of the ground area of the jail. Commissioners agreed to assist inmates in removing the flooring.

Commissioners approved three contracts at the meeting:

- A retention agreement between Blue Cross-Blue Shield of Texas, Inc., Group Life Health Insurance Companies and Texas Association of Counties Insurance Trust Fund and Runnels County.
- Vendor agreement between West Central Texas Council of Governments Area Agency on Aging and Runnels County providing for meals for the Senior

See COMMISSIONERS, pg. 8

"Texas, Our Texas"—Musical tribute to be presented by fourth graders Tuesday, Oct. 19

The Winters Elementary fourth grade will present the musical "Texas, Our Texas" on Tuesday, October 19. The program will begin at 7 p.m. in the high school auditorium.

The program will include many songs about the history and tradition of Texas—paying a patriotic tribute to the "pride of Texans."

The students will present the program for the Noon Lions Club on Tuesday, October 12 and for See MUSICAL, pg. 5

Christmas In April house applications now available

The Christmas In April Board of Directors announces that applications to have a house repaired by CIA are available now in the following locations: Local WTU office, Chamber of Commerce, Bahlman Jewelers, and Lawrence Bros.

The CIA board would like to thank these businesses for assisting in this way. Applications can be picked up and returned to the same place.

The CIA board would also like to announce that the CIA workday has been scheduled for April 15, 2000.

Also, the new Board of Direc-

tors were elected, and the members include: Danny Prado-President, Terry Wyatt-Past President, Dickie Clough-Vice President, Mary Wilkerson-Secretary, Gordon Fenwick-House Scope and Selection, Audine McBeth-Volunteer Recruitment, and Joyce Weems-Babysitting.

New and continuing board members are Teressa Davis, Dale Montgomery, Nell Ballard, Mike Harris, Mike Bright, Barron Guy, Ronnie Gann, and Robert Garza.

If you have any questions about applying to have your home worked on, please contact Danny Prado at 754-2021.

Blizzard Band to compete Saturday

The UIL Region 7 Marching Band Contest will be held on Saturday, October 16, 1999 at Brady High School. The Winters Blizzard Band will perform at 2:30 p.m.

All Blizzard fans are encouraged to support the band, "The Pride of West Texas," by wearing blue and white and attending the contest in Brady. Good Luck band!

WHAT'S HAPPENING ?

- Oct. 14-10 a.m., Triple L Club, First Baptist Church
- 10 a.m., 39+, First United Methodist Church
- 11:30 a.m., Senior Citizens Meal
- 1 p.m., Mid-West Texas Artists Guild, Ballinger
- 5 p.m., Jr. High vs. Early, There
- 6 p.m., JV vs. Early, Here
- 7 p.m., RSWCD Election, Norton
- Oct. 15-9 a.m.-4 p.m., Breast Health for the New Millenium, Sweetwater
- 11:30 a.m., Senior Citizens Meal
- 7:30 p.m., Cowboys for Christ, Drasco
- 7:30 p.m., Varsity vs. Early, There
- Oct. 16-9 a.m., Cross-Country Meet, Seabee Park in Abilene
- 9 a.m., Counts Cemetery Workday, Content
- 2:30 p.m., Blizzard Band UIL Contest, Brady
- National Bosses Day
- Oct. 17-11 a.m.-1 p.m., WVF Auxiliary Chicken Fry Steak Dinner, WHS Cafe
- PIP Begins, Blizzard Gym
- Oct. 18-11:30 a.m., Senior Citizens Meal
- 2:30 p.m., Runnels Baptist Association, Robert Lee
- 6 p.m., Weight Watchers, Sr. Citizens Activity Center
- November Election Early Voting by Personal Appearance Begins
- Oct. 19-11:30 a.m., Senior Citizens Meal
- Noon, Lions Club
- 7 p.m., 4th Grade Musical "Texas Our Texas," WHS Auditorium
- 7 p.m., Athletic Boosters, Blizzard Stadium
- 7 p.m., WVFD
- 7:30 p.m., Eastern Star
- Women's Service League
- Oct. 20-7 a.m., WABIC, Chamber Office
- 9 a.m.-4 p.m., WIC, Winters Housing Authority
- 10 a.m.-Noon, Free Blood Pressure Check, Sr. Citizens Center
- 11:30 a.m., Senior Citizens Meal
- Oct. 21-11:30 a.m., Senior Citizens Meal
- 5 p.m., Jr. High vs. Hamilton, Here
- 6 p.m., JV vs. Hamilton, There
- Mid-West Texas Artists Guild, Ballinger

Oil Bidness

By Reg Boles ©1999

You may not have heard the earth move, but in the oil and gas business, it has shifted about 250 miles. In more specific terms, the capital of the oil patch is about that far south of where it was once thought to be.

As we speak, Houston is solidifying its hold on the crown of "capital city of the petroleum business," and Dallas is quickly becoming an also-ran.

Oh, there are those that would say that Dallas never was the capital of the oil and gas business, and they might be right. However, one cannot dispute that widely-held notion that Dallas was synonymous with big oil and big money. Need I mention J.R. Ewing, Exxon, Mobil, Arco, Fina, etc? All of these were based on Dallas at one time, but soon only Exxon will be left and a skeleton corporate crew at that.

Even before the recent mega-mergers that are consolidating major companies that happened to be based on Dallas, many companies were gravitating toward Houston. Ensearch, Kerr-McGee, and others had already said Houston is "my new home."

Dallas was always able to claim that the real movers and shakers were in Dallas, and Houston was just a convenient location for operations. But, even that is no longer the case.

On every street corner in downtown Houston, you'll find the worldwide headquarters of a major oil company or service company. In Dallas, you have to really search for the few that are left. Soon, even the famous Dallas Pegasus will have no real home here despite that it will be restored and replaced atop a building that used to house Mobil employees. Mobil will soon only exist on the south side of a hyphen with its nameplate in Houston, Texas.

While Houston becomes the corporate and operational heart of the worldwide oil and gas industry, Dallas will have a new identity in the business. Very soon, it will be the home to a multitude of successful independent companies, major service companies, and consulting companies.

It will be the place where all of the cast-off properties from the majors will come to rest. It will be the place where service companies train personnel and plan their next move. It will be the place where consultants will find their niche.

But, Dallas will no longer conjure the visions of oil barons at the petroleum club making a deal over a cigar—at least not in the public

eye. In reality, it will still be the place where health smoothies are swigged over salads and an outsourcing deal is made. Not nearly as romantic, but at least as profitable.

HIGHLIGHTS OF AREA DRILLING ACTIVITY

COMPLETIONS

Runnels County

Pioneer Energy Corporation has completed the Snelson #5 as a Wildcat, 5 miles NW of Talpa at an initial rate of 67 BOPD in the Capps (perfs 3377-85). Loc. is 2048 FSL & 1600 FEL of Sec. 120, ETRR Sur., A-864.

Taylor County

Tom Graham Drilling has completed the Graham #1 in the County Regular Field (3 miles N of Tuscola) at an initial rate of 21 BOPD & 1 BWPD in the Flippen (perfs 2152-57). Loc. is 990 FNL & 20 FEL of Sec. 43, Blk. 1, SPRR Sur., A-310.

STAKINGS

Nolan County

Chisholm Exploration, Inc. has staked the Adkins #2 in the Panther Mountain Field, 16 miles SE of Sweetwater (Depth 6400). Loc. is 1300 FNL & 600 FWL of Sec. 57, Blk. 19, T&PRR Sur., A-315.

Lindenmuth & Associates, Inc. has staked the Nabers #4A as a Wildcat, 3 miles N of Blackwell (Depth 6500). Loc. is 2100 FWL & 660 FNL of Sec. 28, Blk. 1A, H&TC Sur.

Runnels County

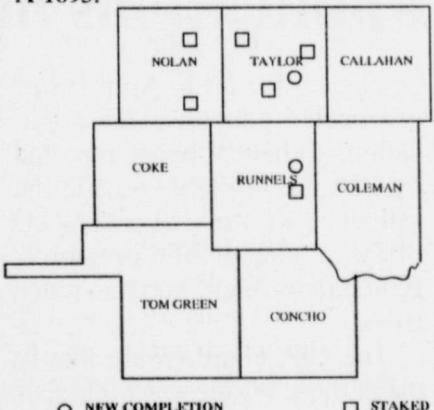
DBO Oil has applied to plug back the C.C. Grey #3 in the Beddo Field, 5 miles NE of Ballinger (Depth 3975). Loc. is 3688 FNL & 1716 FEL of ETRR Sur. No. 147, A-159.

Taylor County

Continual Oil & Gas, Inc. has applied to re-enter the B. Williams #102 in the Bryan Williams Field, 4 miles NE of Shep (Depth 4808). Loc. is 3150 FNL & 2250 FWL of Sec. 148, Blk. 64, H&TC Sur.

Fossil Operating, Inc. has staked the Blackwell #2 as a Wildcat, 4 miles SW of Potosi (Depth 5000). Loc. is 330 FNL & 330 FEL of Sec. 60, LAL Sur.

Hallwood Petroleum has applied to re-enter the Schultz #1 in the Chalky Mountain Field, 3 miles W of Merkel (Depth 3000). Loc. is 1290 FEL & 2173 FSL of Sec. 50, Blk. 19, T&PRR Sur., A-1695.



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"THE HOLY ROLLERS", as they like to be called, recently painted part of the old Foxworth-Galbraith building on Church street in preparation for the new home of the Winters Food Pantry. Painters and ministers include (clockwise from lower left) Bob Jones of the Assembly of God, Robert Sherman of the Winters Christian Fellowship, Vernon Groce of the Church of God, Don Roath of the First United Methodist Church, and Jim Hanson of St. John's Lutheran Church. The charitable pantry, sponsored by the Winters Ministerial Alliance, will celebrate its grand opening on Monday, Oct. 18.

Sr. Citizens Nursing Home News

By Billie Ruth Bishop

Employee of the quarter named

We will be trick-or-treating little ghosts and goblins on Friday evening before Halloween. So come on by and have fun with us.

The Employee of the Quarter was announced today in inservice at the nursing home. Linda Moreno, CNA, a hard working employee, was the recipient. Voting was done by the residents.

Also the Dietary Department was honored with the girls receiving pins. Cookies and punch were served to the employees.

Mr. O.B. Johnson is a new resident. He is in room 112. He would appreciate your visits.

Our hearts were saddened with the passing of Curtis Morrison, a long time resident of the nursing home. Our sympathy is extended to the family.

Senior Citizens Activity Center Menu

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Oct. 18 thru Oct. 22

Subject to change

Monday, Oct. 18: Chicken & noodles, tossed salad, corn, garlic bread, and bread pudding.

Tuesday, Oct. 19: Steak & gravy, potatoes, green beans, cornbread, and chocolate pudding.

Wednesday, Oct. 20: Pork roast & gravy, boiled cabbage, mashed potatoes, roll, and gingerbread.

Thursday, Oct. 21: Goulash, hominy, beets, cornbread, and dump cake.

Friday, Oct. 22: Hamburger, chips, pea salad, cornbread, and cobbler.

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Obituaries

Dorothy "Dot" Awalt

WINTERS—Dorothy "Dot" Awalt, 76, died Friday, October 8, 1999, at Shannon Medical Center in San Angelo.

She was born March 9, 1923, in Smithville. She married Virgil Awalt on November 6, 1942, in Lawton, Oklahoma, and lived in the Wingate and Winters area the rest of her life.

Mrs. Awalt worked as the school secretary in Wingate for a number of years. She was a member of the Church of Christ.

She was preceded in death by her husband and one son, Larry Awalt. Survivors include one son, Jerry Awalt of Winters; one daughter, Lou Stanford of Cypress; one sister, Inez Hodges of Burkburnett; three grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Services were held at 2:00 p.m. Sunday, October 10, at the Winters Funeral Home Chapel with Mark Edge officiating. Burial followed in Lakeview Cemetery in Winters directed by the Winters Funeral Home.

Curtis E. Morrison

WINTERS—Curtis E. Morrison, 82, died Monday evening, October 11, 1999, at the Senior Citizens Nursing Home.

He was born December 4, 1916 in Lipan and came to Winters in 1942. He served in the U.S. Air Force during World War II. He farmed and was a member of Southside Baptist Church.

He is survived by several cousins.

Graveside services were held at 10:30 a.m., Wednesday, October 13, 1999, at Dewey Cemetery with Reverend Barry Taylor officiating. Burial was under the direction of the Winters Funeral Home.

Senior Citizens Activity Center News

By Janet Cason, Director

Good meals and fellowship shared; September birthdays celebrated

by Janet Cason, director

The Senior Citizens Activity Center at 601 Wood Street, would like to extend to you their hospitality. Come have a good meal and enjoy fellowship with old friends. Each Friday from 10 to 11:15 a.m. we gather to play bingo.

In the month of September many birthdays were celebrated, including Floyd Huckaby, Alta Mae Spill, Selma Osborne, Albert Spill, Olga Meyers, Lee Freeman, Gus Anderson, Bill Ray, Betty Burson, Willie Cery, Ellis Ueckert, and Barbara Heathcott.

A special pat on the back to Ollie Webb for bringing the delicious pears to share with everyone. The seniors also enjoyed

beautiful gospel singing. "Thanks" to Freddie Bredemeyer for lining up the program.

We would also like to say Thank You to Eastern Stars, Catholic Church, Southside Baptist Church, First American Bank, and the Church of Christ for delivering the meals last month. We appreciate you sharing your time to help others.

Memorial donations were made to "Meals on Wheels" in memory of Dick McNeil from Wingate Baptist Church and T.J. Shields from Joyce Krause and First American Bank. Your donations are greatly appreciated.

October 22— WSL to sponsor Mexican Dinner before Hamilton football game

The Women's Service League will host a Mexican Dinner on Friday, October 22, before the Hamilton football game. The meal will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. in the school cafeteria.

The meal will include your choice of one (1) beef or chicken fajita, a taco, refried beans, chips and homemade salsa, homemade desserts, and tea.

Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$3.50 for children 10 and under. Takeouts will be available.

The WSL would like to invite everyone to attend this tasty meal before the Blizzards beat the Bulldogs!

This will be the major fundraiser of the year for the league. The WSL uses their funds for service projects within the community including purchasing playground equipment for the park and books/equipment for the public library. They provide monetary support for many youth activities as well.

THE BROKEN CHAIN

We had no way of knowing
When God would call your name.
In life we loved you dearly.
In death we do the same.
It broke our hearts to lose you.
You did not go alone;
For part of us went with you
The day God called you home.
You left us peaceful memories.
Your love is still our guide.
And though we cannot see you,
You are always at our side.
Our family chain is broken,
And nothing seems the same.
But as God calls us one by one,
The chain will link again.
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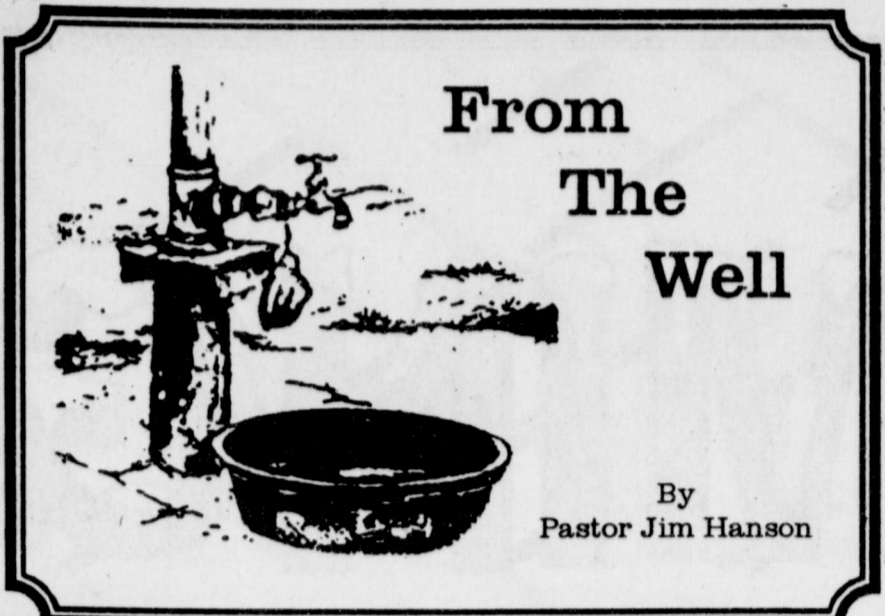
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From The Well

By Pastor Jim Hanson



Pastor Jim Hanson

It is hard to write about birthday. Not because I don't like birthdays...I love them. But when I write about my birthday, it might appear that I am bragging. Truly, I am not. I am blessed. And I want to share that with you. To be so

blessed is truly humbling. My birthday is October 1. This year I became 70 years old. When I was a small boy, I used to pray...almost every day, that God would let me live until I became 70, and to see the new millennium. Well, He did, and I'm glad to be here, now. My celebration started before my birthday. On the Wednesday before I picked up *The Winters Enterprise*. I opened the paper to look at the inside—and there, underneath this column, these words:

"They will bear fruit in old age, they will stay fresh and green, proclaiming, 'The Lord is upright; He is my Rock, and there is no wickedness in Him.'"
Psalms 92:14-15
Happy Birthday
Pastor Jim

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You can't imagine how that made me feel. What a good word! On your 70th birthday, as a preacher, an encouraging word, for sure. And it started the celebration.

On Friday morning my telephone rang. Over the wire come the "Happy Birthday" song, sung by Thelma. Later in the day Ramona and I had coffee, some truly magnificent venison sausage, and pie with Rosmund Holle. (Her birthday is the same as mine, only she has 15 more.) After a few minutes we were joined by Ellis Ueckert, who was just coming off his 90th—such fun. Rosmund said, "I just love my birthday. I like to celebrate it for weeks." And she does. And, it seems, so do I.

That evening Ramona invited some folks over to eat supper, visit, and sing "Happy Birthday." And since that time—telephone calls from old friends in far-away-places, letters, and cards. And the first week is not yet over.

My brother Rolf sent me a card that says, on the cover, "1929 was a good year," and, on the inside, "because you were born." It also had a lot of facts—like "seven Chicago gangsters gunned down in Valentine's Day massacre," "Inventors at Bell Labs demonstrated new color television," and "Stock Market crashed October 24, losses in billions of dollars." With that kind of "greatness," I guess my birth was some kind of blessing.

For sure, my folks thought so. Mother and dad had two sons, Paul and Rolf. After Rolf was born, the doctor told her, "Marie, you will not have any more children. It will be practically impossible for you to conceive." But early in 1929, mother and dad found out that they had. And they truly were glad that this unplanned...wanted...child was on the way. My aunt told me that the night I was born—it snowed! (Not so unusual in Northern Minnesota—in a small city by name of Bemidji.)

My birthday celebration opens up so many "pasts" and "presents." Not in terms of "things" I have received, but in "people" who have blessed me so. The best present is the presence of a person that cares for you. I have received so many. The One card that put the icing on the cake was from my dear wife. On the cover is a painting of a birch tree forest. There is snow on the ground. The white birch bark seems to shield five white horses, who are almost hidden. On the inside it says,

"You can't hide the fact that you're another year older! Happy birthday."

It's true. My 70 years are here. But Ramona, in her love and faith wrote in her own hand...so beautifully,

"But, who wants to hide... look where we're going,"
Love, Ramona Wow!

I don't know what you think that means, but I do know what she meant. And what means so much to me—not our retirement home in Tuscola, not just time to visit the kids and grandkids, and make some trips. No, something far better and greater—for "we are going to see the King," someday. And it will be the birthday celebration of all the "born-again." And, it will be forever. I can hardly wait. In the meanwhile—everyday is a birthday—for you, for me, of life, of love, and of hope. Thank God.

KIDZ KORNER...



GROOVEY BABY......says (l-r) Candace O'Dell, Jaci Frierson, and Chelsy Lipsey during "Overpower the Armadillos Day"—a spin-off of the Austin Powers movies with a '60s theme. Last week these second grade girls dressed for theme days as a part of Homecoming Spirit Week activities.

Chamber Memo

30th Annual Arts & Crafts Show to feature "Taste of West Texas Cook-Off"

by Carolyn Scarborough, Chamber manager

The Winters Area Chamber of Commerce will host the 30th Annual Arts and Crafts Show on Saturday, November 30, 1999, at the Winters Community Center.

There will be a new feature to the show this year—the "Taste of West Texas Cook-Off." There will be three categories including brisket, beans, and wild game.

Entry fees for the brisket and wild game competitions is \$20 with cash prizes going to the top three places in each category. First place will receive \$200; second place earns \$100; and \$50 for third place.

Entry fee for the "Pot O'Beans" contest is \$10 with cash

prizes as follows: \$40 for first place, \$30 for second, and \$10 for third.

Official rules may be obtained by contacting the Winters Chamber of Commerce at (915)754-5210 or wacc@wcc.net. The cook-off will begin Friday, November 12 at 7 p.m.

There are many different kinds of crafts and merchandise scheduled. Booth space is still available for \$20 for an 8 X 10 space. There is entertainment scheduled throughout the day and a mini-train ride for the kids.

Come join the fun and do some early Christmas shopping.

West Central Leadership is now accepting membership applications

West Central Leadership is looking for "a few good men and women" who want to improve their leadership skills and work for the betterment of their communities.

Individuals from Runnels, Coke, Sterling, or Coleman counties are invited to join the group. West Central Leadership is affiliated with the statewide Texas Rural Leadership Program.

The training program consists of six one-day sessions from October through April. A tuition fee of \$150 will cover materials, most meals, and a legislative trip to Austin.

Civic minded employers may choose to sponsor an employee or other community leader. Leadership applications are available by calling Kevin McMahon, WTU area business manager, at 915-365-9841 or Mary Griffiths with the Coleman Chamber of Commerce at 915-625-2163.

The first meeting of West Central Leadership will be Thursday, October 21, 1999, in Winters.

Members will participate in a Challenge Course to promote team building and decision making skills.

Other meetings will follow on the 3rd Thursday of each month. Training topics include communication skills, conflict management, leadership styles, problem solving, and team building.

"I'm looking forward to continuing the leadership program in our area for the third year. It's a great opportunity for members from the four counties to develop leadership skills and work together to promote regional awareness and development. We encourage anyone involved in their community to be a part of West Central Leadership," said Kevin McMahon.

West Texas Utilities Co., Coleman Chamber of Commerce, the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, and Resource Conservation and Development (RC&D) are jointly sponsoring the leadership training and coordinating the monthly sessions.

WVF Auxiliary to host Chicken Fried Steak Dinner on Sunday

The Winters Firemen's Auxiliary will host a Chicken Fried Steak Dinner this Sunday, October 17. The meal will be served from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the school cafeteria.

The meal will include chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes, cream gravy, green beans, homemade hot rolls, apple cobbler, and tea.

Cost of the meal is \$6 for adults

and \$3 for children 10 and under. Takeout plates are available. Anyone needing their meal delivered can contact Vera Jackson at 754-5765 or Jackie Ozbirn at 754-5506.

The Auxiliary would like to invite the community out for a good meal. Funds from the dinner will help purchase fire fighting equipment for the fire department.

ROYALTY, continued

Homemakers of America, and the Goal Diggers Club.

Bill was born in Winters in 1932 to V.E. and Mida Colburn. He graduated from Winters High School in 1949. While in school, he played football and was active in band and Future Farmers of America.

After attending McMurry College for one year, he returned to Winters, and on July 6, 1950, Kay and Billy Joe were married in Winters. They have resided five miles north of Winters since that time.

She worked as a homemaker, at Winters State Bank as a teller, and at the Chamber of Commerce as a manager.

Over the years, Kay has served numerous organizations. She was a volunteer and an elected officer for the Z.I. Hale Museum and Rock Hotel Restoration, served on the Runnels County Ladies' Ag Committee, and is currently an officer of the Winters Woman's Club. During Winters' bicentennial celebration in 1976, Kay was chairman of the Beautification Committee for the City of Winters where the group planted trees on Main Street.

Bill farmed until September, 1999, recently retiring from the business. He continues to ranch, raising cattle for sale. He was a charter member of the Winters Young Farmers; served on the school board for eight years, the Runnels County Appraisal District Board for eight years, and the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service (ASCS) County Committee for nine years.

He currently serves on the boards of Coleman County Electric and North Runnels Water Supply and the West Texas Rehab Cattlemen's Roundup Committee. He is a member of the Wingate Masonic Lodge #1042, the Scottish Rite, and Shriners.

Billy Joe and Kay were elected as the Rural Citizens of the Year in 1988 by the Winters Area Chamber of Commerce.

The Colburns have one son and daughter-in-law, Bob and Deena Colburn of Houston; one daughter and son-in-law, Cathy and Peter Kinneberg of Houston; four grandchildren, Christen and Brian Colburn and Allison and Jennifer Kinneberg, all of Houston. Mr. and Mrs. Billy Joe Colburn attend First Baptist Church of Winters.

Hanson wins \$100 drawing

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The Driving Tour received numerous positive comments on the entry forms. Entrants included school classes and Sunday School groups, with all ages represented.

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Tuesday-Oct. 19

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Wednesday-Oct. 20

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Thursday-Oct. 21

Cinnamon Toast
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Juice

Friday-Oct. 22

Toast
Cream of Wheat
Juice

Lunch

Monday-Oct. 18

Spaghetti/Meat Sauce
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Hot Roll

Tuesday-Oct. 19

Chicken Fried Steak/Gravy
Mashed Potatoes
Corn
Mixed Fruit
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Wednesday-Oct. 20

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STATISTICAL SUMMARY

	Winters	San Saba
First downs	12	10
Rushing yards	34-95	36-182
Passing yards	153	118
Comp-Att-Int	13-25-0	22-29-2
Punts-Ave.	7-38	3-24
Fumbles-lost	2-0	3-3
Penalties-yards	4-35	8-62

SCORING SUMMARY

By Quarters

Winters 7, 21, 0, 7 — 35
San Saba 3, 0, 6, 7 — 16

FIRST QUARTER

San Saba

Billy Mims 24-yd. field goal

Winters

Wade Parramore 24-yd. pass from Josh

Minzenmayer (Minzenmayer kick)

SECOND QUARTER

Winters

Kirk Byrd 4-yd. run (Minzenmayer

kick)

Winters

Wes Calcote 3-yd. run (Minzenmayer

kick)

Winters

Minzenmayer 1-yd. run (Minzenmayer

kick)

THIRD QUARTER

San Saba

Shawn Smith 9-yd. pass from Jason

Shahan (pass failed)

FOURTH QUARTER

Winters

Byrd 4-yd. run (Minzenmayer kick)

San Saba

Shawn Smith 24-yd. pass from Shahan

(Charlie Bagley kick)

Blizzards run over Armadillos 35-16

San Saba scored first and last but the Winters Blizzards scored thirty-five points in between. The Blizzards notched another district 25-2A win with a 35-16 score in last Friday's competition.

Winters is now 2-1 in district and tied with 5 others for first place.

For a homecoming game before a capacity crowd, the Blizzards didn't seem to start the game with a lot of enthusiasm. Winters took the kickoff to start the game but could do nothing with the ball and punted after only 4 downs.

The Armadillos took the ball from their own 40 and drove down to make a 24 yard field goal.

Trailing 3-0, the Blizzards woke up and started a seven minute, 80 yard drive.

Wes Calcote had runs of 7, 10, 10, and 6 yards to contribute to the drive.

Blizzard quarterback Josh Minzenmayer passed for 7 yards to Aaron Pritchard and then passed 25 yards to Wade Parramore for the touchdown.

Minzenmayer added the extra point and Winters took the lead for good, 7-0.

The Big Blue Wrecking Crew defense then took control of the game.

On San Saba's first possession in the second quarter, the Blizzards caused a fumble and Oscar Luz pounced on the recovery at the San Saba 7 yard line.

The Blizzard offense took two plays to get to pay dirt with Kirk Byrd carrying the last four yards for the touchdown.

Minzenmayer's kick made the score Winters 14, San Saba 3.

The Winters defense recovered the second Armadillo fumble after only two more plays.

The Wrecking Crew is an-

chored by John Bahlman, Craig Conner, Chris Hoppe, Samson Jackson, Kirk Byrd, and Andrew Medina.

Again the offense had great field position at the seven yard line.

Wes Calcote carried it in for the touchdown on third and 3. Minzenmayer added the extra point to up the margin to 21-3 with 7:13 to go in the second quarter.

Next, the Blizzards blocked a San Saba punt and Jeremy Hope caught it in the air and returned it seven yards to the Armadillo 1 yard line.

Minzenmayer took it over the middle for the touchdown. He also added the extra point to make it 28-3.

The Armadillos started the second half with a 58 yard touchdown drive, scoring on a 19 yard pass. The try for two was stopped,

leaving the score 28-9.

In the fourth quarter, Justin Calcote intercepted an Armadillo pass starting the Blizzards on a 68 yard drive.

Minzenmayer passed to Justin Calcote for 29 yards, to Oscar Luz for 6, and on a fourth down and 5 yards to go, a 12 yard pass for the first down.

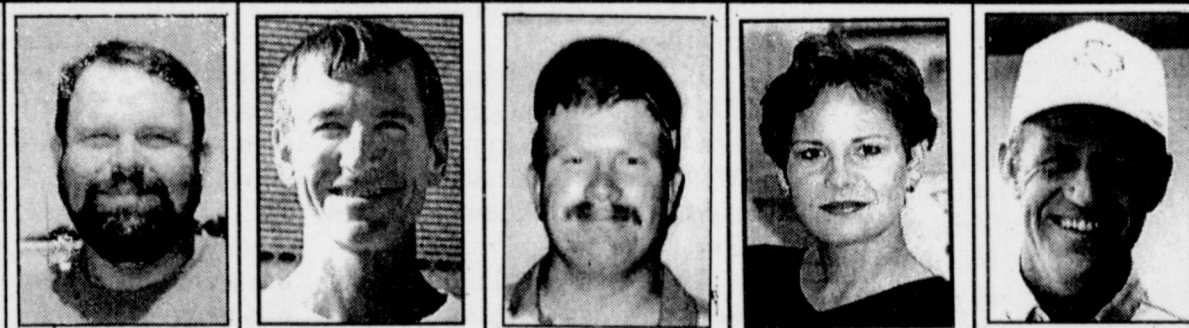
Wes Calcote carried twice for 11 yards, and Kirk Byrd carried the final four for the touchdown.

Minzenmayer's kick was again good, ending the scoring for the Blizzards at 35.

San Saba scored once more late in the ball game after the Blizzards had liberally substituted players, making the final score 35-16.

The Blizzards travel to Early this Friday. Early is 1-2 in the district after a last second loss to Hamilton last week. Kickoff is at 7:30 p.m.

1999 Fearless Football Forecasters



	Dale Montgomery	Larry Walker	Kevin Floyd	Rhonda Goetz	Monte Angel
LAST WEEK	7-3	7-3	9-1	4-6	7-3
OVERALL	37-23	35-25	32-28	33-27	44-16

Winters at Early
Goldthwaite at Bangs
Coleman at San Saba
Mason at Hamilton
Stamford at Jim Ned
Brady at Clyde
Grape Creek at Ballinger
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DISTRICT 25-2A

Team	W	L	T	PF	PA
Goldthwaite	5	1	0	176	107
Mason	5	1	0	131	49
Winters	5	1	0	194	124
Bangs	4	2	0	166	111
Coleman	4	2	0	147	82
Early	4	2	0	122	35
Hamilton	4	2	0	130	119
San Saba	2	3	0	78	100

DISTRICT

Team	W	L	T	PF	PA
Coleman	2	1	0	49	51
Goldthwaite	2	1	0	67	60
Hamilton	2	1	0	61	59
Mason	2	1	0	37	29
Winters	2	1	0	107	73
Bangs	1	2	0	58	60
Early	1	2	0	40	35
San Saba	0	3	0	33	65

Last Week's Scores: Winters 35, San Saba 16; Hamilton 22, Early 21; Goldthwaite 13, Mason 9; Coleman 20, Bangs 17 (OT);
FRIDAY'S SCHEDULE
Goldthwaite at Bangs, 7:30 p.m.
Coleman at San Saba, 7:30 p.m.
Winters at Early, 7:30 p.m.
Mason at Hamilton, 7:30 p.m.

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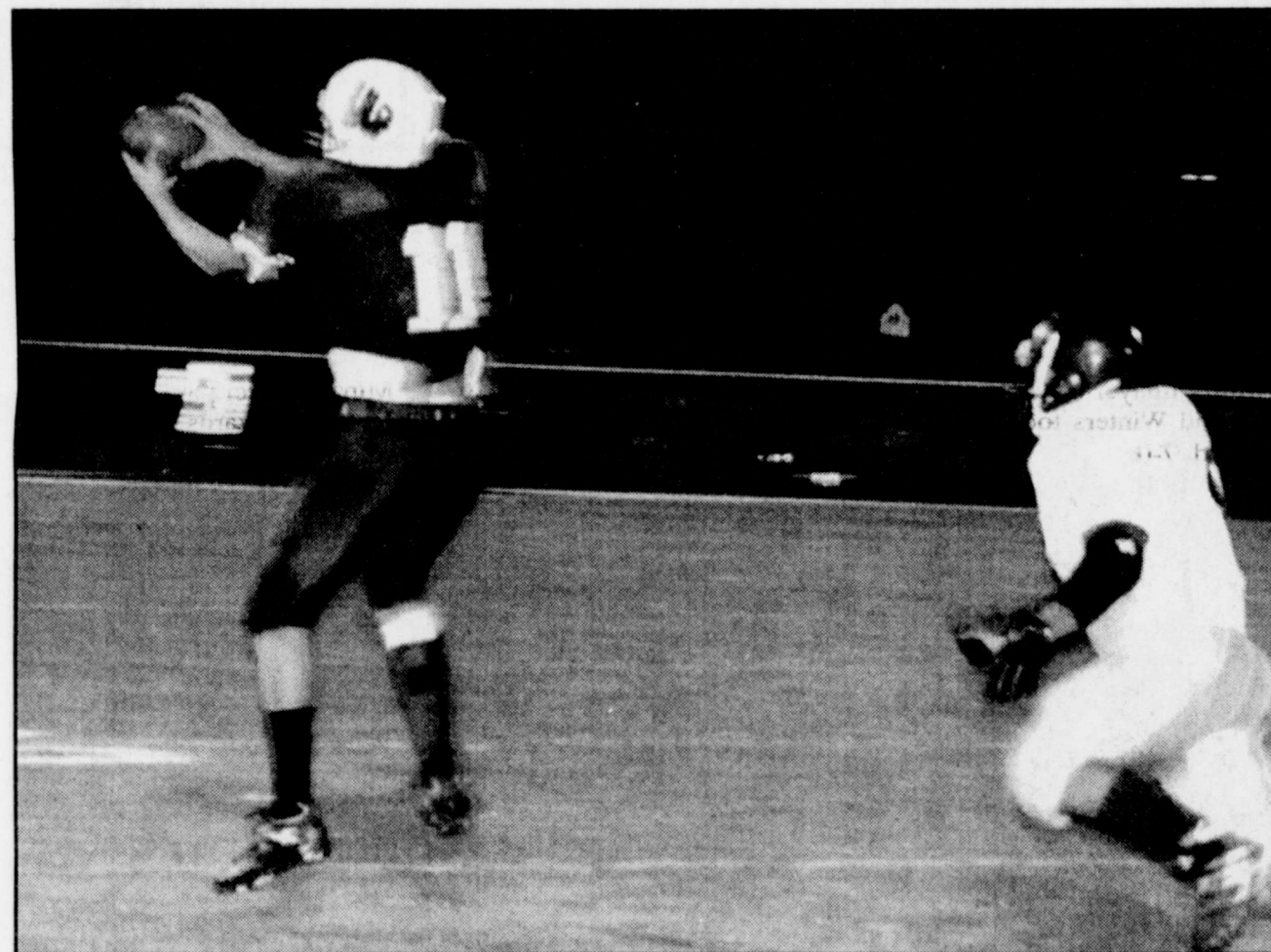
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OSCAR LUZ #33 stretches for the pass during varsity action against the San Saba Armadillos. The win puts the Blizzards at 2-1 in district play.



WADE PARRAMORE #11 hangs on to the pass for the first down. The Blizzards pounded the Armadillos 35-16 during district 25-2A action.

Winters JV loses to Armadillos by one in District 25-AA opener

by Coach Shane Mobley

Winters JV lost their first district battle last week with a one point loss to San Saba. The final score was 8-7.

Both scores came in the first half of the game with a chance to win in the fourth quarter.

Late in the first quarter, the Blizzards scored on a 23 yard touchdown pass from Shane Colburn to Mark Moreno. Moreno converted the PAT, giving Winters a 7-0 lead.

The Blizzards played a great defensive game. San Saba scored with less than a minute before halftime. On the extra point attempt, the Blizzards did intercept a pass in the end zone—but it was taken back due to a Winters penalty. The Armadillos took advantage of the penalty with a 2-point conversion.

The third and fourth quarters went scoreless for both teams. Late in the fourth quarter, the

Blizzards attempted a 33 yard field goal, which was short by the length of your arm.

There is no doubt in my mind that we should have won last Thursday's game—penalties killed us. The guys played a great game and gave it their all.

I want to thank the fans and parents for their support and we hope to see you this Thursday here in Winters against Early at 6 p.m.

Both cross-country teams place fifth in ACU Classic; times much improved from first Abilene meet

The Blizzard and Lady Blizzard cross-country teams both placed fifth at the ACU Classic this weekend in Abilene. The JV Lady Blizzards finished ninth at the meet.

"The boy's times have improved from 19 seconds to over two minutes," said Coach Deb Whittenburg. "With district just two weeks away, everyone needs to be at their best." Whittenburg also noted that most of the girl's team improved their times significantly from the first time they ran the same course in early September.

The teams will compete in the Big Country Jamboree on Saturday at Seabee Park in Abilene. The meet is hosted by Abilene High School and is located off of West Lake Road at FM 600. The varsity girls and JV girls will run at 9 a.m. and the varsity and JV boys will run at 9:40 a.m. Seventh grade junior high division will run at 11 a.m. followed by the eighth grade at 11:15 a.m.

Last Saturday's results are:

- Blizzards**
 Jimmy Rodriguez, 3rd, 17:27
 Tony Aguero, 27th, 19:19
 Brian Pritchard, 35th, 19:41
 Jason Esquivel, 46th, 20:20
 Artemio Lopez, 49th, 20:30
 Ivan Montano, 71st, 21:53
 Ruben Garcia, 83rd, 22:24
- Lady Blizzards**
 Kelli Slimp, 21st, 14:51
 Cassandra Johnson, 23rd, 14:52
 Mandy Pritchard, 24th, 14:53
 Marie Llanas, 30th, 15:05
 Michelle Paschal, 31st, 15:07
 Stacey Sneed, 46th, 15:47
 Priscilla Ontiveros, 49th, 16:01
- JV Lady Blizzards**
 Juanita Armendariz, 54th, 16:13
 Lacey Meyer, 57th, 16:23
 Kemari Hale, 65th, 16:36
 Kirby Hatler, 66th, 16:38
 Michelle Dexter, 69th, 16:53
 Lucero Vega, 77th, 17:38
 Connie Reyes, 80th, 18:03
- Junior High Division (2 mile)**
 Eric Lopez, 87th, 16:21

1999-2000 Varsity Football Schedule

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME
Aug. 20	Walt	H	7:30
Aug. 26	Anson	T	7:30
Sept. 2	Jim Ned	H	8:00 27-14
Sept. 9	Merkel	T	8:00 48-21
Sept. 17	Ozona	H	8:00 34-31
Sept. 24	Goldthwaite	H	7:30 28-35
Oct. 1	Bangor	T	7:30 22-20
Oct. 8	San Saba	A	7:30 35-16
Oct. 15	Barry	T	7:30
Oct. 22	Hamilton	H	7:30
Oct. 29	Mason	H	7:30
Nov. 5	Coleman	H	7:30

* Scrimmage Games ▲ Homecoming ▲ District Games

1999-2000 Jr. Varsity Football Schedule

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME
Aug. 20	Walt	H	8:00
Aug. 26	Anson	T	8:00
Sept. 2	Jim Ned	H	8:30 12-40
Sept. 9	Merkel	H	8:30 14-20
Sept. 16	Ozona	T	8:30 0-20
Sept. 23	Goldthwaite	T	8:00 15-12
Sept. 30	Bangor	H	8:00 27-18
Oct. 7	San Saba	A	8:00 7-8
Oct. 14	Barry	T	8:00
Oct. 21	Hamilton	T	8:00
Oct. 28	Mason	H	8:00
Nov. 4	Coleman	H	8:00

* Scrimmage Games ▲ District Games

1999-2000 Jr. High Football Schedule

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME
Sept. 9	Merkel	H	5.8.30 0-50-38
Sept. 16	Merkel (7th)	H	5 46-0
Sept. 23	Goldthwaite	H	5.8.30 20-05-8
Sept. 30	Bangor	H	5.8.30 0-140-20
Oct. 7	San Saba	A	5.8.30 12-6-18-6
Oct. 14	Barry	T	5.8.30
Oct. 21	Hamilton	H	5.8.30
Oct. 28	Mason	H	5.8.30
Nov. 4	Coleman	T	5.8.30

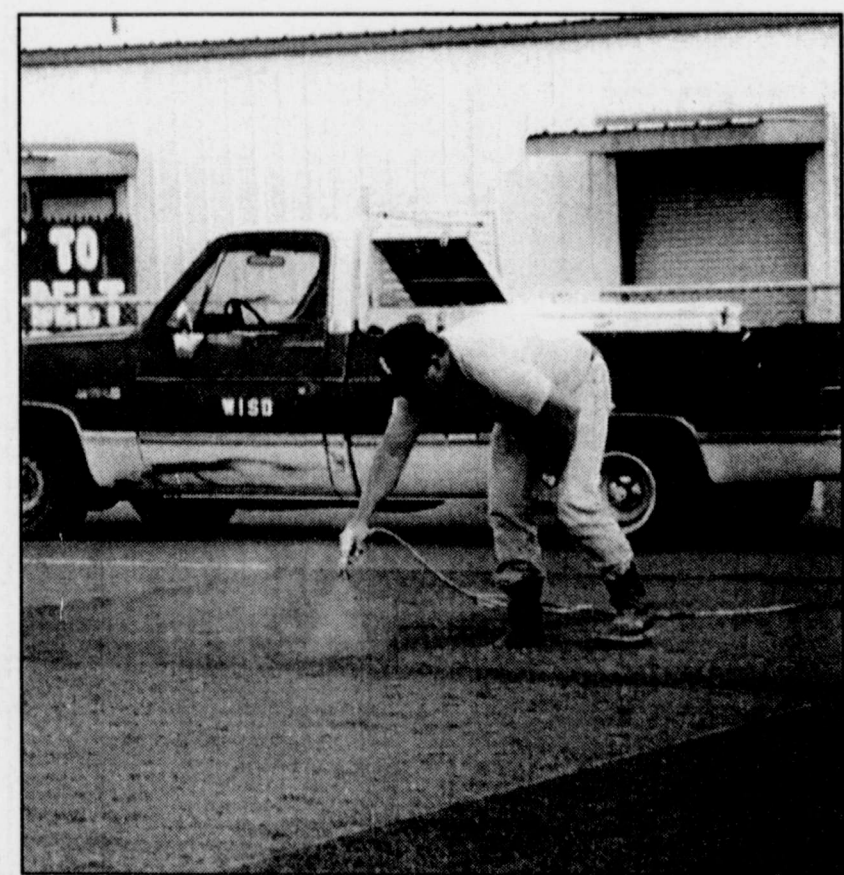
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The PIP (Players in Progress) program will begin their second season in Winters on Sunday, October 17 in the Blizzard Gym.

Though registration deadline was yesterday, the program will accept late registrations until Sunday when the program meets for the first time.

PIP is a performance group specializing in basketball skills, drills, and tricks. The group consists of kids in kindergarten through grade six.

The program is designed to create an early interest in basketball and sports; to encourage the development of ball handling

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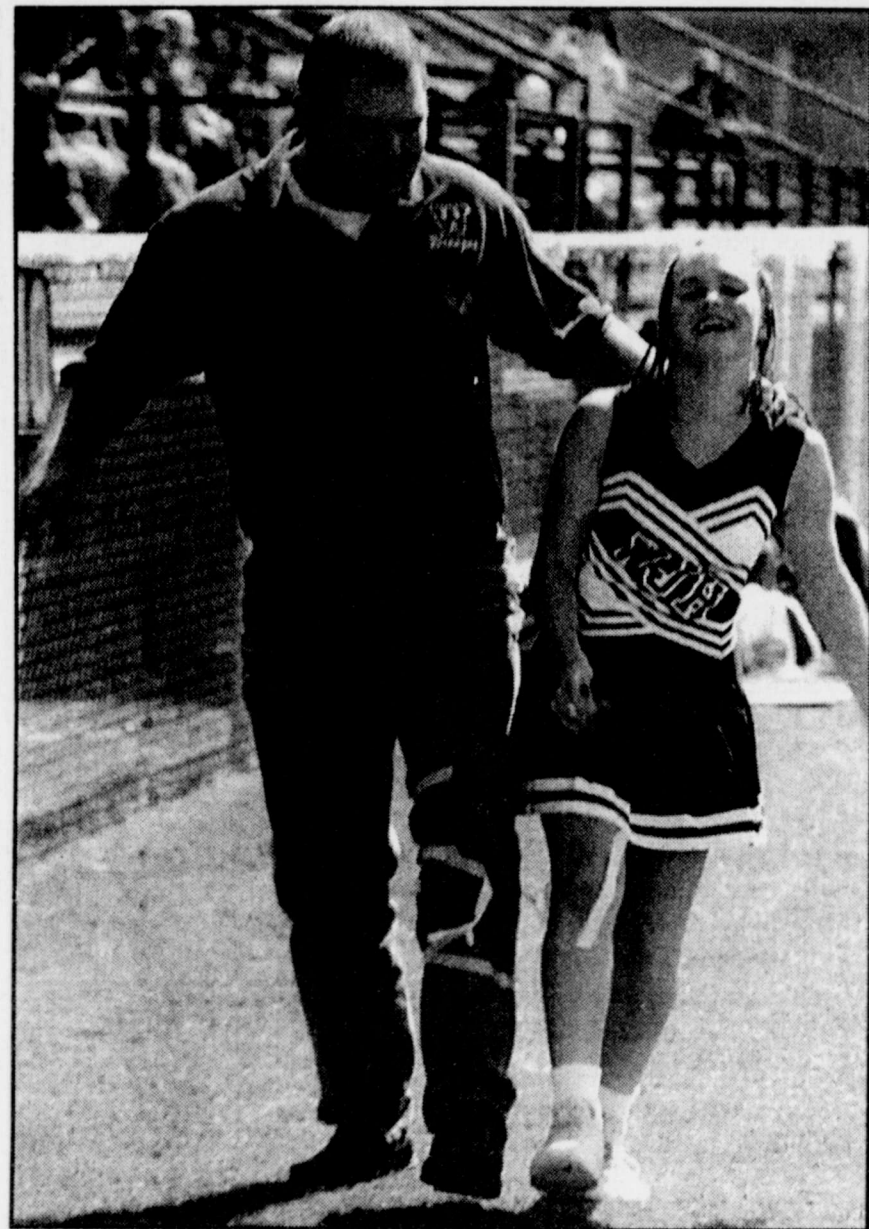
PIP allows each child the opportunity to perform in front of a crowd and overcome that nervousness (fear) that keeps so many from trying new things.

Program cost is \$40 per child. Every child will receive a PIP basketball and a PIP t-shirt. For more information contact Becky Airhart at 743-2169, Mandie England at 767-2117, or Sherri Mikeska at 743-2198.

In honor of those who "serve"



IN OBSERVANCE OF NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH WEEK, OCTOBER 11-15, these "lunch room ladies" extend Blizzard greetings from the school cafeteria to all the students and staff they serve. Pictured (l-r) are Nell Ballard, Director of Food Service, 15 years of service; Nancy Folsom, 17 yrs.; Aletha Guevera, 6 yrs.; Tenille Childers, part-time; Linda Jones, 5 yrs.; Nadine DeLaCruz, 23 yrs.; and Pauline Briley, 16 yrs. This group is to be commended for preparing and serving hot, nutritious meals for the WISD students twice a day when school is in session.



HIP-HOPPIN' ALONG were Breezes' football coach Richard Buchanan and cheerleader Brianna Parramore during the Junior High Homecoming Pep Rally last Thursday. The pair finished a strong second in the three-legged race.

Occupational Prep classes hold mock job interviews

Winters High School Occupational Preparation classes participated in job interviews with Reverend Barry Taylor this week.

Student preparation included learning application and interview tips, questions to ask during the interview and methods of dealing with difficult and/or illegal interview questions.

The interviews gave students the opportunity to practice their interview skills in a realistic situation.

The Occupational Preparation classes are designed to give students an awareness of various job opportunities that will be available for them when they graduate.

All The Way, Blizzards!

VFW & Auxiliary sponsoring "Voice of Democracy" audio essay contest

The Winters Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 9193 and Ladies Auxiliary are sponsoring the Voice of Democracy Patriotic Audio Essay Competition at the Winters High School.

This is a youth scholarship program that is in its 53rd year. Created in 1947, it gives students a chance to extol the virtues of democracy and experiment with the technologies of radio broadcasting.

The VOD is open to students in the 9th, 10th, 11th, and 12th grades enrolled in public, private, or parochial high school in the U.S., its territories or its possessions. Students may be a dependent of U.S. military or civilian

personnel in overseas schools. The contest is also open to home-schooled students.

Students must write an original three to five minute essay based on this year's theme and record it on an audio cassette. Each year's theme is based on some aspect of democracy. This year it is "America's Role for the Next Century." The entry deadline is November 1, 1999.

Students interested in entering the competition may contact Becky Reel, High School Counselor, Teachers, Cynthia Davis, Laura Dees, David Evans, Susan Mostard, or Mary Kurtz, VFW Aux., President.

Celebrating 2000—Elementary to make CD of favorite school songs Dec. 3

The children of Winters Elementary School will make a recorded CD of songs they sing at school on December 3, 1999. The recording is an effort to help the children celebrate the coming year—2000.

Tammy Bright, elementary principal, is excited about this opportunity for the children and calls the experience a "memory maker. This is a purchase that will be a good investment for everyone."

The CD's are of the highest quality and will be sold for \$7 each. Keep in mind that this is not a fund-raising event. Cost is nominal because a real effort is being made to make this available to every student who desires to purchase a CD.

The actual recording is being done by Free Lance Rascals Recording Studio of Dallas and the CD will be produced by Green Room Productions, also of Dallas.

It will feature a song by each grade level, pre-k through grade six, several songs by the entire school, and four songs by the Elementary Select Choir.

Mrs. Kidwell, elementary music teacher, says that if you hear your children singing, don't make them stop—because "practice makes perfect—and we want to sound good on that CD!!"

Big Blue Wrecking Crew
—Awesome!



HOPING SAN SABA WOULD "DRED" THE BREEZES' HOMECOMING are 7th and 8th grade football players (l-r) Vaughn Everett, Jeremy Mendoza, Chance Hogan, Max Harrison, Justin Laird, and Cody Pritchard. The Armadillos should have heeded their warning as the Breezes 7th grade won, 12-6 and the WJHS eighth grade was victorious, 18-6.

Scholarships available to 250 winners

High school students with a grade point average of 'B' or better and college students with a GPA of 'B+' or better are eligible for a \$1,000 college scholarship (U.S. citizens only).

All requests for applications must include the following: student's name, permanent home address, city, state, zip code, name of current high school or college, approximate GPA, and year in school during the 1999-2000 academic year.

To receive an application, e-mail scholar@ecsf.org, paper mail Educational Communications Scholarship Foundation, PO Box 5012, Lake Forest, IL, 60045-5012, or FAX (847)295-3972. Requests must be received by December 16, 1999.

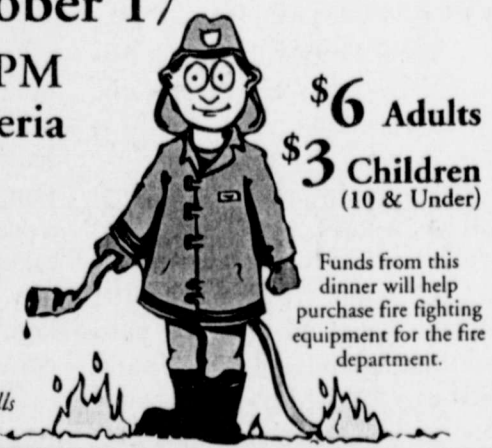
Applications will be fulfilled by mail only, on or about January 6, 2000. Two hundred fifty (250) winners will be selected on the basis of academic performance, involvement in extracurricular activities, and some consideration for financial need. A total of \$250,000 will be awarded.

Support Your Local Businesses

Winters Firemen's Auxiliary Chicken Fried Steak Dinner Sunday, October 17

11 AM to 1 PM School Cafeteria

Takeouts Available For Delivery Call Vera Jackson 754-5765 Jackie Ozbirn 754-5506



Chicken Fried Steak Mashed Potatoes, Cream Gravy Green Beans, Homemade Hot Rolls Apple Cobbler, Tea

\$6 Adults \$3 Children (10 & Under)

Funds from this dinner will help purchase fire fighting equipment for the fire department.

Happy Birthday



At age 5, I could ride my brother's motorcycle by getting on it from a tree stump; dismounting it by jumping off.

Identity of birthday girl is revealed elsewhere in this issue.

NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION
(A VISO DE ELECCION ESPECIAL)

To the registered voters of the County of Runnels, Texas:
(a los votantes registrados del Condado de Runnels, Texas:)

Notice is hereby given that the polling places listed below will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on November 2, 1999 for voting in a special election to adopt or reject the proposed Constitutional Amendments as submitted by the 76th Legislature, Regular Session, of the State of Texas.
(Notifiquese, por las presentes, que las casillas electorales sitadas abajo se abrirán desde las 7:00 a.m. hasta las 7:00 p.m. el 2 de noviembre de 1999 para votar en la Elección Especial para adoptar o rechazar la enmiendas propuestas constitucionales así como fueron sometidas por la 76a Legislatura Sesión Regular, de la Estado de Texas.)

LOCATION(S) OF POLLING PLACES
(DIRECCION(ES) DE LAS CASILLAS ELECTORALES)

ELECTION PRECINCT 1 - BALLINGER
RUNNELS COUNTY COURTHOUSE, BROADWAY & HUTCHINGS

ELECTION PRECINCT 3 - WINTERS
HOUSING AUTHORITY BUILDING, 300 N. GRANT

ELECTION PRECINCT 4 - WINTERS
RUNNELS COUNTY TAX BRANCH OFFICE, 143 N. DALE

ELECTION PRECINCT 5 - WINGATE
LION'S CLUB BUILDING, 108 SMITHSON STREET

ELECTION PRECINCT 6 - NORTON
COMMUNITY CENTER, 215 HOLLOWAY AVENUE

ELECTION PRECINCT 7 - BALLINGER
COMMUNITY CENTER, 200 CROSSON AVENUE

ELECTION PRECINCT 8 - BALLINGER
CITY HALL, 7TH & RAILROAD AVENUE

ELECTION PRECINCT 9 - MILES
CITY HALL, 110 ROBINSON STREET

ELECTION PRECINCT 10 - ROWENA
FIRE STATION, 504 MARY STREET

Early Voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at:
(La votación adelantada en persona se llevará a cabo de lunes a viernes en:)

County Clerk's Office, Runnels County Courthouse, Ballinger, Texas
(Location) (sitio)

between the hours of 8:30-12:00 p.m. and 1:00-5:00 p.m. beginning on October 18, 1999
(entre las 8:30-12:00 de la tarde y las 1:00-5:00 de la tarde empezando el 18 de octubre, 1999)

and ending on October 29, 1999 (y terminando el 29 de octubre, 1999)

Applications for ballot by mail shall be mailed to:
(Las solicitudes para boletas que se votarán adelantada por correo deberán enviarse a:)

Elissa Ocker
(Name of Early Voting Clerk)
(Nombre del Secretario de la Votación Adelantada)

P. O. Box 189
(Address) (Dirección)

Ballinger 76821
(City) (Ciudad) (Zip Code) (Zona Postal)

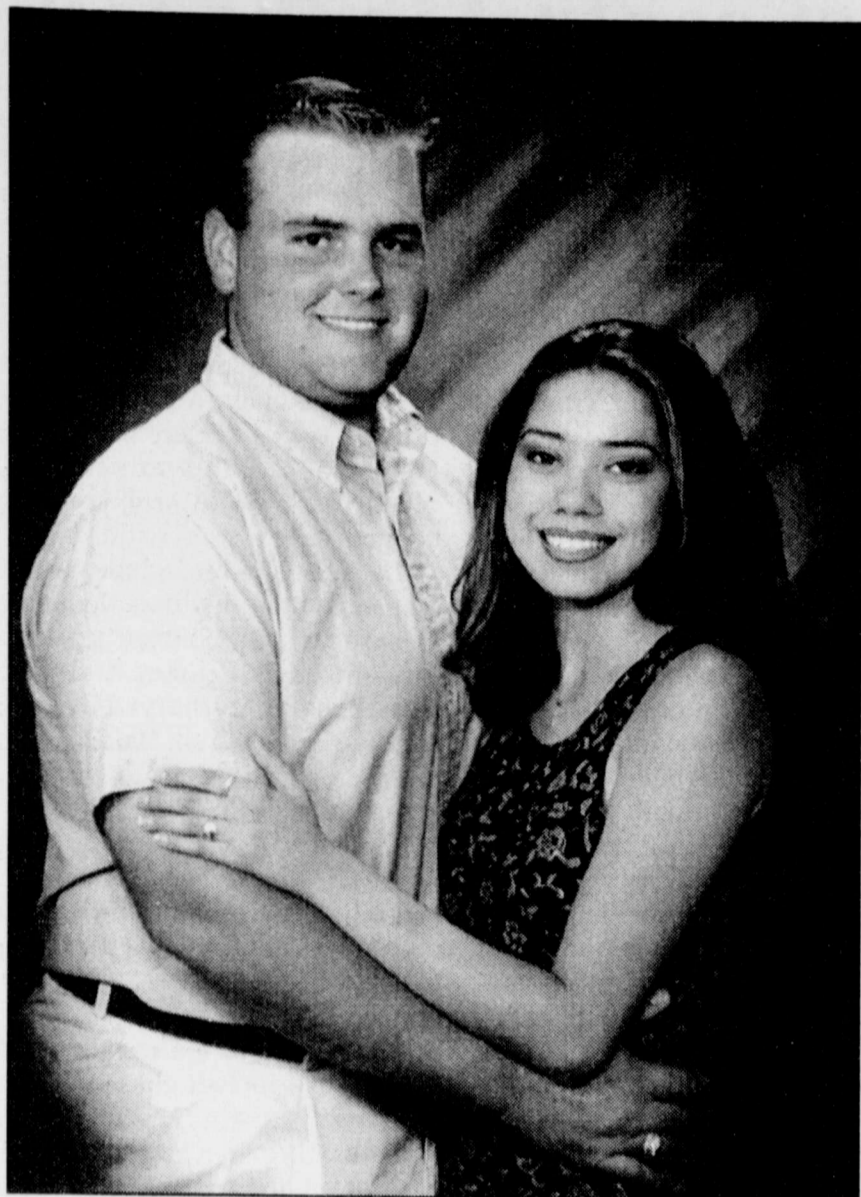
Applications for ballots by mail must be received no later than the close of business on:
(Las solicitudes para boletas que se votarán adelantada por correo deberán recibirse para el fin de las horas de negocio el:)

October 26, 1999 26 de octubre, 1999
(Date) (Fecha)

Issued this the 8th day of October, 1999.
(Emitida este día 8 de octubre, 1999.)

Signature of County Judge (Firma del Juez del Condado)

Engagement



Chris Dry and Mechelle Gonzales

Mechelle Gonzales & Chris Dry to marry Saturday, October 23

Felix and Sophie Gonzales of Winters are proud to announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Mechelle, to Christopher Allen Dry of Winters. Chris is the son of Rick and Linda Dry of Winters.

Mechelle is a graduate of Winters High School and Aladdin Beauty College in Abilene.

Chris is a graduate of Winters High School and graduated with honors from Western Texas College in Snyder with a degree in Golf Landscape Technology and an associate degree in science from Cisco Jr. College extension in Abilene. He is currently employed by Golfworks, Inc., working in Grapevine.

Grandparents of the bride are Nicholas and Estella Reyna of Winters and Serapio and Geneva Nieto of Abilene.

Grandparents of the groom are the late Hal and Jerry Dry and the late Ben and Marjorie Tischler.

The wedding is set for 4:00 p.m. Saturday, October 23, 1999, at St. John's Lutheran Church in Winters.

WSL makes challenge—

Athletic Booster Club announces plans for annual Halloween Carnival

The Winters Athletic Booster Club has announced plans for their annual Halloween Carnival to be held Saturday, October 30.

The carnival will be held at the Activity (yellow) Building on the elementary campus from 7 to 11 p.m. Bingo will begin at 8 p.m.

Any businesses willing to donate Bingo prizes are asked to contact Donna Pritchard at 743-8296 or Mary Slimp at 754-4616. Your donation would be greatly appreciated.

The Women's Service League of Winters is challenging all area and school organizations to sponsor a booth for

the carnival. Young children look forward to the event each year with much anticipation, but often have little selection in booths for entertainment. Your organization could play a part in making this one of the biggest and best carnivals in years.

Any organization who would like to sponsor a booth for the annual event is also asked to contact Donna or Mary at the numbers listed above.

The Halloween Carnival is one of the major fundraisers of the year for the Booster Club which supports all WHS athletic teams.

Birthday girl is Lisa Marie Ingram.

Poe's Corner

By Charlsie Poe

Fort Chadbourne named

Garland Richards and his wife Lana, owners of Fort Chadbourne, were in town Friday searching for the original owners.

I just happened to have a book written by H.D. Pearce, a confederate soldier, who was also the first Postmaster of Runnels County. He took biographical sketches of all the confederate soldiers who came in for mail. This material he gathered from 1885 to 1898 was made into a book by Mr. Pearce.

Runnels County with a number of others in West Texas, was created by an act of the legislature long before the Confederate War. Fort Chadbourne along with Phantom Hill, McKavitt, and other forts along that advanced frontier line, was established A.D. 1852, by General Robert E. Lee, then colonel in the U.S. Army.

Quite a number of civilians gathered around Fort Chadbourne (it was then in Runnels County) until about 1890 when it was left out and put in Coke County.

The lines were established by an actual survey and two enterprising young men put a large farm in the forks of Fish and Valley Creeks about eight miles east of the fort.

Taylor and Herman Oken raised crops of hay for the fort during the years of 1856-57. The farm was near what is known as the Government Springs on Fish Creek where the post used to get water and keep an outpost when necessary.

However, the Indians became so annoying that they had to abandon the farm. The chimneys of their houses were standing and signs of the farms were plain to be seen in 1880.



Charlsie Poe

While the fort was occupied, certificates were laid on quite a lot of land around the fort. In February 1861, Henry E. McCulloch made up a command of which W.M. Laxon, who died near Ballinger in 1902, was a member.

They went and took possession of Fort Chadbourne; the federal soldiers leaving. They remained there until about the last of April, 1861, when they abolished it. Some of the citizens remained until about the first of August, when they too left, not feeling able to cope with roving bands of Indians.

There were several stock ranches on Oak Creek below the fort which was also abandoned.

Mr. W.C. McGough, a young man from Eastland, passed through Runnels County in 1861, visited Fort Chadbourne and found it entirely deserted.

The county remained uninhabited until December, 1862, at which time a settlement was formed on Elm Creek, near its mouth. It was close to where Ballinger now stands and was called Pickettville.

The permanent settlement of the county begins. In 1885, H.D. Pearce, the postmaster, went to the Fort Worth State Reunion and came home revived in spirit. He went to work getting up a role of the regiment and soon had enough to enroll enough members for a complete county of Runnels.



Town Criers



Autumn Len Rodriguez

Scottie and Nolisa Rodriguez are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Autumn Len. Autumn was welcomed home by her brothers Kygan, Riley, and Ethan.

She was born on Sunday, September 26, 1999, at 3:34 p.m. at Abilene Regional Medical Center in Abilene. She weighed 7 lbs. 8 1/5 ozs. and was 20 1/4 inches long.

Maternal grandparents are Max and Pauline Briley of Winters. Paternal grandparents are Eloy and Linda Rodriguez of Winters.

Dylan Dakota Tubbs

Melia Michelle Tubbs, age 3, is proud to announce the birth of her brother Dylan Dakota Tubbs. Dylan was born on Sunday, October 10, 1999 to Richie and Heather Tubbs of Winters.

Weighing 6 lbs. 3 ozs and 19 inches long, Dylan was born at 2:20 a.m. in Llano Memorial Hospital in Llano.

Dylan is the half brother of Scottie Delta of Winters and Dustin Tubbs of Winters.

Maternal grandparents are Connie Bean of Bluffton and Kenny Reel of Abilene. Paternal grandparents are Dale and JoAnn Tubbs of Winters.

Great-grandparents are Vivian Smith of Winters, Annie Tubbs of Brady, Clemmie Reel of Winters, W.C. Reel of Winters, and Margaret and Connie Bryant of Ballinger.



JEAN HENSLEY demonstrates painting in acrylics at the October meeting of the Mid-West Texas Artists Guild. The group has been asked to display works at various locations and currently has plans to meet every week in October to design original greeting cards.

Mid-West Texas Artists Guild invited to display works

Seventeen members of the newly formed Mid-West Texas Artists Guild were informed in their October meeting of an invitation to display their works at the First National Bank of Ballinger, the Ballinger National Bank, the Ballinger Chamber of Commerce, and the Security State Bank of Winters. Ota Bell Clifton will serve as coordinator.

Jean Hensley gave a very informative demonstration of painting in acrylics. According to members, she made a difficult media look easy and fun to paint. Ms. Hensley has ongoing classes at Ella's Art Gallery in Ballinger at

7:00 p.m. on Mondays. She gives lessons in oils, acrylics, and watercolor.

The Guild met Thursday, Oct. 7, to work on their first project, original greeting cards. Members shared new materials and methods as well as old techniques used in different ways. This project is ongoing and members will meet each Thursday in October at the Mirrored Image in Ballinger.

The next regular Guild meeting will be November 2 at the Mirrored Image. Ruth Jackson of Abilene will give a demonstration in painting portraits in watercolor. She will begin at 7:00 p.m.

Early voting for Amendment Election runs through Oct. 29

Early voting by personal appearance for the November 2 Constitutional Amendment Election will be conducted in the Runnels County Clerk's Office October 18 through October 29, 8:30 a.m.-noon and 1:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.

Any qualified voter is eligible to vote early in person.

Written requests for ballots by mail must be received by October 26 at Box 189, Ballinger, Texas 76821. Call 365-2720 for more information.

COMPUTER TRAINING COMING TO WINTERS

An "Essential Computer Skills" class will be presented in Winters on Friday, October 15, by Dan Cowan of Accelerated Learning Center.

"This three hour class covers computer skills that everyone needs," says Mr. Cowan. "For reasons I fail to understand, very few computer users are learning the latest techniques developed by Microsoft to handle routine tasks such as downloading files from the Internet, copying files, and organizing your files into folders and subfolders. That's what we teach, plus a whole lot more."

Accelerated Learning Center has taught thousands of computer students in over a dozen states. "We offer a full satisfaction, money-back guarantee. We provide hands-on training of important skills that few students learn elsewhere."

"Computer competency is so simple," Cowan claims, "it all boils down to understanding about a dozen easy to learn techniques. Our class cuts to the core and teaches material that will take most computer users years to learn on their own. In just one session students learn techniques that they will use for a lifetime."

Two classes will be held in Winters, a morning class and an afternoon class, at the Winters Community Center, 410 Novice Road. The cost is \$69 per person, payable at the door. Group discounts are available. Call (888)320-5552 to reserve your seat.

The class is suitable for all beginning and intermediate computer students. Each student will be given a laminated reference guide that will probably be the student's constant companion for all Microsoft applications. This permanent guide gives the simple keystrokes that separate the computer competent person from the person who lacks computer skills.

For more information about this class, call (888)320-5552. Full details will be faxed or mailed to you about Friday's class.

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Crews News

By Hilda Kurtz



Hilda Kurtz

Please be patient, God isn't finished with me yet.

Visitors for the morning and evening services at the Hopewell Baptist Church were Robert Bryant and son Douglas, Jerry Alexander and Janie. Oscar Fanning of Abilene was the speaker. Nila and Osborne Theron were in Abilene during the week and visited with Arthur and Netha Kerbie. Arthur just came home from the hospital and is doing fair.

Coleman Foreman attended the Foreman Reunion in Brady at the church encampment, Friday through Sunday. A little over 30 attended. Coleman's sister Joyce and her husband of Sevierville, Tennessee, came the furthest.

Pat and Earl Cooper enjoyed her brother Lanny Lacy of Granbury spending one night last week with them.

Jeremy Prater had oral surgery Tuesday. He had his wisdom teeth removed at his dentist in Abilene.

Visiting Harvey Mae and Noble Faubion on Saturday were Walter Pape of Santa Anna and Amantima and Jimmy McAden of Winters.

Saffron, Kenny, Lane, and Tana Gibbs of Winters spent Saturday with Georgia and Connie Gibbs.

Pat and Abe Giles of Brownwood spent Saturday with Fairy and Wilbert Alcorn.

A close friend of Juanita Shields, Linda Stokes of Abilene, spent Friday with her.

Selma Wilkerson spent Tuesday with Dorothy Wilkerson of Winters. Selma also visited Noble and Harvey Mae Faubion during the week.

Abe and Pat Giles of Brownwood spent part of Satur-

day with Leona and Roy Matthies.

Carolyn Webb and Joe Webb spent Friday shopping in Abilene and ate out at the mall.

Louise and Ronnie Walters of Fort Worth and Mr. and Mrs. Maloey Bryant and their families visited Doris Wood during the week.

Noble and Harvey Mae Faubion also had Amantima McAden and Rosemarie Englert visit them on Monday.

I talked to Margie Jacob who visits her grandson Brad and feeds him goodies. She said that he was doing real well.

Visiting Helen Alexander last week were Jerry Alexander of Arizona and S.K. Alexander of Austin. Jamie Ditech flew home to Ohio on Monday.

Around 50 attended the Jenkins Reunion at the Lawn Community Center last week.

Hidegarde Schvosjka of San Angelo spent Thursday with Hilda and gave me a permanent. And of course, told more odd jokes.

Dale and Linda Duggan gave a 287 years of celebrated birthdays party at their ranch on Saturday with a cookout. Those honored were: Susan Mansell, Becky Brown, Amy Mansell, Dale Duggan, John Glass, Cynthia Glass, and Dawn Brown. Linda's brother Roy, his wife Dawn, and their sons, Ben and Andrew of Ruidosa, New Mexico, came the farthest. Thirty-one attended and helped celebrate.

Attending the ladies Hopewell Mission Study on Monday morning were Fairy Alcorn, Melvena and Melissa Gerhart, Juanita Shields, Selma Wilkerson, Vivian Talbott, and Nila Osborne.

Nila Osborne and Melvena and Melissa Gerhart went shopping in Abilene on Monday afternoon. Afterwards they went by to visit Bro. Oscar Fanning and Janie.

To Margie Matthies: one of the cats you gave me got bit by a rattlesnake last week. She will live. I killed a 36 inch baby rattlesnake in my front yard.

VFW Auxiliary seeking Volunteer of the Year nominations

The Winters Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 9193 Ladies Auxiliary is accepting nominations and applications for the Outstanding Young Volunteer of the Year in North Runnels County. This individual must be a U.S. citizen and between the ages of 12 to 15. They must have provided outstanding volunteer service to their communities from June 1, 1997, to April 1, 1998.

Nominees/applicants will be judged on the number of volunteer activities in which they have been involved. Activities could include volunteering in hospitals, nursing homes; aiding senior citizens; providing services to veterans; involvement in scouting, church, or school programs, and other activities which serve the community. In addition, the quality of service will also be considered, such as an individual who has accomplished one truly outstanding achievement.

Young people who wish to apply will need three (3) letters of recommendation and 150 handwritten words by the applicant stating "Why I Am A Volunteer" and explaining how his/her volunteer efforts go above and beyond normal activities.

The person selected by the Auxiliary will be entered in the state contest and the Texas winner will be entered in the national contest. First place winner in state will receive a \$100 savings bond and the national winner will receive a \$1,000 savings bond.

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

Runnels Baptist Association will meet October 18

The Runnels Baptist Association will meet on Monday, October 18, at Robert Lee Baptist Church in Robert Lee.

The afternoon session will begin at 2:30 p.m. The guest speaker will be Bob Fuston, Texas 2000 Process Coordinator with the Baptist General Convention of Texas. The evening meal will be served by the host church at 6 p.m.

The evening session will begin at 7 p.m. and include area committee reports. The annual sermon will be given by Ferris Akins, pastor of Hopewell Baptist Church. Moderator Eddie Tingle will preside at all sessions.

Extension News & Views

By Rick Minzenmayer, Extension Agent-IPM

Field Cricket control in the fall

Cricket outbreaks are one of the most predictable pest events of the year in most areas of Texas. Late summer and fall are when adult crickets become especially abundant around homes and commercial buildings.

Although the cricket species associated with outbreaks in Texas have not been well-studied, most belong to the *Gryllus assimilis* complex, and are collectively referred to as black field crickets, or field crickets.

—BIOLOGY

Field cricket eggs are laid in the fall, approximately two weeks after females mature and develop wings. Firm, bare soil sites are preferred for egg-laying. A single female cricket may lay from 150-400 eggs. Eggs remain in the soil throughout the winter and hatch the following spring.

Cricket outbreaks occur when large numbers of nymphs complete their development and embark on nighttime mating flights. The largest cricket outbreaks seem to occur during years of dry springs and summers.

The reason for cricket outbreaks under such conditions is not fully understood; however, less fungal disease among eggs and cricket nymphs may provide a partial explanation.

—DAMAGE

Field crickets are primarily outdoor insects, and as such are only accidental indoor invaders. Nevertheless, they can become a

considerable household nuisance when abundant.

Indoors, crickets may damage clothing, drapes or wall coverings by their feeding activities or by staining with their feces or regurgitations.

During severe outbreaks, crickets can create an aesthetically unacceptable situation around places of business. Dead crickets quickly pile up, causing odors; and many people are repelled by the sight of large numbers of crickets on walls and sidewalks around offices and stores.

—CONTROL

Outdoor lighting is the most important single cause of severe cricket infestations around homes and commercial buildings. Buildings that are brightly lit at night are most likely to attract the largest numbers of crickets during the fall mating season. Reducing outdoor lights is the first, and most important, step in a cricket control program.

Outdoor lights should be turned off as early in the evening as practical, or should be replaced with lamps that are less attractive to insects. Low-pressure sodium vapor lamps and yellow incandescent "bug lights" are less attractive to crickets than standard incandescent, fluorescent, mercury vapor, or halogen lights.

All potential points of entry for crickets should be caulked or sealed. Such sites include weep holes, soffits along the eaves of

homes, windows, garage doors, etc. Steel or brass wool may be stuffed in weep holes as temporary insect barriers, while allowing continued air circulation.

Crickets around building perimeters can be killed with any of several insecticidal baits and sprays. Baits are granular products that include a food that is tasty for crickets. They should be applied to ground covers and other areas where crickets are congregating next to buildings.

Baits for crickets include products containing hydramethylnon (Maxforce® and Combat® granular ant and cricket baits), metaldehyde, carbaryl (Green Light Bug & Snail Bait), and trichlorfon (Larva-Lur™)

Liquid insecticide sprays may be applied to outdoor sites around weep holes, doorways, windows, and other cricket entryways. Indoor sprays are not very effective for field crickets and are not recommended.

Effective liquid insecticides for homeowners include chlorpyrifos (Dursban®), carbaryl (Sevin®), and permethrin (Spectracide BugSpray® and others).

Cricket control with insecticides should be considered as only a partial solution to cricket problems. Insecticides should be used in combination with reductions in outdoor lighting for best results, regardless of the amounts of insecticides used.

COMMISSIONERS, continued

Citizens Centers and home delivered meals.

An agreement between the Texas Department on Aging and Runnels County for USDA Entitlement for Non TD0A/Non-TDHS meals.

Approval was also given to several budget amendments and retaining all county and precinct-officials on a salary basis. Commissioners also approved a calendar of county expenses and operations, setting salaries for county employees and officials.

Commissioners voted to make changes to the women's restroom in the courthouse to make it ADA compliant. Work will be done by county employees.

The court nominated Carolyn Little, Bud Busher, Preston Barker and Billy Schwertner for positions on the Runnels County Appraisal District board of directors.

Commissioners discussed establishing a water hauling policy but took no action.

The November regular meeting date was changed to Monday, November 8 by vote of the commissioners.

Official Records

County Court Dispositions

Jim Heidenheimer, driving while intoxicated, second offense, pleaded guilty, sentenced to six months in county jail, fined \$50 plus \$235.25 court costs, 50 hours community service

Marriage Licenses

October 1
Christopher Allen Dry and Mechelle Gonzales

October 7

Jimmy V. Flores and Virginia Luera Gallegos

District Court

Civil

October 4

Wade Wilson (Biff) White and wife Debbie vs. Winters Housing Finance Corporation and its President, Melanie Wade; Rosalita L.L.C., General Partner, and its President, Eric M. Theis; and limited partner, Millennium Real Estate Development Ltd.—filed for injunctive relief and damages

Divorces Granted

July 26

Jerry Lee Alvarado and Elsa Tomasa Alvarado

September 2

Mario Fuentes and Debra Jean Fuentes

September 30

Carlos R. Jaime and Gilda G. Jaime

October 7

Jose Angel Garcia and Raquel Ann Garcia

Justice of the Peace

Precinct 1

Criminal cases filed

September 30

Rob Parrish, filed for issuance of a bad check

Felony cases filed

Jerimias Mediano, filed for sexual assault of a child

Counts Cemetery to hold work day on Saturday, October 16

The Counts Cemetery in Cent will hold a cemetery work day at 9 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 16.

The cemetery committee is seeking names and addresses of relatives.

For information please contact any of these members: Billy

Richey 583-2368; Carolyn Miller Gully 583-2545; Buddy Miller 754-5401; Rex Miller 583-2550; Billy Matthews 583-2513; and Mary Ann Hamon 583-2327.

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ACROSS

- TXism: "steppin' in ___ cotton"
- lawless section of early Fort Worth: "Hell's Half ___"
- private jet
- TXism: "___ hill for a stepper"
- TX-made film (79): "Midlife ___ Crazy"
- Houston's Granada Corp. produced 1st cow in '86
- UT has largest collection of work of this folksinger Burl
- TX Helmond of "Who's The Boss?"
- Sunday lessons
- sent a telegram
- bean-filled gourds so. of the border
- non-TX source of oil (abbr.)
- TXism: "dot the i's and cross ___"
- TXism: "thing ___ (gadget)"
- in Medina Co. off I-35
- when repeated, a non-TX goodby
- TXism: "pickin's are slim"
- TXism: "mean as a bulldog on a gun powder ___"
- Houston's Karolyi coached this Retton (init.)
- TX bluebonnet is this (2 wds.)
- Emmitt going wide (2 wds.)
- "Mama ___ Me Not to Come"
- make into law
- atoms
- TXism: "dance with who bring ___"
- Houston space agency
- TXism: "ritter corral"
- went on a journey
- Belmont winner in '85: ___ Fraiche
- TXism: "his tacts ___ elastic" (liar)
- TX-based Pizza ___
- hallucinogenic
- TX country singer Ketchum
- TXism: "could sell ___ cubes to Eskimos"
- in Williamson Co. on hwy. 95
- "Victory" in Galveston is the name of this (2 wds.)
- wide TX streets (abbr.)
- save near Boerne
- Pick Perry is ___ Gov. of TX
- TX Roy Orbison's ___ "Pretty Woman"
- belly button find 33 in Smith Co. on 135
- and reel
- "le, fi, ___ fum ___"
- former TX Educ. Comr. "Skip"
- TXism: "smoking like a wet ___ fire"
- drug cop
- TXism: "skinny ___"
- improve by editing
- TX Joan Crawford's real name: Lucille ___ Sueur
- TXism: "I'll slap you a ___"
- a Great Lake
- TXism: "took everything but the ___ under my fingernails"
- Queen
- State Fishing Pier
- Palestine AM radio
- snuggles
- actor Asner of TX-made "JFK"
- gem found in TX
- this Ferguson was 1st TX woman gov.
- TX Pride's "___ I Losing You?"
- music you won't hear in a TX honky tonk
- fishin' floater (2 wds.)
- Dallas footballer
- TXism: "hog ___ (helpless)"

THE ORIGINAL TEXAS CROSSWORD
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Solutions for this puzzle appear in this issue.



NO CURB SERVICE at the Winters Public Library although one motorist apparently drove closer than the law allows. Sometime in the early morning hours on Sept. 19, a driver ran his car up over the curb in the 100 block of South Main, knocking over and dislodging two parking meter poles. The license plate was found at the scene and the driver was charged with duty on striking a fixture (hit and run).

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, October 3, 1999, through Saturday, October 9, 1999. Winters Police Officers:

stopped at 1984 Chevy pickup in the 400 block of S. Main after observing the pickup make a U-turn in the intersection. An odor of marijuana was detected by the officer coming from inside the pickup. An 18-year-old male of Winters was arrested for Class B possession of marijuana after a search revealed under 2 oz. of marijuana near the driver's seat. The pickup was impounded.

received a report of credit card abuse in the 300 block of Tinkle. The victim, a 52-year-old male of Winters, alleges in excess of \$8,000 charged to his card. A possible suspect has been identified. This case is still under investigation.

received a report of a 27-year-old male harassing a 30-year-old female in the 400 block of S. Main. The officer later learned the male had allegedly pointed a handgun at the female. The case was investigated as aggravated assault with a deadly weapon. The female declined to press charges. Both subject are from Winters.

received a report of phone harassment in the 100 block of Novice Highway. The victim was advised on how to obtain a phone trap to trace the calls. This case is under investigation.

received a report of a gas drive off in the 400 block of S. Main. A description of the pickup was given as a '90s model Chevy pickup occupied by two unknown males. This case is under investigation as theft under \$50.

received a report of a broken windshield in the 400 block of State Street. The victim, a 67-year-old male of Winters, alleges the windshield was broken between 12:00 a.m.-9:00 a.m. Sunday. This case is still under investigation as Class B criminal mischief.

received a report of a 29-year-old male of Winters intoxicated in the 400 block of N. Main. An officer located the male and he was arrested for public intoxication, stopped a 1994 Chevy in the 100 block of Spill Street for a mechanical violation. The driver, a 24-year-old male of Winters, was arrested after a drivers license check revealed he was driving with a suspended license. The vehicle was impounded.

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:

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10-40(2tc)

Garage Sale

REMODELING SALE: Sat., Oct. 16, 8:00 - 12:00. Windows, doors, mini blinds, drapes, curtains, furniture, bunk beds, knick knacks, and more. 2 miles south of town on HWY 83. Look for the signs.
10-41(1tp)

3-FAMILY—Sat., Oct. 16 401 N. Murray, 8:30 a.m. - ? Lots of clothes, baby items, furniture, bed.
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STORAGE UNIT SALE #27—1 couch, 1 matching chair, 1 recliner. Renter Pricilla Cortez. Snappy Storage, N. Main St. Owner K.W. Cook, 754-4719. Date of sale, Oct. 22, 1999, 8:30 a.m.
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SENIOR CITIZENS NURSING HOME is now accepting applications for the Dietary Department. Experience is preferred, but will train the right individual. Contact Lisa Miller at 915-754-4566. 10-40 (tfc)

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Miscellaneous

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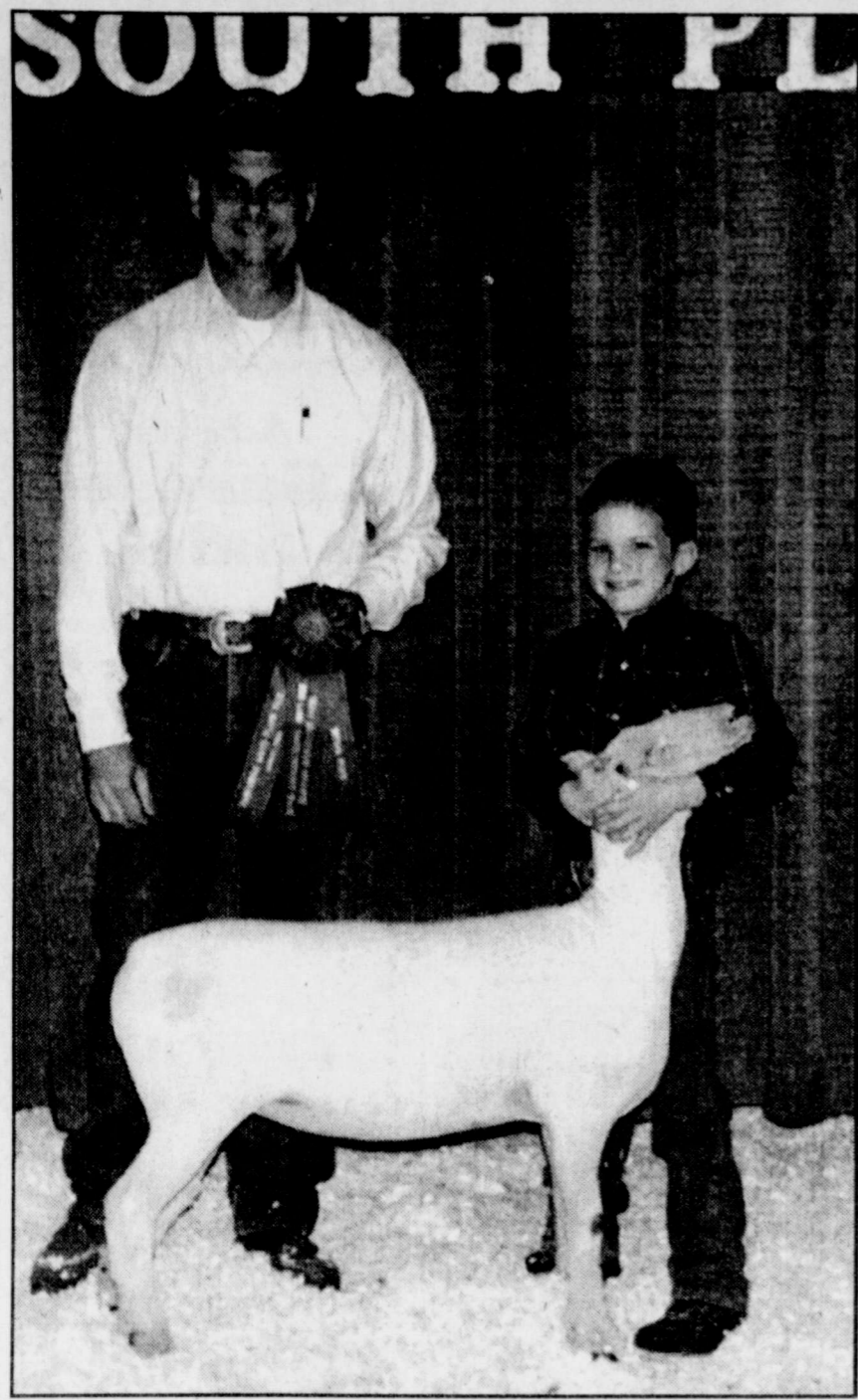
242 S. Main	Instant Wheels - Downtown Commercial Frontage. Showroom, garage, full facilities, and storage. Approx. 10,500 sq. ft.	600 S. Main	Commercial Auto Shop. 3 sliding doors, remodeled office. Upper level storage. Approx. 3450 sq. ft.	400 Wood	Budget Bungalow. Price reduced! 3 bedroom, 2 bath, updated on corner lot. Approx. 1350 sq. ft.
Gateway	Building Site. Corner lot 100'x135'.	201 S. 2nd	Wingate. Price reduced! Modern Brick 2 bedroom, 2 bath, central A/C, fencing, boat house, garage. Approx. 1240 sq. ft.	205 Roberts	Newly Remodeled, Near School. 3 bedroom, 1 bath. Approx. 1100 sq. ft.
113 N. Main	Great Location For Antique Store. Retail store front, architectural facade. Approx. 2000 sq. ft.	210 S. Melwood	Standout Style, Near Downtown. 3 bedroom, 2 bath, large living area w/fireplace, garden room, double car garage, large lot with rear chain link fence. Approx. 1600 sq. ft.	Freddie Lane	Two Building Sites. Lot size 112'x140'.
104 West St	Functional Floor. Price reduced! 3 bedroom, 1 bath, open living/kitchen area, newly remodeled. Approx. 1302 sq. ft.			Hunters Glen	Building Site. Lot size 100'x120'.
1032 N. Main	Large Commercial Bldg. w/Lot. Window display to highway. Approx. 3400 sq. ft.			417 E. Dale	2 bedroom, 1 bath, storm door. Approx. 1025 sq. ft.
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DALTON SHACKELFORD with FFA advisor and dad, Roy Shackelford, shows off one of two ribbons he received at the South Plains Fair in Lubbock. Three Winters FFA members placed with breeding sheep recently at the fair. Dalton finished first with an early spring ewe lamb, and second with a futurity ewe lamb. Devon Shackelford was sixth with a futurity ewe lamb, while Jessica Pritchard finished seventh. Jessica also placed sixth with a late spring ewe lamb.

Winters Community Baseball Association to meet Monday night

Winters Community Baseball Association needs your help and support to keep your community baseball strong and thriving for the millennium year. Please participate in the Monday, October 18 meeting at the Catholic Church Fellowship Hall at 7 p.m. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

Runnels SWCD election tonight in Norton for Zone 3 Director

An election of a soil and water conservation district director to serve in Zone 3 on the Runnels Soil and Water Conservation District Board is scheduled for tonight, Thursday, October 14. The election will be held at 7 p.m. at the Lions Club Building in Norton.

Following the election, Fred Wilde will present a program on Conservation Tillage. The program will be sponsored by the Runnels Soil and Water Conservation District, the Natural Resources Conservation Service, and the County Ag Extension Service.

State law decrees that to be eligible to vote in a soil and water conservation district director election, a person must own agricultural land within the district where the election is being held. The person must also live in a county all or part of which is in the district and the voter must be 18 years of age or older.

Current members of the board of directors of the Runnels SWCD are Ed Bredemeyer of Winters; Fred Wilde of Ballinger; David Ocker of Rowena; C.J. Robinson, Jr. of Norton; and Don Davis of Winters.

The purpose of the Runnels SWCD, with headquarters in Ballinger, is to promote sound soil and water conservation programs on agricultural lands within the district and to serve as a voice for farmers, ranchers, and local community entities on conservation matters.

The district board of directors coordinates the conservation efforts of various local, state, and federal agencies and other organizations and has authority to enter into working agreements with these governmental agencies and private concerns to carry out its purposes.

Runnels County Rumors

From the United States Department of Agriculture, Agricultural Stabilization & Conservation Service

COTTON LOANS

Cotton loans are available through this office based on a national loan rate of 51.92 cents per lb. for 1 1/16 in Strict Low Middlin grade cotton. These loans can be forfeited at maturity if not redeemed.

Loans mature on the last day of the tenth calendar month after the first day of the month in which the loan is disbursed. The loan service fee is 90 cents a bale and \$7.50 a loan and is the only additional cost to the farmer that wouldn't be attached to the cotton not put under loan.

The interest is 6.125% for loans disbursed in September. USDA will pay for repayments at AWP (Adjusted World Price), or forfeitures of loan collateral. Those storage charges that accrue from the date all documents required from the producer for the loan are provided to the County Office, through the estimated date the receipts are released by the County Office.

Note: The producer is responsible for paying any warehouse storage charges that accrued before the date all documents required from the producer for the loan were provided to the County Office and unpaid receiving charges.

All receiving and storage will stay with cotton that is repaid at above the National Average Loan Rate during the loan period.

If you have contracted to sell your cotton, please bring us a copy of the contract. We need this in order to determine if you are eligible for a POP payment or eligible for the cotton to be placed in the loan.

LOAN DEFICIENCY PAYMENTS

Producers harvesting cotton

are reminded that loan deficiency payments (POP) may be in effect. If you are intending to sell your cotton, please come by our office prior to selling the crop and apply for the LDP payment.

Once you have sold the crop and no longer have beneficial interest, then you are not eligible for any payment. It's very important to come by the office before you sell your cotton.

NEW CROP

If you have a new CRP contract beginning October 1, 1999, you are reminded that all grazing must stop and these acres can't be used to store equipment, hay, etc.

Spotchecks will be made to see if these CRP contracts are in compliance. If you have not done so, please get in touch with the Natural Resource Conservation Service to review your conservation plan and make preparations for your grass seeding which will begin in the spring of next year.

FAILED ACRES

Failed acres must be timely reported to be eligible for any benefits that might be available. Regulations state "producers with failed acres must report the failed acres within 15 days of the date the loss occurred or the loss is evident."

If the crop is insured, report the loss to your insurance agent. Crops such as hay, watermelons, vegetables, native, improved grasses, etc. must be reported to this office if their production is below normal.

Notices of loss for any crop must be timely filed with your insurance agent or us, as applicable. Then, a loss adjuster will inspect or appraise the crop before it is released for your use.

If you harvest all or a portion of the acres, a farm visit is re-

quired prior to disposition of any crop residue on the harvested acres to determine that the crop was affected by a natural disaster condition.

Also, be reminded that over seeding another crop into the failed acres is considered disposition of the crop and would make the acres ineligible for NAP assistance.

EXPIRING CRP

Producers with CRP contracts expiring September 30, 1999, are reminded that if bases existed when your land went into CRP, you have 60 days to enroll the farm in the seven-year farm program.

There are three years remaining in this program, and if you fail to enroll your farm, the bases will be reduced to "0" and you will not be eligible to enroll your farm in the AMTA program.

FARM RECORD CHANGES

Producers are reminded that farm combinations and divisions can be made after October 1. If you are changing operators or want any changes to be made for the crop year 2000, you can do this now.

EMERGENCY DISASTER

Runnels County has been declared a disaster area as a result of damages and losses caused by extreme fire hazards that occurred on August 1, 1999, and continuing.

Emergency loans are available through the Farm Service Agency for eligible family farmers. If you have lost crops, fences, or structures to a range fire, you could be eligible.

For more information, please contact the Runnels County FSA office or Fred Greenway in the Tom Green County FSA office.

WJLSA elects new officers; plans made for pre-game barbecue

The Winters Junior Livestock Show Association held their first business meeting of the 1999-2000 year on Wednesday, October 6, in the high school Ag. Shop.

Officers elected for the new year include: Jim Jordan, president; Bill Mesey, vice-president; Kenneth Slimp, secretary/treasurer; and Penny Pritchard, reporter.

Newly elected members to the board are Barron Guy, Brett Mikeska, Scott Gerhart, and Billy

Frank Belew.

The organization discussed the upcoming barbecue brisket dinner they will host before the final home game of the season, against Mason, on Friday, October 29.

The meal will be held in the school cafeteria from 5 to 7:30 p.m. and include brisket with all the trimmings, red beans, potato salad, bread, cobbler, and tea.

Cost is \$6 for adults and \$3.50 for children 10 and under. Members are selling tickets in advance,

but can be purchased at the door as well.

The group also set the date of the 2000 Winters Stock Show for Friday, January 14, and Saturday, January 15. The sheep, goat, and rabbit show will begin at 2 p.m. on Friday afternoon, while the swine show starts at 9 a.m. on

Saturday. The cattle show will be held Saturday afternoon.

Share donation letters will be sent out this week to past donors to begin soliciting funds for prize money for the stock show. Members will be following up the letters in November and December to collect shares.

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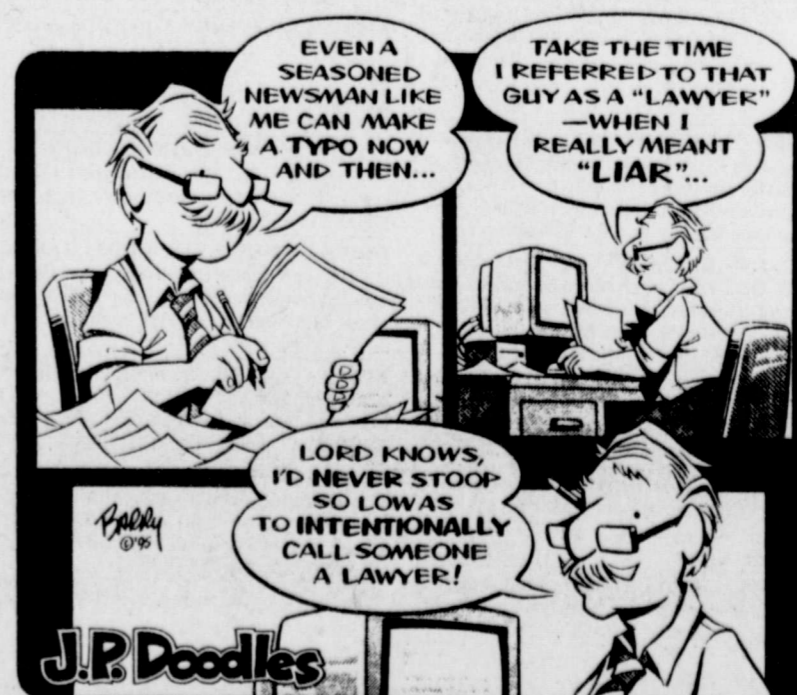
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