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# The Winters Enterprise

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## Shelley Meyer named Football Sweetheart

WHS senior and varsity cheerleader Shelley Meyer was crowned 1999 Blizzard Football Sweetheart Friday night in ceremonies prior to the Winters vs. Mason football game.

The 17 year old daughter of Tim Meyer and Jody Meyer, Shelley also serves as editor of the school newspaper, *Blitz*, and is a member of National Honor Society and student council. She has participated in varsity cross country, UIL, golf, FFA and 4-H.

She is the current Miss Sno Queen and is a member of the Mt. Carmel Catholic Church and Catholic Youth Organization. Following graduation in May, she plans to attend Washington and Lee University in Lexington, Virginia, to major in political science and journalism.

Miss Meyer was escorted by Kirk Byrd, also a senior and a  
**See SWEETHEART, pg. 2**



**1999 Blizzard Football Sweetheart**  
**Miss Shelley Meyer**  
 escorted by Kirk Byrd

## "Veterans Room" opens Nov. 13

*VFW and Auxiliary to host open house and dinner*

by Mary Kurtz, VFW Auxiliary President

It is finally happening. There will be an "Open House" Saturday, November 13, 1999, from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Rock Hotel in Winters so everyone can visit the "Veterans Room" sponsored by the Winters Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 9193 and Ladies Auxiliary. This will be followed by visitation and a dinner served at 6:00 p.m. in the Post Home south of Winters on Highway 83. All Runnels County veterans, veterans' families, and friends of the VFW are invited to attend.

The displays are not complete and may never be. This is something we hope will keep growing through the years so that we can have new displays at least quarterly. We will have good storage facilities so that we can show different items during the year and store the rest.

If you would like to donate some mementos so other people can enjoy them too, the Museum Board is asking that all items be given, not lent as this has caused problems in the past. Your item will be well taken care of and displayed from time to time.

For those who do not wish to donate their mementos but would be willing to share them, we ask that you write down what you have, with your address and phone number, give this information to the museum to be contacted when a temporary exhibit will be set up pertaining to your item.

We are beginning to work on the "History Book of All Veterans from Runnels County Who Have Served in the United States Service." We have received some listings but have a long way to go. If you have not filled one out

for the service person in your family, please do so and mail it to Mary Kurtz, 150 CR 206, Winters, TX 79567.

Information needed is: name, address, place of birth, schools attended, place and date of entry into the service, place and date of separation from the service, training, served where and when, rating held, medals received, comments about duties or places served, who you married, where you lived, and occupation, etc. This information can be written on any paper and will be retyped to be put in the history books.

If you cannot answer all the questions, share what you do know so we can have at least a little bit on each person.

Again you are invited to join us for our "Open House," visitation, and dinner on November 13. Please come.



**THE OLD COCHRAN SCHOOLHOUSE** was the first meeting place for the Lutherans. Though not yet established as a congregation, the Lutherans were pastored through the Mission Committee of the Texas Synod of the Iowa Synod, beginning in June 1898. The first "official" Lutheran church was built with \$400 cash and donated labor. The building was dedicated for the service of the Triune God in 1904 and organized with 22 charter families.

## St. John's Lutheran Church to celebrate 95th anniversary Saturday & Sunday

by Frances Bredemeyer and Mary Kurtz

Ninety-fifth anniversary events will begin on Saturday, November 6, 1999, at 2:30 p.m. in St. John's Lutheran Church basement with registration and visitation and will end that day with a sandwich supper.

On Sunday morning, November 7, visitation will start at 9:30 a.m. in the church basement. At 10:40 a.m. church services will begin with Bishop Mark Herbener

as guest preacher, assisted by former pastors of St. John's.

At noon, a covered-dish luncheon will be served in the basement. A special program on the stained glass windows will follow in the Sanctuary. Former pastors and guests will end the program with "a walk down memory lane."

Much of the following history was taken from the 50th anniversary booklet published November

7, 1954.

In 1891-1892, Lutheran families started moving into Runnels County.

In 1895, a Lutheran pastor did some exploratory work in the Winters area.

In June 1898, the Mission Committee of the Texas Synod of the Iowa Synod sent a pastor to do mission work around Winters and Ballinger. He conducted ser-

vices in homes and the Cochran schoolhouse.

In 1901, the Mission Committee decided that the mission in Winters was lost and would no longer furnish a pastor.

During the next three years, the people were occasionally served by Ministers of the Texas Synod, Ministers of the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod, Evangelical  
**See ST. JOHN'S, pg. 7**

**Veteran's Day**  
**Flag Raising Ceremony**  
 sponsored by  
 WHS Student Council  
**Thursday, November 11**  
**Winters High School**  
**8 AM (at the flagpole)**  
 All veterans and community members are invited to attend this ceremony.

**Blizzard Send-Off**  
 Bring banners, streamers, cowbells, shakers, & lots of spirit—  
**BACK THE BLIZZARDS!!**

**4:50 PM—FRIDAY**  
**Downtown Winters**  
 (in the blocks just north & south of the stoplight)

### Third Grade musical rescheduled for Tuesday evening, November 16

The 3rd grade musical "Lovin' Kindness" has been rescheduled due to extra-curricular conflicts. Originally planned for November 9, the program is now set for Tuesday, November 16, in the

Winters High School Auditorium. The children will perform at 2:00 p.m. for the elementary student body and at 7:00 p.m. for the community. Admission is free to the public.

## 30th Annual Arts & Crafts Show slated next Saturday

—First "Taste of West Texas Cook-Off"—

by Carolyn Scarborough, Chamber of Commerce secretary

Win \$200 for your brisket or wild game recipe! The Arts & Crafts Show and "Taste of Texas Cook-Off" will be held on Saturday, November 13, at the Winters Community Center and City Park.

There is still time to enter the cook-off with your special recipe for brisket, wild game, or beans. The entry fee for brisket and wild game is \$20 with cash prizes of \$200, \$100, and \$50 for each category.

The entry fee for the beans contest is \$10 with prizes of \$40, \$30, and \$20. We encourage everyone to participate and make this a great annual event to look forward to each year. Call 754-5210 now to enter.

If you haven't turned in your reservation for booth space, please do so now. We want everyone to have a space to display

their wonderful crafts, Christmas decorations, and gifts for that special someone.

We will have entertainment scheduled throughout the day. We are looking for a good crowd to cook, eat, and shop.

The annual Christmas Parade will be held on Saturday, December 4, at 2 p.m. This year's theme is "Cowboy Country Christmas." Come by the chamber office and pick up your entry form now. There is no charge to be in the parade and cash prizes will be awarded for the best floats. We encourage the community to participate.

Sno-Queen contestant forms are also available at the chamber office. Businesses who would like to sponsor a young lady can contact the office to be put on the list. Sponsorship is only \$10.

### WHAT'S HAPPENING ?

- Nov. 4-10 a.m.-Noon & 1:30-3 p.m., Immunization Clinic, TDH
- 11:30 a.m., Senior Citizens Meal, Activity Center
- 5 p.m., Jr. High vs. Coleman, There
- 6 p.m., JV vs. Coleman, Here
- 6:30 p.m., Emmaus, First United Methodist Church
- 7 p.m., Winters Squares, Community Center
- Nov. 5-8 a.m.-Noon, Flu Clinic, Texas Department of Health Office
- 11:30 a.m., Senior Citizens Meal, Activity Center
- 7:30 p.m., Cowboys for Christ, Drasco
- 7:30 p.m., Varsity vs. Coleman, There
- End of WISD Second Six Weeks
- Nov. 6-9:30 a.m., St. John's Lutheran Church 95th Anniversary Celebration
- 10:20 a.m., Blizzards at Regional Cross-Country, UT San Antonio
- 6:30-9 p.m., Hunter's Appreciation Dinner, Ballinger Community Center
- 4 p.m., 4-H Food Show Awards, St. Joseph's Parish Hall, Rowena
- Nov. 7-9:30 a.m., St. John's Lutheran Church 95th Anniversary Celebration
- Nov. 8-11:30 a.m., Senior Citizens Meal, Activity Center
- 6 p.m., Weight Watchers, Senior Citizens Activity Center
- 6:30-9 p.m., WISD Computer Training Course, WHS Computer Lab
- 7 p.m., VFW & Auxiliary, Post Home
- 7 p.m., National Honor Society Induction, WHS Auditorium
- Nov. 9-10 a.m., Commissioners Court, Courthouse, Ballinger
- 11:30 a.m., Senior Citizens Meal, Activity Center
- 4 p.m., Lady Blizzard Basketball at Wall
- 6-8 p.m., Major Stock Show Entry Party, WHS Ag. Building
- 7 p.m., Athletic Boosters, Blizzard Stadium
- 7:30 p.m., Elm Creek Water Control Board, Sr. Citizens Activity Center
- Literary & Service Club
- Woman's Club
- Nov. 10-7 a.m., Industrial Board, Chamber Office
- 11:30 a.m., Senior Citizens Meal, Activity Center
- 6:30-9 p.m., WISD Computer Training Course, WHS Computer Lab
- Nov. 11-VETERAN'S DAY
- 8 a.m., Veteran's Day Flag Raising Ceremony, WHS Flagpole
- 10 a.m., Triple L Club, First Baptist Church
- 11:30 a.m., Senior Citizens Meal, Activity Center
- 6 p.m., Financial Aid Seminar for College Bound, WHS Auditorium

# Oil Bidness

By Reg Boles ©1999

There are a few things going on that I just couldn't let go by without comment. For better or worse, this space will touch on a few of those topics this time around.

A recent tour of Africa by our Secretary of State resulted in pleas for more foreign aid for the area. The main reasons given: people are starving, no one else will help, and everyone there is desperate.

I will agree that things are pretty bad in many of the countries on the African continent. I would further agree that many are suffering with little hope. However, we would be remiss if we didn't point out that the U.S. and other countries have contributed billions of dollars through outright foreign aid, not to mention the capital poured into the republics for development of their natural resources for capitalistic purposes by private companies.

What has happened to all of this money?

As an observer to the area through the oil and gas business, which is the largest part of the resources the continent has to offer, I must come to the conclusion that it has been consumed in the rampant corruption that permeates almost every country in Africa. Pouring more money into this part of the world without more accountability will not work. Good money after bad is a fool's path, someone once said...

On another front, certain candidates for public office want to make more areas offshore of the U.S. off-limits to oil and gas development. Currently, California and Florida have bans in place. This is being put forth as a necessary protection of the pristine shores of the good 'ole USA.

At the same time, there is a panicked outcry for an investigation of recent increases in gasoline prices. Someone is conspiring to take more money from the consumer, screams certain representatives in our government.

These two demands for change are not compatible, yet they come out of the same mouth many times. There has been no case of spills from drilling and production platforms offshore of the U.S. Any spills have occurred from ships importing crude from other sources. Think about this—if you decrease the places to produce domestic oil and gas, you increase the requirement to ship in more crude. Of course, you could decrease the demand for oil and gas, but most of those in California and Florida that demand the ban, burn the most fuel.

Assuming that demand for petroleum will stay the same (it will probably grow), then decreasing supply will increase price. There is no way to have cheap gasoline if you can't produce oil and gas to refine.

Finally, I recently saw where there is a call for more stringent controls on air pollution, suburban sprawl, smoking, guns, ATM

fees, use of e-mail (it damages the post office), and even the raising of pigs and chickens (they stink too much). I guess if they legislate away everything you want to do, then there won't be any reason to do anything but stay at home and write checks to the government. While this would save consumption of oil and gas, I am not sure it would be too good for the economy or the typical human's well being.

But, unless someone comes up with a poll to support this position, I am sure the American people would prefer this to happen.

Thanks for letting me vent. See you next time as we get back to business.

## HIGHLIGHTS OF AREA DRILLING ACTIVITY

### COMPLETIONS

#### Coleman County

Delray Oil has completed the Y. Price #1 in the Rachel Field (4 miles SE of Talpa) at an initial rate of 60 BOPD & 73 BWPD in the Suncourt (perfs 2256-66). Loc. is 330 FNL & 330 FNL of Sec. 36, Bk. 1, GH&H Sur., A-1212.

Diamondback Oil Partners, LLP has completed the Taylor #1 in the Novice Field (3 miles NW of Novice) at an initial rate of 47 BOPD & 3 BWPD in the Gardner (perfs 3642-48). Loc. is 1273 FSL & 3547 FEL of J.P. Stone Sur. #6, A-1126.

#### Coke County

L.C.S. Production Co. has completed the Higgins-Morris Unit #1 in the Fort Chadbourne Field (7 miles NE of Bronte) at an initial rate of 151 BOPD & 95 BWPD in the Odom Lime (perfs 5575-99). Loc. is 83 FNL & 330 FSL of R. I. Kirkland Sur. #1, A-1224.

#### Concho County

The Pickens Co. has completed the Fritz #2125 in the West Millersview Field (4 miles N of Millersview) at an initial rate of 20 BOPD & 25 BWPD in the Crosscut Sand (perfs 2817-27). Loc. is 1700 FEL & 2280 FNL of Sec. 125, Bk. 72, T&NO Sur., A-890.

Stevens & Johnson Operating has completed two wells in the Chile Pieper Field (12 miles W of Eden). The Denis #7 potential at 70 BOPD & 10 BWPD in the King Sand (perfs 2455-58) and is loc. 1511 FSL & 781 FNL of IRR Sur. No. 22, A-1317. The Denis #8 potential at 35 BOPD & 25 BWPD in the King Sand (perfs 2504-14) and is loc. 106 FSL & 2049 FEL of C. White Sur. No. 1, A-1586.

#### Nolan County

Trilogy Operating, Inc. has completed the Howard #1 in the Estaban Field (6 miles SW of Sweetwater) at an initial rate of 47 BOPD & 205 BWPD in the Strawn (perfs 6320-7125) HORIZONTAL SECTION. Loc. is 560 FNL & 467 FSL of Sec. 66, Bk. 22, T&PRR Sur., A-1239.

#### Runnels County

Pioneer Energy has completed the Snelson #4 as a Wildcat, 5 miles NW of Talpa at an initial rate of 26 BOPD & 57 BWPD in an unidentified zone (perfs 3306-14). Loc. is 2730 FNL & 1627 FSL of Sec. 120, ETRR Sur., A-864.

### STAKINGS

#### Coleman County

Caddo Operating has staked the Coates #7A in the Whitley Field, 2 miles SW of Novice (Depth 4500). Loc. is 1730 FSL & 2071 FNL of Sec. 27, Bk. 2, T&NO Sur., A-651.

#### Concho County

Norman Oil Corporation has staked the A. Osburn #2 as a Wildcat, 3 miles SE of Eden (Depth 2650). Loc. is 1370 FNL & 2170 FNL of T. McCall Sur. No. 118.

The Pickens Co. has staked the Stansberry Heirs #3 as a Wildcat, 5 miles N of Eden (Depth 3750). Loc. is 1700 FEL & 700 FNL of IRR Sur. No. 11, A-504.

Stevens & Johnson Operating has staked the Denis #9 in the Chile Pieper Field, 12 miles W of Eden (Depth 3000). Loc. is 2195 FSL & 1405 FNL of IRR Sur. No. 22, A-1317.

#### Runnels County

H&S Production, Inc. has staked the J. Bryan #1 in the North Norton Field, 12 miles SW of Winters (Depth 4800). Loc. is 660 FEL & 3300 FNL of W. Smith Sur. No. 599, A-719.

Pioneer Energy Corporation has staked the Rogers #1 in the Nora Field, 4 miles E of Winters (Depth 4250). Loc. is 3025 FEL & 7800 FNL of E. Mather Sur. No. 535, A-368.

Purvis Operating has staked the L.J. Currie #1 in the Trinity Field, 8 miles SW of Ballinger (Depth 4900). Loc. is 3040 FSWL & 78 FSEL of J. Hernandez Sur. No. 347, A-243.

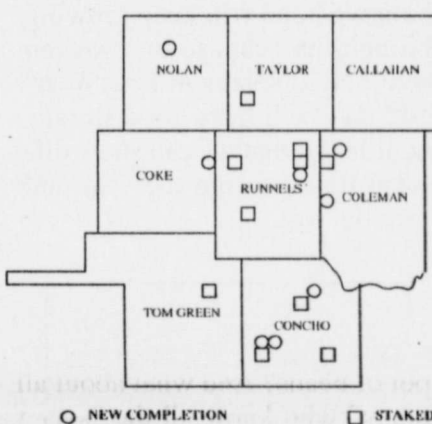
Synergy Oil & Gas, Inc. has applied to plugback the Presley #1 in the McMillan Field, 4 miles SE of Winters (Depth 4550). Loc. is 1909 FSL & 1128 FNL of Sec. 332, Bk. 64, H&T Sur., A-814.

#### Taylor County

W.R. Guffey has staked the Ledbetter Ranch #1 in the Coyote Ridge Field, 6 miles SW of View (Depth 3150). Loc. is 4950 FNL & 3440 FNL of Lge. 143, Goliad CSL Sur., A-85.

#### Tom Green County

E.N. Patton Oil Company, Inc. has staked the Book #1B in the Yan-Kee Field, 2 miles SE of Vancouver (Depth 4300). Loc. is 530 FEL & 2000 FSL of Sec. 117, Bk. 11, SPRR Sur., A-7904.



HALLOWEEN HAPPINESS was shared by Eva Reese (left) and Lorene Clark and other residents of the Senior Citizens Nursing Home who enjoyed a visit from little "spooks" from the Headstart program last Friday afternoon.

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# Gospel songs every Tuesday

Billy Ruth Bishop, activity director of Winters Senior Citizens Nursing Home, is proud to announce an exciting new program.

Every Tuesday morning at 10:00, various members of the Rosepark Gospel Singers will be at the nursing home to share their songs with residents.

Family and friends are invited to join in the fun.

# Sr. Citizens Nursing Home News

By Billie Ruth Bishop

## Spooks are lots of fun; looking forward to Veterans Day

Halloween was a fun time for the residents with the trick-or-treaters coming in on Friday evening and Saturday evening to get their treats.

Thanks to the classes of Mrs. Grohman and Mrs. Shackelford for the Halloween decorations. We are always happy for the school kids to make decorations and come to visit us.

We are looking forward to a program by Mary Kurtz on Veterans Day.

The 17th of November at 3:00 p.m. we will have a special program for International Doll Week. Nadine Bedford and Elaine Miller will be coming to bring dolls and tell us about them. Our ladies are looking forward to this day.

On November 18, the Wilmeth Sewing Club will host the monthly birthday party. We have five residents celebrating birthdays. They are Robert White, Nov. 10; Eunice Polk, Nov. 14; Lois Collins, Nov. 23; Eduard Villa Nueva, Nov. 20; and Isaia Fernandez, Nov. 27.

We are happy to have Geneva Emmert home from Hendricks Hospital.

# Obituaries

## Thomas "Marvin" Neely

**BALLINGER**—Thomas "Marvin" Neely, 89, died at 10:10 p.m. Tuesday, October 28, 1999, at Heritage Oaks Estate Nursing Home in Ballinger.

He was born August 4, 1910, in Fannon County, Texas, to Josiah Marvin Neely and Noema Ann Leever. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II and married Donna Beatrice Dunlap on October 6, 1951, in Ballinger.

Mr. Neely was a bus driver for the Texas Department of Mental Health in Carlsbad for many years and worked at different gas stations in Ballinger for many years.

He was preceded in death by his wife and his parents.

Survivors include one step-son, Paul Winchester of San Angelo; three brothers, Robert Neely of Bonham, Noel Neely of Lucerne, California, and Leon Neely of Lindale; one sister, Martha Ellen Staton of Dallas; one grandson, Charles Winchester of Ballinger; and one great-grandson, James Ned Winchester of Ballinger.

Military graveside services were held at 11:00 a.m. Monday, November 1, at Old Runnels Cemetery in Ballinger with Reverend Winford Gore officiating. Burial was directed by Rains-Seale Funeral Home of Ballinger.

## David Alan Gifford, Sr.

**ROWENA**—David Alan Gifford, Sr., 37, died Tuesday, October 26, 1999, as a result of an automobile accident near Miles.

He was born on April 13, 1962, in San Angelo to Jimmie Charles Gifford, Sr. and Lola Anderson Gifford. He married Christy Lancaster on November 16, 1985 in Ballinger.

Mr. Gifford was a member of the Ballinger Masonic Lodge #643 and was presently studying for his Masters degree. He was also a member of the Crossroads Gun Club in Rowena and was employed as a mechanic with Paske Shell in Ballinger.

He was preceded in death by one daughter, Meagan Erynn; one brother, Arlin Lynn; and his father.

Survivors include his wife, Christy Gifford of Rowena; one son, David Gifford, Jr. of Rowena; two daughters, Amber Ann Gifford of Junction and Patricia Gifford of Rowena; his mother and step-father, Lola and Bill Dean of Ballinger; one sister, Becky Kunkel and husband Joe of Midland; one brother, Jimmie Gifford, Jr. and wife Peggy of LaGrange; maternal grandmother, Lorene Anderson of Ballinger; nieces and nephews, J.D., Stacy, Zachery, and Heather Kunkel, and Trey, Sean, and Amanda Gifford; and many friends.

The family received friends at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 28, at Rains-Seale Funeral Home. Masonic graveside services were held at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, October 29, 1999, at the Old Runnels Cemetery. Myron Halford of Seventh Street Baptist Church assisted.

Honorary pallbearers were Rick King, Donald Paske, Mark Lee, Tommy McNeal, Johnny Fulton, and Bob Southard.

## Card of Thanks

We want to express our thanks for all that was done at the loss of LaShay.

Your prayers, food, visits, memorials, calls, cards, thoughts, and, most of all, your love you have shown our family will never be forgotten.

May God bless each of you.  
Vera Lee Sneed and family  
Linda, Glendall, & Aaron Barr  
Dennis Grover

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Nov. 8 thru Nov. 12  
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**Monday, Nov. 8:** Ham & gravy, macaroni & cheese, mixed greens, cornbread, and Rice Krispie bar.  
**Tuesday, Nov. 9:** German sausage, sauerkraut salad, pinto beans, cornbread, and cherry crisp.  
**Wednesday, Nov. 10:** Turkey and dressing, mashed potatoes, green beans, broccoli/cauliflower salad, hot roll, and pumpkin pie.  
**Thursday, Nov. 11:** Closed for Veterans Day.  
**Friday, Nov. 12:** Taco soup, fruit salad, cheese slice, corn chips, and brownie.

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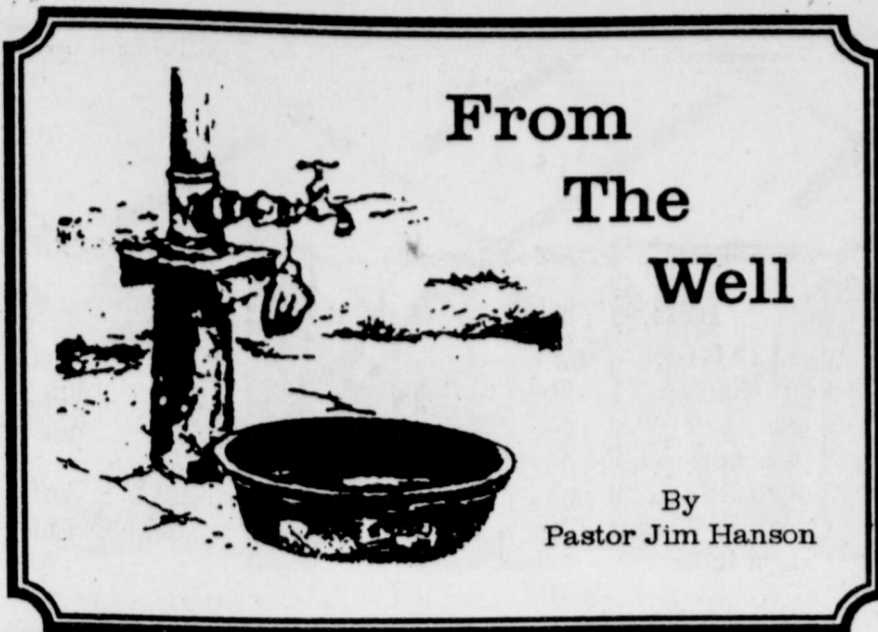
**SWEETHEART**, cont'd.  
member of the varsity Blizzard football team.

Other nominees were Jana Presley, Kendra Hope, and Jacky Dexter.

**Troy L. Carter, M.D.**  
**Surgical & Medical Diseases of the Eye**  
Dr. Troy Carter, a member of Texas Midwest Eye Center in Abilene, has joined with North Runnels Hospital and Dr. Mike Bacigalupi, to offer cataract surgery in Winters. Patients can now be evaluated, have surgery with complete post-op care and never leave Runnels County. Please call **North Runnels Hospital** today to schedule an eye exam and cataract screening with Dr. Bacigalupi.  
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## From The Well

By Pastor Jim Hanson



Pastor Jim Hanson

Well, here I am again. This "baseball junky" is trying to write this column with the Yankees and Braves going at it on the living room T.V. I don't watch that much during the season, but the World Series is different. Something

deep within compels me to watch.

It isn't because I was a baseball player when I was a kid. My baseball career began and ended in the 6th grade. It was summer time, and I was trying to learn how to play. I felt the need, because, whenever we played sandlot ball, I was always the last one chosen. For good reason—my playing ability was pure fantasy and fiction. All in my head.

My dad had always "played catch" with me. But that was with a softball—not a baseball. And, I never practiced hitting the ball. Just "catch." So when I wandered over to the dirt parking lot in back of the church to join "the guys," I really wasn't ready. They knew it. And I knew it.

So, when the city of Brookings offered lessons in baseball, taught by the high school coach—I thought to myself—"Here is my chance." And so I came to the lessons. And the first day and the first lesson I earned the title which stayed with me all summer, "Jim Hanson, the strikeout king!"

No, it wasn't because I was pitching a lot of strikeouts. Rather—it was because I missed 90-consecutive-pitches-in-sequence as the coach was putting them over the plate and I was missing them by a mile. At the end of the summer I had not hit one ball fair. The only way I would get on base was if I got a "base on balls."

But, even if I never really played the game, I was drawn to it. And would go see our town-team play whenever I could get a chance. As I grew older, I would continue to follow baseball on radio, and TV, and "live" whenever possible. I'd often go with my dad. It was our "entertainment of choice."

What is it—about this game that attracts some of us—like a magnet? Well, the other day I read an article in the *Abilene Reporter News*. It was written by a Roman Catholic professor of psychology by the name of Eugene Kennedy. I was first attracted to the article because of its title, "A Meditation for World Series Time." And then—the author. I had read several of his books years ago.

He writes about what one sees looking down on our nation from airplane windows. "Corn and wheat fields beyond the dreams of the psalmist spread below, as do the great cities that pulsate, in their broad avenues, skyscrapers and churches, with America's pragmatic material and spiritual energy. A unique revelation of America's soul is found in what we see tucked and borrowed in every lot and cranny in and around these cities and these plains."

And, what is this revelation?

"Baseball fields sun themselves everywhere, as crowded and as democratic as beaches. Most of the infield skins are as dry and scuffed as western saddles from everyday use."

America's soul includes baseball! He goes on to write "Life, like baseball, is easier to play at home, where our steps are sure and we know the distance to each outfield fence." To be sure, it's true. And "Like a baseball team, we go on trips regularly, leaving home in our version of the hero's mythological journey the national pastime reproduces." And "Baseball, alone of major sports, is not governed by the clock. Like us, it lives in and outside of time...a game immune from the demands of the clock possesses an eternal aspect." Something to think about, don't you agree?

Then, the lesson baseball teaches. "Baseball may be the last school of public virtue. Against the grain of the culture and the explosive content of many movies, it rewards patience and self-restraint while it punishes impulsiveness and the showy need for immediate gratification. It is a subtle game in which thinking is more important than brute force...it acquaints us early with concepts of fairness and unfairness...on baseball fields, children learn something about character and how self-centered players can spoil the game. It is better, in a great spiritual lesson, to let much spoil-sports go home, even if they take the bat and ball with them."

There is something to what he writes. It is a mystery, this game that is as American as apple pie! As one old timer, former big league player, and personal friend of Rogers Hornsby told me—"The game hasn't changed. The owners of the teams have. But not the game."

I agree. From deep in my well. There is a connection here.

All of life has a meaning. The secret is "whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. (Philippians 4:8-10) Even baseball. Even for a "strikeout king."

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LAUGHING AND WORKING TOGETHER while trying to figure out how to switch places and maintain balance on a narrow beam are members of the local West Central Leadership Team. Kicking off the new year with a challenging ropes course on Oct. 21 are (l-r) Bertha Alvarado of Ballinger, Shelia Paschal of Winters, Mike Gray of Coleman, Ford Warick of San Angelo, Judy Hartman of Santa Anna, Randall Conner of Winters, Carmen Barber of Sterling City, and Tony Resendez of Brady.

## WHS college bound—Financial Aid Seminar set for November 11

Winters High School will host a Financial Aid Seminar on Thursday, November 11 at 6 p.m. in the high school auditorium.

McMurry University representative Corky Swanson will be the guest speaker. The seminar is designed to educate families in finding financial aid for college bound students.

All seniors and their parents as well as interested juniors and their parents are encouraged to attend.

Big Blue Wrecking Crew —Awesome!

## Letter to the Editor

### Chamber needs community's help in making "Cook-off" a success

Dear Editor,

In just over a week, on November 13, the Winters Area Chamber of Commerce will host the 30th Annual Arts & Crafts Show and their first "Taste of West Texas Cook-off," in the Winters Community Center and City Park.

Plan to do your holiday shopping from the numerous vendors who have reserved booth spaces. At this date, we have an almost full building, with some requesting spaces outside. It promises to be the best we've had in years. Please patronize the vendors by purchasing, and not just looking.

I mentioned last year at this time that some people will buy from these same vendors in Abilene, Buffalo Gap, and San Angelo, at the same prices, so why not buy here in Winters so these folks will want to come to Winters again next year? We have had wonderful responses from those vendors who were here in May and last November, and there are many newcomers. So, thanks for shopping last year.

This year, trying to satisfy the community's "need" for something to unite the people of this area, the Chamber directors chose to offer a cook-off. We have obtained "real judges" from around the area. Live entertainment will be in the park from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. for the pleasure of all visitors. But, and here's the kicker.....out of 3 categories, we have ONE ENTRY, and he's from Abilene.

Now, come on.....where are all those weekend barbecue cooks? Who, in West Texas cannot cook a pot of beans? And what about all the bragging done by the "great hunters" who know all the "secret recipes" for cooking venison, quail, dove, turkey, armadillo, coon, or whatever wild game suits their fancy? You need to clean last year's game out of the freezer to make room for this year's bounty, so cook it up and win some cash!!! Surely, someone out there thinks they can cook well enough to win \$200 for their efforts!!!

Brisket cooks start on Friday night. Beans and wild game begin early Saturday morning. To obtain an entry form, call the Chamber office at 754-5210, and if Carolyn is out, leave a message. She'll be happy to mail one to you or have one for you to pick up at the library, if you can't make it during regular office hours.

The Christmas parade is just around the corner, too. This year is "A Cowboy Country Christmas," so start planning your entry.

Heaven's Jubilee will entertain at the Chamber Banquet in January. Our theme this year is "Celebrate the Century" which we will be discussing more in the near future. Be thinking about the "Man and Woman of the Year." We would like to have many entries.

The Millennium Chamber Directors look forward to the annual events, and with the cooperation of the community, there will be no excuses for there being nothing to do in Winters.

Sincerely,  
Brenda Burton  
Chamber President

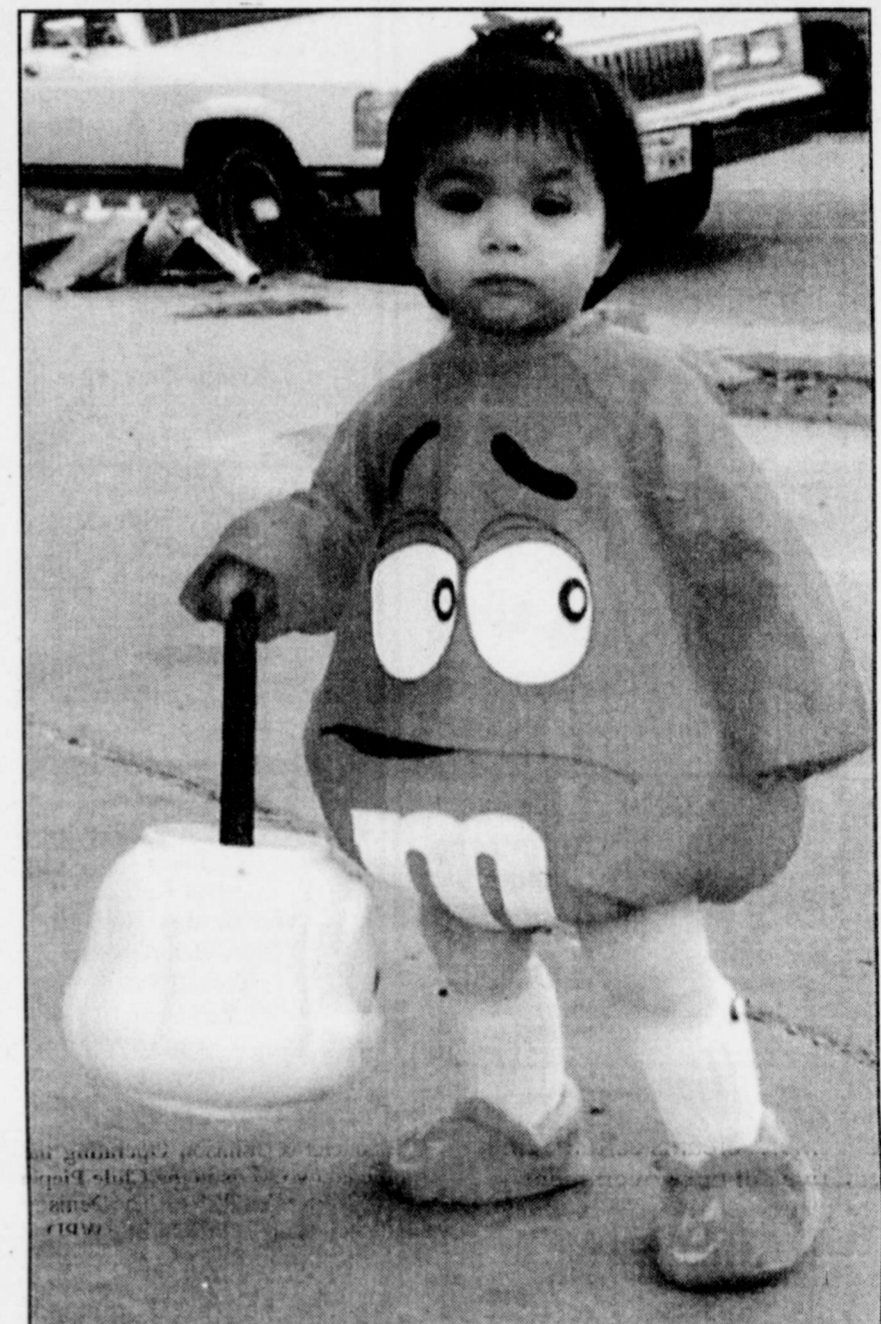
### Robyn Parramore inducted into Kappa Delta Pi Society

Robyn Parramore, a junior majoring in education with an emphasis in reading and math at Angelo State University, has become a member of Kappa Delta Pi, an international honor society in education.

Robyn was inducted in ceremonies on Thursday, October 21, 1999. An individual becomes a member of the society by invitation from a local chapter whose members have approved the candidacy.

The invitation is based on high academic achievement, a commitment to education as a career, and a professional attitude which assures the member's steady growth in the field of education.

Robyn is the daughter of Robert and Rhea Parramore of Winters and a 1997 graduate of Winters High School.



PLAIN OR PEANUT?—JUST "PLAIN DARLING" is little Jessica Roman, 1-year-old daughter of Guadalupe and Anita Roman. Jessica attended the Halloween Boo-tique sponsored by the Winters Chamber of Commerce on Saturday evening.

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# Winters Blizzards STORMING

## CAFETERIA MENU

Nov. 8-Nov. 12  
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**Breakfast**  
Monday-Nov. 8  
Biscuits  
Sausage  
Juice  
Tuesday-Nov. 9  
Toast  
Cereal  
Juice  
Wednesday-Nov. 10  
Blueberry Muffins  
Cereal  
Juice  
Thursday-Nov. 11  
Pancakes/Syrup  
Cereal  
Juice  
Friday-Nov. 12  
Cheese Toast  
Cereal  
Juice

**Lunch**  
Monday-Nov. 8  
Pizza  
Corn  
June Peas  
Chocolate Pudding  
Tuesday-Nov. 9  
Chicken Nuggets/Gravy  
Mashed Potatoes  
Green Beans  
Pears  
Hot Roll  
Wednesday-Nov. 10  
Taco/Meat/Cheese  
Tossed Salad  
Red Beans  
Fruit  
Brownie  
Thursday-Nov. 11  
Turkey Roast/Gravy  
Mashed Potatoes  
June Peas  
Pineapple Chunks  
Hot Roll  
Friday-Nov. 12  
Barbecue on a Bun  
French Fries  
Pickles  
Sliced Peaches  
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CRAIG CONNER blasts through the Mason line to bring down the quarterback for the lost yardage during Friday's showdown with the Cowpunchers.

## Blizzards get punched by Mason

### Winters still holds own destiny to playoffs

The Mason Cowpunchers came to Blizzard stadium last Friday night ready to play. Not only did Mason play but they dominated the Blizzards 40-7 in a crucial district showdown.

Winters was held to only 57 yards rushing with Wes Calcote carrying 19 times for 35 yards.

The Blizzard passing game was not much better with only 52 yards, making a total offense of 109 yards for the game.

While the Blizzard offense was being held in check, the Mason offense was running and passing at will. The Punchers had 468 total yards of offense, 262 on the ground and 206 in the air.

The only score by the Blizzards came after a fumbled punt snap by Mason and the Blizzards took over on Mason's 12-yard line.

Calcote carried five straight times to make the touchdown. Josh Minzenmayer kicked the extra point to make the score Winters 7 and Mason 14 with 5:16 to go in the first half.

At this point, the Blizzards looked like they might get back

in the game.

The Winters defense held Mason to three plays and a punt on their next possession, and the Blizzards took over with 4:11 left in the half.

On 4th and 16 on their own 38, the Blizzard coaching staff saw an opportunity and called for a fake punt. Minzenmayer took the snap just like he was going to punt, but instead he lofted the ball over the Mason Puncher rush to a wide-open Oscar Luz for the first down.

But like the rest of the evening, nothing seemed to go right for the Blizzards. Winters was called for holding and then forced to punt the ball.

Mason took advantage of the situation and drove the ball down for another score with two seconds left in the half to make the lead 21-7, Mason.

The Blizzards got into scoring position on their first offensive possession of the second half.

After forcing Mason to punt, Winters started on the 50-yard line. Calcote ran for 13 yards on

first down. Then Mason was called for interference on the next play to make it 1st and 10 on the Mason 26.

Calcote carried twice for 15 yards but the offensive charge was stopped at the Mason 11-yard line.

Unfortunately, the Blizzards would not mount another serious threat for the evening, and Mason continued to gain momentum, scoring three more times for a final score of 40-7.

In spite of Friday night's loss, Winters can still make the playoffs by beating Coleman this Friday night.

The Bluecats' district record is 5-1, with their only loss being to Mason.

With a win over the Bluecats, Winters would have a 5-2 record and be tied for third place in district with Coleman. With three teams going to the playoffs, the Blizzards would get the nod with the head to head victory over the Bluecats.

Kickoff for Friday night's game at Coleman is 7:30.

**STATISTICAL SUMMARY**

	Winters	Mason
First downs	9	22
Rushing yards	30-57	43-262
Passing yards	52	206
Total yards	109	468
Comp-Att-Int	7-20-1	26-25-0
Punts-Ave.	5-37.8	2-17
Fumbles-lost	0-0	1-0
Penalties-yards	0-0	5-76

**SCORING SUMMARY**

**By Quarters**  
Winters 0, 7, 0, 0 — 7  
Early 7, 14, 7, 12 — 40

**FIRST QUARTER**  
Mason  
3:59 remaining, Matt Schmidt pass from Jason McMillan (kick by Zach Langehennig)

**SECOND QUARTER**  
Mason  
11:59, 3-yard run Cade Smith (Langehennig kick)  
Winters  
5:16, Wes Calcote 1-yard run (Josh Minzenmayer kick)

**THIRD QUARTER**  
Mason  
0:02, McMillan 1-yard run (Langehennig kick)

**FOURTH QUARTER**  
Mason  
6:16, Schmidt 6-yard run (kick failed)  
Mason  
0:57, Daniel Worden 7-yard run (run failed)

**DISTRICT 25-2A**

Team	W	L	T	PF	PA
Goldthwaite	8	1	0	290	154
Mason	8	1	0	230	71
Coleman	7	2	0	232	103
Winters	7	2	0	210	179
Bangs	5	4	0	221	198
Hamilton	5	4	0	162	189
Early	4	5	0	154	108
San Saba	2	7	0	104	199

**DISTRICT 7**

Team	W	L	T	PF	PA
Coleman	5	1	0	134	72
Goldthwaite	5	1	0	181	107
Mason	5	1	0	136	51
Winters	4	2	0	147	128
Bangs	2	4	0	113	142
Hamilton	2	4	0	86	136
Early	1	5	0	72	108
San Saba	0	6	0	59	164

Last Week's Scores: Bangs 28, San Saba 12; Coleman 28, Hamilton 14; Goldthwaite 31, Early 13; Mason 40, Winters 7

**FRIDAY'S SCHEDULE**  
Early at Bangs, 7:30 p.m.  
Winters at Coleman, 7:30 p.m.  
Hamilton at Goldthwaite, 7:30 p.m.  
San Saba at Mason, 7:30 p.m.

## Directions to Coleman Field

Football fans traveling to Coleman in support of the Winters teams may find the following information useful.

On Highway 153 East at Coleman, you may turn right onto Fifth Avenue. You go approximately 8 blocks (counted from the left), then turn left onto Sixth Street.

The football field sits directly in front of you.

As a final reminder, of course, if all else fails: Look for the high stadium lights.

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OVERALL	62-28	61-29	56-34	57-33	68-22
Winters at Coleman	Winters	Winters	Winters	Winters	Winters
Early at Bangs	Bangs	Early	Bangs	Early	Early
Hamilton at Goldthwaite	Goldthwaite	Goldthwaite	Goldthwaite	Goldthwaite	Goldthwaite
San Saba at Mason	Mason	Mason	Mason	Mason	Mason
Albany at Hamlin	Hamlin	Hamlin	Hamlin	Hamlin	Albany
Clyde at Ballinger	Clyde	Clyde	Clyde	Clyde	Ballinger
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Aspermont at Munday	Munday	Munday	Aspermont	Aspermont	Aspermont
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 #65 Jerry Hord  
 #80 Jonathan Lujano  
 #50 Justin Gomez  
 #34 Josh Cavanaugh  
 #70 Raquel Rios  
 #63 Justin Wagley  
 #7 Chance Hogan, mgr.

Middle:

#82 Wacey Cason  
 #85 Jessie Rodriguez  
 #64 Will Ahrens  
 #52 Reynaldo Torres  
 #11 Benjamin Valles  
 #21 Basilio Rocha  
 #5 Eric Lopez

Front:

#22 Arturo Reyna  
 #74 Francisco Santos  
 #55 Justin Laird  
 #72 Jeremy Sherman  
 #40 Tim Fenwick  
 #60 John Heathcott  
 Not pictured:  
 Coach Richard Buchanan

## 7th grade takes 13-0 spooky win over Mason

by Coach Biff White

Well, for the first half, I couldn't tell if it was deja vu all over again—0-0—or a bad Halloween.

This time it was not the fact of us making mistakes on offense (we only had three plays). It was our defense's turn with off-sides, fake punt, onside kick, late hit, face mask, etc., etc. For a while I thought we were going to get a personal flag for every infraction there is in the book.

But to give them credit, the tough Breezes came up with two fumbles and an interception to stop Mason's drives.

Fumbles were recovered by Adrian Lozano and Jacob Bridgeman, and the interception was by Jacob Hernandez.

In the second half, I told the boys the trick was not giving up any more penalties for first

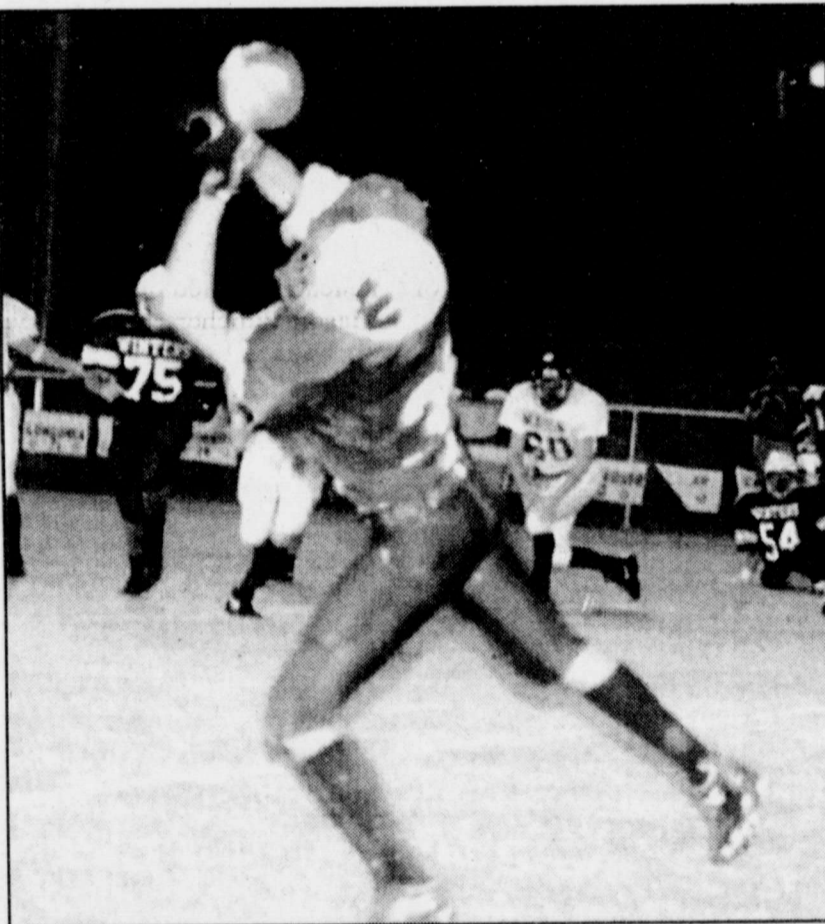
downs to give Mason a treat. Michael Roman provided all the scoring we needed when he rumbled for 67 yards on the first play and kicked the extra point.

Next, the defense looked like ghostbusters, tearing up the Punchers for a minus 3 yards for the third quarter.

In the fourth quarter, Pete Griffin gave Mason an extra treat on a 4th and goal from our 18-yard line when he tricked the defense on a fake hand off to Michael and sneaked around for the touchdown, pushing the score to 13-0.

Thanks to all the spirited fans and parents for the great support. The Breezes meet the Coleman Bluecats this Thursday at 5:00 p.m. in Coleman. Hope to see you there.

Our overall record is 5-2-1, and district 4-1-1.



OSCAR LUZ goes up for the pass during varsity action against Mason.

## Tough defense gives Blizzard Jr. Varsity 13-7 win over Mason

by Coach Shane Mobley

With a great defensive game, the Blizzard junior varsity beat the Mason Cowpunchers 13-7.

Scoring for the Blizzards were Shane Colburn on a 6-yard quarterback keeper in the first quarter, then Mark Moreno kicked the PAT. With 53 seconds left in the half, Colburn threw a 57-yard touchdown pass to Robert Gibbs. The extra point try failed.

Mason's only score came on a 27-yard run in the third quarter.

The Winters defense did an outstanding job by making some big defensive stands. Clay Trojcek, Will Blaine, Alvaro Rodriguez, and Steven Cuevas led the defensive unit.

On the other side of the ball behind an explosive offensive line, Alvaro Rodriguez and Justin Mendoza ran the ball great.

Mason had several chances to score but due to big plays and hard playing, the Blizzards came out on top. Everyone gave all they had when on the field and that's what it takes to win big games.

Our last game of the season will be here Thursday at 6 p.m. against Coleman.

## Wake up, Blizzard fans!

by Jean Boles, Editor

Excuse me just a second while I hop up on my soap box (it's a good thing I keep it handy, huh?). Remember the yell, "Well, who are the Blizzards?" Then we fans would answer, "We are the Blizzards."

I think it might be time for us to remember that answer.

As sports photographer I am privileged to be down on the field among the players, coaches and cheerleaders. And because I am on the field, I hear comments from the field and from the bleachers. But I'm hearing less and less good things from the bleachers.

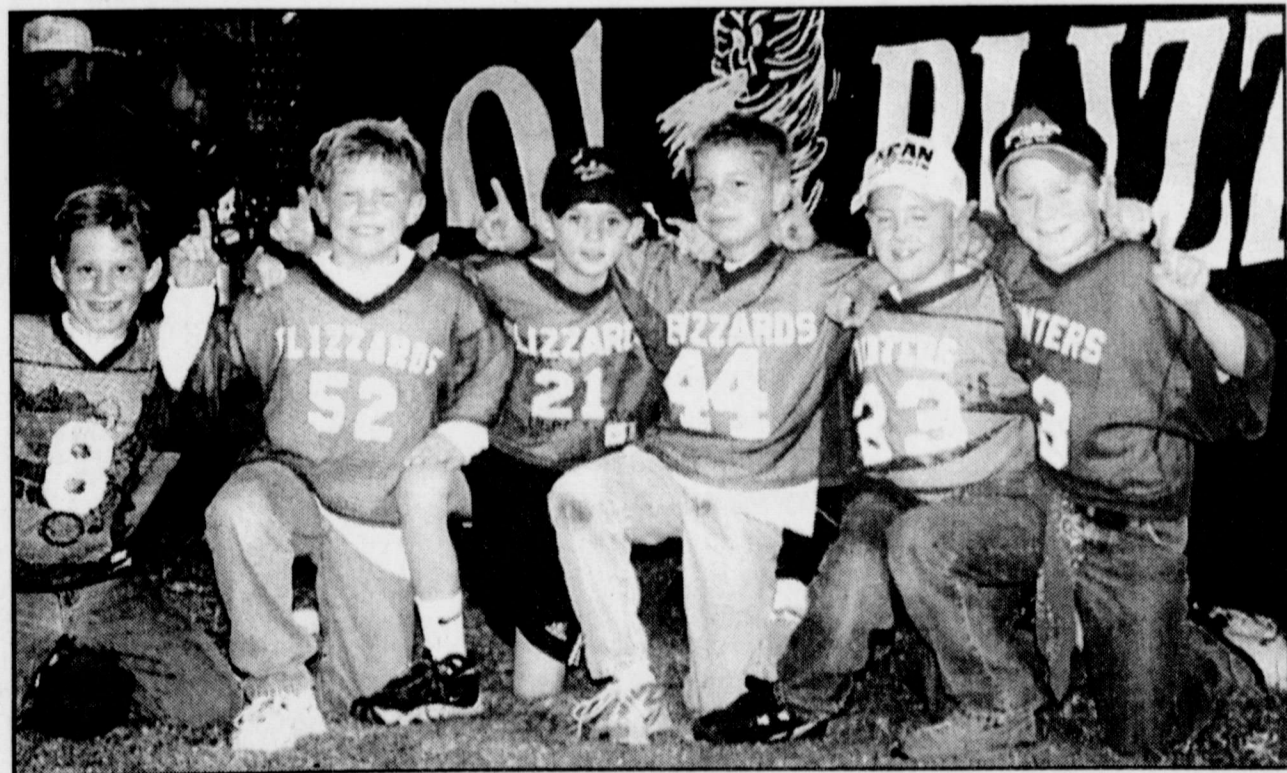
In fact, Friday night it was downright quiet from the home stands. Even our out-of-town sports trainer commented on how quiet our fans were, especially for such a big game.

Blizzard fans, our players are still just kids and they need to know we support them. And this Friday night would be a terrific time to "make some noise" for our guys. Heck, you might even stand up, wave, clap and holler.

Our cheerleaders are trying their darndest to get us to yell, and I think it's sad when one of the players has to wave his arms up and down to get our attention.

So, what about it, Blizzard fans? Let's send good vibes to our guys throughout the entire game Friday night and all the games to follow. We expect their best, so let's give them our best.

See ya at the game! Go, Blue!



TAKING CARE OF THE BLIZZARDS this season have been these young waterboys (l-r) Allan Green, Keegan Kurtz, Luke England, Stephen Goetz, Kody McCuiston, and Trenton Grohman.

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME
Aug. 20	Wall	H	7:30
Aug. 25	Arlson*	T	7:30
Sept. 3	Jim Nedd	H	8:00
Sept. 10	Merkel	T	8:00
Sept. 17	Ozona	H	8:00
Sept. 24	Goldthwaite	H	7:30
Oct. 1	Bangs	T	7:30
Oct. 8*	San Sabala	H	7:30
Oct. 15	Early	T	7:30
Oct. 22	Hammers	H	7:30
Oct. 29	Mason	T	7:30
Nov. 5	Coleman	T	7:30

\* Scrimmages \* Homecoming \* District Games

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME
Aug. 20	Wall	H	6:00
Aug. 25	Arlson*	T	6:00
Sept. 2	Jim Nedd	H	6:30
Sept. 9	Merkel	T	6:30
Sept. 16	Ozona	T	6:30
Sept. 23	Goldthwaite	H	6:00
Sept. 30	Bangs	H	6:00
Oct. 7	San Sabala	T	6:00
Oct. 14	Early	H	6:00
Oct. 21	Hammers	T	6:00
Oct. 28	Mason	T	6:00
Nov. 4	Coleman	H	6:00

\* Scrimmage Games \* District Games

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME
Sept. 9	Merkel	T	5 & 6:30
Sept. 16	Merkel (7th)	H	5 & 6:30
Sept. 23	Goldthwaite	H	5 & 6:30
Sept. 30	Bangs	T	5 & 6:30
Oct. 7	San Sabala	H	5 & 6:30
Oct. 14	Early	T	5 & 6:30
Oct. 21	Hammers	H	5 & 6:30
Oct. 28	Mason	H	5 & 6:30
Nov. 4	Coleman	T	5 & 6:30

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## Blizzards run in McMurry Road Race; regionals this Saturday at UT San Antonio

The Blizzard Cross-Country team competed in the McMurry Homecoming Road Race on Saturday in Abilene. The meet was a practice for the upcoming regional meet. The Blizzard men will compete on the UTSA campus in San Antonio at 10:20 a.m. Saturday.

Jimmy Rodriguez finished second overall on Saturday with a time of 17:21. Tony Aguero was sixth and Juan Santos, seventh. Brian Pritchard placed first in the 14 and under division.

Last Saturday's times were:

### Blizzards

Jimmy Rodriguez, 2nd, 17:21  
 Tony Aguero, 6th, 19:12  
 Juan Santos, 7th, 19:15  
 Artemio Lopez, 20:13  
 Brian Pritchard, 21:20  
 Ruben Garcia, 21:49  
 Kenny Green, 21:53



ADVANCING TO REGIONAL COMPETITION on Saturday will be members of the Blizzard cross-country team (standing, l-r) Kenny Green, Brian Pritchard, Ezequiel Martinez, Juan Santos and Artemio Lopez. Kneeling are Tony Aguero and Jimmy Rodriguez. The Winters runners earned the right to advance after winning second place in the district 25-2A meet on Oct. 25. The Nov. 6 regional meet will be held at the University of Texas San Antonio campus.

## WISD English teacher nominated for the Texas Excellence Award for Outstanding High School Teachers

English teacher Cynthia Davis of Winters ISD has been nominated for the Texas Excellence Award for Outstanding High School Teachers. The award is

exemplary teaching and support of students.

Ten nominees will be named in December to receive \$1,000 each a custom-designed bronze sculpture. In February, the 10 honorees will be flown to Austin courtesy of Southwest Airlines to attend a conference with UT faculty, teachers, and education leaders.

The Texas Excellence award for Outstanding Teachers was established in 1987 by the Ex-Students' Association to promote public esteem for the teaching profession in Texas.

The Ex-Students' Association, an organization of more than 70,000 alumni and UT friends, is a cooperative liaison with the University of Texas. Its mission is to connect alumni with each other and with the past, present, and future of The University of Texas, including the support of public education.



sponsored annually by the Ex-Students' Association and the College of Education at The University of Texas in Austin.

A total of 168 teachers have been nominated by their principals for the award based on their

## Winters ISD offers adult computer training courses

Winters ISD is offering adult computer instruction for beginners and beyond. No prior computer skills are necessary for the Beginning Computer Skills course.

Training will be offered introducing beginning computer skills and the features of Windows 98. A training course in basic word processing skills will also be offered the following week. Course materials will be furnished and classes will be limited.

Classes for the Beginning Computer Skills including Windows 98 will be Monday and

Wednesday, November 8 & 10, 6:30 to 9:00 p.m. Classes for the Word Processing Skills will be Monday and Wednesday, November 15 & 17, 6:30 to 9:00 p.m.

Cost for each class will be \$20. Each participant must register prior to the first class date. All classes will be taught in the Junior High School computer lab.

To enroll and/or inquire, contact Rhonda Goetz at 754-5574 ext. 100 or stop by the school Administration/Tax office at 603 N. Heights Street.



BACKING THE BIG BLUE at every game are WHS cheerleaders (l-r) Kendra Hope, Angela Jacob, Shelley Meyer, Kaci McCuiston, Jacky Dexter and Paula Salas. These young ladies work endless hours to support the players, and they encourage all Blizzard fans to join them in keeping upbeat, positive motivation throughout the games.

## Students advance to sectional competition in Punt, Pass, and Kick Contest

by Coach Deb Whittenburg

Winters Elementary students participated in the Punt, Pass, and Kick Contest sponsored by Gatorade and the NFL (Dallas Cowboys). We had 120 girls and 144 boys compete in three different age groups.

All of the following students have qualified for the sectional competition to be held in Abilene on November 20.

In the 8-9 girls division, the winner was Aracelie Flores with a total score of 103'.

The first place winner in the 10-11 age group was Christina Guerrero. Her total was 131'2".

In the 12-13 age group, Jennifer Esquivel won with 155'7". Kayla Horton will compete in her place. She had a total of 123'6".

In the boys division of the 8-9 year olds, the winner was Jerardo Perez. His total was 146'5". Aaron Colburn won the 10-11 age division. His total on the punt, pass, and kick was 226'2".

In the 12-13 age division, David Seates won with 278'2". Congratulations to these young athletes!

## Student Council News

The WHS Student Council is sponsoring an ongoing "Make A Difference Day" project in hopes of making a difference in the lives of the men and women of the 79th Fighter Squadron stationed in Saudi Arabia. Students at Winters Elementary and Secondary schools have been writing letters to the officers and enlisted personnel overseas. Several have received letters in return. The following are randomly selected correspondences between the students and "Tiger Squadron."

What's up, Brandon

Thanks for the letter. Actually, I am a MSgt instead of a SRA. MSgt stands for Master Sergeant, and SRA stands for Senior Airman. I am stationed at Shaw Air Force Base, South Carolina, and I work directly for the commander taking care of his administrative work. I am presently in the 79th Fighter Squadron known as the "Tigers." The mission of the squadron is flying F-16 fighter jets.

I do not have access to empty cartridges, sorry. But, I did include a couple of items for you as well as some pictures. One is of the F-16 that my commander, Lieutenant Colonel Dodson flies. You can see the tiger on the tail fin.

Again, thanks for writing and don't forget to do good in school.  
 MSgt. Glenn Parker

Roy McBeth  
 Winters Elementary  
 c/o Connie Tounget  
 702 N. Heights  
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Dear, K Jackson

What is your first name, Jackson or K? What does the "K" stand for? What does "AIC" stand for? What do you do in the army? Are you male or female? Do you use morse code? I am nine fixing to be ten. I live on a ranch. Thank you for busting your rear for our country. Respect to you.

Respect,  
 Roy M.



## School Days, School Days

### Kayleen Bergman Special Ed & Life Skills



Kayleen McGuffin Bergman is a former resident of Winters and returned home this past August to teach Special Education within the Winters Independent

School District.

She graduated from Winters High School in 1982 and continued her education at Angelo State University where she received her bachelor of science degree in marketing in 1986. She then achieved alternative certification in Special Education.

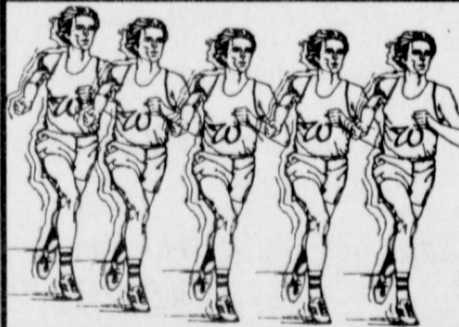
Mrs. Bergman previously taught Special Education for one year at Pflugerville.

She and husband Lewis have one daughter, Addison, age 9, and one son, Hayden, age 7. Mr. Bergman is employed by Texas Communications as an Internet Service Provider.

The Bergmans are members of the Church of Christ.

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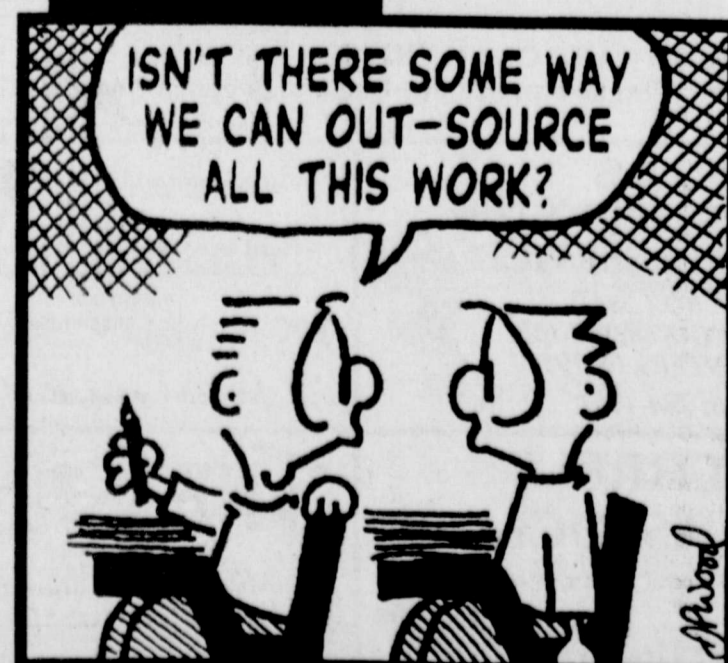
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Dress in BLUE, bring your flags, shakers, cowbells, airhorns, and more, to encourage OUR BOYS to be VICTORIOUS over Coleman on Friday night!

Posted by The Winters Athletic Booster Club

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**ST. JOHN'S, continued**

and Reformed Pastors, and even by German Methodists.

The people were unhappy with not having a resident pastor and regular services. They also realized there was no substitute for their own Lutheran faith, so in the fall of 1903 they held a meeting and gathered funds for a "German church building." They also appealed to the Texas Synod for the services of a resident pastor. The Lutherans of the area were determined to build a church building even though they were not organized. In October of 1904, the building was dedicated for the service of the Triune God.

On the first Sunday in November of 1904, an organizational meeting was held and they joined the Texas Synod of the Iowa Synod. The first resident pastor arrived on September 4, 1905, to serve 45 confirmed members and 85 souls. He also conducted services at Norwood, Brownwood, and Miles. In 1909, a second church and a five-room parsonage were erected, debt free, on the west edge of Winters.

In 1910, the congregation had grown to 230 souls with preaching stations at Norwood and Bangs. They were still being supported with a yearly \$200 subsidy from the Mission Committee although they strove to be self-supporting.

Between 1912 and 1914, the congregation lost three pastors because of family health problems. The drought of 1911-1912 caused a severe financial hardship on the congregation. In 1914, a pastor was again called and Winters and Miles merged but the Synod still had to help with the salary. Because of the difficulties caused by World War I and bad crops, they were unable to pay any salary during 1918 and services were discontinued the last three months of the year.

A pastor finally came in the summer of 1919 to serve both Winters and Roscoe, but the parish only had 37 voting members in Winters and 8 in Roscoe. By 1920 membership had risen to 250 souls. Because of this growth and better crops the parish became self-supporting in January 1923, after almost 20 years of mission support.

In 1925, the congregation realized they needed a larger church. They decided not to build until all of the money needed was pledged. They tore down the old

church in April of 1929 and laid the cornerstone of the new church September 29. As the building progressed, it was decided to add taboqi art glass windows, cork flooring, fireproof roofing, side gables, and new furnishings. The final cost almost doubled the first estimate. When the church was finished there was only a debt of \$1,500 because of donations, material usage from the old church, and the many hours of labor donated by the members — old and young. The church bell bought and installed in the second church in 1913 was placed in the new belfry. On February 2, 1930, the new church was dedicated in the name of the Triune God and the congregation celebrated their 25th Anniversary.

In 1935, the inside of the basement was finished and landscaping started.

A fund was started in 1938 for a pipe organ and dedicated in 1939.

After a very severe hail storm damaged many of the windows, storm windows were installed to protect them in the future.

At the time of the 95th Anniversary of St. John's, the windows are 70 years old.

The Reverend James Hanson was installed as pastor of St. John's on Sunday, October 13, 1991, and continues to serve us well today. In 1995 he was selected as Texas Rural Minister.

Pastor Hanson is active in the community helping with the Food Bank and other projects of the Winters Ministerial Alliance. He is an active member of the Winters Lions Club and a frequent visitor to the nursing homes and hospitals in the area. He also witnesses to the community each week with an article in *The Winters Enterprise* called, "From the Well."

Pastor Hanson and his congregation invite you to join them in celebration of 95 years of blessed services at St. John's Lutheran Church.



*Mr. and Mrs. Christopher Dry*

**Mechelle Gonzales & Chris Dry exchanged wedding vows**

Christopher Allen Dry and Mechelle Gonzales were married Saturday, October 23, 1999, at St. John's Lutheran Church in Winters. Reverend James Hanson performed the double ring ceremony.

Felix and Sophie Gonzales are the parents of the bride. The groom's parents are Rick and Linda Dry. Mechelle's paternal grandparents are Nicholas and Estella Reyna of Winters. Maternal grandparents are Serapio and Geneva Nieto of Abilene.

The bride wore a floorlength white gown of satin with capped sleeves and accents of pearls and sequins around the neckline and waist. The veil was a halo of small white roses and was waistlength. Her bouquet was of white daisies, snapdragons, gerber daisies, carnations, and roses attached to a Bible belonging to Benjie Tischler, aunt of the groom. The bride wore a diamond cross necklace that was a gift of the groom. Her garter was made by Eloise Brown.

Maid of honor was Elizabeth Gonzales, sister of the bride. Bridesmaids were Tammy Young, sister of the groom, and Gracie Vidauri, cousin of the bride. They wore floorlength maroon gowns and carried bouquets of maroon and mauve roses made by Tammy Young. The flower girl was Marie Perez, cousin of the bride. She wore a floorlength gown of white satin adorned with ruffles and lace and carried a basket of mauve roses.

**Card of Thanks**

The Winters Soccer Association would like to thank the following for their support this fall season:

- John McGregor and Edwin Hart for their donations,
- Bob Hunt and John's International for making practice goals for our older boys and girls,
- Mr. Joe Kozelsky for the use of his land on which to put the practice goals,
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**Poe's Corner**

By Charlise Poe

**A national treasure**

Garland Richards, a dynamic young man, is determined to restore his heritage which includes Fort Chadbourne.

Fort Chadbourne was built as a frontier fort at a point on one of the trails of San Antonio at Oak Creek. It is located near U.S. Highway 277 eleven miles northeast of the city of Bronte in northern Coke County. Companies A and K of the Eighth United States Infantry established the post on October 28, 1852. The fort was named for Second Lieutenant Theodore Lincoln Chadbourne, who was killed at the battle of Resaca de Palma in the Mexican War. Many Indians lived in and traveled the area, and during the 1850s, many conflicts occurred between Indians and the frontier explorers and settlers, including a skirmish inside the fort in 1856.

An overland southern route to the gold rush in California developed along the trail through Fort Chadbourne and a station on the Butterfield overland mail route was maintained at the fort from 1858 to 1861. When the Civil War broke out, Fort Chadbourne surrendered to Confederate Colonel Henry McCulloch on February 28, 1861. The Texas Militia manned the fort only briefly during the Civil War and Chadbourne was occupied briefly by the United States troops after the war, but lack of water, wood, and adequate facilities forced its abandonment in 1873.

The fort became private property around 1876 when Garland G. Odom established the Odom Luckett Land and Livestock Company. Mr. Odom used Fort



Charlise Poe

Chadbourne as headquarters for this cattle operations that encompassed over 100,000 acres of land. The buildings at Fort Chadbourne were used by Mr. Odom and his family until they were replaced with more efficient structures.

As the buildings were phased out of use, they were not maintained, and over the years, the fort structures and buildings decayed. Today some walls and some of the structures are partially standing, leaving little evidence of their existence.

The Odom descendants passed the property through their generations with care to preserve much of the fort. A large number of artifacts related to the fort era have been found and stored by Garland Richards, a descendant of Mr. Odom.

The Richards family now possesses a large number of trophies related to the fort era. Some original military records exist in the state and national archives. Other histories of the fort and the area indicate many interesting facets of the area culture, but the story is not complete.

Garland's father, Mr. C.O. Richards, listed the fort in the National Registry of Historical Places. A Texas historical marker, near the old cemetery south of Highway 277, designates the sight.

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**Although she always looks nifty, and we love her because she's so thrifty, she's gettin' old because she's turning 50!**



*Love, Ronald Alisa, and Jana*

Identity of birthday girl is revealed elsewhere in this issue.

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1 Hidalgo Co. town	46 TX singer-Stuckey
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16 haughty Texans have a big one _____	
17 Alamo: Mission San Antonio _____ the army at San Jacinto	
22 Harrison Co. seat _____	
24 ex-Oiler Del Greco _____	
25 TXism: "_____ exercising" (talking)	
26 TXism: "fits like _____ hide _____ horse"	
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28 "_____ gun"	
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**Solutions for this puzzle appear in this issue.**

## Local support needed for sidewalks

by Randall Conner, Winters Area Business & Industrial Corporation

We have passed the first hurdle in getting approval for funding for the Sidewalk Improvement Project in Winters. Now is the time for us to make our commitment to the project to show the Texas Transportation Commission that we have the local support for rebuilding our sidewalks and beautifying our community.

Our matching portion is \$44,000, of which the Winters Area Business and Industrial Corporation has pledged \$20,000 and we now have commitments from businesses of \$3,350. This leaves \$20,650 to be raised by December 1. This can be in the form of a pledge or a check to the Winters Industrial Corporation. Any funds

received will be held in escrow until the project begins. Pledges, donations can be split into two years — 1999 and 2000.

We are asking that each family and each business in Winters do what they can to help with the Sidewalk Project. If every business or property owner along Main and Dale streets would commit \$20 per foot of frontage, we can meet our goal. Since there are some vacant buildings and some public areas, it would be helpful if individuals could help with these areas.

Please send your check or pledge today. This one project can do more to revitalize Winters than anything we can do.

## Crews News

By Hilda Kurtz



Hilda Kurtz

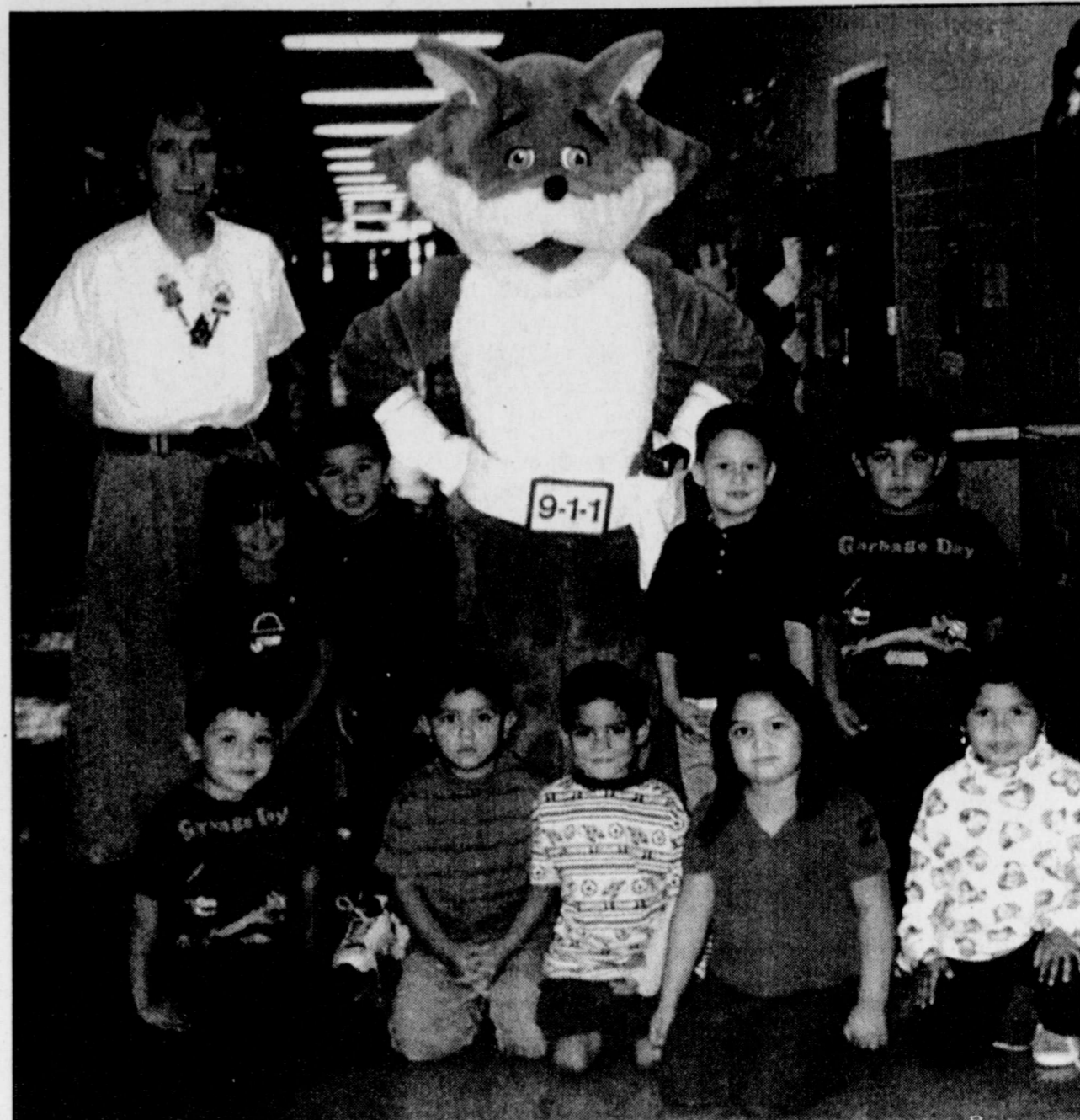
*Everything is funny as long as it is happening to somebody else.*

*Editor's Note: Crews News is short this week as Hilda is in San Angelo with daughter Hildegard recuperating from cataract surgery. The following information was submitted by friends.*

Brenda Jacob from Midland was home for the weekend.

On Saturday, Brenda Jacob, Beverly VanZandt, and Margie Jacob attended the wedding shower for Alison Hanig and Heath Watkins at the St. John's Lutheran Church in Winters, and then they all attended and helped with the Halloween Carnival at Crews.

Visitors on Sunday with Margie Jacob were Brenda Jacob from Midland, Beverly VanZandt with Brad and Corey, Carol and Mike Kozelsky, Shawna Law from Abilene, and Jodi Busenlehner.



THESE PRE-K STUDENTS LEARNED PROPER 9-1-1 PROCEDURES from Red E. Fox last month at Winters Elementary. Posing with Mr. Fox and Pre-K teacher Dawn Bryan are (front row, l-r) Anthony Lara, Gabriel Martinez, Nathan Rodriguez, Alicia Reyes, Veronica Garcia, (back row) Sabrina Oswalt, Jr. Espino, Eusebio Reyna, and Michael Alatorre.

## Winters Elementary students learn proper 9-1-1 procedures from Red E. Fox and WCTCG

Children of all ages need to know what to do in case of an emergency. That's why the West Central Texas Council of Governments sponsors the 9-1-1 for Kids program free to children in the 19-county West Central Texas region.

The students at Winters Elementary were treated to a visit this month from Red E. Fox, who is the star of the 9-1-1 for Kids program.

Students in grades Pre-K through second learned the correct 9-1-1 procedure during their guidance lessons with the school counselor. Lessons included a video starring Red E. Fox and a

special visit from the mascot himself.

Red is a friendly, heroic spokesperson created to make learning about 9-1-1 fun and memorable for young children. His middle initial 'E' stands for emergency. He makes hundreds of personal appearances each year.

Students in grades 3, 4, and 5, learned the correct telephone procedure to use during an emergency phone call. This program was presented by Patti Davis, the 9-1-1 coordinator for West Central Texas Council of Governments. The students were able to

talk to an actual 9-1-1 operator using real life emergency scenarios.

The programs not only taught the basics about 9-1-1—when to call, how to call, and exactly what to say when they need the police, an ambulance, or the fire department.

Equally important, the program also helped children understand when NOT to call 9-1-1. When kids know the consequences of 9-1-1 jokes and prank calls, they're far less likely to be involved in costly abuses of the 9-1-1 system.

**Winters Sidewalk Project**  
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THIS HANDMADE AFGHAN WILL BE GIVEN AWAY by draw at the 77th Annual Fall Festival of St. Joseph Parish in Rowena. Displaying the afghan are chairmen (from left) Maxine Michalewicz, Irene Williams, Karen Byler, John and Paula Frerich, Robert and Rose Englert, and Father Stephen Kennedy, pastor of St. Joseph. The festival is scheduled for Sunday, November 14.

## St. Joseph Parish, Rowena, will celebrate its 77th Annual Fall Festival on Sunday, November 14

"Share The Harvest" is the theme for the 1999 festival hosted by St. Joseph Parish in Rowena.

Robert and Rose Englert are general chairmen for the event with John and Paula Frerich serving as co-chairmen. Karen Byler is kitchen chairman with Irene Williams and Maxine Michalewicz assisting as co-chairmen.

Parishioners will prepare approximately 123 turkeys, 1200 pounds of dressing, over two and one-half tons of German style sausage, 192 pies, 48 cakes, and all the trimmings.

The noon meal and meals-to-go will be served from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Prices are \$6 for

adults, \$3 for children, and \$6 for plates-to-go. Sausage sandwiches will be available from 4:30 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. for \$2. Sausage will be sold by the pound, cooked or uncooked.

A country store will feature handmade items, plants, and baked goods.

Tickets are being sold for four handmade items — a prize winning baby quilt, two afghans, and a doily — to be given away at a 4:00 p.m. drawing.

Tickets are also being sold for five other items: a 25" Phillips Magnavox color television set, Cannon Sure Shot zoom camera, mountain bike, KC for four at

Lowake Steak House, and four barbecue plates from The Shed in Winters.

Children's games begin at 11:30 a.m. and will continue until 3:30 p.m. Bingo is scheduled from 11:30 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. An auction of cotton and merchandise starts at 2:00 p.m. in St. Joseph Church. Sunday Mass is scheduled for 9:30 a.m.

The people of St. Joseph Parish invite everyone to join them in this harvest Thanksgiving celebration.

Parishioners invite you to Come and "Share The Harvest" with them!

Nobody made a greater mistake than he who did nothing because he could only do a little.  
 — Edmund Burke

**We will be closed on Thursday, November 11 in observance of Veteran's Day.**

**First State Bank** WINTERS BRANCH  
 500 South Main  
 Winters, Texas 79567  
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### SBA Workshop set for Nov. 10

A workshop addressing New Affirmative Action Programs is scheduled for Wednesday, Nov. 10, at 1:00 p.m. in Abilene's Small Business Development Center, 648 East Highway 80.

New Affirmative Action Programs target new Small Disadvantaged Business Certification Program application, 8(a) Business Development Program for socially and economically disadvantaged business owners and HUBZone Empowerment Contracting Program applications for businesses located in HUBZones.

Persons interested in attending this workshop should call Betty Anderson at (915) 670-0300.

# Give A Baker's Dozen For Christmas

**New subscriptions bought during the month of November, 1998, will receive 13 months for the price of 12.**

**13 months:**  
 Runnels County - \$15.00;  
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## Flu immunizations to be given at Texas Dept. of Health Nov. 5

The Rannels County Field Office of the Texas Department of Health will hold an Influenza/Pneumococcal Immunization Clinic on Friday, November 5, from 8:00 a.m.-noon

Location is in the Texas Department of Health field office located at the Professional Building, Suite 108, on Grant Street entry.

The influenza or "flu" shot is recommended for:

- people who are 65 years of age or older
- people under 65 with medical problems such as heart disease, lung disease, diabetes, renal dysfunction, hemoglobinopathies, immunosuppression, and/or those living in chronic care facilities. People (greater than or equal to 6 months of age) working or living with these people should be vaccinated as well.
- all health care workers
- healthy pregnant women who will be in their second or third trimesters during the influenza season. Pregnant women who have underlying medical conditions should be vaccinated before the flu season, regardless of the stage of pregnancy.
- anyone who wishes to reduce the likelihood of becoming ill with influenza.

The pneumococcal shot is recommended for:

- people who are 65 years of age or older
- people under 65 who have chronic illness or other risk factors including chronic cardiac and pulmonary diseases, anatomic or functional asplenia (including sickle cell disease), chronic liver disease, alcoholism, diabetes mellitus, CSF leaks, as well as persons living in special environments or social settings (including Alaska natives and certain American Indian populations). Others at high risk include immunocompromised persons including those with HIV infection, leukemia, lymphoma, Hodgkin's disease, multiple myeloma, generalized malignancy, chronic renal failure, or nephrotic syndrome, those receiving immunosuppressive chemotherapy (including corticosteroids), and those who received an organ or bone marrow transplant.

Cost of the flu shot is \$5; pneumococcal, \$10. Medicare and Medicaid will be accepted.

For more information, call 754-4945 Monday-Friday.

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## Official Records

### County Court Dispositions

Morris Dale Eubanks, driving while intoxicated (second offense), dismissed, rehabilitation completed

Ubaldo Ramirez Sanchez, assault, dismissed, convicted in another case

Fred Harold Poe, driving while license suspended, dismissed, insufficient evidence, no notice of suspension

Barrett Smith, theft of food by check, dismissed, insufficient evidence

Heriberto Ali Garcia, driving while intoxicated, pleaded guilty, sentenced to six months in county jail, probated to one year, fined \$750, plus \$235.25 court costs, 50 hours community service

Jerry Ochoa, driving while intoxicated, pleaded guilty, sentenced to six months in county jail, probated to one year, fined \$750, plus \$250.25 court costs, 50 hours community service

Richard Lee Valenzuela, driving while intoxicated, pleaded guilty, sentenced to six months in county jail, probated to one year, fined \$750, plus \$235.25 court costs, 50 hours community service

Orville Ray Pirraglia, driving while license suspended, dismissed, insufficient evidence, not notified of suspension

Mario Gonzales, driving while intoxicated, pleaded guilty, sentenced to six months in county jail, probated to one year, fined \$750, plus \$235.25 court costs, 50 hours community service

Justin Trejo, making alcohol available to a minor, pleaded guilty, sentenced to six months in county jail, probated to 18 months, fined \$1,500 plus \$235.25 court costs, 24 hours community service

Ed Jason Pospichal, driving while intoxicated, pleaded guilty, sentenced to six months in county jail, fined \$2,000, plus \$235.25 court costs

William Herbert Myers II, false report to peace officer, pleaded nolo contendere, fined \$724, plus \$210.25 court costs

Luis G. Llanos, possession of marijuana, pleaded guilty, fined \$739, plus \$210.25 court costs

Curtis Johnson, theft of merchandise by check, dismissed, convicted in another case, restitution made in full

Jason Ed Pospichal, driving while license suspended, dismissed, convicted in another case

Francisco Julian-Gonzalez, driving while license suspended, dismissed, convicted in another case

Ted Alan Box, reckless driving, pleaded nolo contendere, fined \$450.13, plus \$210.25 court costs and \$89.62 restitution

Jamie Vigil, three counts: criminal trespass, criminal mischief, failure to appear, dismissed, insufficient evidence

Paul Escobar Jalomo III, two counts: criminal mischief and possession of marijuana, dismissed, convicted in another case

Alicia Fierro, theft, dismissed, insufficient evidence

### Criminal Cases Filed

**October 22**

Magdalena Medina Jr., filed for criminal trespass

**October 25**

Kenneth Burtleson, filed for possession of marijuana

Ciro Nieves Martinez, filed for driving while license suspended

Karri Stratton, filed for driving while license suspended

Norman Joel Jackson, filed for driving while intoxicated (subsequent offense)

**October 26**

Arlan L. Torres, filed for display of fictitious registration sticker

**Marriage Licenses**

**October 22**

Bryan K. Carlisle and Brandi R. Nixon

**October 28**

Jarral Emory Barrow and Ida Michelle Ramos

**District Court Civil Cases Filed**

**October 25**

Sears, Roebuck & Co. vs. Debra Luebano, suit on account

Sears, Roebuck & Co. vs. Stephanie M. Pena, suit on account

**Divorces Filed**

**October 25**

Cecilia M. DeLaRosa and Arturo DeLaRosa Sr.

**October 28**

Raquel Cavazos and Gose Ramon Cavazos

### Justice of the Peace Precinct 1 Small Claims Cases Filed

**October 22**

First National Bank of Ballinger vs. Geard & Martha Haddon, suit on promissory note

**October 25**

First National Bank of Ballinger vs. Len D. and Ann Pearson, suit on promissory note

First National Bank of Ballinger vs. Ernest Escobar, suit on promissory note

First National Bank of Ballinger vs. Simon R. Vasquez, suit on promissory note

First National Bank of Ballinger vs. Armando Balderas, suit on promissory note

Pioneer Hi-Bred International Inc. vs. Melvin Halfmann Jr., suit on account

**Felony Cases Filed**

**October 21**

John Sanford Thralls, filed for two counts of assault on a public servant

**October 25**

Javier Vasquez Campos, filed for felony driving while intoxicated

**October 28**

Eraclio Miranda Rogers, filed for possession of a controlled substance

Jose Mercedes Chavez, filed for felony driving while intoxicated

James Scott Bryan, filed for indecency with a child by contact

**Criminal Cases Filed**

**October 9**

Abaytes Manzana Aboytes, filed for public intoxication

**October 15**

Gabriel Castaneda, filed for disorderly conduct (abusive language)

**October 16**

Enrique (Henry) Fuentes, filed for public intoxication

**October 17**

Vernon Odell Wallace, filed for littering

Randell Vernon Wallace, filed for littering

**October 23**


Jonathon Martin Escobar, filed for driving under the influence—minor

**October 28**


Kristen Lee Boggess, filed for Class C assault



PRESENTED RED ROSES AT THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION of First United Methodist Church are Lucille Hill of Winters and Eda Mae Eckstein (right) of Kerrville. Both are granddaughters of the late Georgia Adams, charter member of the church. Maudella Reeves, great-granddaughter of Mrs. Adams, makes the presentation. Over 150 people attended the celebration.



## Town Crier



**Brooklynn Nicole Anderson**

The Anderson family of Winters is proud to announce the arrival of Brooklynn Nicole.

She was born at 7:50 a.m. on Friday, October 22, 1999, at Abilene Regional Hospital. She weighed 7 lbs., 6.3 oz. and was 21 inches long.

Brooklynn Nicole was welcomed home by her parents, Brenda and Wendall Anderson; one sister, Kendra; and one brother, Jeremy.

Maternal grandparents are Oscar "Butch" Ummelmann of Winters and the late Alice Ummelmann.

Paternal grandparents are the late Thurman and Oncita Anderson.

## Literary and Service Club brings smiles to many faces

The Literary and Service Club did their best "To Make A Difference" on October 23, 1999.

Members met at Senior Citizens Nursing Home where the residents were anxiously awaiting.

Darlene Sims played the piano and everyone sang gospel and folk songs. Eris Beard dressed as a "good" witch and asked helpers Ruth Cooper and Eula Mae Kruse to give each of the residents and employees a gift. After the laughing pumpkin made an entrance and exit, members "flew" to Our House where the residents also received great joy and gifts.

Gifts were made by Literary and Service Club members. Wal-Mart donated drawstring bags with a small bottle of conditioner in each. Club members added a pocket-size package of tissues. Smile face stickers were applied to the gifts and received many smiles from the recipients.

Club members certainly felt they had made a difference in the lives and routines of the senior citizens, and even in their own.

Sell those unwanted items in a garage sale. Advertise in The Winters Enterprise. 754-4958

## Woman's Club hears of American Indian heritage

Gail Thigpen and daughter Gaylene Sims shared highlights of their American Indian heritage at the Winters Woman's Club meeting, Tuesday, October 12, 1999, at the Rock Hotel.

A demonstration on basket weaving was presented. It was explained that the basket is symbolic of the Cherokee nation. The spokes that give the basket strength and stability represent what the language, art work, songs, culture and heritage are to the Cherokee people.

The program was closed with a moving rendition of "The Lord's Prayer" in sign language.

Hostesses were Nina Hale, Marlene Wood, Edna Ruth Self, and Cheryl Bryan. Members were served chicken salad in croissants, individual pumpkin ice cream pies with chocolate butterflies, nuts, mints, and tea. Tables were decorated in autumn tones with gnomes and pumpkins.

## 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 24, 1999, through Saturday, October 30, 1999. Winters Police Officers:

- received a report of a disturbance in the 500 block of N. Main. A 25-year-old female of Winters alleged a 35-year-old male of Midland had assaulted her. The responding officer observed no injury to the female and the male fled the scene before officers could arrive. The victim was advised on how to file charges, but as of November 1 has failed to do so.
- observed a 1999 Pontiac fail to stop at a stop sign at Novice Road and N. Main. The officer made contact with the driver, a 38-year-old male of Talpa, who had an odor of alcoholic beverage on his person. The male was offered field sobriety tasks, which he failed, and was subsequently arrested for driving while intoxicated.
- received a report of an accident at the west city limits on Highway 153. An officer found a deer which appeared to have been hit by a vehicle and was crippled, but still alive. The officer humanely put the wounded animal down. No vehicle was ever located.
- received a report of a missing 41-year-old male of Winters in the 300 block of N. Main. Family members were concerned because they hadn't heard from the male in four days. The male was located by officers in the 100 block of N. Grant a short time later. He was found to be alright.
- received a report of a gas drive-off in the 200 block of S. Main. A 17-year-old male of Winters had told the store clerk he didn't have the money to pay for the gas and was allowed to leave to get the money, but never returned. The male was identified and this case was investigated as theft Class C.
- received a report of a disturbance in the 100 block of N. Grant. A 24-year-old male alleged being struck in the face by a 21-year-old female known to him. The male did show injuries to his face, but declined to press charges. An odor of marijuana was detected within the residence and a subsequent search revealed under 2 oz. of marijuana and drug paraphernalia. The male was arrested for Class B possession of marijuana. Both subjects are from Winters.
- received a report of a dog loose in the 600 block of N. Main. The dog nearly caused several accidents as officers attempted to catch the dog. The dog's owner was located in the 800 block of N. Cryer and he was issued a citation for animals at large violation of city code.
- received a report of a theft in the 600 block of Wood Street. Items in excess of \$1,500 were taken from the backyard of a residence. A suspect has been identified. This case is under investigation as felony theft.
- received report of threats in the 600 block of Floyd. The reporting male was advised due to the nature of the threats (not received directly), that no offense occurred. The male wanted the incident documented.
- received a report of an accident at College and Heights streets. A 44-year-old male of Troy, Texas, was cited for duty upon striking fixture after failing to report the accident. The subject knocked down a street sign with his semi-truck. There were no injuries.
- received a report of an accident in the 300 block of E. Broadway. A 33-year-old male of Ballinger was operating a dump truck with the bed raised when the truck snagged a cable line causing two poles to snap out of the ground. There were no injuries.
- received a report of an accident at Rogers and Jones streets. A 17-year-old female of Winters failed to yield right-of-way to a 17-year-old male of Winters. Both vehicles suffered minor damage. There were no injuries.

Rannels County Crimestoppers offers a cash reward for information which leads to the grand jury indictment or conviction of offenders and the caller does not have to give his or her name. To give a Crimestoppers tip, call your local law enforcement agency at:  
Winters Police Department—754-4121  
Ballinger Police Department—365-3591  
Sheriff's Department—365-2121

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## City of Winters

Your ideas, creative suggestions go here!

# Flag Contest

**Purpose:** To design a City of Winters Flag  
**Deadline:** Wednesday, November 10, 1999  
**Judging:** Thursday, November 11, 1999  
**Participants:** Grades K-6, Contact Fran Kidwell  
Grades 7-12, Contact David Hale (One entry per student please)  
**Prizes:** Three categories: K-3, 4-6, & 7-12

Winners recognized at City Council Meeting on Monday, November 29, 1999

St. Joseph's Church, Rowena, Texas

November 14, 1999

## Fall Festival

**Turkey and Country Sausage Dinner with all the Trimmings**  
Served from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Games and Entertainment!!  
Begins at 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

**Country Store (Plants, Homemade Crafts & Items)**

Auction 2:00p.m.

Cotton 2:30p.m.

Sausage Sandwich Supper  
4:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. • \$2.00 each

# Cancer survivor Mandie England shares story to promote awareness



"CANCER IS SURVIVABLE — more than it has ever been. Every day is a gift. I could have died and I didn't. So I'm going to live each day to the fullest."  
 Mandie England  
 Cancer Survivor

First in a series observing National Breast Cancer Awareness Month by Deb Pritchard

## Diagnosis & Treatment

Her story began a year ago late June. She found a lump in her right breast. Right away she went to the doctor for a checkup. From there she went for her first mammogram at age 40.

Following the mammogram she was sent to a surgeon who believed the lump to be a cyst. He proceeded to aspirate the cyst—drawing fluid from it for testing.

She never heard from the doctor, so she called for her results. The doctor was not available, and the receptionist had no answers. However, the receptionist stepped next door and asked a nurse from another office what she should tell the patient and the nurse advised her to tell them there were no cancerous cells.

End of story... not so. By the end of November, Mandie England realized the lump had grown. After the hectic holiday

season, she sought a second opinion from another surgeon in early January.

On a Wednesday the new surgeon looked at the original mammogram, and by Monday had done a biopsy on the lump. The following Monday, Mandie had a mastectomy. Her right breast was removed.

In February, Mandie began phase two of her battle with cancer at M.D. Anderson, a cancer care facility in Houston. Mandie and husband Lanny, made the seven hour trek, taking with them, copies of her mammogram and reports on her cyst fluid.

Amazingly enough, it was the first time they had ever seen the test results. The mammogram results were inconclusive—meaning it should have been followed up immediately with a sonogram. No one ever told them.

As they read the fluid test results they found it said that although there were no cancer cells—there were rare atypical cells present. "No one ever told us that," said Mandie. "We read it on our way to Houston for the first time."

While at M.D. Anderson, Mandie mapped out the next six months of her life, choosing to become part of a test group. Every three weeks she would take 8

chemotherapy treatments of one single medicine, which was standard at the time.

Six weeks after surgery Mandie began chemo. When her stent, a temporarily placed intravenous tube, was inserted, it punctured her lung. After a brief recuperation she was able to receive her first treatment.

Her blood counts plummeted. She had permanent nausea, but took medicine to keep from throwing up. By the seventh or eighth day she had mouth sores, then a sore throat.

On day 12, daughter Julie sat with Mandie's head in her lap and pulled her mom's hair out by the handfuls. They made it a special event.

She soon ate blended foods and learned to like them. All in all, she lost about 25 lbs. weighing in at a whopping 85 lbs. at her peak low. Only the last three days of each three week cycle was she strong enough to function in a somewhat "normal" capacity.

"Every one (treatment) knocks your body down a little bit more and a little bit more," said Mandie. She remembers crying only one time through the whole ordeal—after her sixth treatment. "I was so, so sick."

Oddly enough, it wasn't the physical inconveniences that bothered her most as she recalls those months. "They told me I'd lose my hair and my appetite—about the nausea and the mouth sores, but no one told me how it (chemotherapy) would affect my mind."

"Mentally I was not all there. I remember Luke (her son) was outside playing and hit himself in the knee with a baseball bat. He fell down crying. I had to struggle to think what do I do—what are my choices?"

"I couldn't figure it out a bit. I thought, I can't take care of my kids—then I remembered, oh yea, ice."

Another time, Lanny asked her to ride with him to help him get a grain truck backed into the barn.

"I was supposed to jump out and flip the light switch on and guide him back. I couldn't find the light switch—though I'd probably turned it on and off a thousand times. I looked and looked until finally I went and asked Lanny where it was."

"Of all the side effects of chemotherapy—not being in control of my mind was the worse. I felt so out of control," said Mandie.

To be continued.

## Hey, look us over— Team effort "makes a difference" for community

Winters Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 9193 Ladies Auxiliary is one of more than 2,400 organizations across the country selected to receive a grant from a local Wal-Mart to help with their "Make A Difference" Day projects. Winters VFW and Ladies Auxiliary received a \$500 grant.

"We were excited to support the VFW Ladies Auxiliary on this project," said Les Lott, manager of the Ballinger Wal-Mart. "Wal-Mart stores all over the nation are involved with their local communities through such projects as this one and we are proud to help make a difference in Runnels County."

According to Lot, this is the second year Wal-Mart has supported this national program, making funds available to enable thousands of volunteers across the country to implement programs that will impact their communities.

As of Friday, October 29, the following were reported as "Make A Difference" Day activities:

- The Winters Area Chamber of Commerce bought paint and with the help of the Winters Lions Club painted the inside of the community center.

- The Winters Ministerial Alliance finished and painted the relocated Food Pantry and were open to help those in need. Joe Gerhart provided the paint.

- The Winters Girl Scouts, young and teen, with the help of their leaders and parents, painted most of the fire hydrants in Winters and laid reflectors to mark the hydrants. Paint and brushes were provided by Higginbotham's manager Dawn Green and staff, City of Winters Administrator Aref Hassan and staff, Bettye

Pinkerton, and the VFW Ladies Auxiliary.

- The Winters Boy Scouts cleaned downtown Main Street of its trash and weeds.

- The Winters 4-H and Norton 4-H hosted a banquet for all of the 4-H members in Runnels County and sold "Files of Life" emergency care cards to family members.

- Winters 4-H also presented a Halloween program for senior

- Landa Grohman's sixth grade class in Winters Elementary School made Halloween cards for the Senior Citizens Nursing Home.

- Ollie Webb donated toiletries, bedding, clothes, linens, and etc. to be used as needed.

- Alvina Gerhart sewed pillows and pillowcases to be given to Hospice for their patients.

- Camille and Caitlin Kurtz and MeMe cleaned up part of the ditches on County Road 206.

- The Winters Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 9193 and Ladies

Auxiliary members did some work on the second floor of the Rock Hotel and then went to the Post Home and cleaned it inside and out and did a little painting.

- VFW and its Auxiliary also had a food, clothing, toiletries, crafts, games, and linens drive with the food going to the Winters Food Pantry, clothing and linens to Hope Haven, and crafts and games going to the V.A. hospital.

- The Women's Service League of Winters donated food and baked goods to the 4-H Banquet and the grocery store for a promotional program, coordinated and contributed financial support for another piece of playground equipment for the park, and sponsored children's booths at the Halloween carnival.

- The *Winters Enterprise* and *The Journal* published plans and news on "Make A Difference" Day projects.

The money from Wal-Mart was used to help buy paint and brushes for the Girl Scouts to help the fire hydrants, to help with postage for letters written by students to service personnel located overseas, and the remainder to finance a carpet for the Veterans Room in the Rock Hotel.

"We are proud to help make a difference in Runnels County."

—Les Lott, Wal-Mart manager

## FFA selling fruit

Winters FFA is still taking orders for fresh fruit packages including apples, oranges, pears, and grapefruit. Contact any FFA member or Roy Shackelford at 754-5517.



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Birthday girl is Mary Lynn Presley.

## Legal Notice

### NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF APPLICATION AND INTENT TO OBTAIN A WATER QUALITY PERMIT

Permit No. 10320-001

**APPLICATION.** City of Winters, 310 S. Main, Winters, Texas 79567 has applied to the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission (TNRCC) for an amendment to disposal Permit No. 10320-001 (EPA I.D. #TX0032433) which would authorize an increase in the disposal of treated wastewater from a daily average flow not to exceed 490,000 gallons per day to a daily average flow not to exceed 530,000 gallons per day. The amendment would also authorize the addition of a site to beneficially land apply sludge on 50.90 acres of land located adjacent to the west side of the treatment facility and an increase in the amount of land used for irrigation from 250 acres to 282 acres. The domestic wastewater treatment facility is located approximately 5,600 feet east and 2,900 feet south of the intersection of State Highway 153 and U.S. Highway 83, southeast of the City of Winters in Runnels County, Texas. This application was submitted to the TNRCC on August 24, 1999. The permit application is available for viewing and copying at the Winters City Hall, 310 S. Main, Winters, Texas.

The TNRCC Executive Director has determined the application is administratively complete and will conduct a technical review of the application. After completion of that review, the TNRCC will issue a Notice of Application and Executive Director's Preliminary Decision.

**MAILING LISTS.** You may ask to be placed on a mailing list to obtain additional information regarding this application. You may also ask to be on a county-wide mailing list to receive public notices for TNRCC

permits in the county. To get on a mailing list, send a request to the Office of the Chief Clerk, at the address listed below.

**PUBLIC COMMENT/PUBLIC MEETING.** You may submit public comments or request a public meeting about this application. The purpose of a public meeting is to provide the opportunity to submit a written or oral comment or to ask questions about the application. A public meeting will be held if the Executive Director determines that there is a significant degree of public interest in the application or if requested by a local legislator. A public meeting is not a contested case hearing.

Written public comments should be submitted to the Office of the Chief Clerk, MC 105, TNRCC, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, TX 78711-3087. You are encouraged to submit your comments as soon as possible so your concerns can be considered during the review of the application.

**ADDITIONAL NOTICE.** After the TNRCC completes the technical review of the application, the Executive Director may prepare a draft permit and will issue a preliminary decision on the application. Notice of the Application and Preliminary Decision will be published and mailed to those who are on a mailing list. That notice will contain the final deadline for submitting public comments and requesting a public meeting.

**OPPORTUNITY FOR A CONTESTED CASE HEARING.** After the deadline for public comments, the Executive Director will consider the comments and prepare a response to all relevant and material, or otherwise

significant public comments. The Response to Comments, along with the Executive Director's decision on the application, will be mailed to everyone who submitted public comments or who requested to be on a mailing list for this application. The mailing will also provide instructions for requesting reconsideration of the executive director's decision and for requesting a contested case hearing. A contested case hearing is a legal proceeding similar to a civil trial in a state district court. A contested case hearing will only be granted based on disputed issues of fact that are relevant and material to the Commission's decision on the application. Further, the Commission will only grant a hearing on issues that were raised during the public comment period and not withdrawn. Issues that are not raised in public comments may not be considered during a hearing.

**INFORMATION.** If you need more information about this permit application or the permitting process (such as being added to the mailing list), please call the TNRCC Office of Public Assistance, Toll Free, at 1-800-687-4040. General information about the TNRCC can be found at our web site at [www.tnrcc.state.tx.us](http://www.tnrcc.state.tx.us).

Further information may also be obtained from City of Winters at its address stated above or by calling Scott D. Hay, P.E. with Hibbs and Todd Engineering at (915) 698-4330. Issued: October 26, 1999

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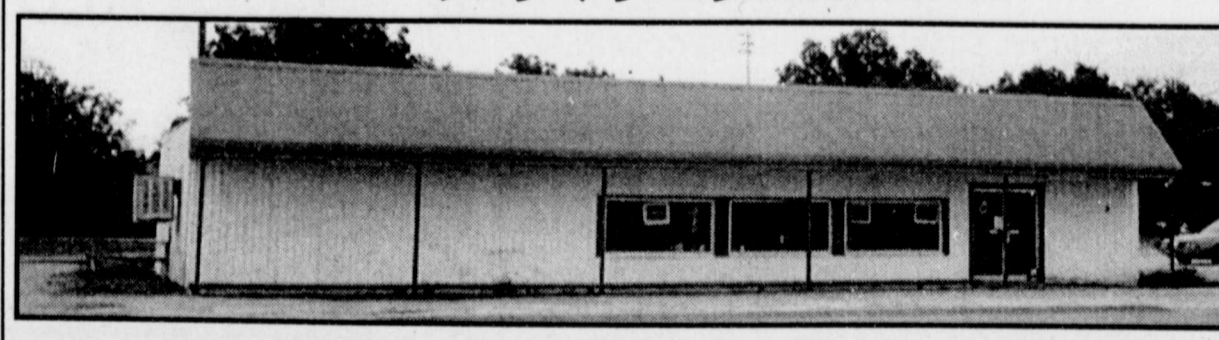
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<b>600 S. Main</b>	<b>Commercial Auto Shop.</b> 3 sliding doors, remodeled office, upper level storage. Approx. 3450 sq. ft.	<b>205 Roberts</b>	<b>Newly Remodeled, Near School.</b> 3 bedroom, 2 bath. Approx. 1100 sq. ft.	<b>205 N. Cryer</b>	<b>Newly Remodeled.</b> 3 bedroom, 1 bath, large lot. Approx. 900 sq. ft.
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"Well, here they come again," says the big 12-point buck.

"And there seems to be more every year," observes the dainty doe.

"I wonder how they'd like it if we was to all barge into their livin' rooms one day, hollerin' and cussin' and choppin' and shootin'," the buck snorts.

"And they don't fight fair no more, neither," says the buck. "Naw... they're playin' downright dirty now."

"Used to be we could sniff their mangy hides a mile away, kind of a cross between enchiladas with chili and a barbecue sandwich."

"Now they're dressin' like trees and bathin' in bakin' soda for God's sake."

"And I've even seen some of them yahoos douse themselves all over with what they call 'deer attractant!'"

"Do these bozos even know what that is?"

"It's urine, you idiots!"

"Pure, unadulterated, stale, stinkin' pee in a bottle for cryin' out loud!"

"And this term 'harvest' is really startin' to bother me."

"There's lots of farmers around here and I ain't seen one of 'em yet usin' a .270 to bring in the cotton, ya know what I'm sayin'."

"And this 'success rate' thing sticks in my craw like a sticker to a tow sack."

"They put out corn 'feeders' or hide out around an oat patch in the dead of winter, waitin' for one of us to come to supper."

"Hey, you wanna bet I could hide outside an HEB or Sonic or Pizza Hut with a .30-06 and a 20X scope and have a pretty successful day too, if ya know what I mean."

"Well, aren't you just Mr.

Negative today," counters the doe.

"Oh yea... you'll be might negative too when you hear the latest newsflash, Sweetie Pie."

"Used to be the women and children were safe, but not no more, Honey Bunch."

"You might want to familiarize yourself with the term 'anterless tag.' The ground beneath your dainty little hooves is now a 'deer management area'... comprehend!"

"That's scientific talk for 'either sex is fair game,' Baby. Ya know... boom-boom city... antlers or no antlers!"

"So's you best watch your pretty little hindquarters from now on, if ya catch my drift!"

"That means no more starin' with ju-ju eyeballs or prancin' around like the Queen of France, while I'm haulin' like a cattle-prodded greyhound or squatin' like a flattened jackrabbit in a brushpile someplace, if ya savvy what I'm gettin' at."

"You think you got problems," says the spike.

"Now they're sayin' I'm inferior, you know, genetically, and that I'll never amount to nothin' and they're gonna be shootin' me on sight faster'n a scaled cat at a hound dog convention!"

"Well... had you rather be totin' around this Jethro Bodine'd sized coat rack on top of your head!," says the big buck.

"It'll be pure luck if I don't end up stuffed tighter'n a Thanksgiving turkey and hangin' over a fireplace with one 'a them little red Christmas balls on my nose!"

"And that's another thing," wonders the big buck.

"How do they decide what's a trophy anyhow?"

"If the shoe was on the other foot, and we was huntin' them,

### 4-H County Food Show to be held Saturday, Nov. 6

Over 70 eager 4-H'ers will be participating in the Runnels County 4-H Food Show on Saturday, November 6, 1999, at St. Joseph's Parish Hall in Rowena.

The 4-H Food Show culminates food and nutrition projects being taught throughout the county this fall.

Four-H'ers will be preparing a dish and presenting it and their nutritional knowledge to a panel of judges. Winners of the county contest will advance to district on November 20.

The awards program will begin at 4:00 p.m. and will be followed by the Tasting Tea.

Tickets for the public for the Tasting Tea will be \$2. There will also be 4-H cookbooks for sale for \$2 each.

### Ag Talk

by Congressman Charles Stenholm

### AMTA payments expected



On the week ending October 29, the President signed the fiscal year (FY) 2000 agriculture spending bill, legislation to

As for disaster payments, the Department of Agriculture (USDA) is going to advance 35% of projected natural disaster payments under the Crop Loss Disaster Assistance Program that was utilized in 1998. The Livestock Assistance Program will be managed like it was in 1998.

Secretary of Agriculture Dan Glickmann announced on October 27 that government payments to farmers, including emergency farm aid, will reach a record of \$22.5 billion in calendar year 1999. This is up from a previous high of \$16.7 billion in 1987.

While I am pleased to see Congress provide much needed relief to America's farmers, I am not pleased with the way it has been provided. Congress must stop throwing money at the problem and start developing a long-term policy to prevent future crises.

fund the nation's agriculture programs. Under this legislation, the additional Agricultural Market Transaction Act (AMTA) payments will be the same as the FY 1999 payments were.

Payments began going out on October 25, and the bulk of them should be received by November 5. Information for signing up to receive FY 2000 AMTA payments is available at local Farm Service Agency (FSA) offices. Producers can begin receiving their regular AMTA payments as soon as they request them.

### Soil & Water Conservation Districts resolve to protect landowner privacy

While attending their 59th annual meeting in Lubbock, directors representing Texas' 216 Soil and Water Conservation Districts (SWCDs) on October 19 backed a resolution to repeal a regulation that requires federal employees to report cultural resources encountered while engaged in conservation work on private land.

"What is at stake here is the confidentiality of private property aspects not specific to soil and water conservation district technical assistance that is typically provided to our cooperators," said George Mills, of Alpine, member of the Big Bend SWCD.

The requirement to report cultural resources (such as American Indian artifacts) affects employees of the USDA — Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), who have traditionally supplied technical assistance to SWCDs working with private landowners.

Federal employees are required to conduct cultural resources field inspections on all

lands receiving federal technical assistance or financial aid from the NRCS. All cultural resource inspections and findings are made available to the Texas State Historic Preservation Officer.

"The recording and reporting of cultural resources to a state agency that has not gained the trust of private property owners betrays the trust developed over many years between soil and water conservation districts and private property owners," Mills said.

"This betrayal of trust will discourage private property owners from seeking conservation district assistance and by doing so will reduce the substantial progress made by districts in the conservation and management of Texas' natural resources," Mills said.

Approximately 600 SWCD directors representing the state's 216 SWCDs and other conservation leaders attended the 59th Annual State Meeting of District Directors, held October 18-20, in Lubbock.

### WHS Ag. Building—

### Major stock show entries to be prepared Tuesday, Nov. 9

Major stock show entries will be prepared from 6 to 8 p.m. on Tuesday, November 9, at the Ag. Building on the Winters High School campus. Winters Livestock Show entries are due by December 1.

Roy Shackelford, Winters FFA advisor, and Brandon Morgan, Runnels County ACEA, will be available to fill out entry forms

for all major shows.

FFA exhibitors are asked to return letters mailed by Shackelford so he can have as much of the forms filled out in advance as possible.

Four-H exhibitors are reminded to bring social security numbers.

Both FFA and 4-H exhibitors should bring entry fee money.

### November 12 & 13—

### Limousin cattle weekend promises to be educational and exciting

The weekend of Limousin activities will begin at noon on Friday, November 12 with the West Texas Classic Pen Bull judging to be held at Producers Livestock Auction in San Angelo. Serving as judges are Phil Stoll of Springtown and DeRon Heldermon of Hinton, Oklahoma.

A weekend feature will be a Limousin Forum sponsored by the Texas Limousin Association (TLA) at 6:30 p.m. on Friday at the Crossroads Restaurant (Inn of the Conchos). A reception is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. with a dutch-treat meal at 7:00 p.m.

Following the meal the forum will begin with a welcome and introduction of guests by Lee Pritchard, Executive Secretary, Texas Limousin Association of Crowley.

"Breeds and Breeders in the New Century" will be delivered by Dr. Kent Andersen, Director of Education and Research, North American Limousin Foundation, of Englewood, Colorado. A ques-

tion and answer session is also scheduled and will be chaired by NALF and TLA directors.

Saturday activities feature the annual West Texas Classic Limousin Bull Sale set for November 13 at Producers Livestock Auction. The sale begins at 1:00 p.m. and consists of 100 working age, red, and black Limousin bulls.

Producers Livestock Auction is located at 1131 North Bell Street in San Angelo.

The Inn of the Conchos, 2021 North Byrant Blvd., 1-800-621-6041, will be the Limousin activities motel headquarters. Ask for the Texas Limousin room block for special rates when making reservations.

To receive a West Texas Classic Sale catalog or information about the Limousin Forum, contact Lee Pritchard at the Texas Limousin Association, P.O. Box 239, Crowley, Texas 76036 or phone (817)297-2462, fax (817)297-3433, or email txlimo@aol.com.

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- 1 c. water

Slice meat as thin as possible, with the grain, (helps if it's very cold) in long strips. Marinate two days (longer won't hurt) in a glass jar or wide mouth crock. Turn oven to 150 degrees, drain meat well and spread over oven racks with a drip pan below. Cook for 8-12 hours until dry and tough. Store in jars or plastic bags.



### Mountain lions prey mostly on deer

Mountain lions in South Texas tend to have smaller home ranges than their western counterparts, and prey mostly on white-tailed deer, a recently released research report indicates.

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) provided primary funding for the study, which began in 1993 and was completed last year. It was a cooperative project involving researchers from the Caesar Kleberg Wildlife Research Institute at Texas A & M University — Kingsville, biologists with TPWD, and private landowners. Using radio telemetry neck collars fitted onto captured mountain lions, the researchers have been tracking the big cats along a 1,600-square-mile area of private land in South Texas.

"We've gained a couple of significant findings about mountain lion ecology in South Texas from the research," said Matt Wagner, TPWD nongame program leader. "One of the most important things is that mountain lions in South Texas have little effect on cattle in that area. We also learned these mountain lions have a relatively small home range—about one fourth the size of cats in West Texas."

Of the 69 carcasses identified as possible or probable mountain lion kills, 50 percent were white-tailed deer, 22 percent javelina,

nine percent feral hog, and 16 percent other species (including seven sheep, two bobcats, one mountain lion and one calf).

"Because there is such an abundance of deer in South Texas, mountain lions don't have to travel very far to find prey," added Wagner.

Analysis of data from this study suggests the home range of male mountain lions in South Texas averages 82 square miles, whereas females average about 34 square miles. The study found young mountain lions usually disperse to new areas. Two radio-collared males moved from their maternal home range to areas 50 miles away, while two females moved only about 10 miles.

The study also suggests mountain lions in South Texas experience high mortality. Of the 19 study cats, two were shot by hunters, two died from neck snares in fences, and two died of unknown causes. Since 1993, researchers have received reports of 22 lions taken by hunters in the same 1,600-square mile study area, indicating there are a lot of mountain lions in this part of South Texas.

Currently, mountain lions are not protected in Texas and may be harvested year round. According to Wagner, the department has received requests to change their status to game species.

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## Visiting hunters invited to free dinner Nov. 6

A large number of free door prizes will be given away at the dinner, other prizes available in raffle

Runnels County's visiting hunters will be feted to a barbecue dinner hosted by the Ballinger Chamber of Commerce on Saturday, November 6. Menu for the meal consists of sausage, brisket, beans and potato salad. The Hunters Appreciation Dinner has become a tradition in Ballinger and the meal will be served from 6:30-9:00 p.m. at the Ballinger Community Center.

A number of door prizes will be given away at the dinner, including a special door prize that was donated by Wildlife Trophy Taxidermy, a Shoulder Mount. Also available are raffle tickets for a chance at winning a .270 deer rifle, a Sweeney 300 lb Automatic Deer Feeder, .22 rifle and a custom made Si Smith Hunting Knife and Jimmy Caughron Sheath. A house boat/fishing overnight trip, valued at \$350, has also been donated by Paul and Bobby Patton for the raffle. Cost of the raffle tickets is \$1.00 each or six for \$5.00. Tickets may

be purchased at the Chamber office or from any member of the board of directors.

Local hunters and citizens may purchase tickets for the meal at \$5.00 each at the Chamber of Commerce office.

Sign up continues until November 5 for the Runnels County Big Buck Contest. Fee is \$10 for the contest. Sign up can be accomplished at the following locations: **Ballinger** at Ballinger Chamber of Commerce, Ballinger Lumber, Donald Paske Shell, The First National Bank of Ballinger, Short Stop and Wal-Mart; **Paint Rock** at First State Bank and **Rowena** at Bennie's.

Contestants in the 1998 Big Buck Contest received over 30 prizes consisting of guns, binoculars and knives. For the 1999 contest, Johnny Hurt's Wildlife Trophy Taxidermy will contribute a shoulder mount for the winners in the adult and youth Big Buck categories.

Categories for the contest and prizes are: Big Buck; Big Spike-rifle; Big Turkey-12 gauge Remington Express. There will also be three drawings for prizes, along with the Deer Management Award with rifles as prizes.

Proceeds from the Big buck Contest go to West Texas Boys Ranch, West Texas Rehabilitation Center, Ballinger Junior Livestock Show, Winters Junior Livestock Show, Christmas in April and Concho County Junior Livestock Show in Paint Rock.

For more information on the Big Buck Contest contact Ronnie Vanicek (915)365-2020 or 365-3415, Stan Bickel (915)365-5301 or 365-2525, Ralph Saurez (915) 365-2840, Kit Hurt (915) 365-3517, Johnny Hurt (915)365-2078, Steve Wheeler (915)365-3267, Clint Smith (915)365-3944 or the Chamber of Commerce (915)365-2333 or (915)365-5611.



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RUNNELS COUNTY HUNTERS fill their plates with tasty barbecue furnished by the Ballinger Chamber of Commerce at the Hunters Appreciation Dinner held each year at the Ballinger Community Center.

## Poachers be warned!!

Poachers be warned. Texas leadership is sending a strong message to those who might think the grass is greener on the other side of the fence, particularly where big game poaching is involved. Recent legislation provides for felony charges and mandatory jail sentences, even for some first time poachers.

The new law, created through HB 2526 in the 76th Legislature, took effect September 1 and established severe penalties for poaching activities, including hunting or fishing without landowner consent, hunting from a motor vehicle, hunting with a light and hunting at night. The law also carries stiff consequences for using or possessing a fish-shocking device and for failure to retrieve and keep big game carcasses in an edible condition. In addition to the stiffer criminal penalties, the law also provides for mandatory loss of hunting and fishing licenses for a period of one to five years.

According to law enforcement officials with Texas Parks and Wildlife (TPW), HB 2526 is one of several pieces of new legislation aimed at curbing abusive and illegal poaching activities involving the state's wildlife resources. "These game laws have some sharper teeth now and hopefully the enhanced penalties will be an effective deterrent," said TPW law enforcement director Jim Robertson. "Outlaws are going to have to ask themselves if the risk to poach a deer is worth going to jail for two years and paying a \$10,000 fine."

Under the new TPW State Jail Felony classification, individuals convicted of taking a desert bighorn sheep, white-tailed deer, pronghorn antelope or mule deer without the consent of the landowner are subject to incarceration for 180 days to two years and a possible fine of \$1,500 to \$10,000. A second conviction carries a fine of up to \$10,000 and incarceration for two years to ten years. Stiffer penalties will also apply if a poacher is

convicted of wasting a big game animal carcass, as is often the case with poachers known as "head hunters" who take only the trophy racks. On first offense for wasting a big game carcass the violator is subject to confinement in jail for up to one year and a fine of \$500 to \$4,000. Upon a second conviction for wasting a big game carcass, the violation becomes a TPW State Jail Felony.

While taking big game without landowner consent was the focus of the new law, other illegal hunting and fishing activities were also addressed. A second conviction for hunting from a motor vehicle, hunting at night, hunting with a light or wanton waste of wildlife resources carries a TPW State Jail Felony charge. The legislature also created provisions in the law allowing for the confiscation and forfeiture of equipment used in the commission of these violations, including weapons and other personal property (e.g. knives, spotlights, etc.), aircraft and vessels.



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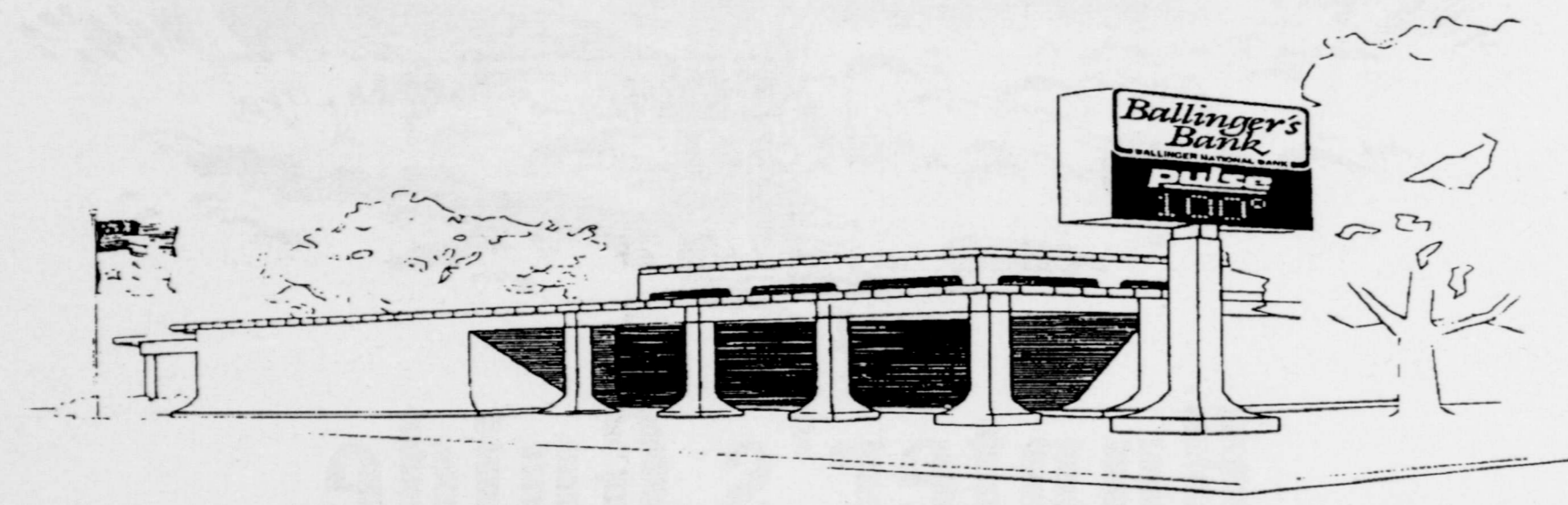
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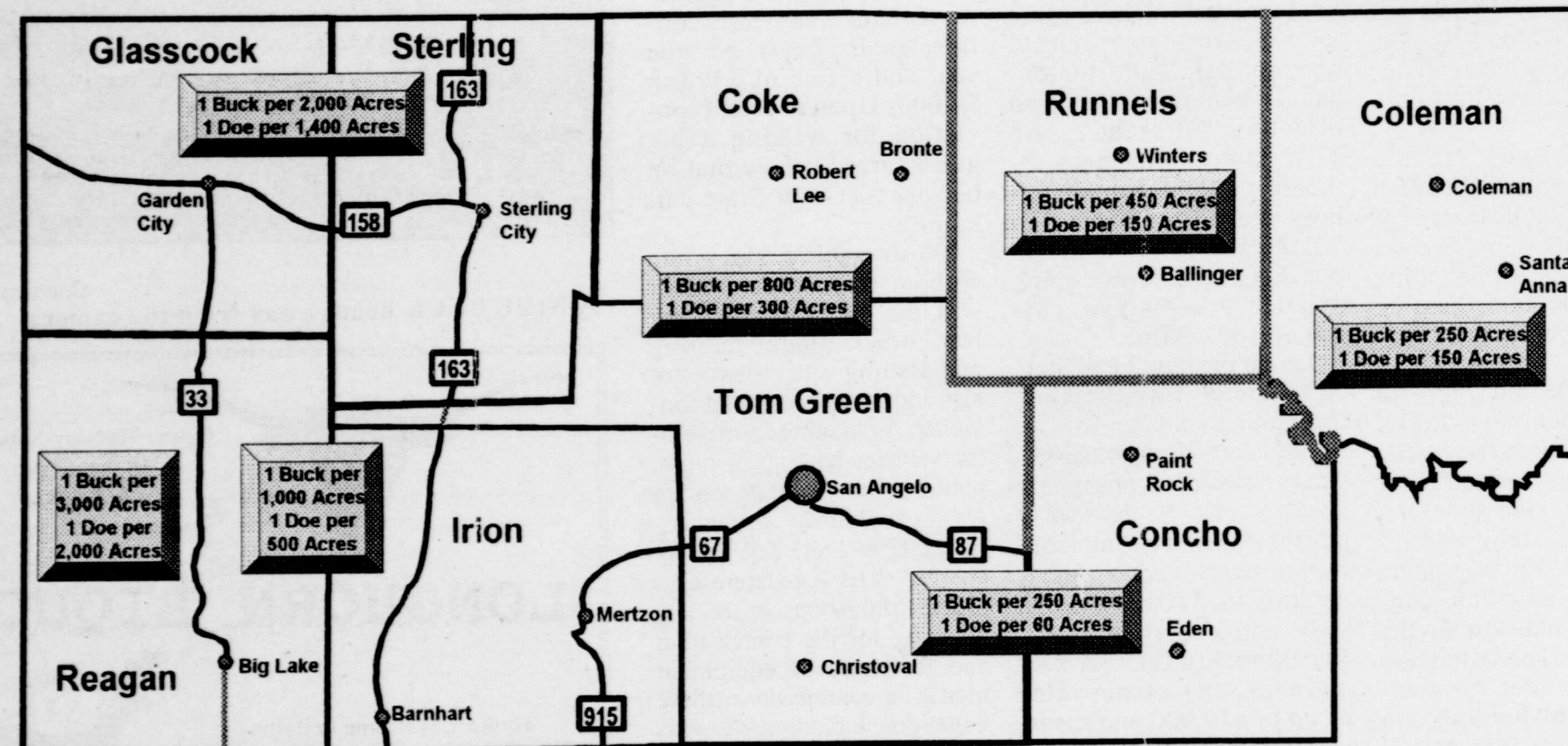
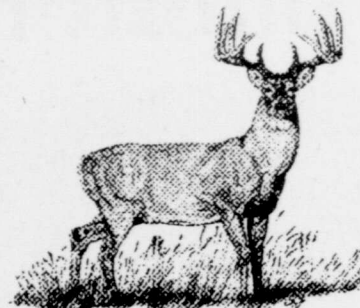
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## TEXAS PARKS & WILDLIFE DEPARTMENT 1999-2000 DEER HARVEST RECOMMENDATIONS



This map illustrates general harvest recommendations based on annual county census efforts. Since deer densities can vary between areas and even ranches, these recommendations should be used as guidelines to maintain a health deer herd. For more information contact your local TPWD Wildlife Biologist

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## Changes needed in hunter education programs

A study of Texas hunting safety incidents suggests changes in hunter education curriculum as well as incident reporting and investigation procedures might be beneficial.

"Some types of incidents have actually increased despite mandatory hunter education programs, which indicates some changes may help improve safety," said Dr. Ron Kaiser, professor of recreation, park and tourism sciences at Texas A&M University and a researcher with the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station. "Our study suggests a review committee would be useful to examine possible changes in the Texas hunter education program."

Although hunting is becoming safer as the number of fatalities and injuries declines, certain types of incidents occur at a higher rate, said Kaiser, who is also an attorney and risk management specialist.

Among them are incidents involving a victim injured or killed when a shooter swings on game, as well as careless firearm handling. Those two areas may need more study and more emphasis in education programs, the researchers reported.

Other study findings showed that more incidents

occurred after 5 p.m. and that wearing "blaze orange" clothing might have helped victims avoid incidents. Special attention might also be given to these topics, the report recommended.

It also found a high number of incidents in the vicinity of vehicles and a high proportion of incidents among hunters ages 12 to 17.

Kaiser and Mike McFarland, a former Texas A&M research associate who earned his master's degree under Kaiser, conducted an analysis of 2,495 hunting incident reports from 1966 to 1997 as the basis of their study.

The reports originally came in various formats depending on the paperwork required by the state at the time they were filed. The researchers entered the reports into a new database using a consistent format that allowed statistical analysis of the data.

McFarland said he expects the database to be an important addition to hunter education programs.

"The entire focus of this study was why these incidents occur, and the database allows state officials to track incidents annually and exchange data with other states, as well as make comparisons," McFarland said.

In addition to helping quantify types of incidents needing special attention, the statistical analysis also showed that head and torso injuries occurred at a higher rate than injuries to other areas, as well as counties in which incidents occurred.

Llano County, with 50 incidents between 1966 and 1997, led the state, followed by Lamar County with 40. Erath (38 incidents), Coleman (36), San Saba (33), Brown (32), Medina (31), Cherokee (31), Angelina (30), McCulloch (28) and Lampasas (28) counties were the others with the most incidents.

Twelve counties (Upshur, Stonewall, Sterling, Roberts, Parmer, Martin, Loving, Lipscomb, King, Garza, Carson and Borden) had no incidents recorded.

The report, conducted by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department and financed equally by the department and the experiment station, used the term "incident" instead of "accident" because some instances involved suspected homicides or suicides.

The researchers used the database to profile incidents by 11 different factors: injury type, injury locations, incident type, incident by county, month, day of week, time of day, land ownership, environmental factors, firearm type and distance of muzzle to victim.

They profiled shooters by gender, age, hunting experience, hunter education status, influence of alcohol or drugs and species hunted. Victims were profiled by all of those factors except species

hunted, and they were also profiled by their activity, clothing worn and whether they were wearing blaze orange.

The report also recommended more hands-on instruction and skill evaluations when possible and the use of a variety of instruction media.

It also made a number of recommendations for improving the hunter incident report form, including adding such variables as the type of ammunition used, relationship between shooter and victim and other information.

For investigations, the report also made several recommendations, including designing special materials and procedures for Texas game wardens investigating incidents and more on-site investigation where possible.

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The tag can be placed on any part of the carcass so long as it will not be damaged, defaced or lost in transporting or handling.

The tag attached to the hunting license must be correctly and legibly completed (hunter's name, ranch, county) and must:

- be designated for use on a specific type of deer or turkey;
- be from the hunting license of the person who killed the deer or turkey;
- have the month and date of kill cut out.

It is against the law to use:

- a tag taken from the license of another person;
- a tag more than one time (or on more than one deer or turkey);
- an incorrect tag on a deer or turkey (Examples: deer tag used on a turkey, mule deer tag used on white-tailed deer, etc.).

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department suggests hunters determine the county or counties planned for hunting. Check deer and turkey bag limits and season for each county or counties planned for hunting. Carefully plan which tags to use in each hunting situation you are likely to encounter.

A deer or turkey tag is correctly filled out when both sides are completed. The hunter's name goes on

the front. The names of the ranch and county where the deer or turkey was killed go on the reverse side, along with the month and date of kill cut out. The tag must stay on the carcass until it reaches its final destination and is finally processed.

Final destination means the permanent residence of the hunter; the permanent residence of a person possessing or transporting a deer, pronghorn or turkey; or a commercial processing facility. Tags and permits must stay attached to the carcass until it reaches its final destination and is finally processed.

If there is no cold storage processing facility established on property where hunting occurs, a person may only quarter a deer or pronghorn in the field before the carcass reaches a processing plant or the home of the person lawfully possessing the carcass.

A quartered carcass is not more than two forequarters with the leg portion to the knee attached to the shoulder blade, two hindquarters with leg bones to the hock attached, and two backstraps and the trimmings from the neck and rib cage. The neck and rib cage may be discarded.

It is permissible to prepare and eat all or a part of a



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Proper tagging of game is important and can keep the hunter out of trouble with enforcement authorities.

deer while in camp, however, all tagging and identification regulations apply.

It is unlawful to possess a deer or pronghorn with evidence of sex removed. The head of a buck deer with antlers attached, the head of an antlerless deer or the unskinned head of a pronghorn must accompany the carcass until it is finally processed. Exceptions to this are, in-

stead of the head, the hunter may obtain a receipt from a taxidermist or a statement from the landowner or landowner's agent containing the following information:

- name of the person who killed the deer or pronghorn;
- date the deer or pronghorn was killed;
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## Make a difference—report illegal activity

You can make a difference by reporting illegal hunting and fishing activity! Up to \$1000 may be paid for information leading to the arrest and conviction of poachers.

Citizen participation is critical in order to curb the unlawful taking of your wildlife and fisheries resources. Most of the calls that come in are from regular hunters and anglers who are concerned about a violation he or she is encountering.

Since its inception in 1981, OGT, patterned after the successful "Crime Stoppers" programs, has paid nearly \$120,000 in rewards to individuals providing information leading to the arrest and conviction of Texas hunting and fishing law violators. Through March 31, the program has logged 20,012 calls, resulting in 6,581 criminal cases filed, and \$913,232 in assessed fines.

"It's up to everyone who enjoys the outdoors to serve as additional eyes and ears for game wardens," stated Buddy Turner, Texas Parks and Wildlife Lt. Commander and OGT program coordinator. "Just as Crime Stoppers and Neighborhood Watch have done well in urban areas, Operation Game Thief gives us a chance to protect fish and wildlife in rural Texas."

OGT, although a program of TPW's law enforcement division, is a charitable organization that is totally dependent upon private dona-

tions. Only a small percentage of callers request an award, and an additional \$20,000 in authorized payments has gone unclaimed because anonymous callers have failed to call back and check on their report.

Citizens with knowledge of a violation are encouraged to call 1-800-792-GAME. The hotline is manned 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Examples of how the system works:

- Following a tip to the OGT hotline, three Panhandle men paid fines totaling nearly \$700 for their part in the killing of a white-tailed doe in closed season.

- An anonymous caller reported suspected unlawful possession and sale of alligator parts and eggs through a pawnshop. An investigation revealed violations that resulted in two charges filed, totaling \$112.00 in fines.

- An OGT call led a game warden to anglers who possessed several striped bass over the bag limit and several un-



der-sized striped bass. Three subjects pled guilty, with fines on six violations assessed at \$2,150. Civil restitution fees exceeding \$200 were assessed to the anglers for possessing eleven striped bass over the limit.

- An OGT tip of taking

striped bass over the limit on Lake Texoma resulted in 435 criminal cases filed on 65 violators over a four day period. A subsequent covert operation resulted in 986 criminal cases

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## Hunters born after Sept., 1971 must have completed hunter education

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department reminds hunters born after September 2, 1971 that proof of hunter education certification must be carried and be available for inspection while hunting in Texas.

Even though mandatory certification for hunters born after August, 1971, and who are currently 17 years of age and older has been in effect since 1987, state game wardens continue to find large numbers of hunters who are not in compliance. Game wardens are issuing citations

for failure to comply with the law, which can result in a maximum fine of \$500.

For persons ages 12 through 16, completion of the course is required to hunt without supervision or they must be accompanied by a licensed hunter 17 years of age or older. Children under 12, while hunting in Texas, must be accompanied by a licensed hunter 17 years of age or older.

Hunter education courses are offered around the state to people of all ages. Children under 12 cannot be cer-

tified, but will receive recognition for attending the course. Cost of certification is \$10, and as an added bonus, many other states recognize Texas' certification while hunting in their state. Proof of certifications is required to be on your person while hunting; it is not required to purchase a license.

For course information or exemptions, contact your local TPW Law Enforcement office toll-free at 1-800-792-1112 (menu 6, option 2) or call 512-389-4999.

## TPWD and TWA sponsor Big Game Awards program to recognize game management

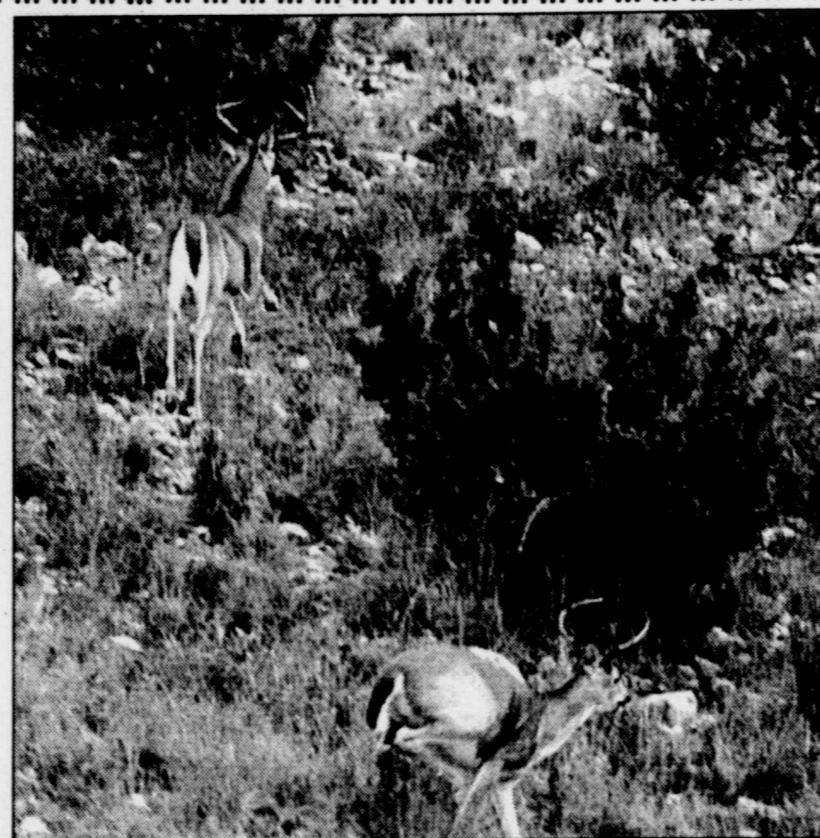
Texas Big Game Awards program (TBGA) is designed to recognize: (1) management efforts of land managers, (2) importance of hunting as a wildlife management tool, (3) a hunter's

first lifetime harvest of a big game animal in the state of Texas, and (4) quality of big game animals harvested in Texas. The Program includes pronghorn antelope, mule deer, and white-tailed

deer legally harvested in Texas. Land managers optionally may be recognized for scored entries. Entries must be scored by a TBGA certified scorer and must meet or exceed regional minimum scores.

All program entries must be postmarked prior to February 15, 2000. Regional awards banquets will be held in the spring of 2000 to honor the animals, hunters, landowners, and land managers. TBGA is co-sponsored by Texas Parks and Wildlife (TPW) and the Texas Wildlife Association (TWA).

For further information, entry forms, or to contact a certified scorer, call TPW at 1-800-792-1112 (menu 5, option 1) or TWA at 210-826-2904.



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THE TEXAS BIG GAME awards program recognizes good wildlife management and the quality of big game animals harvested in Texas.

## Deer harvest recommendations for Runnels County given by biologist

Landowners and hunters are reminded that the general deer hunting season in Runnels County will open Saturday, November 6, 1999, and continue through January 2, 2000. The legal bag limit in Runnels County is four deer, no more than two bucks. No special permits are required for harvesting antlerless deer, however, both bucks and antlerless deer must be properly tagged with an appropriate tag from a valid hunting license.

Deer populations vary from area to area and even from ranch to ranch. The either sex regulation allows landowners and hunters the flexibility to harvest antlerless deer on his/her property in order to keep deer numbers in balance with available food supply. It does not automatically mean that a heavy antlerless deer harvest is needed.

The recommended harvest rates for both bucks and antlerless deer, provided by the department, should be used only as a general guideline for harvesting deer. If more intense management is desired, it is suggested that landmanagers survey their own properties. This will allow for a more accurate representation of deer numbers on their ranch. Please note that in most cases the department recommends more antlerless deer to be harvested than bucks.

The recommended guideline for harvesting antlerless deer throughout most of Runnels County is one antlerless deer per 150 acres. The recommended harvest rate on bucks is one per 450 acres.

For more information concerning harvest rates or wildlife management planning, contact Wildlife Biologist, Ralph Suarez, 915-365-2840.

## Deer need to be harvested during drought periods

from the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture

Deer need to be harvested in the present severe drought period.

Wildlife, especially large mammals like white-tailed deer, should be managed with the same principles applied to domestic livestock. When forage gets short, landowners reduce their domestic livestock numbers. Deer should be treated the same as domestic livestock, their numbers should be reduced. The only feasible way to reduce deer numbers is to harvest them by hunting.

A heavy harvest of deer early in the hunting season is desirable and necessary for several reasons. First, the deer will be in the best body condition early in the season and suitable for the

dinner table. Second, deer harvested early will reduce the foraging pressure on the range plants, providing forage further into the winter months. Third, an early heavy harvest of a deer herd will reduce the severity of an impending die-off due to malnutrition.

Landowners that stop hunting or curtail the harvest of deer during severe droughts increase the percentage of die-offs due to starvation and malnutrition. During droughts the best policy is "Business as Usual" as far as deer hunting is concerned.

Turkey and quail populations are affected by reduced reproduction during droughts. Hot and dry conditions during breeding seasons will severely restrict the reproduction of ground

nesting birds, however, even small remnant populations have the ability to bounce back with excellent reproduction when conditions become favorable during a breeding season.

Supplemental feeding of wildlife on a large scale is not feasible from an economic standpoint. Also, wildlife will not adapt quickly to supplemental feeds during emergency periods.

While heavy harvests early in the hunting season will not preclude a die-off later in the winter, it will reduce the severity of a die-off and provide a better carry over to the next spring.



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WILDLIFE NEEDS to be managed like livestock.


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Quail	Statewide Oct. 30 - Feb. 27
White tail deer	General Nov. 6 - Jan. 2
Turkey (either sex)	General Nov. 6 - Jan. 2

**Bag limits for White tail deer**  
Legal limit 4 deer of which no more than 2 can be bucks.  
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**Bag limits for Turkey**  
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## Don't forget these things in pre-dawn rush to get to the woods

In that last-minute scramble around the house prior to heading out to hunting camp this fall, or during that pre-dawn rush to get in the woods, or even on the way back home after a successful hunt, it's easy to forget something.

To help ensure hunters don't end up pleading memory lapse in the face of a possible citation for a game law violation, Texas game wardens offer the following Top 10 "Don't Forget" list.

Don't forget to:

1. "review the Outdoor Annual and check for open

season dates and bag limits for the county you are hunting"

2. "check for legal means and methods in the county you are hunting"

3. "carry your current (1999-00) hunting license"

4. "clearly identify your target before pulling the trigger"

5. "carry a sharp knife; cut out the date (month and day) of kill on deer and turkey tags and immediately after kill, attach appropriate tag to the deer or turkey"

6. "carry a ball-point pen; fill out ranch and county

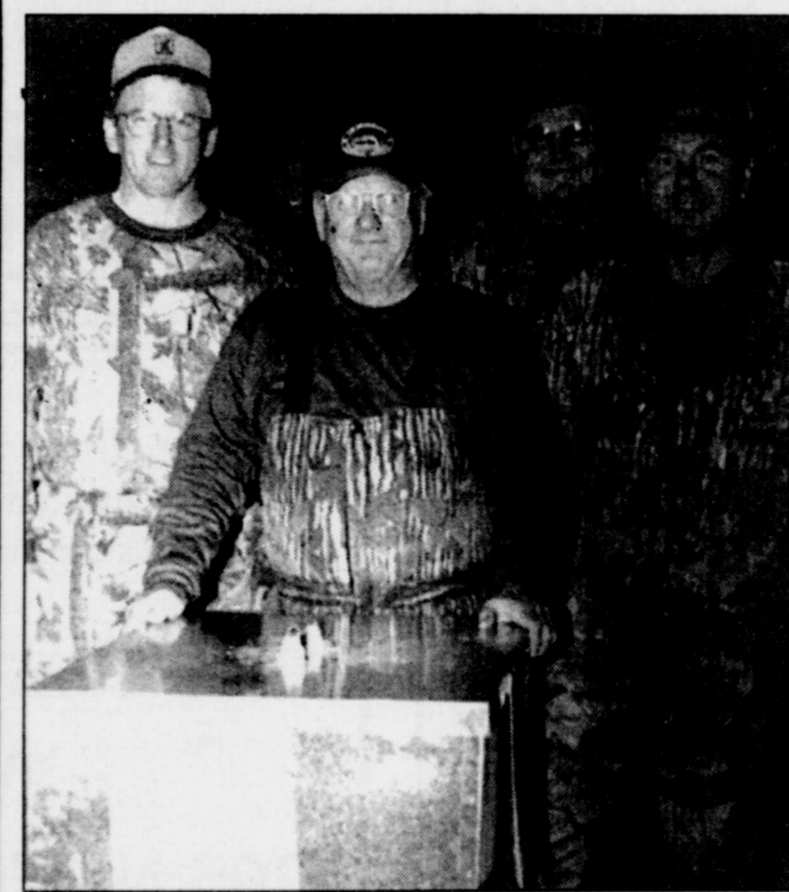
name on back of deer and turkey tags"

7. "carry your hunter safety certification card, if applicable, with you in the field"

8. "carry a state driver's license or state personal identification certificate, if you are 17 years of age or older"

9. "fill out a Wildlife Resource Document to accompany any part of a deer or turkey that you give to someone else"

10. "keep all game animals and game birds in an edible condition"



Ledger photo

**WINNER OF A Sweeny Deer feeder at last year's Hunters Appreciation Dinner was Ken Jacobe, right. Jacobe said he would share the feeder with others on his hunting lease, all from Tyler, including Danny Jackson, left, and Steve Stone and Don Baker, not pictured.**

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**FEE:** \$10.00

**ENTRY DEADLINE:** 11:00 p.m. day before opening day of regular gun season

**BIG BUCK:** 1 point per inch of basal circumference; length of main beams, length of tines and width from outside to outside on main beams.  
2 points for each tine over 1" in length  
**NO POINTS FOR WEIGHT** except as a tie breaker

**SPIKES:** 1 point per inch for the total length tines  
**NO POINTS FOR WEIGHT** except as tie breaker

**TURKEY:** 1 point per inch for the total length of one beard or multiple beards. **NO POINTS FOR WEIGHT** except as tie breaker

**DEER MANAGEMENT AWARD:** 1, 2, 3, & 4 doe by drawing. If 4 doe are entered, that person will be entered in all 4 categories.

**ELIGIBLE COUNTIES:** Brown, Callahan, Coke, Coleman, Concho, Fisher, Irion, Jones, McCulloch, Menard, Mitchell, Nolan, Reagan, Runnels, Schleicher, Scurry, Sterling, Taylor, Tom Green

Entries are not transferable. Twelve and under category, birthday on or before December 31 of the current calendar year. Weigh-ins are at Ballinger Wool and Mohair, 610 Railroad Ave., Ballinger.



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### Vertical stripe of purple means stay out!

Trespassers beware. A recently enacted Texas law now allows landowners to mark their property boundaries with a vertical stripe of purple paint, and state game wardens are urging hunters and hikers to watch out.

"A lot of people won't know what purple paint means," said Roy Lawrence, director of law enforcement field operations with Texas Parks and Wildlife. "It's going to be an educational process this year, particularly in East Texas where paint markings on trees are used extensively by timber companies."

The new law, which went into effect September 1, 1997, provides a standardized method of marking property boundaries which some landowners say they welcome in areas where signs may be too costly or impractical.

Landowners who use the purple paint system also are required to post signs at entrances to their property notifying trespassers of the purple markings. However, according to Lawrence, absence of signs or markers does not grant permission to trespass. "As long as a person has been given notice that he or she is trespassing, that's all the law requires," said Lawrence. "It can be verbal or written notice, or by way of a posted sign. And, now with purple paint."

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