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— Now taking lease applications for January

New duplex housing project named Lone Star Estates

Members of the Board of Directors for the Housing Finance Corporation of Winters met in the home of board president Melanie Wade on Monday evening.

The 25-duplex project has been named Lone Star Estates. The circular street will be named Blue-

onnet Drive, and the street which runs north and south will be Cactus Lane.

Members discussed setting the rental fees for the duplexes but tabled the agenda item without any action.

Applications for leasing are

now being accepted by Asset Plus, a real estate service corporation. Anyone interested in leasing the two and three bedroom duplexes may call toll free 473-3200.

Construction is expected to be finished in late January.

Junior Class— Chicken Strip Dinner set for Friday night, December 17

The WHS Junior Class will sponsor a Chicken Strip Dinner on Friday, December 17 at the school cafeteria.

The Lady Blizzards and Blizzards will play host to district foes, the Goldthwaite Eagles that evening.

The meal, featuring chicken strips, mashed potatoes, gravy,
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Industrial Board considering local Veterans nursing home

by Randall Conner, WABIC President

The Winters Area and Business Industrial Corporation is considering making application for one of seven Texas State Veterans Homes. These homes are being planned jointly by the Texas Veterans Land Board and the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.

Although most of the cities being considered are larger than Winters, the veterans population within the area of consideration and the location within Texas will give Winters some favorable consideration.

There are very few details available at present, but the Industrial Board would like community input before making application.

If you feel that this project would be good or bad for our community, please contact Randall Conner, 754-4542; Charles Bahlman, 754-4551; Jimmy Butler, 754-5574; Bill Spiller, 754-4513; Nelan Bahlman, 754-4511; or Tommy RusseII, 754-5538; or write WABIC, P.O. Box 211, Winters, Texas 79567.

Ooooo, that's soft!



CAMERON COOPER, 2-year-old son of J'Lynn and Alan Cooper, gets up close and personal during his recent visit with Santa Claus. Santa's real beard proved to be not only soft but quite durable during his visits following the Winters Christmas parade.

Dinner will be served to "any and all" on Christmas Day

"A West Texas Christmas Dinner" will be served at Jones Hall in the First Baptist Church of Winters on the corner of Main and Truett streets.

Sponsored by the Winters Ministerial Alliance, the dinner is for anyone and everyone "who is traveling through, or all alone, or hungry, or folks who have no place to go on Christmas Day for dinner."

The meal will be prepared and served by volunteers from the community. The alliance asks that everyone pass the word about the meal which is free.

Christmas is for everyone, and all are welcome!

Christmas Open House at Rock Hotel this Sunday

Christmas Open House is planned at the Rock Hotel Heritage Center, Sunday, December 19, 1999, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

The Veterans and Rogers Hornsby exhibits will be open. Refreshments will be served. The public is invited.

Santa Claus at First State Bank

Santa Claus is arriving Thursday, December 23, at 9:00 a.m. at the First State Bank in Winters to visit and have his picture taken with all the children.

Santa is also planning to enjoy all the goodies on the bank's annual Cheer Table scheduled Thursday, December 23, from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. and Friday, December 24, from 9:00 a.m. until noon.

Santa will only be at the bank on Thursday as he is scheduled to be elsewhere on Friday.

Everyone is invited.

Sheriff's Dept. Toy Drive underway

Runnels County Sheriff's Department is now taking toys for their annual Toy Drive and names of children who are in need.

Call the Sheriff's Department at 365-2121.

Holiday hours for city and county offices

The Runnels County Courthouse will close at noon on Thursday, December 23, and will be closed all day on Friday, December 24. In observance of New Year's Eve, the courthouse will be closed all day on Friday, December 31.

The Runnels County Tax Offices in Ballinger and Winters will observe the same hours as the courthouse except for New Year's Eve. To accommodate taxpayers, the Tax Office will be open all day Friday, December 31, but will be closed Monday, January 3, 2000.

City and county government offices have announced revised hours for the Christmas and New

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THE COMBINED EFFORTS OF BOYS AND GIRLS for the annual Scout Food Drive successfully produced 1,400 pounds of nonperishables to benefit the Winters Food Pantry. Pictured are (kneeling, from left) Brandon Kraatz, Kevin Jackson, (sitting) Larry Abdallah, Sharon Abdallah, Kathleen Mills, Shelby Knight, Lacye Briley, Aaron Grenwelge, Jarred Briley, Marcus Herrera, (standing) Rhonda Cook, Mincy Briley, Michelle Knight, (sitting) Amanda Ripple, Kyli Knight, Kevin Cook, Crystal Grenwelge, (standing) Chrissy Kraatz, Josie Herrera, Susan Ripple, Vera Jackson, Shelia Paschal, (top) Marci Paschal, Kathryn Hatler, and Della Jackson.

Scouts collect 1,400 pounds of nonperishables for pantry

by Susan Ripple, Girl Scout Public Relations

Winters Scouts, leaders, and volunteers walked door-to-door Saturday, December 4, to collect for the Winters Food Pantry. The annual event collected 1,400 lbs. of nonperishable food items.

Participating from Brownie Troop #161 were leader Mincy Briley, and girls Lacye Briley, Kyli Knight, Shelby Knight, and Kathleen Mills. Volunteers were Jarred Briley, Karen Mills, and

Kelley and Michelle Knight. From Cadette Troop #163 were leaders Shelia Paschal and Susan Ripple; girls Crystal Grenwelge, Kathryn Hatler, Della Jackson, Marci Paschal, and Amanda Ripple; and volunteers Ruth Grenwelge and Tonya Grenwelge.

From the Cubs were Scout Master Larry Abdallah and wife Sharon; leader Rhonda Cook; and members Kevin Cook and

Kaighan Price.

From the Wolves were leaders Chrissy Kraatz and Vera Jackson; members Aaron Grenwelge, Marcus Herrera, Kevin Jackson, and Brandon Taylor; and volunteer Josie Herrera.

Many of this year's participating Scouts were in younger age divisions than in past years, but the group still managed to collect nearly just as much food. A BIG

thanks to all who contributed food and to all the volunteers and members who gave of their time for this worthwhile project!

We would like to remind you that the Winters Food Pantry is now located in the First United Methodist Youth Building on North Church Street. Their hours of operation are Monday, 4:30-7:30 p.m.; Wednesday, 9 a.m.-noon; and Friday, 9 a.m.-noon.

WHAT'S HAPPENING ?

- Dec. 16, 11:30 a.m.-Senior Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center 2:25 p.m.-WISD EARLY DISMISSAL for Christmas Holidays 6 p.m.-Runnels County Complete Count Committee, Ballinger Norton Extended Calling ballots due
- Dec. 17, 11:30 a.m.-Senior Citizens Meal, Senior Citizens Activity Center 5-8 p.m.-Junior Class Chicken Strip Dinner, School Cafeteria 7:30 p.m.-Cowboys for Christ, Drasco
- Dec. 18, 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.-Bahlman Jewelers Holiday Open House
- Dec. 19, 2-4 p.m.-Christmas Open House at The Rock Hotel
- Dec. 20, 9:30-10:30 a.m.-Social Security Rep, Winters Housing Authority 11:30 a.m.-Senior Citizens Meal, Senior Citizens Activity Center 6 p.m.-Weight Watchers, Senior Citizens Activity Center
- Dec. 21, 10 a.m.-Winters Relief Fund Christmas Food Basket Delivery or Pick-up, at Winters Food Pantry 11:30 a.m.-Senior Citizens Meal, Senior Citizens Activity Center NOON LION'S CLUB 7 p.m.-WVFD, Fire Station 7:30 p.m.-Eastern Star
- Dec. 22, 7 a.m.-WABIC, Chamber of Commerce 9 a.m.-3 p.m.-Security State Bank Holiday Open Houses, Winters & Wingate Branches 7 p.m.-North Main Church of Christ Christmas Program
- Dec. 23, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.-SANTA CLAUS at First State Bank 9 a.m.-3 p.m.-First State Bank Holiday Cheer Table, Winters 9 a.m.-3 p.m.-First American Bank Open House, Winters 9 a.m.-3 p.m.-Security State Bank Holiday Open Houses, Winters & Wingate Branches 11:30 a.m.-Senior Citizens Meal, Senior Citizens Activity Center NOON-Runnels County Courthouse OFFICES CLOSE

Oil Bidness

By Reg Boles ©1999



If you think you have problems, think of the poor guy or gal who has to put values on oil and gas properties. With prices bouncing all over the map, property values are straining to keep up—or down—or up.

Take the example of a property being valued in April of this year and the same property being valued today.

In April, prices were rock bottom and only the very brave were predicting a quick recovery. Many bank transaction managers were asking for flat prices for up to two years followed by a gradual increase of a few percent per year, capped at \$18 or so.

Anyone valuing those properties faced a dilemma. Most evaluators didn't think low prices would stay as low as they were, but those digesting reserves valuations were afraid...very afraid. This meant that no one would accept a valuation that included a price scenario more aggressive than low, flat prices, followed by slow increases.

So, valuations remained low. However, actual property transactions, which only increased slightly despite fire sale predictions, continued to value properties at or above pre-price-crash levels.

Now, those same properties have leapt in value based on the many of the tried-and-true methods used for valuation: flat prices forever, futures prices at appropriate times (futures prices indicate a coming dip to about \$18 in

2000), and even the dreaded \$5 per barrel discount (current prices less \$5 based on prices currently being unreasonably high). Of course, prevailing prices are also wrecking old rules of thumb, like 3 years' current cashflow (too much) or \$5 per net barrel of reserves (looks way low).

Evaluators now have another dilemma at the other end of the spectrum. This time, no one expects prices to remain this high for very long, but property owners are reluctant to release a property at a price that represents anything lower than what is comparable to the money coming in the door. Not surprisingly, transactions have slowed up a little as buyers don't want to get burned at current high prices.

So, when someone sits down to figure out just how much to pay for a property, they face a lot of mixed signals. The pressure is on to represent true value, yet the definition of true value is hard to pin down when the current pricing market looks to be in an aberrant period.

There doesn't appear to be an end in sight until prices moderate. Until then, pity the valuator.

You just thought your Christmas shopping decisions were tough.

HIGHLIGHTS OF AREA DRILLING ACTIVITY

Not Available This Week



SANDY ESQUIVEL and Senior Citizens Nursing Home resident Edna Sudduth admire the festive holiday door decorations at the nursing home.

Senior Citizens Nursing Home News

By Billie Ruth Bishop

Christmas pageant and dinner to be held on Wednesday, December 22

On Wednesday, December 22, the annual Christmas pageant, tree, and dinner will be held beginning at 4:30 p.m. The pageant will be under the direction of Pastor Jim Hanson and wife Ramona.

Directly afterwards gifts will be handed out and the barbecue dinner will begin at 5:30 p.m. The barbecue dinner will be cooked by Ace Polk. Invitations have been mailed out to family members. This is an annual affair and the residents look forward to it.

Mrs. Lorene Frazier was admitted to the nursing home on Friday, December 10. She is in room 123A.

The doors are wearing a new look. The employees have worked hard decorating them.

Don't forget to go by the Family Dollar Store and select a name on the nursing home Christmas tree and buy a Christmas gift for a resident. It will be appreciated.

Thank you to all who have visited and bought gifts for the residents.

The children from Wee Care and their mothers and teachers came Monday, December 13, and brought Christmas cards that they had made. They were a beautiful group of kids. Thanks for all you do.

Social Security Rep. in Winters on Dec. 20

Garland Gregg, representative for the San Angelo Social Security Office, has scheduled his December visit to Winters. He will be at the Winters Housing Project Office on Monday, Dec. 20, between 9:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

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

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

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

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Dec. 20 thru Dec. 24
Subject to change

Monday, Dec. 20: Steak & gravy, rice, beets, cornbread, and pudding.
Tuesday, Dec. 21: Salmon croquettes, pinto beans, jello salad, cornbread, and dump cake.
Wednesday, Dec. 22: Chicken & gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, roll, and cake.
Thursday, Dec. 23: Closed for Christmas.
Friday, Dec. 24: Closed for Christmas.

DINNER, continued
green beans, hot rolls, cobbler, and tea, will be served from 5 to 8 p.m.
Cost is \$5 for adults and \$3.50 for children. Take-outs will be available.

Obituary

Hayden Andrew Camelin

BALLINGER—Hayden Andrew Camelin, infant son of Michael and Pam Camelin, died Saturday, December 11, 1999, at Cook Children's Center in Fort Worth.

He was born November 13, 1999, at Fort Worth. Survivors include his parents, Michael and Pam Camelin of Ballinger; seven brothers and sisters, Matthew Aaron Camelin, Niki and Cortney Camelin, Ryan and Donovan Camelin, and Nikki and Cortney Poindexter; and grandparents, Sonny and Peggy Gann of Ballinger, and Bob and Lois Camelin of Truman, Minnesota.

Visitation was from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. Monday, December 13, at Rains-Seale Funeral Home in Ballinger. Services were held Tuesday, December 14, at Seventh Street Baptist Church in Ballinger with Reverend Tony King officiating. Burial was in Miles Cemetery, directed by Rains-Seale Funeral Home of Ballinger.

Great Christmas gifts—WSL cookbooks still available

Women's Service League cookbooks are still on sale—the perfect gift to finish off your Christmas shopping list.

"Recipes from the Heart" is a collection of 395 favorite recipes from past and present members. Already in its second printing since mid-November, the books are going fast at a price of \$12 each.

Cookbooks may purchased by contacting Carla Hooper at 754-5627 or Tami Richards at 743-2301, or any WSL club member.

The league is a service organization providing community service to Winters and the surrounding areas. The club is particularly involved in supporting youth activities.

Relief Fund to serve needs of Winters residents

The Winters Relief Fund is a "Not-for-profit" corporation that serves people in Winters who find themselves in various kinds of needs: assistance in paying utility bills, medicine, and food.

Sponsored by the Winters Ministerial Alliance, our basic means of support come from our annual appeal. If you do not receive a letter, please consider sending a check to The Ministerial Alliance, Box 201, Winters, 79567.

The Ministerial Alliance helps hundreds of people, local residents each year. We are grateful for your gifts, and we are good stewards of them. Our goal is that no one die in Winters from hunger, extreme weather conditions, or from need of medicine.

God Bless You for your support.

Dr. Boles' office will be closed from Monday, December 20 through Friday, December 24, AND Friday, December 31 for the holidays. For problems or questions, please call North Runnels Hospital at 754-4553. Dr. Boles or the on-call physician can be contacted if needed.

Keith A. Boles, M.D.
Family Practice

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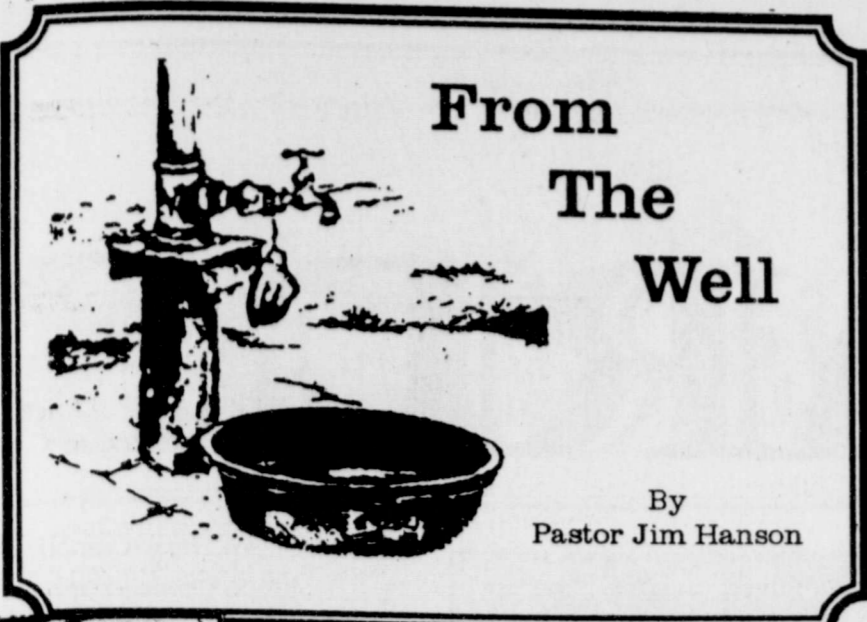
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From The Well

By
Pastor Jim Hanson



Pastor Jim Hanson

"When is the baby coming?" I suppose I've asked that question countless times. Every since Ramona went up to South Dakota to be with Katie, our daughter, who is now in her seventh month. And who has two pre-schoolers,

one age 6 and the other 3. Hans and Siri. Ramona went up because the doctor told Katie that if she were going to carry the baby full-term, then she would have to stay in bed. When Ramona heard that word, she announced, "I'll stay with Katie." She's coming home today for a three-week vacation — spending Christmas here in Winters. Katie's in-laws will care for her until Ramona returns.

But, the question still is asked, "When is the baby coming?" I've often kidded Katie — because this has happened every time she gets great with child. She has to spend the last 3 to 4 months in bed. I tell her, "Gee, Katie, your kids can't wait to come out of your womb and into the world." And, she chuckles.

Of course, even in our time, you can't predict "for sure" when the baby will come. Katie's usually come early, 2 to 3 weeks early. But, we don't worry about the precise date — just that when the baby does come, all will go well and the baby will be healthy and whole. That's our prayer. And our hope.

"When is the baby coming?" was the question of the children of Israel. "What baby?" The Messiah. The one prophesied by Isaiah in the Old Testament when one day he exclaimed, "Behold, a virgin shall conceive and bear a son and shall call his name Immanuel." (Isaiah 7:14). And hope was born for those people. Some day the baby would come. As Isaiah prophesied, "For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name will be called 'Wonderful, Counselor, Almighty God, the Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace.'" "Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end, upon the throne of David, and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and righteousness from this time forth and for evermore." (Isaiah 9:6,7).

For several centuries these Old Testament people of God waited. And hoped that their Messiah, their Deliverer, their Mighty One would come and lead them to power and glory... on earth. That they would become mightier than Rome. Greater than Egypt. The most powerful nation in the world!

"When is the baby coming?" As the time drew nearer, angels got involved. Gabriel was selected to bring the news to a "virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin's name was Mary." This messenger announced, "Hail, O favored one, the Lord is with you. Don't be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus... the child to be born will be called holy, the Son of God." (Luke 1:26-35).

"When is the baby coming?" "And in those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be enrolled... and Joseph went... to the city of David... with Mary... and while they were there the time came for her to be delivered. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths, and laid him in manger, because there was no place for them in the inn."

The little child came... in those days.

And, the world has not been the same since.

He came and brought... not a kingdom of earth. But a Kingdom of Heaven. A kingdom... not of earthy power, the power to enslave, to main, to kill. But rather, a heavenly Kingdom. Where He rules in the hearts of people. A kingdom to love. Where children belong and a kingdom that belongs to children. (Matthew 19:14).

Last night our son Timothy called. And in our conversation spoke of the Christmas kinds of things they were doing. The tree. The Advent wreath... the candles. And the stories and prayers and carols they were doing every day together. As a family. He said, "Maria is really in to it, Dad. She really is." I asked, "How?" He replied, "She's always asking 'WHEN is the BABY coming?'"

"When is THE BABY coming?, Maria?" When, as we sing in O little town of Bethlehem, "where meek souls will receive Him still, the dear Christ enters in." And pray and sing from our hearts, "O holy child of Bethlehem, descend to us we pray; Cast our sin and enter in, be born in us today."

Maria, little children like you are our teachers. You teach us how to receive the Baby. You ask the right questions, because "to you" and to other children, "belongs the kingdom." And, unless we become like you, we'll never "get into it." When we humble ourselves, and become like you, the Baby comes to us, and abides with us. And, as you hold Him in our hearts, He holds us in His hands. Today. "For unto us... a child is born." Whatever did we do, before Christmas?



LIGHT UP A LIFE was celebrated on December 4 with the Hospice Holiday Tree at Main Drug. Donations to Hospice are made in honor of or in memory of loved ones or someone special, and the names of these honorees are placed on the tree. Hospice Care celebrates life every day by working to make each day of life the best possible for patients and their families. Participating in the celebration were (l-r) Donna and Jimmy Smith, Sandy Griffin, Maurine Davis, Bonnie Lee, Marlene Smith, Ora Green, David Stephenson of Hendrick Medical Center, Betty Gray, Joyce Bahlman, Virginia Schwartz, Bettie Bowen with Hendrick Hospice, and Pastor Jim Hanson. Not pictured is Jane Seamster of Hendrick Hospice. Donations are still being accepted at Main Drug.

North Main Church of Christ to host special Christmas program on Wednesday, December 22

The North Main Church of Christ will be hosting a special Christmas program on Wednesday, December 22. The program begins at 7 p.m. and is free to the public.

"We're not sure of course when Jesus was born, but we're excited that there is a time of year when the entire world is focused on God's Son. With that in mind, some of our 'Wednesday's Children' will present a program on the birth of Jesus," said Cory Smith, youth minister of the church.

The program will be a short

one presented by some of the children who are part of the congregation's Wednesday night ministry to the young people of Winters.

"Wednesday evenings we have a free meal for anyone who is interested, followed by Bible classes," Smith added. "We have had as many as 215 who have attended. Over a hundred of these are children we have brought in by bus and van."

The skit will be followed by a time of congregational singing of Christmas carols with a Christ-focused theme. According to

Smith, "A number of our Christmas carols are found in hymn books because they are excellent songs of worship."

"Our 'Wednesday's Children' are special," Smith stated. "We are proud of them and grateful to their parents for allowing us to have them with us. We are wanting to thank their parents and let them get a taste for what we are doing with their children."

"This is a special time of year and we would also be honored to have others in the community share these moments together with us as well."

American Legion and Auxiliary held memorial service & dinner

The American Legion Post and Auxiliary #261 held their annual Christmas dinner and memorial service on Tuesday, December 7, at the Post home.

Gary Porter, Post chaplain, led an inspiring and impressive service in memory of Post and Auxiliary members who died this past year and for all veterans who lost their lives in wars.

In the ceremony, special mention was made of those who died at Pearl Harbor, December 7, 1941. Chaplain Porter led the special memorial tribute to the five Post members and two Auxiliary members who passed away in 1999. Post members remembered were Jack Morgan, Buford Baldwin, John Schaffrina, J.R. McMorris, and Curtis Morrison. Auxiliary members were Leona Chapman and Mayme Little.

Over thirty members and guests attended the dinner and memorial service.

"Wisdom is the reward you get for a lifetime of listening when you'd have preferred to talk."
—Doug Larson

HOLIDAY continued

Years holidays.

The Winters Post Office will close at noon on Friday, December 24. Mail delivery will run according to regular schedules. There will be no mail on Christmas Day.

Winters City Hall will close at noon on Thursday, December 23 and will be closed all day on Friday, December 24. City Hall will be closed all day on Friday, December 31, for New Year's Eve.

Christmas Food Baskets will be delivered December 21

The Winters Food Pantry and the Winters Relief Fund will be delivering Christmas Food Baskets on December 21 at 10 a.m.

These baskets will include a full Christmas Dinner of meat and all the trimmings. If you or someone you know could use a Christmas basket, please let us know by contacting a pastor of any church

in Winters or surrounding areas, giving the name, address, and telephone number of the person or family.

Folks who want to pick up their baskets can come to the Food Pantry, across the alley from the Methodist Church on Tuesday, December 21, at 10 a.m.

Happy Holidays

We will close at NOON on Friday, December 24 so our employees can enjoy Christmas Eve with their families.

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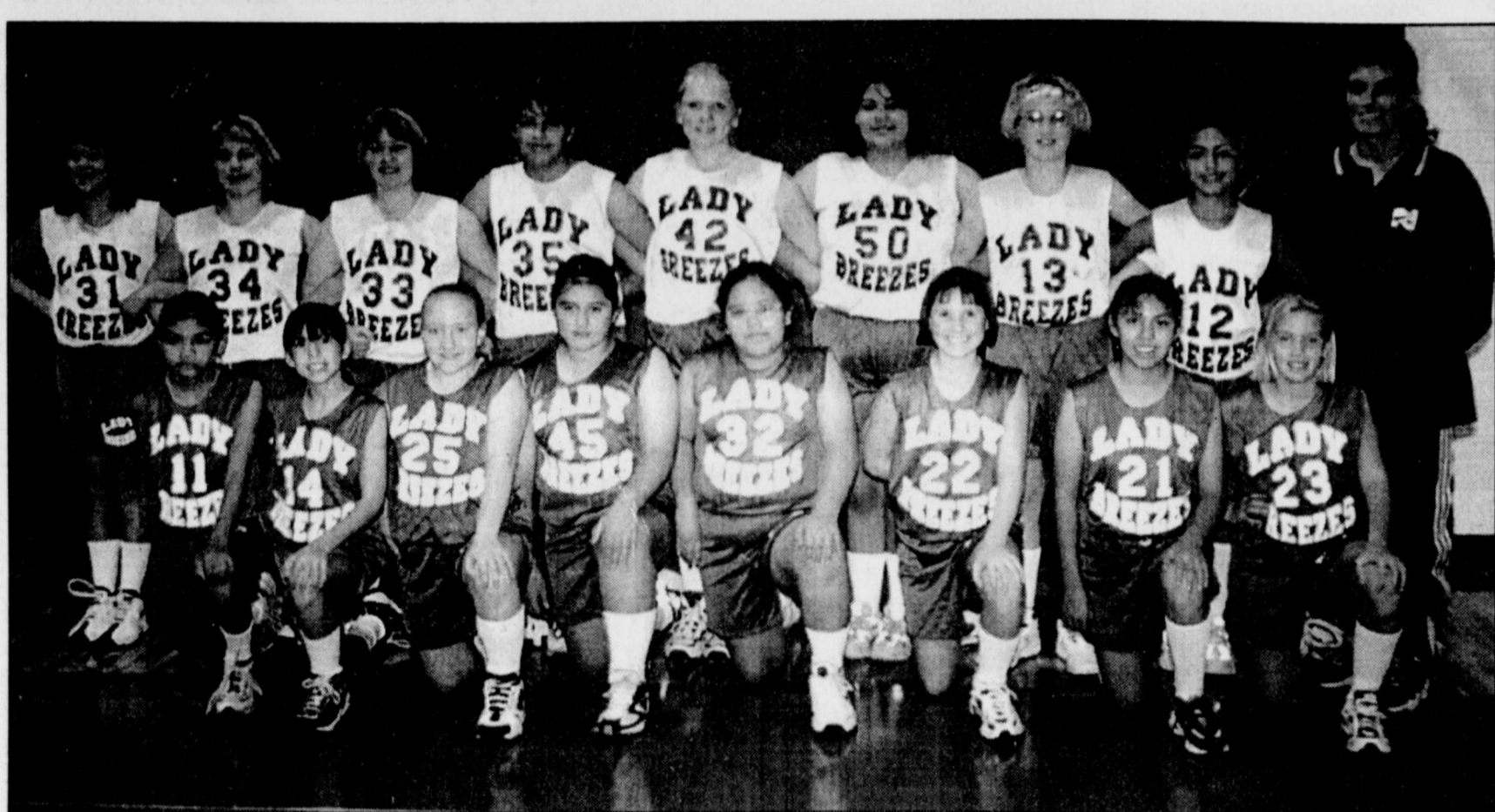
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Basketball Hoopla

Team: Varsity Boys Coach: Robert White
Opponent: Stamford Date: December 7, 1999
Place: Ballinger Tourney
PTS SCORED EACH QUARTER
WINTERS 1 2 3 4 OT FIN
OPPONENT 1 2 3 4 OT FIN
Free throws made: 16 of 28 for 64%

Team: Varsity Boys Coach: Robert White
Opponent: Mansfield Date: December 10, 1999
Place: Albany Tourney - Game 2
PTS SCORED EACH QUARTER
WINTERS 1 2 3 4 OT FIN
OPPONENT 1 2 3 4 OT FIN
Free throws made: 7 of 11 for 64%

Team: Varsity Boys Coach: Ken Fowler
Opponent: Moody Date: Dec. 3, 1999
Place: Ballinger Tourney
PTS SCORED EACH QUARTER
WINTERS 1 2 3 4 OT FIN
OPPONENT 1 2 3 4 OT FIN
Free throws made: 7 of 12 for 58.3%

Team: Junior Varsity Boys Coach: Chris Bearden
Opponent: Goldthwaite Date: December 4, 1999
Place: Ballinger Tourney
PTS SCORED EACH QUARTER
WINTERS 1 2 3 4 OT FIN
OPPONENT 1 2 3 4 OT FIN
Free throws made: 4 of 7 for 57.1%

Team: Varsity Boys Coach: Robert White
Opponent: Albany Date: December 11, 1999
Place: Albany Tourney - Consolation Finals
PTS SCORED EACH QUARTER
WINTERS 1 2 3 4 OT FIN
OPPONENT 1 2 3 4 OT FIN
Free throws made: 8 of 10 for 80%

Team: Varsity Boys Coach: Robert White
Opponent: Wall Date: Dec. 2, 1999
Place: Ballinger Tourney
PTS SCORED EACH QUARTER
WINTERS 1 2 3 4 OT FIN
OPPONENT 1 2 3 4 OT FIN
Free throws made: 11 of 20 for 55%

Team: Varsity Boys Coach: Ken Fowler
Opponent: Moody Date: Dec. 3, 1999
Place: Ballinger Tourney
PTS SCORED EACH QUARTER
WINTERS 1 2 3 4 OT FIN
OPPONENT 1 2 3 4 OT FIN
Free throws made: 4 of 7 for 57.1%

Team: Junior Varsity Boys Coach: Chris Bearden
Opponent: Stamford Date: Dec. 3, 1999
Place: Ballinger Tourney
PTS SCORED EACH QUARTER
WINTERS 1 2 3 4 OT FIN
OPPONENT 1 2 3 4 OT FIN
Free throws made: 2 of 10 for 20%

Team: 9th Girls Coach: Ed Pochs
Opponent: Ballinger Date: Dec. 4, 1999
Place: Ballinger Tourney
PTS SCORED EACH QUARTER
WINTERS 1 2 3 4 OT FIN
OPPONENT 1 2 3 4 OT FIN
Free throws made: 9 of 13 for 69%

Team: Varsity Girls Coach: Ken Fowler
Opponent: Wall Date: Dec. 2, 1999
Place: Ballinger Tourney
PTS SCORED EACH QUARTER
WINTERS 1 2 3 4 OT FIN
OPPONENT 1 2 3 4 OT FIN
Free throws made: 11 of 20 for 55%

Team: Varsity Girls Coach: Ken Fowler
Opponent: Moody Date: Dec. 3, 1999
Place: Ballinger Tourney
PTS SCORED EACH QUARTER
WINTERS 1 2 3 4 OT FIN
OPPONENT 1 2 3 4 OT FIN
Free throws made: 11 of 14 for 79%

Team: Junior Varsity Girls Coach: Debi Whittenburg
Opponent: Albany Date: Nov. 30, 1999
Place: Winters
PTS SCORED EACH QUARTER
WINTERS 1 2 3 4 OT FIN
OPPONENT 1 2 3 4 OT FIN
Free throws made: 6 of 9 for 66%

Team: 9th Girls Coach: Ed Pochs
Opponent: Ballinger Date: Dec. 4, 1999
Place: Ballinger Tourney
PTS SCORED EACH QUARTER
WINTERS 1 2 3 4 OT FIN
OPPONENT 1 2 3 4 OT FIN
Free throws made: 0 of 0 for 0%

Team: Varsity Girls Coach: Ken Fowler
Opponent: Wall Date: Dec. 2, 1999
Place: Ballinger Tourney
PTS SCORED EACH QUARTER
WINTERS 1 2 3 4 OT FIN
OPPONENT 1 2 3 4 OT FIN
Free throws made: 0 of 0 for 0%

Team: Junior Varsity Girls Coach: Chris Bearden
Opponent: Mason Date: December 7, 1999
Place: Mason
PTS SCORED EACH QUARTER
WINTERS 1 2 3 4 OT FIN
OPPONENT 1 2 3 4 OT FIN
Free throws made: 11 of 24 for 46%

Team: Junior Varsity Girls Coach: Debi Whittenburg
Opponent: Moody Date: Dec. 3, 1999
Place: Ballinger Tourney
PTS SCORED EACH QUARTER
WINTERS 1 2 3 4 OT FIN
OPPONENT 1 2 3 4 OT FIN
Free throws made: 11 of 14 for 79%

Team: Varsity Girls Coach: Ken Fowler
Opponent: Moody Date: Dec. 3, 1999
Place: Ballinger Tourney
PTS SCORED EACH QUARTER
WINTERS 1 2 3 4 OT FIN
OPPONENT 1 2 3 4 OT FIN
Free throws made: 11 of 20 for 55%

Team: Varsity Girls Coach: Ken Fowler
Opponent: Wall Date: Dec. 2, 1999
Place: Ballinger Tourney
PTS SCORED EACH QUARTER
WINTERS 1 2 3 4 OT FIN
OPPONENT 1 2 3 4 OT FIN
Free throws made: 11 of 20 for 55%

Team: Junior Varsity Girls Coach: Chris Bearden
Opponent: Haskell Date: Dec. 3, 1999
Place: Haskell
PTS SCORED EACH QUARTER
WINTERS 1 2 3 4 OT FIN
OPPONENT 1 2 3 4 OT FIN
Free throws made: 15 of 24 for 63%

Team: Junior Varsity Girls Coach: Debi Whittenburg
Opponent: Ballinger Date: December 9, 1999
Place: Colorado City Tourney - Game 3
PTS SCORED EACH QUARTER
WINTERS 1 2 3 4 OT FIN
OPPONENT 1 2 3 4 OT FIN
Free throws made: 13 of 25 for 52%

Team: 7th Girls Coach: Shelly Hayes
Opponent: Goldthwaite Date: Dec. 6, 1999
Place: Winters
PTS SCORED EACH QUARTER
WINTERS 1 2 3 4 OT FIN
OPPONENT 1 2 3 4 OT FIN
Free throws made: 0 of 0 for 0%

Team: Varsity Girls Coach: Ken Fowler
Opponent: Moody Date: Dec. 3, 1999
Place: Ballinger Tourney
PTS SCORED EACH QUARTER
WINTERS 1 2 3 4 OT FIN
OPPONENT 1 2 3 4 OT FIN
Free throws made: 11 of 20 for 55%

Team: Junior Varsity Girls Coach: Chris Bearden
Opponent: Wylie Date: Dec. 10, 1999
Place: Colorado City Tourney - Game 2
PTS SCORED EACH QUARTER
WINTERS 1 2 3 4 OT FIN
OPPONENT 1 2 3 4 OT FIN
Free throws made: 4 of 9 for 44%

Team: Junior Varsity Girls Coach: Debi Whittenburg
Opponent: Wylie Date: Dec. 10, 1999
Place: Colorado City Tourney - Game 2
PTS SCORED EACH QUARTER
WINTERS 1 2 3 4 OT FIN
OPPONENT 1 2 3 4 OT FIN
Free throws made: 13 of 24 for 54%

Team: 7th Girls Coach: Shelly Hayes
Opponent: Goldthwaite Date: Dec. 6, 1999
Place: Winters
PTS SCORED EACH QUARTER
WINTERS 1 2 3 4 OT FIN
OPPONENT 1 2 3 4 OT FIN
Free throws made: 12 of 18 for 67%

Team: Junior Varsity Girls Coach: Chris Bearden
Opponent: Haskell Date: Dec. 3, 1999
Place: Haskell
PTS SCORED EACH QUARTER
WINTERS 1 2 3 4 OT FIN
OPPONENT 1 2 3 4 OT FIN
Free throws made: 13 of 24 for 54%

Team: Junior Varsity Girls Coach: Debi Whittenburg
Opponent: Wylie Date: Dec. 10, 1999
Place: Colorado City Tourney - Game 2
PTS SCORED EACH QUARTER
WINTERS 1 2 3 4 OT FIN
OPPONENT 1 2 3 4 OT FIN
Free throws made: 13 of 24 for 54%

Team: Junior Varsity Girls Coach: Debi Whittenburg
Opponent: Wylie Date: Dec. 10, 1999
Place: Colorado City Tourney - Game 2
PTS SCORED EACH QUARTER
WINTERS 1 2 3 4 OT FIN
OPPONENT 1 2 3 4 OT FIN
Free throws made: 13 of 24 for 54%

Team: Junior Varsity Girls Coach: Debi Whittenburg
Opponent: Colorado City Date: December 11, 1999
Place: Colorado City Tourney - Game 3
PTS SCORED EACH QUARTER
WINTERS 1 2 3 4 OT FIN
OPPONENT 1 2 3 4 OT FIN
Free throws made: 13 of 25 for 52%

Team: Freshman Boys Coach: Shug Mobley
Opponent: Goldthwaite Date: November 29, 1999
Place: Goldthwaite
PTS SCORED EACH QUARTER
WINTERS 1 2 3 4 OT FIN
OPPONENT 1 2 3 4 OT FIN
Free throws made: 0 of 0 for 0%

Team: 9th Girls Coach: Ed Pochs
Opponent: Hawley Date: Nov. 18, 1999
Place: Eula Tournament
PTS SCORED EACH QUARTER
WINTERS 1 2 3 4 OT FIN
OPPONENT 1 2 3 4 OT FIN
Free throws made: 2 of 4 for 50%

Team: 9th Girls Coach: Ed Pochs
Opponent: Ballinger Date: Dec. 6, 1999
Place: Winters
PTS SCORED EACH QUARTER
WINTERS 1 2 3 4 OT FIN
OPPONENT 1 2 3 4 OT FIN
Free throws made: 6 of 11 for 55%

Team: 9th Girls Coach: Ed Pochs
Opponent: Goldthwaite Date: Dec. 6, 1999
Place: Winters
PTS SCORED EACH QUARTER
WINTERS 1 2 3 4 OT FIN
OPPONENT 1 2 3 4 OT FIN
Free throws made: 0 of 0 for 0%

Team: 2th Boys "A" Coach: Richard Buchanan
Opponent: Goldthwaite Date: Dec. 6, 1999
Place: Winters
PTS SCORED EACH QUARTER
WINTERS 1 2 3 4 OT FIN
OPPONENT 1 2 3 4 OT FIN
Free throws made: 6 of 11 for 55%

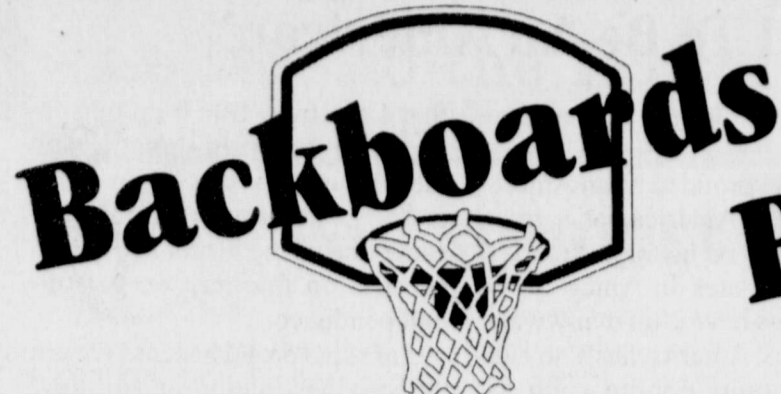
Team: 7th Girls "A" Coach: Shelly Hayes
Opponent: Goldthwaite Date: Dec. 6, 1999
Place: Winters
PTS SCORED EACH QUARTER
WINTERS 1 2 3 4 OT FIN
OPPONENT 1 2 3 4 OT FIN
Free throws made: 0 of 0 for 0%

Team: 7th Girls "B" Coach: Shelly Hayes
Opponent: Goldthwaite Date: Dec. 6, 1999
Place: Winters
PTS SCORED EACH QUARTER
WINTERS 1 2 3 4 OT FIN
OPPONENT 1 2 3 4 OT FIN
Free throws made: 12 of 18 for 67%

Team: High Boys "B" Coach: Bill White
Opponent: Goldthwaite Date: Dec. 6, 1999
Place: Goldthwaite
PTS SCORED EACH QUARTER
WINTERS 1 2 3 4 OT FIN
OPPONENT 1 2 3 4 OT FIN
Free throws made: 14 of 27 for 52%

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Students of the Month

Each month the junior high teachers select students from the 7th and 8th grades to be Boy and Girl of the Month. These selections are made on the basis of academics, leadership, and citizenship.

Eric Lopez has been chosen as the "Boy of the Month" for November 1999. He is the son of Guadalupe Lopez.

Eric, 12, is in the eighth grade and enjoys English.

His honors include U.I.L. events.

He enjoys sports. In his spare time, he enjoys spending time with friends.

His duties are to keep his room clean.

His future plans are to attend college.

Eric most admires his dad.



Eric Lopez
November
Boy of the Month



Sandy Reyna
November
Girl of the Month

Sandy Reyna has been chosen as November 1999, "Girl of the Month." She is the daughter Mr. and Mrs. Episasa Reyna.

Sandy, 13, is in the seventh grade and enjoys history.

Her honors include making the A-B honor roll.

Her hobbies are roller blading, biking, and swimming. In her spare time, she enjoys spending time with friends.

Her duties include keeping the house clean and taking care of her dog.

She plans to attend college. Sandy most admires her entire family.

No TIPS available—WISD plans early dismissal for holidays

The Winters ISD will have a 2:25 p.m. early dismissal on Thursday, December 16, for the Christmas holidays. The TIPS after school program WILL NOT be available on December 16.

Teachers will have a workday on Friday, December 17. The administration office will be open until noon on Friday.

Student Council News



WJHS ENGLISH TEACHER Tecka Mobley and seventh grader Brenda Rodriguez show off Brenda's birthday present from Sgt. Steven McLeod of the 79th Fighter Squadron at Shaw AFB in South Carolina. McLeod and Rodriguez were pen pals through a campaign initiated by the WHS Student Council while the sergeant and his squadron were deployed to Saudi Arabia to enforce the no-fly zone over southern Iraq. The "Fighting Tigers" returned safely to the states last Wednesday.

Senior student seeking info on WHS Class of 1918

Kelli Slimp, a senior at Winters High School, is seeking information on the WHS Class of 1918 for a research/writing project.

Please call 754-4616 if you can provide information or a link to any surviving family member(s).

Support the Junior class

At all home high school basketball games, the Junior class will be selling chances to be drawn at the half of the girls game.

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Basketball '99

Catch the Action

Dec. 16-18—Lueders-Avoca Tourney, TBA, There, 9G

Dec. 17—Goldthwaite*, 5p.m., Here, JVG, JVB, VG, VB

Dec. 27-29—Eula Varsity Tourney, TBA, There, VG, VB

VG Varsity Girls VB Varsity Boys
JVG Junior Varsity Girls
JVB Junior Varsity Boys
9G Freshman Girls
8B 8th Boys 8G 8th Girls
7B 7th Boys 7G 7th Girls
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WHS students sweep three categories, place in two more in first UIL Literary competition

Recently a number of WHS students participated in their first UIL Literary competition for the school year. Several Winters students placed in the event.

The actual writing for the contest took place at WHS under the direction of UIL Writing Coach Cindy Davis. The entries were then sent to Brownwood, host for The Writers' Classic.

Director of the contest Geneva Ethridge said, "The WHS papers were part of a 153 paper entry. Competition was relatively strong for this time of year."

WHS swept the News Writing division with Kendra Hope placing first; Kelli Slimp, second; Cari

Trojcek, third; and Brittney Tekell, fourth.

In addition, Winters took one, two, three, in Feature Writing with Shelley Meyer in first, Kelli Slimp second, and Lori Bredemeyer third.

Misty Melton finished first in Editorial Writing followed by Kayla Colburn in second.

Megan Nitsch placed sixth in Ready Writing and Kasey Murphy finished sixth in Headline Writing.

The WHS students were pleased with their results and are looking forward to the winter contest on January 15, 2000.

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Student receives birthday greetings from Air Force sergeant in Saudi

Hello Brenda—

My name is Sergeant Steven McLeod. First I would like to thank you for the letter. It was very nice of you to write—that made my day.

I'm from Brooklyn, New York and have five brothers and six sisters. So as you can see I come from a very large family. I'm 37-years-old, and am about to retire from the Air Force.

I have two very beautiful children. My oldest is a girl—her name is Takiyah—and she is 15-years-old. My son's name is Ian and he is 7 months.

Now, as far as being lonely over here, kind of—I miss my kids, so that's what makes it lonely over here. Other than that, there's a lot of people here—people from all walks of life. So it's not that bad.

Is it hard work? No, easy as pie (well, if you know how to cook pie, "smile"). It's kind of hot here, really it's hot during the day (about 80 to 90 degrees) and cool at night (about 70-75 degrees)—not bad.

Where I'm at, if you were to take a grain of salt and place it in the middle of your desk, (the base is the grain of salt) that's how big this place is where I'm at.

So you go to Mexico twice a year? I've been to Mexico; I have a real close friend from Mexico. He's from Mexico City. I would go there with him from time to time. I've also been to Ensanada, Mexico. I like both places.

Well promise me that you'll do well in school and listen real close to your mother and father, they are the GREATEST GIFT from GOD. Always love them and be nice to them.

I'll be leaving here on or around the 5th of December—so if you still want to write me at home my address is:

Steven McLeod
4035A Hawthorne Ct.
Shaw AFB, SC 29152
Happy Birthday and I hope you have a good birthday and enjoy everything you get.
Steven McLeod

The WHS Student Council has completed a pen pal campaign with the 79th Fighter Squadron from Shaw Air Force which had been deployed to Saudi Arabia to enforce the no-fly zone over southern Iraq. High school, junior high, and elementary students wrote letters to the "Fighting Tigers" while they were stationed overseas. Several students received letters in return. The Student Council is pleased to announce that the 79th has returned home to Shaw AFB in South Carolina, USA, just in time for the holidays. They arrived safely on Wednesday, December 8. Included in the group of returning servicemen was 1st Lieutenant Russell Parramore, formerly of Winters, and the son of Robert and Rhea Parramore. He plans to return to Winters for Christmas. Mrs. Parramore is advisor to the WHS Student Council.

Chicken Strip Dinner

sponsored by the Junior Class
Friday, December 17
5-8 PM
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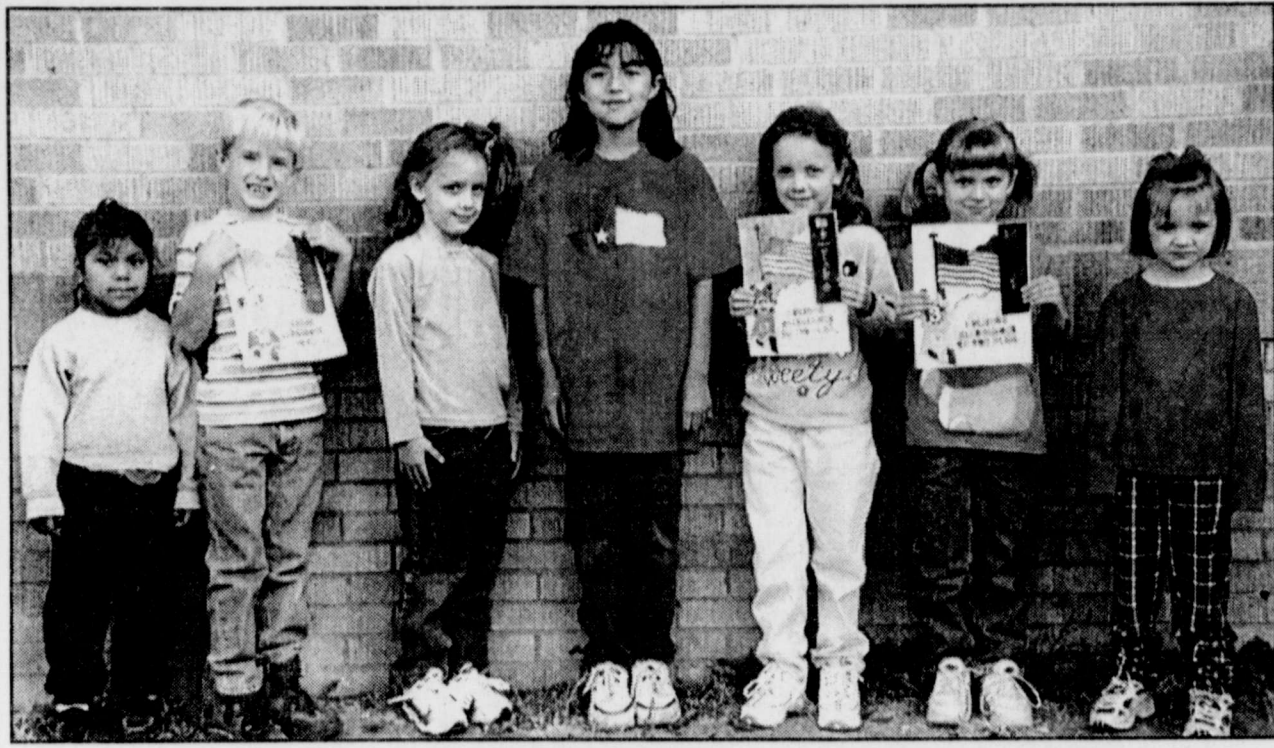
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WINNERS OF THE VFW Post 9193 and Ladies Auxiliary Americanism contest from Winters Elementary are: (L-R) Pre-K-Joanna Perez, 1st grade-Kelton Bredemeyer, 1st grade-Kailee Johnson, 4th grade-Aracelle Flores, 1st grade-Kaitlyn Johnson, 1st grade-Haley Kaczyk, and Kindergarten-Courtney White.

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Also, the winners of our drawings were: David Hale—knife donated from Milton's Auto and Sylvia Dobbins—\$50 groceries donated from Lawrence Bros. IGA.

The Winters Coolers Soccer Team

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by Dec. 31, '99**

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Due to limited space and the need to "clean house," *The Winters Enterprise* is asking those who submitted photographs this last year to please come by the office to get them back, if you have not already done so.

Office hours are 8:30 to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

To automatically get your picture returned following publication, you should enclose a stamped, self-addressed envelope.

Remember the deadline is Friday, December 31! After this date, *The Enterprise* staff cannot offer any guarantee of locating your picture.



Leonardo da Vinci invented the scissors.

VFW and Auxiliary sponsored coloring and essay contest on "I'm Proud To Be An American"

The Winters Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 9193 Ladies Auxiliary and Post members recently held an Americanism program in the Winters Elementary School on "I'm Proud To Be An American." The best papers received ribbons and all the children received participation prizes.

The following teachers and students participated in coloring contests:

- PRE-KINDERGARTEN (22 students)**
Mrs. Bryan's Class
 1st, Joanna Perez
 2nd, Veronica Garcia
 3rd, Alicia Reyes
KINDERGARTEN (60 students)
Classes of Mrs. Butler, Mrs. Davis, Mrs. Tekell, & Mrs. McBeth

- 1st, Courtney White
 2nd, Basilia Aragon
 3rd, Andy Garcia
 Honorable Mention, Nikolas Kraatz

- FIRST GRADE (57 students)**
Mrs. Cavazos' Class
 1st, Kailee Johnson
 2nd, T.J. Johnson
 3rd, Cheyenne Smith
Mrs. Colburn's Class
 1st, Kelton Bredemeyer
 2nd, Estevan Nava
 3rd, Bianca Carrillo
Mrs. Parramore's Class
 1st, Kaitlyn Johnson
 2nd, Kayla Hightower
 3rd, Kori Gallimore

- Mrs. Sneed's Class**
 1st, Haley Kaczyk
 2nd, Sarah Campos
 3rd, Drey Clifton

- OVERALL FIRST GRADE WINNERS**
 1st, Kailee Johnson
 2nd, Kelton Bredemeyer
 3rd, Haley Kaczyk
 Honorable Mention, Kaitlyn Johnson

- FOURTH GRADE (15 students)**
Mrs. Ahrens' Class
 1st, Aracelle Flores
 2nd, Chris R. Smith
 3rd, Leann Lopez

Mrs. Grohman's sixth grade class of 30 students participated in an essay contest. Students worked very hard on presenting their thoughts about being proud to be an American. Because they presented so many different reasons and viewpoints, the judges felt there was not a single winner on reasons and hesitated to judge the contest on language, spelling, and grammar as that was not the main purpose of the contest. It was decided to award them with refreshments, with Mrs. Grohman's permission. Following is a sample of the students' essays.

Amanda Blackshear—I'm proud to be an American for many reasons.

The first reason is because America is a free country. You don't have to ask the government for every little thing you do. You get to do a lot more than other people in other countries.

Another reason I'm proud to be an American is because America is a very beautiful country. It has great soil for farming; it has lovely mountains, deserts, and prairies. It also has some very in-

teresting and lovely flowers and trees.

I'm also proud to be an American because America has a great background or history. America and even states in America by themselves have won many wars and battles. America has also had many famous people such as George Washington, Abraham Lincoln, and a whole lot more.

The very last and best reason is because that's what I am and because that's where I was born. Right here in America.

There's one last reason that I cannot forget and hope that everyone is proud to be an American because of the veterans. The veterans are one of the most important people in America.

Angelica M. Campos—I am proud to be an American because we have freedom. For example, freedom of speech, we can talk about the president and say whatever we feel. And free to go to any church and pray to any god.

Americans are strong and help one another when they are in need. The government and president organized an organization called welfare to help low income families. The Americans are stronger by making organizations to raise money to help schools, the homeless, and help build houses for low income families. Americans are strong by sticking together and helping other countries in need.

Americans have shown to be strong since the early ages by fighting the Mexicans and British off and by learning how to settle their differences.

This is why I'm proud to be an American.

Krystal Gibbens—I'm proud to be an American for many different reasons.

One is that we have the freedom of speech, religion, and our health choices.

America is a beautiful country. It is full of trees and flowers. The air is clean and fresh. The water is clean and pure. The water also supplies us with fish for food. We all depend on American soil to provide us with everything we need. We should take better care of it if we want it to last.

America is very special because we fought for this land and it is rightfully ours. America will always be home to me. Americans are very lucky people.

Armando Nave—I am proud to be an American because I know

that I am free. Our founding fathers fought for this country and died for us to have freedom in this country. The fourth of July became one of the best known days because on that day we got our independence.

I am also proud because we are the strongest nation and I know I'm safe. No one has ever messed with the United States in a long time. That's why I'm proud to be an American. Our lives are now very happy because of our founding fathers.

That's why I am proud to be an American.

Andrea Garcia—I am proud to be an American because we have nice schools and we can wear the clothes we like to wear. Another privilege we have is we can read the books we want. We can also learn about history. Other countries don't allow them to watch T.V. or listen to music. Some countries don't allow them to buy only a certain amount of clothes or food. People can have the cars they want.

We have the protection from the law. Some countries don't have this, they have to protect themselves, even small young kids have to carry weapons. They have to protect their country. We have our Army, Navy, and Marines that are adults.

Our families can move to the towns we want. Other countries are not allowed to move because there is not enough room for other people.

That is why I am proud to be an American.

Gary Marentes—Because America is a free country, we can say and do whatever we want.

We have choices of what kind of religion and the way of life we want to live. And make choices of any jobs we want. And have homes without officers coming in your house to see what kind of person you are, like if you're black or white, German, Jew, or Hispanic.

And we have a better chance of education and what kind of job you want to make like having your own business.

And people fight for all that I just said. So we can have freedom. People in the Army try to give us freedom and fight for us and up there all the time in deserts, and Art's and other places protecting us.

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Letters to the Editor

Father will support son

I, Michael Titus, would like to go on record to ease the minds of the curious and to put facts in the gossip arena.

My son, Brandon, made a mistake, not me! I, in no way, shape, or form condone any activity in which he was involved. My only mistake is that I must work long and hard hours to provide. I can only blame myself for not being there when he needed me. That is my crime, and I will strive to be there for him or anyone in my family in the future.

As for my son, he has learned a valuable lesson — to choose his friends with more discretion. I am upset with him, but not ashamed. I still love, respect, and admire him. I have the utmost confidence he will overcome this and prevail. He will have all the support I can possibly give him. He is not only my son, but my best friend as well. I trust him.

Finally, one more point of wisdom that will forever stay with me. It was thoughtfully expressed

to me by a woman whom I very much admire — she could see I was very depressed because of what happened. She said that we all have made mistakes of some kind. The hard part is to be able to look in the mirror at yourself and then learn not to pass judgment on others.

Then her next words really hit home, the ultimate reality check. She said the most important thing you need to consider is that it is less than a mile from the Runnels County Jail to the Runnels County funeral home. Be thankful you didn't go see him at the latter! The thought gave me chills and put tears in my eyes. It made me realize then how lucky I was.

This teenage mistake is a hard lesson learned. But it can be overcome, and it will be overcome, and I still have my son! For that, I'm thankful.

I wish everyone a wonderful and safe holiday season.

Thank you,
Michael Titus

Donations greatly appreciated by Kentucky outreach program

Editor's note: The following letter was received by Nadine Bedford, local coordinator for sending dolls and toys to the Henderson Settlement. Mrs. Bedford wants to share the sentiments of Ms. Blackburn, and to thank everyone associated with the project, including Margaret Pruser whose name was left out of her previous letter of thanks.

Dear Friend,
Thank you so much for your generous donation. Tom and Janice Kuck delivered the items that were gathered for our ministry today. We are especially thankful for the toys. New toys are such a great need for our Outreach Ministries. We will have such a good time sorting everything that was brought. I can't begin to express our entire staff's appreciation for your 'Christmas Spirit.' Boxes of toys are stacked all over the floor in one of our offices. It is a wonderful sight!

We have been very busy getting ready for our many Christmas programs. We need toys for 233 children who participate in our MIHOW program, and for 200 children who attend our two local schools. We always get sponsors for around 100 kids whose names are placed on our angel tree. We are now collecting food items in order to distribute around 75 Christmas food baskets.

It is a lot of hard work but even more fun! Thank you so much for your support of our ministries. Your donation will put us well on our way to getting each child on our lists a project and we really appreciate your thoughtfulness. Our love and prayers come with this thank you that you may be able to further God's work.

In His Name,
Frankie Blackburn
Frankie Blackburn
Outreach Director

The Good News Class celebrates Christmas

The Good News Class of the First Baptist Church of Winters met for their special Christmas gathering in the home of Mr. and Mrs. A.L. Mitchell.

Class President Lavonda Herrington presided. Joe Meares lead the opening prayer and gave a story about a couple that experienced an earthquake. Jerry Lloyd read the Christmas story from the Bible.

Others present were Loretta Pierce, Louise Seals, Thelma Sneed, Donna Freeman, Marie Allen, Arlene Boles, Betty Jo Brown, and Vera Lee Sneed.



MEMBERS OF THE WHS Class of 1959 met in October for their 40th class graduation reunion. Those class members attending included, standing, from left, Buddy Mathes, David Dobbins, James Schroeder, Joyce Heathcott, Mona (Hamilton) Blalock, Bud (Puckett) Mathes, Frances (Minzenmayer) Holle, Karen (Parish) Cunningham, Marilyn (Mitchell) Rock, Patricia (Wessels) Dearing, Maudella (Hill) Reeves, Naomi (Busher) Gerhart, Beverly (Bedford) Awalt, Jim Benson, Frances (Wood) Hord, Marilyn (Watkins) Egan and Sammy Blalock. Middle row, from left, Jack Speer, Ricky Grissom, Marc' (Knox) Dobbins, Ophelia (Dietz) Ernst, Alma (Spill) Benson, and Barbara (Smith) Phillips. Front row, Roeneal Boles, Charles Awalt, Gary Harter, Gaston Ernst, Phil Pettus and Jim Caskey. Those attending, but not present for the picture included, Glorijean (Briley) Mayfield, Charles Currey, Evelyn (Fairry) Caiker, and Gene Rice.

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ACROSS

- TXism: "mean" (mean)
- TXism: "pop" (soft drink)
- acquisition by TX Bonnie & Clyde
- TX fried veggie
- Ranger pitcher
- Robb before '93
- TXism: "happy" (Santa's lap)
- TXism: "get a" (calm down)
- Cowboys travel jet
- league of Astros (abbr.)
- "Bum" Phillips
- mama sheep
- TXism: "it" (poke in the eye with a sharp stick)
- TXism: "he couldn't get elected fiddler" (Texas)
- historical hate grp: Klux Klan
- cc. below Wichita
- mama's sister
- hamburger drive-in chain found in TX
- Ft. Worth's Kimbell: small museum
- move of Ranger Juan to Detroit
- capital of Cuba
- daughter of Gov. Jim Hogg (init.)
- TX Vikki Carr '89 release: "Hombres"
- Astro dome had its Grand on Apr. 9, 1965

DOWN

- TXism: "as ducks go bare-footed" (forever)
- in Lipscomb Co.
- on hwy. 15
- decorating
- the "D" of TX
- Perot's EDS co.
- car cooler (abbr.)
- TXism: "don't get your" (a knot)
- Weatherford high school classification
- Odessa AM radio
- something in the translation
- Leon, TX
- City, TX
- TXism: "I need that like an armadillo interstate"
- early TX Rangers earned \$1.25 ___ day
- pig's casa
- TX B.J. Thomas' "Play Another Somebody ___ Somebody Wrong Song"
- Ft. Hood weaponry
- TX Linda Darnell film: "___ Out" ('50)
- TXism: "bend ___ elbow"
- A&M coach
- Slocum
- Santa ___ TX
- TXism: "the block" (in Atascosa Co. on hwy. 281)
- they're sometimes wild in poker
- SMU degree
- 25 star for Astro Jose Lima
- this Academy named Billy Bob's Texas "Club of the Year" in '93 (abbr.)
- 50's tune by Danny & The Juniors: "At ___"
- Mexican blanket
- TXism: "fits like sardines in a ___"
- rare birds found at Bantzen State Park: grove-billed ___
- TXism: "honest as ___ is long"
- onion, tomato, & lamb on pita bread
- very long time
- TX Ann Richards presided at this in '92 (abbr.)
- Snow White amigo
- TX VP John Garner

Solutions for this puzzle appear in this issue.



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WISD trustees discuss new band uniforms, summer work program

With not many items on the agenda, trustees of the Winters Independent School District held a somewhat brief meeting Monday evening.

Tammy Bright, elementary principal, reported to the board that over 400 parents were fed lunch during the Parent Involvement day on November 19.

She also reported on the recording session that involved the entire elementary school. About 455 students sang under the direction of elementary music teacher Fran Kidwell. The recording was made by a company from Dallas and the CDs are currently being sold at the elementary school office.

Superintendent Mike Harris

said the school received a check for \$100 from Wal-Mart as a donation for the fifteen hours of volunteer service given to the school by Wal-Mart employee Penny Pritchard.

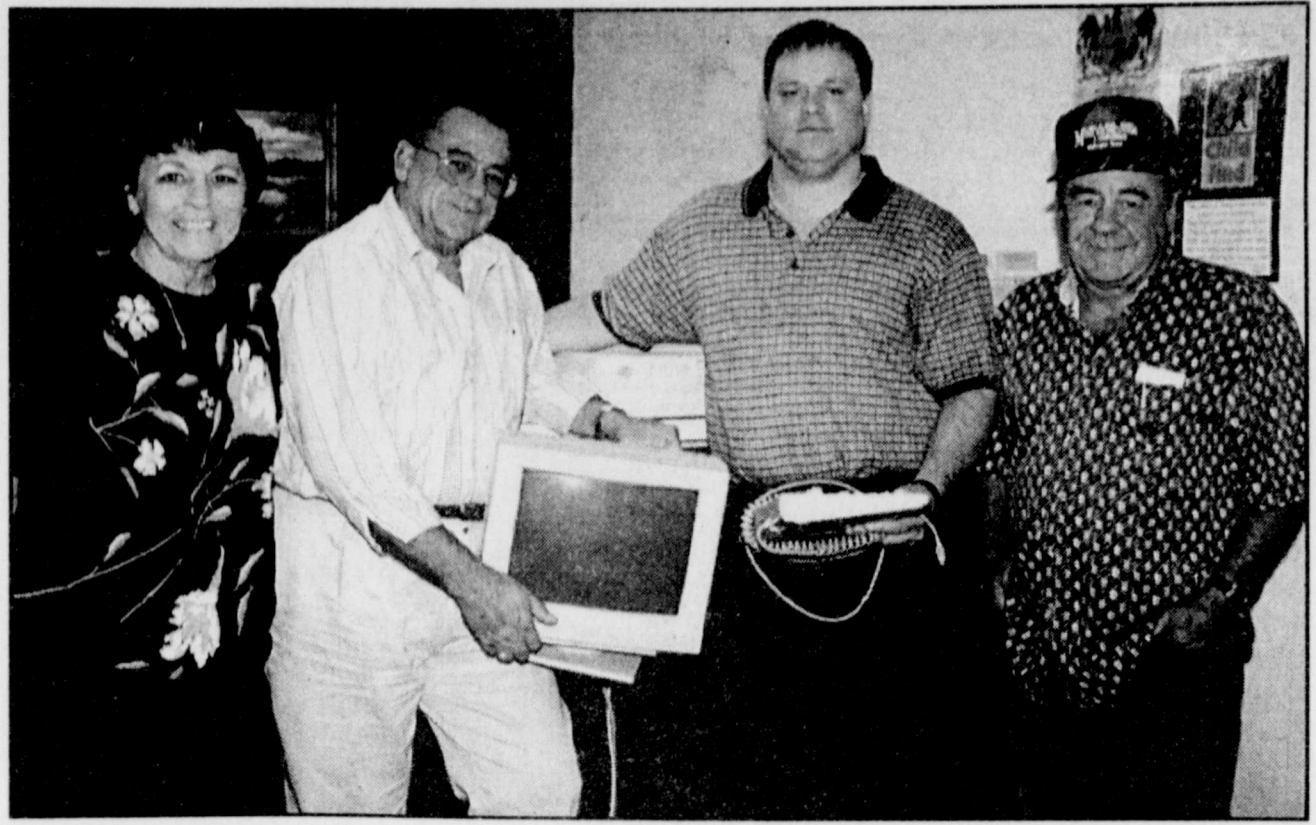
He also asked the board to consider a request for seventy new band uniforms at a cost of \$14,000 to \$15,000. The expense would be in next year's budget but, if approved, the uniforms must be ordered this year in order to arrive for next fall.

Harris also told trustees that the summer youth work program "is probably not going to happen." He said that new regulations make it almost impossible to participate in the program which has, for the past several years, given several

young people the opportunity to work under the supervision of coaches Chuck Lipsey and Charles Murphy. Harris said they are looking at other options to replace the program which brought many improvements to city properties as well as school properties.

Mr. Charles Egger of Phillips and Co., L.L.P. accounting firm, gave a clear opinion to the board and approved the audit for 1998-99.

Present for the Dec. 13 meeting were trustees Allen Andrae, Jack Davis, Jr., Gary Moore, Ronald Presley, Jerry Sims, and Larry Walker, Principal Bright, Superintendent Harris, and Business Manager Jimmy Butler.



COMPUTERS DONATED TO MHMR are well received by (left) Fredda Arney of Sweetwater, Area Director for the East Region MHMR, and Jerry Freshour (second from right), Program Manager with West Texas Center for MHMR. David Kent of Ballinger (second from left) and Jimmy McAden of Winters (right) have rebuilt the used equipment and donated them to the Ballinger and Winters Mental Health offices.

Official Records —

County Court
Marriage Licenses Filed
December 6
Joe Ray Trimble and Betty Stuard Burcham
Jack Daniel Phariss and Malinda Rachele Gonzales

District Court
Civil Cases Filed
December 7
Wayne Samuel Drummond vs. Michael Lane Linley and Southern Tire Mart, suit for damages

December 8
Alfons Joe Holubec vs. Peggy Ann Williams, David Fred Williams, and Dan Austin Williams, suit on distribution of proceeds

December 9
General Motors Acceptance Corporation vs. Esley D. Trowbridge, suit on contract

Justice of the Peace
Precinct 1
Criminal Cases Filed
November 28
William Jared Wheelless, filed for minor in possession of alcohol

December 5
Robert L. Gee, filed for untagged doe deer
Vivian C. Jefferies, filed for untagged doe deer

Robert J. Stout, filed for untagged buck deer
Billy L. Horton, filed for untagged doe deer

Brady H. Stout, filed on two counts: untagged turkey, also untagged doe deer (2)

Marlon Lathe Rankin, filed for minor in possession of alcohol
Scott Paul Book, filed for minor in possession of alcohol

December 8
William R. Weatherford, filed for no hunting license
Chad M. Box, filed for no hunting license

Christmas Lane at Abilene through December 24

The 9th annual Christmas Lane is again offered at Abilene State School, and will continue through Friday, December 24.

There are 50 displays this year with refreshments available, and kids can phone Santa! Some Citilink tours are including Christmas Lane on their routes.

The Abilene State School is located at 2500 Maple between E.S. 11th and South 27th streets. The drivethrough is free and is open from 6 p.m. until 10 p.m. each evening.

This drivethrough of holiday lighted displays is sponsored by the Volunteer Services Council for Abilene State School and is their way of saying "thank you" to Abilene and the area for their continued support.

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 received and/or investigated from Sunday, December 5, 1999, through Saturday, December 11, 1999. Winters Police Officers:

- stopped a 1988 Honda being operated in the 100 block of N. Main Street with a mechanical violation. An odor of marijuana was detected coming from within the vehicle and the driver, Christopher Lee Wallace from Abilene, was found to be in possession of marijuana. He was arrested for driving without a license and Class B possession of marijuana.

- received a report of an injured child in the 700 block of W. Dale. An investigation revealed that an argument between a 35-year-old female and a 16-year-old male related to each other escalated into an assault. The male alleged being struck in the face by the female and injuries were observed, but the male refused to press charges. A separation was made of both parties.

- stopped a suspicious male for identification purposes in the 500 block of N. Main and an odor of an alcoholic beverage was detected on the male's person. John Robert Anderson of Winters was found to be intoxicated and arrested for public intoxication.

- received a report of bad checks being passed at a business in the 900 block of N. Main. Investigation revealed the checks were from a business out of Dallas and were found to be counterfeit. This case is under investigation as forgery by passing.

- received a report of a bad check being passed at a business in the 900 block of N. Main. Investigation revealed the check had allegedly been stolen from a subject in Miles. This case is under investigation as forgery by passing.

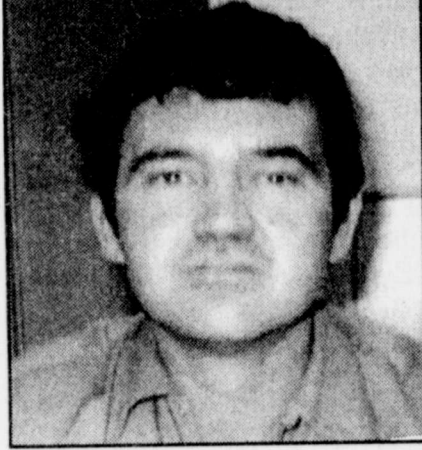
- stopped a 1993 Chevy pickup being operated in the 300 block of S. Main with a mechanical violation. The driver had an odor of an alcoholic beverage on her person, slurred speech, and difficulty in keeping her balance. The driver was asked to submit to a field sobriety task, but refused becoming combative. Tamela Jackson Walls of Winters was arrested for driving while intoxicated Class B, resisting arrest, and assault on a public servant. The officer sustained a minor injury. The pickup was impounded.

- received a report of a break in at a business in the 600 block of E. Broadway. Entry was made into the business through a door in which the window glass was broken out. Approximately \$100 was found missing along with the business's cash box. Evidence was collected and this case is under investigation as burglary of a business.

Runnels County Crimestoppers offers a cash reward for information which leads to the grand jury indictment or conviction of offenders and the caller does not have to give his or her name. To give a Crimestoppers tip, call your local law enforcement agency at:

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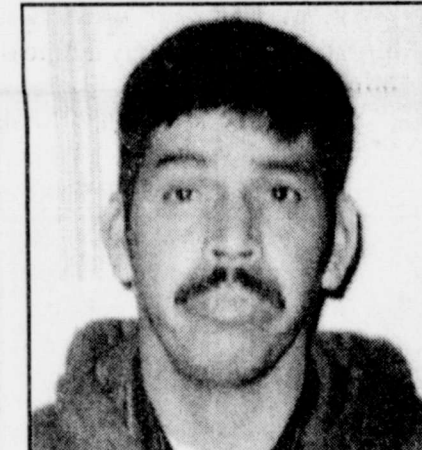
CONVICTED SEX OFFENDER

DECLARADO CULPABLE DE LA OFENSA DE ASALTO SEXUAL

RONNIE JOE YOUNG
White male, 35 years of age
Address: 600 Vancil, Winters, Texas
Aggravated Sexual Assault of a Child
Victim 12-year-old female

RONNIE JOE YOUNG
Un hombre caucasiano de 35 años de edad que habita en 600 Vancil, Winters, Tejas. Fue declarado culpable por asalto agravado sexual a una niña de 12 años de edad.

For more info on local sex offenders, visit the Texas DPS web site at <http://records.tx.dps.state.tx.us>



CONVICTED SEX OFFENDER

DECLARADO CULPABLE DE LA OFENSA DE ASALTO SEXUAL

CRUZ VASQUEZ
Hispanic male, 40 years of age
Address: 510 Vancil, Winters, Texas
Indecency with a Child by Contact
Victim 10-year-old female

CRUZ VASQUEZ
Un hombre hispano de 40 años de edad que habita en 510 Vancil, Winters, Tejas. Fue declarado culpable por indecencia sexual por contacto con una niña. La víctima fue una niña de 10 años de edad.

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NOTICE

The City of Winters will hold the second of two Public Hearings for annexation of the properties described below on Monday, December 27, 1999, at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 310 S. Main, Winters, Texas:

Snappy Enterprises (1034-1036 North Main)
A tract of land containing .2729 acres, more or less, being 82 feet x 145 feet, said tract described as forming a rectangle in shape, the beginning point for said tract being located 126 feet South of the Northwest corner of a tract of land out of Abstract 195, Fitzpatrick Survey 492, said tract described in a deed to W. B. Lange by R.P. Penny Jr., et al., Records of Runnels County, Texas, the herein described tract being conveyed by this deed commencing 126 feet South of the Northwest corner of said tract, said point forming the Northwest corner of this tract; THENCE, South, a distance of 82 feet said line being along the same line as the tract described above and being parallel to the highway centerline of U.S. Highway 83, Winters-Abilene Highway; THENCE, to a point forming the Southwest corner of this tract, said point being 82 feet South of the Northwest corner of this tract; THENCE, from said Southwest corner, East a distance of 145 feet to form the Southeast corner of this tract; THENCE, from the said Southeast corner, North 82 feet, to form the Northeast corner of this tract; THENCE West 145 feet to the Northwest corner of this tract, said point being the point of beginning of said tract.

Alley in Block 2 of the Reeves Addition to the City of Winters (East of the 800 Block of Meeks Street)
Beginning at the Northeast corner of the South one-half of Lot 9, Block 2, Reeves Addition; THENCE South 125 feet to the Southeast corner of Lot 7, Block 2, Reeves Addition; THENCE East 20 feet to the South-

west corner of Lot 6, Block 2, Reeves Addition; THENCE North 125 feet; THENCE West 20 feet to the place of beginning.

Alley in Block 7 of the Reeves Addition to the City of Winters (East of the 900 Block of Meeks Street)
Beginning at the Northwest corner of Lot 1, Block 7, of the Reeves Addition; THENCE South 400 feet to the Southwest corner of Lot 8, Block 7, Reeves; THENCE West 20 feet to the Southeast corner of Lot 9, Block 7, Reeves; THENCE North 400 feet to the Northeast corner of Lot 16, Block 7, Reeves; THENCE East to the place of beginning.

Lutheran Church (1100 West Parsonage Street)

- Lot 1, Block 7, Dale & Bright Addition to the City of Winters, Runnels County, Texas.
- Lot tract or parcel of land lying and being situated in the County of Runnels and State of Texas, and being described as follows to-wit: BEING two acres of land out of a 320 acre tract of land granted and patented to Leon Blum Assignee of the C.T.R.R. Co. on October 5th, 1874, by Pat. #52, Vol. 1, Abst. #109 and more particularly described as follows: BEING out of the Southwest corner of the above 320 acre tract of land and described by metes and bounds as follows: Beginning at the S.W. corner of the above described 320 acre tract; THENCE East 98.37 feet to stake for corner; THENCE North 98.37 feet to stake for corner; THENCE West 98.37 feet to stake for corner; THENCE South 98.37 feet to the place of beginning, containing 2 acres of land.
- Lot or parcel of land lying and being situated in the County of Runnels and State of Texas, and being described as follows to-wit: Being all of Blocks Nos. Four (4), Five (5), and Six (6) in the Armbricht Addition to the town of Winters, as is shown by map of said Addition new on file in the County Clerk's Office, Runnels County, Texas, to which map and the records thereof, reference is hereby made for a more definite description of the Blocks herein conveyed.
- Lot, tract or parcel of land lying and being situated in the County of Runnels, State of Texas, and being described as follows to-wit: Being one acre of land out of the Dolphin Floyd Survey No. 519, Abstract No. 192, Certificate No. 8091, and being described by metes and bounds as follows:
Beginning at a point 1354 varas West and 284 varas South of the Original Northeast Corner of the said Dolphin Survey No. 519. This beginning corner is 50 feet North of the N.W. Corner of Block No. Seven of the Dale and Bright Addition to the City of Winters, Texas, and is 50 feet West of the S.W. Corner of Block No. 6 of the Armbricht Addition to Winters, Texas, and is in the North Line of Parsonage Street and the West Line of West Street of said City of Winters, Texas; THENCE North 207 feet to an iron pipe for corner; THENCE West 207 feet to an iron pipe for corner; THENCE South 207 feet to an iron pipe for corner in N. Line of Parsonage Street; THENCE East 207 feet to the place of beginning and containing one acre of land. The land herein conveyed including and enclosing within its limits and boundaries the tract of land 100 feet by 200 feet as shown in deed by F. Armbricht to C. Ernst, C.F. Ernst, and F. Armbricht, as Trustees of the German Lutheresche Church, of Winters, Texas, and their successors in office, as appears of record in Volume 67, at page 425 of the Deed Records of Runnels County, Texas.

The public is invited and encouraged to attend these hearings if they have any comments or input concerning this annexation. Details of the annexation may be viewed by contacting the City Secretary's office at City Hall.

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December 2, 1949

Mr. and Mrs. Keith Thomason celebrate 50th wedding anniversary

December 2, 1999, marked the golden anniversary of the marriage of Keith and Betty Thomason of Winters. The two married December 2, 1949, at Grace Methodist Church, Annville, Texas (a suburb of Corpus Christi).

The Thomasons, along with their children and grandchildren, celebrated the occasion with a three-day stay, including a celebration dinner at Tropical Hideaway at Granite Shoals, Texas.

Children and grandchildren are Donna and Sam Bonfanti, Shawn, Greg, and Melanie of New Orleans, Louisiana; Gary and Pam Thomason, Amber and Eric of Georgetown; John and Melissa

Thomason and daughter Rachel of Pinehurst and sons, Jet and C.J. of San Angelo.

Keith worked at Celanese Corporation at Bishop for twenty years, taught in Texas schools ten years, and worked for the federal government in Alaska, Germany, North Carolina, and Texas before retiring in 1990.

Betty retired from nursing in 1993.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomason are members of the First United Methodist Church, Runnels County Historical Commission, Abilene Writers Guild, Amateur Radio Club, and VFW/American Legion and Auxiliaries.



December 2, 1999

Fraser announces senate re-election campaign

State Senator Troy Fraser, R-Horseshoe Bay, formally filed for re-election December 6, promising voters his continued support for lower property and business taxes, improvements in the quality of education and protection of the district's water resources.

"We've won some battles in the last three years on important issues like water, teacher pay raises, creating a public upper-level university and eliminating the small business tax," Fraser said. "Along the way, I also voted to return over \$3 billion in surplus funds to the taxpayers."

"I've worked hard to establish a record in Austin that reflects the priorities and conservative values of District 24, and I would like (to) build on the momentum we've established," Fraser said.

Fraser, 50, immediately began a three-day tour of the 21 counties in District 24, and pledged to campaign aggressively to retain the seat he won in 1996.

"Over the next 11 months, I will be asking voters for their support in next year's election," Fraser said. "I've received a tremendous amount of positive feedback and encouragement from my constituents, our fund-raising is off to a good start, and we'll be ready to hit the ground running in January."

Fraser said many of his accomplishments for District 24 last session stemmed from his appointment by Lieutenant Governor Rick Perry to serve on the powerful Senate Finance Committee,

and, later, the House-Senate Conference Committee that wrote the final version of the state's \$98.1 billion state budget.

"Lieutenant Governor Perry's confidence in me had a direct impact on my ability to secure additional funding for a number of important programs in District 24, including more money for medical research, higher education, and technical job training programs," Fraser said. "I was also happy to be a strong voice in favor of a \$3,000-a-year pay increase for school teachers, plus a healthy increase in retirement benefits."

Fraser was heavily involved in both the 1997 and 1999 legislative sessions in shaping major legislation to favorably impact District 24, including measures to regulate the electric industry and lower the price of intrastate long-distance phone calls by nearly one-half.

"The two biggest victories over the last four years were creating and funding the public, upper-level university for Central Texas, and protecting the district's water supply when we created the statewide water management plan," he said.

Fraser said he would also continue his work on behalf of veterans and the military communities in District 24, which is home to Fort Hood in Killeen and Dyess Air Force Base in Abilene.

As a member of the Senate Committee on Veterans Affairs & Military Installations, Fraser in

1997 co-authored legislation that created more veterans homes in Texas, including one in Temple.

In the 1999 session, Fraser authored numerous military and veterans-related legislation, and was successful in directing the Texas Department of Transportation to initiate a comprehensive review of the military deployment routes from Texas installations.

"Having a seat at the table the next session will be even more important as the Legislature works its way through the process of redrawing legislative district boundaries for the next decade," Fraser said.

In addition to serving on the Senate committees on Finance and Veterans Affairs & Military Installations, Fraser chairs the Subcommittee on Technology and Business Growth and is a member of the Economic Development Committee.

Senate District 24 comprises Bell, Burnet, Brown, Callahan, Coke, Coleman, Concho, Coryell, Lampasas, Llano, McCulloch, Menard, Mills, Mitchell, Nolan, Runnels, San Saba, Shackelford, Stephens, Taylor and Young counties.

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Guess who's 50? Indeed someone thrifty. His hands have helped build several things in this town. He's great at upscaling structures on their way down. You've probably heard him whistling notes. Surprise he can do this inhaling all those smokes. So lovable, huggable but still full of fun. Yet a ten-point buck can see with age he's gained a soft heart. But he's still good at playing the tough guy part. A short and cute good old lad. He is in fact our old Dad.

Love, Minda & Jace

Identity of birthday boy is found elsewhere in this issue.

Twain Talk

Deck the Halls (and maybe your helpers)

Have you finished decorating for Christmas? Isn't it great fun! (And I'm counting on Santa for a new Mercedes, too).

Seems like I remember last year making some solid oath and carving it in stone somewhere that my wonderful family and I would not get frazzled when it came time to dress our home, sweet home, for the holidays this year. If I could find that stone, I'd probably chuck it at any member of my family right now.

First, we're three weeks behind schedule. Guess it's hard to sing "Let it Snow, Let it Snow" when it's 93 degrees outside and everybody is wearing shorts.

And just because it was 125 degrees in the attic does not give hubby a good reason to get moody. Nor does the fact that he had to step over the trunk, rocking chair, old cheerleader stuff, and new secret bicycle while trying not to fall through the sheet-rock.

So we finally got down all 46 boxes. I even ignored the insinuation from hubby about packing canned goods at the bottom of every box in an attempt to collect life insurance each time he maneuvered down the attic stairs.

I decided to enlist the help of my energetic teenagers. They were certainly thrilled beyond words, although a time or two I thought I heard them muttering something. So I put on my Bing Crosby Christmas music just to make everybody happy. (Guess I should also confess that I had to promise pizza and chocolate chip cookies to all workers).

As we unveiled all seventy parts of the artificial tree and tried to guess at the once color-coded branches, I remembered making a promise to myself last year that I would definitely buy a new tree this year (although I must admit I had a unique fondness for this tree that resembled old toilet bowl brushes).

Now you'd think that a fairly intelligent group of six would be able to figure out that the largest branches go at the bottom and then taper to the top. Then why did my tree look like it had been carved with a weed-eater run by Stevie Wonder? But in keeping with the festive mood, I remained silent about the odd shape and decided to be creative with the lights.

Oh yes, the lights. I believe we had at least 20 strands of lights. Blinking, not blinking, colored, all-white, indoor & outdoor, bubbles and flower kinds of lights. What potential!

So I assigned the task of checking the lights to my brilliant son because he could plug them in and eat five dozen doughnuts at the same time. And he could do all this while lying on the floor.

After passing such a grueling test, the good lights were thrown in one pile and the others in another pile which later got mixed up because we ran out of doughnuts and had a crisis.

But it didn't really matter

about testing the lights because once we got them on the tree, they started to short-circuit and then just quit. Now this only happened after all the other decorations were piled on layer after layer.

I had high hopes that putting on the decorations would go a little smoother since my precious daughter volunteered to help. I guess you could call it help - if you didn't mind waiting until she finished solving the world's problems via her vast telephone network.

But in spite of the light situation, the doughnut crisis, a dozen sibling fights, and a hundred phone call interruptions, we managed to finish decorating the tree. And not only did we finish the tree without bodily harm to one another, we even managed to hum a line or two with ol' Bing.

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Viral infection, which typically causes diffuse pneumonia, first attacks bronchiolar epithelial cells, causing interstitial inflammation and desquamation. It then spreads to the alveoli, which fill with blood and fluid. In advanced infection, a hyaline membrane may form. As with bacterial infection, severe viral infection may clinically resemble ARDS.
In aspiration pneumonia, aspiration of gastric juices or hydrocarbons triggers similar inflammatory changes and also inactivates surfactant over a large area. Decreased surfactant leads to alveolar collapse. Acidic gastric juices may directly damage the airways and alveoli. Particles with the aspirated gastric juices may obstruct the airways and reduce airflow, which in turn, leads to secondary bacterial pneumonia.
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Poe's Corner

By Charlsie Poe

A Tribute . . .

Editor's Note: Harry Kimble Wood was the great-grandfather of Mary Anne Green of Ballinger and Eloise Brown of Winters.

These are articles Mary Anne got from the Gonzales Weekly Inquirer, May 24, 1923, about his death.

His pastor, brethren in Christ, Masons, Confederate Veterans, Daughters of the Confederacy, old friends and neighbors, gathered in large numbers Sunday at Woodlawn to pay their last sad tribute of respect to the late H.K. Wood, who on Saturday, just before dawning, passed over the river to rest under the shade of the trees.

In the quiet and peace of the Holy Sabbath Day, as the shadows westward fell, and just as the sun went down, all that was mortal of our venerable and honored old friend Kimball Woods,



Charlsie Poe

was tenderly laid to rest among the trees in the Masonic Cemetery.

Nearing the century mark—96-years-of-age—surely as the sum of existence neared its bed of purple and gold behind life's horizon, our age old friend must have often glimpsed the soft sheen of the Thitherland Shore, and as the angel sounded the soft notes calling him home, he must have said, "All is Well," it is only a little stream after all.

Year after year have the old Comrades and Daughters of the Confederacy driven out to the Woodlawn to celebrate the birth-

days of Mr. Wood. Well do we remember the birthday cake bearing 95 candles: but all things pass away—"this is no Continuing city."

So we gathered at Woodlawn on the Holy Sabbath of May 20 for the last time to gaze upon the form of our old comrade and friend. With reverent fingers we fashion for him our memory wreath, surmounted with the flag he loved—the flag of the Confederacy.

Mamie Tate Mack
Recording Secy. U.D.C. Chapter

The funeral was held Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock at the family residence in this city.

Seldom has there ever been witnessed a larger concourse of people gathered upon a similar occasion to pay a last sad homage to a departed and honored citizen.

The house was filled to overflowing and the large lawn at Woodlawn was filled with friends coming from far and near to attend the funeral and drop a tear of sympathy for the bereaved sons, daughters, and grandchildren of H.K. Wood, who have sustained a distinct loss in the death of a loving father.

The stilled form encased in a handsome black casket was literally surrounded with beautiful floral offerings, many special ones being noted. The Missionary Society of the Methodist Church sent a lovely blooming begonia, the Eastern Star an appropriate wreath, the Rook Club a pretty offering, Miss Ora Wood's Sunday School class, a handsome bouquet.

Mrs. P.H. Foster of Monterrey, Mexico, a beautiful floral piece, and Mrs. Lee Roy Denman of San Antonio a gorgeous offering of pink gladioli. An evergreen wreath tied with red and white ribbons and bearing a small flag of the confederacy was sent by the Gonzales Chapter, U.D.C.

To be continued.

Crews News

By Hilda Kurtz

The Lord gave us two ends— one to sit on and the other to think with. Success depends on which one we use the most.



Hilda Kurtz

The Hopewell Baptist Church congregation met in the home of Bro. Ferris and Ramona Akins in Ballinger on Sunday for Christmas services and dinner. Later they had evening services and all returned home and enjoyed the day.

On Monday the ladies attending Bible study were Melvena Gerhart, Jean Talbott, Selma Wilkerson, Carolyn Webb, and Nila Osborne. They studied the program "Lottie Moon."

Saturday evening Joe and Betty Pierce hosted a neighborhood church get-together and those who came were Fairy and Wilbert Alcorn, Doris Wood, Selma Wilkerson, Nila and Therin Osborne, Coleman Foreman, Connie and Georgia Gibbs, Melvena and Marvin Gerhart, and Bro. Ferris and Ramona Akins.

Margie Jacob enjoyed an early Christmas turkey with her daughter Cookie and two grandsons Brad and Corey on Sunday. Also, Corey VanZandt of Lubbock spent a week home. Brenda Jacob of Midland called Friday and said she spent a weekend in San Angelo with relatives and friends.

Carol and Mike Kozelsky are in Florida for a few days while Mike is attending a conference. They are also doing their Christmas shopping.

Tammy and Haley Kaczyk of Winters spent Saturday with Connie and Georgia Gibbs.

Roy McBeth went Christmas caroling with his Sunday School class on Saturday.

Keith and Pat Bowen of Wheatland, Wyoming, close friends of Fairy and Wilbert Alcorn, visited during the week.

Bernie McCoy of Abilene had lunch with Melvena and Marvin Gerhart on Monday. On Tuesday she was on her way by plane to be with her husband Jeff for a couple of weeks during Christmas.

On Thursday Marvin and Melvena Gerhart spent the night with Scott, Melissa, and granddaughter Macey Marie Gerhart in Winters.

Melissa, Melvena, and Macey Gerhart were in Abilene on Friday for a doctor's appointment.

Duggan attended the Farm Bureau Board of Directors Christmas Party in Ballinger.

Jennie and Linda Webb of Hords Creek and Joe Webb and Carolyn Webb spent Wednesday in Abilene Christmas shopping. Then on Friday Carolyn Webb went Christmas shopping in Abilene.

Helen Alexander spent several days in Kerrville visiting her sister, Margie and Ehard Fisher and La Vanda, Weldon and Elise and Tye Foreman.

Tiffany Prater spent Friday in San Angelo visiting her dad Mike Prater and brother Jeremy Prater. She also visited with Michael K. Prater. Afterwards she did some shopping.

Walter Pape, Jr. of Santa Anna spent a while with the Kenny Cartwright family during the week. He also went Thursday with Harvey Mae and Noble Faubion. Rezla Faubion of Winters came during the week.

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Runnels County Rumors

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

1999 MARKETING LOSS PAYMENTS— All producers participating in the 1999 AMTA program should have received an additional payment equal to 100 percent of their 1999 AMTA payment toward the end of October. This payment was due to recent legislation that passed due to the poor commodity prices in 1999.

COTTON LOANS— Cotton loans are available through this office based on a national loan rate of 51.92 cents per lb. for 1 1/16 in Strict Low Middlin grade cotton.

These loans can be forfeited at maturity if not redeemed. Loans mature on the last day of the tenth calendar month after the first day of the month in which the loan is disbursed.

The loan service fee is 90 cents a bale and \$7.50 a loan and is the only additional cost to the farmer that wouldn't be attached to the cotton if not put under the loan. The interest is 6.375% for loans disbursed in November.

USDA will pay for repayments at AWP (Adjusted World Price), or forfeitures of loan collateral, those storage charges that accrue from the date all documents required from the producer for the loan are provided to the County Office, through the estimated date the receipts are released by the County Office.

Note: The producer is responsible for paying any warehouse storage charges that accrued before the date all documents re-

quired from the producer for the loan were provided to the County Office and unpaid receiving charges.

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

PRODUCTION FLEXIBILITY CONTRACTS— Many of you have received letters regarding your 2000 year PFC contract payments. Please read the information you received carefully.

If your contract is already designated for the 2000 crop year, then you received a letter and a payment request form. Producers receiving the payment request form, only need to fill in the month(s) in which you wish to receive your payment and mail it back to the office.

If you did not receive a payment request form, then your contract must be run for the 2000-year and signatures of owners secured or cash lease statements provided BEFORE your contract can be approved and payments issued.

CONSERVATION RESERVE PROGRAM SIGNUP— CRP signup period 20 is scheduled to begin January 18, 2000 and run through February 11, 2000. Producers will be able to offer environmentally sensitive acreage for new 10 to 15 year contracts to cost-effectively enroll acreage for program year 2001.

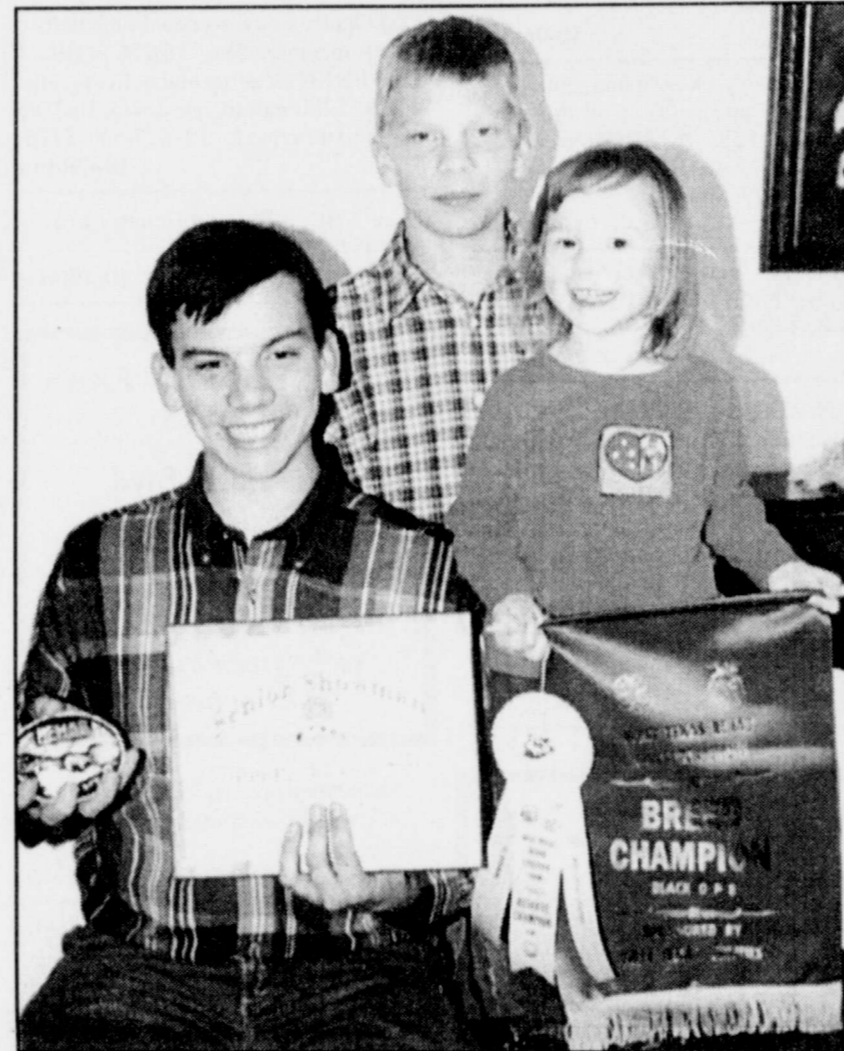
Little ones amazed—



DANIELLE PINKERTON, (left picture) age 8, proudly displays this 11-point buck shot by dad Scott Pinkerton on December 6 on his ranch north of Winters. KENNETH SCHOOLER, age 5, the son of Jennifer Pinkerton and Kenneth Schooler, is all smiles about this 8-point buck taken on November 10 also on the ranch by stepdad Scott.



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RECENTLY SHOWING WINNING PIGS were (from left) Robby, John, and Kara Heathcott. At the Rehab Pig Show on December 5, Robby took Champion Black OPB and also received the Senior Showmanship Award. Kara showed the Reserve Champion OPB, and John showed the Reserve Champion Hamp. On December 11, the Heathcott brothers had a good showing at the Moorman's Show Tec Classic in Wichita Falls and competed against pigs from Texas, Oklahoma, and Kansas. John took 4th place Duroc and 6th place white OPB. Robby had a 5th and 10th York. Denny and Barbara Heathcott are parents of the children.

Big Buck—



MICHELLE WALDEN, age 16, shot this 10-point buck with a 20-inch spread. The kill was made with a 30-06 near Lake Ivie. Michelle is the daughter of Larry and Easter Walden.

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