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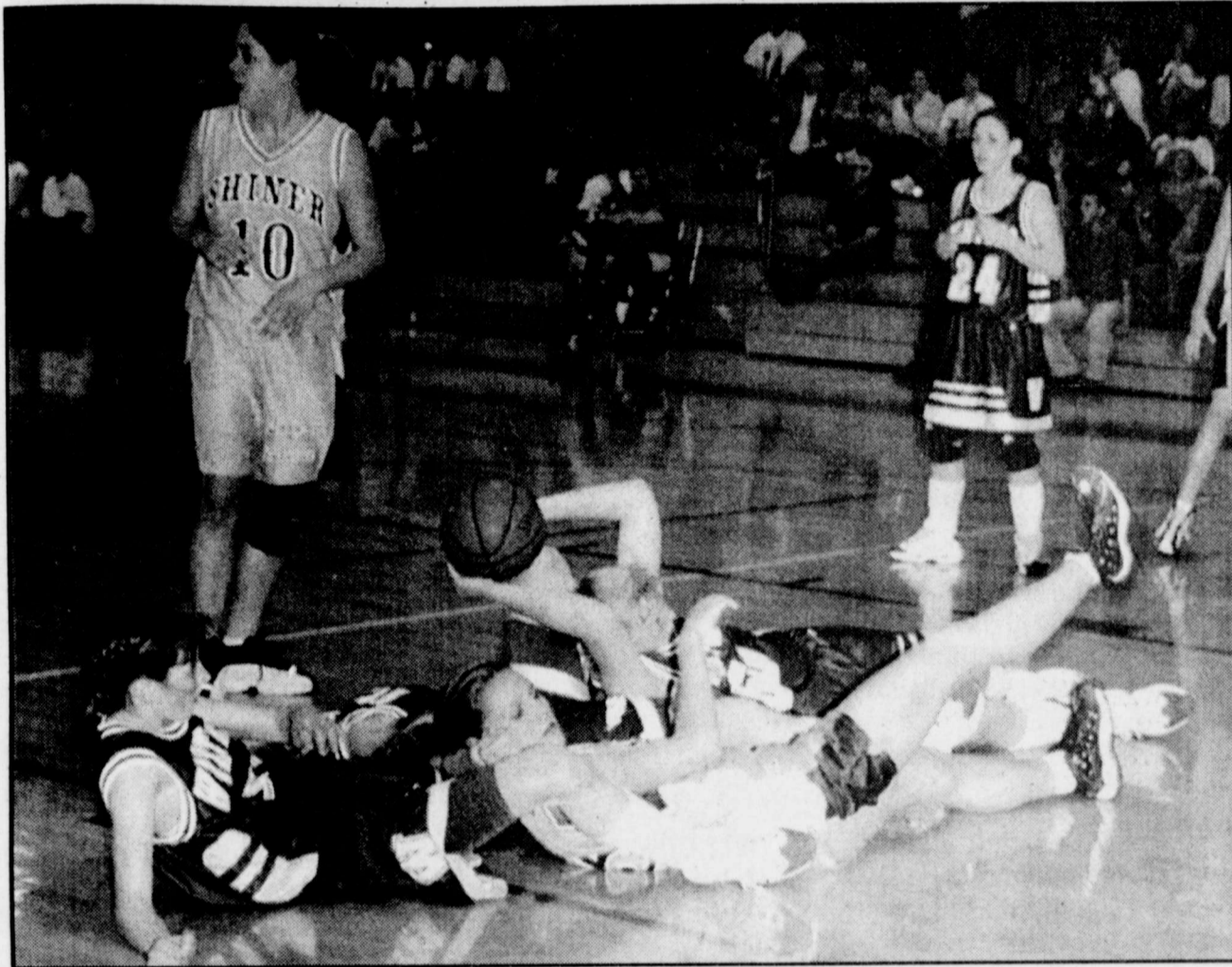
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A TANGLE OF ARMS AND LEGS resulted when three Lady Blizzards, (l-r) Laci Walker, Kelli Slimp and Michelle Paschal, and a Lady Comanche scrambled for the loose ball during the exciting final seconds of area playoff action in Lampasas. Winters fell short 51-48 in the contest Friday night, and finished 20-10 for the season under the leadership of head coach Ken Fowler.

Lady Blizzards fall in bid for area championship

Fourth quarter rally too little in 51-48 loss

Turnovers and missed free throws proved too costly for the Lady Blizzards in their area playoff bid last Friday evening in Lampasas.

Overcoming a twelve point deficit against the Lady Comanches from Shiner, Winters was able to tie the game with 3:48 left in the game but fell short 51-48 at the buzzer.

The Lady Blizzards showed their playoff inexperience against a taller team by starting the game with four straight turnovers. The starting five Shiners averaged 5'10", and this height advantage took its toll on the passing game for the Lady Blizzards who average 5'8".

Along with ten turnovers in the first quarter, the Lady Blizzards were hurt when starter Jessica DelaRosa sustained a knee injury and was unable to return to the

game.

Despite these setbacks, Winters led the first quarter 12-10. In the second quarter, the Lady Blizzards again had ten turnovers and Shiner went on an 8-point scoring run without an answer from Winters.

Free throws in the second quarter were the only Blizzard points scored except for one 3-point shot. The half ended with Winters in a 12-point deficit, 31-19.

In the third quarter the Shiner Comanches used their strategy of slowing down the game and trying to pull Winters out of their zone defense. This plan worked well for Shiner with the third quarter ending with the same 12-point deficit for the Lady Blizzards, 40-28.

In the fourth quarter, the Winters squad decided it was time to play Blizzard basketball.

Midway through the last period, the third Shiner starter fouled out, and freshman Laci Walker hit two crucial free throws for the Lady Blizzards. Then Junior Michelle Paschal quickly contributed a field goal to put Winters within two points of Shiner with 3:48 to go.

Over the next two minutes, both teams traveled up and down the court, but Shiner would be the only one to score on free throws, making the score 48-43 with 57 seconds left to play.

Two seconds later, senior Jana Presley, who had 19 points in the bi-district game on Monday, fouled out.

A feisty Walker earned two more trips to the free throw line, nailing all four attempts, giving her a total of ten points in the game. With 37 seconds left, the

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E. B. Farm honored by state's Family Land Heritage Program

The E.B. Farm just west of Winters, family owned and operated for over a century, was honored recently at ceremonies in Austin by the Texas Department of Agriculture's Family Land Heritage Program.

Edward and Frances Bredemeyer, accompanied by Estella Bredemeyer and Wanda Bredemeyer Stegemoeller, attended the 25th Annual Family Land Heritage ceremony in late January, where approximately 200 other Texas families who have been in the farm and ranch business for 100 years or more were recognized.

Ed (known to many as Big Ed) began farming this land with his father in 1949 and has operated the family farm with his wife Frances since 1964.

Ed, Estella, and Wanda's grandfather, Frederick (Fritz) Bredemeyer, moved his family to Runnels County in 1899 and purchased 640 acres of land two miles west of Winters.

Fritz bought the land from C. Herring in 1899. Herring had purchased the land from J.N. Winters, the town's namesake. Other owners of the land included H. Trueheart, R. Elgin, and the Columbus TAP Railroad Company. The railroad company had acquired the land from the State of Texas. It was unsettled territory

at the time.

Since its origin, the farm has produced cattle, sheep, grain crops, cotton, and grasses.

Fritz and his first wife, Pauline Wenzel, had three children before moving to Runnels County. Pauline died giving childbirth to their fourth child, who also died.

From his second marriage, Fritz and wife, Augusta, had eleven more children. One child died as a baby. The couple raised thirteen children to adulthood on the homestead including Fritz Louis, Henry W., Pauline, August, Ida, Augusta, Minnie, William, Herman, Matilda, Dorothea, Bertha, and Emil.

In 1904, Fritz and his family helped found St. John's Lutheran Church. He was one of three men on a committee that solicited funds for a wood building which served as the church, located back of the present day Alderman Cave Mill.

In 1916, Fritz gave the land for a Lutheran Cemetery which is located in the southwest corner of the Bredemeyer farm. One fourth of the cemetery is reserved for Bredemeyer decedents.

In 1924, Fritz divided the remainder of the farm between the three children born on the homestead—William (Bill) Bred-

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ED AND FRANCES BREDEMEYER (l-r) of the E. B. Farm in Runnels County were honored recently by Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs. The century old farm owned and operated by the Bredemeyer family was inducted into the Texas Department of Agriculture's Family Land Heritage Program at a recent ceremony in Austin.

Election filings underway for city, school and hospital

Candidates and incumbents have until March 22 to file as candidates for positions with the Winters Independent School District board of trustees and the City Council.

Two places are open on the WISD board of trustees. Rodrick Bredemeyer, former WISD board member, has filed his candidacy for Place 3, now held by Ronald Presley. Incumbent Bob Prewit has filed for re-election to Place 4. Both positions are for three-year terms.

For more information, call the school administration office at 754-5574.

The City Council has three

places, all two-year terms, open for election. Incumbent Mike Meyer has filed for re-election in district 2, while Steve Esquivel, incumbent in district 4, has also filed for re-election. District 5, now held by Jimmy Butler, will also be open.

For more information, call the City Hall at 754-4424.

Three at-large places on the board of directors of North Runnels Hospital will be open for election. Carla Harris, Dale Montgomery and Tobin Burns presently serve in these positions.

For more information, call North Runnels Hospital at 754-4553.

Ministerial Alliance calls for day of fasting and prayer on Sunday

by Don Roath, Pastor of First United Methodist Church

God promises that if we are sincere and do as He asks "...He will hear from heaven and will heal our land." Therefore, the Winters Ministerial Alliance has set aside Sunday, February 27, as a day of fasting, humility, and prayer.

Simply go to bed Saturday evening with a prayer on your lips, arise Sunday morning in the same spirit, spend the day fasting (not eating solid foods), worship at the church where you have committed yourselves, and come to the Community-wide Service of Prayer and Humility on Sunday evening. The service will be held at 7 p.m. in the St. John's Lutheran Church.

Our land, and individuals, need a healing touch from God. It is up to each of us, as we ask God for His work in this community, to bring rain, healing, revival, and

"If My people... turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven ... and will heal their land."
God, 2 Chronicles 7:22

our communities, need a healing God. It is up to individuals, this healing scripture for God to

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WHAT'S HAPPENING ?

- Feb. 24-11:30 a.m., Senior Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center 5 p.m., Hale Museum Board
- 6-7 p.m., Baseball/Softball Registration, Catholic Church Hall
- TAAS Reading Test
- Feb. 25-8:15 a.m., NRHHA Blood Sugar Screening, Elementary School
- 11:30 a.m., Senior Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center
- 7:30 p.m., Cowboys for Christ, Drasco
- Tennis, Forsan
- Feb. 26-7 p.m., Winters Squares, Community Center
- Academic UIL Meet, Bangs
- Powerlifting at Colorado City
- Boys Golf, Anson
- Feb. 27-7 p.m., Community Prayer Service, St. John's Lutheran Church
- Feb. 28-9:30-10:30 a.m., SS Rep, Winters Housing Authority
- 11:30 a.m., Senior Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center
- 6 p.m., City Council, City Hall
- 6 p.m., Weight Watchers, Senior Citizens Activity Center
- 7 p.m., VFW & Auxiliary, Post Home
- 7 p.m., Wingate Masonic Lodge
- 7:30 p.m., School Board, WISD Administration Building
- Personal Appearance Early Voting Begins
- Feb. 29-11:30 a.m., Senior Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center
- Noon, Lions Club, Community Center
- 5-6:30 p.m., Pioneer Club, First United Methodist Church
- 7 p.m., WVFD, Fire Station
- 7 p.m., 8th Grade Parents Meeting, Orientation for Entering Freshmen
- Mar. 1-7 a.m., Industrial Board, Chamber Office
- 11:30 a.m., Senior Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center
- 6 p.m., Chamber Directors, Chamber Office
- Mar. 2-11:30 a.m., Senior Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center
- 2 & 6 p.m., Census Testing, Winters Housing Authority
- 7 p.m., Winters Squares, Community Center
- Registration for New 7th Graders

Catholic Church Fellowship Hall—

Winters Community Baseball holds final registration tonight

Winters Community Baseball will hold their final night of registration for baseball and softball players on Thursday, February 24, from 6 to 7 p.m. in the Mt. Carmel Catholic Church Fellowship Hall.

Any boy or girl who will be five years old or older by September 1, 2000, will be eligible to play.

Everyone needs to bring a copy of their child's birth certificate to verify the child's age. This will eliminate a lot of confusion when

time to select teams. We also need social security numbers for all players.

Registration fees will be \$35 for the first child in a family, \$30 for the second, and \$25 for each child after the second per family. Payment plans are available.

There will also be a \$5 deposit fee due at registration time for uniforms. The deposit will be refunded at the end of the season when the uniform is turned into the coach.

Oil Bidness

By Reg Boles ©2000



It's time for another update on the pipeline that has yet to be built but has been discussed on multiple occasions in this very space. The so-called "All American" pipeline that proposes to pump gas from the gulf coast to west Texas is again in the news.

We've talked about how the oil and gas producing regions of west and central Texas have historically paid higher gasoline prices than other parts of the state. This has mainly been due to a lack of refining capacity in the less populous areas of the state.

Well, along comes a consortium of refiners and transportation companies that want to take a dormant oil line that pumped crude FROM the Permian Basin and turn it into a gasoline pipeline that will supply markets from Odessa to El Paso and maybe beyond. Although this project has been moving forward since 1995, it has yet to be approved by all regulatory bodies.

As we last discussed, environmental concerns had delayed the pipeline (now called the Longhorn Pipeline) most recently. An environmental assessment agreed to by all the parties had been completed with the conclusion that there was likely little or no impact on the environment or the neighborhoods it might pass through. However, the anti-pipeline groups had objected to that conclusion despite agreeing to the assessment.

Now, The Wall Street Journal reports that the campaign against the pipeline, that has looked so "grass-roots," is in fact being financed by a competitor in the El Paso gasoline market. This competitor makes most of its livelihood from selling gas to consumers in El Paso, and it has a vested interest in who their competition will be.

The El Paso refiner has said, very forthrightly, they are not really concerned so much with the environment but are concerned that a competitor must have full environmental oversight or that competitor will have an unfair

advantage. Environmental and neighborhood groups, for their part, have basically said they don't care where their funding originates, they only care about the environment.

So far, only lawyers have profited from the dispute. Residents of El Paso and other points between Brady and the New Mexico border continue to pay higher-than-market gasoline prices, Austin residents continue to pour their own money and effort into paying attorneys to build their position, and the business people with the idea of taking fuel to where it is needed are still looking at many obstacles ahead of them.

This space will continue to keep you updated.

HIGHLIGHTS OF AREA DRILLING ACTIVITY

COMPLETIONS

None This Week

STAKINGS

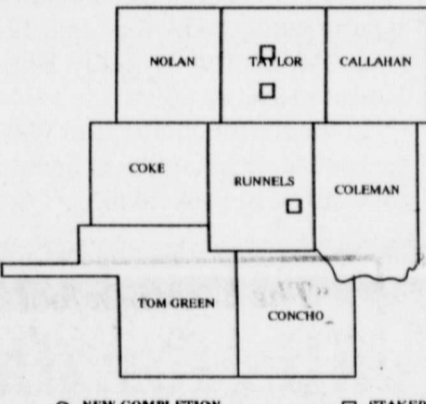
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Sequoia Fossil Fuels, Inc. has applied to re-enter the Edmondson #3 in the Holow Creek Field, 10 miles E of Ballinger (Depth 2900). Loc. is 900 FEL & 2414 FNL of Harrison CSL Sur. No. 259, A-235.

Taylor County

L.C.S. Production has applied to re-enter the Girard #11 in the County Regular Field, 3 miles W of Tuscola (Depth 4710). Loc. is 128 FSL & 1069 FEL of Sec. 36, Blk. 1, SPRR Sur.

L.C.S. has also staked the Weston #1 in the County Regular Field, 7 miles S of Trent (Depth 4999). Loc. is 2064 FNL & 899 FEL Sec. 1, Blk. 6, T&PRR Sur.



WALTER COLLINS and MARY WHEELER were crowned Valentine King and Queen at the Senior Citizens Nursing Home.

Senior Citizens Nursing Home News

By Billie Ruth Bishop

Valentine King & Queen named at Senior Citizens Nursing Home

The king and queen of the nursing home were crowned on Valentine's Day with a party and refreshments for all the residents. Gifts and corsages were presented to Mary Wheeler, queen, and Walter Collins, king. They were elected by ballot with employees voting.

Joyce Broadstreet entertained with a few old time favorite songs from long ago. Cookies and red punch were enjoyed by everyone.

Work is still in full swing as renovation of the rooms contin-

ues. The monthly birthday party will be held this Thursday, Feb. 24, at 3:00. Those having birthdays this month are Frank Collins, 2-7; Odella Coalson, 2-10; Patsy Grohman, 2-19; and Edna Parramore, 2-23.

Our sympathy is extended to families of Lorene Clark, Mayola Cathey, and Douglas Overman. We thank these families for the beautiful flower arrangements shared with us.

Senior Citizens Activity Center Menu

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Feb. 28 thru March 3
Subject to change

Monday, Feb. 28: Sliced barbecue, potato salad, pinto beans, cornbread, and apple crisp.

Tuesday, Feb. 29: Chicken pot pie, beets, hominy, crackers, and pudding.

Wednesday, March 1: Hamburger steak w/gravy, rice, green beans, rolls, and cake.

Thursday, March 2: Beef casserole, coleslaw, pinto beans, cornbread, and brownies.

Friday, March 3: Stew, vegetable sticks, Jello salad, cornbread, and cobbler.

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Card of Thanks

The family of Frank Hope would like to express their sincere thanks to all of you that called or came by during our time of loss.

A special thanks to "Our House" and staff and Hendrick Hospice of Abilene for the extra TLC given during his stay with you, also to those of you who came and visited him, it meant a great deal to him.

Thanks to the Winters Funeral Home and Reverend Barry Taylor for the very fitting service.

The family of Frank Hope

Card of Thanks

The Freshman Class of Winters High School would like to thank everyone who came out and supported us at our chicken fried steak lunch. We appreciate all the community and our parents for all their support.

We send a special thanks to our sponsors that helped us with the dinner, Coach Chris Bearden and Mr. David Hale.

WHS Freshman Class

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Obituaries

J.D. (Douglas) "Slewfoot" Overman

WINTERS—J.D. (Douglas) "Slewfoot" Overman, 85, died Friday, February 18, 2000, at the Senior Citizens Nursing Home in Winters.

He was born March 31, 1914 in Norton and lived in Runnels County most of his life. He married Willie Pearl Newton on December 24, 1934, and she died February 4, 1971. He then married Oma Lee O'Dell on May 20, 1972, in Winters.

Mr. Overman worked as a dairy farmer and a stock farmer and managed the Shell Gas Station in Winters. He was a Baptist serving as a deacon for 25 years.

Survivors include his wife, Oma Lee Overman of Winters; one son, James Anthony Overman of Corpus Christi; one step-son, Virgil Lee Blackmon of West Fork, Arkansas; two step-daughters, Barbara Ann Blackmon and Patricia Kay Spradlin of Austin; 12 grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

Services were held at 10:00 a.m. Monday, February 21, 2000, at the Winters Funeral Home Chapel with Reverend Kenneth Jones officiating. Burial followed in Wilmeth Cemetery directed by the Winters Funeral Home.

Memorials can be made to the American Cancer Society.

Mayola Cathey

WINTERS—Mayola Cathey, 84, died Friday, February 18, 2000, at North Runnels Hospital in Winters.

She was born May 30, 1915, in Temple. She moved to Ballinger at an early age and graduated from Ballinger High School and attended Abilene Christian College for three years. She married Chink Cathey on April 30, 1938, in Coleman.

Mrs. Cathey moved to Wingate and was a substitute teacher in Wingate and Winters for many years. She was a member of the Church of Christ.

Survivors include one son, Ernest "Moon" Cathey of Fort Worth; one daughter, Edna Carol Reese of Evergreen, Colorado, one brother; Roy Jacob of Brownwood; and six grandchildren.

Family visitation was at 7:00 p.m. Saturday, February 19 at the Winters Funeral Home. Services were held at 2:00 p.m. Sunday, February 20, 2000, with Mark Edge officiating. Burial followed in Wingate Cemetery directed by the Winters Funeral Home.

Cecil Lynn Hall

BALLINGER—Cecil Lynn Hall, 66, formerly of Pasadena, died Friday, February 18, 2000, at his residence.

He was born June 26, 1933, in Houston. He married Joycelyn Pat Jenkins on September 12, 1997, in Houston.

Mr. Hall served in the U.S. Navy during the Korean War and was a Mississippi River Boat Captain. He was a member of Golden Acres Assembly of God in Pasadena.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Clyde and Loraine Hall; one daughter, Theresa Lynn Davis; and a granddaughter, Roxanne Mick.

Survivors include his wife Pat Hall of Ballinger; one son, Cecil Tracy Hall of Dayton; one daughter, Beverly Loraine Hall of Friendwood; two step-sons, Terry Crayer of Center and Robert Jenkins of San Antonio; two step-daughters, Susan Rash and Charlotte Flex of Houston; one grandson, Joshua Collins of Dayton; eight step-grandchildren; two step, great-grandchildren; two brothers, J.C. Hall and Earl Hall and wife, Colleen of Pasadena; one sister, Gwynda Hall of Pasadena; and numerous neices and nephews.

Visitation was held on Sunday, February 20, 2000, at 4:00 pm. at the Rains-Seale Funeral Home in Ballinger. Services were held on Monday, February 21, 2000, at 11:00 a.m. at the First Church of the Nazarene in Ballinger with the Reverends Billy Anders and Darrell Nelson officiating. Burial followed in the Evergreen Cemetery in Ballinger directed by Rains-Seale Funeral Home.

LaVonia Robinson

CLYDE—LaVonia Robinson, 70, died Tuesday, February 15, 2000, at Hendrick Medical Center in Abilene.

She was born January 4, 1930, in Santa Anna, Texas. She was a homemaker. She married Douglas Gordon Robinson, Sr. on February 15, 1947, in San Angelo.

Mrs. Robinson was preceded in death by her husband.

Survivors include three daughters, Pam Sheffield of Clyde, Geraldene Smither of North Ridge, California, and Vondane Jones of Coleman; one son, Doug Robinson of Breckenridge; one sister, Louise Condra of Ballinger; ten grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Graveside services were held at 10 a.m. Friday, February 18, in the Garden of Memories directed by Rains-Seale Funeral Home.

J. Frank Nance

BALLINGER—J. Frank Nance, 71, died Tuesday, February 15, 2000 at 2:55 p.m., at Shannon Medical Center in San Angelo.

He was born April 23, 1928 in Ballinger. He served in the Air Force from August 29, 1946 to August 31, 1949. He was a retired VA officer in Ballinger and a member of the American Legion Post # 8 serving as their secretary for many years.

Mr. Nance was a member of the First Baptist Church in Ballinger.

He was preceded in death by his parents, W.A. and Ruth Nance.

Survivors include one brother, W.A. Nance Jr. of Levelland; two sisters, Ruby Campbell of Coleman and Virginia Foster of Clifton, Virginia; and several nieces and nephews.

Services were held on Thursday, February 17, at 2 p.m. at Rains-Seale Funeral Home Chapel with Reverend Ferris Akins officiating. Burial followed in Evergreen Cemetery, in Ballinger, directed by Rains-Seale Funeral Home.

Ads for Garage Sales and Cards of Thanks must be PAID PRIOR to publication

Census 2000 expands test dates, times

Census 2000 has expanded its testing dates and times. Testing will be conducted in Winters at the Winters Housing Authority Meeting Room at 2:00 and 6:00 p.m. every other Thursday beginning February 17. Scheduled dates are Feb. 17; March 2, 16, & 30; and April 13 & 27.

Testing continues in Ballinger every Wednesday at 10:00 a.m. & 2:00 p.m. on the third floor of the Runnels County Courthouse.

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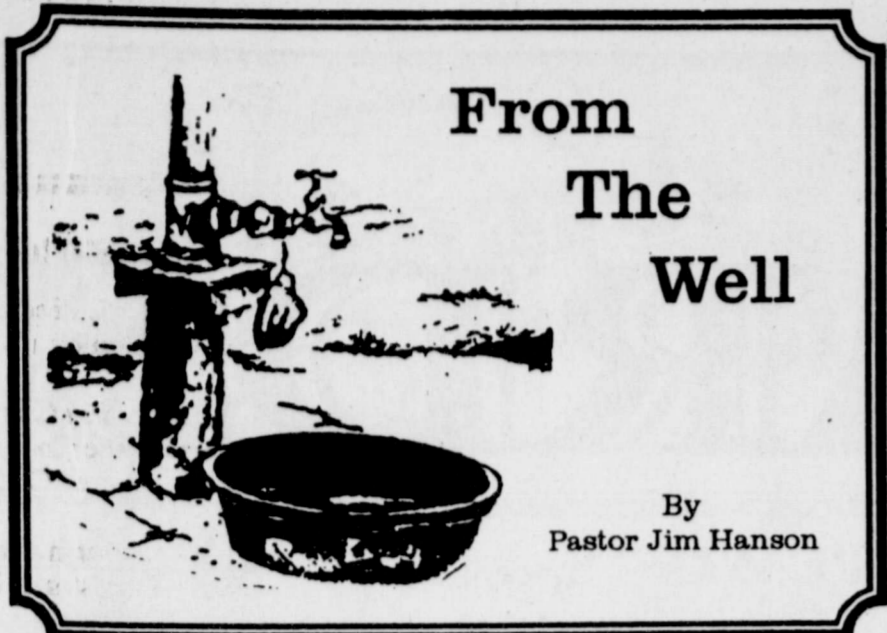
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From The Well

By
Pastor Jim Hanson



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Today, some random thoughts about country churches. And farmers. And the "drought." Actually, most of this column will contain "random quotes," some laughable, and some serious—from Scripture. The first bunch comes from a friend, a pastor,

who sent me a list under the heading: "You may be a farmer if..."

- Your dog rides in your truck more than your wife.
- You can remember the fertilizer rate, seed population, herbicide rate and yields on a farm you rented 10 years ago, but you cannot remember your wife's birthday.
- You have never thrown away a five-gallon bucket.
- You convince your wife that an overnight, out-of-state trip for equipment parts, is a vacation.
- You have used a chain saw to remodel your house.
- You have buried a dog and cried like a baby."

These are only part of the list. You can be sure that a farmer wrote them. Farmers are the only people I know who can laugh at themselves. And, at the same time, share it with city-folks. I truly enjoy their sense of humor—it helps me to laugh at myself and the things I do. Like one that reads "You wear specific hats to farm sales, livestock auctions, appreciation dinners, athletic contests, and vacations." I do that, too.

The second bunch comes closer to home because I serve a rural, small town church. Ron Birk, an E.L.C.A. pastor who is also a writer and speaker, writes a column "RONdom Thoughts." In a recent one he had a list "You might be in a country church if:

- its Zip Code is E-I-E-I-O.
- there is a copy of Progressive Farmer in the church office waiting room.

•friends, neighbors, relatives, and fellow members are all the same people.

- it's your turn to mow the parking lot.
- in the parking lot there is a "Beware of Fire Ants" sign.
- members come to worship early so they can park in the shade under the trees.

•members think to get into Heaven you have to bring a covered dish.

- you don't go to church one Sunday morning and by one-o'clock that afternoon you have had five phone calls inquiring about your health.

•prayers regarding the weather are a standard part of every worship service.

"when it rains everybody's smiling." These do bring a chuckle. There is a lot of truth here. But it really isn't bad. It's just the way it is.

All kidding aside, it has been a while since everybody's smiling. Because we haven't had rain. We are in a drought. And what do country church people do when it doesn't rain? Grin and bear it? Say to themselves and others, "It'll rain someday?" Get angry at God? At least, frustrated? I know many of them are praying for rain. So am I.

The drought is serious. And so is God. Scriptures are specific. They don't tell us to pray for rain. They tell us what to do when it doesn't. In Chronicles 6:12 and 7:22, we read about a prayer time of Solomon and God. Solomon was concerned about what to do—in several situations. One of them was "when heaven is shut up and there is no rain because they have sinned...if they pray...and turn from their sin...then hear them in heaven...forgive them...and grant rain." (6:26-27). God's answer was, "If my people who are called by my name humble themselves and, pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and forgive...and heal their land. (7:14).

The Winters Ministerial Alliance is taking the drought seriously. And, also, Scripture seriously. On February 20, at 9:00 p.m., the ministers will gather "to humble themselves, confess their sins, and pray." On February 27th at 7:00 p.m. at St. John's Lutheran Church, the ministers will lead in a service...of "humility, repentance, and prayer." For all who want to come.

The way to put a smile on our faces is to first put one on the face of God. Scripture tells us "there is much joy in heaven over one sinner who repents." How much more when many of us do the same!

George Beard shares education knowledge with the Literary and Service Club at recent meeting

The Literary and Service Club met Thursday, February 17, at the home of Pat Smith.

Cucumber and pimento cheese sandwiches, chips, pickles, and cinnamon roll cherry cobbler were served by hostess Pat Smith.

Members present were Eris Beard, Mary Blackshear, Ruth Cooper, Selma Wilkerson, Noma Eoff, Bobbie Jackson, Joyce Weems, and guest speaker George Beard.

George Beard, a retired school administrator of 37 years, moved to Winters in 1961 and served until 1980 before moving to Ballinger Elementary and retiring in 1985. He spoke on past and present education.

Each member was asked to guess what was in a plain brown wrapped package. Noma Eoff guessed correctly and won a prize.

In the package was a paddle, well used for years. George retired when he retired the paddle. He also stated that discipline and violence are the number one problems in schools today.

Eris conducted the business meeting. Noma led collect, Selma the pledges, Bobbie the minutes, and Ruth gave the treasurer's report.

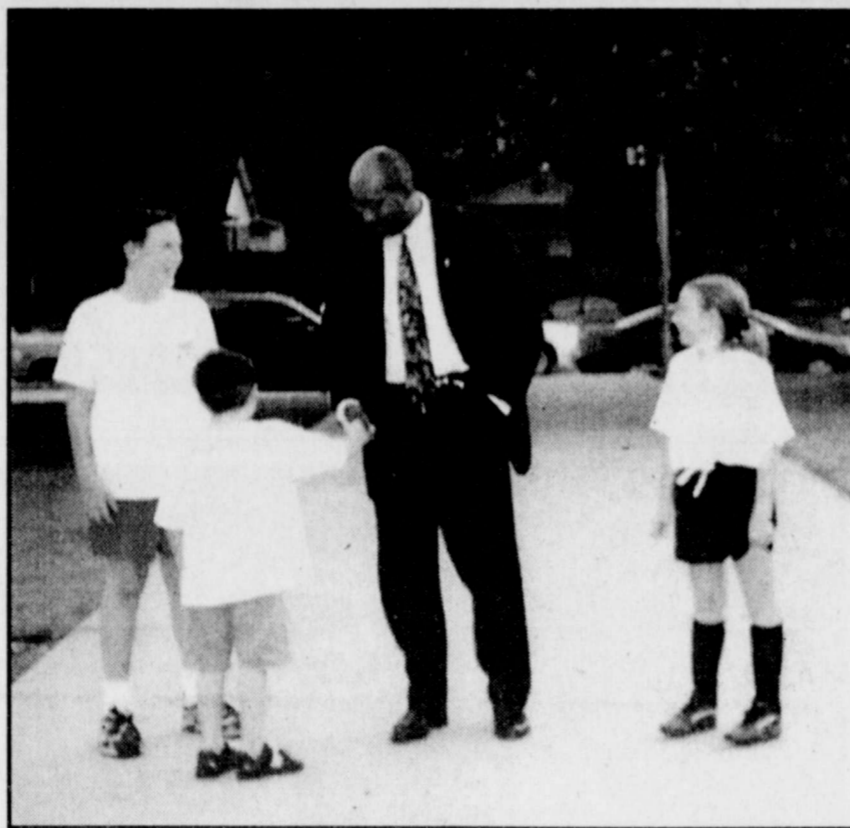
Topics discussed were the MayFest and Spring Convention in Comanche on March 18.

The next meeting will be on Thursday, March 16, when the club will host the nursing home March birthday party.

The evening meeting will be at Eris Beard's home with the District President Ruby Schumann as guest.

Tip for the month: wave at children on school buses.

Grandkids of Local Residents —



DALLAS MAYOR RON KIRK shakes hands with McGuire Boles as he and brother Mitch and sister Margot greet the dignitary during a visit to their Dallas school recently. They are the children of Reg and Becky Boles, and grandchildren of Troy and Oneta McKnight and Monroe and Arlene Boles of Winters. Mayor Kirk spoke to parents about being involved in their kids' school at the White Rock Elementary PTA meeting in Dallas.

FASTING, cont'd.

restore joy, individuals must make themselves right with God.

Making oneself right with God requires complete submission to Him. We do this in various ways—one of the ways to restore a right relationship with God is to show Him we are serious. Fasting has always been a biblical way to show God how serious His people are. Twenty-four hours without food is a small price to pay to restore communion with our Father, God. This action will show God we are serious about the four actions He requires for healing.

The first step God says is needed is to "humble ourselves." This means we are to put our own egos, preferences, and desires aside and submit ourselves to His desires and preferences. God's desire for us has always been two-fold; "To love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength...and love your neighbor as yourself." (Mark 12:30-31 NIV)

Making ourselves right with God then requires us to make ourselves right with each other. God simply asks us to make a commitment to Him, to His body, called the Church, as well as to each other, a commitment of LOVE.

Secondly God asks us to "...Pray." That means simply to talk to God and share our hearts. God knows what our land and our community needs. He just wants us to talk to Him about it. Communication with God could be the most important thing you have ever done in your life. Setting aside time to be alone with Him and talk, as well as listen.

The third request from God is similar, He asks us to "...seek His face." God's presence in this world is found in the lives and souls of His followers. To seek God's face one must look into the faces of God's children. That means we go to the places where His children gather.

God's churches are where you will find God's children and subsequently God's face. Anger, jealousy, resentment, and sins against others can have no place in our lives if we are to find God's face in others. Moving from one church to another with no commitment to anything can not help us find God's face.

We find a "Body of Believers" or church that we are comfortable with and make a commitment to it. We grow and mature in the Spirit, along with the rest of God's children. And, if we're lucky, we will find God's face in the faces of those we love and worship with.

Lastly, God asks us to "...turn from our wicked ways." Easier put, He says, "ask for the forgiveness of our sins." Sin is that which keeps us from loving God and neighbor. Sin is what keeps us from having a close personal relationship with God and our neighbor. We are not dumb. Each of us realize what our own personal sins are and God wants us to ask Him for forgiveness.

Our land and livestock need rain, but more importantly, God's people need healing. That is the purpose of this special day of fasting humility, and prayer.

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For more information or to see if you might qualify as a DBE participant, please contact Jennifer Brudney at 1-800-710-2277.

It wasn't my idea to have this picture taken — And now that I'm 40 I sure have a sad look!



Love, Maegan & Clint

Identity of birthday boy is revealed elsewhere in this issue.

Pioneer Church of God to hold Revival, March 19-24

The Pioneer Church of God in Winters, Texas is having a Revival, Sunday, March 19 through Friday, March 24 at 7 p.m. each night.

Evangelist Ed Grogan of Jenks, Oklahoma will be the speaker. The revival plans to be refreshing, convicting, and encouraging. There will be singing, praising, worshipping, saving, delivering, filling, praying, and preparing.

For more information call the Pastor, Vernon Groce, at 754-2805.

Senior Citizens Activity Center News

By Janet Cason, Director



OLLIE WEBB and CLAY McIVER were recently crowned Valentine Queen and King at the Senior Citizens Activity Center.

Valentine Queen and King crowned

The week started off with a great turnout for our Valentine's Day meal. Several visitors have been with us this week: Keith Ueckert of Port Lavaco, Andy Chisum of El Paso, Lynnann Simpson of Stephenville, and Chubby and Betty Sue Ehlers of Tahoka.

Ollie Webb and Clay McIver were crowned Valentine Queen and King.

Memorial donations include: — In memory of Jerry Curry

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— Benjamin Franklin



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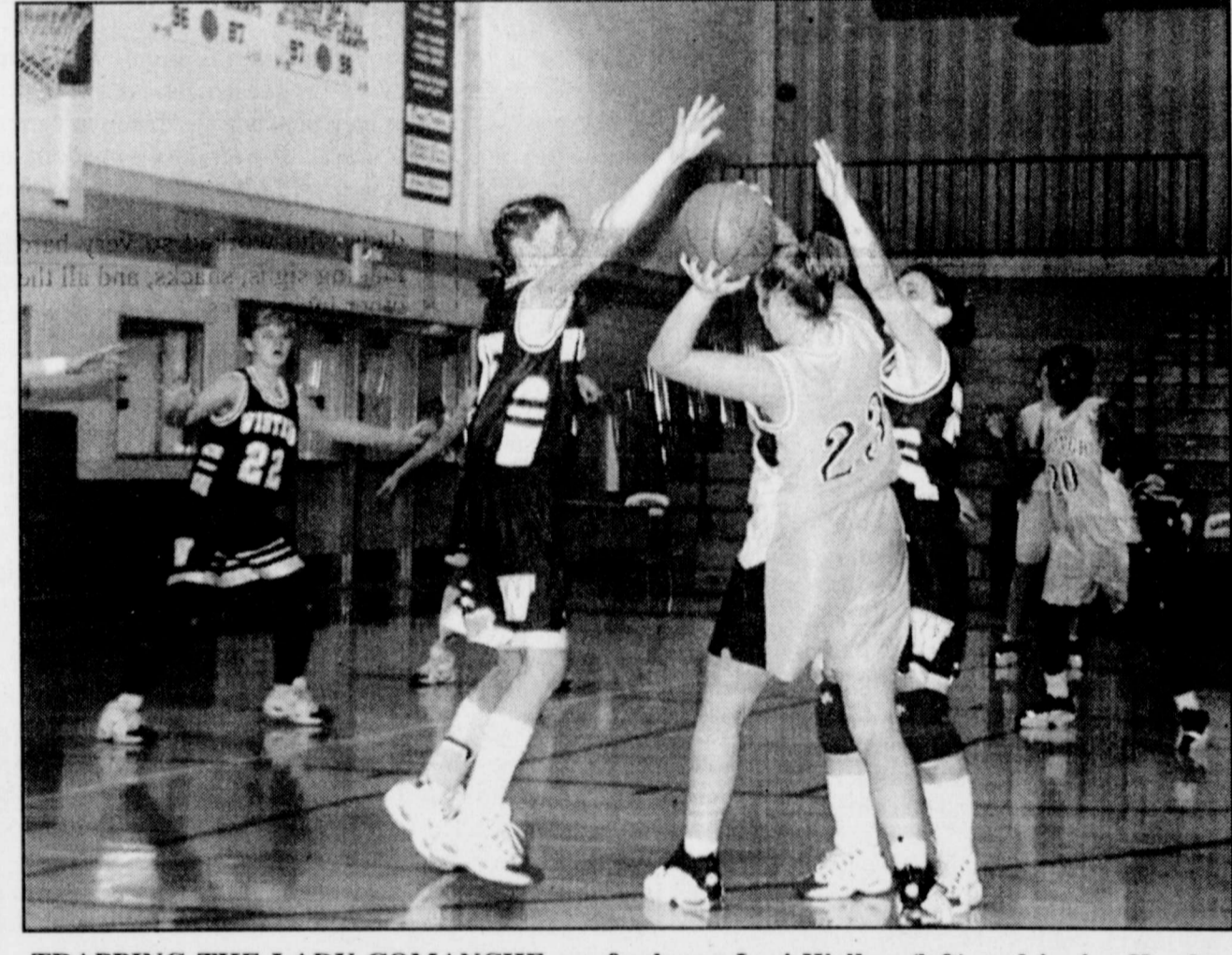
Breakfast
Monday-Feb. 28
Cinnamon Roll
Cereal
Juice
Tuesday-Feb. 29
Blueberry Muffin
Cereal
Juice
Wednesday-March 1
Biscuits
Sausage
Sauce
Thursday-March 2
Breakfast Burrito
Cereal
Juice
Friday-March 3
Toast
Scrambled Eggs
Juice

Lunch
Monday-Feb. 28
Fish Scrodles
Macaroni/Cheese
Green Beans
Salad
Hot Roll
Tuesday-Feb. 29
Hot Dog/Chili/Cheese
Tator Tots
Sliced Pickles
Fruit
Cookie
Wednesday-March 1
Chicken Nuggets
Mashed Potatoes
Corn
Vanilla Pudding
Hot Roll
Thursday-March 2
Chicken Spaghetti
June Peas
Sliced Peaches
Hot Roll
Friday-March 3
Hamburger
French Fries
Lettuce/Pickles
Chocolate Pudding

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KENDRA HOPE dribbles past the Shiner defender during area playoff action last Friday night in Lampasas. With 21 points, Hope was high point for the game.



TRAPPING THE LADY COMANCHE are freshman Laci Walker (left) and junior Kendra Hope, as teammate Michelle Walden (far left) looks on. The Lady Blizzards lost to Shiner 51-48 in area playoffs, and finished the season with 20-10 record.

PLAYOFFS, cont'd.

Lady Blizzards still trailed 49-47. Then junior Kendra Hope, who fouled out, and the Lady Blizzards' best outside shooters were on the bench.

On Hope's foul, the Lady Comanche shooter hit one of two attempts, pushing the Shiner lead to 50-47.

Kaci McCuiston was fouled with 18 seconds to go, and made the second of two free throw attempts, giving Shiner the ball out of bounds. The Lady Blizzards defended well enough to get a 5-second violation on Shiner, handing Winters the ball under their own basket.

A panic attack caused the Lady Blizzards to throw the ball away and forced Winters to foul Shiner to stop the clock.

The Lady Comanche hit the first free throw and Winters rebounded the second, took the ball down the court and set up for the play. Walker's shot hit the rim and in the ensuing struggle for the rebound, the ball was kicked to the other end of the court, eating precious time off the clock and the game ended 51-48 in favor of Shiner.

Coach Ken Fowler said, "It's

hard to beat playoff experience. Shiner lost to the eventual state champion last year in this very game (the area round)."

In his second year as head coach for the Lady Blizzards, Fowler continued, "I'm very proud of these young ladies. They never quit. They were 2-12 last year, and are second in district this year with 11-3. Seniors Kelli Slimp and Jana Presley were greatly appreciated.

"Thanks to everyone for supporting these gals. It was an exciting year. They'll be back!"

Assisting Fowler has been Coach Deb Whittenburg.

Coach gives well deserved praise to varsity boys

by Coach Robert White

The varsity boys played one of their best basketball games of the season against Coleman on February 15.

Our turnovers were down to a more acceptable number, and our shooting percentage was much better.

Aaron Pritchard and Colby Walker both shot the ball well. Aaron did a good job hitting the open jumper while Colby did most of his damage driving to the basket and converting on the free throw line.

With an outside threat, the post men were able to be more effective on the boards. Josh Minzenmayer, Wade Parramore, and Aaron Pritchard had 8, 6, and 7 rebounds, respectively.

Our seniors, Chris Santoya, Arthur Martinez, and Oscar Luz each contributed and played well in their final game.

Jeremy Hope and Shane Colburn provided some valuable minutes and key rebounds during the game.

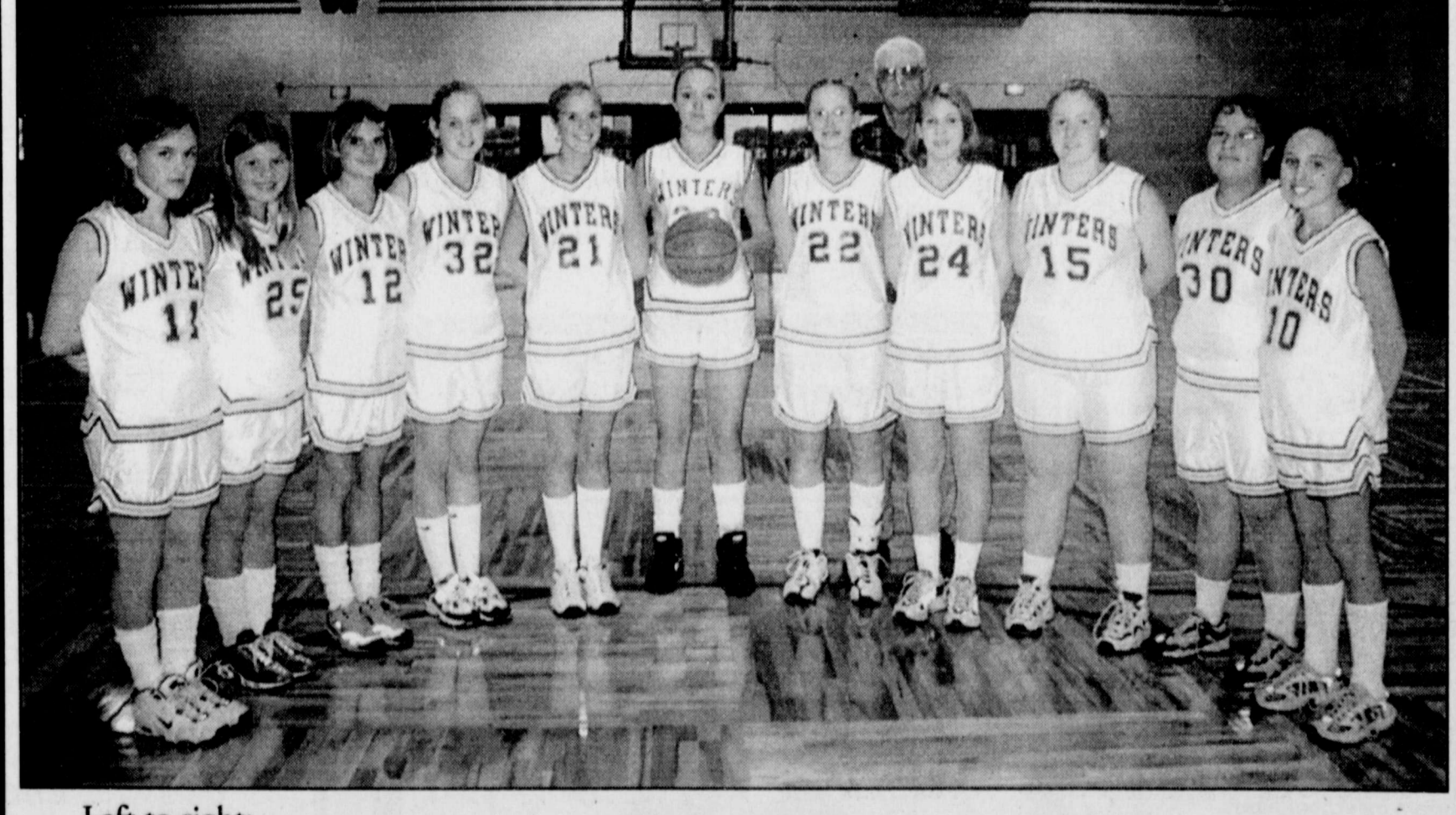
I think this game showed us that we can play with the best. Coleman is the best team in our district, and we gave them everything they wanted. Hopefully, our players will use this game and season to motivate them to improve in the off-season. If this group will work during the summer, we can be a playoff team for next season.

There is going to be some excitement about basketball next season. These kids want to win. If they will apply this desire to actual development in the summer, we are going to have a lot of fun.

The day to start this preparation is today.

Go Blizzards!

1999-2000 8th Grade Girls Basketball Team



Left to right:
#11 Briana Parramore
#25 Jessica Pritchard
#12 Macy Hopson
#32 Kayla Calcote
#21 Amanda Poe
#23 Angel Albright
#22 Kari Walker
Coach Ed Poehls
#24 Suzanne Jones
#15 Maegan Schwartz
#30 Hope Ontiveros
#10 Jessica Barron

7th grade boys are "winners" in improvement, understanding

As the seventh grade boys basketball team played the last game of their season, Coach Biff White said, "In the first half, it would have been easy to say 'we didn't come to play,' (27-6)."

"But I told the boys at halftime, it's okay to get beat by better skilled players, but it's NOT okay to be out hustled."

The second half scoring produced a complete turnaround, (18-13). "We did a much better job and the important thing was that the boys saw the difference."

"If you count wins, it wasn't a pretty season, but if you count improvement and understanding the game, then these boys had a pretty good season."

"I told them that the Blackwell (Tournament) trophy will get bigger and better as they got older, but I don't think they understood. I told them 'I love y'all' anyway! Thanks to the moms, dads, and fans, for all the support during the season," said White.

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WHS Powerlifters finish seventh at Eden meet; Conner named outstanding lifter

The WHS Powerlifting Team finished seventh in a field of 18 teams last weekend at a meet in Eden. Blizzard Craig Conner won his weight division and was named Overall Outstanding Lifter in the upper class division. "The lifters did an outstanding job this past weekend," said Coach Shane Mobley. "Every lifter increased in all lifts since the Mason meet two weeks ago. At the rate these young men are going, there is no doubt that they are putting forth the effort to be the best they can be. "We go to Colorado City this weekend which is our last qualifying meet for regionals. Regionals will be in Sundown on Saturday, March 11. Again, I want to say thanks to all the friends and family who come to support the boys," said Mobley. "Good job guys!" Results of the Eden meet are as follows:
132 lbs.-Justin Medina, 6th, 755 tot. lbs.
148 lbs.-Jeff Oats, 8th, 740 tot. lbs.
198 lbs.-Kirk Byrd, 6th, 1,110 tot. lbs.
220 lbs.-Craig Conner, 1st, 1,450 tot. lbs.
242 lbs.-Louie Esquivel, 4th, 1,085 tot. lbs.
Samson Jackson, 6th, 1,045 tot. lbs.
SHW-Chris Hoppe, 3rd, 1,280 tot. lbs.

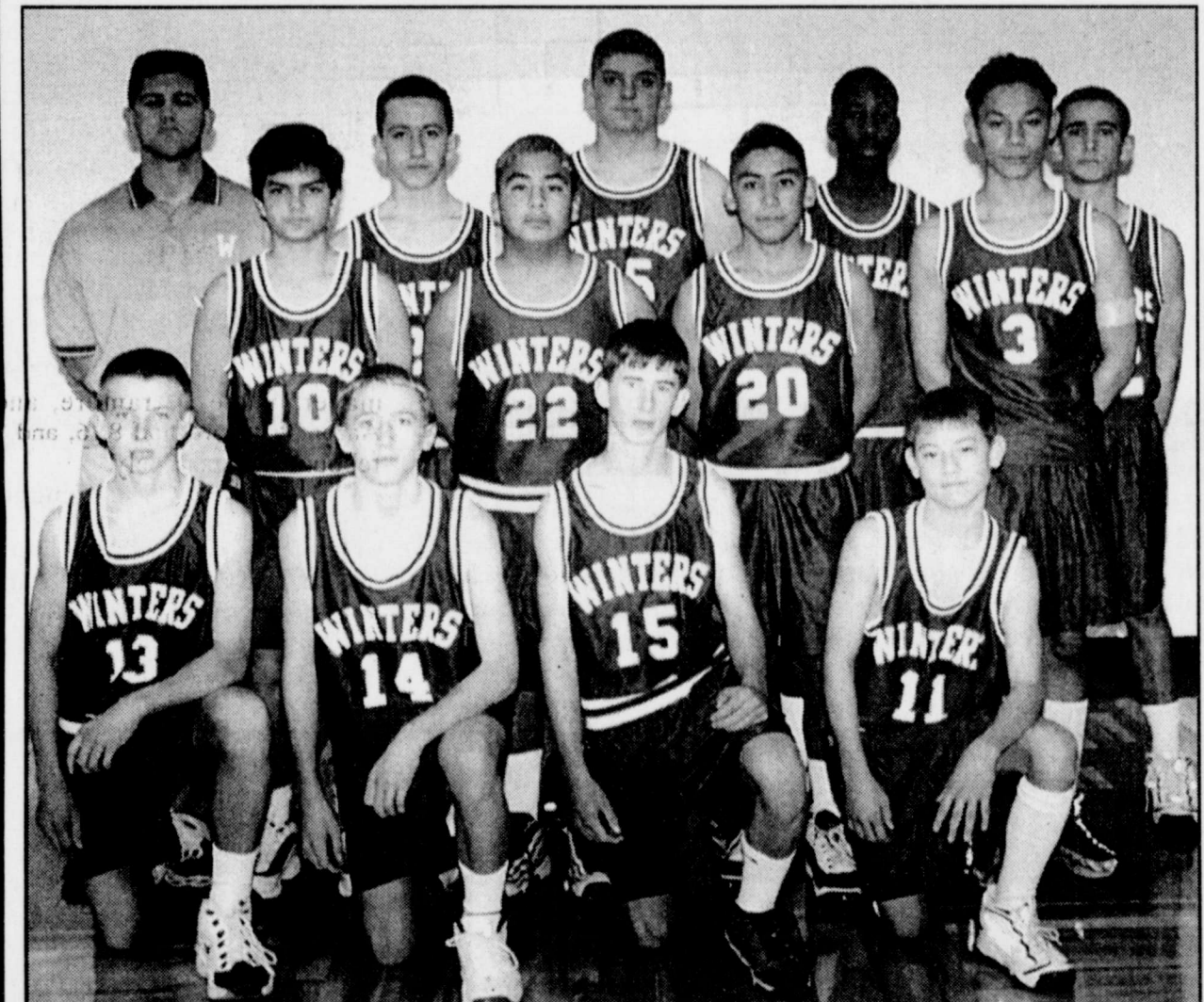
In Appreciation Will Duggan earns degree from HSU

William Edward Duggan of Winters received a degree from Hardin-Simmons University during fall commencement exercises December 11, 1999. Duggan earned a bachelor of behavioral science degree from the Irvin School of Education. Dr. Loyd Hawthorne, dean of the school of music, spoke at the morning commencement and Dr. M. Vernon Davis, dean of Logsdon School of Theology, spoke at the afternoon commencement. Dr. Lanny Hall, president of HSU, presided over the commencement program. Duggan has accepted a teaching/coaching position with the Ballinger Independent School District.

BLIZZARD ACTIVITIES FEBRUARY 24—MARCH 3, 2000

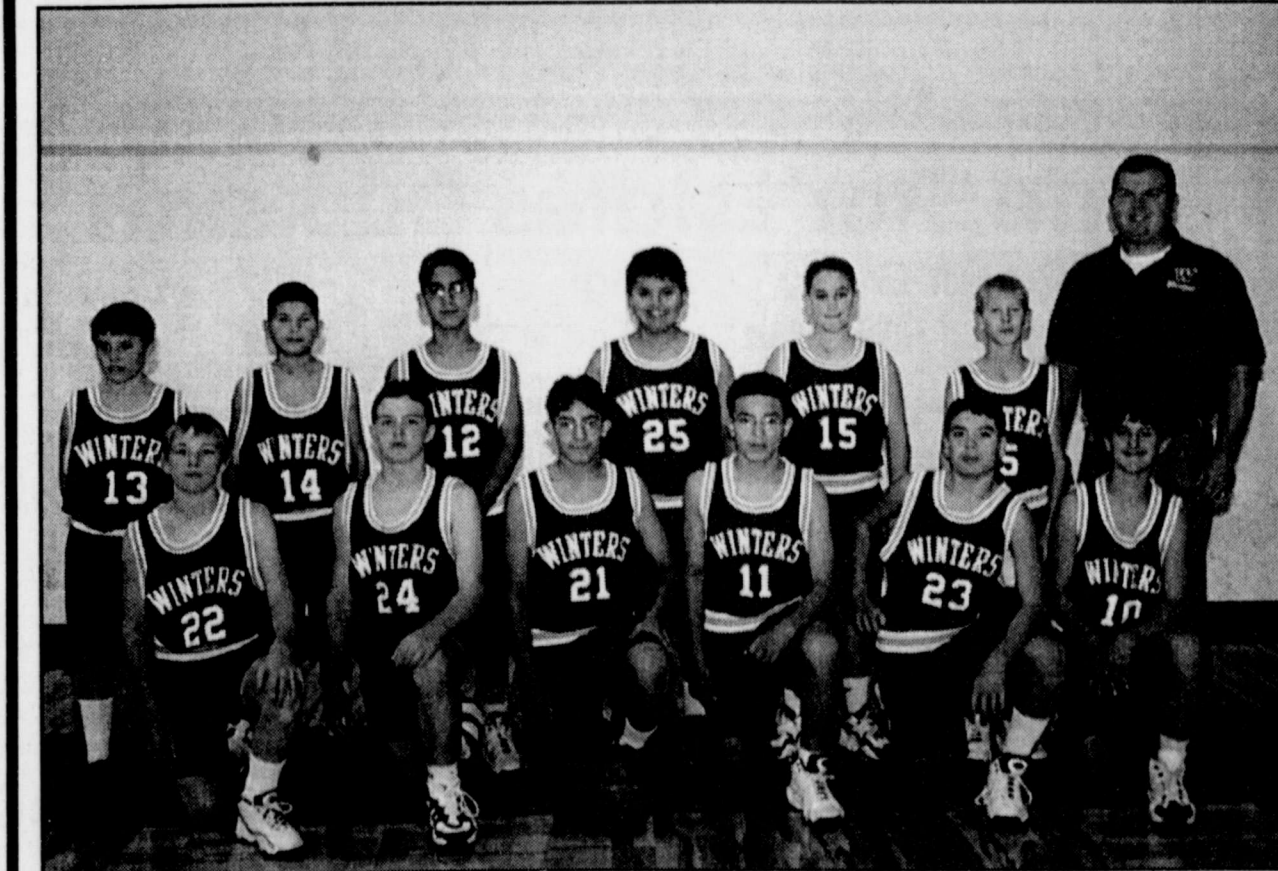
SOFTBALL —Feb. 24 & 26, Albany Tourney —Feb. 25, Eula, H, 4:30 p.m. —Feb. 29, Lorraine, T, 4:30 p.m. —Mar. 3, Wall, H, 4:30 p.m.	VARSITY BASEBALL —Feb. 24, Eula, H, 4 p.m. —Feb. 26, Jim Ned, H, 1 p.m. —Mar. 2-4, Colorado City Tourney	BOY'S GOLF —Feb. 26, Anson JUNIOR HIGH TRACK —Mar. 3, at Wall TENNIS —Feb. 25-26, Forsn
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1999-2000 Freshman Boys Basketball Team



Front, left to right:
#13 Guy Slimp
#14 Matt Meyer
#15 Dustin Palmertree
#11 Tim Medina
Back:
Coach Shane Mobley
#10 Jarrett Gerhart
Clint Marentes
#22 Mark Moreno
#25 Rusty Jackson
#20 Matt Moreno
Yul Gibbs
#03 Michael Flores
#23 Brian Pritchard
Not pictured: Brandon Davis and Alex Blackerby

1999-2000 8th Grade Boys Basketball Team



Front, left to right:
#22 Wacey Cason
#24 Will Ahrens
#21 Jonathan Lujano
#11 Benji Valles
#23 Eric Lopez
#10 Justin Laird
#13 Jeremy Sherman
#14 Jesse Flores
#12 Basilio Roacha
#25 Fonzie Santos
#15 Chance Hogan
#05 Tim Fenwick
Coach Richard Buchanan

Kaci Follis on Dean's List at Angelo State

Kaci Cook Follis has been named to the Dean's List for the fall semester at Angelo State University. She earned a 4.0 grade point and is an elementary education major. She is the granddaughter of K. W. and Geneva Cook of Winters.

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Basketball Hoopla

Team: Varsity Boys Coach: Robert White
Opponent: Coleman Date: Feb. 15, 2000
Place: Winters

POINTS SCORED EACH QUARTER						
WINTERS	1	2	3	4	OT	FIN.
WINTERS	12	10	10	7		39
OPPONENT	10	10	10	4		34

Free throws made: 23 of 39 for 59%

Player Name	Points	Rebounds	Steals	Assists
Colby Walker	21	3	0	2
Josh Mosammar	7	8	1	0
Shane Colburn	4	2	0	1
Wade Parramore	2	6	1	0
Arthur Martinez	0	1	1	0
Oscar Lutz	1	3	0	2
Aaron Pritchard*	21	7	1	1
Jeremy Huse	2	2	0	0
Chris Santora	0	0	0	0

*Denotes high point individual for Winters

Team: Junior Varsity Boys Coach: Chris Bearden
Opponent: Coleman Date: Feb. 15, 2000
Place: Winters

POINTS SCORED EACH QUARTER					
WINTERS	1	2	3	4	FIN.
WINTERS	12	10	10	7	39
OPPONENT	10	10	10	4	34

Free throws made: 10 of 17 for 59%

Player Name	Points	Rebounds	Steals	Assists
Artemio Lopez	0	0	0	0
Evan Bland	0	0	0	0
G.G. Hernandez	0	0	0	0
Will Blaine	4	0	0	0
Travis Grohman	0	0	0	0
Ben Blaine	6	0	0	0
Zeek Martinez*	13	0	0	0
T.J. Garcia	10	0	0	0
Andrew Medina	2	0	0	0
Brian Pritchard	0	0	0	0

*Denotes high point individual for Winters

Team: Varsity Girls Coach: Ken Fowler
Opponent: Johnson City Date: Feb. 14, 2000
Place: B District Championship in Junction

POINTS SCORED EACH QUARTER						
WINTERS	1	2	3	4	OT	FIN.
WINTERS	8	11	8	12		39
OPPONENT	5	17	10	13		45

Free throws made: 14 of 21 for 67%

Player Name	Points	Rebounds	Steals	Assists
Jessica Dela Rosa	8	0	1	0
Kendra Hope	5	4	1	4
Jana Presley	19	5	0	1
Kelli Slimp	2	1	0	0
Michelle Paschal	8	14	0	4
Kacy McCantion	5	2	0	0
Laci Walker	5	2	0	1
Shaci Bishop	0	0	0	0
Leri Brodremeyer	1	0	0	0
Michelle Wexler	0	0	0	0

*Denotes high point individual for Winters

Team: Junior Varsity Boys Coach: Chris Bearden
Opponent: Mason Date: Feb. 11, 2000
Place: Mason

POINTS SCORED EACH QUARTER					
WINTERS	1	2	3	4	FIN.
WINTERS	8	13	11	15	47
OPPONENT	7	10	14	17	48

Free throws made: 4 of 7 for 57%

Player Name	Points	Rebounds	Steals	Assists
Artemio Lopez	4	0	0	0
Evan Bland	0	0	0	0
G.G. Hernandez	0	0	0	0
Will Blaine	5	0	0	0
Travis Grohman	0	0	0	0
Ben Blaine	9	0	0	0
Zeek Martinez	14	0	0	0
T.J. Garcia	16	0	0	0
Andrew Medina	2	0	0	0
Brian Pritchard	0	0	0	0

*Denotes high point individual for Winters

Team: Varsity Girls Coach: Ken Fowler
Opponent: Shiner Date: Feb. 18, 2000
Place: Area Championship in Lamasas

POINTS SCORED EACH QUARTER						
WINTERS	1	2	3	4	OT	FIN.
WINTERS	12	10	9	20		51
OPPONENT	10	21	9	11		51

Free throws made: 14 of 21 for 67%

Player Name	Points	Rebounds	Steals	Assists
Jessica Dela Rosa	0	0	0	0
Kendra Hope*	21	3	4	3
Jana Presley	19	5	0	1
Kelli Slimp	2	1	0	0
Michelle Paschal	9	7	2	2
Kacy McCantion	5	2	0	0
Laci Walker	10	2	0	2
Shaci Bishop	0	1	0	0
Leri Brodremeyer	0	0	0	0
Michelle Wexler	0	0	0	0

*Denotes high point individual for Winters

Team: Junior Varsity Boys Coach: Chris Bearden
Opponent: Hamilton Date: Feb. 8, 2000
Place: Hamilton

POINTS SCORED EACH QUARTER					
WINTERS	1	2	3	4	FIN.
WINTERS	11	12	11	17	51
OPPONENT	6	8	6	17	37

Free throws made: 9 of 13 for 70%

Player Name	Points	Rebounds	Steals	Assists
Artemio Lopez	0	0	0	0
Evan Bland	0	0	0	0
G.G. Hernandez	0	0	0	0
Will Blaine	0	0	0	0
Travis Grohman	0	0	0	0
Ben Blaine	14	0	0	0
Zeek Martinez	10	0	0	0
T.J. Garcia	2	0	0	0
Andrew Medina*	24	0	0	0

*Denotes high point individual for Winters

Team: Varsity Girls Coach: Ken Fowler
Opponent: Hamilton Date: Feb. 8, 2000
Place: Hamilton

POINTS SCORED EACH QUARTER						
WINTERS	1	2	3	4	OT	FIN.
WINTERS	13	10	9	14		46
OPPONENT	9	8	16	11		44

Free throws made: 3 of 8 for 38%

Player Name	Points	Rebounds	Steals	Assists
Jessica Dela Rosa	0	2	0	1
Kendra Hope*	10	1	3	3
Jana Presley	10	5	0	1
Kelli Slimp	13	5	2	4
Michelle Paschal	12	9	2	2
Kacy McCantion	5	2	0	0
Laci Walker	0	4	0	1
Shaci Bishop	4	0	0	1
Leri Brodremeyer	0	0	0	0
Michelle Wexler	0	0	0	0

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Team: Junior Varsity Boys Coach: Chris Bearden
Opponent: San Saba Date: Feb. 1, 2000
Place: San Saba

POINTS SCORED EACH QUARTER					
WINTERS	1	2	3	4	FIN.
WINTERS	13	2	6	9	30
OPPONENT	10	10	14	5	39

Free throws made: 0 of 2 for 0%

Player Name	Points	Rebounds	Steals	Assists
Artemio Lopez	6	0	0	0
Evan Bland	0	0	0	0
G.G. Hernandez	0	0	0	0
Will Blaine	4	0	0	0
Travis Grohman	4	0	0	0
Brian Pritchard	0	0	0	0
Zeek Martinez	0	0	0	0
T.J. Garcia	3	0	0	0
Andrew Medina*	8	0	0	0

*Denotes high point individual for Winters

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Virginia Robbins completes four day VISTA training

Virginia Robbins completed a four day AmeriCorps *VISTA (Volunteers In Service To America) pre-service orientation on the second day of February in Austin, Texas. This orientation is in preparation for a year of service as an AmeriCorps *VISTA member for the corporation for National Service.

Virginia has lived in Ballinger for 16 years. Before moving to Ballinger with her husband Jimmy, she lived in Abilene where she attended Abilene High School. Virginia quit school in 1960, but later earned her GED from Abilene in 1972.

The purpose of the AmeriCorps *VISTA program is to strengthen and support efforts that eliminate and alleviate poverty in the United States. AmeriCorps *VISTA members empower communities and enable all people to volunteer to build stronger and healthier communities.

AmeriCorps *VISTA members maximize community resources and generate partnerships that carry out the mission of the

AmeriCorps *VISTA program.

Virginia said, "I joined VISTA because I have been in the same situation and I would like to help others the way I was helped." Virginia explains her responsibilities as an ear that listens for the cry in the wilderness, to develop a family literacy group to promote education to all ages, to reach out to the lonely, to establish a jobs board, to maintain career stop and to start a foster grandparents program.

Virginia is hopeful that the businesses of Runnels County will be generous with help. Virginia will be working in Winters and Coleman, as well as Ballinger. She would like to make contact with all community agencies and local groups and organizations to try to make contact with the needy of Runnels County.

Virginia's offices are located in Ballinger, 706 8th, 365-2275; Winters, 601 West Pierce, 754-4443 or call the Coleman office, 1-800-625-4167, to make an appointment.



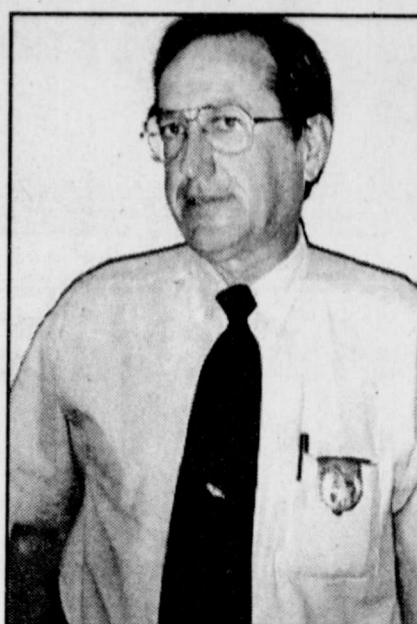
Bill Baird announces candidacy for re-election as County Sheriff

Runnels County Sheriff Bill Baird announces his candidacy for re-election to the post he has held for 17 years in the March Democratic Primary.

Baird was first appointed to the position April 19, 1983, following the resignation of Hershel Hall as county sheriff.

Starting his law enforcement career in 1976 with the Ballinger Police Department, Baird began work for Runnels County as a deputy sheriff in Miles in 1977. He served there two and one-half years, moving to Ballinger where he was the criminal deputy for Runnels County until his appointment as county sheriff.

Baird holds all peace officer certificates, including basic, intermediate, advanced and master. He has an instructor's certificate in law enforcement and is a National Rifle Association certified



Bill Baird

firearms instructor.

Law enforcement training courses spanning some 1200 hours include child abuse recognition training, interview and interroga-

tion, civil processes and many conferences dealing with jail standards. He serves on the board of directors for the State of Texas Adult Protective Services for this region, has served on the board of directors for the Sheriff's Association of Texas and the board of directors of the West Central Texas Drug Task Force.

Sheriff Baird is married to Sharon who has worked for the Department of Human Services in San Angelo for 25 years. They have two sons, Mark, 15 and Travis, 12. He graduated from Ballinger High School and attended Texas Tech for three years. Baird is a member of St. Mary of the Sea Catholic Church, Knights of Columbus, Ballinger Rotary Club, Sheriff's Association of Texas and Texas Jail Association.

Baird said, "I worked for eight years to develop a plan for a new

jail and ways to bring in revenue to offset the cost to the taxpayers. Since the new jail opened, the county has received some \$195,000 in income from the housing of federal and other counties' prisoners. If things continue the way they have in the next two months, the income should reach the \$250,000 mark for the first year of operation.

"I would like to keep the sheriff's job and continue to seek ways to bring revenue to the jail. In 1983, when I was first appointed sheriff, the department had six employees. That has grown to 21 people and five of the deputies have a total of 50 years of service to the county.

"I would appreciate your vote in the March 14 Democratic Primary to allow me to continue to work for the citizens of Runnels County."



CITY OF WINTERS EMPLOYEES (l-r) Pete Gray and Jack Burns inspect Freddie Grohman's work as he puts finishing touches on the new four seated seesaw recently installed on the playground at Winters City Park. The seesaw was purchased by the Lutheran Brotherhood and Women's Service League organizations and installed by the city. This is the second piece of new equipment added to the playground in the last year. In addition, the city is repairing and replacing other worn out equipment, which has been on the playground for several years, filling holes, and adding sand to the playground area. The city park playground improvement campaign has been an ongoing project of the Women's Service League for the past four years.

Free Colorado Blue Spruce trees offered

Ten free Colorado blue spruce trees will be given to each person who joins The National Arbor Day Foundation during February, 2000.

The free trees are part of the non profit foundation's tree planting campaign to commemorate the new millennium.

Colorado blue spruces have silver blue-green color and a compact conical shape. They can be used as individual ornaments, an energy saving windbreak, a privacy screen, or as living Christmas trees.

The trees will be shipped post-paid at the right time for planting between March 1 and May 31 with enclosed planting instructions. The six to twelve inch trees are guaranteed to grow, or they will be replaced free of charge.

To become a member of the Foundation and receive the free trees, send a \$10 contribution to TEN FREE COLORADO BLUE SPRUCE TREES, National Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Avenue, Nebraska City, Ne 68410, by February 29, 2000.

Runnels County sets hours for early voting

Early voting will be conducted Monday, February 28, through Friday, March 10, at the Runnels County Clerk's Office for the March 14, Primary Election.

The voter will be able to vote either Democratic or Republican. The County Clerk's office is open 8:30 a.m. to noon and 1 to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Weekend early voting will be conducted Sunday, March 5 between the hours of noon and 5 p.m. at the County Clerk's office in Ballinger and also at the County Tax Branch office in Winters.

Applications for ballots by mail will be accepted through March 7.

You may contact the County Clerk's office at 365-2720 for more information.

Public meeting to discuss water yield efficiency

The Runnels Soil and Water Conservation District is hosting an informational meeting to discuss the feasibility of using brush control to improve water yield efficiency in the Upper Colorado Watershed.

This study will be patterned after State Representative Rob Junell's sponsored program currently ongoing in the North Concho Watershed.

Everyone is encouraged to attend this meeting on Tuesday, February 29, at 6 p.m. at the Ballinger Community Center. Coordinators will explain how the feasibility and the legislative process needed to approve this plan.

There will be an opportunity for you to express your questions or give input. A landowner oversight board will be discussed.

Articles received after Monday will be printed the following week

The Winters Enterprise reminds all individuals, clubs, and businesses of submission deadlines. Any news turned in after the deadline will be printed the following week.

NOON MONDAY is the latest date to turn in news articles and retail advertising. Classified ads will be accepted until 5 p.m. Monday.

The Winters Enterprise would like to encourage everyone to turn in information as soon as possible to ensure adequate time for typesetting and reservation of space. Thank you for your cooperation.

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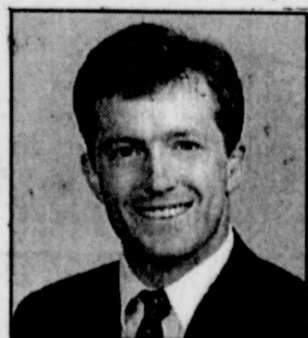
Surgical & Medical Diseases of the Eye

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.

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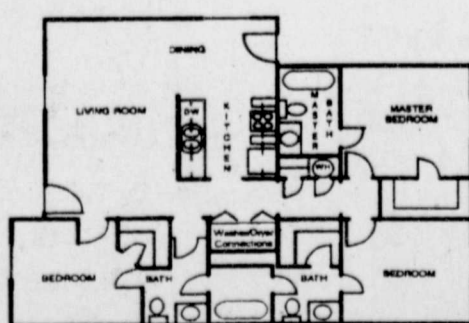
Happy special birthday, Karen—
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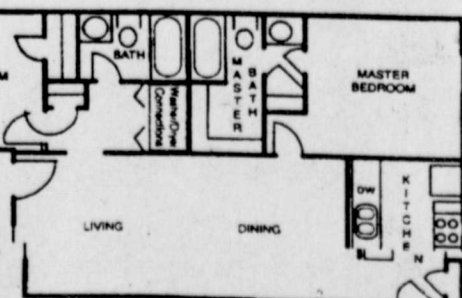
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emeyer, Dora Bredemeyer (Busher), and Matilda Bredemeyer (Kurtz).

Bill received 200 acres in his division. He and his wife Hilda built the farm house on the land in the spring of 1929. They raised three children at the homestead—Estella, Wanda, and Ed.

During the depression, Hilda sold eggs, cream, milk, etc. to help get her family through the hard times.

Ed farmed with his father from 1949 to 1952. He served as an M.P. in the Army from 1952 to 1954. Upon his return he continued farming with his father until Bill's retirement in 1964 at the age of 63.

At the age of 27, Ed married wife Frances, 24, in 1959. They lived on a farm they purchased west of Winters, for eight years. They moved to Concho Street in Winters and lived there until the summer of 1995.

Bill died in 1976. Hilda and Estella remained at the homestead. Hilda moved to Our House, a retirement home in Winters in 1991 at the age of 89. At 97 years of age, Hilda is still a resident at Our House.

Estella remained at the homestead until 1995 when she moved to town. In 1993, she was responsible for a major renovation at the homestead including bricking the place and the addition of another bathroom.

Ed's fondest memories of the century old farm were from his youth. "I lived on that place most of my life. I swam in the creek. I played, hunted on it—worked on it. Those things just stick with you."

He began showing Black Angus steers at stock shows in 1941 at the age of 10. He began showing sheep in 1945. In 1950, Ed exhibited the champion South-down lamb at the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo.

Since moving back to the farm in 1995, Ed has eradicated the brush from pastures and cleaned out the stock tank—"getting ready for the rain!"

Ed and Frances have three children, all of whom have chosen careers affiliated with agriculture.

Kathryn, has been the Archer County Extension Agent for Home Economics the past 18 years. William (Bill) who was an Ag. teacher for nine years, re-



EARLY YEARS ON THE FREDERICK (FRITZ) BREDEMEYER homestead found family members (back, standing l-r) Fritz Louis Bredemeyer and Henry W. Bredemeyer, (front) August Bredemeyer, Fritz Bredemeyer (seated) with Ida on lap, Augusta (girl standing), Augusta (mother seated) with Minnie on lap, and Pauline.

turned to the family farm in 1993 to "farm with his father"—carrying on the father-son farming legacy. Edward, Jr., (also known as Little Ed) is an Ag. Chemical salesman for Estes Chemical, Inc. in the San Antonio area, serving a 300 mile radius territory.

In addition, the Bredemeyers have three grandchildren including Cody and Colton Carnes, and Ethan Bredemeyer.

Ed has been a member of the Runnels County Farm Bureau for nearly 50 years and is a past director. He is currently a member of the Runnels County Soil and Conservation Board and the North Runnels Water Corporation. He is also an active member of St. John's Lutheran Church, serving numerous times on the Church Council.

Frances taught for 30 years at Winters High School, and currently watches grandson Ethan during the week while his parents work. She has been an active

member of of the Runnels County Retired Teachers Association and the Winters Public Library Board. She too has been actively involved with the Lutheran Church, having started the annual Germanfest.

Both Ed and Frances are actively involved members of the Winters Squares—square dancing in Abilene, San Angelo, Bronte, Odessa, Lubbock, and more.

Ed, as well as both sons, Bill and Ed, Jr., are Lone Star Farmers, the highest honor bestowed by the Texas Future Farmers of America. In addition, Bill and Ed, Jr. have earned the honor of American Farmer, the highest FFA degree awarded by the national FFA organization.

Frances has been named Outstanding FFA Leader by the Winters FFA and Ed had the 1998 Winters Junior Livestock Show dedicated in his honor. Both were awarded the honorary state FFA degree in 1993.

Edward is concerned about the demise of the American farmer because crop prices are at an all-time low, while the price of equipment, fuel, seed, and chemicals are an all-time high.

So why does he remain in agriculture? "Because there's a certain amount of pride just to make it," said Ed. "Even if you just barely make it—there's self satisfaction."

"Anyone who can survive the situation (farming in general) should do this (the Family Land Heritage Program) to remember what your ancestors went through."

As for whether he believes his children will want to carry on the tradition of the homestead—"I sure do! My kids are very much family oriented. They like family life so I think they'll keep this thing going."

And if not, "My desire, if one of them doesn't want to stay, is to let the other ones buy them out at a reasonable price."



THE FRITZ BREDEMEYER FAMILY grew to thirteen children including (l-r) William, Herman, Fritz (father seated), Matilda, Augusta (mother seated), Dorothea, Bertha, and Emil. The original 640 acres of farmland were divided between William, Dora, Matilda, and the Lutheran Cemetery. Ed Bredemeyer farms his father's (William) 200 acre parcel which has been owned and operated by the family for over a century and was recently recognized by the Family Land Heritage Program.

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, February 13, 2000, through Saturday, February 19, 2000. Winters Police Officers:

- received a report of an alleged theft occurring at the community center. A 29-year-old female of Winters reported that a music CD valued at approximately \$20 was allegedly taken from the table of the DJ. The CD was later found and returned to the female and no further action is being taken.

- received a report of a theft occurring in the 500 block of Bowen Street. A 45-year-old male of Winters reported that sometime between 5:00 p.m. Saturday and 9:00 a.m. Sunday a cellular phone valued at \$300 was taken from the pickup of the victim. A possible suspect has been named. This case is under investigation as burglary of a motor vehicle.

- received a report of an injury to a child in the 200 block of N. Church Street. A 7-year-old male was alleged to have sustained substantial facial injury from a 34-year-old male relative. Investigation revealed the victim to only have a small scrape to his nose. This case is considered unfounded and no further investigation is being done at this time.

- received a report of threats in the 600 block of N. Cryer Street. A 21-year-old male of Winters alleged a 38-year-old male of Winters threatened to kill him over allegations of an extra marital affair. Both parties issued criminal trespass warnings for the others property. The victim was advised on how to pursue charges.

- received a report of phone harassment in the 200 block of Charles Street. A 39-year-old male of Winters alleged a male subject of San Angelo was continually calling his home and wouldn't stop. An officer contacted the male and advised him to stop calling or face charges for phone harassment. No further problems have been reported.

- received a report of a runaway in the 600 block of W. Dale Street. A 15-year-old female had been found deemed missing from her home and officers checked the surrounding area. The female was located on State Street and issued a citation for curfew violation. The female is also being filed on for runaway as this is a recurring situation with this juvenile female.

- received a request for an officer standby in the 600 block of N. Main Street for property recovery. While at the scene, the 22-year-old male who requested the standby was assaulted by Jeffrey Lee Hoyle of Winters. The officer witnessed the assault and attempted to arrest Mr. Hoyle who then resisted and had to be forcibly taken into custody. Mr. Hoyle was arrested for assault and resisting arrest and taken to Runnels County Jail.

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

Winters Police Department—754-4121
Ballinger Police Department—365-3591
Sheriff's Department—365-2121

Official Records

County Court Criminal Cases Filed February 10

Danny Carson, filed for telephone harassment

Patrick Shannon Hartley, filed for possession of marijuana

Cynthia Mae Matthews, filed for possession of marijuana

February 11
Nina V. Hayes, filed for theft of cash by check

Barbara McCollum, filed for theft of merchandise by check

February 15
Mark Robert Hoffschneider, filed for assault

February 16
Tommy L. Jackson, filed for false statement to a bank

Marriage Licenses Filed February 14
Carlos M. Young and Dora Elia Lara

Justice of the Peace Precinct 1 Felony Cases Filed February 7

Gene Luna, filed for burglary of a habitation

Cody Kirby, filed for burglary of a habitation

Nazario Luna, filed for burglary of a habitation

February 9
David Robert Bowen, filed for possession of a controlled substance

William E. Chandler, filed for possession of a controlled substance

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Jodi Monett Henson, filed for possession of a controlled substance

February 15
Cody Kirby, filed for burglary of a habitation

Nazario Luna, filed for burglary of a habitation

Gene Luna, filed for burglary of a habitation

Small Claims Court February 7

Jim W. Jones dba Ballinger Memorial Co. vs. Sybill Burch, suit for breach of contract

Criminal Cases Filed February 6

Lindsey Jordan Henry, filed for minor in possession of alcohol, detectable amount

Guillermo Landeros, filed for public intoxication

February 10
Bob Loggins, filed for issuance of a bad check (three counts)

Kenneth Gray, filed for theft by check

Gabriel Castaneda, filed for disorderly conduct (abusive language)

February 12
Billy Jake Whitten, driving under the influence, detectable amount of alcohol

Jason Wayne Keesee, filed for minor in possession of alcohol, (detectable amount)

February 13
Pifi Lopez, filed for no fishing license

February 16
Nancy Switzer, filed for theft by check

Ian Rinestone, filed for theft by check

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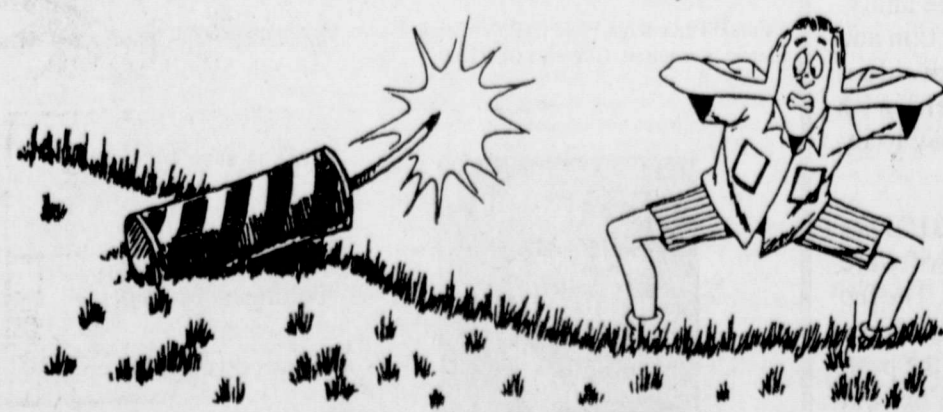
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Crews News

By Hilda Kurtz

God doesn't use an answering machine. He takes each call personally.

Bro. Ferris and Ramona Akins, Carolyn Webb, Selma Wilkerson, and Therin and Nila Osborne attended the Runnels Baptist Music Festival at the First Baptist Church in Winters on Sunday evening.

Women's Bible study ladies met Monday morning. Attending the meeting were Ramona Akins, Carolyn Webb, Juanita Shields, Melvena Gerhart, Nila Osborne, and visitor Leona Matthis.

Our sympathy goes out to Fairy and Wilbert Alcorn due to the death of Fairy's brother Jarrell Giles of Brownwood. The funeral was Saturday in Brownwood. Relatives here for the funeral were Johnny and Linda Denson of Weatherford, Aaron and Jerrie Denson of Amarillo and their two children, Addy and new baby Lauren, Isaac and Shannon Denson of San Angelo and also friend Mac Dosman of Houston.

Kyle and Katy Grigsby of Abilene are the proud parents of a baby boy born February 14, 2000. They named him Kelton Aaron Grigsby. He weighed 8 lbs. 3 ozs. and was 20 1/2 inches long at birth. Dale and Linda Duggan are the proud grandparents.

Jerry and Mary Duggan of Waco spent Tuesday through Friday with Dale and Linda Duggan. Thursday Danny and Janice Duggan and Tommy and Kaci Morrison Duggan and daughters Talli and Tori of Cherokee were here to visit the Grigsbys and the Duggans.

Will and Leslie Duggan and Mary and Jerry Duggan had supper with Linda and Dale on Wednesday night.

Linda Duggan and Becky Brown came for a nice visit with me. I hope they come again real soon. I enjoyed them so much.

Carolyn Webb started working out and exercising at the Wellness Center in Coleman on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday.

Louise Walters and Bess Brantley of Ft. Worth spent the weekend with Doris Wood.

Wilmer Gerhart returned home Monday after several days in Abilene Regional Hospital. He's doing OK and glad to be home.

Selma Wilkerson visited Harvey Mae Faubion and Sally Mae and Wilmer Gerhart on Mon-



Hilda Kurtz

day. Rodney and Alzi Faubion and son of Irving spent the weekend with Harvey Mae and Noble Faubion.

Visiting over the weekend with Connie and Georgia Gibbs were Lisa and Scotty Ford of May, Amy, Holden and Shane Ford of Temple, Lynda and Travis Ford of Rising Star, Mark Kaczyk of Winters, and Horace Gibbs of Rising Star.

Doris Wood and Selma Wilkerson visited Georgia Gibbs during the week.

Nila Osborne's sister Doris Tippett of Odessa came by Wednesday and stayed until Saturday. Therin Osborne kinda surprised Nila on her birthday Thursday night. Karen, Wesley, John, and Stefanie McGallian, Simon Camacho, Carlton and Delores parks of Glen Cove, and Doris Tippett were all present. Refreshments were enjoyed by all. "Many more of these nice birthdays—kiddo!"

Kathryn Kozelsky of College Station was home over the weekend with family and friends. Herbert and Evelyn Jacob visited and played cards with Margie Jacob on Monday night.

Margie Jacob hosted a 42 party and supper for friends on Saturday night. Those who attended were Mark and Susan Jacob, Roy and Anita Schaefer, Carol and Mike Kozelsky, Beverly VanZandt, Frances and Jerry Holle, Bud and Jeannie Minzenmayer, and Hattie Minzenmayer.

Russ Grissom and his two friends Scott and Beth Hill spent part of the weekend with Bill and Sharon Grissom from Wichita Falls.

Grandchildren Bryce and Brendon Mikeska of Wingate spent Friday and Saturday with Melvena and Marvin Gerhart.

Bro. Ferris and Ramona Akins of Ballinger enjoyed lunch with Juanita Shields on Sunday after church services.



RURAL DEVELOPMENT as it relates to Winters was the topic of conversation among (l-r) local chiropractor Dr. Dan Killough, Danny Prado with the Mental Health Mental Retardation Department, and Tom Mann of Council Finance in Abilene. The Winters Area Business and Industrial Corporation sponsored the recent luncheon which featured Mr. Mann.

Winters Industrial Board stresses importance of community analysis

The Winters Area Business and Industrial Corporation hosted an economic development meeting at noon on Friday, February 12, at the Rock Hotel for business leaders. Tom Mann of Council Finance in Abilene spoke about the importance of smaller cities performing a strategic community analysis.

The Industrial Board is making application for Winters to have a resource team to assist with the analysis, and this project will begin sometime later this year.

Tom Mann met with several individuals about the Council Finance program, which handles the

Small Business Administration's 504 guaranteed loan program. Council Finance is a non-profit organization which can provide assistance in planning and evaluating potential businesses.

If anyone or any business is interested in obtaining financing for a new business, business expansion, or buying an existing business, this is an excellent program to obtain beginning or expansion financing.

For additional information, contact Randall Conner at 754-4542 or Dr. Tommy Russell, who is a director for Council Finance.

Social Security Representative in Winters on February 28

Garland Gregg, representative for the San Angelo Social Security Office, has scheduled his February visit to Winters. He will be at the Winters Housing Project Office on Monday, February 28, 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 ev-

ery 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.

Workshops to analyze calf crop performance

Ranchers interested in completing a Standardized Performance Analysis (SPA) of their 1999 calf crops can attend workshops beginning in March.

The Texas Agricultural Extension Service is giving ranchers in the state the opportunity to complete this production and financial analysis by offering workshops in seven locations.

The workshops are as follows: March 14-15 in Amarillo, April 19-20 in San Angelo, April 26-27 in Ardmore, Oklahoma, May 4-5 in Laredo, May 9-10 in Vernon, May 24-25 in Victoria and June 7-8 in Paris.

The opening session will begin with an overview of the Texas Cow-Calf SPA. According to James McGrann, extension agricultural economist, ranch managers use the SPA to measure performance and manage improvements of their cow-calf operations. Presently, data for 151,000 cows are maintained on 215 Texas herds throughout this analytical tool.

Throughout the day, district extension specialists and county agents will assist producers in organizing their data for the analysis and using SPA production and financial software. Individual conferences will be held with ranchers the following day to interpret the SPA results.

The registration fee is \$150 per ranch and includes the software and educational materials. The fee is \$100 for ranchers who have completed the analysis in the past. Registered operators will be sent forms to organize their data before the workshops.

For further information and to register, contact James McGrann at (409) 845-1861 or jmccrann@tamu.edu.

Engagement

Jay Harris and Ysenia Garcia to wed March 4

Ms. Lupe Garcia of Midland announces the engagement of her daughter, Ysenia Marie Garcia, to Jay Harold Harris, son of Mike and Carla Harris of Winters and Kay Goswick of Midland.

The couple will marry on Saturday, March 4, 2000, at 5:00 p.m. at St. Mark's United Methodist Church in Midland.

The bride-elect is a 1998 graduate of Midland High School and is currently attending Midland College as an elementary education major.

The future bridegroom is a 1999 graduate of Winters High School and is currently serving in the United States Army. He is expected to be stationed at Fort Bragg, North Carolina, where he will be working in communications.

Winters rebates decrease 21.13%

As reported by the office of State Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander, January sales tax rebates for the city of Winters decreased 21.13 percent as compared to the prior year's February payment.

February month's sales tax rebates include local sales taxes collected by monthly filers in December, and reported to the Comptroller in January, plus quarterly returns for sales in October, November, and December, and returns from annual filers for the

entire year of 1999.

Winters' rebates totaled \$14,987.68 this reporting period. For the prior year's reporting period, rebates totaled \$19,004.11.

Receipts in Miles decreased 6.56 percent; Ballinger increased 6.09 percent and reported \$83,598.48 in payments.

City sales tax rebates to date for Runnels County for the 2000 reporting period total \$101,240.02, a 0.59 percent increase as compared to last year's period total of \$100,641.69.

Financial Focus

By Jimmy Newsom

CD Rates: The Long and Short of It

When it comes to investing in certificates of deposit, some investors tend to be shortsighted. In an effort to minimize risk, they invest in short-term CDs and simply roll their money into other CDs as their investments mature.

This seemingly sound investment strategy unfortunately often exposes investors to another risk -- being forced to invest your money at a lower rate of interest. This shortsightedness can have negative effects on the long-term performance of your CD investment.

For instance, consider the following two investors. Investor A invested \$50,000 in a one-year CD in 1995. When his CD matured, he simply reinvested another \$50,000 into another one-year CD. He did the same the next three years.

Investor B also invested in CDs in 1995. However, instead of investing in just one CD, he divided \$50,000 equally among five CDs, a one-year CD, a two-year CD, a three-year CD, a four-year CD and a five-year CD. When each CD matured, he invested \$10,000 in a five-year CD.

Investor A's Rate of Return (all 1-yr CDs)	Investor B's Initial Rate of Return	Investor B's Rate of Return when Reinvesting
1995: 5.70%	1995: 1-yr CD: 5.70%	1996: 6.00%
1996: 5.30%	2-yr CD: 5.80%	1997: 6.20%
1997: 5.70%	3-yr CD: 5.95%	1998: 5.60%
1998: 5.30%	4-yr CD: 6.00%	1999: 5.70%
1999: 5.20%	5-yr CD: 6.05%	

Over the five years the CDs were held, Investor B earned \$1,290 more in interest than Investor A. In addition, Investor B enjoyed a much steadier income stream; the difference of income between his best and worst years was \$70. For Investor A, the difference was \$250.

Of course, past performance is no guarantee of future results, but in most situations, Investor B's investment strategy will produce a more attractive return than Investor A's.

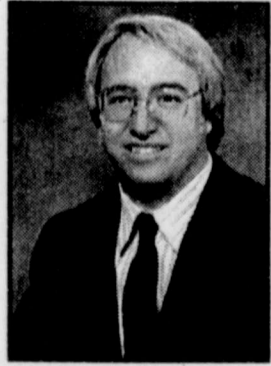
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- TX shine ball pitcher "Daunt" _____
- Valley plant
- mineral no longer produced in TX
- TXism: "a hog had wings, he'd be an eagle"
- corp. VIP (abbr.)
- TXism for old man
- Monte _____ TX
- TX stunt pilot Tom Danaher took part in 1st _____ transfer in "Cliffhanger"
- TXism: "struck _____ (successful)"
- "Cave Without a Name" near Boerne _____ pretty to name"
- test the ore again
- it was a Cotulla FM
- works the dough
- England inhabitant
- TX Reeves "Am _____"
- TX Tierney (init.)
- in Jasper Co. on 69
- leave out
- 7-11's Slur _____
- Cowboys play in '99
- Kentucky Derby winner purchased by King Ranch in '71: _____ II"
- _____ hart, TX
- get the youngsters in the house (2 wds.)
- TXism: "he _____ tail in the saddle"

The Original

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DOWN

- "Gone to TX" came to mean "on the _____"
- TX actor Wallace
- Luckenbach, TX women's chili sponsor: "Hell Hath No Fury _____"
- Pappadeaux's Dallas Cajun eatery
- Henrietta is seat of this county
- prominent fashionable urbanites
- TXism: "come hell or high water"
- Bob Lilly's old position (abbr.)
- song: "Is Anybody Antone?" _____
- "put your mind at _____"
- Boerne's historic "Kendall Inn"
- seat of Jackson Co.
- TXism: "_____ in the hole" (reserve)
- Rice provost & Clinton's NSF director
- TXism: "esta _____ (good)"
- TXism: "high as popcorn _____ picture show"
- Gov. Bush's party (abbr.)
- Cowboy Emmitt (init.)
- TX Kristofferson's ex-wife Coolidge No Fury _____
- TXism: "flat as _____"
- global oil & gas co.
- Hammerstein's sidekick
- TXism: "got as much to do as a hibernating bear"
- bone prefix
- notorious TX Judge Bean (init.)
- TXism: "let _____ rip!"
- Sen. Gramm assistant
- TXism: "_____ bought"
- TXism: "I'll warn you gullet"
- TX Benson's _____ to Billie Joe"
- TXism: "loud as boot heels _____ floor"
- TX Steve Martin's "_____ of Faith"
- TXism: "strong enough to float _____ anvil" (strong coffee)

Solutions for this puzzle appear in this issue.



WINTERS 4-H MEMBER JOHN HEATHCOTT recently exhibited a second place Spotted Poland-China gilt in the Breeding Gilt Show at the San Antonio Livestock Show and Exposition. John also exhibited a third place Berkshire gilt and a twelfth place Spot gilt. John is the son of Denny and Barbara Heathcott.



WINTERS FFA MEMBER ROBBY HEATHCOTT recently exhibited the Reserve Champion Berkshire Gilt in the Breeding Gilt Show at the San Antonio Livestock Show and Exposition. In addition, he placed fourth and thirteenth with Spotted Poland-China gilts. Robby is the son of Denny and Barbara Heathcott.

Runnels County affected by recent announcements



Disaster Designations—Secretary of Agriculture Dan Glickman has designated Runnels, Concho, Kent, Nolan, Throckmorton, and Tom Green counties as primary natural disaster areas, in response to the ongoing drought that began around January 1, 1998. Coke County was declared a contiguous disaster county.

As a result of these designations, family-sized farm operators in both primary and contiguous counties are eligible to be considered for low-interest emergency loans from the Farm Service Agency (FSA).

The FSA will consider each loan application on its own merits, taking into account the extent of losses, available security, repayment ability, and other eligibility requirements.

Contact your local FSA office for further information.

Emergency Grazing on CRP—The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) has authorized emergency grazing of certain Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) acreage in Runnels, Callahan, Coke, Concho, Fisher, Haskell, Howard, Jones, Knox, Mitchell, Nolan, Sterling, Stone-

wall, Taylor, and Young counties. Emergency grazing has been authorized through April 30, 2000. The required payment reduction is 10% of the per acre annual rental payment times the number of acres totally grazed in FY 2000.

All CRP participants in an approved county are eligible to graze eligible CRP acreage regardless of the degree of production loss suffered by the individual producer.

Emergency grazing shall be confined to the acreage physically located within an approved county regardless of where the headquarters for the farm is located. An entire CRP field, which is partially located in an approved county and partially located in another county, may be grazed.

CRP participants must either leave at least 25% of each field or contiguous fields ungrazed for wildlife, or graze all of the acreage at no more than 75% of the stocking rate, as determined by the Natural Resources and Conservation Service (NRCS).

Anyone interested in participating in this program should contact their local FSA office.

USDA Purchase of Lamb Products—The USDA will purchase up to \$15 million worth of lamb products over the next three years to assist sheep and lamb producers.

The Agricultural Marketing

Service (AMS) will purchase lamb roasts for distribution to recipients through food banks and other charitable institutions participating in Federal food nutrition programs.

USDA's Agricultural Marketing Service will soon issue a food purchase report announcing details of the purchase program. Interested suppliers should contact the Contracting Office, Livestock and Seed Program, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, D.C. 20250. Their telephone number is (202) 720-2650.

High School Art Competition—Students in grades 9-12 from Runnels, Coke, Concho, and Tom Green counties are invited to participate in the 19th Annual Congressional Art Competition.

A preliminary contest will be held in San Angelo, March 24. Entries should be brought to the SAISD Administration Building by 5:00 on March 24.

Artwork must be no larger than 32" x 32" framed (framing not required) and two dimensional. Eligible categories are paintings, prints, drawings, collages, computer art, or photography. Artwork must capture the flavor or depict the heritage of the West Texas area and 17th District in any category, which may include, but is not limited to landscapes.

For more information, contact Stenholm's Stamford office at (915) 773-3623.

Pest Management News

By Richard Minzenmayer, Extension Agent-Entomology (PM)

GENERAL SITUATION—Like a broken record hot, dry, and windy conditions continue in the Concho Valley. Looking on the bright side of things, we're one day closer to that big rain we so desperately need.

There are more acres planted to wheat in the Concho Valley than any other year in history. Most of it has not germinated yet and what little that has looks quite dead.

The question is "If it began to rain today and ideal growing conditions continue through the year, would the wheat have a chance of making grain?" The likelihood of this wheat crop making enough grain to justify harvesting is very poor.

Dr. Billy Warrick has listed some factors producers are faced with during these drought conditions including late maturity, poor root system development, tiller numbers, phosphorus inefficiency, vernalization, and reduced plant vigor.

I think you can tell by the reasons given that the likelihood of this crop being harvested for grain is low. A producer would probably be trading dollars by the time the harvest was complete. It will cost about seven to nine bushels of grain to pay for the harvest cost and hauling. I am not sure that

most of our late emerging acreage will produce 10 bushels.

AGRI-PLEX AG DAY—is only a month away and it's time to mark your calendar on Tuesday, March 14, 2000. Ag-Day will feature a youth program, a ladies program and a men's program. The event will be held at Ballinger High School.

Registration and a trade show will be held beginning at 10 a.m. A health fair is slated from 10 a.m.

to 1:30 p.m. The Southern Rolling Plains Cotton Growers Association will meet from 10 a.m. to noon followed by a complimentary lunch.

The men's and women's programs are scheduled separately from 1:10 to 5 p.m. The youth program will begin at 3 p.m. Miss Texas Yancy Yarborough will be the featured guest at 5 p.m. followed by the awards program. Supper will be served at 6 p.m.

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