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Eleven advance to regionals in 13 events—

Lady Blizzards win District 25-AA track championship; Blizzards finish third



BILL CATHEY has his hands full as Marie Llanas collapses in his arms following her second place finish in the mile run. Llanas earned 8 much needed points for her Lady Blizzard team to put them only three points behind Coleman going into the final event of the meet, the mile relay.

Nearly \$70,000 sent to Runnels County—

Comptroller delivers tobacco funds to counties and hospital districts

Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander is sending \$100 million this week from the Texas tobacco settlement to 288 Texas cities, counties, and hospital districts to help offset costs of providing indigent health care.

Checks sent to Runnels County total \$69,264.62. North Runnels Hospital District will receive \$27,662.07, Ballinger Memorial Hospital District, \$37,202, and Runnels County General Fund See **COMPTRROLLER** pg. 14

City Council hires Animal Control Officer and Lakekeeper on Monday

Following a 40 minute recess in executive session at their April 24, meeting, the Winters City Council approved the hiring of part-time employees Winnie Kraatz as Animal Control Officer and Shane Smith as Lakekeeper.

Also discussed in executive session and approved by the council in regular session was a \$200 per month pay increase for City See **COUNCIL**, page 10

Winters police officer unhurt in three-car accident Sunday



THIS 1996 CHEVROLET PATROL CAR received extensive damage after being involved in a three-car accident on April 23. Winters Police Officer Michelle Denton escaped serious injury after her car collided with a 1985 Chevrolet driven by Manuel Vasquel DelReal, 16, of Winters. Driver of the third car was Lisa Beltrane Medina, 36, of Winters.



THE LADY BLIZZARD TRACK TEAM IS ALL SMILES as they capture the District 25-AA Girls' Track Championship title in Bangs last week. This is the fourth consecutive district championship for Coach Deb Whittenburg and the Lady Blizzards.

The Lady Blizzards captured their fourth district title as they won the District 25-AA Track Meet in Bangs last week. The Blizzards finished third in the meet.

In what can only be described as a "total team effort," the girl's defeated Coleman for the team championship by five points, 112

to 107. Mason finished third with 91 points, Bangs fourth with 81.5, and Hamilton fifth with 80.5.

The championship was decided in the final event, the mile relay, as Coleman led going into the race with 99 points, followed by Winters with 96. The PA announcer for the meet pointed out that whichever team finished

ahead of the other between Coleman and Winters would win the title.

Both Mason and Bangs went into the relay with the best times of the year. However, through sheer determination the team of Laci Walker, Jena Bahlman, Mandy Pritchard, and Kelli Slimp, ran their fastest time of the year, cutting nine seconds off their previously best time.

In the process they finished second, one spot ahead of favored Bangs with a time of 4:13.51, and will advance to the regional track meet in San Marcos this weekend. Their time also set a new school

record which was set last year by the team of Staci Bishop, Michelle Paschal, Mandy Pritchard, and Misty Pritchard with a time of 4:16.

The Lady Blizzards will advance seven girls in seven events. Defending state champion Slimp won the 300 M hurdles with a time of 46.52, followed in second by teammate Walker who ran a 47.9. Walker also advances in the 100 M hurdles as she won the event with a time of 15.67.

(Slimp set the school record in See **DISTRICT TRACK RESULTS**, pg. 5

Community Choir to present Southern Gospel musical Sunday

The Winters Community Choir will perform a Southern Gospel musical presentation on Sunday, April 30, at 7 p.m., in the WHS Auditorium.

Under the direction of Don Roath, pastor of the First United Methodist Church in Winters, the choir consists of members representing most of the churches in Winters. The group will perform the musical much like a Gaither

homecoming presentation.

Susan Conner and Betty Roath are accompanists, Randall Conner is in charge of sound, and David Evans will take care of lighting.

Admission to the event is free, however a free will love offering will be taken for the Winters Relief Fund and Food Pantry.

The community is encouraged to attend this time of fellowship and praise.

WHAT'S HAPPENING ?

- April 27-11:30 a.m., Sr. Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center
- 2 & 6 p.m., Census Testing, Winters Housing Authority
- 5 p.m., Hale Museum Board
- 6:30 p.m., Caregivers Support Group, Ballinger Presbyterian Church
- 7 p.m., Ladies Night Out, First Baptist Church
- Regional Tennis, San Marcos
- April 28-11:30 a.m., Sr. Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center
- 7:30 p.m., Cowboys for Christ, Drasco
- High School Regional Track, San Marcos
- April 29-High School Regional Track, San Marcos
- Jail & Bail for B.A.S.A.
- State FFA Judging, Texas A&M University
- Junior High Tennis at San Saba
- Ballinger Ethnic Festival, Courthouse Lawn
- April 30-9:30 Marriage Enrichment Seminar, Church of Christ
- 11 a.m.-1p.m., Cheerleaders Hamburger Lunch, School Cafeteria
- Ballinger Ethnic Festival, Courthouse Lawn
- 6 p.m., Fifth Sunday Singing, Second Baptist Church
- May 1-9 a.m.-4 p.m., WIC, Winters Housing Authority
- 11:30 a.m., Sr. Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center
- 6 p.m., Weight Watchers, Senior Citizens Activity Center
- 6 p.m., City Council, City Hall
- 7 p.m., Band Boosters, Band Hall
- 7 p.m., Assembly of God Church Revival
- May 2-9:30-11 a.m., CHIP Representative, City Council Chamber Room
- 11:30 a.m., Sr. Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center
- Noon, Lions Club, Community Center
- 3 p.m., Friends of Z.I. Hale Museum
- 7 p.m., American Legion
- 7 p.m., WVFD, Fire Station
- 7 p.m., Assembly of God Church Revival
- May 3-7 a.m., WABIC, Chamber office
- 11:30 a.m., Sr. Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center
- Hearing Services, North Runnels Hospital
- 7 p.m., Assembly of God Church Revival
- May 4-10 a.m.-Noon & 1:30-3 p.m., Immunization Clinic, TX Dept. Health
- 11:30 a.m., Sr. Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center
- Noon, National Day of Prayer, City Hall
- 7 p.m., Winters Squares, Community Center

Oil Bidness

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Taking a cue from the high-tech industry, today's independent oil and gas companies are putting as much effort into press releases as they do finding and producing oil and gas. So much so, that they may be setting a goal of good PR instead of a goal of profitability and growth.

This type of behavior can result in an enhanced stock price in the short run but may result in trouble for the long run.

Witness some recent collapses by several prominent "dot.com" companies, of late. They talked a good story and the future looked bright and limitless. While the ultimate goal of the business plan may have been a good one, they weren't able to make enough profit soon enough. Their friends and supporters evaporated in a frenzy to cash out before the collapse.

While there is no direct analogy to the oil and gas business, there is the similar tendency among smaller independents to trumpet every discovery, every favorable well, and every bit of good news to keep expectations for its stock on the uptick. While this keeps investors interested, it also raises their expectations.

The investment community has some patience, but it is limited. Profit is the reason for being of any company. Assets may grow, future prospects may increase, and opportunities may enlarge, but profit, now rather than later, pays the bills.

There are several independents that have made significant reserves additions in recent years that are viable and real. Each and every one of those additions has been accompanied by a press release drawing certain extrapolations from those additions. All of them imply profit.

Unfortunately, for various reasons, that profitability has not materialized. Some discoveries are awaiting development, some are bogged down in local laws, and still others are neglected in favor of finding even more press-release-worthy discoveries. In any case, there has been no cashflow, no profit from these highly touted reserves additions.

Investors lose patience with such developments. Stock prices fall in spite of a large asset base if there is no sign of profit and cashflow on the horizon. Investors can be unforgiving if they don't get their share in the form of dividends or growth bought with promised cashflow.

Still, companies continue to push the envelope in truth and clarity in their press releases in naked pursuit of a favorable investment community response.

I'm afraid many of these companies will suffer the consequences of empty promise and unfulfilled expectations.

HIGHLIGHTS OF AREA DRILLING ACTIVITY

COMPLETIONS

Callahan County

S.B. Street Operating, Inc. has completed the Cochran #1 as a Wildcat, 8 miles SW of Baird (Depth 1405). Loc. is 496 FWL & 2316 FNL of Sec. 2, Blk. 2, SPRR Sur., A-693.

STAKINGS

Coleman County

Delray Oil has staked the Brookshier -B- #6 as a Wildcat, 4 miles SE of Talpa (Depth 2400). Loc. is 813 FSL & 2233 FEL of Sec. 107, Blk. 4, ETRR Sur.

Nolan County

R.L. Adkins Corp. has staked the Morrow-State #2 in the Mulberry Canyon Field, 4 miles NE of Nolan (Depth 4400). Loc. is 1263 FNL & 1014 FWL of Sec. 68, Blk. 5, TPRR Sur., A-1867.

Taylor County

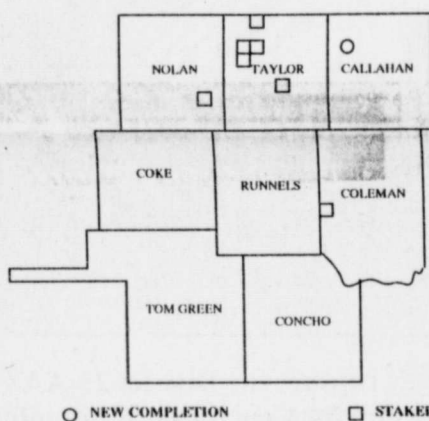
R.L. Adkins Corp. has staked the Dunbar #1 in the County Regular Field, 2 miles N of Tuscola (Depth 4999). Loc. is 2275 FNL & 370 FEL of Sec. 42, Blk. 1, SPRR Sur.

Barbee has staked the Shaw-Davis #2 in the Davis-Taylor Field, 6 miles SW of View (Depth 3200). Loc. is 933 FNL & 1065 FNL of Sec. 16, Blk. 4, T&PRR Sur.

L.C.S. Production has staked two wells. The Girard #12 is in the County Regular Field, 3 miles W of Tuscola (Depth 4999) and is loc. 500 FEL & 2100 FSL of Sec. 36, Blk. 1, SPRR Sur., A-513.

The Scott #1 is in the Weaver Springs Field, 4 miles SW of Merkel (Depth 4999) and is loc. 1654 FWL & 690 FSL of Sec. 51, Blk. 19, T&PRR Sur.

Morrison Drilling & Production has staked the Levrets #4 in the Southview Field, 2 miles NW of View (Depth 2950). Loc. is 933 FSL & 933 FWL of Lbr. 13, Guadalupe CSL Sur. No. 120, A-120.



Correction

Matt Moreno was inadvertently not identified in the 2000 Blizzard Track Team picture published in the April 20, 2000 issue. Matt was seated second from the left on the front row. *The Winters Enterprise* apologizes for this oversight.



'EGG'ACTLY WHAT SHE WAS LOOKING FOR! Wee Care Preschool student Amber Lara finds another egg for her basket during an Easter egg hunt last week. Amber is the 4-year-old daughter of Demetrio and Brenda Lara.

Senior Citizens Activity Center Menu

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May 1 thru May 5 Subject to change

Monday, May 1: Chicken spaghetti, tossed salad, English peas, garlic bread, and banana pudding.

Tuesday, May 2: Meatloaf, mashed potatoes, corn salad, cornbread, and cupcakes.

Wednesday, May 3: Hamburger steak w/gravy, rice, tomato salad, roll, and Mexican wedding cake.

Thursday, May 4: Swiss steak, hominy, mixed greens, cornbread, and dump cake.

Friday, May 5: Bar-B-Que on a bun, chips, cole slaw, pickles & onions, and apple crisp.

Counts Cemetery workday, May 6

The Counts Cemetery Association will be holding their first annual spring cemetery workday, Saturday, May 6, at 10:00 a.m.

Everyone is invited. Donations will be appreciated from family members who cannot attend.

Lunch will be served at noon. Please bring a salad or dessert. A representative from Lugo Construction will be there to discuss your curbing needs.

For more information, contact Buddy Miller, 915-754-5401; or Carolyn Gully, 915-583-2545. Mail donations to: Rex Miller, 1710 PR 1811, Novice, Texas 79538.

Card of Thanks

We want to thank everyone for all your prayers and support while we've been sick and in the hospital.

Johnny & Mickie Gann

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Obituaries

Louis Jack (Shorty) Powers

WINTERS—Louis Jack (Shorty) Powers, 83, died Friday, April 21, 2000, in the Clyde Nursing Home.

He was born February 16, 1917, in Wayland, Texas. He married Susie Ethel Cavin on June 12, 1940, in Lovington, New Mexico. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II, returning to Winters in 1954.

Mr. Powers worked for Exxon, retiring in 1962. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge #143 and North Main Church of Christ in Winters.

He was preceded in death by one daughter, Anna Carolyn Taylor. Survivors include his wife, Susie E. Powers of Winters; one son, Jerry Dan Powers of Clyde; two daughters, Jackolyn Marvena Casey of Big Spring and Janice Marie Kirk of Odessa; one brother, William Franklin Powers of Fort Worth; thirteen grandchildren; and several great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

Services were held at 3:00 p.m. Sunday, April 23, at the North Main Street Church of Christ in Winters with Mark Edge officiating. Burial was in Lakeview Cemetery, directed by Winters Funeral Home.

Allen Davis

BALLINGER—Allen Davis, 91, died Sunday, April 16, 2000, in the Ballinger Memorial Hospital.

Mr. Davis was born on July 10, 1908 in Blanket to Ernest Edwin and Lillie Allen Jones Davis. He graduated from Brownwood High School and attended Daniel Baker College in Brownwood.

He married Dorothy Simpson Clift on February 28, 1937 in Brownwood. She preceded him in death on February 15, 1974. He married Media Pearl Davis Stokes on December 29, 1974. He owned and operated Allen Davis Funeral Home in Ballinger until retiring in 1976.

He was a member of the First United Methodist Church where he taught Sunday school. He announced the home football games for many years in Ballinger. He was initiated into the Masons on April 11, 1933.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Edwin Davis. Survivors included his wife, Media Pearl Davis of Ballinger; three daughters and their husbands, Patricia and Morris Hammer of Huntsville, Alabama, Rebecca and Edward DeWees Jr. of San Antonio and Kathleen and Edwin Cox Jr. of Athens; three step-children, Kathy Stokes Fritze, Joe Stokes and David Stokes; three nephews, Ernest, James, and David Davis; good friend and caregiver, Patrick Duarte; seven grandchildren; and five great grandchildren.

Services were held at 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, April 18, at the First United Methodist Church with his three daughters officiating. Masonic graveside services followed in the Evergreen Cemetery directed by Rains-Seale Funeral Home.

His grandsons and nephews served as pallbearers. Masons and funeral directors served at honorary pallbearers.

The family requests that memorials be made to the Allen Davis Scholarship Fund, c/o The First National Bank of Ballinger, P.O. Box 680, Ballinger, Texas 76821.

Deotis Tennison Sr.

CLYDE—Deotis Tennison Sr., 70, died Wednesday, April 19, 2000, at a Big Spring hospital.

Mr. Tennison was born and grew up in Cross Plains. He married Lura Caraway in 1947 and they moved to Clyde in 1951. He worked in the oilfield as a driller for 38 years, retiring in 1991. He moved to Comanche after his retirement and returned to Clyde in 1999. He was a Methodist.

Survivors included four sons, Raymond Tennison of Tow, Larry Tennison, Deotis Jr. Tennison both of Clyde, Jackie Tennison of Cross Plains; one daughter, Jeanelle Whitaker of Eula; three brothers, Robert Tennison of Abilene, Clois Tennison of Clyde, Delbert Tennison of Brownwood; three sisters, Bertha Sears of Seattle, Washington, LaDora Garcia of California, Reba Lane of Cross Plains; ten grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

Services were held at 2 p.m. Friday, April 21, at the Bailey Funeral Chapel with Reverend Gerald Freeman officiating, burial followed in the Clyde Cemetery.

Mary Elizabeth Epting

BALLINGER—Mary Elizabeth Epting, 77, died Sunday, April 23, 2000.

She was born September 1, 1922, in Hillsboro to Samuel and Maude Malone McClean. She married Thomas Epting in Hill Country in 1941 and moved to Ballinger in 1946 where she was a devoted school teacher for 41 years, retiring in 1989.

She was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Ballinger and Beta Sigma Phi.

She was preceded in death by her parents and by her husband Thomas L. in 1971.

Survivors include a son, David Epting of Ballinger; a daughter Lesa Hale and her husband Don of Midland; a grandson, Travis Hale of Midland and a granddaughter, Cara Hale of Midland.

Funeral services were held at 10:30 a.m., Wednesday, April 26, 2000, at the First United Methodist Church in Ballinger with Reverend Bill Hughes officiating. Burial followed in the Garden of Memories Cemetery in Ballinger under the direction of Rains-Seale Funeral Home.

The family requests that memorials be made to the Alzheimer's Association, P.O. Box 3344, Abilene, 79604, or a favorite charity.

Ballinger Health Fair

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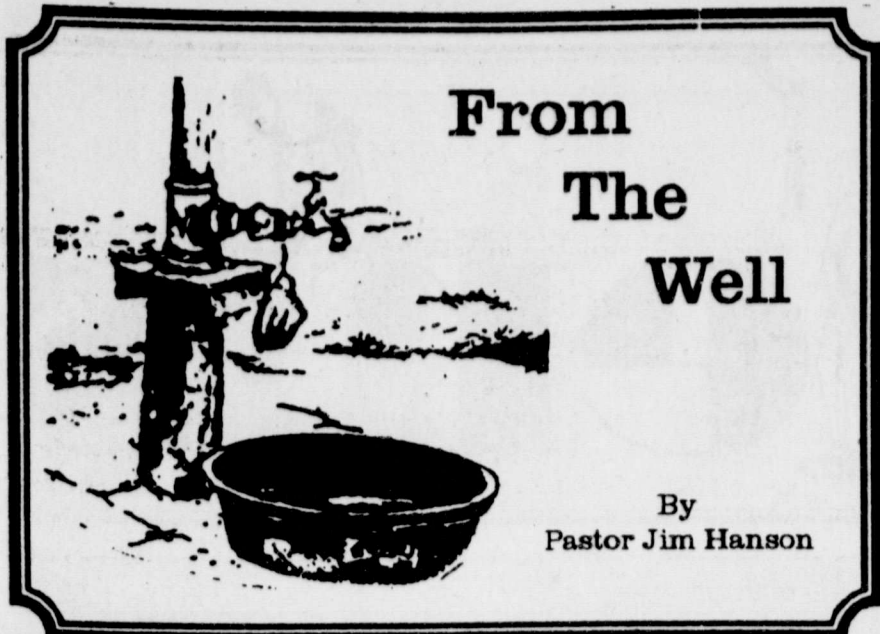
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Pastor Jim Hanson of "The Greatest Generation" — a tribute to my friend

by Randall Conner



From
The
Well

By
Pastor Jim Hanson



Pastor Jim Hanson

I'm sitting at the dining room table. It's where I have written most of these columns.

Only the house is about half empty now. Of stuff. Tables and chairs, lamps, pictures. The walls are bare. Most of the dishes are packed. Most of my books are in

boxes. All that we've packed is in Tuscola. In a converted garage. One of the two buildings that will soon be home for us. We're moving...by inches. Slowly. Over the past month or so. It's easier that way—if you can stand the slow pace. We're really not that pressed. When you have "movers" coming in to pack and load, you'd better be ready. And if there is something you don't want moved, you'd better have it gone before they arrive. One friend of ours, after moving, unpacked a box of waste paper and scraps of clothing! She hadn't packed it—the movers had.

We've had five big moves in our ministry life together. Our first was to Hardin, Montana. It was the easiest move, by far. I sent my books from Moorhead, Minnesota, by train. All the rest of our earthly belongings, including Ramona's sewing machine and my radio phonograph console, were fitted into our '39 Plymouth 2-door Sedan.

Those were the days! Simple. Not over-stuffed! Our next four moves were more complicated. It's amazing how much stuff a couple accumulates, even when you "thin-out" before leaving one place for another. Earlier on, we blamed it on the kids. They had to take everything along. Could not leave one blessed thing behind! Now we have no excuse. I guess we're just accumulators. Hooked on "hanging on to things." Should probably start a new support group. Call it "Accumulators Anonymous." Every week bring to the meeting some items that need to be gone from your house. Never to return with you again.

Anyway, we're moving. Only this time it's different.

We're not moving to a new parish, and new congregation, where I'll serve as pastor.

It won't be like when we moved to Winters. When we pulled in here both sides of West Street were lined with folks ready to help unload our van and get us moved in. We were received.

One of the real blessings of being a minister is that when you move to a new location there is a group of people there who want you to come, who anticipate you, who have been praying for you, and who greet you with open arms. Like St. John's.

This time we aren't moving to serve a congregation. We're just moving to Tuscola. And our home there will be our home we retire to.

It's kind of scary. We'll own our own home...together with the bank. Sort of joint-ownership...at least for a while. A settle-down place. Where we'll live 6-7 months a year down here in Texas. In a territory we've learned to love...even when it's too dry. Among people we've learned to love and live with. For whatever next years the good Lord gives us to remain on earth. The other 5-6 months we plan to spend up north—with children, grandchildren, family, and friends. God-willing.

Oh, we won't give up serving. God's servants, the ones He calls to serve Him, don't get to quit serving. Why should they? Like Ramona says, "As long as we have the health to do it, God has something for us to do." And, like the statement I read on a coffee-cup one time, "Old preachers never die; they just go out to pastor."

So—we're looking forward to that.

And, we're looking forward to continuing this column. At least for a while...to see if it works when I'm not in Winters. Jean Boles asked if I'd continue. It didn't take any persuasion. I've learned to love to do this column. Your encouragement and receptivity have been truly "life-giving" to me. So, we'll keep trying.

Of course there is a deeper meaning to all our movings on earth. Each one is a reminder of the time when we leave this earthly home for our heavenly one. I'll not forget the letter Ramona's brother Bob wrote when he left this country to serve a Protestant congregation in Greece. It went something like this:

"I'm packing to leave for overseas. I'm limited to what I can take. It's hard to leave some things behind. But it brings to mind that final move we make, when we leave it all behind, take nothing in our hands, and move in to a place which He has prepared. Our home. Forever. I'm sure we won't miss a thing."

What a moving day that will be! "In a moment...in the twinkling of an eye."

In the meanwhile—we pack up and unload stuff. But these are not our treasures. The real ones...are in heaven. Praise God!

Day of Prayer planned May 4

The Winters Ministerial Alliance will observe the National Day of Prayer on Thursday, May 4. The ceremony will begin at noon at Winters City Hall.

*Happy Trails
to you!*

*We will certainly miss you
Jim & Ramona.
Good Luck in your future
endeavors.*

*from the members
of St. John's Lutheran
Church*

James Herbert Hanson was born October 1, 1929, in Bemidji, Minnesota. He missed serving in World War II by just a couple of years, but he saw the reality of war through many of those around him. His two older brothers served in the South Pacific. His father's parish provided 184 men and women for service to their country. Twelve or thirteen returned in caskets. Jim remembers those funerals vividly.

Jim Hanson grew up during the Depression, mostly in St. Paul, Minnesota. He recalls that they did not have much in those days, but enough. His father, a Lutheran pastor, did not get paid. There were four offerings a year for the pastor and the rest was produce from the parish. His mother was good at cooking old roosters. On St. Paul, near the capitol, he remembers that everything was gray—like a black and white movie. It was hot and dry. There were soup lines a block long, with lots of fighting for food. During the summers, his family took trips to Bible camps in the North and South Dakotas, where they would live in tents. He recalls seeing entire fields being devoured by grasshoppers. It was a scary time.

Jim's ancestry was Norwegian, with his grandfather Hanson emigrating to the United States in the 1850's. His father had been a World War I veteran, the youngest of a family of 13. The family lost seven children in three months to black diphtheria. Jim's mother, also of Norwegian descent, came from a progressive farm family in Iowa.

Jim Hanson was twelve years old at the beginning of World War II. They were living in Brookings, South Dakota and he remembers that everyone was committed to the war effort. With two brothers serving overseas and many others in the armed forces from their parish, they prayed daily for the serviceman and for their country. The community made bandages, produced food, rationed, and participated in many other war efforts. Every church service was closed by singing, "God Bless Our Native Land." On VE Day and again on VJ Day, the town closed and every church had special services. Everyone in Brookings was patriotic.

Jim graduated from high school in 1946 and went to St. Olaf College in Northfield, Minnesota. From there he went to Luther Seminary in St. Paul. He had felt the calling to the ministry as a youngster. As a child, he wanted to preach—so that he did—to the squirrels and other animals in the yard. Not only did Jim have this calling to the ministry, he and his three brothers followed their father's footsteps and became Lutheran ministers.

Ramona Kompelien was born in Lyon County, Minnesota on July 14, 1930, to a Norwegian and Icelandic farm family of nine kids. She attended a one-room school and went to work selling shoes in a shoe store. She spent several years taking care of her ailing parents. Her brother went to college and seminary, where he was a friend of a James Hanson. This brother was instrumental in Ramona meeting Jim. Jim later proposed to Ramona by a hatchery in Clarkfield, Minnesota. Before her father's death, they went to the hospital where Ramona's father was a patient to ask for his blessing on their marriage. Her mother had passed on earlier. They were married on June 16, 1954, and together they began a career in the ministry.

Jim met Jim Hanson when he arrived in Winters, Texas in 1991. It was the beginning of a very special

friendship. One special experience with Pastor Jim was while my mother was living at "Our House" Retirement Home. She would be reading her Bible and Pastor Jim would stop by to visit her. Now Mom was Baptist through and through...and they would get into discussions about what she was reading—she had read the Bible through every year of her last ten years. Mom thoroughly enjoyed the discussions and visits that she had with Pastor Jim. They developed a great relationship during that year, one between a die-hard Baptist and a Northern Lutheran minister. She loved those times together. Pastor Jim shared a special scripture reading at her funeral.

Jim Hanson is known far and wide. In 1999, he asked me to attend a conference on the rural crisis in Omaha, Nebraska. It was sponsored by the Lutheran Church (ELCA), but many other denominations were represented. Although people from all over the Great Plains attended, there was one person everybody seemed to know—Rev. Jim Hanson. Jim asked me to drive him to the airport to pick up one of the speakers—Mr. Bob Bergland, former Secretary of Agriculture. They are personal friends. In one sentence they are talking about each other's families and in the next they are talking about Mr. Bergland's recent Board of Regents meeting at The University of Minnesota.

Our own Rep. Charles Stenholm was another one of the speakers. As we arrived at the banquet that evening, Jim seats me between the daughter of Nobel Peace prize winner Norman Borlaug and Bishop H. George Anderson, head of the Lutheran Church (ELCA). Norman Borlaug is also a personal friend of Jim, but Mr. Borlaug was too

busy for the meeting. At 86 years of age, he was in Africa working on some new developments for feeding the third world.

Yes, I was impressed by the people who knew Jim and Ramona Hanson on a personal basis and with his leadership and contributions to this national forum. But it was also a time for Jim and Ramona to share with family—son Nathan and his wife Ruth, daughter Kathryn and her husband Dan, and their kids. There was still lots of snow outside, so we sat around the swimming pool in the Holidome, eating sandwiches and snacks and sharing with each other. No one in this world was enjoying life any more than Jim and Ramona Hanson. With grandkids crawling all over them, it was a beautiful family gathering. I have seen and heard the same from Paul and Timothy's families, but unfortunately, I have yet to meet John and his family. The Hansons are truly one of the closest families I have even known.

Most everyone in Winters is aware of Jim and Ramona's contributions to this community. Jim has been pastor of St. John's Lutheran Church for 9 years; he has been part of the Winters Ministerial Alliance, Winters Relief Fund, Winters Food Pantry, Library Board, Museum Board, Industrial Board, Hospice, Lions Club, Christmas-in-April, and Winters Country Club. They have delivered Senior Citizens Meals, been West Texas Rehab volunteers, led nursing home services, and visited the sick, the elderly, and those in need.

Jim has been honored as the 1996 Rural Pastor of the Year for Texas and as Man of the Year for

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MEMBERS OF THE WOMEN'S SERVICE LEAGUE spent Saturday, April 15, giving the Winters City Park playground equipment a facelift. Members (l-r) Mincy Briley, Carla Hooper, Stephanie Collins, Christy Lindley, Tami Richards, and Aaron Briley (top) painted tires and structures in bright blue, red, and yellow. The organization has been instrumental in adding playground equipment to the park over the past two years.

Pastor Hanson, Rick and Linda Dry to attend Lutheran Synod

Lutherans from the Northern Texas-Northern Louisiana (NT-NL) Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) will elect a new Bishop at its Synod Assembly April 28-30 at the Marriott Quorum Hotel in Addison, Texas, a north Dallas suburb.

Pastor James Hanson and Rick and Linda Dry of Winters will be attending the Synod and will cast votes in the Bishop selection process.

H. George Anderson, presiding Bishop of the ELCA, will be present to lead voting members in the special ecclesiastical ballot process.

Pastor Hanson also has plans to introduce to the ELCS seven resolutions for rural and small town churches, ranging in topic from procurement of clergy in absence of a pastor to training of laity. Lutherans will be taking a

stronger voice in the Great Plains Coalition composed of 1,500 coalitions from Mexico to Canada.

Pastor Hanson will give complete details after completion of the Synod.

Assembly of God Church revival begins April 30

Reverend Bernie Guebara, evangelist from San Angelo, will be preaching in revival services this Sunday, April 30, through Friday, May 5, at Winters Assembly of God Church, 304 Church Street.

Services Sunday morning begin at 11:00. Sunday evening services are at 6:00.

Weekday services Monday through Friday will be at 7:00 p.m.

Pastor Bob Jones invites you to this special time of worship.

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Jarrett Gerhart, Raul Zermeno
Back Row: Coach Chris Bearden, Guy Slimp, Brian Pritchard, Brandon Davis, Jose Santos, J.T. Davis

Winters tennis teams compete in Abilene Grand Prix tourney

by Coach Biff White
Winters High School tennis players traveled to Abilene April 14 & 15 to compete in the last Grand Prix tournament of the season. Regularly doubles partners Samantha Montgomery and Monica Hicks tried their rackets in the singles division against two Abilene girls, Ann McCarthy and Victoria Subia. Samantha lost 3-6, 2-6 but Monica pulled off an upset in the third set winning 3-6, 6-3, 7-5, advancing to the semi-final round. There she lost to first place champion Hailey DeLaTorre 1-6, 1-6, and Samantha lost in the consolation round to Flani Cabillas 3-6, 3-6.
Craig Jacob was our only 16-year-old to play and did really well, upsetting Abilene Jefferson's #1 player, James Caamano 4-6, 6-3, 7-6 (7-3 tie breaker). Then in the semi round he met the champion Ryan Gibson and lost a tough three-setter 3-6, 6-4, 3-6.
My two 18-year-olds Jeffery Jordan and Taylor Brown found out that with only six players in your division, all matches are going to be hard.
Jeffery lost to Apollo Rimer in a close 4-6, 4-6 match and then to #2 seed Will Klosterman who was upset earlier by Apollo.
Taylor had to face the #1 seed Paul Prachyo and lost 3-6, 1-6, then met Will in the consolation final, bowing out 2-6, 1-6.
Although we didn't win any medals and the kids were disappointed, I told them that this is what it takes to become better tennis players and that you have to earn your stripes because they don't give them away.
Thanks to all the fans who support our program and our players.

**Congratulations,
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Area Softball Champions**
(beating Anson 7-6 in 8 innings on April 25)
Now advance to regional quarterfinals against winner of Petrolia vs. Eldorado. Further playoff details unavailable at press time. Call WISD 754-5574 for update.

Conner named KEAN Athlete of the Week

Craig Conner, a senior at Winters High School, has been chosen KEAN 105 Pepsi/Dr. Pepper Athlete of the Week for the week of April 24, 2000.
Nominated by Coach Shane Mobley, Craig competed March 25 in state powerlifting at Killeen where he placed third in the 220 lb. weight class, division 2, by squatting 550 lbs. In addition to the squat, Craig had 305 in the bench press and 525 in the dead lift for a total of 1,380 lbs.
Craig will receive a certificate of recognition and will be congratulated all weeklong on KEAN 105 during the local sports update.
The KEAN 105 Pepsi/Dr. Pepper Athlete of the Week is sponsored in part by Abilene Teachers Federal Credit Union.

Elementary accepting nominations for G/T program

Nominations for the gifted/talented program are being taken for grades 1-5. Parents wishing to nominate a child may pick up a form in the Winters Elementary office. Forms must be returned by April 28, 2000.
Los nombramientos para el programa de gifted/talented se están tomando para los grados 1-5. Los padres que desean nominar a un niño pueden recoger una forma en Winters la oficina elemental. Las formas se deben volver antes del de abril 28, 2000.

ACU students from Wingate on Dean's List

Bonnie Margurite Walker and Jonathan Lee Nault of Wingate were named to the Dean's Honor Roll for the fall 1999 semester at Abilene Christian University.
To make the honor roll, a student must complete at least 12 semester hours for grades and earn a 3.45 or higher grade point average.

District track results, continued

the 300 M hurdles in a regional qualifiers meet at Wall on Thursday night with a time of 45.73. The record was previously held by Rabbit (Jamie) Smith with a time of 45.79.)
Michelle Paschal won the shot put, setting a new school record with a throw of 34'6.5". She set the old school record earlier this year. Jena Bahlman advances to regionals with a second place finish in the 200 M dash in a time of 27.65.
The 800 M relay team of Bishop, Bahlman, Pritchard, and Slimp advances with a second place finish and time of 1:49.98.
However, the race of the day would probably have to be the girls' mile run. With Winters trailing Coleman by 7 points going into the event, Coach Deb Whittenburg stressed the importance of at least a sixth place finish to WHS sophomore Marie Llanas for one or two much needed points.
Llanas took the challenge with girls' and boys' team members scattered around the track, and Whittenburg running from corner to corner over the course of the four lap race. She put herself in second place early on, closed her eyes, and ran.
Never relinquishing her hold on second, the gutsy Lady Blizzard crossed the line in second and collapsed into the arms of WHS Dean of Students Bill Cathey. Llanas earned eight points for the team and finished well ahead of three Coleman runners. She too advances to the regional meet in San Marcos.
In addition to the seven qualifiers, Winters added valuable points with a third place finish in the triple jump from Pritchard and a sixth place finish in the two mile by Llanas.
Others contributing points included Stacey Sneed placing sixth in the 100 M dash, fifth in the 400 M dash, and fifth in the long jump. Kaci McCuiston placed fourth in the 100 M hurdles and fifth in the 300 M hurdles. Bahlman also added points with a fourth place finish in the long jump.
The sprint relay team of Pritchard, Paschal, Sneed, and Bishop placed fifth, while the Coleman relay team fell just a few yards from the finish line.
In varsity boy's action, Winters placed just two points out of runner-up contention as Coleman finished with 178 points, followed by Hamilton with 94, and Winters, 92.
Jimmy Rodriguez advances to regionals in both the two mile and mile runs. Rodriguez placed first in the two mile with a time of 10:33 and second in the mile with a time of 4:44.
Samson Jackson placed second in the shot put with a throw of 49'9" and discus with a toss of 147'9". He will advance in both events.
Tony Aguero held off two Coleman runners to take the gold in the 400 M dash with a time of 50.8. Gary Woodbury took the silver medal with a second place finish in the 200 M dash with a time of 22.6. Both advance to regional competition.
Others adding points to the team score included Chris Hoppe with a third place finish in the shot put and fifth place in the discus. Kirk Byrd placed fourth in the shot put, while Rusty Jackson finished fourth in the discus.
Wes Calcote placed fourth in the 100 M dash and was anchor on the third place sprint relay team with Arthur Martinez, Woodbury, and Aguero.
The mile relay team of Zeke Martinez, Aguero, Woodbury, and Jeffrey Oats finished fourth while Josh Minzenmayer placed sixth in the triple jump, as did Juan Santos in the 800 M run.
The JV girls team placed fifth in the meet with second place finishes from Lacey Meyer in the 2 mile and Kemari Hale in the discus. Placing third were Leah Bredemeyer in the 400 M dash, Stacey Walden in the discus, and the mile relay team of Bredemeyer, Michelle Dexter, Dana Clough, and Heather Martin.
In JV boys action, Matt Moreno placed fifth in the 2 mile and mile runs, while Steven Cuevas finished fifth in the shot put.
The regional qualifiers will compete at Southwest Texas State University in San Marcos this Friday and Saturday, April 28 and 29.
District track meet results are as follows:

- Boys Varsity Results**
Shot Put
2nd, Samson Jackson, 49'9"
3rd, Chris Hoppe, 48'5"
4th, Kirk Byrd, 46'4"
Discus
2nd, Samson Jackson, 149'9"
4th, Rusty Jackson, 143'8"
5th, Chris Hoppe, 139'9"
Triple Jump
6th, Josh Minzenmayer, 39'6"
3200 M Run
1st, Jimmy Rodriguez, 10:33
1600 M Run
2nd, Jimmy Rodriguez, 4:44
800 M Run
6th, Juan Santos
100 M Dash
4th, Wes Calcote, 11.0
200 M Dash
2nd, Gary Woodbury, 22.6
400 M Dash
1st, Tony Aguero, 50.8
400 M Relay
3rd, Winters (Arthur Martinez, Gary Woodbury, Tony Aguero, Wes Calcote), 4:42
1600 M Relay
4th, Winters (Zeke Martinez, Tony Aguero, Gary Woodbury, Juan Santos), 3:31
Girls Varsity Results
Shot Put
1st, Michelle Paschal, 34'6.5" (new school record held by Paschal)
Long Jump
4th, Jena Bahlman, 15'5.75"
5th, Stacey Sneed, 14'8.75"
Triple Jump
3rd, Mandy Pritchard, 31'5"
3200 M Run
6th, Marie Llanas, 13:50.04
100 M Hurdles
1st, Laci Walker, 15.67
4th, Kaci McCuiston, 17.56
400 M Relay
5th, Winters (Mandy Pritchard, Michelle Paschal, Stacey Sneed, Staci Bishop)
100 M Dash
6th, Stacey Sneed, 13.56
800 M Relay
2nd, Winters (Staci Bishop, Jena Bahlman, Mandy Pritchard, Kelli Slimp), 1:49.98
400 M Dash
5th, Stacey Sneed, 67.0
300 M Intermediate Hurdles
1st, Kelli Slimp, 46.52
2nd, Laci Walker, 47.90
5th, Kaci McCuiston, 50.85
200 M Dash
2nd, Jena Bahlman, 27.65
1600 M Run
2nd, Marie Llanas, 6:09.67
1600 M Relay
2nd, Winters (Laci Walker, Jena Bahlman, Mandy Pritchard, Kelli Slimp), 4:13.51
Boys Junior Varsity Results
Shot Put
5th, Steven Cuevas, 38'4.5"

- 3200 M Run**
5th, Matt Moreno, 13:09
1600 M Run
5th, Matt Moreno, 5:36
Girls Junior Varsity Results
Discus
2nd, Kemari Hale, 77'9"
3rd, Stacey Walden, 75'3"
Long Jump
6th, Heather Martin, 12'2.5"
3200 M Run
2nd, Lacey Meyer, 15:03.41
5th, Lucero Vega, 16:00.54
400 M Relay
5th, Winters (Dana Clough, Leah Bredemeyer, Kirby Hatler, Heather Martin) 59.2
800 M Run
6th, Michelle Dexter, 3:11.66
100 M Dash
5th, Heather Martin, 14.41
400 M Dash
3rd, Leah Bredemeyer, 74.65
200 M Dash
6th, Dana Clough, 31.3
1600 M Run
4th, Kirby Hatler, 6:51.29
6th, Lacey Meyer, 7:04.37
1600 M Relay
3rd, Winters (Leah Bredemeyer, Michelle Dexter, Dana Clough, Heather Martin), 5:05.14

Regional Track Meet
Southwest Texas State University
Schedule of Events
Friday, April 28
Field Event Finals
2 p.m. Boys' Discus
Preliminary Running Events
4:45 p.m.-Girls' 100 M Hurdles
5:35 p.m.-Girls' 800 M Relay
5:45 p.m.-Boys' 400 M Dash
6:10 p.m.-Girls' 300 M Hurdles
6:30 p.m.-Girls' 200 M Dash
6:40 p.m.-Boys' 200 M Dash
7:10 p.m.-Boys' 3200 M Run Final
7:25 p.m.-Girls' 1600 M Relay
Saturday, April 29
Noon-Girls' Shot Put Finals
2 p.m.- Boys' Shot Put Finals
4 p.m.-Running Finals
5:55 p.m.- Girls' 1600 M Run Finals
6:05 p.m.- Boys' 1600 M Run Finals

Museum to put WHS class lists on computer
The Z. I. Hale Museum is putting the mailing lists on computer of all classes that have graduated from Winters High School.
Very few lists have been received to date. If you have current addresses or fairly current lists, please contact Marlene Smith at 754-4961 or Randall Conner at 754-4542.

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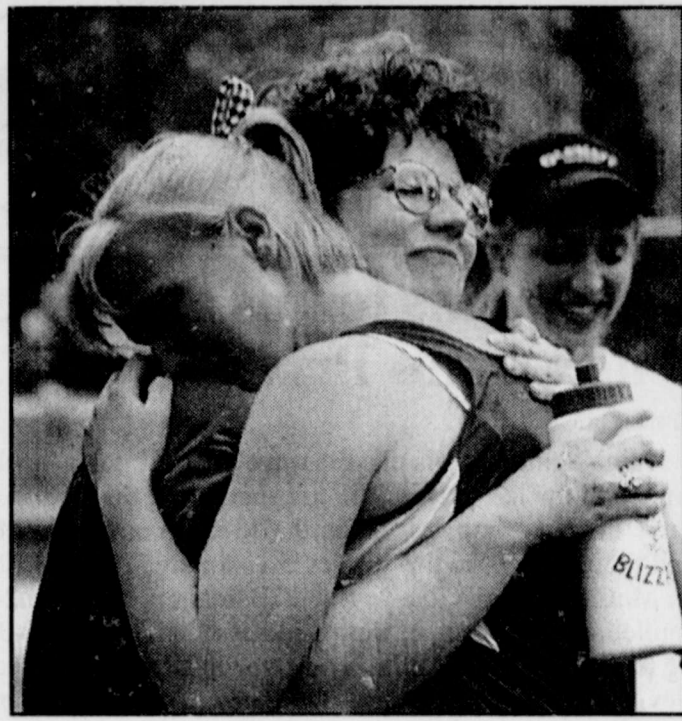
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The Winters Enterprise is now accepting expressions of congratulations to 2000 Seniors!
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2000 Blizzard & Lady Blizzard



MICHELLE PASCHAL advances to regionals and sets the school record in the shot put.



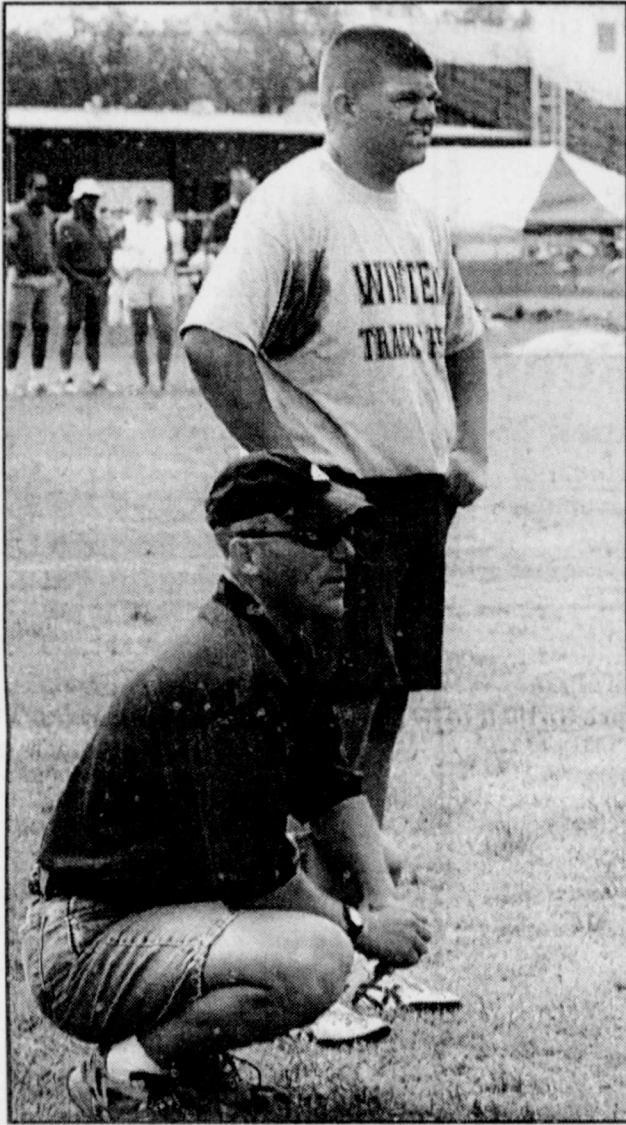
EMOTIONS LET LOOSE as mom Sheila Paschal hugs daughter Michelle after she wins the shot put.



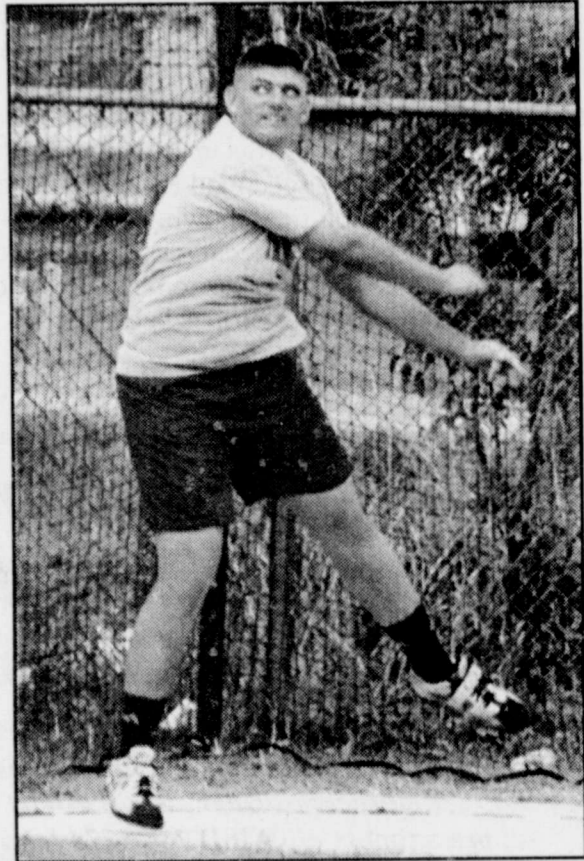
JIMMY RODRIGUEZ captures gold in the two mile and silver in the mile to advance in both events.



SAMSON JACKSON places second in the discus and shot put and will advance to regionals in both events.



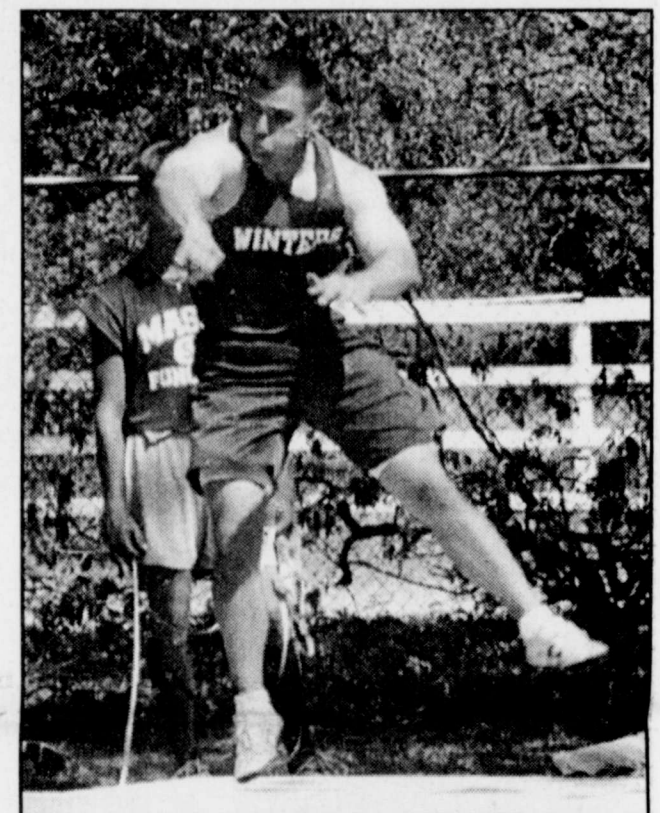
COACH CHUCK LIPSEY and Samson Jackson watch the discus competition.



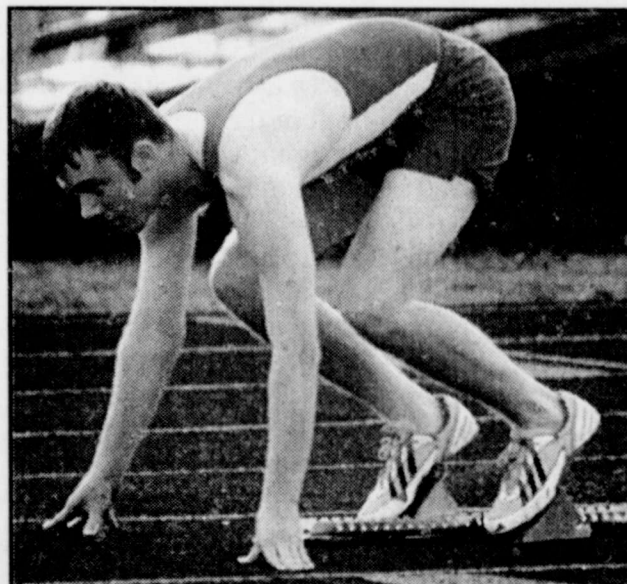
FRESHMAN RUSTY JACKSON places fourth in the discus.



CHRIS HOPPE places third in shot and fifth in discus.



KIRK BYRD lets loose with his final throw as a Blizzard.



SENIOR MATT ANGEL takes his mark for the final race of his career.



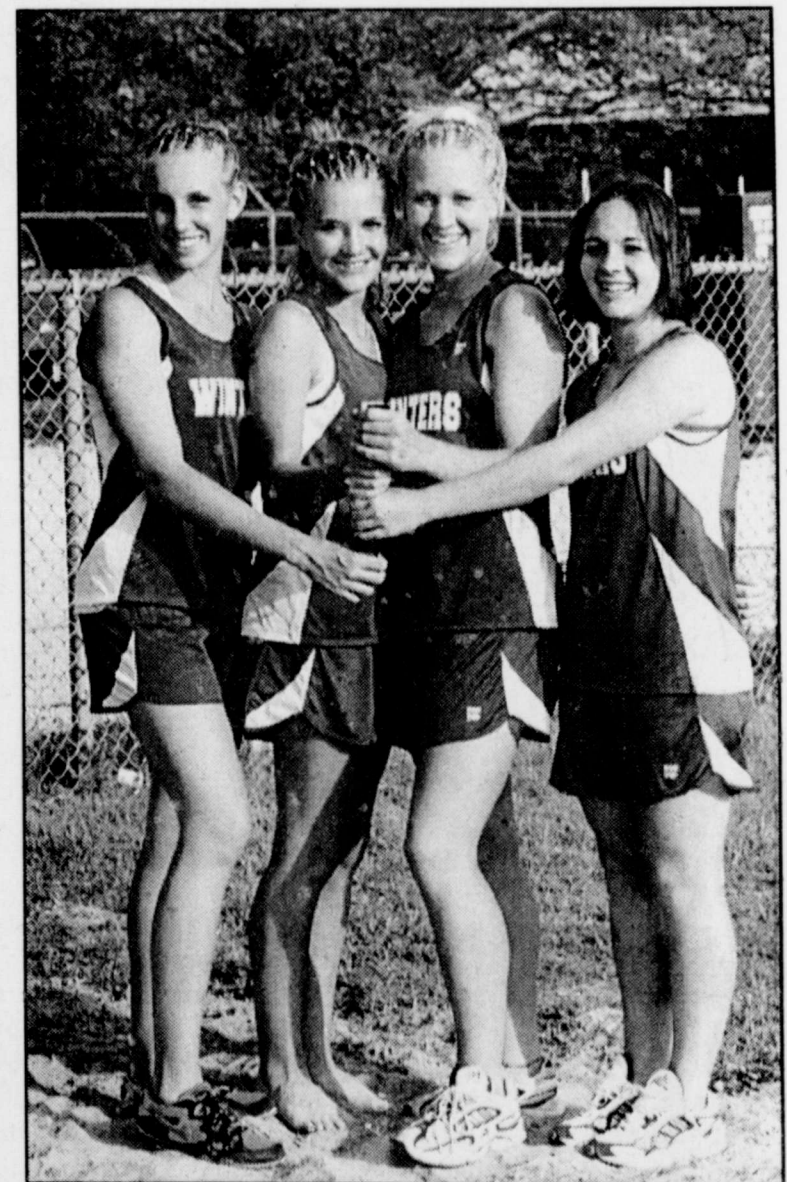
GARY WOODBURY earns a trip to regionals in the 200 M dash with his 2nd place finish.



MARIE LLANAS gets a big hug from Coach Deb Whittenburg following the mile run.



MANDY PRITCHARD adds some unexpected points in the triple jump as she finishes third earning herself a bronze medal.



The 800 M Relay team of Kelli Slimp, Mandy Pritchard, Jena Bahlman, and Staci Bishop is regional bound with a second place finish.

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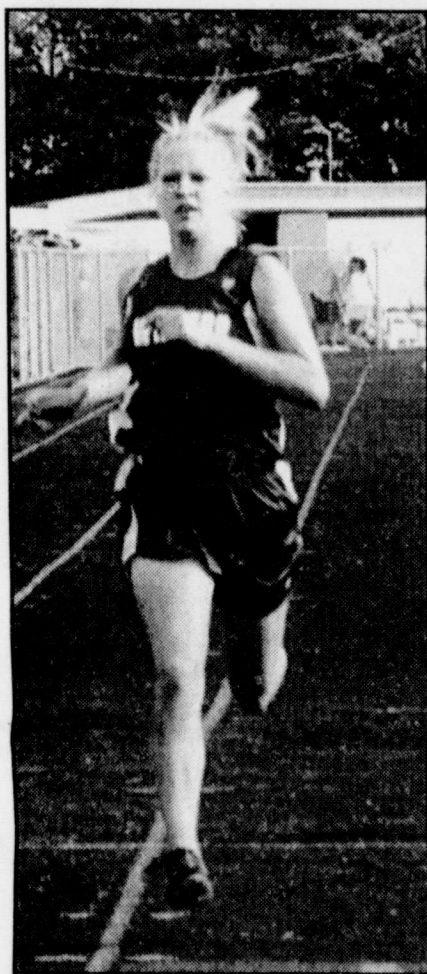
DEFENDING STATE CHAMPION **KELLI SLIMP** wins the district title once again in the 300 meter hurdles.



FRESHMAN **LACI WALKER** dominates the pack as she easily wins the 100 M hurdles.



BLIZZARD **TONY AGUERO** holds off the Coleman competitors to win the 400 M dash and a trip to regionals.



JENA BAHLMAN finishes 2nd in the 200 M dash enroute to three silver medals.



COACH DEB WHITTENBURG, Kelli Slimp (left) and Laci Walker take a look at the stopwatch after their one-two finish in the 300 hurdles.



STACEY SNEED adds needed points to the girl's score in the 100, 400, and long jump.



COACH DEB WHITTENBURG and the mile relay team are thrilled to be advancing to the regional track meet AND winning the district team championship.



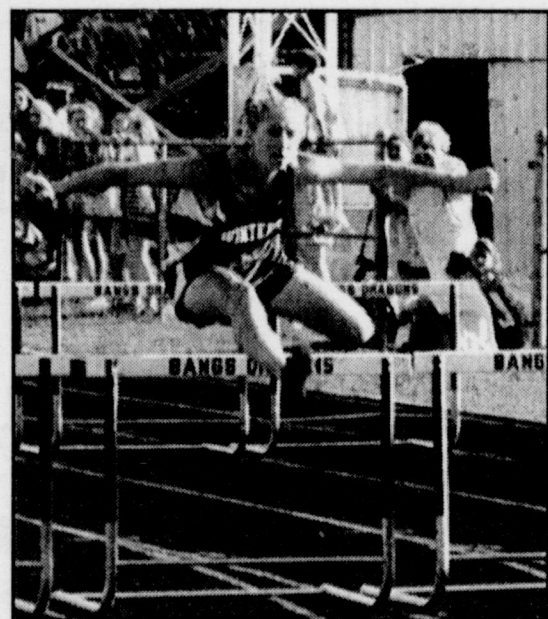
THE MILE RELAY TEAM of (l-r) Kelli Slimp, Mandy Pritchard, Jena Bahlman, and Laci Walker are all smiles.



ARTHUR MARTINEZ hands off to Gary Woodbury in the Sprint Relay.



CHRIS SANTOYA knows he's run his final mile for the Winters Blizzards.



KACI MCCUISTION adds valuable points to the team total in the 100 and 300 meter hurdles.



SENIOR **WES CALCOTE** anchors his last sprint relay for Winters High School.



SENIORS **ARTHUR MARTINEZ** AND **WES CALCOTE** reflect on their disappointment in finishing third in the 400 M Relay—one place shy of advancing to regionals.



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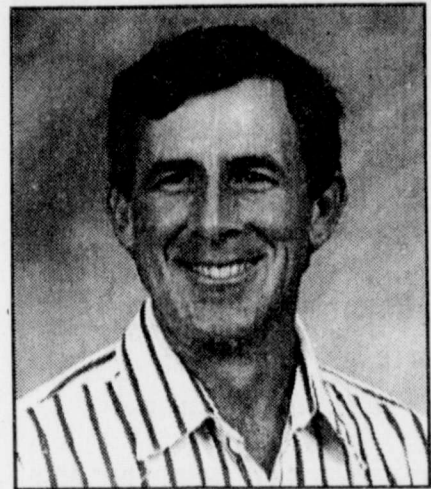
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A look at the candidates

Voters will go to the polls May 6 to select the newest trustees of North Runnels Hospital and Winters ISD.

Making a bid for Place 3 on the school board are Rodrick Bredemeyer, Cheryl Bryan and Saam Geistmann. Incumbent Bob Prewit is running unopposed for Place 4.

Four candidates are vying for three places on the Board of Directors of North Runnels Hospital. Jack Davis, Jr. will be running against incumbents Tobin Burns, Carla Harris and Dale Montgomery.



Rodrick Bredemeyer
 School Board Candidate

Rodrick Bredemeyer graduated from Winters High School and has lived in Winters all his life. He is a farmer.

He and wife Jill have two daughters: Lori, 17, and Leah, 15. They are members of St. John's Lutheran Church of Winters where he served several years on the Church Council and the Preacher Call Committee.

Mr. Bredemeyer is a member of the Young Farmers Runnels County Crops Committee and is affiliated with Runnels-Tom Green Pest Management.

He has served the City of Winters Volunteer Fire Department, Christmas in April, and Roundup for Rehab. He raises a large community garden.

Rodrick says, "Having served one term on the school board, I always attempted to do what was best for all the students and faculty. And as a landowner, I want to take care of the school for our taxpayers. I am current on the continuing training that is required to be a school board member by the State of Texas. I gave everything I had to the school board before and will do the same again."

Cheryl Bryan
 School Board Candidate

Cheryl Bryan attended Lohn

ISD and earned a high school diploma. She is manager of Bahlman Jewelers.

She and husband Gary have two daughters, Susan Hamilton and Angela Bryan. The Bryans are members of North Main Church of Christ in Winters.

Mrs. Bryan has served on the Christmas in April Board for five years, holding the offices of vice-president and president. She served two years on the Winters Area Chamber of Commerce as treasurer, and three years on the District Education Improvement Committee. She is a 6-year member of Winters Woman's Club.

"I believe we have a good school. I will work to maintain not only what we have, but strive to make it the best it can be," says Bryan. "During these economically challenging times, I will work to see that our tax dollars are spent wisely while ensuring that all students have the opportunity for a quality education."

Bob Prewit
 School Board Candidate

Bob Prewit is a graduate of Winters High School. He is vice-president at Hendrick Health Systems in Abilene.

He and wife Sue have two children: Jennifer, age 21, and Michael, 19.

Saam Geistmann
 School Board Candidate

Saam Geistmann graduated in 1978 from Washington High School and has attended Howard College and Abilene Christian University. She is a certified legal assistant.

She and husband Duane have two daughters: Leslye, age 15, and Paige, 12. They are members of St. John's Lutheran Church, Winters, where she is currently a coordinator for the Rolling Plains Conference of the Women of the ELCA and is serving a second term for the WELCA scholarship committee.

Mrs. Geistmann is a member of the State Bar of Texas-Legal Assistants Divisions and is the secretary of Runnels County Bar Association. She is a member of Runnels County FCA (Young Homemakers) and has served two terms as director on the Winters Area Chamber of Commerce where she currently holds the office of treasurer.

Saam states, "When I'm elected to the school board, I will work with the other board members in order to futher the effi-

ciency of the decisions that are being made by the board. It is my desire to lend my expertise and knowledge to the school district. I would appreciate your vote on May 6. Together let's try to make Winters Independent School District the best school in Texas."

Tobin R. Burns
 Hospital Board Candidate

Tobin R. Burns is a graduate of Winters High School, attended Texas Tech University, and is a recent graduate of Hendrick School of Radiography. He is employed by Hendrick Medical Center Radiology Department as a surgical specialist and continues to ranch and farm in the Winters area.

Tobin and wife Keri Lynn have three children: Tarra, 19, who is attending Texas Tech University; Tracey, 15; and Tory, 10. They are members of the First Baptist Church, Winters.

Mr. Burns has served eight years on North Runnels Hospital Board of Directors and is a past director on the Wingate School Board. He is a Wingate Lion.

"With the constraints of the Balanced Budget Amendment, I feel that my experience and education in health care would be a real asset to the taxpayers of North Runnels County," stated Burns. "North Runnels Hospital means a great deal to me, and I will continue to make the tough decisions that are necessary to provide quality health care to our local residents. Thank you for your support."



Jack Davis Jr.
 Hospital Board Candidate

Jack Davis Jr. graduated from Winters High School and has taken multiple classes in his current career field as well as attended Texas A&M Fire School for fire prevention. He is water superintendent for the City of Winters.

Jack has been married to Teresa Wright Davis for 22 years. They have two children: Jennifer, age 20, a sophomore at Texas Tech University, and Brandon, 15. They are Lutherans.

Mr. Davis has volunteered service to the Winters Volunteer Fire Department and Winters Little League.

Serving 22 years in the fire department, Jack has held the offices of recording secretary, assistant captain, first and second assistant chief, and, currently, chief. He is a Winters School Board director currently serving as vice-president, is a member of Winters Booster Club, Winters Chamber of Commerce, and Fort Concho Water Utilities Association. He is a former member of North Runnels Home Health Advisory Board.

Jack states, "I want to help ensure that the community receives the best possible medical care available, to help seek out specialists who are willing to come to the hospital and offer their services in order to help keep funds in our community, to help keep North Runnels Home Health alive in the community for all that need the services."

Carla Harris
 Hospital Board Candidate

Carla Harris received her bachelor of science degree from Texas Tech University and is currently a graduate student at Hardin-Simmons University and the Abilene Intercollegiate School of Nursing. She is employed as a registered nurse in the office Dr. Keith Boles in Winters.

She and husband Mike have one daughter, Jami, age 8, and one son, Jay, 19. They are members of First Baptist Church of Winters.

Mrs. Harris is a member of Sigma Theta Tau and the Nursing Honors Society.

She hopes to ensure that there is quality health care services for the people of North Runnels County.

Dale Montgomery
 Hospital Board Candidate

Dale Montgomery is director of maintenance at Winters Independent School District. He and wife Crickett have two daughters: Samantha, 15-years-old, and Adrienne, 10. They are members of First Baptist Church of Winters.

Mr. Montgomery is an active member of Christmas in April and the Lions Club. He has served on the Winters Area Chamber of Commerce.

He says, "I believe that every community needs a health care facility that is both efficient and serves the needs of the community and surrounding area."

Literary & Service Club receives awards from district president

The Winters Literary and Service Club met Thursday, April 20, at the home of Eris Beard.

Mrs. Beard, Bobby Jackson, and Jean Owen hosted a covered dish meal with each member bringing a salad.

District President Ruby Schuman of Comanche was a special guest. She gave out awards which the club had earned throughout the year. There was also a question and answer period following the meal.

Mrs. Beard presided over the business meeting while Ruth Cooper gave the treasurer's report and Noma Eoff read correspondence.

The program was presented by Dr. Steve Arnold from Ballinger. He spoke on taking care of our bones and joints. In addition, he presented a new concept that bone health depends not just on estrogen and calcium, but on a wide range of other nutrients.

Those present included Eris Beard, Mary Jane Blackshear, Ruth Cooper, Selma Wilkerson, Noma Eoff, Bobby Jackson, Jean Owen, Pat Smith, and guests Ruby Schuman and Dr. Steve Arnold.

The next meeting is slated for Thursday, May 11, at the Blackshear home.

Letters to the Editor

Readers encouraged to help raise funds for juvenile diabetes research

Dear Editor,
 We would appreciate your sharing the following information with your readers.

Kenny Schooler is a kindergarten student in the Winters Schools who was diagnosed at the age of two with juvenile diabetes. At that time he began what will be a lifetime battle with the disease unless a cure is found.

On Saturday, April 29, starting at 9 a.m. at the Sunset Mall in San Angelo, Kenny along with other juvenile diabetics, their families, and friends, will conduct a walk-a-thon. This walk-a-thon is an effort to raise funds for research to find this cure.

You are invited to join us if you can. If you are unable to attend but would like to help in this effort, your donation of any amount would be greatly appreciated.

Checks can be made payable to the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation and mailed to: Kenny Schooler, P.O. Box 343, Winters, TX 79567. Or you can leave a message at 754-4394 and arrangements will be made to pick it up.

Thanks in advance for any support you may be able to provide.

Sincerely,
Gary & Martha Pinkerton

Hopewell Baptist Church appreciates 100th Anniversary coverage

Dear Editor:
 The Hopewell Baptist Church celebrated its 100th Anniversary on April 9. This was a great day for us.

Thank you so very much for all that you did in getting the word out about this historic event. The articles that you wrote about the history of the church and the plans for the celebration were excellent.

We appreciated your putting a picture of our church with the article.

Thank you also for your graciousness in being present to take pictures. The coverage was the best and we are grateful.

You have an excellent newspaper that we enjoy reading. Please accept our sincere appreciation for media coverage for our church's special day.

Sincerely,
Ramona Akins
 Publicity Chairperson

Chamber Memo

Mayfest celebration planned next Saturday in City Park

by Carolyn Scarborough, Chamber secretary

Mayfest will be held next Saturday, May 6 in the Winters City Park. A day of fun, food, entertainment, and shopping is planned.

Kids will have many games to choose from to win prizes. There will be a basketball shoot, egg toss, 3-legged race, water balloon toss, and a duck pond for the little ones. There will be a cake walk with all kinds of cakes and goodies.

Entertainment is scheduled all day long with performances by Rika Lee, Karen Hart, Jim Heidenheimer, Jackie Ishom, and Lola Scott.

The softball tournament will start Friday night, May 5, and

continue into Saturday until a winner is determined. It will be double elimination with teams entered from Winters, Ballinger, Coleman, Early, Big Lake, and Abilene. Entries are still being accepted with a fee of \$10 per person.

In addition, many food booths will be available throughout the day including hamburgers, pizza, hot dogs, frito pies, nachos, scones, and cold drinks.

A few booth spaces are still available. Call the Chamber office at 754-5210 to reserve your space.

Watch next week's paper for a complete schedule of Mayfest activities and plan now to attend this community wide event

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Library News



Library needs donations

by Shelley Meyer

So many books, so little time. That is exactly what the Winters Public Library is facing. With operation and new book costs, the library is in need of funds.

The library board is still accepting donations with the incentive of a computer prize. As of April 20, only approximately 80 of a possible 300 donations had been received. Library Board Secretary Rhonda Goetz said she was not worried about not receiving all the donations. She said she expected about 220 more before the computer drawing on May 6.

"We really do expect to do all of them," Goetz said.

She said the low number of donations was in part due to a lack of participation by the board members.

"We're more concerned that everyone hasn't worked harder to sell them," Goetz said. "I don't think we've hit the businesses hard enough. We're really going to push them (the donations) the next couple of weeks."

The donations are not the libraries only current fund-raiser. They have several activities planned for Mayfest, including the computer drawing.

The Library Board will be hosting horse races, a silent auction, and book signings by local authors.

Goetz said the silent auction will be spearheaded by new board member Susian Parsons.

"We're going to try to get local people, businesses, and people in the surrounding area to donate goods and services," Goetz said.

Three local authors will be signing their newest releases in a comfy sitting room setting, right in the middle of the park. Goetz said it would be set up like a parlor with a couch and chairs. Coffee will be furnished and brownies will be for sale.

Charlsie Poe, author of "Runnels, My County," Jack Hatler, and another local author will have books available to sell and will also sign current copies.

Library Board President Mike Neal said that the authors will be available throughout Mayfest activities.

"We decided that it would be for all day," Neal said. "They'll probably start wrapping things up about three or four."

Donations for the library may be given to any board member.



2000-2001 CHEERLEADERS FOR WINTERS HIGH SCHOOL are (front, l-r) Mandy Pritchard, Meagan Galvan-Nitsch, Kelly Walker, mascot, Tassi Hopson, Isha Lara, (back) Jamie Reeves, Jackye Dexter, Kaci McCuiston, and Kendra Hope, head cheerleader. These young ladies will be serving a hamburger luncheon on Sunday to raise funds for uniforms and equipment.

Cheerleaders to serve hamburger luncheon Sunday

The 2000-01 WHS Cheerleaders and Blizzard Mascot invite the community to their annual Hamburger Lunch on Sunday, April 30.

Serving will be held from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the school cafeteria.

The menu will include fresh grilled hamburgers with all the fixin's, french fries, cherry cobbler, and tea.

Tickets are available in advance from the cheerleaders at \$4 per plate. Plates may also be purchased at the door.

Takeouts will be available. Any shut-ins or senior citizens who wish to have their meals delivered can contact Deb or Mandy at 754-5243 during the evenings.

All proceeds will go toward the cost of uniforms, equipment, and camp for the new squad.

Sponsor for the Blizzard Cheerleaders and Mascot is Beth Wortham.

Piano students to present recital Sunday, April 30

Piano students of Susan Conner will complete their year of study by presenting a Spring Recital on Sunday, April 30 in Jones Hall of First Baptist Church. The elementary students will perform at 2:30.

This includes Kellyn Airhart, Julie England, Jami Harris, Erica Lujano, Alex Newsom, Susan

Sneed, Mayra Stout, Sonja Stout, Shelby Walker, Cameron Faubion of Ballinger, and Page Roark of Tuscola.

Junior High and High School students will perform at 3:30. These students are Rachel Davis, Pearl Guerrero, Jena Bahlman, Leah Bredemeyer, Stefanie Davis, Stephanie Parsons, Johnny

Stout, Stacey Walden, Ambar Smith, and Lori Bredemeyer.

Recognition will be given to Cameron Faubion, Stefanie Davis, and Ambar Smith for participation in the Abilene Music Teachers Music Festival. Being recognized for participation in the Texas Music Teachers Theory test will be Julie England, Jami Har-

ris, Camille Kruse, Alex Newsom, Susan Sneed and Shelby Walker. Medalists were England, Kruse, Harris and Sneed.

There will be a reception following each recital and the public is welcome to attend.

Texas VFW Ladies Auxiliary President at Winters during District Convention

Winters Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 9193 and Ladies Auxiliary will host the District 22 Convention at their Post Home in Winters on Saturday, April 29, 2000.

VFW Department of Texas Ladies Auxiliary President Betty Odom will be making her official visit. Betty is a life member of Audie Murphy Auxiliary to Post 1837, Dallas. She joined the Auxiliary in 1977. Her eligibility is through her husband who served in the U.S. Navy. She has held chairmanships in each of the Auxiliary programs and has served as an officer in every level in her Auxiliary, District and State. She has been a hospital volunteer for over 20 years.

Betty chose ancient Greek mythology to promote the membership program with the theme "Out of the Mysteries of the Past, Come Hope and Vision." Her team of chairman and officers are the "Hope and Vision Team." She



Betty Odom
Texas VFW Ladies
Auxiliary President

chose the Pegasus for her cancer aid and research education and fund-raising program and her goal was that all 40,000+ members have a mammogram. Southwestern Medical School will receive any research grants the depart-

ment receives.

Because of her love of children, Betty has chosen cystic fibrosis as her special project. Cystic fibrosis is a genetic disorder that currently has no cure, however, research has made great strides and is increasing the life span of those stricken. The money raised will go for research.

VFW Department of Texas Junior Vice Commander Danny R. Henry will be the department representative. He is a life member of Paul G. Mahoney Post 4372, Odessa. He has been a VFW member since 1970 and has served in many capacities on the Post, District, and State level. He earned honors as All American Post Commander, All American District Commander, and National Aide de Camp Recruiting Class, and was the winner of the J.T. Rutherford Award.

All Veterans of Foreign Wars and Ladies Auxiliary members are invited to attend.

PASTOR continued

Winters. He is involved in Lutheran activities at the synod, state, and national levels and is involved in the Rural Church Coalition, Rural Social Service by Extension, and Church Innovations. The list goes on and on and on Ramona is always at his side. She is a lifetime helpmate and they have a beautiful loving relationship.

Even before coming to Winters, Jim has always been a doer. In his career, he has served congregations in Havre, Harden, and Glendive, Montana; Crookston, Minnesota; and Odessa, Texas. While in these communities, he was involved just as he has been here. In Glendive, he chaired a committee to start and develop a junior college. He helped develop a statewide Mental Health and Mental Retardation program for the state of Montana. He helped build a Drug and Alcohol Treatment Center in Crookston. Jim served on the governor's committee on Drug and Alcohol Abuse. He was instrumental in getting an Indian Drug and Alcohol Treatment facility started.

In Crookston, he was pastor to a congregation of over 2000 and was involved in major building programs and parish projects. In Odessa, he helped develop West Texas Hospice and a halfway house for Drug and Alcohol Abuse. Jim has written several books and plans to continue writing in the future. His "From the Well" weekly articles in local newspapers has been a favorite of many people.

All of Jim's congregations, except Odessa, have been primarily rural communities. His rural upbringing and his love of the land have been at the forefront of his ministries. He has taken a special interest in the farm family and the problems which agriculture has faced in the past few years. Jim has a saying, "In spite of all of man's accomplishments, humanity exists because of six inches of topsoil and the fact that it rains." This epitomizes his strong feeling for the importance of agriculture in America and the moral thread sewn in the farm family.

One of the joys that Jim has shared with Winters is the relationship of ministers from all churches through the Winters Ministerial Alliance. His leadership and his caring for those in need has helped produce a group of preachers who share together, work together, pray together, and join together to spread God's love and care to our community. This is such a unique relationship that these "men of the cloth" share together. They cast aside their differences when they meet each

week and share what we all have in common through Christ. His fellow ministers say that it is such an uplifting time of fellowship, planning, and most important praying together.

Fellow Minister Don Roath relates, "The definition of 'Pastor' is 'Shepherd.' A 'Shepherd' is one who gathers, guards, herds, leads, or drives the flock. This is what best describes Jim to me. He never asked people to go places he was not willing to go himself. He never asked people to do anything he was not willing to do himself.

He truly sought God's guidance for his congregation. He was always a friend to the other pastors in town. In fact, Jim Hanson was the 'Pastor' to the other pastors. God blesses others through people like Pastor Jim. I know

through the touch of Jim Hanson, God has blessed me. He will be greatly missed."

Pastor Jim and Ramona are moving to Tuscola and will be traveling for a while—to see family and friends, to wind down from a long career. I don't think retiring is really the Hanson's lifestyle. It's just a change in location—the ministering will still be there, the love of family and friends will still be there, the care and concern for those all around will still be there, and the many contributions to life will still be there.

We'll miss you—Jim and Ramona—on a day to day basis. We do plan for our paths to still cross many times. You were not only the Pastor of St. John's, you were Pastor of Winters community. Now you have the whole world as your parish.

Health Notes

At North Runnels Home Health our focus is providing the best care possible for patients and helping them care for themselves. We believe the more our patients know, the better care they can receive.

CHRONIC BRONCHITIS

A form of chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, chronic bronchitis is marked by excessive production of bronchial mucus that's sufficient to cause a cough for at least 3 months each year for 2 consecutive years.

Causes and Pathophysiology

Cigarette smoking is the most common cause of chronic bronchitis, although some studies suggest a genetic predisposition to the disease as well.

The disease is directly correlated to heavy pollution and is more prevalent in people exposed to organic or inorganic dusts and noxious gases. Children of parents who smoke are at higher risk for respiratory tract infections that can lead to chronic bronchitis.

Chronic bronchitis results in hypertrophy and hyperplasia of the bronchial mucous glands, increased goblet cells, ciliary damage, squamous metaplasia of the columnar epithelium, and chronic leukocytic and lymphocytic infiltration of bronchial walls. Additional effects include widespread inflammation, airway narrowing, and mucus within the airways — all producing resistance on the small airways and, in turn, a severe ventilation-perfusion imbalance.

Complications

Chronic bronchitis can lead to cor pulmonale, pulmonary hypertension, right ventricular hypertrophy, and acute respiratory failure.

Assessment Findings

The patient's history typically reflects a longtime smoker who has frequent upper respiratory tract infections. Usually, the patient seeks treatment for a productive cough and exertional dyspnea. He may describe his cough as initially prevalent in the winter months but gradually becoming a year-round problem with increasingly severe episodes. He also typically reports progressively worsening dyspnea that takes increasingly longer to subside.

Inspection usually reveals a cough, producing copious gray, white, or yellow sputum. The patient may use accessory respiratory muscles or breathing (a "blue bloater"). Vital signs usually include tachypnea; other typical findings include a subusual weight gain.

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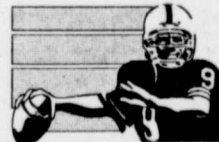
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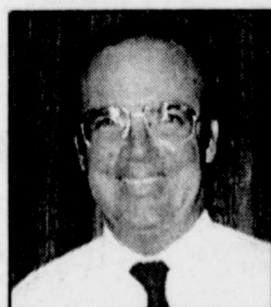


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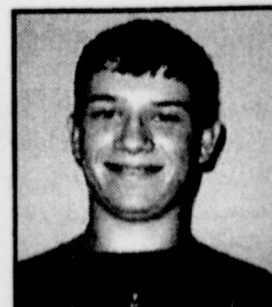
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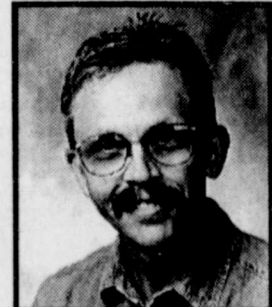
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Crews News

By Hilda Kurtz

Everybody wants to live longer—but nobody wants to grow old.

Easter dinner guests with Margie Jacob were Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Engler of Brownwood, Brenda Jacob of Midland, Justin Busenlehner of Rowena, Beverly VanZandt, Corey and Brad, and Mike and Carol Kozelsky, Kathryn, Scott, and Jeanna. In the afternoon, they had an Easter hunt. All also celebrated Sharon Engler's birthday.

Chauncey and Susan Mansell had family and friends over Saturday night for supper and music. Those attending were Dale and Linda Duggan, Katy and Kelton Grigsby, Will and Leslie Duggan, Becky and Elwood Brown, Marilyn Mendelson of Denver, Colorado, Brandon Mansell, Amos Barton of Lubbock, and Matthew Patterson of Austin.

Brenda and Richard Chambliss of Oak Creek, Ray and Sherie Cooke and children and friends of Oak Creek, Pat and Earl Cooper, Dottie Edd Drake and two kiddos, Gina and two children of Blackwell and a friend all enjoyed Easter on Sunday with the Chambliss'.

I'm glad to write that Pat Cooper is recovering nicely after her fall last week. She hurt her lower back.

It's good news that Harvey Mae Faubion is home after four days in the Ballinger Hospital. Easter and weekend company included Walter Pape of Santa Anna, and Carolyn and Melinda Kraatz of San Angelo.

We wish to congratulate Jeremy Prater on his 19th birthday during the week. "Many more of these nice young birthdays."

Hildegard and Calvin of San Angelo spent Easter with me and brought all the Easter lunch. How nice can it get? Saturday night I had a sprinkle of rain and small, slight hail.

Visiting with Helen Alexander over the Easter holidays were Erhart and Margie Fisher of San Antonio, Rod and Christal, Curtis and Joann Dubbing of Waco. All enjoyed Easter morning breakfast out in the yard and later lunch with all the trimmings. They finished with a freezer of homemade ice cream.

Connie and Georgia Gibbs weekend Easter visitors were Travis and Lynda of Rising Star, Amy Holden and Chane Ford of Temple, Connie Mac and Jean Gibbs of Winters, Tammy, Haley, and Mark Kaczyk, Kenny and



Saffron, Tana and Lane Gibbs of Winters, and Norma Jo Suddeth of Winters. Dennis, Audine, and Roy McBeth dropped in for a while.

Gathering in the home of Doris Wood on Easter were John and Frances Hord of Wingate, Mr. and Mrs. Maloe Bryant, Robert and Douglas Bryant of Abilene, Bobbie and Larry Calcote and Wes of Abilene, Aaron Calcote and friend of Mineral Wells, Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Cameron, and Steven and Jana of Brownwood.

Leona Matties' sister Betty of Coleman spent Easter with her. Most of Sherri and Brett Mikeska's family spent Easter in Wingate with them.

Ferris and Ramona Akins visited their daughter Ferrisa Childs and her family in Marlin. Their daughter, Andrea Harp and her daughters visited them Thursday and Friday.

David and Viane Talbott took Ferris and Ramona Akins to The Shed for Easter dinner together.

Guests attending church at Hopewell Baptist on Sunday morning were Bill Regnier of Friendswood, and Jenniffer and Dave Hawes of Pasadena. Mr. and Mrs. Claude Smith were evening visitors.

Carolyn and Joe Webb were in Austin Monday visiting friends and grandchildren Amanda and Ashley Webb. They returned on Wednesday.

Selma Wilkerson visited Noble and Harvey Mae Faubion on Sunday afternoon.

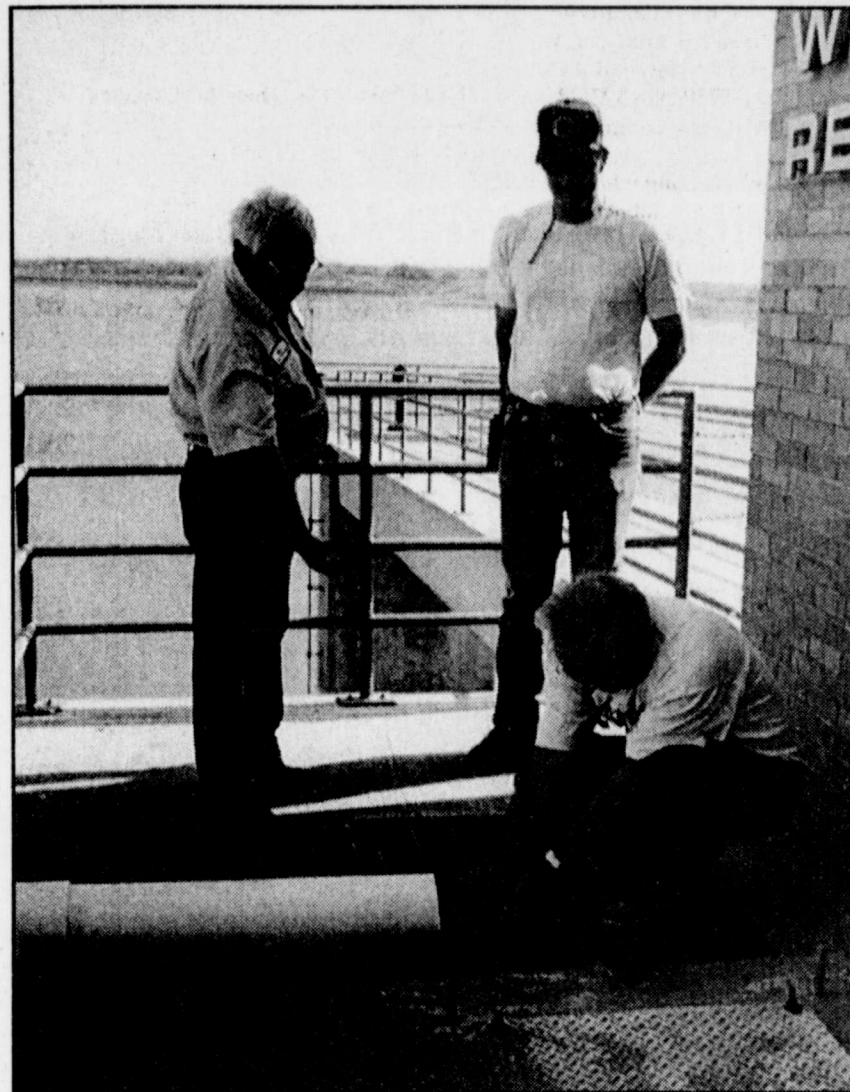
Visiting with Therin and Nila on Sunday for lunch were Wesley, Karen, and Stefanie McGallion of Wingate, John McGallion and Louise Osborne of Winters, and Simon Camacho of Ballinger.

Therin and Nila ate supper on Sunday night with the McGallions. Also attending were Sue Campbell and John McGallion of Winters, Glen Campbell of Austin, and Simon Camacho of Ballinger.

Juanita Shields' guests over the weekend included brother-in-law Bill Regnier of Friendswood, Jenniffer and Dave Hawes of Pasadena, Diana and Larry Reynolds of Aztec, New Mexico, Peggy and Loren Lee Shields of

Tuscola, Sue and Bill Shields of Novice, and several neighbors.

Juanita was shopping in Abilene this past week. Those visiting her attended the memorial service for her sister-in-law, Mary Ellen Shields Regnier, which was held Saturday at the Atoka Cemetery. She died December 5, 1999, and services were held in Port Orange, Florida, at that time. But due to sickness, interment was postponed until now. The body was cremated.



CITY MANAGER AREF HASSAN (left) and Water Superintendent Jack Davis, Jr. watch as Mayor Dawson McGuffin takes a closer look at the water being pumped into Elm Creek Reservoir from ten wells the city drilled recently. The wells pumped 200 gallons of water per minute for five days, but are now pumping about 100 gallons per minute, only half the original flow. Davis and city officials continue to plan ahead for the ongoing drought conditions. Davis said he is not only working on the "human" aspect of the drought, but is working with the Texas Department of Parks and Wildlife on the preservation of fish in the reservoir.

Fifth Sunday singing planned at Second Baptist Church

Second Baptist Church will host a fifth Sunday singing, April 30, beginning at 6:00 p.m. The church is located at 810 Trinity Street. Everyone is invited.

Industrial Board awards grant to local business

The Winters Area Business and Industrial Corporation recently awarded a \$250 grant to Winters Flower Shop and More for improving the front of the business.

Owner Janice Pruser made major improvements, which helps in the beautification efforts for downtown Winters.

Grants of up to \$250 for one-half of the cost of painting or improving the appearance of Winters businesses are available to any business owner. Contact Randall Conner at 754-4542 for additional information.

Poe's Corner

By Charlie Poe

Winters becomes a boom town



The town began to grow in 1900. A bumper crop of cotton was grown that year. The Murray Gin ran day and night and Main Street was laid off and business houses built on both sides of the street. Houses were springing up here and there.

My grandparents, Dr. and Mrs. Robert Cooke came there in 1890 and helped in many ways. After a few years in Colorado City they returned and were there in 1909 when we came to live with them.

My parents knew that Grandma's house was getting too small with the new baby and Aunt Juanita coming to teach school nearby. She would want to visit her parents on weekends.

Daddy got busy and found us a small house just three blocks from my grandparents home—then he sent us to visit Grandpa Graham. Daddy wanted to see little George, his namesake.

We were excited to ride the Abilene Southern train that had just come to Winters. Gladys and I each had a seat and we looked out the window watching the world go by.

We could only go as far as Aspermont the first day and we spent the night with Grandpa Cooke's twin sister, Martha Roseman. Aunt Martha was a pretty woman. We were served breakfast with a waitress.

The next day we arrived in Stonewall County where Grandpa and Grandma met us in the wagon. The buggy wouldn't hold us all and the food we brought so we sat in the back and ate fried chicken to our heart's content.

All the relatives made such a to-do over George's blonde curls that I was jealous. Gladys didn't mind our straight brown hair—she just kept on playing ball and climbing fences.

Mama rolled my hair in curlers and put a ribbon on it. I was quite happy again.

Back home we were surprised that daddy and grandma had our house all ready for us.

Our bedroom doubled as a living room but Gladys and I didn't care, "we had our own room." Mother and Daddy had a bedroom and there was a kitchen that was also a dining room. We had a nice yard where we could make some mud pies. We also had to take George riding in his buggy.

Our home was in a good location for church and school. Gladys and I started to school in the old

rock building on the hill and church was on Truett Street.

We were close to the oil mill and when it was running it smelled like pancakes cooking. Mr. Roberts put in an electric light plant where we could have light until midnight, then he turned off the machinery so we could sleep.

Daddy expanded his grocery business when Jeans Company of Ballinger opened up a grocery on West Dale and made Daddy manager. It is the first wall of the three still standing.

We did not eat candy during the week but on Saturday night Daddy brought us a sack full of candy and fruit. We divided the contents very carefully and tried to make it last us as long as we could.

We went to church in a new building on the corner where it is today with the motto God's Love on top of the door.

I finished high school from the old stone building but Gladys, several years younger, got to go to the new building and enjoy it for several years.

George Poe and I finished high school the same year and after one year we returned home—he to work on the farm and I in the Dry Goods store that joined Daddy's grocery store.

We found the days dull when we were not working and started dating with the result that we were married on August 21, 1927. We had many adjustments to make as I have told in my column, but he was a hard worker and good provider, and we were able to retire early and move to town.

George was bored without having anything to do after farming so long.

Before he knew it he was finance chairman of the First Baptist Church, at the same time he became elected to the city council. After serving for two years he became Mayor for two years and worked in these positions like he did his farm.

Parkinson's Disease struck him and he died in January, 1973—a loyal and faithful friend.

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13	TXism: "scared the living daylight's out"	
14	this Tex was Glenn Miller soloist (init.)	
15	TX Carol Burnett was on "The Show"	
16	TXism: "walking drunk"	
17	TXism: "shooter" (slingshot)	
18	town between Houston & Baytown	
19	TX Ben Hogan won _____ Hickok Award in '53	
20	gullets	
21	angora producers	
22	TXism: "you can write _____ ink"	
23	this Yelstin was Russia pres. in TX Bush's term	
24	TX Pride's "It's _____ Little Bit Longer"	
25	tooth problem	
26	frontier TX Comanche chief: _____ Beard	
27	TXism: "bought a pig _____ poke" (messed up)	
28	Socorro de Sur is Catholic outside El Paso	
29	early name: El Paso del Rio	
30	TXism: "it up!"	
31	TXism: "as dirt"	
32	ex-Cowboy Renfro out _____ to Denton from Abilene	
33	Wamba, TX named for brand of _____	
34	near Boerne: "Cave Without _____"	
35	Dallas street: Star Trek	
36	Pres. Johnson (init.)	
37	TX Lefty Frizzell's "Always _____ Your Kisses"	
38	ambassador bldg.	
39	brew 13-down	
40	Cornyn's job (abbr.)	
41	put some slop in an expense acct.	
42	anger	
43	Mc _____ TX	
44	actor Power	
45	TX or France town	
46	legal Astro/Ranger robbery (2 wds.)	
47	TXism: "straight as a star's teeth"	
48	TX Reynolds book: "If _____ Than"	
49	previous name of Artesia Wells, TX	
50	Fort Worth actress Greer (init.)	
51	TX Willie held "Farm _____" concerts	
52	pond fish	
53	dainty dog	
54	founder of Confed. Air Force, Col. Lloyd	

Solutions for this puzzle appear in this issue.

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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, April 16, 2000, through Saturday, April 22, 2000. Winters Police Officers:

- observed and stopped a Chevy pickup on N. Main Street for driving erratically. A very strong odor of alcohol was detected on the driver and open containers of alcohol were found in the pickup. The driver was offered and subsequently failed several field sobriety tasks. A 12-year-old male was found unsecured by a seatbelt in the front seat. Due to this and the apparent intoxication and actions of the driver, Margarito Saucedo of Grand Prairie was arrested for driving while intoxicated and endangering a child.
- stopped a Chevy pickup on N. Arlington Street for a seatbelt violation. A 26-year-old male of Winters was found to be driving without a license and cited for the offense. The vehicle was released to a passenger who had valid license.
- received a report that a man walking his dog on Alexander Street was attacked by another dog who ran out the door of a residence in the 700 block of Alexander Street and savagely bit his dog repeatedly. The owner of the dog was located and issued a citation for animal at large subsequent offense.
- received a report of a dog bite in the 700 block of Bowen Street. A 9-year-old male of Winters stated a neighbor's dog got out of its fence and repeatedly bit him on the arms and face. The owner was issued a citation for animal at large and the dog was quarantined.
- located two warrant subjects in the 300 block of Redtner Street. Heather Medina and Linda Medina of Winters were arrested for various Winters Municipal Court warrants and taken to Runnels County Jail. Both subjects surrendered without incident.
- stopped a Mazda van on S. Main Street for a traffic violation. A 17-year-old female of Winters was found to be driving without a license and issued a citation. None of the passengers had a driver's license and the vehicle was impounded. A follow-up with the driver's mother revealed she had allowed the 17-year-old to drive the van. The driver's mother was then issued a citation for allowing an unlicensed person to operate a motor vehicle.
- checked the identification of a subject on N. Main Street. Ronald Revland of Abilene was found to have an outstanding warrant out of Taylor County for driving while license suspended. He was arrested and taken to Runnels County Jail.
- stopped a Chevy Blazer on S. Main Street for a traffic violation. A strong odor of alcohol was detected on the driver as well as an odor of marijuana. The driver was offered and subsequently failed several field sobriety tasks. A search of the vehicle revealed under two ounces of marijuana and the driver, David Secrest of San Antonio, was arrested for driving while intoxicated and possession of marijuana Class B.
- stopped a Ford pickup on S. Main Street for a traffic violation. The driver, a 27-year-old male of Arlington, was found to not have a driver's license and was cited for driving without a license. The vehicle was released to the passenger who had a valid license.
- received a report of a stolen vehicle in the 700 block of E. Truett Street. The vehicle was located and stopped in the 800 block of E. Truett Street a short time later. A felony stop was conducted and the driver refused to comply with the officers commands. After a brief standoff, the driver was tackled and handcuffed without injury to the officers. Pete Ochoa of Winters was then arrested for driving while intoxicated and faces possible charges for unauthorized use of a motor vehicle, resisting arrest, and driving while license suspended. The vehicle was returned to the owner.

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 Dispositions
 Larry Darnell-Carson, charges of evading detention and resisting arrest, both dismissed, defendant convicted in another case
 Randel Dale Fontenot, driving while intoxicated, dismissed, convicted in another case
 Travis Calcote, criminal mischief, dismissed, insufficient evidence
 Charles A. Baker, theft of merchandise by check, dismissed, case being refiled
 Stephen Joseph Freeman, driving while intoxicated, dismissed, completed pretrial diversion
 Stephen Joseph Freeman, reckless driving, dismissed, insufficient evidence
 Matt Edward Schwertner, driving while intoxicated, dismissed, completed pretrial intervention
 Richie Dale Tubbs, assault, dismissed, complainant requested dismissal
 Donato Marquez Casteneda, driving while intoxicated, pleaded guilty, sentenced to six months in county jail probated to one year, fined \$750, plus \$235.25 court costs, and 50 hours community service
 Jack Harvey Davis, driving while intoxicated, pleaded guilty, sentenced to six months in county jail probated to one year, fined \$1,499.73, plus \$225.25 court costs, \$130.27 restitution, and 50 hours community service

Marriage Licenses
 April 18
 Oscar Lopez Martinez, Jr. and Mayra Alejandra Trevino
 April 20
 Louis Vasquez, Jr. and Lori Yvonne Luera

District Court Divorce Cases Filed
 April 20
 George A. Ramirez, Jr. vs. Rebecca Ramirez
 Deedre Linda Massey vs. Garry Dewayne Massey
 Gail Patterson vs. Byron M. Patterson

Justice of the Peace Precinct 1 Felony Cases Filed
 April 14
 John Archie Kirkham, filed on two counts; unauthorized use of a motor vehicle and felony driving while intoxicated

Small Claims Cases Filed
 April 20
 Jim Fleming vs. Quen McDonald, suit for auto repair
Criminal Cases Filed
 April 14
 Shawn Kerry Glass, filed for littering
 Marlon L. Rankin, filed for littering
 April 18
 Jason Baker, filed for theft by check

Several Winters ISD events scheduled for month of May

Parents may be interested to know several upcoming May events on the Winters school calendar.

The WHS Junior/Senior Prom will be held on Saturday, May 6, and Winters FFA will host their annual banquet on Monday, May 8. All state meets for UIL athletic and academic competitions will be held in Austin from May 4-13.

Both Winters Elementary and Secondary Schools will participate in the annual science fair on Wednesday, May 10. The first grade will present a spring musical at 6:15 p.m. on Tuesday, May 16. The All Sports Banquet will also be held on May 16, at 7 p.m. On Wednesday, May 17, the fourth, fifth, and sixth grades will participate in the annual Elementary Track Meet beginning at 11:30 a.m.

The secondary school Awards Day will be held on Friday, May 19. High school awards will begin at 9 a.m. and junior high awards are slated for 1 p.m.

The elementary school Awards Day is set for Monday, May 22. Grades Pre-K through three will be recognized beginning at 8:30 a.m. Grades four through six will be honored at 12:30 p.m.

The elementary will hold their AR (Accelerated Reader) Carnival on Wednesday, May 24 from 12:45-2:45 p.m.

Some times and locations have yet to be determined for some events.

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Financial Focus

By Jimmy Newsom

Don't be a bear watcher

After months of cheering the stock market as it climbed to record heights, some individual investors are now taking up a new sport — bear watching.

Some people are sure they've caught a glimpse of the bear market, but each time, it has turned out to be an unsubstantiated sighting and the market has soon regained its losses.

Convinced, however, that the stock market's upward trend won't continue forever, and it won't, some investors are nervously anticipating the arrival of a bear market.

Unfortunately, even those who make a living trying to predict stock market movements are rarely accurate. History has proven that thus far every significant advance in the stock market has been followed by a correction. However, whether that correction will occur in two weeks, two months or two years, no one knows for sure.

Wise investors know that market timing is futile. Instead, they adopt a plan that offers protection in the event of a stock market decline.

This plan does not include abandoning stocks or stock mutual funds. Since the early 1950s, there have been 15 bear markets, periods when the Standard & Poor's 500 declined 15 percent or more. During each of these declines, the stock market fell an average of 24 percent. Certainly, the thought of watching the value of your \$10,000 portfolio fall to \$7,600 is not a pleasant one. However, history has shown that not only has the stock market fully recovered from each of these bear markets, it has gone on to reach new highs.

While no one enjoys watching the value of their investments fall, a period of eight or even 18 months is a very short span in the 20 to 30 years that most people spend investing. In addition, temporary declines in stock prices offer opportunities for investors to purchase shares of the best companies at more reasonable prices. Think of it this way, when your favorite brand of clothes go on sale, do you focus on how much you paid for them the last time? Probably not. Instead, you most likely go buy some more to take advantage of the great prices.

If you want your portfolio to be in the best shape possible to weather a market decline, make sure you own good-quality companies. While the stocks of strong companies are not immune to stock market declines, their prices typically do not fall as much as those of lesser-quality companies and they generally rebound faster.

Stocks that are most vulnerable during market declines are those that have very high price-to-earnings ratios — the "hot" stocks of the day. Heavy concentrations of Internet stocks, for example, should probably be reduced and replaced by stocks in more reasonably valued industries.

The value of owning good-quality stocks over long periods of time cannot be overstated. Only stocks offer the inflation protection and rising income potential you need to ensure that you don't outlive your savings. To realize their long-term rewards, however, stock owners must live through short-term declines. During those uncomfortable periods, remember, the worst thing a bear market can do is scare you away from the investments you need most.

Must be preapproved—Municipal Judge agrees to service in community to pay court fines

Municipal Judge Virginia Parr has announced a plan to "work off" municipal court fines," by performing community service.

Two up coming community projects for this "work off" are the Elm Creek Reservoir Clean-up, April 29, and Mayfest, May 6. Manpower will be needed for both projects.

Judge Parr will allow service to these projects in lieu of paying the court fines. An agreement must be preapproved with the judge prior to the "work off."

If you are interested, contact one of the following people for details: Judge Parr at 754-4126, or Saffron Gibbs at 754-4424.

CHIP rep here Tuesday, May 2

The CHIP program is designed to provide medical coverage for children whose parents can't afford private insurance.

A CHIP representative will be in Winters on Tuesday, May 2, at the City Council chambers room from 9:30 until 11:00 a.m. and in Ballinger at the Ballinger Memorial Hospital Clinic Building from 1:00 until 3:30 p.m. Applications and assistance will be available.

Applicants will need to bring their last two months income verification, or a letter from their employer, and verification of day-care expenses.

If you have any questions, please call 1-800-592-7433.

Entities to meet tonight on 911 transition

In anticipation of the changeover from the City of Ballinger to Runnels County for 911 communications and dispatch, a meeting has been called for tonight (Thursday) at 6:30 p.m. in the district courtroom of the Runnels County Courthouse.

Involved in the meeting will be representatives of each of the government entities in Runnels County, including the City of Ballinger, City of Winters, City of Miles, and Runnels County.

In his announcement of the meeting, chairman of the changeover/transition committee, Runnels County Commissioner Skipper Wheelless, said the committee will function with a planned agenda during the year to guarantee a structured changeover of communication duties to Runnels County.

The meeting is open to the public.

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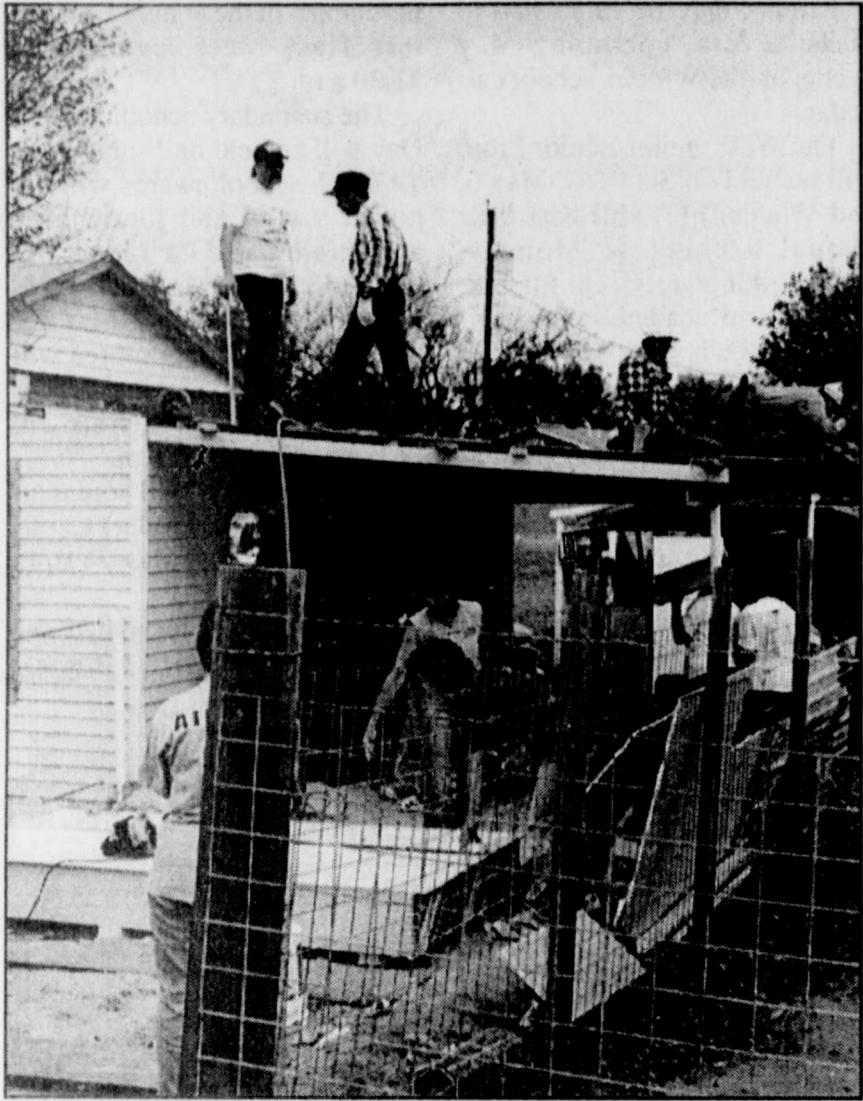
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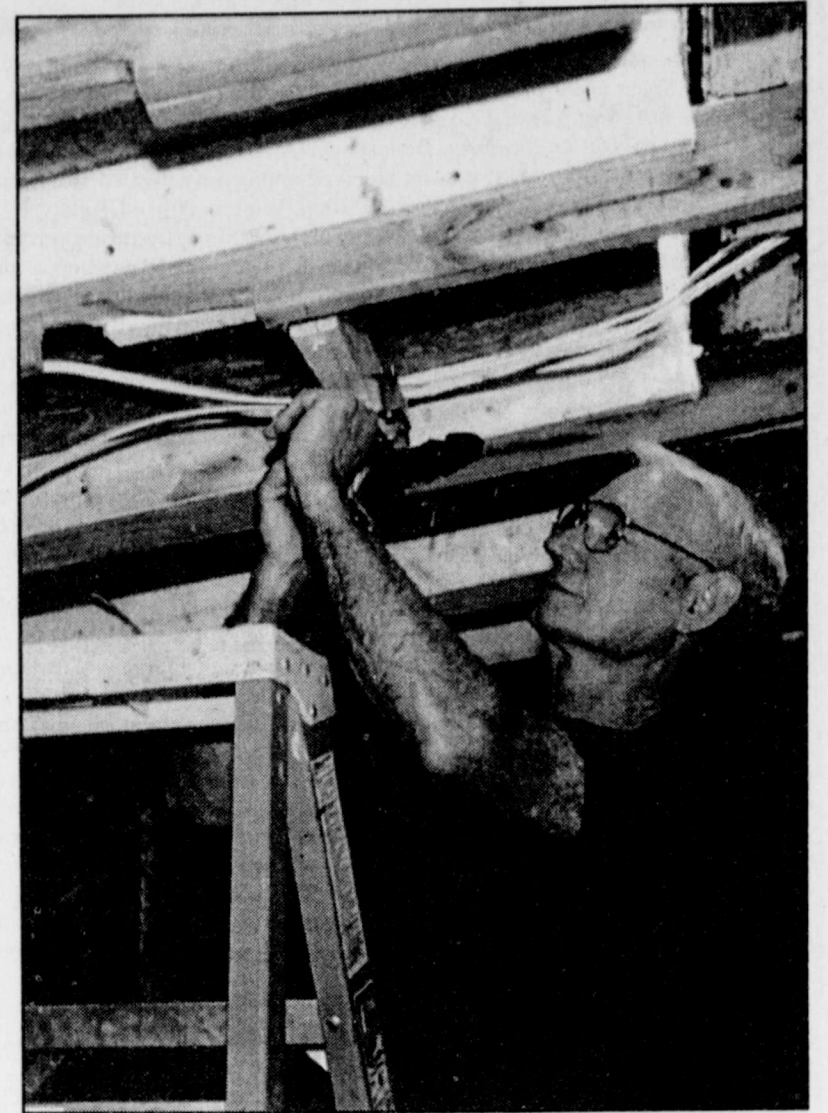
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...All Who Helped With Christmas In April 2000



PUTTING ON A NEW ROOF at Phil Colburn's site are (l-r) Johnny Bob Pritchard, Shane Colburn, Guy Slimp and Michael Mostad.

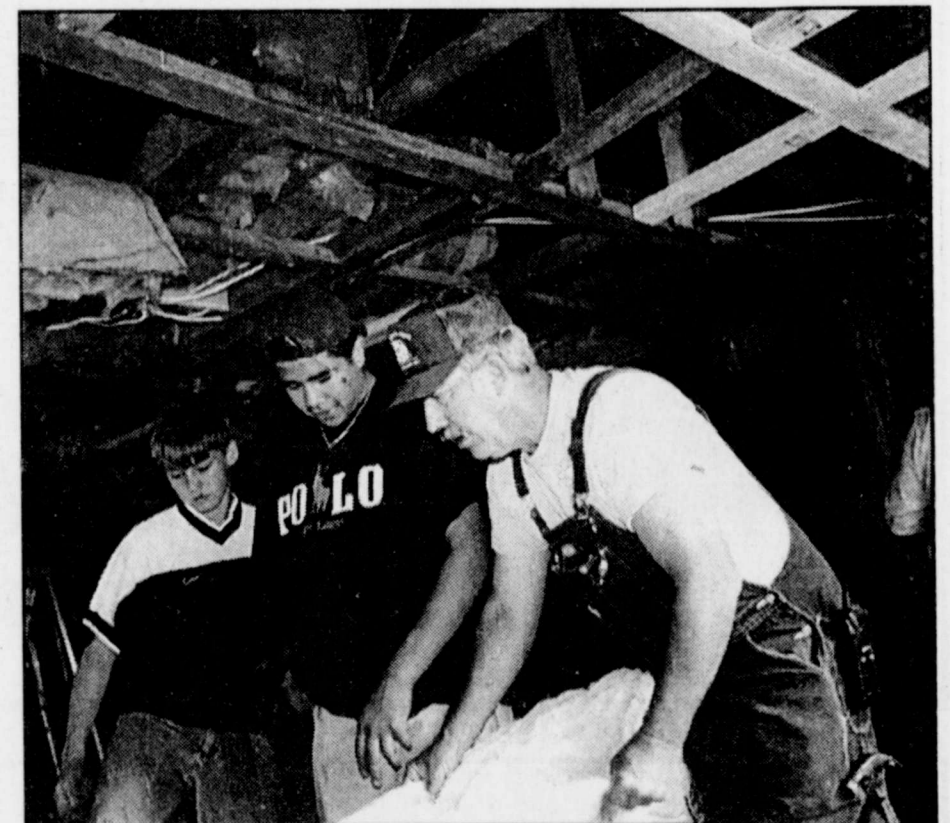


REPLACING AN ENTIRE KITCHEN FLOOR are volunteers for house captain Blas Lugo.

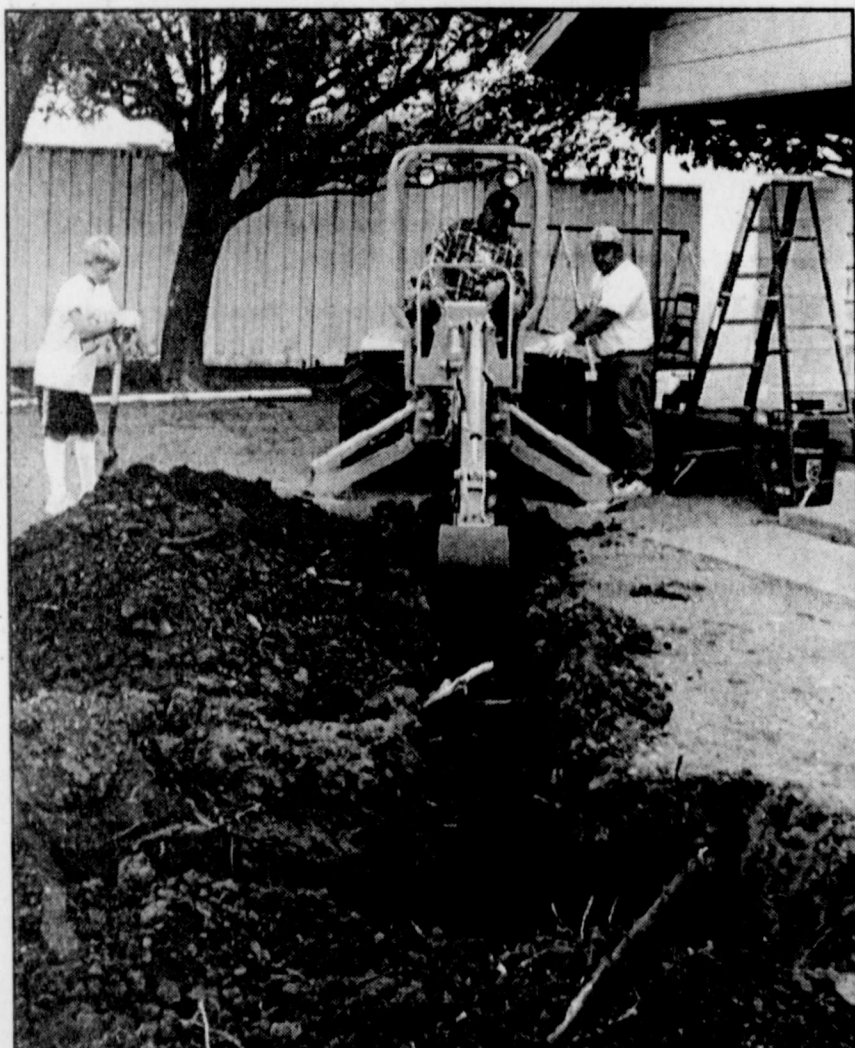
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HANK BORDEAU and two of his young volunteers get ready to install insulation in their CIA house.



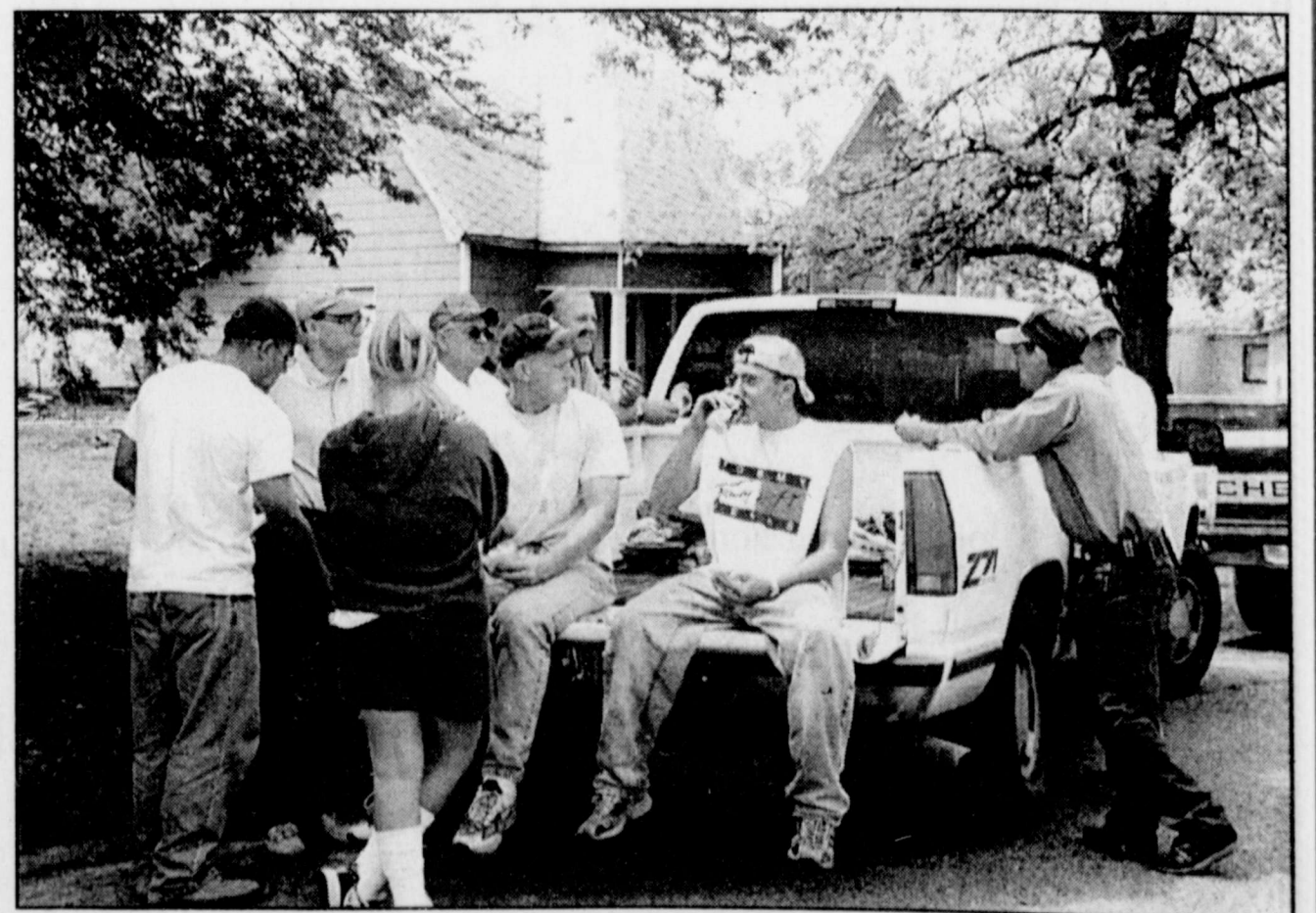
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Extension News & Views

By Rick Minzenmayer, Extension Agent-IPM

Part Two:

Trim time while cutting your grass

When to mow

Most cool-season grasses should be cut when they reach heights of 3 to 3-1/2 inches — typically once a week. Warm-season grasses should be mowed when 2 to 2-1/2 inches tall.

Cut no more than 1/3 of the grass height at each mowing to avoid damage to plants. If the lawn grows too high for you to cut off 1/3 height and have an acceptable length, cut off 1/3 now, and mow 1/3 off again in two or three days.

Cutting more than 1/3 height will cause grass clippings to lay on top of the lawn and decompose more slowly, and will give the grass a more open, bristly appearance. In addition, short cutting will stunt or slow root growth and weaken the grass plants.

What to do with your lawn clippings

Today's advice, contrary to 20 or 30 years ago, is to leave clippings on the lawn. The old belief that clippings contribute to thatch build-up is false. Thatch is a build-up of roots and stems, not grass blades.

Use a mulching mower, and leave clippings where they fall. It not only saves the labor of col-

lecting and composting them, it also reduces the need for adding fertilizer to your lawn, and helps to conserve soil moisture.

There are exceptions, however, to this advice. If you have neglected your mowing or must mow in wet conditions, the long clippings are likely to form heavy, soggy clumps that cover the grass. In such cases, the clippings should be removed so they do not smother the grass.

The idea of leaving clippings on the lawn is not new. In 1859, Henry Winthrop Sargent, a garden book writer and editor, wrote that "except during May and June when the growth of grass is more rampant, and has to be gathered, we have removed our box for catching the grass as it falls from the rollers, and permit it to fly in a little shower all over the lawn as the cutting progresses. In this way, the lawn-top dresses itself, by returning all that it produces."

Today's new mulching mowers, also called recycling mowers, make it even easier to leave clippings where they fall. The deck and blade designs enable these mowers to cut each blade several times, producing a finely chopped clipping.

Winters FFA judging team to compete in state meet Saturday

The Winters High School FFA Livestock Judging Team will advance to state competition on Saturday, April 29, at Texas A&M University.

The team of Robby Heathcott, Travis Grohman, Georgetta Horton, and J.T. Davis placed third in the Area 4 contest at Tarleton State University on Thursday, April 6, earning the right to compete at the state meet.

FFA Advisor Roy Shackelford is the team's sponsor.

Producers may sign-up now for Pest Management Program

Sign-up for the Runnels/Tom Green Counties Pest Management Program is currently underway and will continue until May 12.

Producers interested in having their cotton fields scouted for insect pests may sign-up their fields at one of the following locations: Wingate Gin, Ballinger Co-Op, Mereta Co-Op, Wall Co-Op Gin, or Westside Gin.

Producers in all areas of Runnels, Tom Green, and Concho counties are welcome to enroll their fields to be checked for insects.

Fees for scouting dryland cotton fields will be \$4.50/acre for once a week and irrigated fields will be \$7.75/acre for twice per week scouting. There is no limit to the number of fields or size of fields that you enroll. However, the minimum fee assessment is based on 25 acres per field.

At the time of enrollment, please be prepared to submit a Farm Service Agency map for each field you enroll.

Scouting will begin when cotton is up and will continue through August.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact one of the Pest Management Steering Committee members or Richard Minzenmayer, Extension Agent-IPM, at 365-5212.

Runnels County Rumors

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

COUNTY COMMITTEE ELECTION RESULTS—Dwayne C. Lange was elected to a 3-year term on the Runnels County committee beginning April 1, 2000. First and second alternates to serve 3-year terms are William J. Halfmann and Roscoe Morrison, respectively. Janice Niehues was elected to the community committee.

SMALL GRAINS CROP REPORT DEADLINE—Monday, May 1, is the final day to report small grains such as wheat, oats, barley, triticale for any intended use — grain, grazing, hay, silage — for FSA purposes.

Producers with small grain contract acreage or a history of planted acres need to report even if "zero" acres are planted. The zero acreage reports also apply to CRP participants whose crop bases are protected by Conservation Reserve Program participation.

Please be reminded a crop report is required for crop loans, loan deficiency payments, cropping history for CRP participation, and highly erodible land conservation requirements.

FAILED ACREAGE—Producers who have crops that have suffered a loss should report those acres to the FSA office. Filing a FSA-576 (Notice of Loss) must be completed within 15 days of the disaster or when the damage becomes apparent.

A timely filed FSA-576 is re-

quired for any crop in which NAP assistance is requested. This includes small grain forage, native pastured, sudex, and other noninsurable crops.

Small grain forage such as wheat for grazing which has not been grazed, must be inspected and appraised prior to destruction of the crop. This is true regardless if your crop insurance company has already adjusted and released your crop. Failure to abide by this regulation will result in the crop being ineligible for NAP benefits.

ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY INCENTIVE PROGRAM—EQIP is a voluntary program in which producers may enter into a 5-10 year contract providing assistance up to 75% of the cost of conservation practices. Some practices include brush control, grass plantings, tanks, cross fencing, etc.

EQIP applications filed by May 5, 2000, will be ranked during the first ranking period. Applications filed after that date will be ranked at a later time.

If you are interested in filing an application, please call 915-365-5757 to set up your appointment. Joint appointments will be set up with FSA and NRCS, since both agencies administer this program.

FINAL AVAILABILITY OF '99 COMMODITY LOANS—The deadline for requesting a 1999 commodity loan for sor-

ghum and cotton is May 31, 2000.

MOHAIR LOAN PROGRAM—Producers who have mohair in the loan for FY 1999 may repay that loan at maturity and then repledge that same mohair for FY 2000 loan. All FY 2000 loans will accrue interest from the date of disbursement to the date of repayment.

All eligibility requirements that applied for FY 1999 apply to all FY 2000 loans.

Deadline for FY loans is September 30, 2000. Please contact the FSA office for further details.


CRP EMERGENCY GRAZING—Remember that emergency grazing of CRP acreage must be approved by the County committee prior to grazing, and is only authorized through April 30, 2000.

All livestock must be removed from CRP acreage prior to May 1, 2000, to avoid non-compliance penalties. Form DF-25 must be completed within 10 days after grazing ceases.

BARRING FEDERAL DEBTORS FROM OBTAINING LOANS AND LDPS—The Debt Collection Act of 1996 (DCIA) provides, among other things, that a person owing a delinquent non-tax debt to the Federal Government is ineligible for Federal financial assistance including commodity loans and Loan Deficiency Payments beginning with the 2000 and subsequent crop years.

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