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Winters, Texas

Newcomers Bryan and Davis win in local elections

With a light voter turnout Saturday, Cheryl Bryan was elected to Place 3 on the WISD Board of Trustees.

With 480 registered voters in District 3, Bryan garnered 20 votes over Saam Geistmann's 17 votes and Rodrick Bredemeyer's 13 votes.

Incumbent Bob Prewit received 21 votes in his unopposed race for Place 4. There are 461 registered voters in that district.

With four candidates vying for three positions on the Board of Trustees of the North Runnels Hospital District, Jack Davis, Jr. beat incumbent Dale Montgomery 86-77. Also elected were incumbents Carla Harris with 105 votes and Tobin Burns with 99 votes.

According to the Runnels County Tax office there are 2,400 registered voters who could have voted in Saturday's election for North Runnels Hospital trustees.



DEMOLITION IS UNDERWAY at the corner of Main and Wood streets to remove the building to make way for a parking lot for a new Dollar General store which will be located next door in the old Instant Wheels building. According to construction foreman, Les Zimmerman of Dublin, Dollar General hopes to open their new facility by July 1.

Water usage restricted to "household" use only

Because Winters Elm Creek handheld hose watering of trees Reservoir is at 1/3 of its capacity and stands only at a level of 10 feet, according to Water Superintendent Jack Davis Jr,. water usage in Winters is immediately restricted to "household" use only.

According to Davis, Winters currently has enough water to last approximately 8 to 10 months without any rainfall. This figure is based upon our current consumption and does not take into be pumped from the recent wells

Davis says moderate ration-Conserve, and ing will continue. The Winpray for rain. ters City Code of Ordinance Article 11.204. Subsection (0) Emergency Wa-

ter Rationing Plan Stage 2 states: Ballinger and North Runnels Wa-All outdoor watering is prohibited, however, usage for livestock is exempt. This means no water- Authority to obtain water for using of lawns, trees, or shrubs is age. allowed. Prior to this restriction,

and shrubs had been allowed.

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"Household" use does not eliminate usage for businesses as recommended by City Administrator Aref Hassan and City Council members. At this time, businesses may continue usage as normal. "We do not want any business to be disturbed by the water situation," Hassan commented.

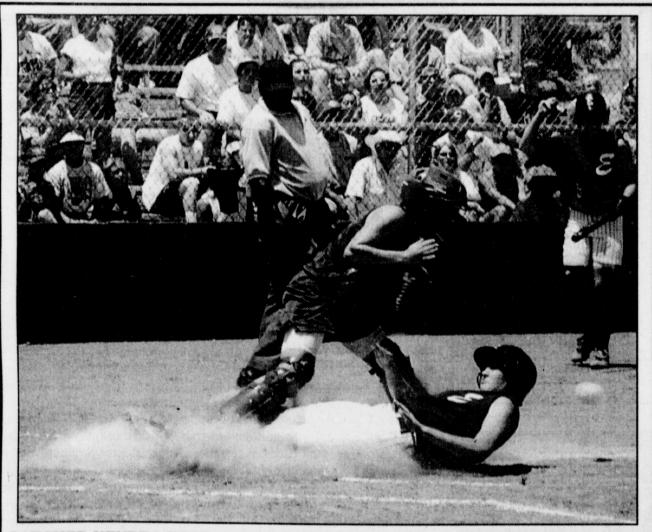
Although water continues to consideration water evaporation. drilled by the City, Davis says that

negotiations are underway with individuals in the area to purchase water -Water Superintendent from their wells. Plans between the Cities of Winters and

ter District are also being made with the Lower Colorado River

Jack Davis Jr.

See WATER, page 5



CATCHER KENDRA HOPE struggles to cover the plate and snag the low throw as the Eula runner scores. The Lady Blizzards lost 12-2 last Saturday to the Lady Pirates in their quest for a **Regional Semi-final title.**

Lady Blizzards fall to Eula Pirates in **Regional Semi-final playoff action**

the Lady Pirates of Petrolia on May 2, the Lady Blizzards fell 12-2 to Eula in their bid for a Regional Semi-final Championship on May 6.

During Regional Quarterfinal action against Petrolia in Albany, junior Jamie Reeves opened up the scoring for the Lady Blizzards when she batted in three runners in the second inning.

Senior Jana Presley was 3 for

After an exciting 5-4 win over 4 with a double and two singles errors," said Coach Hayes. while Jessica DelaRosa hit 2 singles during the duel.

"We hit well in this game and played really good defense," said head coach Shelley Hayes. "Jana showed a lot of composure at the plate with seven strikeouts, and she turned two doubles at crucial

points of the game." The Lady Pirates of Eula proved too much for Winters last

Saturday. "We had way too many Paula Salas.

"But we had a good season to

go as far as we did. I'm really proud of the girls, especially in the two playoff games to get us to this point," continued Coach Hayes. "These ladies showed a lot of heart and desire."

Coach Hayes is assisted by Coach Ed Poehls. Seniors on the Lady Blizzard team are pitcher Jana Presley and centerfielder

The Blitz receives Award of Achievement

After only two years of production, the Winters High School newspaper, The Blitz, received an responsible for the critical analy-Award of Achievement for outstanding achievement in journalism from the Interscholastic League Press Conference.

sity of Texas, is an organization sis and rating of Texas student publications. The Award of Achievement is

the second highest honor given by

The ILPC, based at the Univer- ILPC and The Blitz was one of only four newspapers in Division 2A to receive this rating.

Staff members were not expecting the award. "Actually I

See BLITZ, page 3

Sheriff Bill Baird threatens to sue Commissioners

In a heated presentation Tuesday morning, Sheriff Bill Baird adamantly told County Commissioners that Runnels County Sheriff's dispatching would not be turned over to any other agency.

In making his presentation, Baird said, "I have been elected five times by the citizens of this county and my duty to those voters is to be responsible for the sheriff's department!

"I will sue the County Commissioners if necessary to determine if the Commissioners' court can legally employ 911 dispatchers," said Baird.

Sheriff Baird was reacting to a May 9, 2000 agenda item to

Annual All-Sports Banquet set for Tuesday evening at FBC The Winters Athletic Booster

Club will host their Annual All-Sports Banquet on Tuesday, May 16, at Jones Fellowship Hall in the First Baptist Church of Winters. The event recognizing 1999-2000 WHS athletes will begin at 7 p.m. The meal will be catered by The Shed and include barbecue brisket, sausage, and all the trimmings for \$7.50 per person. All See BANQUET, page 5

First graders to present spring musical Tuesday

The first grade class of Winters Elementary will present "Get Hoppin'," a spring musical, for the community on Tuesday, May

16. The program will begin at 6:15 p.m. in the WHS Auditorium. The students will also perform the program for the students at 8:30 that morning. See PROGRAM, page 8

"Consider requesting the city of Ballinger to rent or lease office space in the Ballinger Police Department to Runnels County to be used as a public service answering point for 911 calls and law enforcement dispatching."

Sheriff Baird presented quotes from Texas Law Statues concerning 911 regulations that made the Commissioners aware of procedures and policies that could and could not be handled by County Commissioners.

Commissioners reacted by asking Baird about his previous statements contrary to today's statements. Baird answered by reiterating current statutes and laws.

Baird then presented a report of advantanges of having 911 dispatch at the jail. These included:

•observation of female inmates which could be done by male personnel with viewing limited to only when the jail employee is standing.

telephones for jailers

· deputies could be dispatched Baird also listed the disadvantanges of the 911 service being located outside the jail. These included:

 present jailers would continue to dispatch deputies, DPS officers, and game warden officers

· additional personnel would be requested to handle tasks

· jailers would continue to observe female inmates

Baird also pointed out that information for local warrants "can be given only by law enforcement agencies-not 911 dispatchers or the County Commissioners."

Baird stated that it is against the law for County Commissioners to be in charge of 911.

Commissioners ended the discussion by requesting from Ballinger City Manager Tommy New a rent or lease price for the office space presently used for 911.

Administrators from Ballinger •911 dispatchers could answer Memorial Hospital District See COMMISSIONERS, pg. 2

WHAT'S HAPPENING? May 11-10 a.m., Triple L Club, First Baptist Church 10 a.m., 39+, First United Methodist Church 11:30 a.m., Sr. Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center 6 p.m., Women's Service League, Rock Hotel p.m., Underground Water District Meeting, Community Center 7:30 p.m., Girl of the Month Reception, Rock Hotel May 12-11:30 a.m., Sr. Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center 2-4 p.m., Nurses' Reception, Sr. Citizens Nursing Home 2:30 p.m., Mother's Day Party, Sr. Citizens Nursing Home 7:30 p.m., Cowboys for Christ, Drasco May 13-State Track Meet in Austin May 14-Mother's Day 9:30 a.m., Marriage Enrichment Seminar, Church of Christ May 15-11:30 a.m., Sr. Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center 6 p.m., Weight Watchers, Sr. Citizens Activity Center May 16-11:30 a.m., Sr. Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center Noon, Lions Club, Community Center 5-6:30 p.m., Pioneer Club, First United Methodist Church 6:15 p.m., First Grade Program, WHS Auditorium 7 p.m., WHS All Sports Banquet, Jones Fellowship Hall FBC 7 p.m., WVFD, Fire Station 7:30 p.m., Eastern Star May 17-7 a.m., WABIC, Chamber Office 9 a.m.-4 p.m., WIC, Winters Housing Authority 10 a.m.-Noon, FREE Blood Pressure Check, Sr. Citizens Act. Center 11:30 a.m., Elementary Track Meet, WHS Track Complex 11:30 a.m., Sr. Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center 18-11:30 a.m., Sr. Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center May 5 p.m., Outreach Center Workday Wee Care Preschool Graduation, First United Methodist Church

Oil Bidness By Reg Boles ©2000

Picking up where we left off last week, let's continue with our discussion of the "bunker" analogy I proposed to represent the oil and gas industry last time.

As you may recall, I focused on the government's role in this continuous "bombardment" sent the way of the oil patch. This time, let's broaden our view a bit to review shots taken at this business by other entities.

How about that court in San Francisco? A judge ruled that a case can come to trial there over a lawasuit concerning a major oil company's role in Nigeria. A group seeks damages from this major oil company in a U.S. court for supposed human rights abuses occurring in the Afrian country. Why would a U.S. oil company be sued for human rights violations in Nigeria?

Good question, and one that is put this way by the claimants: the major oil company, by operating in Nigeria, is indirectly supporting and funding these civil rights abuses, so Chevron is liable for damages. By that logic, any company operating in the U.S. (any type of company-not just oil & gas companies) would be liable for anything considered illegal or immoral occurring in the U.S. As scary as that sounds, it might come true someday considering what passes for liability these days.

How about this: two entities ar suing various oil producing companies for very different reasons. One group is suing producing companies for contributing to the damage of the environment by selling gasoline too cheap. The logic here is that cheap gasoline causes more people to consume more gasoline, which increases damage to the environment. The other group is suing various integrated oil and gas companies for charging TOO MUCH for gasoline, thereby causing those that "must" buy gasoline to spend too

northeastern fuel oil consumers' from "criminal price levels" in the future, says the press release.

Bottom-line: petroleum companies would not be allowed to price their product freely except on the downside. Oil & gas companies would be free to LOSE money but MAKING money will be restricted as being a threat to national security.

This law will never be passed (I on't think so, anyway), but it is yet another example of pointed objects flung at the oil & gas business everyday.

OK, whining over...back to our time of need. business next time. Thanks for your tolerance.

HIGHLIGHTS OF AREA DRILLING ACTIVITY

COMPLETIONS

Coleman County Delray Oil has completed the R.G. Brookshier -B- #5 as a Wildcat, 4 miles SE of Talpa at an initial rate of 68 BOPD & 42 BWPD in the King formation (perfs 1894-1902). Loc. is 1474 FSL & 2233 FEL of Sec. 107, Blk. 4, ETRR Sur., A-173

J. & T. Oil Company has completed the J. Decker #1 in the Talpa Field (1 mile SW of Talpa) at an initial rate of 42 BOPD & 3 BWPD in the Dog Bend (perfs 3100-11). Loc. is 2120 FEL & 2808 FSL of Sec. 114, Blk. 5, ETRR Sur., A-1741.

Nolan County

Lindenmuth & Associates, Inc. has completed the H.F. Nabers #4A in the North Blackwell Field (3 miles NE of Blackwell) at an initial rate of 68 BOPD & 98 BWPD in the Ellenburger (perfs 6284-6315). Loc. is 2100 FWL & 660 FNL of Sec. 28, Blk. 1A, H&TC Sur., A-1690.

Runnels County J.S. Operating has completed the Brevard #1 in the Oakes Field (9 miles SW of Winters) at an initial rate of 50 BOPD & 25 BWPD in the Goen Lime (perfs 4201-04). Loc. is 4117 FNL & 1949 FEL of B. G. Hall Sur. No. 437, A-236.

STAKINGS

Coke County

Card of Thanks

Boy Scouts Pack #249 would like to thank the Winters community for their support at the chicken fried steak luncheon last Sunday.

Your support will help the pack with community activities and camping.

Again, your support is greatly appreciated. Boy Scout Pack #249

Card of Thanks

The family of Jesus Tamez would like to give a special thanks to the Winters Funeral Home, Lawrence Bros. IGA, and all the people who brought food and flowers and gave support during

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beans, cornbread, and choco-

Tuesday, May 16: German

sausage, hominy casserole,

sauerkraut salad, cornbread

Wednesday, May 17: Roast &

gravy, potatoes & carrots

tossed salad, roll, and apple

Thursday, May 18: Chicken

spaghetti, English peas, fruit

salad, garlic bread, and dump

Friday, May 19: Mexican

cornbread, pinto beans, cole-

slaw, chips, and Jello cake.

late pudding.

and cobbler.

cake.

cake.

North Runnels Hospits

Thank you, Amelia Tamez & Family

Card of Thanks I would like to thank all the voters for their support in my bid

for the North Runnels Hospital Board of Directors.

I will work to the best of my ability for the community, insuring that we can have the best medical care available. Again, thank you for your trust

and support. Sincerely, Jack Davis, Jr.

Card of Thanks

We would like to thank everyone for the food, flowers, cards, calls, visits, and prayers during our time of need.

tist Church for providing the meal.

Meyer and Linda Dry at Winters Funeral Home; to Drs. Anderton, Cheruku, and Biddix, and their staff; and to Hospice of Big Coun-

(Curley) LaBedelle

Card of Thanks

The Winters Firemen's Auxiliary thanks all the community for supporting their afghan giveaway. Isabel Lujano was the lucky win-

Thank you for your support. Winters Firemen's Auxiliary

Card of Thanks

We want to thank our friends and family for flowers, cards, phone calls, and prayers while I was in Shannon Hospital and since coming home.

May God bless you, PeeWee and Kat Hope

We're PROUD of our Lady Blizzards!

Obituaries

Marlyn Lambert (Curley) LaBedelle

WINTERS-Marlyn Lambert (Curley) LaBedelle, 73, died Sunday morning, May 7, 2000, at his residence after a long battle with cancer.

He was born December 5, 1926, in Green Bay, Wisconsin, and lived there until he joined the U.S. Navy, serving during World War II. He lived in San Antonio and came to Winters in 1952. He married Cleo Perkins on June 19, 1953, in Ballinger.

Mr. LaBedelle was a truck driver and a Baptist.

He was preceded in death by his wife Cleo and a daughter, Marilyn LaBedelle.

Survivors include two sons,

Ronnie LaBedelle and wife Becky of Wall, and Ricky LaBedelle and wife Tracy of San Angelo; four daughters, Linda Diffey of San Angelo, Sandy Hamrick and husband Wayne of Winters, Peggy LaBedelle of San Angelo, and Vera Jackson and husband Curtis of Winters; four sisters, Betty Holmes, Virginia Besaw, Beverly Thyes, and Diane Collier, all of Green Bay, Wisconsin; fifteen grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Services were at 2:00 p.m. Tuesday, May 9, in the First Baptist Church with Reverend Tommy Talles of Wall Brethren Church officiating. Burial was in Wilmeth Cemetery, directed by Winters Funeral Home.

Pallbearers were Eric Hamrick, Nathan LaBedelle, Thomas Diffey, Dusty LaBedelle, Jason Young, and Casey Johnson.

Jesus G. Tamez

WINTERS-Jesus G. Tamez, 83, died Friday, May 5, 2000, at his residence.

He was born May 5, 1917, in Yorktown, Texas, and lived there most of his life. He married Amelia Martinez in 1964 in Carnes County and then moved to Winters.

Mr. Tamez was a farmer and a Catholic.

Survivors include his wife, Amelia Tamez of Winters; five sons, Greg Tamez Sr., Agapito Tamez, Juan Tamez, and Francisco Martinez, all of Winters, and William Tamez of Houston; four daughters, Lupita Martinez, Maria Mendez, Mary Trevino, all of Winters, and Jessica Tamez of Ballinger; twenty-five grandchildren; eleven great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

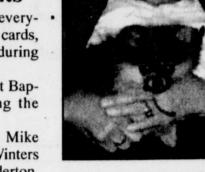
Rosary was at 7:00 p.m. Sunday, May 7, in the Winters Funeral Home Chapel. Mass was at 10:00 a.m. Monday, May 8, at Mount Carmel Catholic Church in Winters with Father Sam Homsey officiating. Burial was in Wingate Cemetery, directed by Winters Funeral Home.

Ada Pearl Denton

BALLINGER-Ada Pearl Denton, 89, died at 9:55 p.m. Friday,

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The family of Marlyn Lambert



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much money.

Talk about being caught in the crossfire!

Finally, another group has suggested that a certain law be passed. Now, I am typically against most new laws, anyway, on the grounds that we have too many to keep up with, now. So, I wouldn't usually give free advertising to anybody proposing a new one, but this one deserves to see the light of day to illuminate its silliness.

The proposed law would establish petroleum as a "critical national security commodity." By such designation, the law would require that the government cap prices at some predetermined level established by the executive branch based on a "fair and equitable" reflection of "actual" costs to produce such petroleum. (There is no mention of a floor price, of course.) This law would "protect

Amerac Energy Corporation has staked the Robbins -397-#1 in the Nipple Peak Field, 5 miles NW of Bronte (Depth 6100). Loc. is 602 FWL & 1988 FSL of Sec. 397, Blk. 1-A, H&TC Sur., A-345.

Concho County

Daubert Operating, LLC has staked the L. Lockett #1 in the Dare I Field, 7 miles SW of Eden (Depth 2100). Loc. is 330 FWL & 330 FNL of Sec. 2044, Blk. 72, J. Gotthardt Sur., A-297.

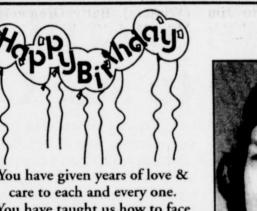
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R.L. Adkins Corp. has staked the Dickson #1-90 in the Joan Field, 6 miles NW of Maryneal (Depth 7500). Loc. is 743 FNL & 557 FEL of Sec. 90, Blk. X, T&PRR Sur

Chisholm Exploration has staked the Texaco Fee #6 in the Mulberry Canyon Field, 4 miles NE of Nolan (Depth 4200). Loc. is 1406 FWL & 2394 FSL of Sec. 69, Blk. 5, T&PRR Sur., A-237.

Runnels County

Pioneer Energy Corporation has staked the Griffis #3 in the Spillkirk Field, 5 miles E of Winters (Depth 4450). Loc. is 7417 FNL & 496 FEL of E. Mather Sur. No. 535, A-368.



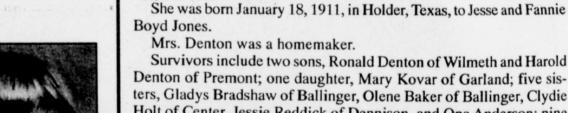
care to each and every one. You have taught us how to face our fears & never turn & run. You have raised your own-

plus all of us, we really don't know how. So on this special day to thank you,

to you "The Queen" we bow.

Ma DeBerry

Happy Birthday!



May 5, 2000.

Survivors include two sons, Ronald Denton of Wilmeth and Harold Denton of Premont; one daughter, Mary Kovar of Garland; five sisters, Gladys Bradshaw of Ballinger, Olene Baker of Ballinger, Clydie Holt of Center, Jessie Reddick of Dennison, and Ona Anderson; nine grandchildren; and sixteen great-grandchildren.

Visitation was from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. Sunday, May 7, at Rains-Seale Funeral Home in Ballinger. Services were at 10:00 a.m. Monday, May 8, at Rains-Seale Funeral Chapel with Reverend Ferris Akins officiating. Burial was in Norton Cemetery, directed by Rains-Seale Funeral Home.

Billy Joe Stevens

PAMPA-Billy Joe Stevens, 72, died Tuesday, May 2, 2000, in The Veterans Hospital in Amarillo.

Mr. Stevens was born June 4, 1927, in Memphis to Lilly May Nelson and Deward William Stevens. He served his country honorably in both the Asiatic Pacific and Philippine Campaigns. He also served as Chief of Police of Winters for 15 years and was a Methodist.

Survivors included four sons, Randy Stevens of Midland, Ronnie Stevens and wife Carole of San Angelo, Roger Stevens and wife Pamela of San Angelo, Rodney Nutter of Oklahoma; one daughter, Vickie Suit of Pampa; and seven grandchildren, Mathew Stevens, Skylar Stevens, Rex Stevens, Ryan Stevens, Tanner Stevens, Cody Stevens, and Taylor Stevens.

Graveside services were held at 1:00 p.m. Saturday, May 6, at Memorial Garden Cemetery in Pampa with Reverend Todd Dyess officiating.

COMMISSIONERS, continued_

(BMHD) and North Runnels Hospital District (NRHD) were also present at the May 9 meeting.

Administrator Lance Keilers of BMHD and Dick Stout, administrator for NRHD, spoke to the Commissioners. Neither administrator requested an amount of money but asked for joint meetings to determine long-range plans for ambulance service in Runnels County. Both men reported losses in the ambulance services and possible greater losses in the future due to changes ambulance runs.

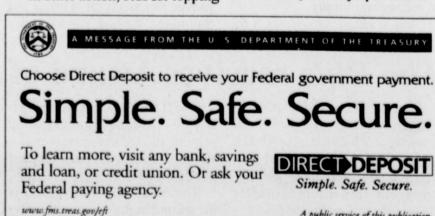
rock were accepted from Aim Material of San Angelo at \$11.14 per cubic yard and \$2.77 per loaded mile.

Agreements were approved with Xerox for leasing copy machines. Commissioners also approved moving \$75,000 from General Fund monies to the Aging Services fund.

Present for the meeting were Judge Marilyn Egan, Commissioners James Self, Skipper Wheeless, Richard Strube, and Keith Collom, County Auditor in Medicare reimbursements for Darlene Smith, and County Clerk Elesa Ocker. There were also ap-

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In other action, bids for topping proximately twenty spectators.



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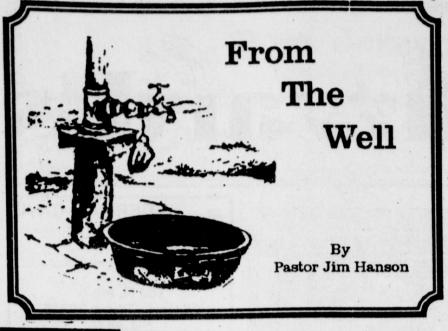
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Pastor Jim Hanson

I write this column from the Pastor's Office of Land's Lutheran Church. It is located in open country. About 30 miles south of Sioux Falls, South Dakota. Our son Nathan, his wife Ruth, and 3 children; Ezekiel, Samuel, and Anna live next door.

In a big white 3 story parsonage. With big evergreen trees and 2 acres of lawn. Old. But stately and proud. Built to last.

Yesterday was Ezekiel's Confirmation Day ... a big event in the life of a young Lutheran. On that day, in church, he stood up and renounced all the forces of evil, the devil, and all his empty promises. Out loud. He also professed his faith in the Triune God. Out loud. And he promised, with God's help, "to live among God's faithful people, hear God's Word and share in his supper, proclaim the good news of God in Christ in word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of our Lord Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth."

We were so proud...And grateful.

For, you see Ezekiel is our first-born of many grandchildren. 13 follow. And we were there when he made his entrance into planet earth. In Crookston, Minnesota. I can still see myself holding him when he was barely born. I remember someone asking me, "What are you feeling?" I replied, "I feel generations." For, all of a sudden, for the first time in my life, all of those "begats" in the Bible made sense. Those long lists of someone begatting someone else took on meaning. Deep meaning. Like I was joining that long line of believers going back to Abraham up to the present.

It was awesome.

Like God was giving me a pause of reflection. Time out so I could tune in to what creation is all about. The people chain. Why God created the world. Not to be one big zoo. But a dwelling place for people, living in a loving relationship with Him.

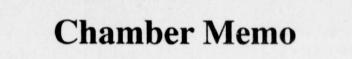
I wanted to sing the line from The Messiah, "for unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given," and to make a "Hallelujah Chorus" in the halls of hospial.

Yesterday was like that. For, after Zeke and other members of the class made their profession of faith came the time for the "laying on of hands" and the prayer for the Holy Spirit. Nathan invited members of the family to come up and circle around each of the confirmands. 14 of us laid our hands on Ezekiel. Parents, grandparents, uncles, aunts, and cousins.

And then Nathan led us in this prayer for Ezekiel. "Father in heaven,



WINTERS COMMUNITY CHOIR MEMBERS perform a series of Gaither songs during their spring concert on April 30. Approximately twenty-five talented singers raised their voices in praise. The choir is under the direction of Don Roath, pastor of First United Methodist Church.



Chamber gives a big thanks to those who helped with Mayfest 2000

by Carolyn Scarborough, Chamber Secretary

with lots of fun was had by all. That was Mayfest 2000. Good food, excellent entertainment, fun games, shopping, prize drawings...what more could you ask for?

The softball tournament started with 18 teams on Friday night and was won by Buzz from Big Lake, with second place going to Something Simple from Ballinger, and third to Vision Express from Abilene. Congratulations all!

A beautiful sunny Saturday (Ballinger), WalMart, Sonic about 12 o'clock when there's (Ballinger), Family Dollar, Pizza another page that has to be re-Hut, and Dairy Queen. We thank each and every one of you.

> Thank yous also go to the following for providing cakes for the cake walk: Marlene Smith, North Runnels Hospital, Ken Slimp, general editing, sports editing, Senior Citizens Retirement Center, Dr. Keith Boles, Mac Oilfield, A-1 Home Improvement, Ruth Cooper, Angela Lee, Rhonda Black, Saam Geistmann, Jeanie Wheat, First American Bank

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ceived such a high honor being that we've only been in production for two years," said senior Shelley Meyer, editor-in-chief.

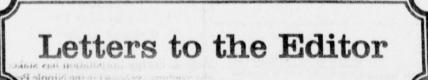
Meyer said the effort the staff puts in also deserves recognition. "The entire staff has been really great because at deadlines it can get really tense," Meyer said. "At done, you have to be thickskinned and good friends."

The paper received critiques in all areas and garnered an excellent rating in short news items,

was very surprised that we re- typography, and general impressions. ILPC final comments included "Your paper is very mature. It is evident you have great staffers and great leadership. Keep up the good work. You have mastered so much already!"

> Junior Kayla Colburn, co-editor, said she was delighted with the recognition. "I thought we did well for us, but I never expected to have the same caliber of newspaper as more experienced staffs," Colburn said. "We hope everyone enjoys the newspaper as much as we like putting it together."

Advisor is Cindy Davis.



for Jesus sake, stir up in Ezekiel the gift of your Holy Spirit: confirm his faith, guide his life, empower him in his serving, give him patience in suffering, and bring him to everlasting life. Amen."

A holy moment. A rebirth. Only this time...not of flesh, but of the Spirit. And we were there. What a wonderful way to spend our first Sunday in Retirement. To present and part of Ezekiel's Confirmation.

Oh, there were other specials. Zeke played his first trumpet solo in church. He did it so well. It was a day to "blow the trumpet" in Zion. And, Nathan asked his father to do some preaching. And, of course, I did. After all, a coffee mug that someone once gave to me had this inscription, "Old preachers never retire. They just go out to pastor."

And so I did. The first day of the first full week of our retirement. And, then, we rested. God is so good.



A big thank you to Jim Heidenheimer, Rika Lee, Jackie Ishom, Pieces of the Rock and Mejor Que Nada from Ballinger, Lola Scott from Wingate, and Karen Hart and Dorine Glaze from Abilene for providing the entertainment throughout the day. They all made some beautiful music.

Congratulations to Annabel Rangel for winning the pickup tool box in the \$1 drawing donated by John's International. James Clack won the stereo donated by WTU and Gwynne Haussecker won the hand held tool box also donated by John's International.

Other businesses who donated door prizes were Security State Bank, The Winters Enterprise, Carl Grenwelge Texaco, Bahlman Jewelers, Bahlman Chevrolet, Stitchin' Post, Coleman County Electric Coop, City of Winters, Spill Bros. Furniture, Underwood Real Estate, Midwest Rehab, Video Hut, Pioneer Vet Clinic, Beauty Center, Bedford-Norman Insurance, TXU Gas.

In addition are Winters Flower Shop & More, The Hair Post, Flowers Etc., Heidenheimer's, First State Bank, Higginbotham's, Theresa Gerhart, Lawrence Bros., Busy "B" Cleaners, Winters Funeral Home, Milton's Hardware, Motel Winters, Gehrels & Associates, First American Bank

(Winters), Betty Grenwelge, Mike Neal, Kendrick AC, and CCS Medical Equipment. Paige Geistmann and Jessica Meyer also helped out with the cake walk.

The following people helped out at the softball tournament: Sandy and Brianna Mesey, Jamie Reeves, Esmerelda Sanchez, Hank Bourdo, Oscar Luz, Coach Murphy, Coach Lipsey, Coach Mobley, Coach Byrd, Derrick Tubbs, Zane Guy, Lisa and Bear Nitsch, Jeremy Alvarado, John Escobar, Justin Minzenmayer, and John Kraatz. We want to thank you all for the score keeping and umpiring that you did. And thanks also to WISD for the use of the ball fields and some equipment.

have stayed open without the help of the following wonderful people: Lavera Tharp, Marlene Smith, Dwayne Williams, and Hank Bourdo.

The Board of Directors thanks each and every one of you who helped make Mayfest 2000 a success

And I would personally like to say thank you to the Board of Directors for all of your help and support in making Mayfest a fun and successful event. You are all a great asset to your community.

Dear Editor,

The concession stand could not

who are living here are interested in what you are doing and are willing to help you along.

> for the District 22 Veterans of Foreign Wars and Ladies Auxiliary at our Post Home and the day before the Convention we had very nice promotional packets delivered to the Post Home without our asking.

> > The sixty plus V.F.W. members and Auxiliary members were very impressed when they received them as they registered. This was especially nice as this is the last time District 22 will meet as a group as they are to be dissolved and the different Post will be put in two larger Districts.

The District 22 Ladies Auxiliary celebrated being organized for 50 years by honoring their Past District Presidents. Of the seventeen living and contacted, ten attended.

They were recognized with corsages of red roses and red, white and blue ribbon and a history of high lights through the years was prepared and presented by Mary Kurtz.

Ferrell Dean Brown who served in 1958-1959 and Mary Kurtz who served in 1981-1982, 1982-1983 and 1999-2000 were past-presidents present from Win-

Out-of-town readers enjoy The Winters Enterprise

Just a note to let you know how much we enjoy The Winters Enterprise each week.

Kim and Eddie Jackson gave me a one year subscription for my birthday last year, and each week we anxiously wait for the mail. (I think she got tired of having to get an extra copy for us each week!) Thanks for having such plain, clear pictures of all the different

events that go on in the community. Thanks also for printing the stories about the Griswolds (Pritchards). We can certainly identify with these stories.

I also receive another subscription of a small surrounding community and there is no comparison to The Winters Enterprise. Keep up the good work!

Two very avid readers! J.R. & Anita Shirley. (Samson & Rusty Jackson's Memaw & Papaw)

Winters VFW thanks community for support of District 22 Convention

Dear Community,

One of the nice things about The Post Home was decorated living in Winters is that others with red roses in honor of State President Betty Odom who's Special Project is research through the Cystic Fibrosis (sixty-five April 29, we had a Convention roses) Foundation. She was pre-

sented a gift of \$146.00 toward this project by the Winters and District 22 Auxiliaries. District 22 members toured the Veterans Room at the Rock Hotel and the Z.I. Hale Museum with

Edna England and Nina Hale as their Hostedd. Thank you ladies. We thank The Winters Enterprise for publishing an article about the upcoming convention and our special guest and giving newspapers so those interested

could have copies.

And thanks to those responsible for the packets: Randall Conner and the Winters Area Business & Industrial Corporation, Winters Area Chamber of Commerce: Bahlman Jewelers. Charles Bahlman Chevrolet, First American Bank, First State Bank, Hatler Insurance, Heidenheimers, Lone Star Estate, Milton's Hardware & Auto, Pioneer Vet Clinic, Spill Brothers Furniture, Texas Forts Trail, and Winters Area Chamber of Commerce. Loyally,

Winters Veteran's of Foreign Wars Post 9193 and Ladies Auxiliary



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Poe's Corner

By Charlsie Poe

Never give up

When I heard someone remark this was the worst drought they had ever known us to have, my mind returned to the story of Uncle Johnnie written for The Winters Enterprise years ago. He encouraged everyone not to give up.

Mrs. Court Meeks said that when The Winters Enterprise came each week her daddy always read Uncle Johnnie's column to the family and "we looked forward to hearing what he had to say." She had a newspaper which told of her wedding in December of 1914. On the back of it was an article by Ballew called "Mazeland Musings."

Although he had always promoted cotton, Uncle Johnnie was off on another track, preaching diversification. The following are excerpts from his column.

"We have always wanted to make a bumper crop and now we have made it. We have made more cotton than the world needs. We must raise more meat and less cotton. Meat never was higher and cotton never was cheaper.

"Our cribs are bulging with feed. We have better teams and tools than we have ever had. It is time to change this section from an all cotton country to a dairy, chicken, hog, and maize country. Nearly every farmer can manage to get hold of a few jersey heifers and a few pigs -- better make the change before we get to where we can't.



"Goats are good to eat. Mutton is hard to beat. A dressed one to carry to town once a week would bring over a hundred dollars a year. Goose meat is good to eat. Duck meat beats no meat. Let us face about and have something good to eat and some to sell instead of eating stale stuff out of tin cans and paper sacks."

Ballew predicted an ear of prosperity in his article for the Ballinger Daily Ledger, July 7, 1915. He said that he had lived in the county more than ten years and had raised 134 bales of cotton on 185 acres of land without irrigation the previous fall. In the spring he had averaged 69 bushels of oats per acre and thirty bushels of wheat.

"Runnels has on her glad rags: wheat bread, drumsticks, livers and gizzards. Living with a laugh and smile, no croakers save the frogs. Everybody a booster but fools and they are silent. Brother, fate put you here - push and shout, ring it out. The only pauper in Runnels County has been revolutionized. Everything on the modern farm is running smoothly and the running is both pleasant and profitable.

"Bully fine times - frog-joy, joy rides, jelly cakes and Johnny cakes, go away trouble.

"Farming in Runnels is a 'toppy' and 'classy' business. Let the editors kindly lead the cheering!" --- Uncle Johnnie

Rainfall was deficient in 1916 and the year of 1917 recorded the lowest total precipitation (10.7 inches) since the weather bureau began keeping records in 1895. In the fall of 1918 the drought reached its climax.

After three years of drought and suffering, Uncle Johnnie's spirit was broken and he wrote a letter to the editor of the semiweekly Dallas Farm News saying that "local pride has held us back too long. Suffering and distress are so acute as to make it criminal to conceal the awful facts." He described the barren fields and empty houses. The day after his letter was printed he went into the store at Wilmeth, bought candy for his wife and children, had it tagged with their names, and then he sat down in a chair, placed a pistol in his mouth and pulled the trigger — a victim of the county's worst drought.

Uncle Johnnie's death was in vain for the rains began to fall in October. People who had left the county began to return, but it took several years to regain the population. There were 20,000 people in the county when the drought began, but the 1920 census showed the population to be just over 17,000.

In violation of the city ordi-





BROWNIE TROOP # 338 members attending Brownie Play Day included(I-r) Regan Newsom, Shelby Gehrels, Lisa Dees, Sarah Campos, and Miranda Torres. Leaders of the troop are Ral and Laura Dees.

Brownie Troop learns about animals at Play Day at Lake Brownwood

Members of Brownie Troop # had a picnic lunch. Following lunch they played a game deal-338 recently participated in Brownie Play Day at Camp Wood ing with the prey and the preda-Lake, the Girl Scout Camptors. grounds at Lake Brownwood on Saturday, April 29.

not want humans too close and Girls participating were Shelby Gehrels, Regan Newsom, Lisa how much food it takes for some animals to survive. The last ac-Dees, Miranda Torres, and Sarah Campos. Brownie members untivity was an animal story with able to attend were Abby Guy, Haley Kaczyk, Hannah Lugo, and Ursula Estrada. Troop leaders going home the girls stopped by Laura and Ral Dees accompanied the gift shop to purchase a souvethe girls. Other adults attending nir to remember the day. were Regina Newsom, Diane Torres, and Georgie Newsom.

Troop # 338 began their day with the entire group in the flag ceremony and then broke into smaller groups to experience different activities associated with animals. The girls made a paper octopus, took a nature hike, and Animals Try-It Patch as well.

WHS Class of 1950 plans reunion for May 19 & 20

The WHS Class of 1950 is Winters friends to stop by and planning their 50th reunion for visit with the class. Friday, May 19, and Saturday, The class is still seeking infor-

mation on two classmates, Dovie

Woman's Club enjoys Hong Kong program by guest speaker

The Winters Woman's Club met Tuesday, April 11, 2000, in the home of Bobbie Ludwick. Twenty-three club members were present.

Co-hostesses for the evening were Sandy Griffin and Ouida Nichols. Guests were served coffee, tea, and Millionaire Pie.

The club enjoyed a very interesting program given by Lounette Glover Templeton, a former Winters resident.

Lounette spoke of her Hong Kong adventures. She spent 32 years in Eastern Asia doing missionary work. She told the group about life in a different culture and how important it is to respect and appreciate customs different from our own.

Collins demos China painting for Artists Guild

At the May 2 meeting of the Mid-West Texas Artists Guild, fifteen members and two guests enjoyed a China painting demonferent kinds of animals. Before stration by Edith Collins.

> The title of Collins' demonstration was "Techniques and Tricks of the Trade." During her demonstration, Collins explained dictated China, pen work, grounding, and how to get the look of malachite. She brought finished pieces of China to demonstrate the different techniques.

Jean Hensley asked members to consider what activities, workshops, paint-outs, etc they would like to plan for the future.

The next meeting will be June 6 at the Ballinger Ice House.

BANQUET, cont'd.

tickets will be sold at the door. Athletes' meals will be provided by the club.

The Athletic Boosters will



MARK EDGE (center) leads a group of worshipers who gathered at City Hall to take part in National Day of Prayer on May 4.

WATER, continued -

areas receiving adequate rainfall to his grass. "We save 10-15 gal-"conserve, and pray for rain."

Other options would be to get several residents conserving wawater from Ballinger supplied by ter. He and wife Odessa recycle nance, first-time offenders will Lake Spence or from Abilene water from their showers. He pur- receive a warning from the Wathrough Lake Ivie. Davis says that chased a small evaporative pump terworks Department. Upon suba Disaster Emergency Contin- and ran a fifty foot water hose sequent violation(s), the Watergency Plan to truck in water from from his bathtub out his back door works Department may terminate service at the meter for a period has already been discussed, in the lons of water," Mr. Dobbins says. of 7 days, or until the end of the event that it will be needed. He With the water shortage so severe, calendar month, whichever is wants the citizens of Winters to Dobbins encourages everyone to less. Normal disconnect and refeel secure in knowing that Win- take note and conserve as much connect fees (\$15 during regular ters will not be without water. He water as possible. Tips from the business hours) shall apply for does suggest, however, that we Texas Water Conservation Devel- restoration of service in accoropment Board for conserving wa- dance with Section 11.203.

M.L. Dobbins is only one of ter may be found on page 8.



Day Assembly. A tour of the Joanie at 754-5105. school has been scheduled for 6 p.m. that evening.

May 20.

There will be a catered dinner at the school cafeteria at 7 p.m. Spouse and special friends are invited to attend with the class members.

Saturday's festivities will begin at 10:30 a.m. at the Rock Hotel. There will be a catered barbecue lunch at noon. Beginning at 2 p.m., a reception is planned for

On Friday at 9 a.m., the class Bardin, and Ruth Baker. Anyone will present a 2000 graduate with with information is asked to call a scholarship at the WHS Awards Lounette at (915)486-0074 or

Next they participated in ac-

tivities showing how animals do

questions and answers about dif-

By participating in these activi-

ties the girls attending earned their

Animals Try-It Patch. Troop #

338 will be studying more about

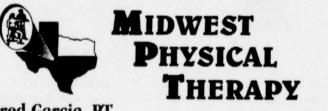
animals and going to The Nature

Center in San Angelo on May 13.

Those unable to attend Brownie

Play Day will be able to earn their

have Blizzard window decals, playoff shirts, and football plaques available for purchase.



Fred Garcia, PT

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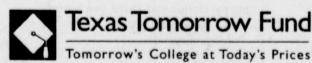
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MRS. MILLS' THIRD GRADE CLASS

Dear Grandma,

I love you very much. I want to thank you for taking care of me. thank for all things that you buy for me. most of all thank you for bringing me to Winters Elem.

Love, Norma Uragan

Dear Mommy I love you. Thank you for making good food for us. I like it when you play in the swimming pool with us. Happy Mother's Day. Love, Antonio Espino

Dear Mom

I just wanted to tell you that you are the best cook in the world. You take me places and we have fun. You buy me stuff. You let me have friends over. Thank you, mom. I love you. Love, Virgie Horton

Dear Mom,

I wanted to say that I love you. I love you because take good care of me. You also buy me clothes to wear to keep me warm. You cook good and you buy me suff. And you're my mom. Love, Juana Harrison

Dear Mom

I just wanted to tell you how much I love you. You're the best mom a kid could ever have. You're the best cook. Thanks for buying the kites and thanks for taking care of me. I love you. Your son, Stefan Kitchen

Dear Mom,

Happy Mothers Day! Thank you for everthing you've done for me. You are the most wonderful mom anybody could want. I like it when you do my hair. Thank you for coaching the softball team.

Love, Camille Kruse



Marvelous lOvining inTelligent Humorous Energetic Reliable Love, Colby

Dear Mom,

Dear Mom,

I love you Mommy.

Love, John Schmidt

Here are five things I like about you. 1. You are loving. 2. You are funny. 3. You are a good cook. 4. You are pretty. 5. You are cool.

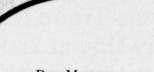
Love, Kerin B. Dear Mom,

I would like to tell you a poem....Roses are red, violets are blue sugar is sweet but I love you so for all my life with all my heart I will love you so. You are my mom and you shall guide my heart with your love and you shall always be my mom. I love you! Love, Celisha Jackson

Dear Mom, I love you more than anything in the world. So I have 5 things I have to say. Mom I love you from the bottom of my heart. I will do anything you say. I will do dishes. I will wash cloths and take out the trash, I will show I love you and I know I can. I will clean my room and do chores for you. Love, **aaron** Rodriguez

Dear Mom I love you so much because you take me to Walmart. Love, Luis 9.

Dear Mamasita, I love you very much. Thank you for everthing that you do for me and



Dear Mommy

I love you very much. Thank you for when you clean my room and when you by my clothes. I just want to tell you I thank you for everthing you bought me and took all that money out of your pocket and the money you gave

Love Your daughter, Kasi Lewis

Dear Mommy

Thank you for all youv done for me. love you momomy so very much I love you so much, I hope you love me Im your Angel Love, Angela

> Dear mother, Thank you for my bike and my football and your love for my and my trampoling and your help for us and our food and health. Thak you.

> > Love, Jesse Tamer

Dear mother, Thank you for all the nice things you did for me. You got me something to drink. gave me some money like to dollors. You cook for me and bought

me stuff. Love your son, James

Dear Mom, thank you for your love and for the

Love, Jose

Dear Mom, I appreciate what you do for me. I I like it when you take me to like what you cook for me. I also like WalMart. Thank you for taking me for

when you come to my softball games walks. I love it when you take me to because it makes me think that your the store. You always take care of me. proud of me.

> I like how you care about me. Like when I'm sick you make me feel safe. When I'm hurt you care about me. Love, addie OXOXOXO

Dear Mom,

Thank you for giving me food, clothes, and a home. Thank you for cooking for me, and loving me. Thanks for acting Ten (sometimes.) Love, Roym

Dear Mom.

I appreciate you the way you help me when I need help me or when I am sad. And you let me do stuff that I want to like letting me walk to the swiming pool. You help me on hard homework. You help me when I fell out of the tree. And you help me when I'm sick. Love, Dalton F.

Dear Mom,

Thanks for buying me thing like toys, candy and cards. Thanks for helping me on my homework. Thanks for taking me to toy stores. I love you for working hard and for giving me money. I appreciate my you for buying me

I think you're the most supreme mother in the world. And you are so elegant and stuning. Those eyes are



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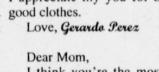
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me because you take me to the doctor. You are special because you help me with my homework. You're the great-

You're the greatest mom ever be-

cause you took us places and we have fun. I hope you have a happy Mother's Day. On Mother's Day I will do the

I thank you for helping me on my homeworck and helping me learn to

walk and talk. Also for being there when I need you like when I hit my eve on the glass table. I really appreciate you like when you brought me in this world. I really love you in every way

MRS. HATLER'S

FOURTH GRADE CLASS

Love your son, Vincent Torres

Dear Mom,

Dear Mom.

I appreciate what you do for me. You do my stinky laundry like my socks and you cook my food for me like mashed potatoes. You are the best mom.

The next reason why I love you is you put up with me. You do when I'm sick and when I've had a bad day. I don't have enough room to really write how much I love you. Sincerely, Susan

Dear Mom,

Thank you for buying me some shoes so I can put on my feet. Thank you for cooking my food so I can eat. Thank you for serving my food. I love you because you love me very much. I love you because you wash my clothes so I can wear on my body. I love for taking me somewhere I want to go. Love your daughter,

Cassandra Perez

Dear Mom. Mom I just want to know, that you're the greatest mom in the galaxy. I love you. You are a grat cook, Mom. I love it win you take us to the swimming pool. Mom, you're the best mom

ever! Love, Ryan Meyers

Dear Mom, I love you when you tell me stories about when you were a little girl, because your stories were exciting. I love you. Happy Mother's Day. Love, Marie Perez

Dear Grandma, Thank you grandma because you cook for me. I like how you cook food. You are a good grandma. I love you. Happy Mother's Day. Love, Beatrice Ramirez

Dear Mom Thank you for feeding in the animals in the morning and helping do it at night You help me a bunch. When Dad is not home you make sure I do all the work. I love you. Happy Mother's Day.

Love you, Dalton Shackelford

Dear Mom.

I love your cooking. You are the best mom I ever knew. I love you with all my heart. Thank you for taking care of me. Thank you for letting me spend the night with Dad sometimes. Love, Andrea Smith

Dear Mother, I just wanted you to know that you're the best cook and the best helper when I get frustrated. You're by my side. I like the way you care, have paitence and listen when I talk to you. Happy Mother's Day. Love, Destiny Jours

Dear Mom, I just want to tell you are a good Mom. You take care of me when I am sick. You are a good cook. You give me money to buy a coke or food. Love, Marty Torres

MRS. NEWSOM'S THIRD GRADE CLASS

Dear Mom,

I love it when you dance because you dance well. When you laugh you make me laugh too, I like it when you make big eyes at us. Then we laugh. Love, anthony

for taking care of me. Thank you for all the things you buy for me and for helping me with my homework. Love, Luis Espino

Dear Mom, I love you because you fix my lunchbox every day. You take care of all 6 of us kids. Thank you mom for all you do. Love, David

Dear Mom, I love you because you take care of me. You take me and my brother to the doctor. Love, Diana

Dear Mom I love you when we go shopping. I was glad when we went to see Grandma in the hospital. Love you mom, Linda

Marvelous Old fashioned Terrific Honest Excellent

Reliable

Love, Jami Dear Mom, Here's a poem just for you. Roses are red violets are blue. sugar is sweet

but not sweeter than you!

Love, Sandy Dear Mom, Roses are red violets are blue I love the sky and I love you too. Love, author

> **MRS. PRINGLE'S** THIRD GRADE CLASS

Dear Mother, I love you. I think you are special. Thank you for cooking good food. Thank you for bringing me a drink in my bedroom. Thank you for wrapping me up when I go to sleep. Love, Kim

Dear Mom, Thanks for everthing you did for me. i'm glad you did all that stuff for me.

Love, Sam

Dear Mom Thank you for taking care of me, and for doing all the things you did for mc like helping me with my homework, and cooking for me, and for buying me clothes and Thank you buying me all the toy that I have. Love, Krystal

Dear mom Thank you for food, the house, water, for fining me a key to the house, for being there, for getting me to school. I Love you mom Love, Brian

clothes you bought me for school and the shoes you bought for me for school. thank you for the good food you made for us and your good cooking you made for us.

Dear Mommy, Happy Mother's Day You are the most beautiful mother in the whole wide world. Thank you for all the things you do for me. I love

you very much. Thank you for the things you buy for me. You are the best mommy in the whole wide world. Love, Your Lovely dauter, ashley

Dear Mom, Thank you for taking care of me and for buying clothes for me and for being there for me and for letting me be Day. your daughter. Love, Sonia

Dear Mom,

ness. Thank you for your care. Thank you for everything I have. I am glad your birthday is coming up. Love, Raphael and Brooklyn

Thank you for your love and kind-

Dear Mom,

Thank you for doing a lot for me I really love you because you cook for me, you buy clothes for me, yo buy toys for me. All I want to know is do you love me for a son yes or no circle one. And I want to know if you really really love me because I really love you a lot. you are a nice mom. Your son, Cory

Dear Mom.

Thank you for your love you have gave me. You have always been there for me. Thank you for the birthday day presents and the christmas presents. We love you a lot. Love, Samantha Arispe

MRS. MITCHELL'S THIRD GRADE CLASS

Dear Mom,

You're the greatest mom in the whole world and when I come home from school I will give you something from school that I made for Mother's Day. When I come home from church I will give you a kiss Hi. When it was Easter day, I always gave you an Easter egg. All I really wanted to say is, I hope you have a happy Mother's Day. Love, Amanda

Dear Mom,

Thank you for my bike because it goes fast I love you for buying it for Thank you, for helping me on my homework because I would be failling in Math. Thanks for taking care of me when I'm sick.

Love, Jesse Fernandez

Dear Mom You're the greatest mom. You are special to me because you take care of me when I am sick. I love you because you watch me play baseball. I like it

You are special to me because when

I am sick you are allways there for me

when I need you. When I need my

clothse washed you wash them for me.

You're the best mom ever. When I need

help with my homwork you help me.

When I have a soccer game you missed

a meeting for me. When I need clothse

you gave me some clthse. I hope you

have a happy Mother's Day!

Love, Loren

you.

Love, Lacye

when you took care of my foot. I love

Dear Mommy,

Dear Mommy,

Love, Matthew

You're the greatest mom because

you help me when I am sick. When you

get home from work you help me with

my homework I hope you have a happy

I love you alot. You are special to

Dear Mom,

Mother's Day.

est mom ever.

Love, Jessica

Dear Mom

dishes. I Love you.

Love, Vince

Dear Mom,

Love, Brendan

Dear Mom,

You're the greatest mom, in the whole world. When I was sick you came to take care of me and when Alexis was sick you came. When I was six years old you gave me a balloon for my birthday. Love, Amanda

Belinda You're the greatest step-mom ever because you take us places and we have fun. I hope you have a happy Mother's On Mother's Day I will wash the

dishes and clean our room. I love you. Love, Vince

Dear Mom, You are special to me because you help me with my homework. You don't embarrass me by telling out-of-thosworld stories about me either. Since you're such an awesome mom, I will give you breakfast in bed, make your bed, do one load of wash and cook lunch. Have an extra happy Mother's

Love, Julie

Day!

Dear Mom, Thanks for raising me not lazy and for putting clothes on my back. And, for being there when I was mad or sad like the time I was sad about having a low grade. You knew I was sad and I let it out. Love, Nissa Ontiroros

Dear Mom,

I love you because you take good care of me.

always there for me when I am sick. I appreciate when you feed my dog. Sincerly, Laura Armendariz

FOURTH GRADE CLASS

Dear Mom, done for me. Thank you for helping me

room. Love,

Dear Mom, Thanks for raising me not lazy and for putting clothes on my back. And, for being there when I was mad or sad like the time I was sad about having a low grade. You knew I was sad and I let it out.

Love, Nissa Ontiroros

lovleyest things in the world. Also thank you for the house. And the cloes. And the food.

Senseraly with love, Christopher Jay Smith

Dear Mom,

I appreciate you when you cook. I love you when you buy me clothes and when you buy me pokemon cards. And I like when you buy me good movies

Love your son, Rudy Jorres Jr.

Dear Mom, I love you for feeding me. I am proud because you take me places. And

love you for my nice clothes. I appreciat you mom for a home to live in. I also appreciate you for a bed to sleep in. I also apprciate you for money.

Love, Cameron Burson

Dear Mom, I love you so much that I wrote this paper for you. I like the way you take care of us when we are sick and when we are not sick, but most of all I want to tell you that you are wonderful. And I am going to buy you a special gift. Sincerly, Erica R. P.S. I love you to Grandma.



Dear Mom

You're the greatest mom in the world. I love you very much because when I am sick you take care of me. You are very important because you give me birthday parties. you also do lots of things for me like, sometimes, when you want to go somewhere and you don't go just for me. Have a Happy Mother's Day! Love, Brittany

Dear Mom, I love you very much. I think you are the greatest mom in the world. You are special to me because when I'm sick you take care of me. I hope you have a good Mother's Day. Love, Corey

Dear Mom, Thank you for being my mom. Thank you for being nice to me. Thank you for cheering me up when im sick. Thank you for giving me food. Love, Diego

Dear Mom,

Thanks for being there for me when I had a problem like the time I had trouble tieing my shoes when I was 4 years old and you taught me how to tie my shoes that's why I am tieing my shoes today even thou I am doing it a little diffrent thank you a lot I love you for teaching me to tie my shoes and Happy Mother's Day. Love, Christina

Dear Mom,

I just wanted to tell you that I love you because of all the things you give me, like food, clothes and a home. I love even though you punish me I know it's for my own good. Happy Mother's Day!

Love, Adriana Rodriguez

Dear Mom, I love you! I appreciate you for everything you have given me and done for me! My mom is the only one that has been there for me when I am sick. But all I want to tell you is Happy Mother's Day and thank you! But really my mom is the true meaning of the word "Mom." Your loving daughter,

I love you so much. And I want to thank you for being there for me through everything that happen to me. I'm so proud of you so much because you buy me clothes.

For Mother's day I will give you something speasil. And I'll make bed for you can eat in bed. And I'll make your bed for 2 days. Love, Natalie Rangel

P.S. I love you to Grandma.

Dear Mommy,

Cindy Perez

Dear Mom,

I love you because you take me to places and buy me stuff like pants, shirts, earasers, pincils and other kinds of stuff I also love you because you take me to Mc Donald's and Burger King you also take me to H-E-B to buy me some food like pizza, corn, bread and tacos

Happy Mother's Day Reina Aragon

Dear Mom, I am really thankful for you when you buy me stuff for school. I am thankful when you give me a nice house. I love it when you make me cookines because you make cookies whith pecans. But the best on is you love me so much! Love, Patrick

I appreciate you because you are

MRS. TOUNGET'S

Thank you for everything you've

do my homework and cleaning my

Roy K.



Mother's Day 2000

Dear Mom, I appreciate your care, when I'm make me well. Also, I appreciate your days off. When you are home from work, we get to spend time together. Love, Cody

Dear Mom,

I really love you. I appreciate you for letting me keep Kacey, putting roof over my head and filling my stomach. Happy Mother's day! Jennifer Smith

Dear Mom,

I love you very much, and I appreciate every thing you do for me, thanks for being there when my pig went on the truck and for being there to soothe me. And...thanks for cleaning my room when it needed it. Thanks Mom Love, Wiley



MRS. PRADO'S FOURTH GRADE CLASS

Dear Mom, Thanks for everything you've done for me. The number 1 thing you've done for me is loved me. I hope you have a wonderful Mother's Day. Your daughter, Shelby Walker

Dear Mom,

Thank you for everything you have given me. You have always been there when I needed you. You're the most beautiful, caring, and coolest mom anybody ever had. I know you love me as much as I love you. Happy Mother's Day!

Love, Lillian Garcia

Love your daughter,

Thank you for buying me a t.v.,

clothes, shoes, taking me to ball games,

walk mes, tent, school supise. Happy

I love you very much. I know that

you are tired and you always find time

to care about me. Thank you for all of

the meals you made for me. Thank you

Thank you for washing my clothes.

I love you. Have a great Mother's

Thank you for cooking the thinks I

like and taking me to eat at all those

places. Thank you for taking me to my

frends house and birthday parties, read-

ing a bunch to me I love it. I love you

very much. I hope you have a happy

Thank you momfor bringing me into this world and the roof over my

head. The clothes you put on my body

that makes me know how much you

care about me. Thanks for putting the

food in my belly. Thank you momfor

always being there for me when I

Thank you for cooking at night for

me. I appreciate you for taking me

shopping for clothes when I need some.

I love you for bringing me into this

beautiful world. Thank you for loving

Thank you for adopting me, and

thank you for adopting my brothers and

sisters. I hope you have a nice Mother's

Happy Mother's Day!!

Your son, Justin Medina

Thank you for cooking supper. Thank

you for taking me to my baseball

for bringing me to this world.

Happy Mother's Day,

Samantha Sanchez

Dear Mom.

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Dear Mom

Mother's Day.

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Dear Mom,

Jason Sherman

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Dear Mom,

Your daughter, Sarah Rodriguez

Dear Mom,

Brett Deans

Dear Mom,

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Day.

Your Son, David

Dear Mom,

Thank you for taking me to eat. sick you make me feel better and you Thank you for bringing me to this world. I love you because you gave me brothers and sisters. I hope you have a nice Mother's Day. Love, Ashley Martinez

Dear Mom,

Thank you for buying me a playstation. Thank you for helping me. I'm happy for all the good times. I've had fun listening to you read. Thank you for taking me to every soccer practice. Your son,

Wendell Hawke Blackshear

Dear Mom,

I only get to say this once a year but Happy Mother's Day. Thank you for reading with me every night. Thank you for being there with me when I needed you the most. There is one more thing I love you with all my heart. Your son, Jad Martin

Dear Mom,

Thank you for taking me to baseball practice and giving me money for sports. Roses are red, violets are blue, candy is sweet and so are you. Always yours, Garrett Nitsch

Dear Mom,

I just want you to know that I love ou. Thank you for my life, and my lasses so I can see. Thank you for your kindness and love. I hope, you have a great Mother's Day. Your son, Kevin Cook

Roses are red, violets are blue, here is a special Mother's Day letter just for you.

Mom, you know I love you so I need to tell you that I thank you for being there for me. I also want to tell you that I care for you like you care for me. Happy Mother's Day Mom. Your son, Jericho Kaighan Price

Dear Mom, I want to thank you for loving me

day and night. You have always been there when I needed you. You're the sweetest mom in the whole wide world. Hope your Mother's Day is great. Happy Mother's Day! Love always, Cassi Mendoza



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Day. Your daughter, Mayra Stout

Dear Mom, I hope you will have an absolutely, I know that I'm forgetful and forfantastic Mother's Day. Thanks for algetting everthing. I'll try my hardest ways loving me, caring for me, and to not forget anything. I thank you for other things you have done for me. I reminding me to get my back pack & love you very, very, very much. I don't to brush my teeth. I wrote this note just know what I would do without a mom to say have a Happy Mother's Day! like you.

> With Lots of Love, Juanita Victoria Simpson

Dear Mom, Thank you for bringin me into this world. I love you very much. I think you are a cool awesome mother. Happy Mother's Day! Asenette Vasquez

MRS. AHRENS' FOURTH GRADE CLASS

Dear Mom, Thank you for being there for me and putting a roof over my head. I love you with all of my heart. You're the kindest person I ever known. You're loving and ever thing that a mother should be. XO's P.S. Did I ever tell you how much I appreciate you. I appreciate you very much. Love From Your Daughter, Catalla Kitchen

Dear Mom, Thank you for reminding me when forget. Also for being there for me. Happy Mother's Day. I love you

Mom. I will never forget you. Your daughter, Rebecca Nunez

Dear Mom, Thank you for my water bed which I love so much. Thank you for taking me to the Wes-T-Go when you don't want to. There are many other things I want to thank you for, but this letter would take for ever to write, so with everthing I thank you for your love. Your only son, Clinton Schwartz

Dear Mom.

I just want to say how much I love and thank you. I want to thank you for having me and for taking care of me. I love you for doing some of my responsibilities that I forget to do or just don't want to do them. Even though I sometimes get mad at you I will always love you!

Love, Leann Lopez

Dear Mom,

I wanted to thank you for everhting. Also for giving me a better life and moving to Austin. I'm writing this letter to you to show how much I love you. I love you so much. I wouldn't let anything or anybody hurt you. Thank you for bringing me into this world. Happy Mother's Day, Juanita Rashae Martinez

Dear Mom.

Thank you for helping me with my homework. I like the food you make. Thanks for washing my clothes. I Love You, Trayson Lange

Saturday 5-9:30 PM

Sunday 11 AM-3 PM

Dear Mom. Thank you for helping me learn my multiplication facts. Thank you for taking care of me. You are a very special

mom. Happy Mother's Day! Love, Julian Perez

Dear Mom,

I would like you to know that I love you and that I always will. Thank you for being at my games so far and taking me to practice too. You've been a awesome mom and always will be. Happy Mother's Day, Aracelie Flores

Dear Mom,

Thank you for loving me. Another thing I want to thank you for if for treating me right. Mom, all I'm trying to say is that I love you. Love you son, Christopher Ryan Smith

Dear Mom, I love you a lot. Thank you for helping me on my homework. Thank you for caring for me cause

Dear Mom, Happy Mother's day Mom! Thank you for all the things you did for me. I hope you have a good one. Love your son, Eugene Escamilla

Dear Mom,

Thank you for being the greatest mother who ever lived and going on all those long, long walks with me. Forgive me for watching t.v. instead of reading. I will love you forever and ever

Thank you mom for always helping me with my homework. You have cared for me, and when I cry you comfort me. I just thank you for bringing

Christina Marentes

Thank you for bringing me into this world. you are helpful for giving me You're the best mom in the world.

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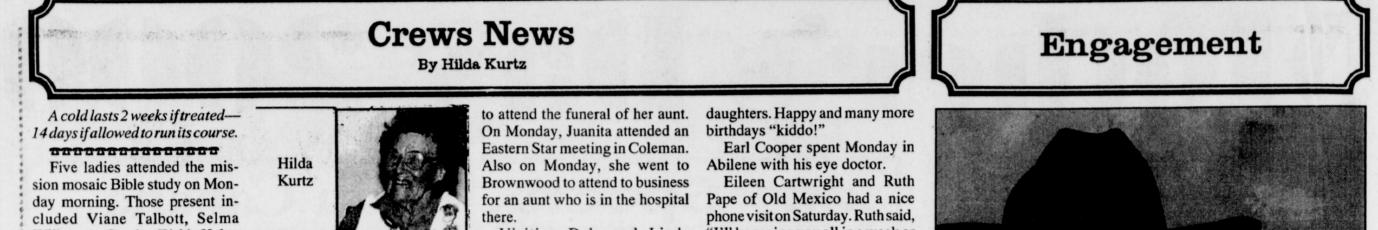
Your loving son, Jory Burns.

Always yours,

Dear Mom,

clothes. When I cry you're there for me. I Love You, Lupe Landeros

you put food in me. I hope you have a nice Mother's Day. Michael Blackshear



Wilkerson, Carolyn Webb, Helen Alexander, and Nila Osborne. Those attending Therin

Osborne's birthday supper on Friday evening in the home of Karen and Wesley McGallian and family were Louise Osborne, Sue Campbell, John Magelean, Karen Magelean, and Simon Camacho. Happy Birthday Therin!

Louise Osborne of Winters came out to the Osborne's on Saturday to enjoy lunch. On Sunday Bro. Akins and Ramona, Betty and Joe Pearce spent Sunday and dinner. Melvena and Marvin Gerhart came by for a short while.

Bryant Mikeska we wish you many more Happy Birthdays!

Tiffany Prater and Eileen Cartwright visited with Walter Pape on Thursday in Santa Anna. Eileen Cartwright and daugh-

Monday where Tiffany had surgery on her teeth. They did some shopping later on.

After doing my business and shopping in Ballinger on Thursday, I went by to see Adeline Grissom for a few hours, including "Days of our Lives."

Selma Wilkerson spent Friday and Friday night with Jim and Frances Chapman in Ballinger to help Frances with her garage sale.

Melvena and Marvin Gerhart were in Clyde visiting with Keith and Cathy Gerhart in Clyde. On Sunday, they visited with Sherri and Brett Mikeska and family in Wingate. Their grandson Bryant was celebrating his eleventh birthday.

Juanita Shields was in Crosbyter Tiffany were in Abilene on ton on Wednesday and Thursday

Nursing Home to honor nurses, mothers, then

Visiting Dale and Linda

Duggan during the week were Katy, Kyle, and Kelton Grigsby of Abilene, Brandon Mansell, and Amy, Susan, and Chauncey Mansell. Sunday night the Duggans enjoyed supper with Will and Leslie Duggan and Bob Pruser in Winters.

Linda Duggan spent Monday in San Angelo with her Aunt Frances Brown and did some chores and took her shopping.

Georgia and Connie Gibbs enjoyed their company during the week including Leona and Ralph Morton and their grandchildren, Lea of Cisco and Amy Gibbs of Menard, and Bro. Ferris Akins and Ramona of Ballinger.

Those who came and helped Pat Cooper celebrate her birthday on Thursday were daughters Brenda and Doddie and grand-

"I'll be seeing you all in a week or two."

Bro. Ferris and Ramona Akins of Ballinger attended the First Baptist Church at Possum Kingdom Lake on Wednesday night to hear their son Marty who was doing the preaching at the revival there.

Eileen Cartwright and Jeremy and Tiffany Prater were in Sweetwater on Monday for a doctor's appointment and shopping afterwards.

Rodney Faubion and his wife and son spent Saturday and Sunday with Noble Faubion and the Cartwrights. Marc Campsor spent Saturday night.

Doris Wood visited Frances and John Hord on Sunday in Wingate, along with his son John and family of Midland.

Hildegarde and Calvin of San Angelo spent Saturday with me. In the morning they sawed down mesquite trees and hauled ten loads of brush. The rest is coming to Winters as firewood.

The Crews community meeting and suppers will be closed until this coming September. Only 15 came to our supper on Saturday night-which was wonderful and delicious, hosted by the Duggans and McBeths.





Alfredo Rodriguez & Cindy Esquivel

Esquivel & Rodriguez to marry

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Ozuna of Abilene and Mr. Raul Esquivel of Abilene announce the engagement and approaching marrige of their daughter, Cindy Esquivel, to Alfredo Rodriguez. The prospective groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Manuel Rodriquez of McCamey.

The wedding will be at 1:00 p.m. Saturday, May 20, 2000, in Holy

The bride-elect graduated from Winters High School in 1991 and is currently attending Stenograph Institute of Texas in Abilene. She is

The prospective groom is a 1992 graduate of McCamey High School and is employed at Your Ideas Screen Printing in Abilene.

Admission is free of charge.

Week and to honor the nurses of this community, the Senior Citizens Nursing Home will host a come and go reception from 2 to 4 p.m. on Friday, May 12, at the nursing home.

All nurses in the community are encouraged to stop by and be honored and thanked for all their hard work and dedication.

We would especially like to invite the nurses of the North Runnels Hospital and North Runnels Home Health Agency as we attempt to strengthen the ties between the facilities.

We will be honoring the ladies 10 a.m. on Sunday for Mothers Day. We 12, at 2:30 p.m. We will recog-

This week is National Nurses' nize the oldest mother, youngest Abilene and Winters singing gosmother, and mother of the most children.

celebrate National Nursing Home Week

On Sunday, the Literary and Service Club members will be bringing bud vases to every resident in the nursing home. They are making place cards for every resident for each day of the week to be placed on meal trays.

The week following is known as National Nursing Home Week. We have special activities lined up for each day. Our theme will be "Bridging Generations." On Monday, Dawn Bryan will bring her Pre-K children to entertain at will have popcorn and movies.

On Tuesday at 10 a.m. we will and help celebrate National Nurswill have a party on Friday, May have our regular singers from ing Home Week. GARDENEN

pel and childhood songs. At the same time Wednesday morning, the First United Methodist Church will bring church services. At 2:30 p.m., Nadine Bedford and Elaine Miller will bring their doll collections to entertain. This is a favorite with our ladies.

On Thursday morning at 10, the Wee Care Pre-school children will perform for us and that afternoon the ladies from the Catholic Church will host the May birthday party. Friday afternoon we

Please come and visit with us

HOW To Save Water Inside The Home START IN THE BATHROOM ...

Be aware of the amount of water being used, and look for ways to use less whenever possible. Bathing: Taking a shower instead of a bath will usually save water, and a short shower will use less water than a long one. Additionally, installing a low-flow showerhead will save about one-half the water currently being used. Installing a low-flow showerhead is the single most effective conservation step that can be taken inside the home. Toilet: Standard toilets manufactured prior to the 1980s usually use 5-7 gallons per flush. Water can be conserved by using either a toilet dam, plastic bottle, or plastic bag to displace water in the tank. Do not use a brick as it can crumble and damage the fixture. Installing a displacement device is the second most effective conservation step that can be taken inside the home, and up to 20% of the water that is currently used can be saved. Replacing the existing toilet with one using 3.5 gallons or less per flush would save even more water and money. Do not use the toilet as a trash can for paper and facial tissues, and make sure the flush and fill components in the tank work properly. Lavatory: Instead of allowing the tap water to run while brushing teeth, run the tap just to rinse the toothbrush. The same method can be used when shaving and washing hands. Additionally, installing a low-flow faucet aerator can save up to one-half of the water currently being used.

...ADVANCE TO THE KITCHEN...

- Sink: Run water from the faucet only when necessary.
- · Fill the basin or a dish pan to rinse dishes instead of using running water.
- · Soak pots and pans before washing.
- Fill the basin or a pan or a bowl with water to wash fruits and vegetables.
- Instead of letting hot water run over frozen foods, place them in a pan of hot water to thaw.
- · Keep a pitcher of water in the refrigerator rather than running tap water for a cool drink. Operate the garbage disposal only when necessary.

Dishwasher: Wash only full loads. When buying a new machine, consider purchasing a water saving model. Newer models can cut water use by 25% and are no more expensive than nonconserving models.

...CONTINUE AROUND THE HOUSE

Washing machine: Adjust the water level to match the size of the load. If the machine does not have a water level adjustment, wash only full loads. When purchasing a new machine, consider a water-saving model, which should be no more expensive than a conventional model and which can reduce water use by as much as 30%. Insulate Pipes: Insulate hot water pipes where possible to avoid long delays (and wasted water) while waiting for the water to "run hot." Hot water heater: Be sure the thermostat is not set too high. Very hot settings (above 125°F) waste energy. If using a dishwasher, 140°F is required so that the dishwasher will clean effectively.

...AND FIX ALL LEAKS ...

Leaks account for 10% or more of the water bill and waste water and energy if the source is a hot water faucet. For example, a toilet with a silent leak of one cup of water a minute (a mere dribble) wastes about 2,700 gallons of water a month. Toilet leaks: Water escapes from the tank into the bowl. If water can be seen or heard running into the bowl after the tank is filled, the toilet is leaking. To test for a "silent leak", mix a few drops of food coloring or place a dye capsue or tablet into the water in the toilet tank. DO NOT flush the toilet. Wait for about 10 minutes, and if the dye or food coloring appears in the toilet bowl, the toilet has a silent leak. Common causes of toilet leaks are worn flush valve balls, improperly adjusted water levels, worn valve seats, and leaking fill valves. Check each item and replace as necessary. Faucet leaks: Faucet leaks are obvious and are usually caused by worn washers or "O" rings (for a washerless faucet) which can be replaced with hand tools. A slow steady drip (100 drops a minute) wastes 350 gallons of water in one month; a fast drip, 600 gallons; a small stream, 2,000-2,700 gallons; and a large stream, 4,600 gallons. Use the water meter to check for other leaks: Turn off all water outlets and water using appliances. Read the dial on the water meter and record the reading. After 15 to 20 minutes, recheck the meter. If the reading has changed, a leak is occurring somewhere.



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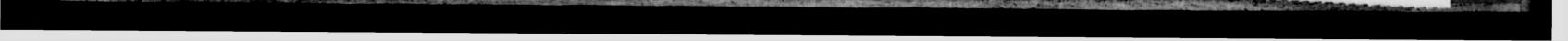
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Sarah Lee, RN Director of Nursing, 3 years Nora Neal, LVN Charge Nurse, 7 months Melissa Prather, LVN Charge Nurse, 2 1/2 years Kristie Roberts, LVN Charge Nurse, 7 months Will Simmons, LVN Charge Nurse, 2 months



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Nurse Lee has been the private office nurse for Dr. Lee, full-time for the past 12 years with prior part-time work experience. She also worked as scrub nurse for Dr. Lee and North Runnels Hospital for 10 years.

> Thank You from the office of Dr. Yung Kee Lee

Winters Independent School District appreciates your hard work and dedication to the well being of our students & staff.

J'Lynn Cooper **R.N., B.S.N**

Nurse Cooper has been school nurse for two years and has eleven years of experience in the nursing profession.

Thank you for doing such a wonderful job! Carla Harris, R.N.

Nurse Harris earned her Bachelor of Science degree in 1998 from Texas Tech Health Science Center in Odessa. She is currently working on her Master of Science degree in Nursing with certification as a Family Nurse Practitioner through Abilene Intercollegiate Nursing School.

She has served as an LVN for 10 years in ICU and ER, 5 years in ER at Shannon Hospital, as clinical director of a home health agency in Floresville, Texas, and 2 years as a Flight Nurse for Shannon AirMed1. She has been employed in Winters for the past 10 months by Keith A. Boles, M.D.

Thank You!

In honor of NATIONAL NURSES WEEK, May 6-12 NATIONAL HOSPITAL WEEK, May 10-16

North Runnels Hospital & North Runnels Home Health Agency proudly salute their employees

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Dick Stout, Administrator, 2000 Harold Hudgens, CFO, 1997 Teresa Davis, Administrative Assistant, 1999 Shelly Sudduth, Insurance, 1999 Jana Smith, Accounts Receivable, 1999 Dody Plumley, Admissions, 2000

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Nell Lange, Supervisor, 1995 Tonie Torres, Technician, 1998 Jackie Ozbirn, Technician, 2000 Mary Cooley, Technician, 2000 Margie Wade, Technician, 1993

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Bille Brown, RN-DON, 1988 Ginny Jordan, RN, 1993 Jeanna Lowe, RN, 1999 Mary Smith, RN, 1999 Susian Parsons, RNC, 1999 Jeanene Laird, RN/EMT-P, 1983 Jennifer Pinkerton, RN/EMT-P, 1994 Karla Shields, RNCCRN, 1999 Sonia Heidenheimer, RN, 1994 Kim York, RN/EMT-B, 1999 Marsha Smith, NA/EMT-B, 1993 Cyndi Ashley, LVN/EMT-I, 1992 Vera Kraatz, LVN, 1974 Elaine Miller, LVN, 1977 Barbara Gray, LVN, 1975 Jo Collins, LVN, 1977 Deloris Parks, LVN, 1997 Marilyn Niehues, LVN, 1998 Sherry Cook, LVN, 2000 Velma Sudduth, LVN, 1988 Melissa Albarado, N/A, 1997

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EMS

Phyllis Bearden, EMT-1, 1996 Scott Boulter, EMT-P, 1993 Bobbie Collom, EMT-P, 1991 Larry Collom, EMT-P, 1991 Chuck Cravens, EMT-B, 1998 Matt Fraser, EMT-P, 1999 Curtis Jackson, EMT-B, 1999 J'Dan Miller, N/A -EMT-B, 1998 Mary Rocha, EMT-B, 1994 Zelda Stewart, EMT-B, 1995 Kathie Willborn, EMT-B, 1999 Cindy Josey, EMT-P, 2000 Stephen Pack, EMT-P, 2000 Chris Soles, EMT-P, 2000

Home Health

Angela Minjarez, RN, 1999 Dayna Wade, RN, 1999 Cathy Dean, LVN, 1999 Carmela Polston, Business Office, 1996 Tanya New, Aide, 1999

Physical Therapy Fred Garcia, PT, 1998

Doctors

Jerry Biddix, M.D., 1991 Keith Boles, M.D., 1999 Y.K. Lee, M.D., 1974



Police Beat

The information below is taken from reports on file with the Winters Police Department. Some of the information is provided to police by citizens, and in some cases, police have not finished investigating the reports. These reports make up a small percentage of the total calls the Department receives and responds to each week. Winters Police Department reports received and/or investigated from Sunday,

April 30, 2000, through Saturday, May 6, 2000. Winters Police Officers: • received a report of a juvenile male breaking out a car window in the 700 block

of W. Dale Street. Officers located the male leaving the scene and found he was only 9 years old. The male was given over to the custody of his parents and the car owner was notified. Due to the age of the juvenile, he cannot be charged criminally; however, his parents could be responsible for civil damages.

· received a report of a red Chevy pickup northbound into Winters on U.S. 83 driving recklessly. The vehicle was located and observed to be driving very erratically and into oncoming traffic. The driver initially refused to yield until a Runnels County Deputy assisted in boxing in the pickup and guiding it to the shoulder of the road. Frank McMordie III of Shallowater, Texas, was found to have a strong odor of alcohol on his person and subsequently failed several field sobriety tasks. He was arrested for driving while intoxicated and taken to Runnels County Jail.

• received a 9-1-1 hang-up call in the 200 block of Penny Lane. Investigation revealed a 42-year-old female had been assaulted by a 47-year old male related to her. The female declined to file charges at this time and the male agreed to leave. No further incidents have been reported.

• received a report of a theft in the 500 block of Wood Street. A 35-year-old male of Winters admitted seeing a clock valued at \$12 in his neighbor's backyard and taking the clock to his house. The property was returned to the owner and the male issued a citation for Class C theft.

• received a report of a fight in the 600 block of N. Cryer Street. A Toyota pickup was stopped as it was leaving the scene. The 16-year-old male driver of the pickup was found to have a strong odor of alcohol on his person and subsequently failed several field sobriety tasks. He was arrested and taken to Runnels County Jail where he provided a blood alcohol specimen nearly twice the legal limit. The juvenile was then released into an adult family member's custody.

• received a notice of a warrant subject in the 600 block of N. Fannin Street. The subject, Angie Lee of Winters, was located and the warrant confirmed. She was then transported to Runnels County Jail and booked on Taylor County warrant for burglary of motor vehicle.

• received a report of a burglary in the 500 block of Tinkle Street. A Green Rally brand rotary tiller was reported taken from the backyard of a residence during an unknown time. This case is under investigation as Class B theft.

• received a report of a theft in the 800 block of Concho Street. A 47-year-old male alleged a go-cart was removed from his backyard Easter weekend. Officers located several teenage males with a go-cart on that weekend and identified them. As there were no theft reports, the males were released with the go-cart. After taking the report, an officer located one of the males pushing the go-cart. The male was contacted and found to be intoxicated. The go-cart was identified as the one stolen and the male, Josh Vidaurri of Winters, was arrested for public intoxication and possession of stolen property and taken to Runnels County Jail.

received a report of theft in the 100 block of S. Magnolia Street. A purse was allegedly taken from an unlocked parked vehicle between the hours of 10:30 a.m. Thursday and 12:30 p.m. Friday. There are no witnesses or suspects at this time.

· stopped a Ford pickup on North Main Street for several traffic violations. The driver was contacted and appeared to be disoriented and incoherent. Field sobriety tasks were requested of the driver and he subsequently failed. The driver, Virgil Fourton of Colorado Springs, Colorado, stated he had been taking several medications prior to being stopped. Mr. Fourton was arrested for driving while intoxicated and taken to Ballinger Memorial Hospital to be checked before being booked into Runnels County Jail.

· during the previous stop, had to explain the reason for the stop as the passenger, Diane Fourton of Colorado Springs, Colorado, exited the pickup and demanded to know why she was being detained. Mrs. Fourton became agitated and refused commands to wait inside the pickup. Mrs. Fourton was advised she could face charges for interference, but she insisted. Officers attempted to arrest her for interfering with public duties and Mrs. Fourton began striking the officers with a cell phone. After a brief struggle, in which the officers were struck numerous times, Mrs. Fourton was arrested for interference, aggravated assault on a public servant, resisting arrest and possession of a controlled substance as several prescription medications were found on her person that were not in her name. She was taken to Runnels County Jail.



THESE FIREMEN CAN REALLY COOK as evidenced by the sale of their delicious hamburgers during Mayfest. Building the burgers (I-r) are Chuck Cravens, Michael Alatorre and Robert Cook, members of the Winters Volunteer Fire Department.



ENJOYING THE LIVE ENTERTAINMENT and festivities at Mayfest 2000 are (I-r) Betty Bannister of Big Spring, Wayne Satterfield, Katherine Newsom and Mabel Smith of Winters, and Moneta Faulkner of Big Spring.

Need volunteers-**Outreach Center** workday planned Thursday, May 18

Volunteers are needed to help put up sheetrock in the WMA Outreach Center (Food Pantry



Official Records

County Court Dispositions

Daniel Jeremiah Cortez, possession of marijuana, pleaded guilty, sentenced to six months in county jail probated to two years, fined \$750, plus \$235.25 court costs and 50 hours community service

Noe Sanchez, driving while intoxicated, pleaded guilty, sentenced to six months in county jail probated to one year, fined \$1,000 plus \$235.25 court costs and 50 hours community service **Criminal Cases Filed**

April 26 James K. Allisan Jr., Miles, filed for cruelty to animals

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April 27 Collin R. Jones, Ballinger, filed for theft of merchandise by check May 1

Vanessa L. Shannon, Ballinger, filed for theft of merchandise and/or cash by check

Margarito G. Sauceda, Grand Prairie, filed for driving while intoxicated Adrian Rodriguez, Abilene, filed for

driving while intoxicated Del-Ray Graham, Clyde, filed for driv-

ing while intoxicated Larry Wayne Herring, Winters, filed

for driving while intoxicated, subsequent offense

Marriage Licenses Filed May 4 **Ronald James Smith and Clema Hoges**

Sparks Raul Rene Luna and Lessie Marie Reeves

District Court

Grand Jury Indictments

James Scott, driving while intoxicated (two prior convictions) William Emmit Chandler, San An-

gelo, possession of a controlled substance

Brian A. Hough, Stamford, aggravated assault of a child Bobby Lewis Beddo, Ballinger, theft,

more than \$1,500 but less than \$20,000 Charles Gordon Haines, unlawful possession of a firearm by a felon Daniel Robledo, Brownwood, two

ounts of endangering a child

Charles Ray Lewis, Winters, possession of a firearm by a felon Lyle Alan Lewis, Winters, possession

of a firearm by a felon **Divorce Cases Filed**

May 4 Sharon Beatrice Owens vs. Milton Lee Owens **Divorces Granted** April 6

Wylie Keith Clough and Lindsay A. Adams April 20 Anthony Rodriguez and Sista Marie Rodriguez

> **Justice of the Peace** Precinct 1

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Criminal Cases Filed April 19 Jose Diaz, filed for disorderly conduct

Kimberly Hahn, filed for disorderly conduct

Ryder Herring, filed for disorderly conduct

April 20 Albert Bocanegra, filed for failure to maintain financial responsibility April 26

Juan E. Arredondo, filed for presenting false document to obtain Texas driver's license May 2

Ralph Vara, filed for public intoxication



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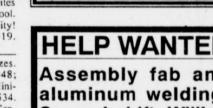
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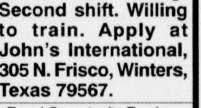
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Winters FFA honors members at annual recognition banquet; Jim West named Honorary Chapter Member

The Winters High School FFA chapter held their annual recognition banquet on Monday, May 8, at the Winters Community Center

Over 125 guests and members enjoyed a barbecue brisket dinner with all the trimmings catered by The Shed. Following the dinner awards were presented to chapter members and Jim West was named an Honorary Chapter Member.

West has actively supported the Winters FFA through his efforts as Share Donation Coordinator for the Winters Junior Livestock Show Association. He has coordinated the soliciting of thousands of dollars in prize money for the Winters' local show.

In addition, West has donated many hours of labor as well as equipment towards the upkeep of the stock show facilities and barns. He has served as a Winters Stock Show superintendent on many occasions.

The Livestock Judging Team was recognized for placing third at the Area IV judging contest, which allowed them to advance to state at Texas A&M University. The team placed 66th in state competition. Team members included Georgetta Horton, Robby Heathcott, Travis Grohman, and Horton, Mandy Pritchard, Colby J.T. Davis.

Winters FFA also had a Quiz Team consisting of Andrew Williams, Michelle Walden, Georgetta Horton, and Jarrett Gerhart. Williams and Gerhart also participated in Creed Speaking competition throughout the year.

Five members were awarded Greenhand Degrees including Gerhart, Davis, Matt Tounget,

Fallen Perrie, and Shane Colburn. Ten members were awarded Chapter Farmer Degrees including, Ben Blaine, Chris Hoppe,

JIM WEST (center) was honored as Honorary Chapter Member by the Winters FFA chapter during their annual banquet on May 8. Also shown are chapter officers Justin Davis, treasurer (seated I-r) and Jeffrey Jordan, reporter. Back row (I-r) are Travis Grohman, acting sentinel, Matt Angel, vice-president, Andrew Williams, president, and Chris Hoppe, secretary. Not shown is Colby, sentinel.

Class Member.

Walker, Ryan Bland, Justin Davis, Grohman, Walden, and Angela Jacob.

Star Awards are chosen among oustanding FFA members at different levels who have a strong supervised agriculture experience program, have demonstrated strong leadership qualities, and have been involved in all aspects of the chapter's activities.

Star Junior Member was awarded to Maegan Schwartz. Gerhart was named Star Greenhand and Horton was awarded Star Chapter Farmer. Jef-

Winters residents to discuss joining underground water district

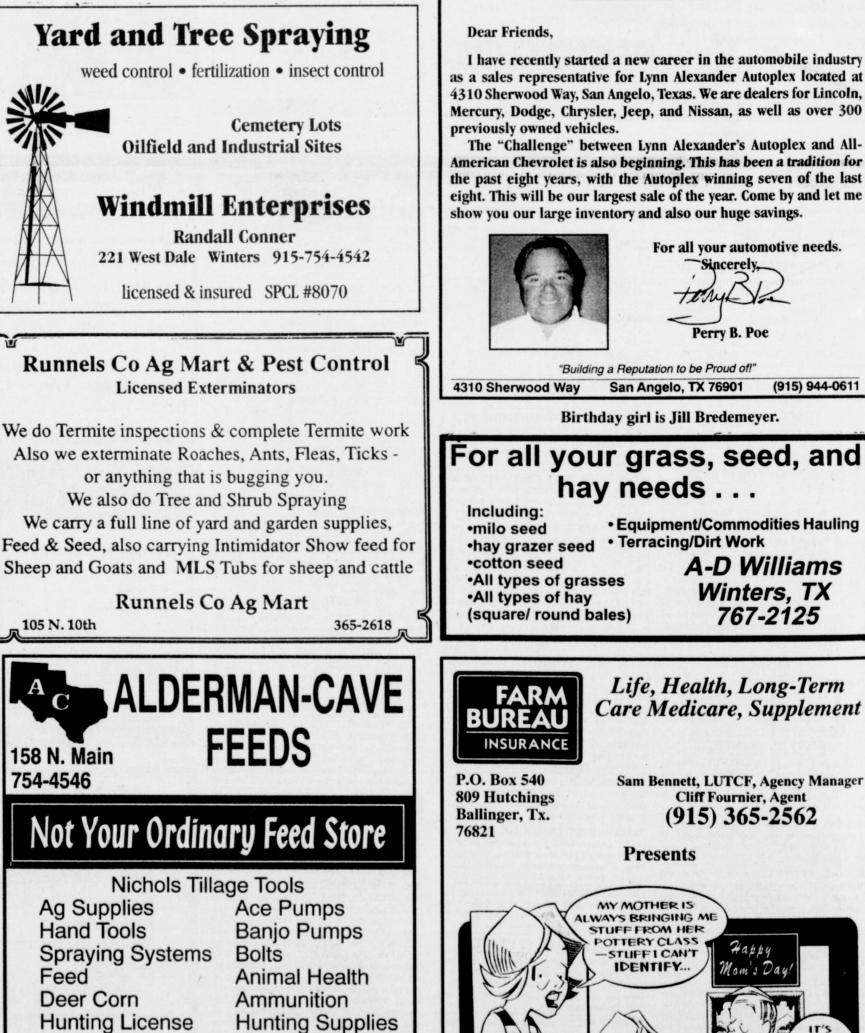
frey Jordan was named Star Junior Class Member while Matt Angel was honored as Star Senior the Market Lamb Proficiency Award.

Individuals exhibiting exceptional interest and talent when working with and presenting their livestock projects with a positive and outgoing attitude were also honored.

Proficiency Award was Gerhart, while Jordan was honored with Grohman was awarded the

Breeding Beef Proficiency Award, Heathcott the Swine Proficiency Award, and Lela Christa the Goat Proficiency Award. Roy Shackelford advises the

Receiving the Breeding Sheep Winters FFA chapter.



No city limits to saving lives

Winters joins a nationwide "chain of hope"

On Friday, May 12, Winters residents will make history as they and their mayor take part in an unprecedented event to save lives.

The First Family Pledge Millennium Mayorthon will arrive in Winters on Friday morning, with Mayor Dawson McGuffin taking the baton at 9:50 a.m. at the Rock Hotel and Museum. Residents are invited to walk with Mayor McGuffin from the museum to City Hall for a special ceremony celebrating the gift of life. The ceremony is scheduled for 10 a.m.

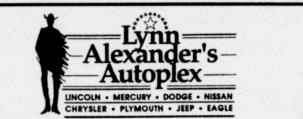
After the ceremony, the mayor will hand the baton to special team members Mayor Marc Molinaro of Tivoli, New York, and Chris Eager, former mayor of Evansville, Wisconsin.

Mayor Molinaro and Chris Eager each have personal reasons for joining the Mayorthon. Mayor Molinaro was inspired to travel with the Mayorthon in honor of a 14-year-old boy who received a bone marrow transplant when he was only 3-years-old.

For Chris Eager and his wife, they saw first-hand the miracle of transportation when his wife's best friend received a kidney transplant five years ago.

These mayors feel so strongly about the event that they have agreed to travel with the Mayorthon to help spread the message of the Mayorthon - the gift of life.

As the Mayorthon travel across America.



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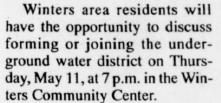
through Texas on Friday, it will visit Wingate, Winters, Coleman, Santa Anna, Bangs, Brownwood, Early, Mullin, and Goldthwaite.

The Millennium Mayorthon is a historic coast-to-coast relay to encourage families to save lives through organ and tissue donation. Currently, more than 3,800 men, women, and children in Texas are on the waiting list for a transplant. Nationwide, the list totals nearly 70,000.

"Many people believe that, if they sign a donor's card or have a note on their driver's license, that's enough to ensure that their wishes are honored," said Ronald W. Busuttil, M.D., president of the American Society of Transplant Surgeons (ASTS). "But it's not. The family always makes the final decision. We hope the Mayorthon will encourage families in Winters - and across America - to talk to each other. make the decision as a family to become donors, and sign the First Family Pledge as a testament to their decision."

By participating in the Mayorthon, Mayor McGuffin is joining mayors representing nearly 1,000 cities and towns across the United States.

When the baton arrives in Washington, D.C., on September 2, the Mayorthon will have crossed 21 states and nearly 6,000 miles in what some have called an "unbroken chain of hope"



A petition is being circulated to annex Runnels County and parts of Concho and Tom Green counties into the Lipan-Kickapoo Water Conservation District, which is primarily in Tom Green County with a small area in southwest Runnels County.

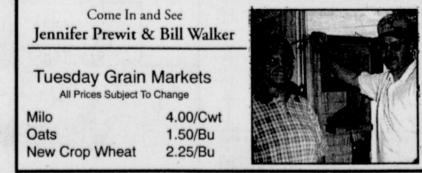
The Lipan-Kickapoo District has indicated that they would welcome Runnels County into the Dale Duggan at 365-3145.

Winters area residents will district, but that there would need have the opportunity to discuss to be significant interest by landforming or joining the under- owners to justify calling an election.

With the new state water plan (Senate Bill 1), there are some advantages to being included in a locally controlled water district. To join the Lipan-Kickapoo District, landowners in Runnels County will have to submit a petition to the District Board by May 18. They would then call an election to vote on joining the district. For more information contact Randall Conner at 754-4542 or

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