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# The Winters Enterprise

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## NOT A HAPPY CAMPER — YET



AUDRIAN REYES, age 5, isn't too sure about her first day at school in spite of being consoled by kindergarten teacher Teresa Tekell. Winters classes began Thursday, August 10.

## WISD board keeps same tax rate, hires new teachers

Trustees of the Winters Independent School District have been busy preparing for the new school year.

In their regular board meeting on August 14, trustees proposed a tax rate of \$1.395. This is the same as last year.

This tax rate was proposed to support a \$6.2 million budget. This budget is down \$100,000 from last year.

The budget provided to the board members was a finalized budget after hiring all needed personnel.

School officials had explained

earlier that state funding had decreased approximately \$185,000 due to a decreasing average daily attendance over the past three to four years at Winters schools.

Also, school professionals were given a three percent raise two years ago that was funded by the state legislature in state funds for only two years. Therefore, the local districts have to fund the raise in the coming school year.

A public hearing will be held on the budget and proposed tax rate on August 28, 2000, in the school administration office at 7:30 p.m.

Superintendent Mike Harris gave first day attendance numbers. There are 221 students in high school with an additional 18 in CAPS. Junior high has 124 with elementary having 450 students. This totals 813 and is up about 15 from last year.

Elementary campus Principal Tammy Bright reported that there are 60 students enrolled in TIPS, an after school program.

Board members also met on August 7 at 7:00 a.m. in a called session and voted unanimously to

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## County proposes property tax increase for 2000

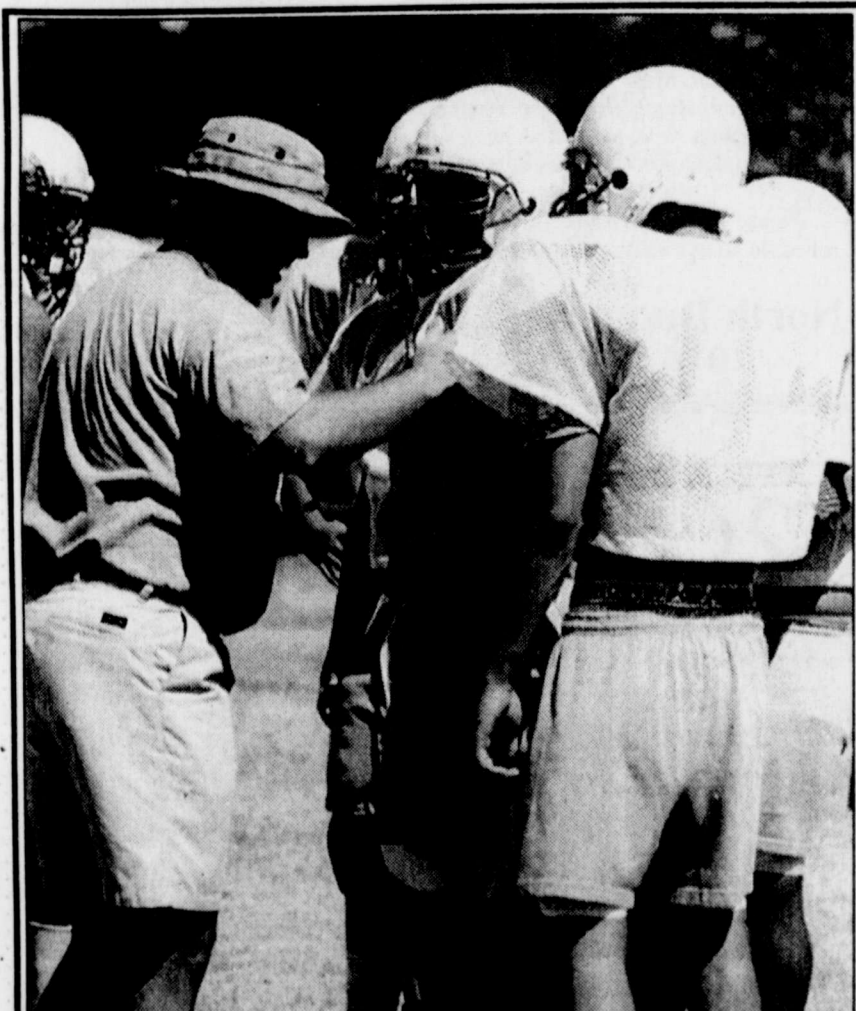
The tax rate for Runnels counties will increase 2¢ per \$100 valuation if the proposed tax rate is approved. Runnels County Commissioners voted unanimously to set the tax rate at \$.81763 to raise the monies needed to cover the 2000-2001 proposed budget.

A public hearing on the proposed budget will be held Wednesday, August 30, at 11:00 a.m. in the District Courtroom in the courthouse. The public hearing on the proposed tax rate will be held that same day at 1:30 p.m. in the District courtroom.

County Judge Marilyn Egan pointed out the proposed budget figures are available in the Runnels County Clerk's office and any citizen may look at the budget during office hours.

The proposed tax increase is a 1¢ increase in the general fund and 1¢ in the road and bridge fund. The proposed increase is the first for the county since 1995, excepting the increase necessitated to cover the new jail bonds.

Commissioners heard a one- See COUNTY, pg. 8



COACH HOUSTON GUY covers some defensive plays with members of the varsity Blizzards during two-a-day practice. Winters will scrimmage the Stamford Bulldogs in Blizzard stadium on Saturday, August 19, with the junior varsity at 6 p.m., followed by the varsity around 7:30. Admission is free. "Meet the Blizzards" ice cream supper is August 17 at 8 p.m. Reserve seat tickets are on sale through August 18.

## Winters ISD receives Diamond Award

Saves district nearly \$50,000 in insurance expenses in 1998-99

Winters ISD, represented by Superintendent Mike Harris, was recognized by the Texas Educational Insurance Association for success in implementing safety programs geared toward preventing injuries in the workplace. The award was presented at the recent Annual Appreciation Luncheon in Austin.

Winters ISD, one of more than 340 participating schools, has saved \$144,548 since joining the program in September 1996.

Designed and administered by Claims Administrative Services, Inc. (CAS), the program specializes in safety procedures designed to prevent and reduce workplace injuries. Claims Administrative Services, Inc. provides more than 30% of Texas school districts with

workers compensation insurance and have amassed a combined savings of over \$49 million. Every year, since start-up in 1991, savings to districts have totaled over \$129 million dollars with reductions of claims reduced 5%, and on-the-job injuries down no less than 28% over the previous year.

Winters ISD received the Diamond Award for savings to the district of \$49,072 and 10% or less of the funds reserved for possible claims expenses during the 1998-99 year.

Wesley Slade, Senior Vice-President of CAS, describing the program, explained, "Taxpayers will be gratified to know results of participating in the CAS safety program, reduction of injuries,

and money saved, have raised the bar for all Texas schools for reduction of work related injuries. At CAS, our number one priority is providing the safest possible workplace for district employees while keeping costs at a minimum."

Extolling the advantages of district participation, Barry Jones explained, "Our insurance programs were created to offer the safest working conditions and the greatest potential for savings for Texas school districts, thus saving tax dollars while providing safer work environment for employees. Regular visits from our team of safety professionals assist each district in implementing strict safety policies and procedures."

## Deferred payments—Utility companies support policy to prohibit service disconnections

A press release issued Thursday by PUCT said, "Effective immediately through September, Texas electric utilities are prohibited from disconnecting service to residential customers for nonpayment if the customer has agreed to a deferred payment plan for past due amounts.

The rule adopted by the Public Utility Commission (PUC) on Thursday requires electric utilities to contact delinquent customers and offer them deferred payment plans. "Customers choosing not to enter into a deferred plan are subject to disconnection. The rule does not apply to municipal utilities and electric cooperatives, which are not subject to PUC regulation."

Co-ops cooperate

While both Coleman County Electric and Taylor Electric Cooperatives are not required to adhere to the policy, both companies say they will follow the same procedures. "We are going to follow the same policy as IOUs (Investor Owned Utilities)," said Ronnie Doan, assistant manager at Taylor Electric.

"I don't see us varying far from See DISCONNECTIONS, pg. 2

## Firemen's Fish Fry is Sunday

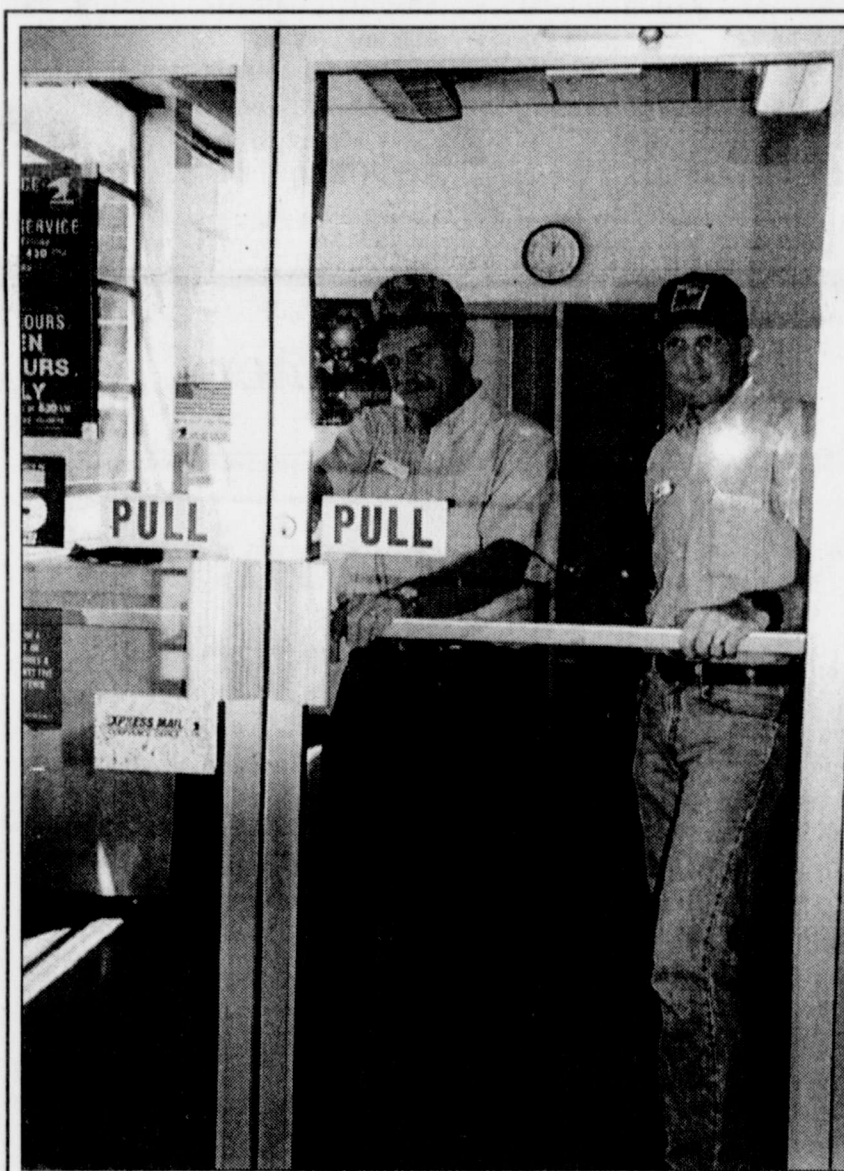
The Winters Volunteer Fire Department cordially invites you to attend their Annual All-You-Can-Eat Firemen's Fish Fry on Sunday, August 20.

The Fish Fry will be held from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Winters High School cafeteria.

With all the fish you can eat, you may also enjoy beans, French fries, hush puppies, dessert, and tea.

Tickets are \$6 for adults, \$4 for children age 12 and under. Tickets may be purchased in advance from any fireman or at the door. Take-outs are available by calling Teresa Davis at 754-5422 or Rhonda Cook at 754-4034 after 5 p.m.

Proceeds will be used to purchase firefighting equipment.



LOCKING THE DOORS FOR THE LAST TIME at the old post office are window clerks Ted Ahrens (left) and Scott Case. The post office was established at 126 State Street in 1959, and closed at 12:05 p.m. Friday, August 11, to relocate at the new facility at 221 S. Main. Ahrens began his career at the Winters post office in December, 1972. Case, of Abilene, joined the staff in November, 1999.

## WHAT'S HAPPENING ?

- Aug. 17-11:30 a.m., Sr. Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center
- 6 p.m., Public Hearing on Tax, Water & Sewer Rate Increases, City Hall
- 8 p.m., "Meet The Blizzards," Blizzard Stadium
- Lamb/Goat Validation Orders Due
- Aug. 18-8 a.m.-Noon, Flea & Tick Topical Control, Keel Drug, Ballinger
- 11:30 a.m., Sr. Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center
- 7:30 p.m., Cowboys for Christ, Drasco
- Last Day to Purchase Reserve Seat Tickets for 2000 Season
- SCHOOL HOLIDAY-TEACHER INSERVICE
- Aug. 19-9-11 a.m., BASA Soccer Registration, Wal-Mart of Ballinger
- 6 p.m., Scrimmage, Blizzards vs. Stamford, Here
- 8 p.m.-12 Midnight, Jo Collins Benefit Dance, VFW
- Aug. 20-11 a.m.-2 p.m., WVFD Fish Fry, WHS Cafeteria
- 4 p.m., Jr. Class Parent Meeting, WHS Cafeteria
- 6 p.m., "Meet The Teacher Night," FUMC Wee Care Preschool
- Aug. 21-11:30 a.m., Sr. Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center
- First Day of Wee Care Preschool, First United Methodist Church
- Aug. 22-9 a.m.-Noon & 1-4:30 p.m., Energy Crisis Assistance, Outreach Center
- 11:30 a.m., Sr. Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center
- Noon, Lions Club, Community Center
- 6 p.m., 4-H Family Fun Night, Catholic Church Hall
- 7 p.m., WVFD, Fire Station
- WVFD Auxiliary
- Aug. 23-7 a.m., Industrial Board, Chamber Office
- 9 a.m.-Noon & 1-4:30 p.m., Energy Crisis Assistance, Ballinger
- 11:30 a.m., Sr. Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center
- 6-8 p.m., SBA Financing and Informational Workshop, Abilene
- Aug. 24-7:30 a.m., Big Country Wheat Conference, Abilene
- 11:30 a.m., Sr. Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center
- Scrimmage, Blizzards vs. Merkel, TBA
- State Fair of Texas Entries Due

## Oil Bidness

By Reg Boles ©2000



NOW HEAR THIS! I have a shocking announcement to make.

Hold onto your hat—here goes: the reason gasoline prices rose over the spring and summer has been ascertained. After much deliberation, investigation, and pontification, the culprit has been discovered. It is...

...increased oil prices.

Uh, yeah, but what really caused gasoline prices to jump? Conspiracy? Sabotage? Who is the evil villain?

Sorry—it was nothing other than the price of the feedstock. Higher crude prices caused prices of gasoline to increase.

This conclusion is according to the results of a month-long study of data on crude prices, gasoline retail prices, gasoline wholesale prices, regional variations, supply volumes, and consumer patterns. The study was commissioned with the idea of finding a smoking gun of conspiracy to illegally raise gasoline prices.

Instead, as crude prices rose, gasoline prices rose, and as oil prices dropped, gasoline prices fell. Not all that unexpected, really, but the surprise (to some) comes in not finding any organized effort to raise oil prices and not finding any plan by retailers or wholesalers to artificially inflate prices at the pump.

The situation of higher-than-national average prices seen in the Midwest were also investigated. The lack of spare refining

capacity proved to be the real culprit. Sorry, no centrally-planned conspiracy. The study went as far as to say that by increasing the types of specialty fuels required by governmental agencies contributed to the tightening of supplies.

With more constraints and requirements being placed on refiners, there is not enough refining capacity to provide the volumes needed in peak-demand periods. The refining capacity available is being stretched by more and more product requirements mandated by the EPA and other national government agencies. Instead of regular and Ethyl, refiners now have to make a Chicago blend, a California mix, and a national grid combination among others.

The study warns that more of this is to be expected as oil prices rise on the international market and the U.S. imports 55% of its supply. When you have to buy from others, you are subject to market pricing that is not always favorable.

But, don't be alarmed. I think the Fed's stored all of the study on a hard drive at Los Alamos. And, if we all pretend there is no problem, it will all go away, right...?

### HIGHLIGHTS OF AREA DRILLING ACTIVITY

Not Available This Week

## SCHOOL, continued

employ Jennifer Paltjon as teacher, and to employ Mary Slimp as half-time technology integrator.

In an emergency meeting on Tuesday, August 8, at 5:30 p.m., trustees voted to accept the resig-

nation of Leanne Halford, and to employ Camille Denton as teacher.

Board members include Allen Andrae, Jerry Sims, Larry Walker, Gary Moore, Bob Prewit, Cheryl Bryan, and Jack Davis, Jr.

## Editor's Comment

## Names not omitted in Public Records

Dear Readers:

Recently, I have had several requests by individuals, parents, and/or other relatives asking that names be omitted from either the Police Report or Public Records in *The Winters Enterprise*.

It is the policy at *The Winters Enterprise* to print the Police Report and Public Records as they are sent to our office by the appropriate officials.

We do not pick and choose who or what will and will not be printed in these sections of our newspaper.

Anyone with questions about the validity of names being published should address those questions to the City of Winters Police Department or the Runnels County and District Courts.

Sincerely,  
Jean Boles, Editor

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## Chamber Memo

## Chamber planning rain dance with entertainer Kelly Spinks

by Carolyn Scarborough, secretary

Rain dance?

In order to hopefully bring on some rain to the area, the Winters Area Chamber of Commerce has planned an outside concert and dance on October 14 from 8 p.m. until 12 midnight at Elm Creek Reservoir. Kelly Spinks will be the entertainer.

Just in case it works, we have the community center booked for backup. We will have a live broadcast from KBCY radio, FM station 99.7.

Spinks is a country and western singer from Mullin, Texas, just south of Brownwood. He has two albums out on Krista Records and has opened for George Jones, David Allen Coe, Johnny Paycheck, Chris LeDoux, and Eddy Raven among others.

We are waiting on confirma-

tion, but plan to have a cowboy poet open for Kelly. This would also be broadcast on the radio program.

There are several businesses in town helping to sponsor this event. They are as follows: Alderman-Cave, Bahlman Chevrolet, Bedford-Norman Insurance, Bob Loyd LP Gas, Dr. Keith Boles, Coleman County Electric, First American Bank, First State Bank, Gehrels & Associates, and Heidenheimer's.

Also Higginbotham's, Contico International Inc., Kendrick A/C & Heating, Lone Star Estates, Pioneer Vet Clinic, Dr. T.L. Russell, Security State Bank, Wes-T-Go, Windmill Enterprises, *The Winters Enterprise*, Winters Funeral Home, The Shed, and North Runnels Hospital.

## DISCONNECTIONS, cont'd

it, if any, (the PUC emergency policy). We were under this plan in 1998 when they did this, so I imagine we'll do the same for residential customers as before," said James Barr, general manager of Coleman County Electric.

### Ensures safety during heat

Alphonso Jackson, American Electric Power-Texas state president praised the action, saying, "We urge customers to take whatever precautions necessary to ensure their safety during this current heat wave. That's why we support this emergency policy."

"We encourage customers who are having difficulty in paying their bills to contact us as soon as possible so that payment arrangements can be made. Taking this action will lessen the possibility of customers having to face a large past-due bill at some later date."

WTU customers can discuss deferred plans by calling the 24-hour toll-free customer service number of 1-888-216-3523.

### Energy Crisis Program

In addition, Central Texas Opportunities, Inc. (CTO) will be completing intakes for the Energy Crisis Program for Runnels County residents, for assistance in paying utility bills.

Applications will be taken from 9 a.m.-noon and 1-4:30 p.m. at the Winters Outreach Center, 601 W. Pierce, on Tuesday, August 22, and at the Ballinger Outreach Center, 702 S. 8th Street, on Wednesday, August 23.

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## Obituaries

### Katie Boatright

WINTERS—Katie Boatright, 99, died Saturday morning, August 12, 2000, in a local nursing home.

She was born May 8, 1901, in Prairie Lee. She married Sparks Boatright December 9, 1922, in Brookshire. They lived in Runnels County for 15 years moving to Hamilton County for 10 years. They also lived in Novice and moved to Winters in 1986.

Mrs. Boatright was a beloved mother and talented homemaker. She loved gardening, sewing, planning and preparing wonderful meals for her family, and children. She was a member of Southside Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband.

Survivors include four daughters, Dorothy Bomar of Winters, Jo Nell Perry of Abilene, Dixie Fowler of Dallas, and Judy Golson of Austin; 15 grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren and 4 great-great-grandchildren.

Graveside services were held at 2:00 p.m. Monday, August 14, in the Rough Creek Cemetery near Novice with Reverend Dwayne Andrus officiating. Services were under the direction of Winters Funeral Home.

Grandsons served as pallbearers.

### Imogene (Jean) Onken

YUKON, OKLAHOMA—Imogene (Jean) Onken, 76, died Tuesday, August 1, 2000, at Mercy Health Center in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

She was born September 12, 1923, in Winters, Texas, to William and Winnie Belle Patterson. She was a 1941 graduate of Winters High School and attended business school in Fort Worth. She married Fred Onken in 1949 in Fort Worth.

Moving to Yukon one year ago from Fort Worth, Mrs. Onken was a self-employed accountant. She was a member of the Resurrection Lutheran Church in Yukon and a former member of the Grace Lutheran Church in Fort Worth where she participated in the Leisure Group. A loving, wife, mother, and grandmother, she loved to grow and cultivate African violets.

She was preceded in death by her parents and two brothers, Edwin and Milton Patterson.

Survivors include her husband of 51 years, Fred Onken of Yukon; one son, Michael James Onken of Ruidoso, New Mexico; two daughters, Susan McGregor and husband Patrick and Sharon Buckley, both of Yukon; five grandchildren, Scott and Jennifer Onken of Norman, Oklahoma; Taylor and Bryndon McGregor and Madison Buckley, all of Yukon; and three sisters, Betty Jo Brown, Annie Belle Pierce, and Karen Hancock, all of Winters.

A memorial service was at 1:00 p.m. Friday, August 4, at Grace Lutheran Church with Reverend Alan Fox of Resurrection Lutheran Church officiating. "In The Garden" was sung by her grandson, Taylor McGregor, age 11, of whom she was very proud because he also sings at the theaters in Branson, Missouri, on weekends. Interment was in Laurel Land Memorial Park in Fort Worth, directed by Yanda and Son Funeral Home of Yukon.

### Lillian Awalt

RIO RANCHO, NEW MEXICO—Lillian Awalt, 82, formerly of Winters, died Tuesday, August 1, 2000, in St. Joseph Medical Center in Rio Rancho.

She was born May 16, 1918, in Woodside, Pennsylvania. She married Earl Awalt in New York on September 21, 1942. They moved to Winters, Texas, in 1968. She moved to Albuquerque, New Mexico, in 1990.

Mrs. Awalt worked for C.T.O., an organization that hosted planned parenthood and disbursed charitable funds.

She was preceded in death by her husband.

Survivors include two sons, Gary Awalt of Rio Rancho, New Mexico, and Richard Awalt of Houston, Texas; one daughter, Janet Doshier of Rio Rancho; and three grandchildren.

A memorial graveside service will be held at 4:00 p.m. Friday, August 18, at the Pumphrey Cemetery near Winters. Arrangements are under the direction of Winters Funeral Home.

### Troy L. Carter, M.D. Surgical & Medical Diseases of the Eye

Dr. Troy Carter, a member of Texas Midwest Eye Center in Abilene, has joined with North Runnels Hospital and Dr. Mike Bacigalupi, to offer cataract surgery in Winters. Patients can now be evaluated, have surgery with complete post-op care and never leave Runnels County.

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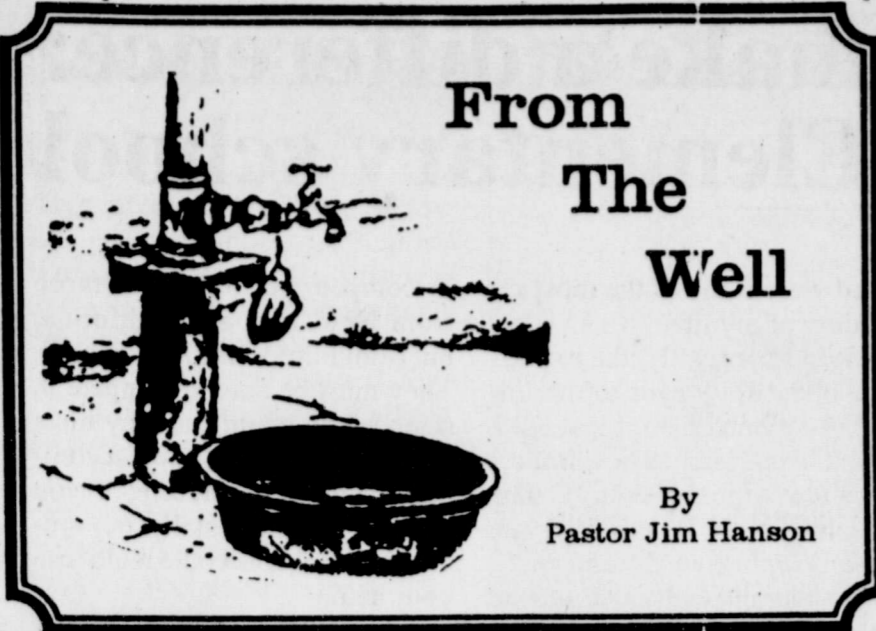
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I wish to thank everyone that used any of our services and assure you that we appreciated your business. Also I want to thank all the business people for making me feel welcome and, for that matter, I need to state that virtually everyone went out of their way to be kind and helpful.

THANKS

John O'Conner, store manager



## From The Well

By  
Pastor Jim Hanson



Pastor Jim Hanson

Ever so often our son Paul gets excited about something he has read. When that happens he runs to his computer and sends it e-mail. The only problem with that right now is that we aren't hooked up and won't be until November. So when he started talking about

this neat article in Sports Illustrated I wanted to know more. Finally he sent it to me by regular mail.

The article is in the March 20 issue. Which is about the time of the March madness, when college basketball takes over for that month. And it's about John Wooden. "There's never been a finer man in American sports. Or a finer coach." Says the author Rick Reilly. And after reading the article, I agree.

He starts the article "On Tuesday the best man I know will do what he always does on the 21st of the month. He'll sit down and pen a love letter to his best girl. He'll say how much he misses her and loves her and can't wait to see her again. Then he'll fold it once, slide it into a little envelope and walk into his bedroom. He'll go to the stack of love letters sitting there on her pillow, untie the yellow ribbon, place the new one on top and tie the ribbon again.

"The stack will be 180 letters high then, because Tuesday is 15 years to the day since Nellie, his beloved wife of 53 years, died. In her memory, he sleeps only on his half of the bed, only on his pillow, only on top of the sheets, never between, with just the old bedspread they shared to keep him warm."

How's that for an introduction? I was moved. He continues, "There has never been another coach like Wooden, quiet as an April snow and square as a game of checkers; loyal to one woman, one school, one way; walking around campus in his sensible shoes and Jimmy Stewart morals. He'd spend a half hour the first day of practice teaching his men how to put on a sock. 'Wrinkles can lead to blisters,' he'd warn. These huge players would sneak looks at one another and roll their eyes. Eventually they would do it right. 'Good,' he'd say. 'And now for the other foot.'"

Of the 180 players who played for him, he knows the whereabouts of 172. Since most of them call, checking on his health, hoping to hear some of his simple life lessons so that they can write them on the lunch bags of their kids... who will roll their eyes, it's not hard for him to keep track. Coach would say, "discipline yourself and others won't need to. Never lie, never cheat, never steal. Earn the right to be proud and confident."

You played for him. You played by his rules: Never score without acknowledging a teammate. One word of profanity, and you're done for the day. Treat your opponent with respect. One of the rules that drove his players bonkers was "No long hair." "No facial hair." "They take too long to dry and you could catch cold leaving the gym." One day All-American center Bill Walton showed up with a full beard. "It's my right," he insisted. Coach asked if he believed that strongly. Walton said he did. Wooden said, "That's good. I admire people who have strong beliefs and stick by them, I really do. We're going to miss you." Walton shaved it right then and there. Now Walton calls once a week to tell Coach he loves him.

It's truly a remarkable story about a remarkable man. John Wooden won 10 NCAA basketball championships at U.C.L.A., the last one in 1975. Nobody has ever come within 42 since. He is 90 years old. He says with a smile, "I'm not afraid to die. Death is my only chance to be with her again."

There is work for men like John Wooden. "Righteous." I'm glad that Paul shared with me the story. I hope it meant as much to you as it did to me. It cleared my head as well as warming my heart. And encourages me to tell some of that stuff to my grandkids that will cause their eyes to roll. For someday it will help them with theirs. "Righteousness" is like that. "The Lord knows the way of the righteous." Like love... it lasts.

## Together again after 47 years—



THE WINTERS HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1953 met for their 47th reunion Saturday, July 15, 2000, at the Winters school cafeteria. There were 24 class members and three teachers in attendance, along with several spouses and other visitors. Lunch was catered by The Shed. Members are (front, left to right) Coach Gordon Wood, Coach Morris Southall, Norma Crownover Dorsett, the late Mrs. Eula Mae Kruse (teacher), Nita McLeroy Hammons, Martha Phillips O'Dell, Bette Mapes Bowman, Ben Colburn, Bob Holland, Joe Bryan, (middle) Wendell Dorsett, Harvey Hantsche, Bob Lawson, Virginia Gideon Black, Ketta London Casey, Winford Hogan, Ben Hambright, Jerry Dobbins, Garner Young, (back) Bill Buchanan, Bob Hatcher, Sam Russell, Johnny Reed, Benny Mayo, W.T. Colburn, Dalvin Awalt, and Luther "Bud" Minzenmayer.

## Benefit dance for Jo Collins this Saturday night at VFW

A benefit dance for Jo Collins is slated Saturday, August 19, from 8 p.m. to 12 midnight at the Winters VFW. Raymond Ortiz will be the DJ. Admission is \$5 per person. Also available at the dance will be brisket burritos and sodas.

Jo, a registered nurse for 24 years this fall, has an inherited kidney disease and is in end stage kidney failure. She is currently on dialysis four times a day.

In addition, \$1 donations will

be accepted for the chance to win a crocheted afghan to be given away after Thanksgiving. The afghan features cross-stitched roses in the colors of mauve, tan, and pink, along with two shades of green, and would make a beautiful accent to any room. Tickets will also be available at the Miles Cotton Festival, Christmas in Ballinger, and the Winters Arts and Crafts Show.

All proceeds will be used to help defray medical expenses.



TV puppet Howdy Doody had a sister. Her name was Heidi

## "See You at the Pole" Youth Rally slated Sept. 20 in Ballinger

Seventh Street Baptist Church of Ballinger will host a "See You at the Pole" Youth Rally on September 20.

Leading worship will be Delicia, the H.S.U. Taiwan mission trip 2000 praise band. Testimony will be given by Kathy Brown, a witness of last year's shooting at Wedgewood Baptist Church in Fort Worth.

The rally begins at 7 p.m. with a potato bar, free of charge. Worship starts at 7:30; Brown will speak at 8:15. For those desiring to eat at a later time, the potato bar may also be visited at 8:45 at no cost.

Cost of the rally is being provided by the Brady, Coleman, and Runnels Youth Association. However, you are asked to please RSVP in advance so that enough food may be provided.

For more information or to RSVP call Myron Halford at 365-2741 or 365-5822.



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## Letter to the Editor

### Concerned citizens urge others to speak out on City's increases

Attention Citizens of Winters: We would like to encourage every able bodied person to attend the public hearing on Thursday, August 17, at 6 p.m. in the City Council Chambers at City Hall.

Discussion will be held on the proposed increases for city property taxes, as well as water and sewer rates.

We are very much opposed to these increases. Since we are older and retired, our fixed income won't allow for these higher rates.

We need to encourage everyone to speak up and let our city officials know how we feel.

Please show your support by attending Thursday night's public hearing.

Concerned Citizens

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—People can't buy it if they don't know you sell it.—

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The Winters I.S.D. will hold a public meeting at 7:30 PM, August 28, 2000 in WISD Administration Office, 603 N. Heights, Winters, Texas.

The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates					
	Maintenance & Operations	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year's Rate	\$1.340000	\$0.055000	* \$1.395000	\$1,538	\$5,666
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$1.446479	\$0.071548	* \$1.518027	\$1,639	\$5,556
Proposed Rate	\$1.340000	\$0.055000	* \$1.395000	\$1,695	\$5,550

\* The Interest and Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both. The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.

Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year's Levy on Average Residence		
	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	\$27,120	\$30,000
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$9,408	\$12,000
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$1.395000	\$1.395000
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$131.24	\$167.40
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		\$36.16

Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in tax rate or property value.

Notice of Rollback Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is \$1.577618. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of \$1.577618.

Fund Balances	
The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment:	\$943,931
Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s)	\$943,931
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$135,180

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**CAFETERIA MENU**

August 21-25  
Subject to change

**Breakfast**

**Monday-August 21**  
Pancakes  
Cereal  
Juice

**Tuesday-August 22**  
Biscuits  
Sausage  
Juice

**Wednesday-August 23**  
Cinnamon Toast  
Cereal  
Juice

**Thursday-August 24**  
Toast  
Cream of Wheat  
Juice

**Friday-August 25**  
Inservice-Student Holiday

**Lunch**

**Monday-August 21**  
Steak Fingers/Gravy  
Mashed Potatoes  
Corn  
Hot Roll  
Mixed Fruit

**Tuesday-August 22**  
Chicken Fajita/Cheese  
Flour Tortillas  
Salad  
Red Beans  
Apple Crisp

**Wednesday-August 23**  
German Sausage  
Mashed Potatoes  
Broccoli/Cheese  
Hot Roll  
Jello/Fruit

**Thursday-August 24**  
Barbecue Sandwich  
French Fries  
Lettuce/Pickles

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**WHS junior class parents to hold planning meeting**

Parents of the Class of 2002 are encouraged to attend an organizational meeting on Sunday, August 20, in the school cafeteria at 4 p.m.

Junior class parents will be finalizing plans for a gas raffle, bake sale, co-ed softball tournament, chicken fried steak dinner, and booths for the Halloween Carnival.

All proceeds earned from these fund-raisers will go towards the 2001 junior/senior prom and 2002 project graduation.

**Booster Club to sponsor "Parent Night" at first home game**

The Blizzard Athletic Booster Club is sponsoring "Parent Night" at the first home football game of the season Friday, September 1.

Players will escort their parents onto the field at 7:15 p.m. to be recognized prior to the Menard football game.

Parents of varsity football players only are asked to meet at the concession stand promptly at 7 p.m.

The Booster Club emphasizes that this is not the parent/player photo night scheduled for later in the season.

**WINTERS BLIZZARD SCRIMMAGES**

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 19**

STAMFORD  
6 PM-JV 7 PM-VARSITY

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 24**

MERKEL  
6 PM-JV 7 PM-VARSITY

GAMES TO BE PLAYED IN  
BLIZZARD STADIUM.

**Get involved—it can make a difference: volunteer at Winters Elementary school**

by Carole Keeton Rylander, Texas Comptroller

As I have said many times, nothing is more important than education! The reason I am Texas Comptroller today is that I was laminating chairman of Casis Elementary PTA several decades ago. And the school cut off our laminating funds.

Having been a teacher myself, I knew how important those materials were in the classroom. So, I gathered up my very young sons and went to a meeting of the Austin School Board to make a plea for the visual aids that were much needed for the kiddos and the teachers.

I sat through hours of the meeting and at the very end (when citizens were finally allowed to speak) a heated discussion between the board and my soon-to-be-friends, East Austin activists

Velma Roberts and Larry Jackson, ensued.

They wanted to start a breakfast program. Certain members of the board were more concerned about charging the school breakfast program for the depreciation on the pots and pans that would be used from the school lunch program, than about the children

board were some of the most rewarding of my life.

More importantly, the experience opened my eyes to the impact of volunteerism. I learned a lot as Casis. I learned how important a few volunteer hours can be to a child, and I learned that one person can make a difference.

I encourage every one of you

to compete not only with those from New York and California, but from Europe and Asia as well. They must be able to compete in science and math, and they must be computer fluent, not just computer literate. Therefore, if you have any of these skills, our students and schools could really use your help.

Regardless of whether you have a high-tech background, you have a lot to offer. You can read to students and mentor them. You can help their teachers inside and outside the classroom. You can even serve on the school board!

Call Mary Wilkerson, school counselor, at 754-5577 to volunteer for mentoring at Winters Elementary.

**"But no computer will ever replace the need for volunteers in our schools."**

Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander

who had to learn on an empty tummy.

I decided then and there that I was going to run for the school board and make the decisions myself on the well being of our most precious resource—our children. While I love being your Comptroller, I can tell you that my years on the Austin ISD school

to volunteer time at your local schools. Through my e-Texas initiative to help Texas state government meet the challenges of the Internet Age, I am a big proponent of using technology. But no computer will ever replace the need for volunteers in our schools. This generation must be able



OFFENSIVE COACH CHUCK LIPSEY gets ready to pass as the Blizzard defender closes in during two-a-day practice. The Blizzards will scrimmage Stamford at Winters on Saturday, August 19, at 6 p.m. Admission is free.

**Calling all high school juniors and seniors to speak out about the shortened summer break**

As school bells rang earlier in Texas than in many parts of the nation this August, Texans for a Traditional School Year (TTSY) is giving students the chance to speak out about the shortened summer.

The TTSY essay contest offers high school juniors and seniors the chance to say how they will benefit from a longer summer vacation.

Prizes will be awarded to the first, second, and third place statewide winners as well as the first place winner in each Texas Education Regional Service Center. The first place statewide winner will receive a \$1,000 savings bond; the second place winner a

\$750 savings bond, and the third place winner will receive a \$500 savings bond. Each first place regional winner will receive a \$100 cash prize.

The essay topic is "Benefits of a Longer Summer Vacation" and should be limited to 700 words. Essays will be judged on content as well as spelling, grammar, and punctuation. Essays may be handwritten or typed and must be post-marked no later than September 1, 2000. Essays must include the author's name, address, and evening telephone number, as well as the Regional Service Center in which the author lives (call your school district to learn which region in which you re-

side).

Essays become the property of Texans for a Traditional School Year and will not be returned.

Mail your entry to: Texans for a Traditional School Year, P.O. Box 5434, San Antonio, TX 78201, Attn: Essay Contest or

send them via e-mail to [ttsy@stic.net](mailto:ttsy@stic.net).

Winners will be announced September 18, 2000, and notified by mail.

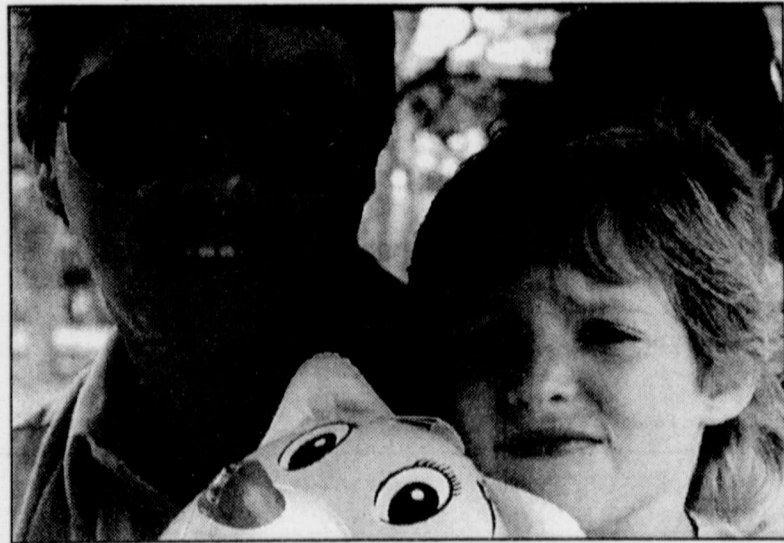
For more information, call Texans for a Traditional School Year toll-free at 1-888-571-5311.

**ATTENTION ALL PARENTS, FANS & MERCHANTS**

The Winters Enterprise is now reserving spaces on the school pages for the fall of 2000. Sponsorship is the same \$8/week low price as last year and will run 12 weeks—through football season... OR make a commitment for the entire school year! Remember for your convenience we bill monthly.

CALL 754-4958 TODAY to reserve your space NOW! Sponsorships are available on a first come, first serve basis and space is limited. Support all Blizzard athletics and WISD academic and extra-curricular involvement by allowing us the opportunity to report "our" student activities.

**Look Who's 18 And Still Daddy's Little Girl**



Happy Birthday

Identity of birthday girl is revealed elsewhere in this issue.

**All You Can Eat WVFD FISH FRY**

Sunday, August 20  
11 AM - 2 PM  
WISD Cafeteria

Age 12 & under \$4  
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Fish, beans, French fries, hush puppies, dessert, and tea

Take-outs available. In advance, call Teresa Davis at 754-5422 or Rhonda Cook at 754-4034 after 5 p.m.

Proceeds to be used to purchase firefighting equipment.



**School Days, School Days**

**Mandie England**  
Algebra, Biology, Physical Science Teacher



Mandie England was employed by Winters Independent School District in August of 2000 as algebra, biology, and physical science teacher.

Though she considers Corpus Christi her hometown, she currently lives with her family in

Drasco.

Mrs. England is a graduate of Texas A&M University with a master of science degree in entomology. She has continued her education through courses offered at Hardin-Simmons University in Abilene. She is a former county entomologist and is a private consultant.

She and husband Lanny have one son, Luke, age 11, and one daughter, Julie, 9. Lanny is a farmer/rancher. They are Methodists and are members of the Elm Valley Community Church.

Mrs. England's hobbies include quilting, reading, and listening to music.

When asked for comments, she said that she was "glad to be on board!"

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## Sandy Edington, John Bedford exchange vows

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Yoder of Wichita Falls announce the marriage of their daughter, Sandy Edington, to John Boyd Bedford II of Denton, Texas. He is the son of Nadine Bedford of Winters and the late John Boyd Bedford.

The couple was married July 15, at 5:30 p.m. in the Calvary Community Church at Albrey, Texas, with Pastor Bill Matthews officiating.

Justin Edington, son of the bride, seated guests. Her daughter, Ashley Edington, served as maid of honor and soloist, singing "I Do" and "My Promise."

Craig Gehrels of Winters served as best man.

Those attending from Winters were Nadine Bedford and Lisa Gray, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ivy, Cathy Dean, and James Lee. Also attending were Mr. and Mrs. Chris Gehrels of Portland, Mr. and Mrs. Greg Zemanek of Dallas, Heather Rendon of Grapevine, Mr. and Mrs. Perry Bedford, Alexis and Isaiah of Brady, and Robert Bedford from Stephenville.

Other guests were from Wichita Falls, Garland, and Albrey, Texas.

The couple will make their home in Denton.

John and Sandy Bedford were



Mr. and Mrs. John Bedford

honored with a family reception on Saturday, August 5, at the home of George and Susan Mostad of Winters. A money tree was presented from the family to the newlyweds.

## Courtney Lange & Matt Harrison married July 22 in Ballinger

Courtney Marie Lange and Matthew Lynn Harrison were united in marriage on July 22, 2000, at the First Baptist Church of Ballinger. Rev. Bo Keithley performed the double ring ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Doyle and Debra Rinn and John and Tina Lange of Ballinger. She is the granddaughter of Eddie and Billie Brown of Ballinger and Werner Lange of Rowena.

The groom is the son of Phil and Vickey Harrison of Ballinger. He is the grandson of Marjorie Princo of Ballinger and LaRue Harrison of Winters.

The altar of the church was decorated with a unity candle and candelabras with English Ivy and hurricane lamps draped with white tulle and cornflower blue bows.

Musical selections of "The Lord's Prayer" and "From This Moment On" were sung by Brady and Stacy Wetz.

As the bride was escorted by her father down the aisle, she wore a white princess style gown of dull satin with an attached train. The bodice was covered with a beaded brocade lace and the skirt and train were randomly sprinkled with beaded daisy appliques. She carried a nosegay of bridal white roses, gardenias, stephanotis, and baby's breath.

Maids of honor were Toni Hoelscher of College Station and Tori Lange of Austin, both cousins of the bride. Bridesmaids were Jennifer Adam of Round Rock, sister of the groom; Laura Howard of Ballinger; Heather Selby of Lubbock, cousin of the bride; and



Mrs. Matthew Harrison

Wendy Lange and Robbye Bryan, both of Ballinger and sisters of the bride.

Best man was Russell Dill of San Angelo. Groomsmen were Jeremy Poloskey of Austin; Scott Adam of Round Rock, brother-in-law of the groom; Matt Preece of Austin; Jimmy Romell of San Antonio; and Nathan Lange and Casey Lange, both of Ballinger and brothers of the bride.

Serving as ushers were David Prince, Michael Ramon, Dylan Brown, and Wesley Brown.

The rehearsal dinner was hosted by the groom's parents at their

home in Ballinger. A Jamaican theme was used as a "bon voyage" for the couple on their honeymoon.

The bride is a senior at the University of Texas at Austin majoring in kinesiology. She is currently employed by Austin Infinity as warranty administrator.

The groom is a senior at the University of Texas at Austin majoring in finance. He is currently employed by Harte Hanks as a business analyst.

After a wedding trip to Ocho Rios, Jamaica, the couple will reside in Austin.

## In Appreciation

### Nurse turned patient thanks community

To the people of the Winters area:

Sometimes words cannot express what the heart feels but that is all I have to offer. Your kindness has so overwhelmed me.

God truly has blessed me with so many friends who have helped me through the hospitalizations this summer. I don't know what I would have done without your love and support.

Thank you to each and everyone involved with the benefit and auction. The meal was so very delicious—yes, I had a "care package" the next day!

Special thanks to those donating for the auction. There were so many wonderful items from area merchants and beautiful handmade items from individuals.

The quilt stitched and donated

by the special ladies from Crews was so very thoughtful. These contributions will help so much with the medical expenses of my surgeries.

I never realized how difficult it is to be "patient." Your phone calls, cards, letters, food, and especially prayers have made this so much easier. You've all been there "rooting" me on. You all share in the miracle of my recovery as evidenced in the smiles, hugs, and tears since I've come home.

My family joins me in saying Thank you and may God bless you all.

Jeanene Laird,  
Justin, Ashley and Jason,  
and  
Calvin & Mamie Gene Hoppe

### Card of Thanks

The family of Hortensia Wallar would like to thank everyone for the food, flowers, cards, calls, visits, prayers, and memorials during our time of need.

A special thanks to Dr. Lee and the staff at North Runnels Hospital, the ambulance crew, Larry

Collom, Chuck Cravens, Officer Michelle Denton, the Mt. Carmel Catholic Church for the meal, and Father Obi.

Thanks to Mike Meyer and Linda Dry at the Winters Funeral Home.

The family of Hortensia Wallar

### Card of Thanks

It has been said that dying is something that must be done alone. Grieving does not have to be alone.

The family of Katie Leo Boatright wishes to thank all of the wonderful, loving, caring staff at Senior Citizens Nursing Home. Their colorful stories and love for Mother have been a comfort to our family. Thank you Dr. Biddix for the years of caring for our beloved mother.

Her love of her family, God, and children, as well as her artistic talents, sense of design and humor, love of hunting, love of a challenge, and "the thrill of the hunt for a bargain" at garage sales, we hold dear. We all have the same love of the colors of zinnias, moss roses, and roses that she grew and we grow in our gardens. We find pleasure as she did in our gardens. Some of the best cooks and hostesses were trained by her side. She was the ultimate sales person. We cherish her for all she gave to us.

There will never be another Katie Leo Tucker Boatright. Her spirit lives on past her hundredth year.

The family of Katie Boatright

### Card of Thanks

Thanks to all the nurses at North Runnels Hospital and to Doctor Lee for their care and concern while I was in the hospital.

Rosie De la Cruz & family



### It's Nifty, He's 60!



Identity of birthday boy is revealed elsewhere in this issue.



Some rural residents of Maryland once believed that the cackling of geese foretold rain.

### Dean-Gibbs reunion Saturday

The Dean-Gibbs family reunion will be held Saturday, August 19, 2000, at The Rock Hotel on West Dale in Winters.

Family members are asked to bring a covered dish for the meal. The building will be open at 10 a.m.

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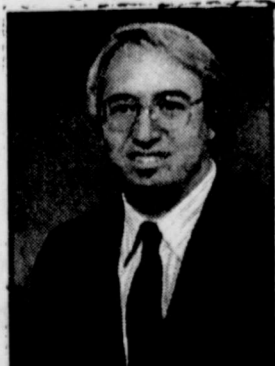
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## Industrial Board to produce Visitor's Guide for Winters

The Winters Area Business and Industrial Corporation, in cooperation with the Chamber of Commerce, is producing a Visitor's Guide of Winters in the form of a newspaper tabloid. It should be ready for distribution to restaurants, motels, and other businesses early this fall.

The editors of this special section are Kayla Colburn and Kelli Slimp. It will contain articles of area history, points of interest,

pictures, and personal interest stories. Recreational activities in the area will be emphasized, including hunting, fishing, boating, etc.

Advertising will be available to businesses who would like to promote their products and services to out-of-town visitors, as well as to local folks. Please contact Randall Conner at 754-4542, Kelli Slimp at 754-4616, or Kayla Colburn at 754-5143. Advertising deadline is August 25.

## UT admissions counselor to visit area high schools

University of Texas of the Permian Basin admissions counselor Edia Hernandez will visit high schools in Rankin, Big Lake, Mertzon, Christoval, Eldorado, Menard, San Angelo Central, Lakeview on September 6-8. She will visit Forsan, Water Valley, Grape Creek, Ozona, Sonora, Miles, Ballinger, Winters, Bronte, Robert Lee, Sterling City, and Garden City September 12-15.

She will be available to visit with students individually to discuss admission to U.T. Permian Basin, primarily for Spring 2001. She will also offer information on scholarships and financial aid forms.

Students can make arrangements for individual meetings through their respective high school counselors. Students and parents who would like to schedule appointments outside of school hours may call (915) 552-2605.

## Descendants of James and Martha Kirby held their annual reunion

On July 9, 2000, twenty-two descendants of James and Martha Kirby held their annual reunion at the home of Pat and Kelly Patterson in Helotes, Texas.

Feasting on smoked ham, chicken, and brisket furnished and prepared by Pat and Kelly Patterson, family members brought vegetables and desserts to complete the meal.

All had a full day of remembering fun times at past family gatherings. Newly found genealogy information and pictures from the past were shared with those in attendance.

Attending from the San Antonio area were Dane Kirby; James, Donna, Kirby, and Kali Gorzell; Pat, Kelly, Myra, and Rebecca Patterson; and Ashley and Robert Patterson. From Georgetown were Ron and Jeanette Willingham. From Abilene, Viola Davis and Jack and Sue Kirby. From Anson, Pam DeWit and Belinda Smith. From Clyde was Deb Ralson. From Ballinger was Elvis Kirby. From Winters was Olga Meyers. From Siloam Springs, Arkansas, was Louise Dunnam.

Plans are being made to have next year's reunion in the Abilene area.

## Crews News

By Hilda Kurtz

*It takes a bit longer to reach the top of the hill than it did back when I was a girl. But at least I'm moving in the right direction — not so easy for the shape I'm in.*

Visiting at Hopewell Baptist Church on Sunday morning were Michelle Talbott of Houston, Denise McDonald of Glen Cove, and Marty Akins of Ballinger.

Ladies attending mission study Monday morning were Ramona Akins, Viane Talbott, Juanita Shields, Selma Wilkerson, and Nila Osborne.

It's good to hear Odie Matthews is home after spending three days in the hospital.

On Wednesday, Bernice and Doris Tippet of Odessa came and got Nila Osborne and went to Coleman to attend Melton Cumming's funeral.

Coleman Foreman spent Saturday with Lawan at the Senior Citizens Nursing Home in Winters.

Joe and Betty Pierce and Jim and Jenny Burleson of Bangs visited during the week with Gary and Marilyn Burlsmith of Winters.

During the week, Connie and Georgia Gibbs enjoyed having Ralph and Leona Morton and also Randall Lei of Cisco as visitors. Nila Osborne and Doris and Bernice Tippet also came during the day.

Connie and Georgia Gibbs are planning their 59th anniversary this coming week. More on this next week.

My daughter, Hildegard Schovajsa of San Angelo, spent Friday with me. This time she worked my car over and cleaned my seat covers. She did a good job. RC and Keegan Kurtz brought fish and fresh peaches for lunch.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold of San Angelo and Elwood Brown visited with Earl and Pat Cooper on Sunday. The Coopers had a telephone visit with son Ronnie Bennett in Arkansas. Ronnie has



Hilda Kurtz

been on the sick list.

Brother Ferris and Ramona Akins and son Marty were in Snyder on Tuesday and attended the funeral of a friend. After church services, the Akins family enjoyed a Sunday visit and lunch with Fahey and Wilbert Allcorn.

Ramona Akins was in Marlin Monday through Friday helping daughter Ferrisa and children move to Brownwood.

Helen Alexander joined Reba Grosshans, Burnell Nichols, and Ruby Jean Smith and grandson of San Angelo on their farm in the mountains last week.

The Mikeska family of Wingate spent Sunday and enjoyed lunch with Melvena and Marvin Gerhart. Melvena, Sherry, and the boys were in Menard with Myrtle Wright on Monday.

Doris Wood enjoyed visiting and having supper with the Larry Calcote family in Winters on Saturday.

Selma Wilkerson visited Harvey Mae and Noble Faubion and Eileen Cartwright during the week.

On Friday night, Evelyn Jacob and Janet and Wacey Cason visited with Margie Jacob and played Skipbo.

Sybill Waller from San Angelo and grandson Nathan Boles and Lindsey met Margie Jacob at the Beefmaster in Ballinger on Saturday and had lunch together. Later they attended the 102nd birthday party of Beaula (Tierce) at the Ashwood Manor in Ballinger.

Margie's sister, Wilma Halfmann, and husband Cecil from Garden City came out and had lunch and spent the evening on Sunday.

## First State Bank, Winters, sold in corporate deal

First State Bank, Winters branch, is among twelve First State institutions to be sold for \$45.5 million to a Lubbock bank holding company on August 11, 2000.

State National Bancshares, Inc. bought the 2.27 million shares of Independent Bankshares common stock for \$20.0165 each. Independent Bankshares is the parent of First State.

The Lubbock holding company also owns United Bank & Trust in Abilene, which it acquired last year.

Bryan Stephenson, president and CEO of Independent Bankshares, said customers will see a bigger operation with all the

advantages that come with it.

"We're scheduled toward the end of October for a data processing change in systems," Stephenson said. "Once we all get on the same system, we can offer the same products which will include mortgage loans. We will probably have a more extensive brokerage service which will make it easier for the customer to buy investment-type products."

Stephenson said he doesn't foresee any changes in personnel in the Winters branch, formerly the Winters State Bank, which was purchased in 1993.

Independent Bankshares, Inc., also purchased Peoples National Bank in Winters in 1996.

## Winters students now registering for fall soccer in Ballinger

Winters is now holding soccer registration for the fall season. Registration applications are being distributed to students and are also available at Winters Elementary or by contacting Regina Fenwick at 754-5644.

Fees are \$15 for the first child and \$13 for each additional child in a family. Students are asked to return registration forms to their teachers.

Final registration is August 25.

Late fees will be \$20 for each child registered after August 25.

Students ages 4 (as of September 1) through 11 (as of August 1) are eligible to play. Age divisions are 4-5 yr. olds, 6-7 yr. olds, 8-9 yr. olds, and 10-11 yr. olds.

All games will be played at the soccer fields in Ballinger, however practices will take place in Winters. The first game is scheduled for Saturday, September 9.

## Project Graduation 2001 to host softball tournament August 25 & 26

Winters Project Graduation 2001 will host a softball tournament next weekend, August 25-26 at the city park ball diamonds.

Entries are limited to 16 teams with a \$10 per person entry fee. Deadline for entries is Wednesday, August 23. T-shirts and trophies will be awarded to the top three finishing teams.

Grilled hamburgers with all the

trimmings, drinks, and various concessions will be available throughout the tournament.

All proceeds will benefit Project Graduation 2001, a drug/alcohol free all-night celebration for graduating seniors. Every senior in attendance is guaranteed gifts and prizes at the casino style event.

The office of  
**Keith A. Boles, M.D.**  
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**Monday, August 21.**

Birthday girl is Kacy McCuiston.

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- boot width
- TXism: "happy as a pig in \_\_\_\_\_"
- Academy Award statuette was named for this TX Oscar
- "give me a \_\_\_\_\_ tobacco"
- TXism: "wouldn't touch that with \_\_\_\_\_ foot pole"
- Dallas news radio AM station at 1080
- TX-born admiral Nimitz (init.)
- TXism: "she could charm a bird \_\_\_\_\_"
- TXism: "high tail it" \_\_\_\_\_ Ormy, TX
- in Rockport, TX \_\_\_\_\_ Museum
- TX students aren't allowed to \_\_\_\_\_ in school
- kitchen flooring
- TXism: "you can blink an eye" \_\_\_\_\_
- tire grooves
- Denton university primarily for women
- famous TX buffalo hunter Capt. Billy \_\_\_\_\_
- TXism: "teensy \_\_\_\_\_"
- TXism: "tall hog \_\_\_\_\_ the trough" (important person)
- TXism: "\_\_\_\_\_ wit" (dummy)
- arcade coin
- TXism: "\_\_\_\_\_ judge in court"
- ABC newswoman Lisa from Dallas WFAA-TV
- TXism: "lit \_\_\_\_\_" (left)
- TX Jeannie C.'s "Harper Valley \_\_\_\_\_"
- Japanese diner
- TXism: "\_\_\_\_\_ of the fire"
- TXism: "smart \_\_\_\_\_ full of owls"
- Ballinger newspaper or accounts book
- TX Jaclyn Smith TV movie: "Jacqueline Bouvier \_\_\_\_\_"
- TXism: "as much chance as a \_\_\_\_\_ packing plant"
- Bexar or Harris (abbr.)
- AC sound in July
- TXism: "as welcome as a skunk \_\_\_\_\_ picnic"
- Great Storm of 1900 was \_\_\_\_\_ natural disaster in TX history
- useful \_\_\_\_\_
- TXism: "cute as a bug's \_\_\_\_\_"
- soft drinks
- TX Jaclyn Smith TV movie: "Jacqueline Bouvier \_\_\_\_\_"
- TXism: "as much chance as a \_\_\_\_\_ packing plant"
- Bexar or Harris (abbr.)
- AC sound in July
- TXism: "as welcome as a skunk \_\_\_\_\_ picnic"
- Great Storm of 1900 was \_\_\_\_\_ natural disaster in TX history
- scrambler QB Tarkenton
- capital of Austria
- reproduction
- mesquite and maple
- TX talk in the Texas Crossword
- Sam Houston wed \_\_\_\_\_
- Tiana, daughter of chief Ole-loo- \_\_\_\_\_
- TXism: "you \_\_\_\_\_ out your welcome"
- golfer's bronzing
- insensitive person

Solutions for this puzzle appear in this issue.

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## Agency on Aging offers services to senior citizens

The West Central Texas Agency on Aging in Abilene offers many services for the 60+ population of its nineteen county region.

Through the AAA's Access and Assistance System, seniors may receive the following services:

• **Information and Assistance**—assistance in obtaining information about federal, state, or local services. Also provides information on programs which assist with Medicare cost to all Medicare recipients.

• **Benefits Counseling**—assistance in obtaining public and/or private benefits. Also provides assistance with some attorney fees for wills or powers of attorney.

• **Case Management**—helps frail elderly address needs by care planning and coordination of available services. The target population to receive these services will be individuals 60 or older with the greatest economic social, and/or medical need.

• **Nutrition, Transportation (to and from senior centers) and Health Screening**—provided by nineteen senior nutrition programs with 42 sites and 10 transportation programs.

• **Regional Advocacy Services**—Information and advocacy services for nursing facility/personal care residents, addresses quality-of-life and residents' rights issues.

For further information, please call 672-8544. Long distance callers should dial 1-800-928-2262.

## The Winters Enterprise is in need of your help!

Due to limited space, it is not possible to maintain files for the many numerous published photographs. The idea of simply throwing these precious photos away just doesn't seem quite right. We are asking anyone who has turned in a picture to come by our office and pick it up.

Our office hours are 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

If you send in a picture for publication and wish to have it returned, you should enclose a stamped self-addressed envelope.

Coming August 24  
**2000 Pigskin Preview**  
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## Retired Teachers Association installs officers

Runnels County Retired Teachers Association met recently to install officers for 2000-2001.

Officers are: Marthel Russell, president; Ann Patterson, first vice-president; Freddie Gardner, second vice-president; Lela May Shelburne, secretary; Sara Parker, treasurer; Joyce Krause, parliamentarian; and Janet Vaughn, historian.

Chairmen of committees are: Ann Patterson, membership; Nina Hale, legislative; Pat Hambricht, community service; John Key, health care; Gail Vancil, information/protective; Geraldine Lange, retirement education; Horte Joyce, courtesy; and Freddie Gardner, public relation/telephone.

The Runnels County Unit meets every other month alternatively in Winters and Ballinger.

## Pfc. Horton completes basic training with the Marine Corps

Marine Corps Pfc. Sidney K. Horton, son of Martha and Joe Conner of Winters, recently completed basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot in San Diego, California.

Horton successfully completed 12 weeks of training designed to challenge new Marine recruits both physically and mentally.

Horton is a 1993 graduate of Winters High School.

**Jo Collins BENEFIT DANCE**  
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## Poe's Corner

By Charlsie Poe

# More...My kind of baseball

This is the second of a two part series from an article Charlsie had published in September, 1981.

The 1929 World Series is notable for the 10-run inning in game No. 4. The Athletics were ahead in the series, two games to one. But in game four in Philadelphia, Chicago was ahead 8-0, in the 7th inning with two out and none on.

The Philadelphia batters started tagging the cob hurlers. Before the inning was over, the Athletics had scored 10 runs. The final score was 10-8. In game five, also played in Philadelphia, the Cubs were ahead 2-0, going into the bottom of the ninth, but the Athletics scored three runs to win the game and the series.

Hornsby only played in 42 games in 1930, but the season was important to him just the same. Toward the end of the season, when it was clear that the Cubs would finish behind Gabby Street's Redbirds, manager Joe McCarthy was fired. Hornsby again was manager. There were only four games left in the season but the Cubs won all of them.

In 1931 Hornsby played his last season as a full time starter. He also managed. Although his .331 average was still one of the best in the league, Rogers was beginning to slip some. As manager, he led the Cubs to an 84-70 season. The team finished third, 17 games behind Gabby Street's Cardinals, who ran away with the pennant that year.

In 1932, Hornsby only played 19 games. He also lost his job as manager. With a record of 53-44,

Charlsie Poe



and the team in second place, Rogers was replaced by Charley Crumm as manager. The team went on to win the pennant and meet the Yankees in the World Series.

Hornsby didn't play in the series. The '32 series is notable because of Ruth's "called" home run in game three in Chicago. Ruth is supposed to have pointed with his bat toward the center field fence as though to say, "that's where it's going."

He then hit a home run to that spot. Ruth did indeed point to something out there distracting him and that it should be removed. Whether the homer was called or not, we'll probably never know for sure, but most people believe it, so it is now part of baseball lore.

In 1933, Hornsby was first with the St. Louis Cardinals, then the St. Louis Browns of the American League. He played in a total of 57 games and batted .326. When he went to the Browns, he was again a manager. The team had a record of 20-34 under Rogers but still finished in last place.

Hornsby managed the Browns until 1937. In '34 the team was 67-85 and finished 6th. In '35 their record was 65-87 and 7th place. In '37 with a record of 25-50, and the team in last place,

Hornsby was replaced, this time by Marty Marion. The Browns did not better and still finished 7th.

After leaving the Browns in '52, Hornsby immediately went to Cincinnati and became manager there. He finished the season with a 27-24 record, and the Reds finished in 6th place.

In 1953, Hornsby was again replaced as manager. This would finish his managerial career. The team record was 64-82 when he was replaced with only 8 games left in the season.

### ROGERS HORNSBY

Born: April 27, 1896  
in Winters, Texas  
Died: January 5, 1963  
in Chicago, Illinois  
Batted right, threw right  
Height 5'11"; weight 175 lbs.

Major league career: 1915-1937  
(23 years)

Major league manager: 1925-26; 1928; 1930-'37; 1952-'53

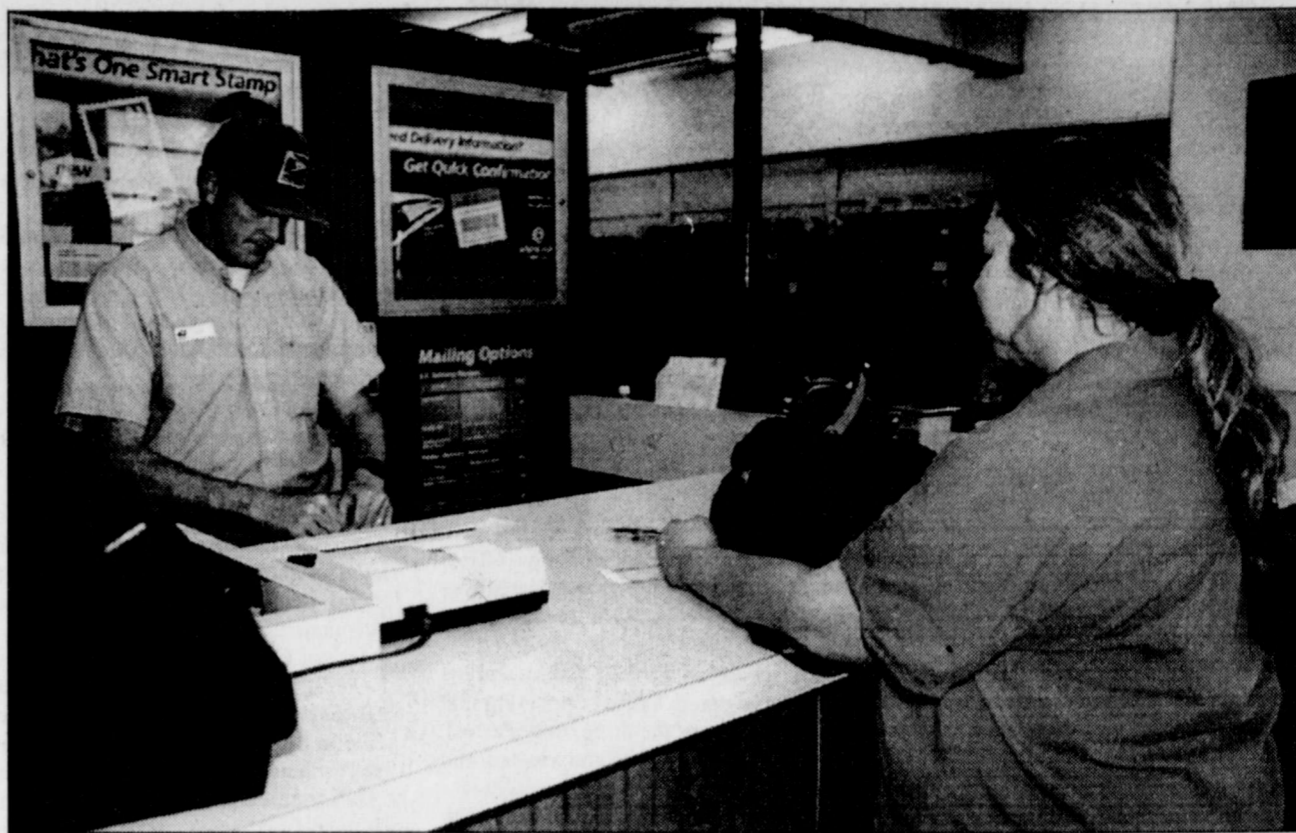
Games: 2,259  
At Bat: 8,178  
Hits: 2,930  
Home Runs: 302  
Runs Batted In: 1,596  
Batting Average: .358

Seven times won the National League Batting Title (1920, '21, '22, '23, '24, '25, '28)

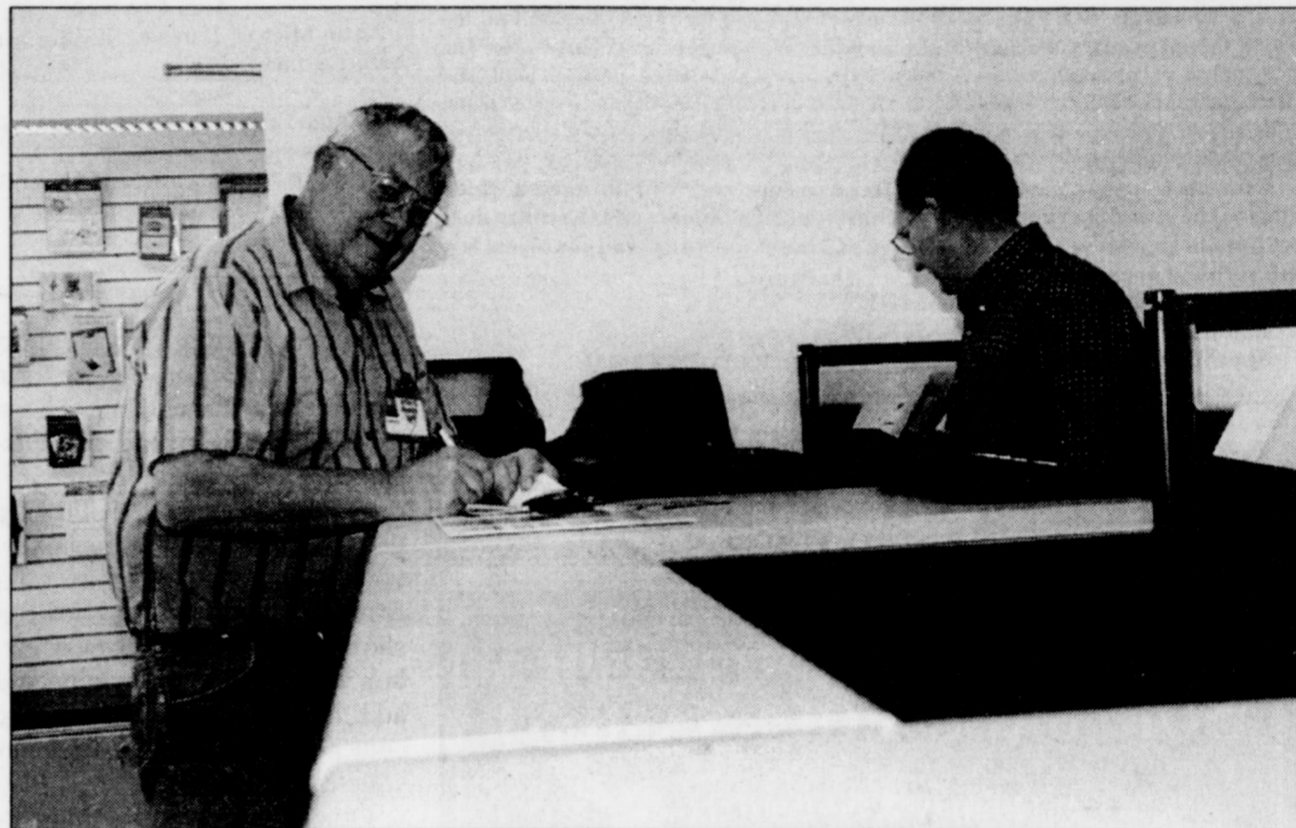
Twice won the Triple Crown (1922, '25)

1922—401, 42 HR, 152 RBIs  
1925—403, 39 HR, 143 RBIs

1921-'25 Batting Averages of  
.397, .401, .384, .424, .408



LAST CUSTOMER IN THE OLD POST OFFICE is Irma Hernandez who got in just under the wire at two minutes until 12 noon on Friday to pay her deposit on her post office box at the new facility. Assisting Ms. Hernandez is Scott Case.



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## Health Notes

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### Allergic Rhinitis

Allergic rhinitis (hay fever, chronic allergic rhinitis, pollinosis) is the most common form of respiratory allergy presumed to be mediated by an immunologic reaction. It affects about 8% to 10% of the U.S. population (20% to 30% of adolescents).

When untreated, many complications may result, such as allergic asthma, chronic nasal obstruction, chronic otitis media with hearing loss, anosmia (absence of the sense of smell), and, in children, orofacial dental deformities. Consequently, early diagnosis and adequate treatment are strongly recommended.

Because allergic rhinitis is induced by airborne pollens or molds, it is characterized by seasonal occurrences, for example:

- Early spring — tree pollen (oak, elm, poplar)
- Early summer (rose fever) — grass pollen (Timothy, red-top)
- Early fall — weed pollen (ragweed).

Each year the attacks begin and end at approximately the same time. Airborne mold spores require warm, damp weather. Although there is no rigid seasonal pattern, these spores appear in early spring, are rampant during the summer, and taper off and disappear by the first frost.

### Meet Our Staff

Dayna S. Wade, R.N.



Dayna S. Wade has been employed by North Runnels Home Health for one year as a registered nurse case manager. She graduated from Miles High School in 1988 and Angelo State University in 1996 with an associate of applied science degree in nursing. She and husband Lewis have three children: Jacob, age 9; Hannah, 5; and Katie, 2. Dayna enjoys reading, family outings, and swimming.

Remember, patients always have the right to choose their Home Health Agency.

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## SBA Financing & Informational Workshop in Abilene, Aug. 23

There will be an "SBA Financing and Informational Workshop," Wednesday, August 23, 2000, at the Abilene Small Business Development Center, 648 E. Highway 80, Abilene, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. The workshop is being sponsored by the Abilene Small Business Development Center and the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA).

The subject for the evening workshop is: "Financing Options: All You Should Know." There is no charge but advance registration is encouraged due to limited seating.

Information will be available on what a business owner should have before applying for a loan, what the banker is looking for, information in a business plan, and the programs and services available from the Small Business Administration. This is an opportunity for small business owners and prospective business owners to learn about financing options and the SBA Guaranty Loan Program.

Reasonable arrangements for persons with disabilities will be made, if requested in advance.

For more information or registration, call the Abilene Small Business Development Center at 915-670-0300 or 1-800-676-1005.

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## CORRECTED NOTICE OF EFFECTIVE TAX RATE 2000 Property Tax Rates in City of Winters

This notice concerns 2000 property tax rates for the City of Winters. It presents information about three tax rates. Last year's tax rate is the actual rate the taxing unit used to determine property taxes last year. This year's effective tax rate would impose the same total taxes as last year if you compare properties taxed in both years. This year's rollback tax rate is the highest tax rate the taxing unit can set before taxpayers can start tax rollback procedures. In each case these rates are found by dividing the total amount of taxes by the tax base (the total value of taxable property) with adjustments as required by state law. The rates are given per \$100 of property value.

<b>Last year's tax rate:</b>	
Last year's operating taxes	\$ 355,400.00
Last year's debt taxes	\$ .00
Last year's total taxes	\$ 355,400.00
Last year's tax base	\$ 47,386,780.00
Last year's total tax rate	\$ .7500/\$100
<b>This year's effective tax rate:</b>	
Last year's adjusted taxes	\$ 355,557.00
(after subtracting taxes on lost property)	
+ This year's adjusted tax base	\$ 49,674,390.00
(after subtracting value of new property)	
= This year's effective tax rate	\$ .7157/\$100
<b>This year's rollback tax rate:</b>	
Last year's adjusted operating taxes	\$ 404,696.00
(after subtracting taxes on lost property	
and adjusting for transferred function)	
+ This year's adjusted tax base	\$ 49,674,390.00
= This year's effective operating rate	\$ .8147/\$100
x 1.08 = this year's maximum	
operating rate	\$ .8798/\$100
+ This year's debt rate	\$ 0/\$100
= This year's rollback rate	\$ .8798/\$100

A hospital district or city that collects the additional sales tax to reduce property taxes, including one that collects the tax for the first time this year, must insert the following lines:

- Sales tax adjustment rate	\$ .0982/\$100
- Rollback tax rate	\$ .7816/\$100

### STATEMENT OF INCREASE/DECREASE

If the City of Winters adopts a 2000 tax rate equal to the effective tax rate of \$.7157 per \$100 of value, taxes would increase compared to 1999 taxes by \$2,128.00.

### SCHEDULE A: Unencumbered Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will be left in the unit's property tax accounts at the end of the fiscal year. These balances are not encumbered by a corresponding debt obligation.

Type of Property Tax Fund	Balance
General Fund	\$10,000.00

### SCHEDULE B: 2000 Debt Service

The unit plans to pay the following amount for long-term debts that are secured by property taxes. These amounts will be paid from property tax revenues (or additional sales tax revenues, if applicable).

Description of Debt	Principal or Contract Payment to be Paid from Property Taxes	Interest to be Paid from Property Taxes	Other Amounts to be Paid	Total Payment
	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total required for 2000 debt service			\$ 0.00	
- Amount (if any) paid from funds listed in Schedule A			\$ 0.00	
- Amount (if any) paid from other resources			\$ 0.00	
- Excess collections last year			\$ 0.00	
= Total to be paid from taxes in 2000			\$ 0.00	
+ Amount added in anticipation that the unit will collect only % of its taxes in 2000			\$ 0.00	
= Total Debt Levy			\$ 0.00	

### SCHEDULE C: Expected Revenue from Additional Sales Tax

(For hospital districts, cities, and counties with additional sales tax to reduce property taxes) In calculating its effective and rollback tax rates, the unit estimated that it will receive \$49,013.00 in additional sales and use tax revenues. For County: The county has excluded any amount that is or will be distributed for economic development grants from this amount of expected sales tax revenue.

This notice contains a summary of actual effective and rollback tax rates' calculations. You can inspect a copy of the full calculations at City Hall, 310 S. Main, Winters, Texas 79567.

Name of person preparing this notice	Shelia M. Paschal
Title	Tax Assessor-Collector
Date prepared	August 14, 2000

## 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, August 6, 2000, through Saturday, August 12, 2000. Winters Police Officers:

• were dispatched to the new post office in reference to graffiti that had been spray painted on the concrete surrounding the air conditioner units. The officer observed several items of graffiti painted in green paint, some of which bore obscene words and images. The complainant did not know the value of damage that the graffiti caused, and this case is under investigation as criminal mischief.

• while traveling south of U.S. Highway 83 during routine patrol, the officer measured a grey 1997 Chevrolet 4-door traveling 71 mph in a 55 mph zone. The officer stopped the vehicle, and after making contact with the driver, could detect an odor of an alcoholic beverage coming from inside the vehicle. The officer also observed the driver's eyes to be red and glassy. The driver was asked to exit the vehicle, and the officer proceeded to administer a series of field sobriety tests. After concluding that the driver was too impaired to drive safely, the officer placed the driver under arrest. John Edward Moore of Stamford was arrested for driving while intoxicated and transported to the Runnels County Jail.

• observed a man and woman walking west on Roberts Street just after midnight. As the officer turned his patrol car around to make contact with the individuals, the woman began running down the street. The officer then asked the male subject where the female was headed, and the male answered that he didn't know. The officer also noticed that the man was carrying an open 30-pack of beer, and four beers were missing from the pack. After the officer asked the subject how much he had to drink, the subject said, "I've had about a 12-pack." The suspect also told the officer that he told the female to run because she is on probation, and he didn't want her to get in trouble. The officer observed the male suspect to be off balance and had slurred speech as well. The officer determined the suspect to be a danger to himself due to his intoxicated state. John Robert Anderson of Winters was arrested for public intoxication and transported to Runnels County Jail.

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

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

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## Official Records

### County Court Dispositions

Jacinto Martinez, telephone harassment, dismissed, defendant convicted in another case

Jacinto Martinez, evading detention, dismissed, defendant convicted in another case

Joe Diaz Jr., two cases of driving while license suspended, dismissed, defendant convicted in another case

Joe Diaz Jr., evading detention, dismissed, defendant convicted in another case

Michael Paul Medina, possession of marijuana, dismissed, defendant convicted in another case and sentenced to federal penitentiary for possession of marijuana

Melissa Galicia, theft of merchandise by check, pleaded guilty, fined \$50, plus \$210.25 court costs and \$10 hot check fee

Sheila Marie Eaton, theft of merchandise by check, pleaded guilty, sentenced to six months in county jail probated to one year, fined \$500, plus \$210.25 court costs, \$48.74 restitution and 24 hours community service

### Criminal Cases Filed

Justin Michael Harendt, filed for harboring a runaway child

Rodrigo Reyna, filed for possession of marijuana

Jesus Reyna, filed for driving while intoxicated

### Marriage Licenses

Christopher Sean Pharr and Jamie Suzanne Brown

Clyde Dillard McDuffee and Sherry Pullin Cooke

### District Court Divorces Granted

Robert Lee Owens and Mary Ann Owens

### Divorces Filed

Patrick Lamar Egan vs. Kristi Lynn Egan

Mary Louise Reeves vs. Timothy Wayne Reeves

Bobby Wayne Blackwood vs. Winifred June Blackwood

Richard Wayne Owens vs. Marion Jay Owens

### Civil Cases Filed

Mueller, Inc. vs. Gary Truesdell, individually and dba Truesdell Specialty Service, suit on account

Guadalupe Ruiz, individually and as representative of the estate of Rolando A. Ruiz, deceased, and as next friend of Emma A. Ruiz, Alejandro E. Ruiz, minor, vs. The Burly Corporation, individually and dba Mueller Supply Company, and Kyle Mansell, individually, suit for exemplary damages

## COUNTY, cont'd

hour presentation from architect Norman Alston on the Historic Courthouse Master Plan. Alston gave Judge Egan and commissioners an outline with three priority levels in the plan. Following the presentation, commissioners voted to instruct the architectural firm to submit an application showing plans to return the courthouse to the 1941 renovation and addition to the courthouse. The courthouse was originally constructed in 1889.

Other business and action taken at the meeting on Tuesday included:

• Approval of the installation of a communication line in Precinct 4.

• Ratification of a Memorandum of Understanding between the county and the Texas Rehabilitation Commission. The Rehab Commission installed a telephone line in the third floor conference

room and use the room and phone line each month when they come to Runnels County.

• Commissioners approved a Statement of Agreement between the county and West Texas Centers for MHMR. The county furnishes office space for MHMR.

• Tax Assessor-Collector Rob-in Burgess' annual report was accepted by commissioners.

• Approval was given for an amendment to the county's personnel manual relating to communications dispatchers. Dispatchers will be controlled and regulated by the sheriff's office.

## Before the computer

We live in the computer age, no doubt. But, for many, it's not difficult to remember life before the computer; that time when—

- A mouse was a rodent.
- A cursor used profanity.
- A hard drive was a long car trip.
- A net caught fish.
- A CD was a bank account.
- An application was for employment.
- Memory was something that got worse with age.
- A keyboard came attached to a piano.
- A virus was the flu.
- A web was a spider's house.
- A program was a TV show.
- A backup was a clogged toilet.
- Log on was adding wood to the fire.
- A menu was something you ordered food from.
- A window was something you gazed out of.

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## Fund set up for slain Texas Highway Patrol Officer

As part of their "Remember Our Friends" project, the Texas Highway Patrol Association opened an account August 3 with Compass Bank to collect funds for the family of Trooper Randall Vetter. Vetter was shot during a traffic stop in Austin approximately two weeks ago. He died Tuesday, August 8.

The account is open for donations which will assist the Vetter family with financial strain incurred from their loss. The Texas Highway Patrol Association will also donate \$10,000 to help the Vetter family.

Any donations can be made to: Texas Highway Patrol Association c/o Compass Bank Trooper Vetter Fund Account 84065714 P.O. Box 9600 Austin, TX 78766. Additionally, checks can be sent to the association:

Texas Highway Patrol Association Trooper Vetter Fund 8906 Wall Street, Suite 407 Austin, TX 78754.

One hundred percent (100%) of the funds deposited into this account or sent to the Association for the Trooper Vetter Fund will be turned over to the Vetter family.

The Texas Highway Patrol Association concentrates its efforts on behalf of the dedicated men and women of the highway patrol, and is there with emergency relief for the families left behind when an officer is killed.

Should you need further information, please call the Texas DPS public information line (512) 424-2080.

This information is also available on the Texas Highway Patrol Association's website, <www.thpa.org>.

## POISON CONTROL CENTER

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## Legal Notice

### NOTICE OF SALE

THE STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF RUNNELS BY VIRTUE OF AN ORDER OF SALE DATED August 8, 2000, and issued pursuant to a judgment decree of the District Court of Runnels County, Texas, by the Clerk of said Court on said date and to me directed and delivered as Sheriff of said County, I have on August 8, 2000, seized, levied upon, and will on the first Tuesday in September, 2000, the same being the 5th day of said month at the Courthouse door of said County, in the City of Ballinger, between the hours of 10:00 o'clock A.M. and 4:00 o'clock P.M. on said day, proceed to sell for cash to the highest bidder all of the right, title, and interest of the defendants in such suit in and to the following described real estate levied upon as the property of said defendants, the same lying and being situated in the County of Runnels and the State of Texas, to-wit:

CAUSE NO. 3667 STYLING AND PROPERTY DESCRIPTION

WINTERS INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, CITY OF WINTERS, AND COUNTY OF RUNNELS, TEXAS V. THE UNKNOWN HEIRS TO THE ESTATE OF STELLA MERRIFIELD, DECEASED, THE UNKNOWN HEIRS TO THE ESTATE OF WILLIAM T. MERRIFIELD, DECEASED, LOIS OSBORN, AS AN HEIR TO THE ESTATES OF STELLA MERRIFIELD AND WILLIAM T. MERRIFIELD, DECEASED (IN REM ONLY) AND GLENN MERRIFIELD AS AN HEIR TO THE ESTATES OF STELLA MERRIFIELD AND WILLIAM T. MERRIFIELD, DECEASED (IN REM ONLY).

Lot 12, Block 5 Meeks Addition to the City of Winters, Runnels County, Texas, being that property more particularly described in Volume 451, Page 293 of the Deed Records, Runnels County, Texas.

CITY OF WINTERS, WINTERS INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT AND COUNTY OF RUNNELS V. FRED AUSTIN, INDIVIDUALLY AND AS AN HEIR TO THE ESTATES OF J.R. AUSTIN AND WINNIE AUSTIN, (IN REM ONLY), ARCHIE AUSTIN, INDIVIDUALLY AND AS AN HEIR TO THE ESTATES OF J.R. AUSTIN AND WINNIE AUSTIN, (IN REM ONLY), JAMES AUSTIN, INDIVIDUALLY AND AS AN HEIR TO THE ESTATES OF J.R. AUSTIN AND WINNIE AUSTIN (IN REM ONLY) AND THE UNKNOWN HEIRS TO THE ESTATES OF J.R. AUSTIN AND WINNIE AUSTIN, DECEASED.

South 100 feet of Lot 1 and South 50 feet of Lot 2, Block 14, Southside Addition to the City of Winters, Runnels County, Texas, being that property more particularly described in Volume 626, Page 445 of the Deed Records, Runnels County, Texas.

COUNTY OF RUNNELS, CITY OF WINTERS, AND WINTERS INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT V. THE UNKNOWN HEIRS TO THE ESTATE OF JACK SIDNEY SELDEN AKA JACK SIDNEY SELDON, THE UNKNOWN HEIRS TO THE ESTATE OF RACHEL SELDEN AKA RACHEL SELDON, WILBUR PHELPS AKA W.F. PHELPS, AS AN HEIR TO THE ESTATE OF RACHEL SELDEN AKA RACHEL SELDON, DECEASED (IN REM ONLY), OUIDA NICHOLS AS AN HEIR TO THE ESTATE OF RACHEL SELDEN AKA RACHEL SELDON, DECEASED (IN REM ONLY), JIMMY WHITTENBURG AS AN HEIR TO THE ESTATE OF RACHEL SELDEN AKA RACHEL SELDON, DECEASED (IN REM ONLY), WAYNE ROGERS AS AN HEIR TO THE ESTATE OF RACHEL SELDEN AKA RACHEL SELDON, DECEASED (IN REM ONLY), MARY KATHRYN RAUM AS AN HEIR TO THE ESTATE OF RACHEL SELDEN AKA RACHEL SELDON, DECEASED (IN REM ONLY) AND BOBBIE ELMO ROGERS.

All of Lot 1 and East 18 feet of Lot 2, Block 8, Dale West Addition to the City of Winters, Runnels County, Texas, being that property more particularly described in Volume 351, Page 504 of the Deed Records, Runnels County, Texas.

or upon the written request of said defendants or their attorney, a sufficient portion thereof to satisfy said judgment for delinquent property taxes and accrued penalties and interest and costs of suit and sale; subject, however, to the right of redemption, the defendants or any person having an interest therein, to redeem the said property, or their interest therein, within the period of time and in the manner provided by law and subject to any other and further rights to which the defendants or anyone interested therein may be entitled, under the provisions of law. Said sale to be made by me to satisfy the judgment for delinquent property taxes and accrued penalties and interest rendered in the above styled and numbered cause, together with interest thereon and costs of suit and sale, and the proceeds of said sale to be applied to the satisfaction thereof, and the remainder, if any to be applied as the law directs.

DATED August 8, 2000, at Ballinger, Texas.  
By William Baird, Sheriff  
Runnels County, Texas

## Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Increase

Runnels County will hold a public hearing on a proposal to increase total tax revenues from properties on the tax roll in the preceding year by 6.19 percent. Your individual taxes may increase at a greater or lesser rate, or even decrease, depending on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property and the tax rate that is adopted.

The public hearing will be held on AUGUST 30, 2000 at 1:30 PM at RUNNELS COUNTY DISTRICT COURTROOM.

FOR the proposal: KEITH COLLOM RICHARD STRUBE  
SKIPPER WHEELLESS THURMAN SELF

AGAINST the proposal:

PRESENT and not voting:

ABSENT:

The following table compares taxes on an average home in this taxing unit last year to taxes proposed on the average home this year. Again, your individual taxes may be higher or lower, depending on the taxable value of your property.

	Last Year	This Year
Average residence homestead value	\$31,650	\$38,500
General exemptions available	\$0	\$0
(amount available on the average homestead, not including senior citizen's or disabled person's exemptions)		
Average taxable value	\$31,650	\$38,500
Tax rate (per \$100)	0.79954	0.81763
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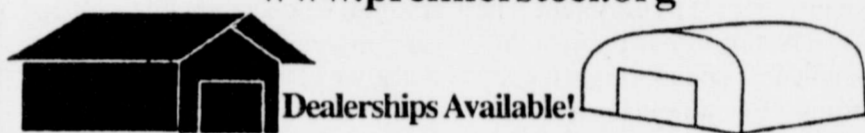
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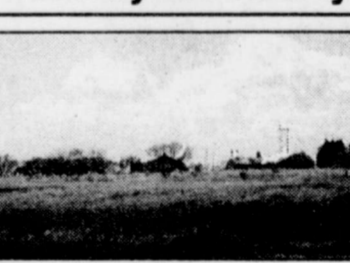
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By Rick Minzenmayer, Extension Agent-IPM

### Bring back DDT, and save lives

The following article is taken from the Wall Street Journal, July 28, 2000, and is written by Alex Avery and Dennis Avery. Dennis is the director and Alex the director of research and education at the Hudson Institute's Center for Global Food Issues.

New York City canceled a concert in Central Park on Monday night for fear of the West Nile virus, a dangerous mosquito-borne disease. New York immediately forgot its fear of pesticides and began spraying to control mosquitoes. But DDT, the most effective mosquito control agent known, will not be used. In fact, if environmental activists have their way, DDT will soon be banned from the planet.

This is a mistake that could cost millions of lives across the globe.

For nearly 30 years, DDT has been banned from America's arsenal of pesticides because of concern for the environment. The United Nations Environment Program is now sponsoring a legally binding convention for a worldwide ban on DDT.

Strong opposition to a global DDT ban has arisen, however, from doctors and public health experts. The reason: a resurgence of mosquito-borne malaria in areas where it had previously been eradicated, including urban areas in South America, Asia, and Africa. Globally, the number of malaria cases is increasing at an accelerating rate. Last summer, two boy scouts even contracted malaria while camping in New York state, an incident that was overshadowed by an outbreak of West Nile virus that killed seven people later in the year.

Earlier this year, a group of 380 scientists signed an open letter,

arguing for the renewed use of DDT inside houses to fight the spread of malaria. As these doctors point out, the standard environmental concerns — such as eggshell-thinning in raptor birds — have nothing to do with spraying indoors. In poor, developing countries, small amounts of DDT are sprayed on the inside walls of homes and huts. The DDT mostly repels, rather than kills, the mosquitoes. Tiny amounts of DDT are used compared with the millions of pounds that were once sprayed on agricultural fields in the 1950s and 60s. The environmental consequences, as a result, would be negligible.

According to many experts, the de facto ban on DDT use is the main reason for the increase in malaria cases. After the U.S. and other industrialized countries outlawed DDT, the ban was gradually extended to countries in the developing world, leveraged through unconscionable restrictions in foreign aid dollars. Essentially, we blackmailed poor countries into dropping their most effective anti-malaria weapon.

The decline in DDT use was, predictably, followed by malaria epidemics. Sri Lanka stopped spraying houses with DDT in 1961 and subsequently had a major epidemic. More than 100,000 people died during malaria epidemics in Swaziland and Madagascar in the mid-1980s, following the suspension of DDT house spraying. South Africa, which had stopped using DDT, began using it again this year after an ugly resurgence in malaria.

Why is DDT so important? Aren't there plenty of other pesticides that can be used? The answer is yes, and no. DDT acts primarily as a mos-

quito repellent, not as a killer. Research by Don Roberts, of the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences, has shown that only 3% as many mosquitoes enter huts sprayed with DDT compared with huts sprayed with the most widely used alternative pesticide. Moreover, in DDT-sprayed huts, most mosquitoes immediately leave without biting. As Dr. Roberts notes from his uncomfortable personal research, "the whole time the mosquitoes were in huts sprayed with the other pesticide, they were actively biting us."

DDT's effectiveness as a mosquito repellent lasts for six months or more. This compares very favorably with the shorter duration and less effective nature of alternative pesticides that cost three to four times as much.

In a nutshell, nothing is as cheap, or as effective, as DDT. While wealthy nations can afford more expensive, less effective pesticides — such as the pyrethroid that New York is currently spraying — poorer nations have few alternatives to DDT other than death and suffering.

But isn't DDT a danger to people? So Rachel Carson claimed in the 1962 book, "Silent Spring." But as a recent article in the Lancet, a British medical journal, notes, we have yet to find a single significant health threat from DDT use even after 40 years of exhaustive research. Yet activists have succeeded in convincing the public that DDT is so evil that we should accept the suffering and death of millions in poor countries to save the world's paranoid wealthy from theoretical health risks we still can't identify. That is Ms. Carson's shameful legacy.

Back-to-School Bash set for August 26—

### Winters 4-H Club to kickoff year with Family Fun Night on Tuesday, August 22

The Winters 4-H Club will kickoff the year with their annual Family Fun Night on Tuesday, August 22, 2000, at the Mt. Carmel Catholic Church Fellowship Hall.

A pitch-in dinner will begin at 6 p.m. followed by a brief meeting and games. The entire family is encouraged to attend. Anyone wishing to join the club is invited to join in the festivities.

Families are asked to bring a

main dish, salad/vegetable, and a dessert to be enjoyed picnic style. The club will provide drinks and papergoods.

Each 4-H family is also asked to bring school supplies as the monthly community service. The supplies will be given to Winters ISD counselors to distribute to students in need.

The Runnels County 4-H Back-to-School Bash will be held in the Ballinger High School Caf-

eteria on Saturday, August 26. The dance will be held from 7:30 to 10:30 p.m.

Winters 4-H members are asked to bring homemade cookies for the refreshment table. The community service for the county is also school supplies. Winters club members who bring supplies to the Family Fun Night are not required to bring them to the Bash.

## Extension News & Views

By Tom Guthrie, Extension Agent-AG

### A chance to dispose of useless wire and to clean up around the farm

Wire Recycling Event continues thru August in Wall

The fourth annual SAFE Wire Recycling Event began August 1 at Wall Co-Op Gin #1 and will run a full month, ending at noon on Thursday, August 31.

The Wire Recycling Event is the only known event of its kind in West Texas and the participation has been phenomenal.

In 1999, Commercial Metals baled the wire and metal and used 14 dump trucks to transport the bales to Odessa for recycling. Barbed wire has been brought into these events that dated from the 1880s, indicating the length of time farmers and ranchers have been storing wire that had outlived its usefulness. The 1999 event collected a much larger amount of scrap metal (water troughs, windmills, household appliances, fence posts, cattle guards, corrugated sheet metal, etc) than in previous years.

Because of the high level of participation, the long distances that many participants traveled, and the large amount of wire collected at the first three events,

sponsors are very willing to participate in the 2000 event. However, they will be able to continue that sponsorship only as long as it is economically feasible.

Sponsors are San Angelo

Christoval, Grape Creek, Eldorado, Rowena, Miles, Vancourt, Mertzon, Bronte, Wall, Menard, Mereta, Eola, Melvin, Ballinger, San Angelo, Veribest, and Lowake.

The event is not restricted to the Concho Valley. Everyone is invited to bring in their wire or metal.

In conjunction is the 7th Annual TNRCC Cleanup

The Wire Recycling Event is held in conjunction with the

Texas Natural Resources Conservation Commission County Cleanup, which will be held on August 31 from 8 AM until noon at the Co-Op Gin #1. The event accepts pesticide containers (triple rinsed), oil, oil filters, and lead acid batteries. The TNRCC Country Cleanup events will no longer be able to accept tires due to changes made by the Texas Legislature.

For more information about these events, contact Sharon Skrabanek at the SAFE Citizens' Recycling Center, 659-0722.

#### Wire Recycling Event Participation

	Years:		
	1997	1998	1999
Participants	148*	155*	191*
Oil (gallons)	3,500*	3,000	4,200
Oil filters	2,000	5,250	5,700
Pesticide containers	700	900	1,200
Batteries	211	303	337
Tires	1,085*	5,414*	8,900*
Wire (tons)	92	183	295.5

\*State record for Texas County Cleanups

Friends of the Environment (SAFE), Commercial Metals of Odessa, ACME Iron and Metal of San Angelo, Co-Op Gin #1 of Wall, and Community Supervision and Corrections Department (CSCD).

Participants will be permitted to drop off all types of wire and metal at the designated area in front of the gin, seven days a week, 24 hours a day. No appliances with freon in them will be accepted.

Participants in previous years have traveled from Eden,

#### Classifieds Get Results

### State Fair of Texas entries due

Entries are due for the upcoming State Fair of Texas. The State Fair will be held September 29-October 22 in Dallas.

Four-H'ers with livestock projects must enter their 4-H animal projects at the Extension Office no later than THURSDAY, AUGUST 24.

Call or come by the Extension Office for more information.

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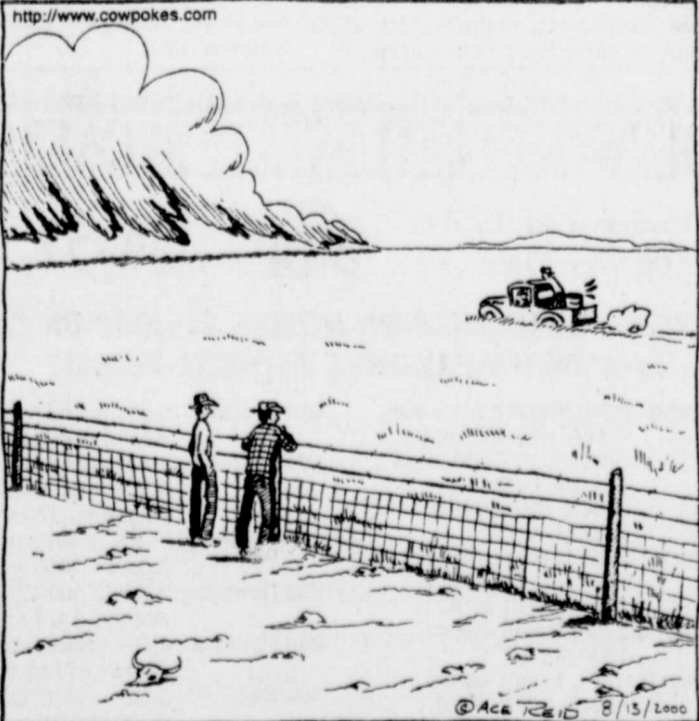


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### Growers asked to post fields when treating for aphids

Cotton growers are asked to notify the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation if they use Furadan® to treat cotton fields for aphids.

By law, fields that have been treated with Furadan® must have warning signs posted, cautioning people not to enter the field for 15 days. Fields can be entered after 48 hours if personal protective equipment is worn, but it is important that growers post signs to

advise that a field has been treated.

In the interest of protecting employees, the Foundation asks that all growers notify their nearest boll weevil office to advise of fields that have been or will be treated. Cooperation by growers will ensure that proper precautions are taken to protect the health and well being of all individuals who need access to affected cotton fields.

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