

Apples of Gold
MEEKNESS—To admit I have been in the wrong is but saying that I am wiser today than I was yesterday.

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Council listens to citizens — no tax increase

After a large number of citizens spoke against a tax increase at a public hearing on August 17 and again at the meeting on the budget on August 28, the city council voted unanimously to not raise taxes.

City Administrator Dr. Aref Hassan told the council that he could keep the same budget with the same tax rate as last year.

The \$.75 tax rate will still increase city coffers by approximately \$17,000 because of increased property values.

Property values increased in the city of Winters by \$2,300,000 for the current year.

The council also approved \$1,878,501.00 for the 2000-2001 budget. This is an increase of \$96,343.00 over the 1999-2000 budget.

In another gesture of goodwill, the council increased the water rates only \$.47 instead of the pro-

posed \$.20. The sewer rate increase was kept the same at \$1.00 per residence. Hassan explained that these increases will not take effect until October 1, or until the current emergency water rationing has stopped, whichever is the latter.

Also approved by the council was a \$15,000 expenditure for 911 dispatching service from Runnels County.

The budget approved by the city Monday night included a 5% salary increase for city employees and increased health insurance costs.

In other action, the council accepted the deed from John Sims for property at 200 Willis. This area will be cleaned by city employees, then bids will be taken for sale at a later date.

Mike Pumphrey, president of the Z.I. Hale Museum/Rock Ho-



FOUR PERSONS WERE INJURED in this two vehicle accident Monday evening about 6:15. Ezekiel Martinez, 17, was driving a late 1980's Oldsmobile when he failed to negotiate a curve in the 500 block of Roberts Street, colliding head-on into a 1987 Dodge pickup driven by Jesse Ortiz, 28. Passengers in Martinez's car were Antonio Santos, 18, and Jason Bryan Esquivel, 17, who, along with Martinez, were transported by ambulance to North Runnels Hospital. Martinez was transferred to Shannon Medical Center in San Angelo, treated and released. Santos and Esquivel were treated and released from NRH. Ortiz was taken by private vehicle to NRH where he was also treated and released. According to police reports, all victims were wearing seatbelts. Martinez was cited for failure to control speed and failure to give half of roadway.

City water report corrected

Current supply is 17 months

The August 24 issue of *The Winters Enterprise* stated that, according to a status report released to *The Enterprise* by City Water Superintendent Jack Davis, Jr., the city had a five-month supply of water remaining.

According to Dr. Aref Hassan, City Manager, Davis's report was incorrect in that it omitted stating that the five-month supply is "in addition to an already existing twelve-month supply in Elm Creek Reservoir."

Hassan says that with the current supply, the city has a 17-month supply of water remaining.

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Early deadlines

Due to the Labor Day holiday on Sept. 4, *The Winters Enterprise* has changed deadlines for the Sept. 7 edition.

General news and retail advertising are due in our office no later than noon on Friday, Sept. 1. Classified ads will be taken through 5 p.m. Sept. 1.

Have a safe and enjoyable Labor Day!

School board keeps same tax rate for 2000-2001

In a rather short called meeting Monday night, trustees of the Winters Independent School District voted unanimously to set the 2000 tax rate at \$1.395 per \$100 valuation, the same as last year's rate.

This ad valorem tax rate is to be distributed as \$1.34 rate for maintenance and operations and \$0.055 rate for debt service.

Present for the August 28 meeting were trustees Allen Andrae, Jack Davis, Jr., Gary Moore, Larry Walker, Bob Prewit, and Cheryl Bryan, Superintendent Mike Harris, Business Manager Jimmy Butler, Elementary Principal Tammy Bright and Secondary Principal Bill Cathey.

Winters ISD receives overall "acceptable" rating based on TAAS scores, dropout rates and attendance

Accountability ratings for the 1999-2000 school year have been released by the Texas Education Agency (TEA). The annual school rankings are based on stu-

dent performance on Texas Assessment of Academic Skills (TAAS) tests, attendance rates, and dropout rates.

This is part of the evaluation TEA officials give Texas schools each year. Each campus and district gets a report card, with rankings of low performing, acceptable, recognized, or exemplary.

Winters ISD received an overall acceptable rating. By campus, WHS was rated recognized while both the junior high and elementary schools received acceptable ratings.

A recognized rating is achieved when at least 80 percent of all students and each student group must pass each section of TAAS; a dropout rate of 3.5 percent or less is maintained for all students and

student groups; with an attendance rate of 94 percent or more. This year, 2,003 schools received this second best rating.

An acceptable rating is based on at least 50 percent of all students and each student group passing each section of TAAS; an attendance rate of 94 percent or more; and a dropout rate of 6 percent or less for all students and student groups. This year, 2,924 schools earned this rating.

The student subgroups are based on ethnicity and economic disadvantage. Subgroups for Winters include Hispanic, White, and economically disadvantaged. While the school district does have some Afro-American students there are not enough to constitute a subgroup.

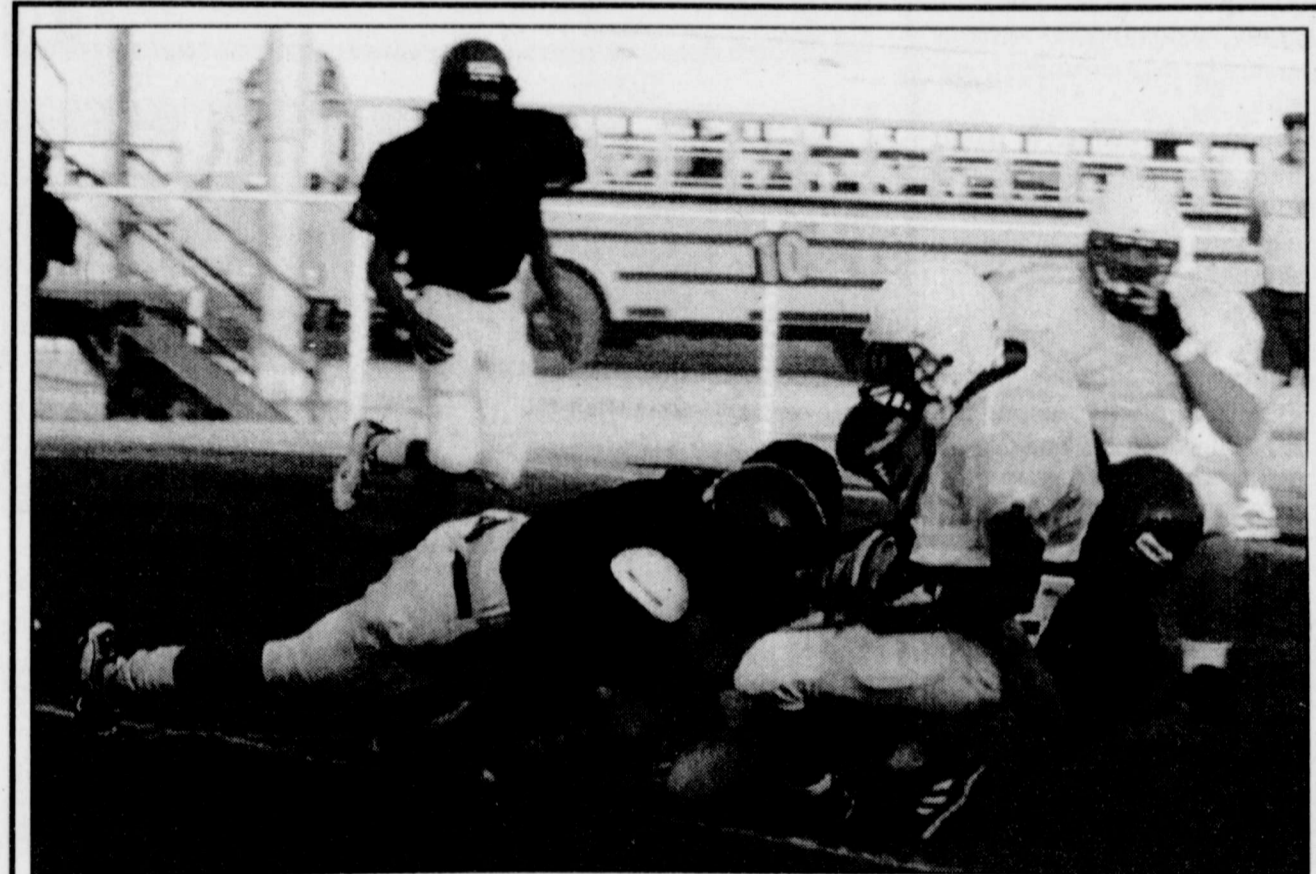
"Overall as a district, except

for reading scores, I'm pretty pleased with it," said WISD Superintendent Mike Harris. "A lot of our scores are close—just not where you want them. Our attendance is up and our drop out rate is down—our reading scores kept us from being recognized."

According to Principal Tammy Bright, attendance in the elementary was at 96.8% for last year. Overall, grades 3 through 6, scores were 83% in reading, 83% in math, and 89% in writing (which is tested only in the fourth grade).

However, the campus did not receive a recognized rating due to scores in the Hispanic and economically disadvantaged subgroups not meeting the 80th percentile. Hispanic scores in read-

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GARY WOODBURY, varsity Blizzard running back, drags along several defenders as he digs in for the score during a recent scrimmage. The Blizzards open regular season play on Friday against the Menard Yellowjackets. Kickoff is at 8:00 p.m. in Blizzard stadium.

Blizzards face Menard in season opener

The varsity Winters Blizzards will start the 2000 season this Friday against the Menard Yellowjackets in Blizzard stadium. Kick-off is at 8:00 p.m.

Starting his eighth year at Winters, head coach Robin Byrd says his Blizzards need to gain some experience and grow during these non-district games.

"Our offense needs to get better and that will take game experience," said Byrd. "Our defense looks good against the run, but the secondary needs to pick it up a notch."

The Blizzards have fourteen returning lettermen with six returning offensive starters and six defensive starters.

Coming off a 9-3 season last year, the Blizzards expect big things again this year.

Menard is picked to win their district this year in District 10, Class A. The Yellowjackets run the veer offense and have a strong option running game with a good

quarterback, Adam Rieck.

The Yellowjackets have ten returning lettermen — six on offense and six on defense.

Of the Yellowjackets, Coach Byrd says, "They have a good, tough running game and will probably stunt like crazy with their 4-3 defense."

The junior varsity Blizzards open their season against the Yellowjackets at Menard on Thursday, August 31. Kickoff is at 6:30.

WHAT'S HAPPENING ?

- Aug. 31-11:30 a.m., Sr. Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center
- Noon, Public Hearing on Proposed Tax Rate, North Runnels Hospital
- 5 p.m., Hale Museum Board
- 7 p.m., JV vs. Menard, There
- Sept. 1-11:30 a.m., Sr. Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center
- Noon, Houston Calf Scramble Entries Due to Extension Office
- 3 p.m., Blizzard Pep Rally, Gym
- 5-7:30 p.m., Cheerleaders Hamburger Supper, School Cafeteria
- 7:15 p.m., Parents Night, Blizzard Stadium
- 7:30 p.m., Cowboys for Christ, Drasco
- 8 p.m., Varsity vs. Menard, Here
- Sept. 4-10 a.m., Drasco Homecoming, Drasco Church
- 7:30 p.m., Ballinger Masonic Lodge
- Labor Day-School Holiday**
- The Winters Enterprise Closed**
- Sept. 5-11:30 a.m., Sr. Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center
- Noon, Lions Club, Community Center
- 3 p.m., Friends of Hale Museum, Rock Hotel
- 7 p.m., Athletic Boosters, Blizzard Fieldhouse
- 7 p.m., American Legion
- 7 p.m., WVFD, Fire Station
- 7 p.m., Artists Guild, Ballinger
- 7:30 p.m., Genealogical Society, San Angelo
- Sept. 6-7 a.m., Industrial Board, Chamber Office
- 11:30 a.m., Sr. Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center
- 6 p.m., Chamber Directors, Chamber Office
- Sept. 7-9 a.m., Annual Sheep & Goat Field Day, San Angelo
- 10 a.m.-Noon & 1:30-3 p.m., Immunization Clinic, TDH
- 11:30 a.m., Sr. Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center
- 5 & 6:30 p.m., Jr. High vs. Goldthwaite, There
- 6:30 p.m., JV vs. Goldthwaite, Here
- 7 p.m., Winters Squares, Community Center

Oil Bidness

By Reg Boles ©2000



Last time, we began a discussion of natural gas and its near-boom status. I mentioned some really positive things about the natural gas business, but I foreshadowed some troubling trends as well.

This time around, we will approach the less positive aspects of the current natural gas market but don't be afraid. The strong base of positive attitude we built during our last talk should bolster and strengthen your resolve to understand and profit from trends that are emerging, including the challenges that lie ahead.

We established that the demand for natural gas is strong and looks to stay that way for a while. So, producers are looking for ways to produce as much as possible. How well are they doing?

There is no lack of trying. The rig count is up, and operators are drilling more wells this year than any previous year of the 1990's. However, no one is able to do as much as they would like.

Why? Manpower shortages, equipment limitations, and lack of capital stand in the way.

The recent down cycles experienced by the industry have decimated the rig fleet, depleted drill string resources, run off many fine employees, and scared off most of the bankers. The wild gyrations in prices, both gas and oil, have many looking for other places to base a career or invest their money.

So, finding a rig, deploying a crew, and outlaying the capital for a big drilling campaign is proving daunting in many cases. Not impossible—but very tough indeed.

In the cases where it is being done, there is another problem. The results are on a downward trend.

Less gas is being found with every well and every well produces less than the wells completed last year. This is worrisome because that means more wells must be drilled just to stay even.

This leaves the natural gas business with a problem and feeling the squeeze between demand and the limitations on meeting that demand.

One way to understand the significance of these trends is to consider a peak at the future.

The demand for gas in the next few years is projected to grow by double-digit percentages. In order to meet that demand, the number

of gas wells completed must increase by a full one-half over the last two years' activity level if wells produced what they produced over the previous five years. But, if the decline in yield per well is factored in, the wells completed must grow by two-thirds.

This must all be done with less rigs, less manpower, and less capital.

I have faith that the opportunities presented by good old-fashioned capitalism will prevail and solve this problem. But, it won't come without hard work, ingenuity, and determination.

What will your part be?

HIGHLIGHTS OF AREA DRILLING ACTIVITY COMPLETIONS

Runnels County
DBO Oil has completed the C.C. Gray #4 in the Deanie B. Field (5 miles NE of Ballinger) at an initial rate of 57 BOPD & 7 BWPD in the Jennings Sand (perms 3875-3880). Loc. is 2926 FEL & 1687 FSL of ETRR Sur. No. 147, A-159.

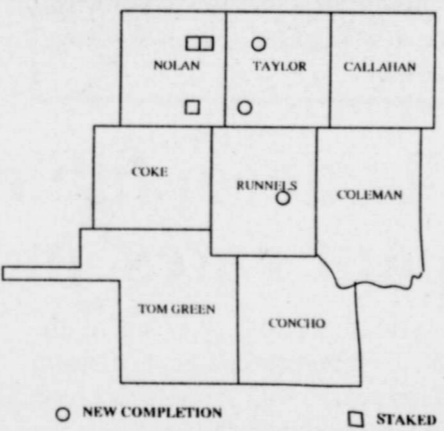
Taylor County
Barbee, Inc. has completed the Shaw-Davis #2 in the Ledbetter Ranch Field (6 miles SW of View) at an initial rate of 24 BOPD in the Cook Sand (perms 2968-75). Loc. is 933 FNL & 1065 FNEL of Sec. 16, Blk. 4, T&PRR Sur. A-1786.

J&J Trading has completed the Allmand #1 as a Wildcat, 8 miles W of Bradshaw at an initial rate of 80 BOPD in an unidentified zone (perms 2932-49). Loc. is 416 FNL & 619 FEL of Sec. 123, Blk. 64, H&TC Sur. A-152.

STAKINGS

Nolan County
J.W. Hastings Oil Co., Inc. has staked the Herring #1 in the Maryneal Field, 2 miles E of Maryneal (Depth 6500). Loc. is 1500 FNL & 1200 FEL of Sec. 188, Blk. 1-A, H&TC Sur. RULE 36.

L.C.S. Production has staked two wells in the Chalky Mountain Field, 14 miles SE of Sweetwater (Depth 3300). The Connally #2 is loc. 1414 FWL & 1067 FSL of Sec. 3, Blk. 6, T&PRR Sur. The Connally #3 is loc. 1984 FWL & 330 FSL of Sec. 3, Blk. 6, T&PRR Sur.



Ballinger receives USDA grant for ambulance

Ballinger Memorial Hospital District will receive a grant in the amount of \$20,000 from the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development Division, according to an announcement made August 24 by Congressman Charlie Stenholm. The funds will be used to purchase an ambulance to serve the citizens of Runnels County.

"I am pleased that we were able to assist the hospital in securing funding for another ambulance to service the area. How-

ever, this is not the first, nor the last, hospital to experience a shortage of this type as a result of the unintended consequences of the Balanced Budget Act of 1997," Stenholm noted. "Hospitals, senior citizens, and other rural health care consumers all need to know that Congress is serious about bringing relief in the form of greater Medicare reimbursements to providers and I believe this is an issue we will address in coming weeks."

WATER, cont'd.

rent rate of evaporation and the hope for cooler weather in the upcoming months, the Reservoir currently has seventeen months of water.

During the regular meeting of the city council on Monday, August 28, one concerned citizen asked Hassan and the council if any increase in water rates would be used strictly for the purpose of finding new sources of water.

Hassan answered that the wells surrounding Elm Creek Reservoir continue to be pumped as is a private well owned by Glenn Hoppe, Jr. but offered no other plans.

Also at the August 28 meeting, Davis said he is exploring the possibility of using an aquifer as a backup for the water system.

SK Engineering of San Angelo has mapped a possible location for the aquifer and Davis is working with SK and North Runnels Water Supply to study the feasibility of using this aquifer as a water source for the City of Winters.

COUNCIL, cont'd.

tel. presented a proposal to make West Dale Street a historical district, reaching from Main Street to the Alderman-Cave mill. The council tabled this proposal pending further investigation as to what "historical district" would mean to land or property owners in this area.

Attending the August 28 meeting were councilmen Mike Meyer, Steve Esquivel, Jimmy Butler, Tommy Russell, and Joe Gerhart, Mayor Dawson McGuffin, Manager Hassan, and City Attorney Kenneth Slimp.

In Appreciation

Card of Thanks

The family of Eunice Polk would like to thank the staff of the Winters Nursing Home for the love and care they gave to "Miss Eunice" for the past three years, and to the community for the flowers, phone calls, memorials, and food.

Thank you to Mike and Linda for all the help and support they have given us.

The Eunice Polk Family

Card of Thanks

We would like to express our thanks for your prayers, telephone calls, cards, flowers, memorials, visits, food, and friendship.

A special thanks to Reverend Don Roath for the lovely service.

The family of Jim Patton

Homecoming in Drasco Sept. 4

The Drasco Homecoming will be Labor Day, September 4, 2000, at the Drasco Church.

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Obituaries

Thelma Elizabeth Tubbs

WINGATE—Thelma Elizabeth Tubbs, 92, died Monday, August 28, 2000, in a Winters nursing home.

She was born February 8, 1908, in Millersview and grew up in Paint Rock. She attended school through 11th grade in Paint Rock and graduated from Winters High School in 1926. She received her teacher's certificate from Mary Hardin Baylor in Belton. She married Homer Tubbs on December 24, 1934, in Fredericksburg and settled in the Norton area.

Mrs. Tubbs was employed by Economy Food Store and later by Higginbotham's as a bookkeeper. She was a member of the Wilmeth Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband.

Survivors include one son, Homer Weldon (Sam) Tubbs of China Spring; three daughters, Pat Walker and husband James of Buna, Shirley Hill and husband Red of Wingate, and Liz Allchin and husband Ken of South Coast, Metro, California; one sister, Inez Reed of Paint Rock; ten grandchildren; thirteen great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren; and two sisters-in-law, Ann Curtis of San Antonio and Charlene Curtis of Hewitt.

Visitation was at 7:00 p.m. Wednesday, August 30, at Winters Funeral Home. Services will be at 4:00 p.m. Thursday, August 31, in the Winters Funeral Home Chapel with Reverend Kenneth Jones and Reverend Gary Curtis officiating. Burial will be in the Wilmeth Cemetery, directed by Winters Funeral Home.

Pallbearers will be Glenn Hoppe Jr., Gary Schwartz, Brent Schrader, Sammy Tubbs, Jay Kettler, Kevin Walker, Casey Walker, Chad Tubbs, and Cody Tubbs.

Lena Lahoma Trammell

BALLINGER—Lena Lahoma Trammell, 64, died Monday, August 22, 2000, at her residence.

She was born June 2, 1936, in Concho, Texas, and lived in Texas and Oklahoma while growing up. She first married Billy Whitten and then later married Paul Trammell. They both preceded in death.

Mrs. Trammell was a homemaker and a Baptist.

Survivors include one son, Billy Whitten of Bennett, North Carolina; one daughter, Debra Cook of Ballinger; five brothers, Wesley G. Ogle, Cody Ogle, and Robert Ogle, all of Ballinger, and Wayne Ogle and Brownie Ogle both of San Angelo; three sisters, Wanda Sloan of New Castle, Barbara Bryant of San Angelo, and Jenice Ogle of Virginia; and seven grandchildren.

Services were at 3:00 p.m. Friday, August 25, in the First Church of God in Ballinger with Reverend Louise Strength officiating. Burial was in Old Runnels Cemetery near Ballinger, directed by Winters Funeral Home.

Grandsons were pallbearers.

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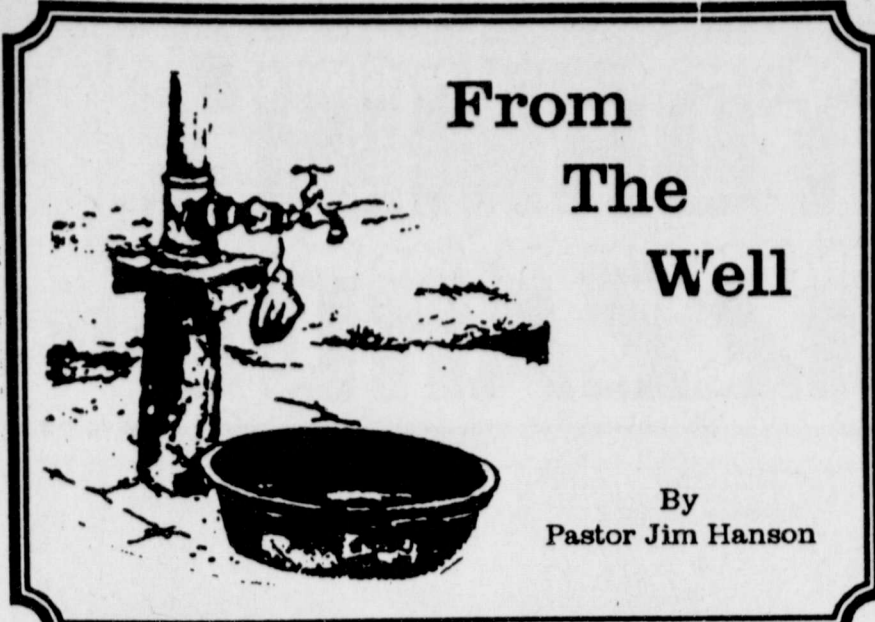
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From The Well

By
Pastor Jim Hanson



Pastor Jim Hanson

It's almost Fall. School is in session. And that means a lot of things. For many of us who live in Texas, it means high school football. It is almost a religion. I don't fear that it is an idol. It is really more like a big family get-together. Only there are two families...one on one side, and the other on the other side. And they watch their kids play. And yell. And talk to each other. And get hot dogs, or nachos, or popcorn. And something to drink. It's fun. A community thing.

It even has a band to play background music during the game, and the school song when our team makes a touchdown. And halftime has them marching, making formations on the field. Flags and baton twirlers. Cheerleaders. It really is a big deal.

When I went to my first football game in Texas, it was in Odessa and in Ratliff stadium. And what a stadium! Seated 20,000 people. Made my college's football field look like an empty corner lot. It took 20 minutes to get from the parking lot to the stands. High school football was big time. And it still is.

But the thing that impressed me most, more than all the other stuff, was a very simple thing. Just a few minutes before the game was to begin, the public address system was used, not just to announce the team and the coaches, but also the president of the student council. She was to offer the prayer. Before the game. On the P.A. Coming from up north, I had never heard of such a thing. Now, don't get me wrong. We prayed. Many of us. In small groups. Alone. In the locker room. But never in public. On the P.A.

As she prayed...a very simple prayer for the players of both teams...that they would do their best and no one get hurt...my heart was warmed. I felt a tingle going up and down my spine. My head said "Now this is really good." For all of us. And I could hardly wait to let my folks and friends up north know about it.

This past fall some folks decided that this kind of activity was improper. And brought it to court. It finally ended up in the Supreme Court. Where it was determined that "pregame prayer has the improper effect of coercing those present to participate in an act of religious worship." It pointed out that "team members themselves" had to be there, and could "feel an increased sense of isolation and affront" if they didn't believe.

Well, a man by the name of Bill Marcus, wrote a column in Time magazine, the July 10 issue. He was one of those who would fit in that category. His religious experiences, with a Jewish father and an Irish-Catholic mother, were brief and infrequent. And those that he had were hardly memorable. But he writes, "My Texas high school was a different world. Prayer season lasted all year, and I was fascinated by the fervor of my peers. Any cause for anxiety—tests, games, dates—was a chance to invoke Jesus. Up North, if I had seen a group of girls clutched together and whispering, it was a clear sign of gossip. Here it was a prayer circle, and there were boys in it too, holding hands, heads down, powerfully silent..." "Manners were important with prayer...we were not to ask God for victory... we were exhorted to seek glory on 'God's pasture'... praying to win was left to certain circles around school who focused particular energy on the matter all week. If we lost, the prayer circles just swelled and prayed harder."

Then this paragraph. "The initial argument advocating prayers before games asserted that they helped solemnize the occasion. When we took off our helmets and knelt in the end zone, bracketed by the shadow of the goalpost, the crowd was hushed by our seriousness. The prayers added gravity to our game, as if we were characters in the Bible, already legendary. Down on the field, this feeling was undeniable. It wasn't my religion being practiced and I didn't believe in their God, but I could sometimes feel part of something greater..."

It would have been good for the Supreme Court to have heard this testimony, and others like it. I'm not at all sure that what's best for us is determined by lawyers. And I am certain that there is a more Supreme Court than the one in Washington D.C. One who will come to judge the living and the dead. Including the Supreme Court.

But in the meanwhile? I'm sure that religion should not take over the government. But I think and truly believe that it has a place. Like one of the Luther scholars in our time wrote, "When you don't keep religion in the public life, what is left to keep the devil out?" And to make it possible for people like Ben Marcus to "sometimes feel part of something greater."



HOLLY WOFFENDEN & KRISTIAN CASTILLO (l-r) serve up ice cold sno-cones to (front) Brian Osborne, Justin Trevino, and Vince Trevino during the Project Graduation Softball tournament on Saturday. They are raising money for their alcohol-free party graduation night.

Friends of Hale Museum to meet September 5

Meetings to be first Tuesday of each month

The Friends of the Museum will hold their monthly meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 5.

The first Tuesday of each month is the time for the organization's 3:00 p.m. meeting at the Rock Hotel.

Members would like to have anyone who is willing to help the community attend the meetings.

Thank you for reading The Winters Enterprise.

Letters to the Editor

To the Citizens of Winters—

No more tax increase, please

Dear Editor,

I would like to see the resignation of any City Council member or County Commissioner who votes to increase the tax rate again in order to balance the upcoming fiscal year budgets.

If the leaders are afraid to cut expenses and can't balance the budget, then we need some new blood. Not only are taxpayers faced with increased taxes, but many of us are on very low fixed incomes and the farmers and ranchers are faced with a very severe drought.

I see in the paper where Aref Hassan's salary is \$42,074, however, on the city budget he is carried at \$52,000 per year. The City of Winters can't afford that kind of disbursement. Now wonder the city is broke. That's the total tax on approximately 150 homes.

Some city employees with city vehicles use them for personal business, such as golf course transportation and some out of town personal trips. Also, some use them for personal family transportation. Let's park all the city vehicles after work at the city yard except on duty police. Save the \$.33 per mile that it costs to operate them.

I say to the members of the governing bodies, look around you, there are lots of dollars being wasted in our government. Take a look and see what each one of you can cut and make the city proud of you.

Please start at the top and start cutting. We don't need overpaid people. We don't need a lot of those grants that cost us money, until the economy is better. These grants require matching funds. When the City or County buys anything at all, shop around for savings. They are out there if you look.

J.P. Drake

"Then we wonder why..."

Dear Editor,

I received an interesting birthday card last week—one which gave events and happenings the year I was born. Included was a listing of prices in 1949, compared to today's prices.

A new auto costs 11 times what one did then; the average price of a new home has increased almost 10 times. The average income has increased 7.4 times. But the one item which caught my attention

the most was the average cost of a loaf of bread—14 cents in 1949 and \$1.72 today (a 12-fold increase).

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Cereal
Juice
Wednesday-Sept. 7
Biscuits
Sausage
Juice
Thursday-Sept. 8
Breakfast Burrito
Cereal
Juice
Friday-Sept. 9
Toast
Scrambled Eggs
Juice

Lunch
Monday-Sept. 5
No School
Tuesday-Sept. 6
Hot Dog/Chili/Cheese
Tator Tots
Sliced Pickles
Fruit
Cookie
Wednesday-Sept. 7
Chicken Nuggets
Mashed Potatoes
June Peas
Pudding
Hot Roll
Thursday-Sept. 8
Baked Ham/Pineapple
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Friday-Sept. 9
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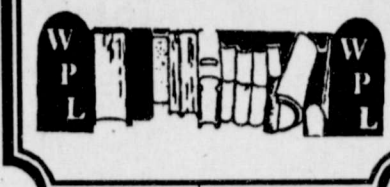
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by Carolyn Scarborough, librarian

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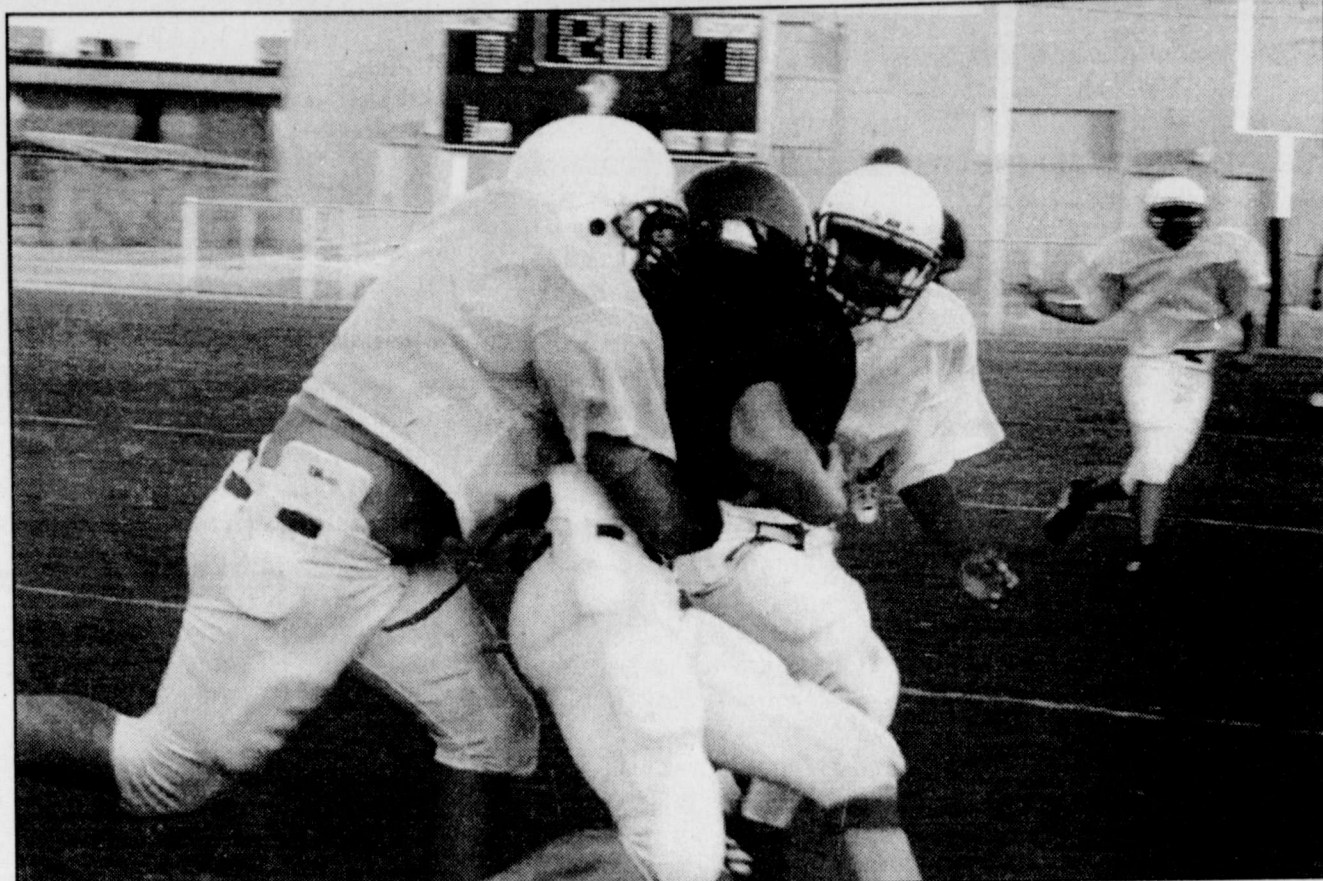
A good basic reference is the Internet Public Library at <http://www.ipl.org>. Here you can find newspapers, magazines, and many types of reference materials. There are more helps and references at <http://www.bigchalk.com>, <http://homeworkhelp.miningco.com>, and <www.kidinfo.com>. Most of these sites have categories for young children, teens, parents, and teachers. These sites can help the college student too.

There was one memorial last month made in the name of Garland O'Dell from Joyce Krause.

We have received several new books in the last month. There were 17 poetry books added to the collection along with the new Harry Potter book "Goblet of Fire." Other children's books include three Hank the Cowdog books, two new Arthur books, and the newest Bluebonnet Award winner "The Ghost of Fossil Glen" by Cynthia DeFelice.

New to the adult collection are "The House of Hope Street" by Danielle Steel, "Empty Chair" by Jeffery Deaver, "Nightshade" by John Saul, "Lethal Seduction" by Jackie Collins, and "Don't Make Me Stop This Car" by Al Roker.

Watch for updates on our library card sign-up party on September 30. Come on by and see us to read Internet or just visit.



SAMSON JACKSON, WHS senior, wraps up the runner during a recent varsity Blizzard scrimmage. The Blizzards meet the Yellowjackets of Menard on Friday at Winters to kick off the 2000 season.



DALE MONTGOMERY, Maintenance Supervisor for WISD, makes another round of mowing Blizzard field in preparation for Friday night's game. Without rain, school maintenance employees have been trucking in water in an effort to keep some of the grass alive.

Class of '70 plans 30th reunion for Homecoming weekend

The WHS Class of 1970 is planning their 30th reunion for Homecoming weekend 2000.

Classmates will meet at the turkey and dressing dinner at the school cafeteria prior to the game on Friday, September 22. Tables will be reserved for the class.

They will then attend the homecoming game and reception in the old gym following the game.

On Saturday, September 23, a

tour of the high school is slated for 2 p.m. Dinner is planned at The Shed in Wingate at 6 p.m. A social is planned in the Shed Pavilion following the meal.

Classmates are asked to notify Thomas Chapmond with e-mail addresses at (512) 327-1430 or <tchapmond@austin.rr.com>. or Donny Killough at (915) 757-3767, or Jerry Sims at (915) 754-4186.

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Jennifer Paltjon Speech Therapist



ence degree in communication disorders—speech language pathology. While in college, she was named to the Dean's List and received the ACU Servant Leader Award.

She previously was employed in the ACU Office of Admissions and worked as a youth intern for the Central Church of Christ in Amarillo.

Miss Paltjon is engaged to Justin Walker, a sales representative for Sprint PCS. She is a member of the Church of Christ.

In her spare time, she enjoys flying paraplanes.

"Winters ISD has been a wonderful place to begin my career and I am looking forward to becoming more acquainted with the students and the public as the school year progresses. I plan to eventually go and get a master's degree in speech pathology, but right now I want to be here actually working in the field," she concludes.

Directions to Menard Field

Football fans traveling to Menard in support of the Winters teams may find the following information useful.

From Eden on U.S. Highway 83 as you enter Menard, keep traveling south until you come to the red light (only one in town). At the red light, continue approximately four more blocks. See "Super S" Grocery on right. At store, turn right onto Travis Street. Stay on road approximately 1 block to parking area.

As a final reminder, of course, if all else fails: Look for the high stadium lights.

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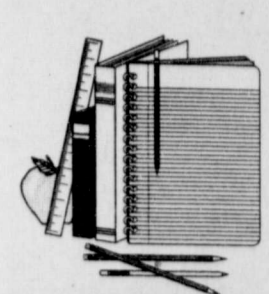
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ON THE FIELD AND IN THE CLASSROOM



2000-2001 WINTERS JUNIOR HIGH CHEERLEADERS are (back, l-r) Christina Perrie, Rachel Davis, Katy Wilkerson, and Krystal Gibbens, (front) Miranda Lara, Jessica Meyer, and Ashley Santoya. The squad attended the UCA cheerleading camp held at Angelo State University from May 30 to June 2. The girls received a superior rating on lifts, cheers, and three dances and won the spirit stick three times. They received the Camp Champ Cheer Award for the junior high division. They are sponsored by Rhea Parramore.

Photo Night too— Booster Club to sponsor "Parent Night" at first home game Friday

The Blizzard Athletic Booster Club is sponsoring "Parent Night" at the first home football game of the season Friday. In addition, pictures will be taken of varsity football players with their parents prior to the game. 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. It is imperative that parents be on time to line up for photos.

Secondary schools— "Meet the Teacher" on Monday, Sept. 11

Winters Secondary Schools invite all parents to attend the first "Meet the Teacher Night" of the year on Monday, September 11, at 7 p.m. A brief meeting will be held in the auditorium before parents are dismissed to go to their children's classes. Each class will meet approximately 10 minutes with a five minute passing period. Parents are encouraged to bring their child's daily class schedule for reference. Teachers will discuss their classrooms and expectations. Since time will be short, parents are asked to speak individually, if needed, with the teacher during a scheduled conference time. Available times will be posted in the classrooms. The meeting is for both the junior high and high schools.

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4-H and FFA members— Swine validation tag orders due

Statewide swine validation will take place during the month of November. However, tags must be ordered during September. All swine, including barrows and gilts, must be validated. This includes swine that will be shown at local and/or major shows. This year you must designate how many gilt tags and how many barrow tags you will need. The gilt tags will be \$2.50 while the barrow tags will be \$7.00. Anyone planning on exhibiting swine under Runnels County 4-H, must contact the Extension Office before 5:00 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 14, with the number of tags you plan to order. FFA members please turn in your tag orders to your respective Agriculture Science teachers by the September 14 deadline.



WHS BAND DIRECTOR Darrington White (far right) works with "The Pride of West Texas—Marching Blizzard Band" on Friday night's halftime routine during a recent morning practice.

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Mr. and Mrs. Scott Thomas Payne

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The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Kidwell of Winters and the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. H.L. Kidwell of Vernon. The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie Arledge of Richardson and Dr. and Mrs. Darwin Payne of Dallas.

Decorating the church for the nuptial event were four large floral arrangements consisting of seventeen different types of flowers and two candelabra trimmed with greenery and flowers to match the arrangements.

Organist was Benjamin Kolodziej, and pianist was Fran

Kidwell, mother of the bride. Vocalists were Greg Johnson and Sydney Anderson.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore an ivory silk satin designer gown with a fitted bodice that was hand-embroidered around an off-the-shoulder neckline. Covered buttons extended down the back of the gown as well as down the three-quarter length sleeves. The full box-pleated skirt extended to the floor with an attached chapel-length train.

The bride's diamond white fingertip veil with a hand-rolled satin edge was encrusted with a pearl-encrusted cathedral-length veil was later detached for the reception.

The bride carried a handwired teardrop shaped bouquet of white and ivory roses with stephanotis. The bouquet held an antique pearl hat pin which belonged to the bride's maternal great-grandmother.

The bride also wore a teardrop pearl necklace and pearl and diamond earrings.

Matron of honor was Mrs. Amy Griswold of Dallas. Bridesmaids were Susan Stutzman of Virginia Beach, Virginia, Kristi Wilson of Farmers Branch, Jennifer Coddell of Plano, Patricia Cuckler of Lewisville, and Kimberly Bain of Lewisville.

The matron of honor and bridesmaids wore floorlength midnight navy satin designer gowns. They carried handtied European bouquets of multicolored roses tied with sheer organza ribbon.

Candlelighters were Hannah Payne and Sarah Payne.

Mark Payne of Richardson served his brother as best man. Groomsmen were Sam Kidwell of Dallas, L. Pete Garcia of Austin, Matthew Estes of Austin, Mike Williams of Dallas, and Mark Lunn of Tokyo, Japan. Junior usher was Jay Jackson of Carrollton.

Immediately following the wedding ceremony, a reception was held at the Dallas Horticulture Center at Fair Park.

Live plants and greenery decorated the reception area. The focal point was a four-foot ice sculptured vase with fresh flowers. Guests were served ham and roast beef from a meat carving station. A pasta and salad bar were also available. Guests' tables were decorated with pink roses held in clear glass vases.

Guests were served a gift box style wedding cake and a bridegroom's two-tiered basket-weave chocolate cake with hand-dipped strawberries.

Members of the house party were Mrs. Leslie Vestal, Tristie Cooper, Staci Bishop, and Jamie Bishop.

Following a honeymoon trip to Victoria, Whistler, and Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada, the couple are residing in Plano.

A 1986 graduate of Duncanville High School, the bride attended Texas Woman's University and the University of North Texas. She graduated in 1993 with a bachelor of science degree in interdisciplinary studies. She is employed with the Carrollton-Farmers Independent School District as a first grade teacher at E.L. Kent Elementary School.

The bridegroom is a 1988 graduate of The Glenwood Preparatory School. He graduated in 1992 from Texas Tech University, and is a 1998 graduate of DeVry University. He is employed as a product manager with Fujitsu Network Communications.

The rehearsal dinner was hosted by the bridegroom's parents on Friday, June 23, at the Double Tree Park Central Hotel in Dallas.

The bride's parents, Charles and Fran Kidwell hosted an engagement party on Saturday, June 12, 1999, in Coleman.

A wedding shower was held in Winters hosted by Rhea Parramore, Joy Bishop, Cindy Cathey, Alise Middleton, Joanie Prado, Mandie England, and Brenda Bahlman.

Other showers and dinners were hosted in Carrollton, Farmers Branch, and Dallas.

San Angelo Genealogical Society to meet September 5

The San Angelo Genealogical and Historical Society will meet at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, September 5, 2000, in the Fellowship Hall of the Church of Christ at 901 Main Street, San Angelo, Texas.

The program chairman asks everyone to share stories about research trips, family reunions, or other information gathered over the summer.

The Beginning Genealogy Class, taught by Bob Parks, will not be taught in September, but will resume for the October meeting.

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Guest speaker will be M. L. Green, District XV president from Comanche.

Dues are now being sent to Miss Sarah Parker, 108 Laurel Drive, Winters, Texas, 79567.

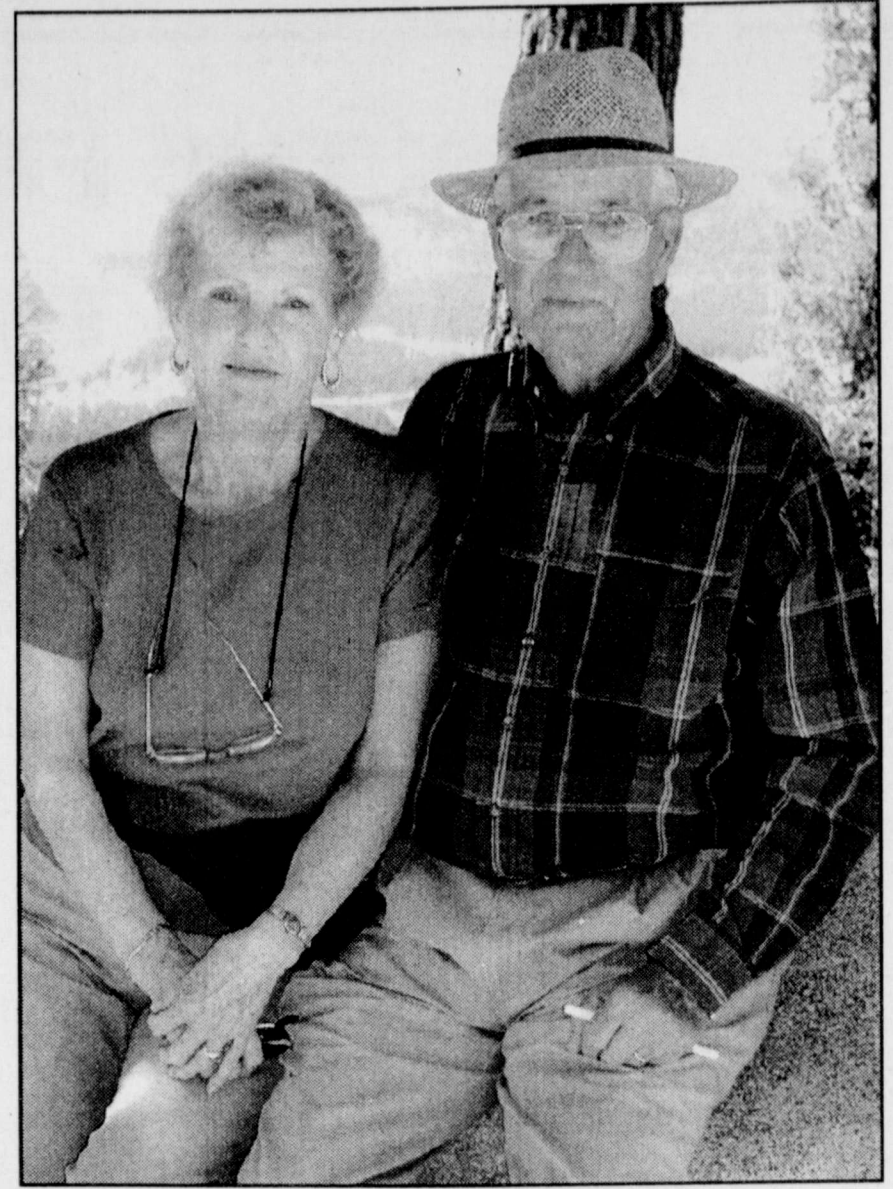
Rebekah class installs officers, plans year

The Rebekah Sunday School class of the First Baptist Church met Monday evening, August 21, in the home of Joyce Broadstreet in the Wilmeth community.

The purpose of the meeting was to install new officers, make plans for the coming year, and enjoy a salad supper.

Gifts were presented to outgoing President Patty Rosson, teacher Virginia Schwartz, and to the installer of the new officers, Mary Beth Drake.

Those present included Pat Ambrose, Theresa Briley, Billie Bishop, Virginia Brown, Mary Beth Drake, Vandelyn Josey, Joyce Krause, Dorothea Laughon, Dovie Lou Marks, Betty Paschal, Emily Pendergrass, Jo Poe, Patty Rosson, and hostess Joyce Broadstreet.



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Mr. & Mrs. Clifton Poe to celebrate 50th wedding anniversary in Greece

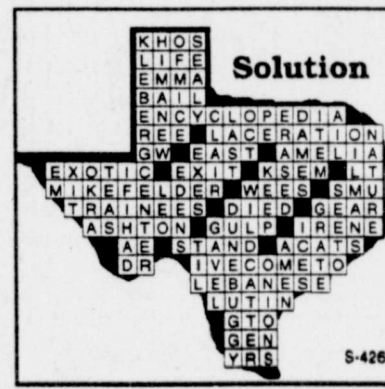
Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Poe will be celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary in September 2000.

Jo Ann Mills and Clifton O'Neal Poe were married September 2, 1950, at First Baptist Church in Winters.

Both Jo and Clif were born and raised in Winters. He is a farmer and a retired teacher. She also retired from Winters Independent School District where she was secretary to the principal. Both are longtime members of the First Baptist Church.

The Poes have one daughter and son-in-law, Susan Goodwin and husband Jim of Round Rock; one son and daughter-in-law, Kyle Poe and wife Maurine of Austin; and five grandchildren, Tamara, Tara, and Morgan Goodwin of Round Rock, and Lauren and Allison Poe of Austin.

The couple has planned a trip to Greece to celebrate their anniversary.



WISD, continued

ing were 76% and 78.5% in math. In writing the Hispanic subgroup scored an 84%.

Economically disadvantaged students scored 79.9% in math, 80% in reading, and 85% in writing. White students scored 91.4% in reading, 90% in math, and 93% in writing.

"We are trying to target the areas we were weaker in and work harder. We'll have more tutorials to work and strengthen our target students one question at a time," said Bright. "I'm proud of our schools—we don't need to hide them—we're just going to work harder."

As for the secondary schools, Principal Bill Cathey notes that

the drop out rate in the high school is only half of the state average. Winters has a .8% drop out rate compared to the state average of 1.6%. Attendance in the junior high school was 95.9% and 95.1% in the high school.

High school scores for all students combined averaged 95.1% in reading, 88.1% in math, and 100% in writing. Individual subgroup scores were relatively close in the white, Hispanic, and economically disadvantaged categories.

Junior high scores were a different story, however, as reading and writing scores dropped 15 and 30 percentage points from last year. Reading scores a year ago

were 91.3% compared to the 2000 score of 77.3%. Writing went from 91.7% to 61.9%. Math scores improved from 94.2% a year ago, to 98.9% in 2000—a score Cathey was very pleased to recognize.

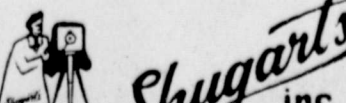
"We are going to do better," insists Cathey. "We now have TAAS remediation every day in the junior high. Students attend TAAS remediation sessions the first 30 minutes of the PE/athletics period."

As for the high school, "we use the block (scheduling) to our advantage. TAAS taking skills are reviewed every day. Maturity has a lot to do with it. Our high schoolers are real aware—these kids take it seriously."

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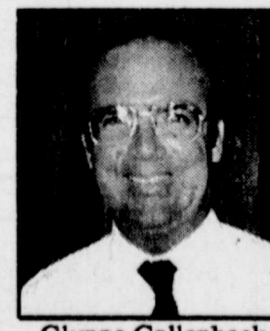
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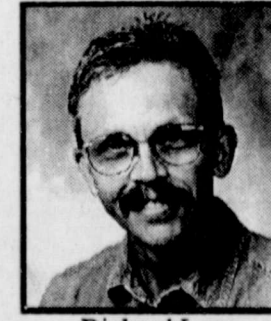
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Poe's Corner

By Charlsie Poe

Kinfolk galore

The following is a reprint of Poe's Corner from April 1996, — as Charlsie wanted to share more information about Rogers Hornsby.

Charlsie Poe



Research on the life of Rogers Hornsby as a world champion baseball player with roots in Winters has brought forth many facts and relatives who have become interested in knowing more about him.

Jimmie Whittenburg, a second cousin, remembered her father, Max Ray Rogers, was a first cousin to Mary Rogers Hornsby, but most of the family thought he was a reprobate because he didn't work, he just played ball. He was twice married and had two sons. Four grandchildren are living but it is not known where they are—possibly in Denison, Travis County.

Four second cousins reside in Winters. In addition to Whittenburg, they are Ouida Rogers Nichols, Bobby Rogers, and Wilbur Phelps.

A fourth cousin is Brock Guevara, age 19, a sophomore at Angelo State University. He bought a set of baseball cards several years ago and it included one of Hornsby. Other fourth cousins are Craig Gray, Cody and Kenny Whittenburg, Lance Guevara, Shane Smith, and Netasha Johnson. There are two fifth cousins.

The Texas Rangers honored the baseball Hall of Famer, April 20. Four of his grandchildren and a niece were present.

The native Texan must have learned a great deal in his early playing career from Manager Miller Huggins, because he had a long and successful managing career himself, according to Joe H. Levy of Austin.

Though not well educated, he dedicated his life to the game of baseball and became quite a student and teacher. His father died when he was 2-1/2 years old. His mother returned to her people in the Austin area.

Legends are often controversial, and this man was no exception. He said what was on his mind, but was very honest and sometimes tactless. Few players were daring enough to stand up against the lofty Lords of the era, namely the team owners.

One of his only few recreations, outside of baseball, was

horse racing. He gambled heavily at the race track, all perfectly legal, though he neither smoked nor drank. This hobby would later prevent him from managing at the big league level on a continued basis. His final stint as a major league manager came in 1953, with the Cincinnati Reds.

He later went back to his roots, when he managed in the Texas League during the late 1950s. On January 5, 1963, he died of a heart attack in Chicago. The right-handed batter could certainly hit, hard and often.

This Rogers Hornsby is now at rest in Hornsby's Bend, Texas.

The Winters Public Library has recently bought a biography of Rogers Hornsby, written by Charles E. Alexander.

Alexander says that when her husband died at Winters in 1898, Mary Rogers Hornsby carried him in the family cemetery at Hornsby's Bend; she resettled in Travis County. During the next four years, while three of her sons grew big enough to start making a living, the six Hornsby's resided with Mary's parents about nine miles outside of Austin.

The young people played baseball on the bottomland near the river until it was too dark to see. Some people remembered Rogers Hornsby—a little boy in overalls with a bandana hanging from his rear pocket who insisted on being allowed to play with the big kids. He said, "I can't remember anything that happened before I had a baseball in my hand."

"Although Hornsby had little contact with his older son after the breakup of his first marriage, he seems to have been a reasonably good father to his son by his second wife—at least while the boy was growing up. He generally enjoyed the company of young people, and in the many schools and clinics with which he was associated, beginning in 1933 he worked to teach tens of thousands of boys the basics of the game," said Alexander.

Crews News

By Hilda Kurtz

God gave us two ears but one mouth. Some people say that's because He wanted us to spend twice as much time listening as talking. Others claim it's because He knew that listening was twice as hard.



Hilda Kurtz

Visitors to Hopewell Church on Sunday morning were Scott and Macey Gerhart of Winters and Marty Akins of Ballinger.

Attending Monday morning Bible study were Ramona Akins, Selma Wilkerson, Melvena Gerhart, Nila Osborne, and Leona Mathis. Visiting were Viane Talbott and Ferris Allcorn.

Visiting Nila and Therin on Friday evening were Melissa and Macey Gerhart and Melvena Gerhart.

Kenny, Saffron, Tana, and Lane Gibbs visited Connie and Georgia Gibbs on Sunday.

Doris Woods came out late Sunday to visit Betty Pierce. All had a good time.

Hildegard Schovajsa of San Angelo came early Wednesday and we picked peas. Afterwards we shucked peas until 3 p.m. Hildegard carried the peas home and canned them to put in the freezer.

Katherine and Luke Grissom's new address is 804 5th Street, Ballinger, TX 76821; phone 365-2834. They moved during the week.

Linda and Travis Ford of Rising Star visited Georgia and Connie Gibbs during the week.

Selma Wilkerson attended the birthday supper for Lee and Judy in their home on Friday night. On Wednesday, Selma spent the day with Katy and Garrett Chapman in Ballinger.

Bobbie, Larry, and Aaron Calcote of Winters came out to Doris Wood's home over the weekend and helped get ready for the coming Labor Day picnic.

Walter Pape visited Harvey Mae and Noble Faubion as did Eileen and Kenny Cartwright on Saturday.

Nila and Therin Osborne, and Stefanie and Simon Camacho were Wednesday night supper guests with Karen and Wesley McGallian.

On Friday evening, Joe and Betty Pierce attended the wedding of Betty's niece Nancy Tyler to Pat Schaefer at the Paul Ann Baptist Church in San Angelo. On Saturday, the Pierces were in Fredericksburg and did some shopping and attended the Arts and Crafts Fair. On Sunday after

church, they drove out to Grape Creek and visited with Wayne and Rosie Baker and Weldon and Pat Baker.

Late Sunday evening, Doris Wood went over to the home of Joe and Betty and had a nice "neighborly" visit.

Marvin, Melvena, Scott, Melissa, and Macey Gerhart visited Myrtle Wright in Menard on Sunday. Bryant and Braden Mikeska are spending the night with their Granddad and Grandma Gerhart on Monday.

Katy Kelton and Linda Duggan attended a baby shower Saturday night for Todd and Kim Rabon in the home of Jimmy and Donna Smith.

Selma Wilkerson and Margie Jacob visited with Felda and Ervin Scharer of Miles and enjoyed playing dominoes. Later in the week, they went by to see Jeanene Laird and the Noble Faubions.

Beverly VanZandt and Margie Jacob attended the graveside services at Pumphrey for Lillian Awalt.

On Friday night, Beverly and Corey VanZandt and Margie Jacob were out at Buffalo Gap to have supper for Beverly's birthday.

Sharon and Jerry Engler from Brownwood had taken her mother, Margie Jacob, to Justin and Kristi Busenlehner's in Rowena for supper. Others present were Brandy and Tod Virden and son, Mr. and Mrs. David Ellis, Garrett and Macy of Eden.

Mr. and Mrs. Mark Hoelscher from Hereford stopped by for a visit with Margie Jacob.

Evelyn and Margie Jacob visited with Mr. and Mrs. Walter Adami, Thelma Hoppe, and Charlie and Anna Dankworth of Ballinger.

Women's Service League introduces officers and new members for 2000

The Women's Service League introduced officers and new members at their first meeting of this club year August 22 at the First United Methodist Church.

Officers are: Carla Hooper, president; Tami Richards, vice-president; Saffron Gibbs, recording secretary; Tammy Young, corresponding secretary; Cheryl Kruse, treasurer; Mincy Briley, parliamentarian; Stephanie Collins, historian; and Christy Lindley, projects chairperson.

In opening the meeting, President Hooper introduced eight new

members

Discussion included club procedures and upcoming projects scheduled throughout the year. Members drew names for "secret pals," and mothers with new babies were presented a gift.

After fellowship and enjoying refreshments of cookies and lemonade, members adjourned.

Future meetings will be held at The Shed in Winters unless otherwise notified.

Hostesses for the evening were Carla Hooper and Tami Richards.

Midwest Artists Guild celebrates its one year anniversary

by Sandy Kasper

Artist Kathy Lubke, of San Angelo, treated the Midwest Texas Artists Guild to a demonstration of one of her many watercolor techniques producing a glowing, vibrant painting in just a very short period of time. Kathy has been a professional artist for a number of years with many local and national show awards to her credit. She is represented by galleries in San Antonio and Santa Fe as well as local galleries and businesses.

Currently, Kathy is associated with the Daniel West Design Company of Las Vegas, Nevada. In addition to her work for local and national competitions and meeting the demand for paintings from her galleries, Kathy maintains a full teaching schedule of workshops and weekly classes to share her knowledge and to stimulate and inspire other artists from beginners to advanced.

Celebrating its one year anniversary the guild has a current membership of 25 people, who have enjoyed exciting demonstrations by local artists Edith Collins in china painting, Jean Hensley in acrylics, Ruth Jackson of Abilene, portraiture in watercolor, Hugh Campbell in pastel landscapes, Pat Zappe in pottery, Sylvia Ewing of Llano in mixed media techniques and Ginger Test in watercolor.

In addition to its regularly scheduled meetings on the first Tuesday of the month, the guild has held several well-attended two day workshops, participated in showing and demonstrating in the Ethnic Festival, and at Christmas in Old Ballinger and has held field trips to Sandee Kasper's studio in Ballinger and Ruth Jackson's studio in Abilene, as well as to local exhibits.

Area artists are becoming more visible thanks to the cooperation and generosity of the Carnegie Library and eight area banking facilities who now feature an ongoing display of member painting in their lobbies every month.

Plans are currently underway for another year to include more demonstrations, workshops, and field trips to art exhibits. Signups are being taken for a two-day watercolor workshop with Ginger Test to be held September 8 and 9. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 5, at 7:00 p.m. at "I Made It" on Hutchings Ave. and will feature Pam Crenshaw to discuss techniques in matting and framing. All are invited to attend and guests are welcome.

The guild is open to all in the community who enjoy and support art. You DO NOT have to be an artist to join...we will make you one!

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Solutions for this puzzle appear in this issue.



NEWLY ELECTED OFFICERS of the Runnels County Retired Teachers Association are (l-r) Ann Patterson, vice-president; Marthiel Russell, president; Sarah Parker, treasurer; Lela Mae Shelburn, secretary; and Joyce Krause, parliamentarian. Not pictured was second vice-president Freddie Gardner.

Hall's Processing

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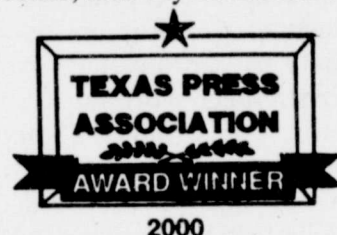
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Cooperatives honor State Representatives

On Monday, August 21, the Texas Rural Electric Coalition held an appreciation luncheon in San Angelo for State Representatives David Counts, Pete Gallego, Robert Junell, Tracy King, and Bob Turner. Over 100 people attended the luncheon. The State Representatives were honored for their hard work and continued support for rural Texas and the rural Texas life-style.

An Appreciation Award was given to each State Representative by the electric cooperatives in their legislative district. In making the presentation, all of the electric cooperatives noted their appreciation for the continued interest of these legislators in lower electric costs for their cooperative's members.

The Texas Rural Electric Coalition is composed of 16 Rural Electric Cooperatives. The Coalition, as a group, operates and maintains approximately 67,145 miles of line and serves 151,675 meters in rural Texas. Members of the Coalition are: Big Country Electric, Coleman County Electric, Comanche Electric, Concho Valley, DeWitt Electric, Gate City Electric, Greenbelt Electric, Karnes Electric, Lighthouse Electric, Medina Electric, North Plains Electric, Rio Grande Electric, Southwest Rural Electric, Southwest Texas Electric, Swisher Electric, and Taylor Electric.



Official Records

County Court Criminal Cases Filed

Aug. 17
James Kevin Grant, Winters, filed on two counts: making alcohol available to a minor and driving while intoxicated
Luis Guillermo Delgado, San Angelo, filed for possession of marijuana
Quannah Parker Gordon, Talpa, filed on two counts: possession of marijuana and driving while intoxicated
Mollie Escamilla, Winters, filed for assault
Christopher Lee Ubando, Garland, filed for driving while intoxicated
Aug. 18
Martha Ray Carson, Ballinger, filed for giving false information to a peace officer
Joe Eddy Martinez, Ballinger, filed for giving false information to a peace officer
Hipolito Pena, Veribest, filed for driv-

ing while intoxicated
Ernest Thomas Rodriguez, Winters, filed for possession of marijuana
Anselmo Escamilla Landeros, Winters, filed for driving while intoxicated
Beau Allen Hargrave, San Marcos, filed for driving while intoxicated
John Anderson, Winters, filed for giving false information to a peace officer
Macarias Reyna, Winters, filed for possession of marijuana
Aug. 21
Eva Perez Retana, Winters, filed for driving while intoxicated
Willie Clarence Baker, Winters, filed for assault
Aug. 22
William John Rose, Ballinger, filed for driving while license suspended
Patrick Shannon Hartley, Ballinger, filed for driving while intoxicated
Larry Darnell Carson, Ballinger, filed for driving while license suspended

Jessie Daniel Torres, Ballinger, filed for possession and use of inhalant
Diana Cortez, Ballinger, filed for giving false information to a peace officer
Mark Anthony Molina, Rowena, filed for driving while intoxicated
Aug. 24
Joshua James Burch, Brownwood, filed for evading detention
Eric Munoz, Bardwell, Texas, filed for evading detention
Clint Lee Troutman, Waxahatchie, filed for evading detention
District Court Civil Cases Filed
Aug. 21
Citizens National Bank vs. Ralph Smetana Jr., suit for promissory note
Divorces Filed
Aug. 21
Gerald Leonard Parks vs. Dorothy Jo Parks

Divorces Granted
Aug. 11
Christopher Galindo and Lydia Pena Galindo
Justice of the Peace Precinct 1 Felony Cases Filed
Aug. 23
Natividad Lara Cruz, filed for felony driving while intoxicated

DEBRA LINDSEY (center), executive director of Winters Housing Authority, completed a 10-hour training on investing public funds given by Paula Miller (left) and John Caussey, representatives of Raymond James Financial Services, Inc. of Wichita Falls.

Lindsey represents WHA at training session on investing public funds

Debra Lindsey, executive director of Winters Housing Authority, attended a 10-hour educational session for members of the Texas Housing Association at their annual convention held in Corpus Christi on Monday, August 14, 2000. Paula Miller and John Caussey of Raymond James Financial Services, Member NASD/SIPC, were the instructors.

This course will satisfy the

continuing education requirement of officials who manage public housing funds.

Attendees include officers of local Texas housing authorities such as treasurers, chief financial officers, and investment officers. These officials are required to complete ten hours of training every two years by an approved independent source approved by the state and local governments.

"After the Orange County scandal several years ago in California, state legislatures across the nation enacted laws to assure that public funds are managed according to sound investment principles," Mrs. Miller said. "The Public Funds Investment Act of 1997 for the state of Texas is very specific on what officials must do as far as their fiscal responsibilities are concerned."

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 20, 2000, through Saturday, August 26, 2000. Winters Police Officers:

- located a warrant subject in the 200 block of Charles Street. Eric Esquivel of Winters was arrested and taken to Runnels County Jail for a local warrant of resisting arrest.
- received report of a theft in the 400 block of N. Main between the hours of 8 p.m. Tuesday and 8 a.m. Wednesday, of a blue and silver boy's Huffly bicycle removed from the yard of a residence. No witnesses have been located. This is under investigation as theft Class B.
- received report of an assault in the 400 block of S. Main. A 16-year-old male of Winters alleged a 17-year-old male known to him had struck him in the mouth with his fist after an argument. The victim suffered injury to his mouth. A suspect has been identified and charges are being referred to the county attorney for bodily injury assault.
- received report of a theft in the 600 block of Vancil Street between the hours of 10 p.m. Wednesday and 7 a.m. Thursday, of a boy's Huffly bicycle, black and orange in color was removed from the yard of a residence. There are no witnesses at this time. This is under investigation as theft Class B.
- received a report of a theft in the 500 block of Walnut Street between the hours of 10:30 p.m. Tuesday and 8 a.m. Wednesday of a boy's Huffly bicycle removed from the yard of an apartment complex. No witnesses have been located. This is under investigation as theft Class B.
- located a warrant suspect in the 500 block of Jones Street. Julian Nava was arrested for outstanding warrants out of Winters Municipal Court for two counts of minor in possession of tobacco, minor in possession of alcoholic beverage, and failure to attend school. He was taken to Runnels County Jail.
- observed a Chevy pickup driving erratically on N. Main Street. Officers attempted to stop the pickup which sped away from them and attempted to elude the officers for several blocks. After stopping the vehicle the driver stated to officers he was on private property and couldn't be arrested. A strong odor of alcohol was detected on the driver who was offered field sobriety tasks of which he subsequently failed. Zachary Jackson was arrested for driving while intoxicated and evading arrest and taken to Runnels County Jail.
- observed a Ford pickup committing several traffic violations on W. Dale and State Streets. Officers attempted to stop the vehicle which attempted to elude the officers for several blocks. After stopping the vehicle a strong odor of alcohol was detected on the driver who was offered and subsequently failed several field sobriety tasks. Glen Tischer was arrested for driving while intoxicated and taken to Runnels County Jail.
- stopped a Chevy Blazer for several traffic violations on N. Melwood Street. A check of one of the passenger's identification revealed a missing person alert. The 14-year-old male from Coleman was taken to the Winters Police Department and later released into his mother's custody.
- received report of two male subjects taking a bicycle from a residence in the 300 block of E. Pierce Street. The bicycle owner gave chase and recovered the stolen bicycle several blocks away. Witnesses identified the two subjects who were later located by officers and subsequently released to the respective relative's custody. The victim declined to file charges at this time.
- observed a male subject at the baseball complex at the city park drinking an alcoholic beverage. The subject attempted to hide the alcohol from the officer, but it was located anyway. The subject, a 23-year-old male of Winters, was issued a citation for possession of intoxicants on public school property.
- stopped a Chevy passenger car on north U.S. 83 for a traffic violation. Due to the actions of the vehicle occupants a consensual search was conducted. The search of the vehicle revealed under two ounces of marijuana hidden under the seat. A passenger, Gabriel Hernandez of Winters, admitted possession of the illicit drug and was arrested for Class B possession of marijuana and taken to Runnels County Jail.
- received report of a gas drive off in the 200 block of S. Main Street. A description of the vehicle was given as an older model white Chevy pickup occupied by two white males. The same vehicle was later implicated in a theft in Ballinger. The following day the suspect in both theft reports was located and identified and also had an outstanding warrant out of Runnels County. Michael Eldred was arrested and taken to Runnels County Jail for surety withdrawal D.W.I. The theft charges are pending against Mr. Eldred.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING RUNNELS COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT

The Runnels County Appraisal District will hold a public hearing on a proposed budget for the 2001 fiscal year.

The public hearing will be held September 11, 2000, 12 noon at the Appraisal District Office, 406 Hutchings Avenue, Ballinger, Texas.

A summary of the Appraisal District Budget follows:

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| Total of Proposed Budget | \$266,975 |
| Amount of increase | \$ 12,015 |
| Number of employees-proposed | 5 full-time 1 part-time |
| Number of employees-currently | 5 full-time 1 part-time |

The appraisal district is supported solely by payments from the local taxing units served by the Appraisal District.

If approved by the appraisal district board of directors at the public hearing, this proposed budget will take effect automatically unless disapproved by the governing bodies of the county, school districts and cities served by the appraisal district.

A copy of the proposed budget is available for public inspection in the office of each of those governing bodies. A copy is also available for public inspection at the Appraisal District Office.

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Coming soon to a financial market near you: Decimal Pricing

If you weren't all that good in math at school, then you may have never really liked the way stocks are priced—in fractions of a dollar, rather than dollars and cents. To make it more confusing, most stocks generally trade in increments of one-sixteenth of a dollar. And some stocks are even offered in increments of sixty-fourths.

These numbers can be a bit hard to deal with. If that's the case with you, then you'll be glad to know that the Securities and Ex-

change Commission (SEC) has ordered U.S. securities markets to begin quoting securities prices in decimals. The change will start rolling out in late August and is expected to be complete in spring 2001.

When decimal pricing is completely phased in, you should find it much easier to understand stock prices. For example, a stock that trades today at \$4 3/4 would be quoted at \$4.75. This change also should make it simpler for you to compare prices of different stocks.

If stock quotes eventually get priced in one cent increments, you also may benefit in another way. This penny pricing system could narrow the "spread"—the difference between the best buying price and the best selling price for a stock. Consequently, you may find it easier to buy a stock at the price you want to pay.

Of course, decimal pricing, by itself, really shouldn't change the way you invest. You still need to find stocks of companies that have strong economic fundamentals, competitive products and a clear plan for future growth. And you also need to diversify your holdings among a variety of different stocks. This need for diversification has become even more apparent with the stock market's recent turmoil, in which the technology sector was particularly hard-hit. By spreading your investment dollars among many stocks, in many different sectors, you should be able to minimize losses affecting just one area—while giving yourself more opportunities for success.

Although decimal pricing won't affect your choice of investments, it should still be a positive step in the actual mechanics of constructing a well-diversified portfolio. And, from a psychological viewpoint, dollars and cents pricing should take some of the complexity out of the investment process.

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Marty Gibbs named as Runnels County Extension Agent

Marty Gibbs starts work as the new Runnels County Extension agent effective September 18, according to a joint announcement made by Runnels County Judge Marilyn Egan and District 7 Extension Director Scott Durham.

Gibbs will be responsible for all of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service's agricultural endeavors in the county.

"We are pleased to have Marty back in District 7," said Durham. "He started his Extension career right here in Runnels County as an assistant agent ten years ago. Since then, he's made a top agent wherever he's served. We're thrilled he's decided to 'come home' so to speak. He brings to the county a wealth of practical ideas and knowledge. He knows his clientele and this area personally. It's really great to have him

back." Gibbs has been the Comal County Extension agent, based in New Braunfels, since 1997. He was the county's ag program leader, trainer agent, and county 4-H coordinator. He has experience in horticulture, natural resources, beef, sheep and goat production, row crops and forages. He has dealt closely with water quality and management issues and is well versed in small acreage landowner and land stewardship topics.

Prior to accepting the Comal County position, Gibbs was the Agricultural Extension agent in Coleman County. He served that county from 1992-1997. He moved to Coleman directly from Runnels County where he served as assistant county Extension agent from 1990-1992. Gibbs earned a bachelor of science degree from Texas A&M University at College Station in 1989 and a master of science degree in animal science from Angelo State University in San Angelo in 1995. He is a 1998 Southern Extension Leadership Development Graduate and winner of the Texas County Agriculture Agents Association's (TCAAA) New Agent Award. Gibbs holds active memberships in the Texas A&M University Association of Former Students, Epsilon Sigma Phi, TCAAA (served the Association as alternate director and director) and the National County Agriculture Agents Association. Gibbs has also been active in obtaining monies for various grants and fundraisers. In recent years, he has helped garner over \$100,000 for a number of different programs and causes. Gibbs fills the position vacated by Mike Mauldin, who transferred to Refugio County August 1. He and his wife, Jackie, have two children, Courtney, 6, and Rachel, 3. The family plans to live in Ballinger.



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Extension News & Views

By Steve Byrns, Communications Specialist

Annual Sheep and Goat Field Day set for September 7

Make plans now to attend the Annual Sheep and Goat Field Day set for September 7 at the Texas A&M University Research and Extension Center in San Angelo. The center is located north of San Angelo on U.S. Highway 87. Registration runs from 9-9:30 a.m.

The event focuses on current information of interest to the West Texas ranching community. This year's slate features subjects ranging from DNA sire fingerprinting to the Edwards Plateau Prescribed Burning Cooperative.

A five-stop tour from 9:30 a.m. to noon heads up the morning's activities. The stops include a look at DNA fingerprinting for sire determination by Dr. Dan Waldron and Andy Laughlin. Waldron is the Center's research geneticist and Laughlin is the state Extension sheep and goat assistant headquartered here. Dr. Ed Huston, Dr. Chris Lupton, and Wade Polk are scheduled to discuss the feasibility of producing extremely high quality lamb and wool at their stop. All three men are headquartered at the Center. Huston is the research range nutritionist, Lupton is the head of the wool and mohair research effort, and Polk is the Extension risk management specialist.

The final two tour stops are "Livestock Supplementation with Cottonseed" manned by San Angelo-based feedlot nutritionist Dr. Millard Calhoun and "Edwards Plateau Prescribed

Burning Cooperative" with Dr. Charles "Butch" Taylor, superintendent of the Sonora Research Station.

A catered "dutch treat" lunch is scheduled from noon to 1:30 p.m. at the Center.

The afternoon opens in the Center auditorium with a formal presentation of Progressive Farmer Magazine's "Men of the Year in Texas Agriculture" to Drs. Allan McGinty, Extension range specialist here, and Darrell Uecker, the Center's range researcher. The men are being honored for their efforts in developing the popular Brush Busters brush control strategies. The recognition is being made by Karl Wolfshohl, the magazine's Lubbock-based editor.

The day's final three topics and their presenters include: "Economic Adjustment Strategies for the Sheep and Goat Industry," Dr. Jason Johnson, Extension economist in San Angelo; "Update on Watershed Feasibility Studies and North Concho River Brush Control Project," Dr. John Walker, Extension resident director of research in San Angelo, and "Sheep and Goat Industry Update," Jule Richmond, newly-named president of the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers' Association from Blauvelt.

For further information, call the Texas A&M University Agricultural Research and Extension Center at (915) 653-4576.

Houston Calf Scramble entries due at noon Friday

The deadline for 4-H members interested in the 2001 Houston Stock Show is noon Friday, September 1.

Scramble contestants must have reached their 12th but not their 18th birthday on January 1, 2001, and not be enrolled beyond

their junior year in high school. Contestants must purchase either a beef or dairy heifer and exhibit the animal in the 2002 show.

Any Runnels County 4-H'er interested in this event must come by the Extension Office by noon, September 1, 2000.

Miles Cotton Festival slated September 9

The community of Miles will celebrate its 23rd annual Cotton Festival on Saturday, September 9, in the Miles City Park.

Festivities begin at 8 a.m. with the opening of the arts and crafts booths, followed by a parade through downtown Miles at 10 a.m.

Pork-ribs and brisket cookoffs will be held in the Miles Preservation Authority Park beginning at 9 a.m. Entry fees are \$40 for both the pork-ribs and brisket cookoffs, or \$30 to enter just one.

A noon meal of "country cooking" will be served at the historic 1904 Miles Opera House and fast food booths will be located in the City Park.

The Tarrango Family Gospel Singers, the Havlak Polka Band,

and other local musicians will perform on the City Park stage from noon to 6 p.m.

Games for adults such as washers and horseshoes, tug-o-war and arm wrestling, along with children's games will be available throughout the afternoon.

A barbecue supper will be served from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at both the City Park and Weatherby Hall, followed by the Miles Cotton Queen Contest at 7 p.m. The popular band, The Strays, will provide music for a street dance under the stars from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Tickets are \$5.00 per person.

For more information, contact the Miles Opera House at 468-3001 or the Miles Messenger at 468-3611.

Ranch to Rail nominations due September 10

The Texas A&M University Ranch to Rail program is beginning its 10th year of providing feedback information to beef producers this October, with nominations open until September 10.

The Ranch to Rail program helps ranchers determine how their cattle fit in the beef industry. For a fee of \$10 per head, ranchers receive information on their steer's feedyard performance, financial profitability and carcass traits, said Dr. John McNeill, associate head of the Department of Animal Science.

Reports provided by Ranch to Rail allow producers to assess their current breeding programs and make changes if necessary to position themselves for the future.

Minimum nominations are five head per ranch. Producers may choose to feed their cattle in South Texas or the Panhandle.

Ranch to Rail-South cattle will be fed at the Hondo Creek Cattle Co. in Edroy. Delivery dates for

these cattle are Oct. 3-4.

Steers in the Ranch to Rail-North program will be fed at the Swisher County Cattle Co. in Tulia. Delivery dates are Oct. 10-11.

Ranchers may deliver their own cattle to the feedyard, or combine truckloads with other consignors from their region. Further information about combined truckloads is available from Ranch to Rail officials.

Steers must weigh between 500-850 pounds upon arrival to the feedyard. It is strongly recommended all steers entering the program be vaccinated in accordance to one of the Value Added Calf (VAC) management programs.

Further information on the program and nomination forms are available from Dr. McNeill, (979) 845-3579, or the Ranch to Rail web site, <http://animalscience-extension.tamu.edu>

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