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SUNDAY,  
SEPTEMBER 10

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# The Winters Enterprise

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## Commissioners approve sheriff's requests and proposed county budget

Runnels County Commissioners spent most of the day Wednesday, August 30, meeting.

Wednesday morning, commissioners voted to enter into a contract between Runnels County and Midland County for the care and housing of Midland County Jail inmates in the Runnels County Jail.

Runnels County Sheriff Bill Baird and Midland County Sheriff Gary Painter had discussed housing up to 10 women and 20 men in the Runnels County Jail, if space permits. Runnels County will receive \$35 a day for housing the Midland County inmates.

Commissioners also approved Sheriff Baird's request to enter into a cooperative working agreement with other sheriffs' departments of Texas. The agreement allows Runnels County to assist other counties and vice versa, if needed, for such procedures as manhunts.

Other business on that portion of the agenda for the day included the approval of the 2000 tax appraisal roll.

Later in the morning, Runnels County Commissioners opened a one hour and fifteen minute public hearing on the budget for the fiscal year 2000-2001 which begins October 1. The nearly \$4.35 million budget includes a 15% increase in health insurance costs

for county employees and \$170,000 for 9-1-1 dispatching. Following the public hearing, commissioners officially approved the proposed budget.

Just after lunch, Commissioners opened a public hearing on the proposed tax rate of 81.763 cents per \$100 valuation. The rate is a two cent increase over the present rate and includes \$.69 for the general fund, \$.06 for the special road and bridge fund, and \$.06763 for debt service on the jail bonds. The rate is a \$.01 increase in the general fund and \$.01 for the special road and bridge fund.

The increase is the first since 1995, excepting the increased tax for the debt service on the new jail.

In a special meeting on Tuesday, September 5, Commissioners approved unanimously two requests from Sheriff Bill Baird. Baird asked for authorization to send a Dispatch Supervisor and a dispatcher to a one week training session in Del Rio this month and to pay the respective employees for the week of training and for the cost of training.

The only other item on the agenda was a request from the Texas Department of Health to renew the agreement to use office space in the annex building of the courthouse. Commissioners also approved that request unanimously.

## 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.

## ARE YOU READY FOR SOME FOOTBALL?



HERE COME THE BLIZZARDS, ready for the first game of the new century against the Menard Yellowjackets Friday night. With the temperature still around 100 degrees at 8 p.m., the Blizzards squeaked by the Jackets 27-21 in the non-district season opener. Winters will face a tough Goldthwaite team this Friday, Sept. 8. Kickoff will be at 8 p.m. in Goldthwaite.

## Blizzards sneak by Yellowjackets 27-21 Will face tough Goldthwaite team Friday

by Charles Murphy,  
special to The Winters Enterprise

A sparse but enthusiastic crowd braved the barely sub-boiling temperatures to see the Blizzards take on the Menard Yellowjackets Friday evening. With the temperature near 100 degrees in Blizzard Stadium, water was scarce and the concession stand ran out of ice.

For the first several possessions both teams seemed more content to play defense and wait on the other to make a mistake.

It appeared that Winters trumped first when the Blue lined up to punt from its own 12-yard line. With an uncovered wide receiver out on the left, the fake was on. The pass fell incomplete, giving the Yellowjackets the ball, first and ten, on the Blizzard 12-yard line.

With two incomplete passes and a quarterback sack, the Big Blue Wrecking Crew forced the

Jackets to go for it on fourth down and twenty-four. The ensuing pass was intercepted on the 10 by Aaron Pritchard.

The rest of the first quarter was more of a staring contest to see who would blink first with penalties being the overriding theme for the quarter. (On the night, Menard was penalized four times for 30 yards, while the Blizzards were hit twelve times for 106 yards).

The second quarter began much the way the first had ended with everyone wondering about the officials' call reversal when Winters punted to Menard. Blizzard Robert Gibbs downed the ball but did not pick it up. The official did not blow it dead. A Menard player touched the ball (still live) and Gibbs picked it up — Winters' ball. Wrong. Possession was returned to Menard.

The rule allows the receiving team to advance a punt touched by the kicking team without fear of fumble. If a fumble occurs, it is returned to the receiving team.

As the quarter continued, both teams exchanged punts back and forth. With 5:10 to go, Winters punted to Menard. The Jackets' punt returner gathered the ball up on his own 30-yard line and found a picket fence down the left side en route to a 70-yard punt return for the touchdown. The PAT was good for a 7-0 Menard lead.

After another exchange of punts, Winters' Louie Esquivel recovered a Menard fumble on the Jackets' 30 with 5:39 to go in the half. From there Jose Vega carried for four to the 26. Josh Minzenmayer hit Aaron Pritchard

for 23 to the Menard 1.

During this drive the Winters offensive line, comprised of Louie Esquivel, Chris Hoppe, Samson Jackson, and Joey Joeris, began to move some Menard folks around.

On the next play Josh Minzenmayer followed his line-men into the end zone. With 4:36 left it was knotted up at 7 after Jeffrey Oats' PAT kick.

Still in the second quarter, Winters took over on their own 28. On second and ten Gary Woodbury carried the ball to the Menard 47. After completions from Minzenmayer to Robert Gibbs, Jeremy Hope, Chris Yanez and Hope again, Winters was at the Menard 8 with 1st and goal.

See BLIZZARDS, page 3

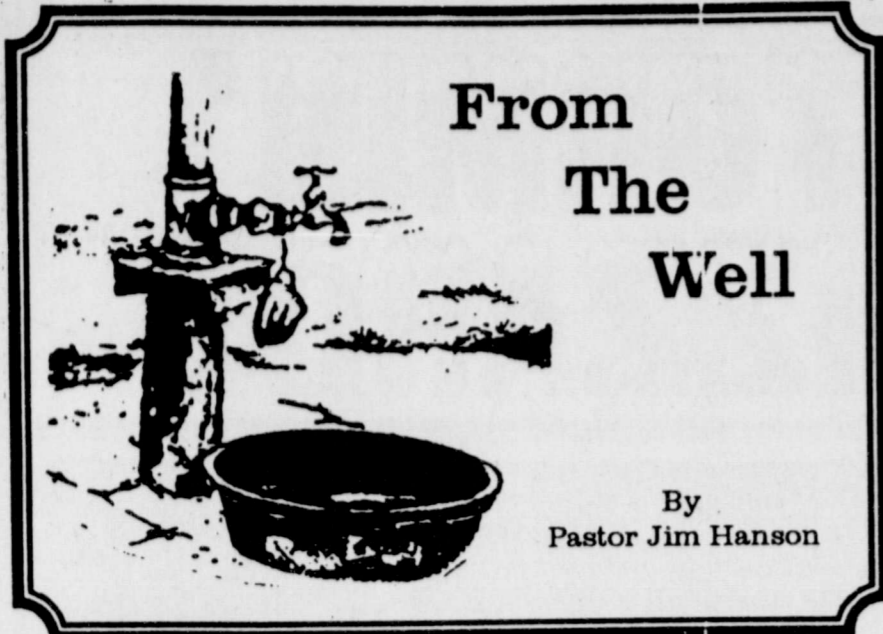


A HOST OF EMERGENCY PERSONNEL works to free 34-year-old Lisa Nitsch, who failed to negotiate a curve on Loop 438 about 5:00 p.m. last Thursday, August 31. The eastbound 1996 Ford Taurus rolled once, clipping off a pole holding the Fairview Cemetery sign, then skidded into a cedar tree. Members of the Winters Volunteer Fire Department used the "Jaws of Life" to free Nitsch before she was taken to Abilene Regional Medical Center in Abilene. Nitsch, who was wearing a seatbelt, was hospitalized for two days before being released with minor injuries.

## WHAT'S HAPPENING ?

- 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
- 1:30 p.m., Pep Rally, Gym
- 5 & 6:30 p.m., Jr. High vs. Goldthwaite, There
- 6:30 p.m., JV vs. Goldthwaite, Here
- 6:30 p.m., Emmaus, St. John's Lutheran Church
- 7 p.m., Winters Squares, Community Center
- Sept. 8-9 a.m., Holistic Resource Management Seminar, San Angelo
- 11:30 a.m., Sr. Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center
- 3 p.m., Pep Rally, Gym
- 7:30 p.m., Cowboys for Christ, Drasco
- 8 p.m., Varsity vs. Goldthwaite, There
- Abilene's West Texas Fair Begins & Continues thru Sept. 16
- Sept. 9-10 a.m., Miles Cotton Festival
- Cross-Country Teams at Water Valley
- UIL Workshop, Hamlin
- Sept. 10-Ranch To Rail Nominations Due
- Grandparents' Day
- Sept. 11-11:30 a.m., Sr. Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center
- 11:30 a.m., Retired Highway Employees Luncheon, San Angelo
- 2:30 p.m., Retired Teachers, First United Methodist Church
- 6 p.m., Project Graduation 2001 Meeting, WHS Library
- 7 p.m., Secondary School "Meet the Teacher"
- 7 p.m., VFW & Auxiliary, Post Home
- 7:30 p.m., Square Dancing Workshop, Community Center
- Secondary Students School Pictures
- Sept. 12-10 a.m., Commissioners Court, Courthouse, Ballinger
- 11:30 a.m., Sr. Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center
- 7 p.m., Athletic Boosters, Blizzard Fieldhouse
- 7 p.m., WVF, Fire Station
- 7:30 p.m., Elm Creek Water Control Board, Sr. Citizens Activity Center
- Literary and Service Club
- Woman's Club
- Sept. 13-7 a.m., Industrial Board, Chamber Office
- 11:30 a.m., Sr. Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center
- Sept. 14-10 a.m., Triple L Club, First Baptist Church
- 11:30 a.m., Sr. Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center
- 1:30 p.m., Pep Rally, Gym
- 5 & 6:30 p.m., Jr. High vs. Mason, There
- 6:30 p.m., JV vs. Mason, Here





## From The Well

By Pastor Jim Hanson



Pastor Jim Hanson

Birthdays are wonderful. After all we are celebrating the gift of life. We didn't ask to be born but more than likely someone did. I know my parents did. They had been told that it would be impossible for my mother to conceive another child. But she did. And I

am glad. I know she and Dad were.

Children are gifts. Each one of them. And, as they grow older, they still are gifts. Even at 85 they are gifts. Ramona and I celebrated two birthdays of 85-year-old male children this summer. Along with a bunch of other folks. The first was an old friend of ours. His name is Glen, and he was a 10-letter athlete at Hamlin University in St. Paul, Minnesota. He was a natural leader. At 19, he captained a ship in World War II. A commander, no less. I met him while serving a church in Crookston, Minnesota. We had children the same age, and we were there for them at many athletic contests. At his party, there were all the members of the "starting five" in basketball in college, and four from his high school team. They talked like it was just yesterday that they played their last game.

The other was for my cousin Harland. He was the "big cousin" and hero for me and my brothers when we went down to Wisconsin to his folk's farm. He was big. He was strong. He would carry a 10-gallon milk can in each hand and walk all the way from the barn to the windmill and the cooling shed. We looked up to him because he had character. He was as big on the inside as on the outside. He still is. That's why a bunch of folks came to his party. Some older, and some younger. It was fun.

But the most fun birthday party we went to was that of our son John. John decided that his birthday party this year would be to take his four children and his mom and dad to the Minnesota State Fair. And, in addition, a young lad by the name of Scott. Who is nine years old. And deaf. He talks through his hands and fingers. They call it signing. John can sign some too. So, off we went.

We must have been quite a group. Just yesterday the local pharmacist asked me how I enjoyed the fair. I asked him how he knew I was there. "Oh," he said. "My wife and I were sitting on machinery hill, and she spotted a tall slim man with a backpack on his back, only the backpack was full of a little girl. On one hand was another little girl. And, with the other hand, he was signing to a little boy. Behind him was another boy, about 10. And then a girl about 7. And, bringing up the rear, two older gray hairs... trying to keep up. Was that you?" "Are you kidding?" I replied. "Of course. Who else in all the world would be so crazy as us. And, of course, John."

Ramona and I were assigned a wagon... to pull when the kids got too tired to walk. At first the two smallest wanted to pull the wagon. And they wanted to ride. And then they wanted to get on their daddy's back. And then mine.

Well, we made it. It was truly a great day. We saw animals, exhibits, and people everywhere. We spent about 45 minutes with the rides. We did the fair. But the most fun was the Home Depot place. They really did a neat thing for kids and parents... and grandparents. Each kid that went into the tent was given a bright orange "carpenter apron." They even put their name on it. I asked if they had one for Grandpa, but no such luck. Then they took us to tables, where there were all varieties of kits. Wood cutouts. Ready to be assembled with screws, and nails, and, praise God, directions. Abie, John's youngest who turned 3 just yesterday, was my assignment. She wanted to make a stool with a heart-shaped seat on it. WE DID IT! She even nailed three of the nails. When we got home, I asked her if she wanted me to paint it. "Yes!" "What color?" I asked. "Orange." So we did. It was wonderful. A great gift to be able to make something with, and for a little loved one. Building. Not only a little stool. But building a relationship. What it is all about. And what birthdays are all about.

But it never would have happened if big old John hadn't been so crazy as to want to spend his birthday giving himself away. In some small way, it reminds me of another Who was birthed on this planet, and Who came to literally give Himself away for all people. In a way, we had a little "Christmas in September." And in my heart, as we wound our way to the parking lot, I couldn't help but hum an "Alleluia." For in that day, a lot of my hopes and fears were met. The hopes fulfilled. And the fears replaced. By love. Like His birthday was. And ours should be.



**HIGH FIVES ARE IN ORDER** after the Magic Shine softball team of Winters defeats a team from Coleman. Magic Shine won on a basehit in the final inning of a Saturday morning game in the Project Graduation softball tournament two weeks ago. Magic Shine finished second in the tourney behind first place team Something Simple of Ballinger in the twelve team tournament field. Project Graduation 2001 profitted approximately \$1,500 on the fundraising event.

### BLIZZARDS, continued

The penalty gremlins got us again with a chop block call. With 1:29 left Minzenmayer hit Yanez with a strike for a 13-7 lead. Oats made good for a 14-7 halftime lead for the Blizzards.

On Menard's first possession of the second half, they coughed up the ball on their own 30. Samson Jackson came up with the fumble. After an interference call on Menard on a Woodbury run for 11, Winters was set up at first and goal on the 7. Minzenmayer skirted the left side on the QB keeper for the touchdown. Oats was true on the PAT and Winters led 21-7 with 7:48 left in the third quarter. The rest of the quarter was what looked like Winters taking charge.

The fourth quarter began with the Blizzards in charge and Menard searching for a way to move the ball. It didn't take them

long to find it. The simple handoff to the Jackets' fullback on the option resulted in an 80-yard run and a 21-13 edge for the Blizzards.

Menard elected to go for two and failed, and the Blizzards appeared to take charge again.

Winters returned the ensuing kickoff to their own 35. From here the Blizzards, with the help of runs by Woodbury, Minzenmayer and Vega, and catches by Pritchard, moved the ball with authority to the Menard 15.

Then Minzenmayer was picked off and the interception return ended in the Menard end zone. Winters 21, Menard 19. The Jackets went for two and were successful, making a 21-21 tie with 3:38 remaining.

With overtime staring us in the face, Chris Yanez fought off a Menard defender, caught a Minzenmayer pass and finished

off a 66-yard touchdown pass and run to give Winters a 27-21 lead with 2:37 to go. A bad snap prevented Oats from kicking the PAT and forced the two-point run which failed.

Menard's last hopes were dashed when Shane Colburn intercepted an errant pass.

Winters proceeded to run out the next 1:26 for a victory that could have gone either way.

The Blizzards will meet the Goldthwaite Eagles this Friday in Goldthwaite at 8 p.m.

The Eagles, picked to win District 10-2A, are coming off a 29-7 win against Early, and are always a big challenge for the Blizzards. Billed as a "possible bi-district preview" by the *San Angelo Standard-Times*, Friday's match should be an exciting showdown.

**Back the Blizzards!**

### Sunday, Sept. 17— Chuckwagon Lunch to benefit West Texas Rehab

Local chairmen invite Winters and the surrounding communities to join them for the West Texas Rehabilitation Center Cattlemen's Round-Up.

The chairmen and area volunteers will host a Chuckwagon Lunch on Sunday, September 17, from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the school cafeteria.

The meal will include BBO, beans, potato salad, hot peach cobbler, and tea. Tickets are \$6 for adults and \$4 for children ages 12 and under.

The Cattlemen's Round-Up traditionally solicits donations of cattle for an auction to support the West Texas Rehabilitation Center.

See REHAB, page 8

## Effective September 30

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We will no longer take bill payments or offer merchandise at our local offices, effective September 30. However, we will be using most of our offices for operational purposes so that we can continue to provide exceptional customer service and outage response. We have made many changes during the past year that will provide more choices for our customers in how they pay their bills and conduct business with WTU.

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Birthday boy is Gabriel Martinez.

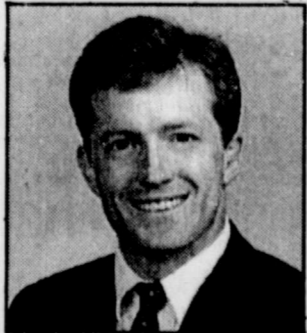
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## CAFETERIA MENU

Sept. 11-15  
Subject to change

**Breakfast**  
Monday-Sept. 11  
Biscuits  
Sausage  
Juice  
Tuesday-Sept. 12  
Toast  
Cereal  
Juice  
Wednesday-Sept. 13  
Blueberry Muffin  
Cereal  
Juice  
Thursday-Sept. 14  
Pancakes/Syrup  
Cereal  
Juice  
Friday-Sept. 15  
Cheese Toast  
Cereal  
Juice

**Lunch**  
Monday-Sept. 11  
Pizza  
Corn  
June Peas  
Chocolate Pudding  
Tuesday-Sept. 12  
Chicken Nuggets/Gravy  
Mashed Potatoes  
Green Beans  
Pears  
Hot Roll  
Wednesday-Sept. 13  
Taco/Meat/Cheese  
Tossed Salad  
Red Beans  
Fruit  
Thursday-Sept. 14  
Turkey Roast/Gravy  
Mashed Potatoes  
June Peas  
Pineapple Chunks  
Hot Roll  
Friday-Sept. 15  
Barbecue on Bun  
French Fries  
Pickles  
Peaches  
Cookie

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**STATISTICAL SUMMARY**

	Winters	Menard
First downs	13	NA
Rushing yards	34-86	28-114
Passing yards	194	20
Total yards	280	134
Comp-Att-Int	13-23-1	1-8-2
Punts-Ave.	6-45	5-32
Fumbles-lost	3-0	3-3
Penalties-yards	12-106	4-30

**SCORING SUMMARY**

By Quarters

Winters 0, 14, 7, 6 - 27  
Menard 0, 7, 0, 14 - 21

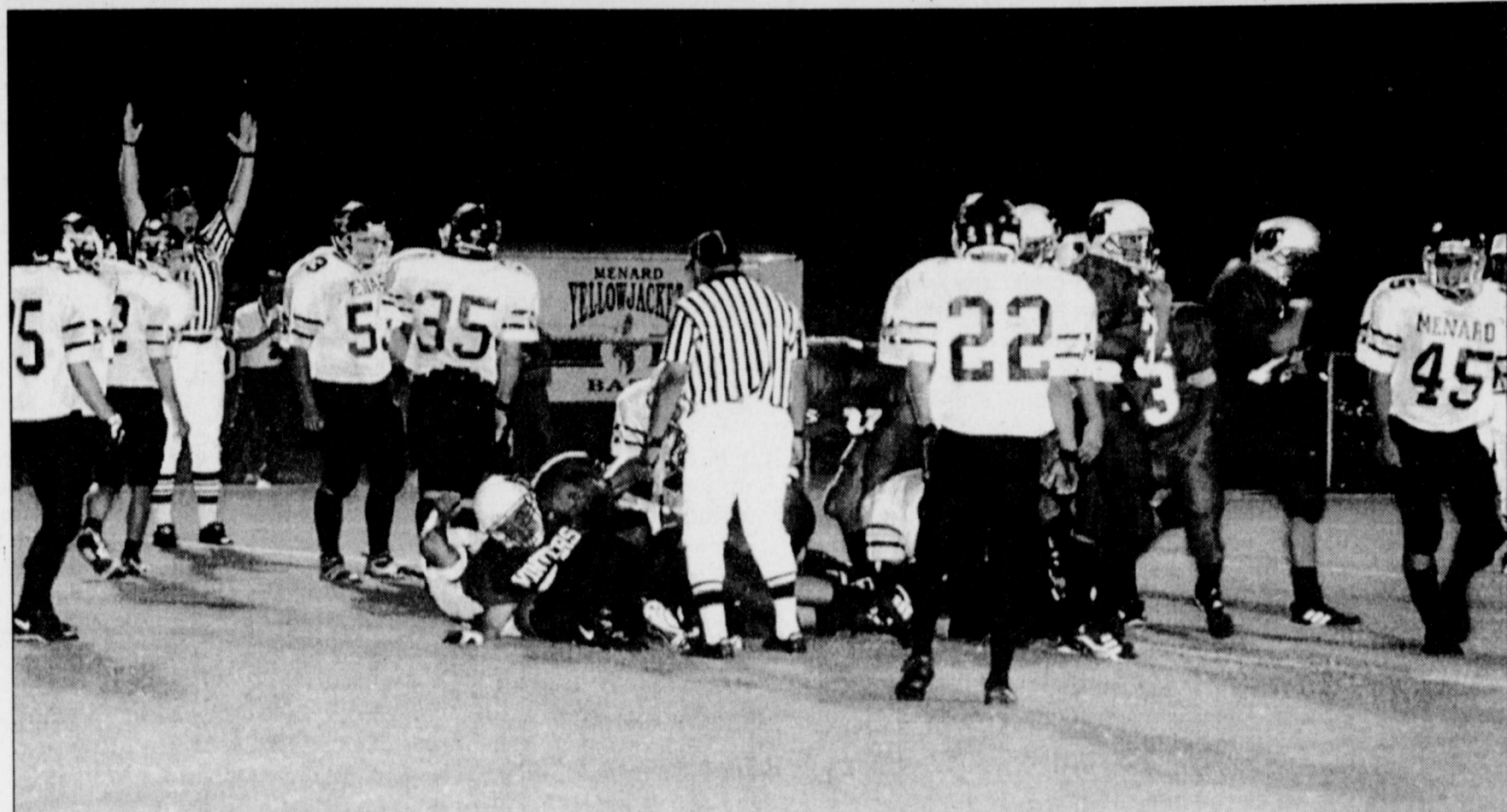
**SECOND QUARTER**  
Menard  
Socckwell 70-yd. punt return (kick)  
Winters  
Josh Minzenmayer 2-yd. run (Jeffrey Oats kick)

**THIRD QUARTER**  
Winters  
Chris Yanez 10-yd. pass from Josh Minzenmayer (Jeffrey Oats kick)

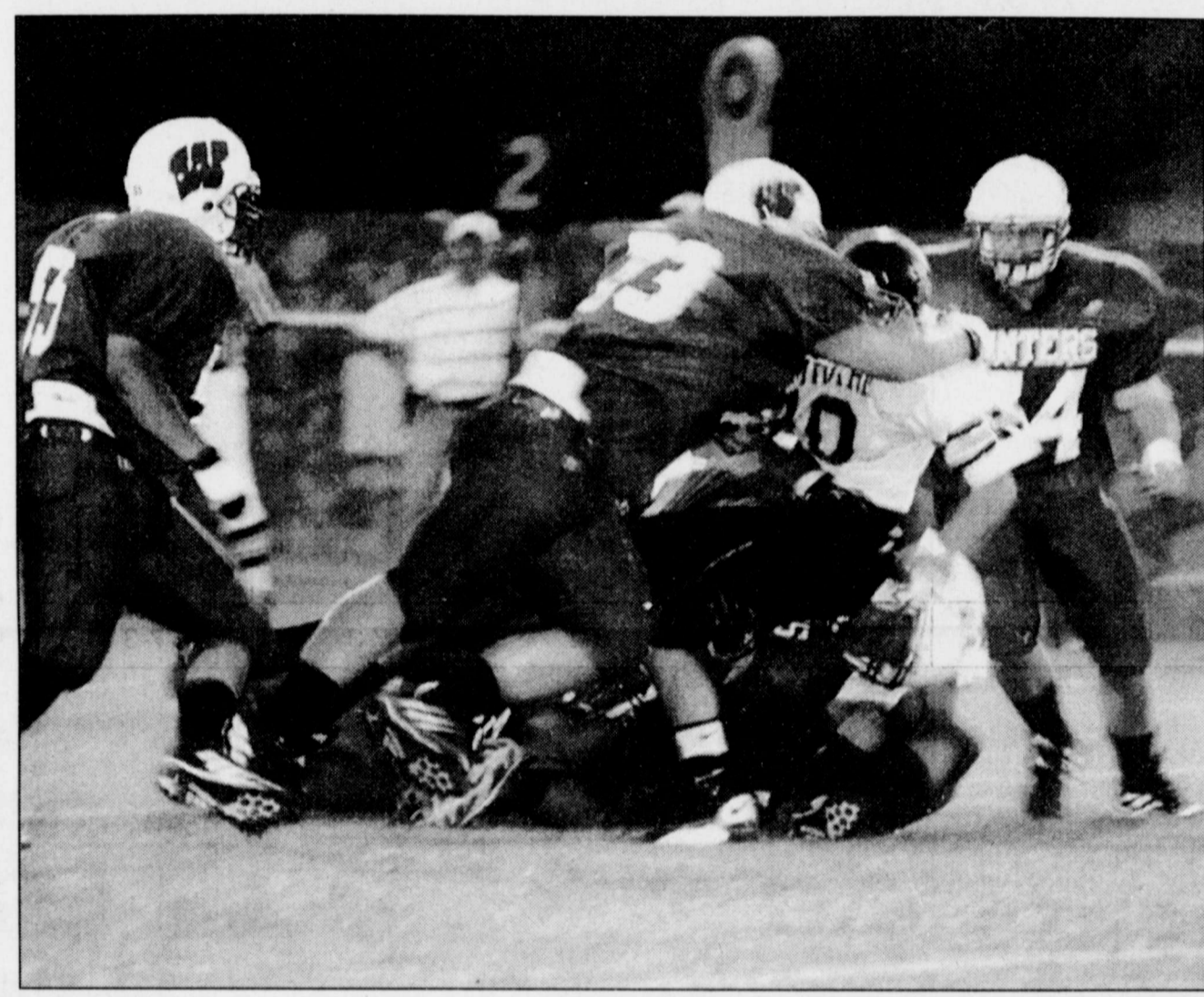
**FOURTH QUARTER**  
Menard  
Williamson 80-yd. run (kick)  
Menard  
Deaver 85-yd. interception return (Williamson run)  
Winters  
Chris Yanez 66-yd. run (no conversion attempt)

**WJHS Breezes vs. Goldthwaite Eaglets**

**EARLY**  
Pep Rally 7th Grade/5 p.m.  
1:30 p.m. • Gym 8th Grade/6:30 p.m.



FIRST BLIZZARD TOUCHDOWN OF THE CENTURY came on the quarterback keeper by Josh Minzenmayer across the middle with 4:36 left in the second quarter. The Big Blue beat the Menard Yellowjackets 27-21 in the non-district season opener.



BIG CHRIS HOPPE #73, WHS junior, adds his 295 lbs. as the final crush to stop the Menard runner with help from a flurry of Blizzards. At left is #55 Louie Esquivel and at right is #74 Joey Joeris.

### Jimmy Rodriguez starts senior year in first— Boys finish fourth and girls fifth in first cross-country meet of season

The Winters Cross-Country teams competed in the Abilene Christian University Classic last Saturday, their first meet of the year. The Lady Blizzards finished fifth in the meet, while the Blizzards placed fourth.

Jimmy Rodriguez won the boy's division, bettering last year's time by nine seconds. Marie Llanas and Briana Parramore medaled in the girl's division.

Winters will travel to the San Angelo State School Recreation Area on Saturday, Sept. 9, for a meet hosted by Water Valley. The site is located on Highway 87 between Grape Creek and Water Valley. The girls will run at 9:10 a.m. followed by the boy's at 9:40 a.m.

Last week's results are as follows:

**Lady Blizzards**  
Marie Llanas, 8th, 15:13  
Briana Parramore 12th, 15:30  
Stacey Sneed, 37th, 16:55  
Lacey Meyer, 60th, 17:43  
Kirby Hatler, 67th, 18:20  
Macy Hapson, 73rd, 19:19  
Stacey Walden, 76th, 19:28  
Kari Walker, 86th, 22:11

**Blizzards**  
Jimmy Rodriguez, 1st, 17:37  
Jason Esquivel, 17th, 20:29  
Tony Aguero, 36th, 21:41  
Tim Fenwick, 42nd, 22:16  
Artemio Lopez, 47th, 22:37  
Benji Valles, 69th, 24:32  
Eric Lopez, 98th, 26:36

### Secondary schools— School pictures set for Sept. 11

School pictures will be taken on Monday, September 11, for all junior high and high school students and faculty.

Senior picture retakes will also be taken for the yearbook. Seniors must make a \$7 deposit at that time. Seniors must take the traditional portrait offered by the photographer or they will not have their picture on the senior color page in the annual.

In addition groups portraits will be taken of junior high and high school cheerleaders, all football teams, cross country teams, twirlers, flag corps, drum major, and a senior class group picture.


Wayne Hennington Photography of Abilene will take the photos.

**WINTERS BLIZZARDS VS. GOLDTHWAITE EAGLES**  
JV @ Winters • Thursday, 6:30 p.m.  
Pep Rally • Gym • Friday, 3 p.m.  
Varsity @ Goldthwaite • 8 p.m.

**WHS CROSS-COUNTRY TEAMS**  
@ Water Valley • Saturday  
Girls: 9:10 a.m. • Boys: 9:40 a.m.

### School Days, School Days

**Camille Denton**  
Fifth Grade Reading & Language Arts



2000, as the fifth grade reading and language arts teacher.

Mrs. Denton is a graduate of Angelo State University with a bachelor of science degree in elementary education. She specialized in English and also received an early childhood endorsement.

She previously taught first grade in Ballinger for four years and since 1992 has been the owner/director of The Little Schoolhouse Daycare in Ballinger.

She and husband Kendall have two boys and two girls: Zane, age 16; Kael, 14; Paige, 9; and Sterling, 7.

Currently residing in Ballinger and calling Bronte her hometown, Camille Denton was employed by Winters Independent School District on August 8,

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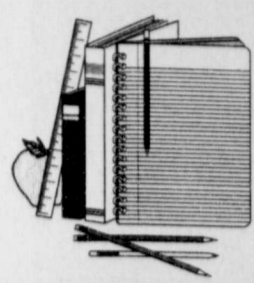
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# ON THE FIELD AND IN THE CLASSROOM



JEREMY HOPE stretches for the obvious Blizzard first down but a bad spot by the official put the ball back about a foot for a 4th and 2 inches. Winters made the first down on the QB sneak.

## 2001 Project Graduation meeting set for Monday, Sept. 11

Project Graduation 2001 will hold a meeting on Monday, September 11, 2000, at 6 p.m. in the Winters High School Library.

The meeting is set to discuss upcoming fund-raisers. Parents of all seniors are encouraged to attend.

## Class of 1970 searching for a few classmates

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

Addresses are still needed for the following classmates: Betty Armstrong, Dickie Bullard, Marilyn Burleson, Teresa Carter, Horace Lee Johnson, Myrna Lawrence, Linda Lynch, Betty Nichols Moilan, Diana Oretaga Reyes, Pete Santillano, Joseph Taylor, Ann Walston, Janie Willey, and Stan Wilson.

Anyone knowing the whereabouts of these classmates are asked to contact one of the numbers listed below.

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) 767-3676, or Jerry Sims at (915) 754-4186.

## Directions to Goldthwaite Field

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

After exiting off Highway 84, as you are entering Goldthwaite, you will come to a first (and new) traffic light. At this light, turn right onto Hannah Valley Road.

Go about 5 blocks. You should see the school on the left (still on Hannah Valley Road).

The stadium sits behind the school. Enter the grounds on either side.

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

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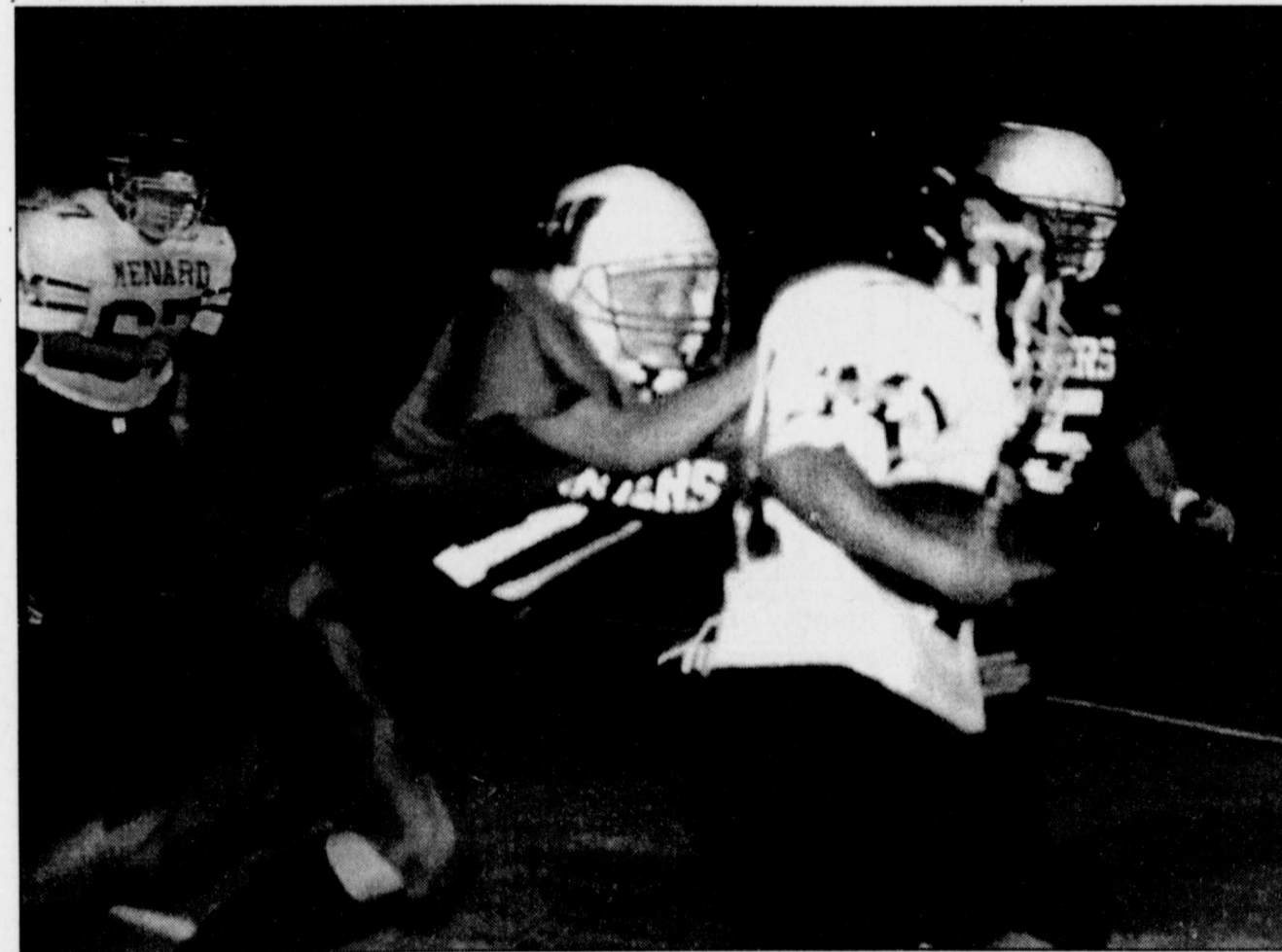
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SHANE COLBURN #11, brings down the Yellowjacket during Friday's showdown against Menard. Colburn also intercepted a Jackets pass late in the fourth quarter to stop the Menard drive. Rushing to help is #55 Samson Jackson who also recovered a Jackets fumble on the first play of the second half.

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# Crews News

By Hilda Kurtz

We can all learn something from the canary — it never sings a depressing song.

Visitors to Hopewell Church on Sunday morning were Leon and Joyce Nance of Grape Creek.

Noble Faubion enjoyed a nice, long phone visit this week with his grandson Gene Faubion of Hawaii.

Selma Wilkerson and Mildred Morrison visited nearly every day by e-mail. Mildred is in Hoyt House in Sweetwater.

Connie and Georgia Gibbs attended the McCutcheon Reunion Saturday in the Bronte Community Center.

Brother Ferris and Ramona Akins of Ballinger visited Georgia and Connie Gibbs during the week. Junior, Rhoda, and Katlyn McCutcheon and grandson visited the Gibbsons on Sunday.

Pat and Abe Giles of Brownwood Lake visited Leona and Roy Matthies on Sunday.

Fairy and Wilbert Alcorn enjoyed the visit of Abe and Pat Giles on Sunday.

Juanita Shields spent one day in Abilene and had lunch with daughter-in-law Rosalind Shields and her great-grandbaby Allison of Lewisville.

Spending the weekend and the fourth with Juanita were Mr. and Mrs. Gary Boren and son Kevin of Flower Mound and Mr. and Mrs. Cam Shields of Canyon Lake.

Ronnie Bennet of Arkansas and Pat and Earl Cooper had a nice phone visit this week. Ray and J.T. Cooper of San Angelo visited one day during the week.

Gayle and Brandy Underwood and daughter Savanna of Glenrose spent Saturday with Linda and Dale Duggan and Becky and Elwood Brown. On Sunday, Dale and Linda were in Abilene to visit Kyle and Katy Grigsby and son Kelton. Also present was Kyle's parents, Bubba and Marsha Grigsby of League City.

Hilda Kurtz



Approximately forty friends and relatives came to help Doris Wood celebrate Labor Day and her birthday. Attendees came from Wingate, Abilene, Fort Worth, Winters, Brownwood, Aledo, Odessa, Lockhart, Sonora, and Crews. It was a wonderful three days.

My daughter and son-in-law, Hildegarde and Calvin Schovajsa of San Angelo, spent two days out here with me. We always find something needing to be done.

Brenda Jacob of Midland was home over the weekend visiting her mom, Margie Jacob, and family. On Saturday, Brenda and Margie Jacob, Beverly and Corey VanZandt spent the day in Brownwood shopping, then joined Sharon Engler and Bryce Busenlehner for a Mexican food lunch.

On Sunday night, Brenda and Margie Jacob and Beverly VanZandt joined Pete and Joyce Wilde and Skipper and Jenni Duncan for supper at the Lowake Steak House. Later they stopped by to see Justin and Kristi Busenlehner.

Evelyn Jacob and Mary Beth Wheeler joined Margie Jacob and family for lunch on Monday at her home.

Sunday afternoon, Carol and Mike Kozelsky stopped by Margie's after returning from College Station where they had spent the weekend with their children, Kathryn, Scott, and Jeanna Kozelsky.

Sharon and Jerry Engler were in College Station to help Bryce Busenlehner move in to his apartment. Bryce is now working at St. Joseph's Hospital.



WINTERS VOLUNTEER FIREMEN carefully watch to contain a roaring fire that destroyed a wooden barn at the end of Roberts and Armbrrecht streets on August 29 about 6:45 p.m. Cause of the fire is undetermined at this time.

## Letters to the Editor

### Citizen says cut city manager's salary

Dear Editor: To the Winters City Council members:

I am proud of you for listening to the General Public and doing some soul searching about the tax increase and doing the right thing in turning it down.

That is a good start on helping the people who elected you to represent them and hold down the cost of living in a small town.

Now we would like to call on you to start cutting city expenses to a point we won't be faced with this problem again this year.

Let's get the big salary of the city manager down in line with the going wage of the city economy. I have talked to a lot of people who agree that a 20-25 percent cut would leave the man-

ager with a very liveable wage. Most of us in Winters have incomes much, much lower than that.

If for some reason he can't accept that to help a struggling city then he has no consideration for the town or the people therein. Six of us took a 25 percent salary cut once to save a company and it saved the company.

Policemen each do not need a car. When one finishes his or her tour of duty, pass that car to the person coming on duty. The Chief of Police is the only city employee that needs a car 24 hours a day. Park the rest of the city vehicles at the end of the work day at the city yard.

You say, "what about emergencies?" No one who works for the

city lives over 3-5 minutes from the city yard to pick up a vehicle and can respond to a call about as soon as they can now. Also let's quit patrolling the highways to and from the Lakeview Cemetery and City Lake. Leave that to the Highway Patrol. Most all police calls come by telephone. Let a policeman be at the office to take those calls most of the time instead of just out burning gas 24 hours per day.

Take bids on 6-month or year basis for everything from office supplies, vehicle parts, \$ per hour mechanic needs and anything that you buy. I worked for some very large companies and they saved lots of money that way.

You can find many ways to

save our town money. Do it and make the people proud they elected you. Let's not have any more meetings like the last two.

Save our water. It's just not right for the City to take load after load and dump on our streets when we can't even water our tomato plants for food. Please stop the paving project until you can stop water rationing. The citizens should have as much right to the water as the city streets.

Again I say "Thank you" for not raising taxes. You did a good job of listening. Now just do as good of a job cutting expenses. I offer my comments as suggestions.

J. P. Drake

### "Our leaders are not leading, they're being led"

Dear Editor: I attended the council meeting of August 28 and from my observation, I believe these are some issues that need to be addressed.

1) The rude way the Mayor treated Mr. Cearcy who came before the council, well prepared, and was told if he didn't have anything pertaining to the tax increase, then his comments were not welcome. Mr. Cearcy tried to explain that he was leading up to

the tax issue but in light of the Mayor's condescending attitude, Mr. Cearcy simply closed his notes and sat down.

2) The council meets only once a month, yet they didn't seem to have time to thoroughly listen to the opinions of the citizens in attendance.

3) The agenda lists "Discussion/Action"; however, there was very little discussion. It seemed that all the council members turned to Mr. Hassan for his decision and then followed his directives. One fellow citizen said, "Our leaders are not leading, they're being led." Once again, if the council only meets once a month, do they not have time to either research an agenda item (to be better informed), or to at least discuss as a council an agenda item.

4) George Beard addressed the issue of all the grants and their cost to the city. Hassan answered, "You don't understand, these grants are a gift from the government."

Fellow taxpayers and I say that WE are the government and that these monies are coming out of our pockets twice. The government gets their money from we the taxpayers, then the city uses tax dollars to match the grant funds. Our tax dollars are also being used to pay for the services of a professional grant writer, hired by Hassan and the council, thus an added grant expense.

Every single grant should be carefully considered as to its overall benefit to the citizens. For example: has the park at Elm Creek Reservoir really brought in revenue or improved the quality of

life for the citizens of Winters?

5) It seems that the council raised the sewer rates last year and now raised the sewer rate again this year. Sewer services don't cost the city any extra expense. I feel that this is just another way to beef up the depleted General Fund.

While I appreciate the council not raising city taxes, I think they're still sticking it to us because they won't quit spending.

I realize that every operation has bills and expenses, but this is way beyond bills and expenses because of poor management.

Here we are in the middle of a severe drought and our council keeps spending and spending. We citizens just tighten our belts. Why doesn't the council do the same thing?

A Concerned Citizen

### Runnels County Retired Teachers to meet Sept. 11

The Runnels County Retired Teachers Association will meet on Monday, September 11, at 2:30 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church in Winters.

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

Comanche. Marthiel Russell, local president, will also address the group.

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

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- TXism: "nervous as a long- in a room full of rocking chairs"
- "Bum" Phillips
- TXism: "I don't cotton —"
- TXism: "bought a pig — poke"
- New Braunfels' historic mansion inn
- TXism: "exciting as a IRS office"
- Bob Lilly's old position (abbr.)
- TXism: "by a country mile"
- Dec. 7, 1941: " — which will live in infamy"
- Alpine is " — Big Bend Country"
- Groesbeck is seat of — stone Co.

**DOWN**

- TXism: "happy — in slop"
- TXism: "come hell — high water" (determined)
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- TX Holly's " — Boy"
- famous 1800s Galveston architect Clayton
- TXism: "blister (handle)"
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- beer in a pub
- negative vote
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## Rural Development Committee wraps up public hearings

State Representative Jim Keffer (R-Eastland) announces that the House Select Committee on Rural Development has completed its 6-month long public hearing process.

For the last several months, Rep. Keffer, along with the other members of the committee, has been traveling to all corners of the state visiting with rural Texans and studying the issues that affect their lives.

"It has been an honor to have the opportunity to visit with folks from all across this state about the problems they face every day," said Keffer.

Rep. Keffer visited with busi-

ness and civic leaders during a luncheon at The Rock Hotel in Winters on May 12.

People who came out to testify were encouraged to discuss whatever issues that folks are facing," said Keffer. "I look forward to working on solutions to some of the problems people in rural Texas are dealing with."

Currently, the committee is compiling all of the information that was gleaned during the hearing process to produce a report with findings and recommendations to present to the legislature in time for the opening of the next session. The committee plans to release its report in November.

## Central Texas Opportunities continues energy crisis assistance

Central Texas Opportunities, Inc. continues its efforts to assist eligible clients with their utility bills. CTO representatives will be in Runnels County on September 18 and 19.

Applications will be accepted on Monday, September 18, in Winters at 601 W. Pierce from 1:00 to 7:00 p.m., and on Tuesday, September 19, in Ballinger at 702 S. 8th Street also from 1:00 to 7:00 p.m.

It is essential that you bring the following information to be in compliance with the requirements of the Texas Department of

Housing and Community Affairs:

- verification of income for anyone over 18 and not in school
- a letter from two people not living in the household verifying that you have not worked in 30 days

- original electric bill and billing history in applicant's name
- Social Security cards for everyone in the household.

Without this information, CTO will not be able to process your application, delaying services to your household.

For more information, call 1-800-625-4167.

## HSU's Big Country Youth Day set for Saturday, September 23

Hardin-Simmons University's Big Country Youth Day will be held on Saturday, September 23. The event features the HSU-Texas Lutheran football game in Shelton Stadium beginning at 2 p.m. Admission is free to church groups attending as invited guests. Up to 1,000 youth and sponsors have been invited.

Other highlights will include a complimentary pizza lunch around the Reflection Pond at the main entrance of the "Forty Acres" campus.

Following lunch, the attendees will attend a special program in Behrens Chapel. The welcome will be extended by HSU Presi-

dent Dr. Lanny Hall and several HSU men and women will give their personal Christian testimonies.

HSU cheerleaders will also lead the group in several yells before the game. Special trophies will be awarded to the two largest groups in attendance.

Youth, Royal Ambassadors, and Girls Auxiliary members in Baptist congregations in the West Texas (Big Country) area are cordially invited to attend, according to Bruce Ayres, director of Church Relations for HSU.

For more information, call (915) 670-1262 OR (915) 670-1278.

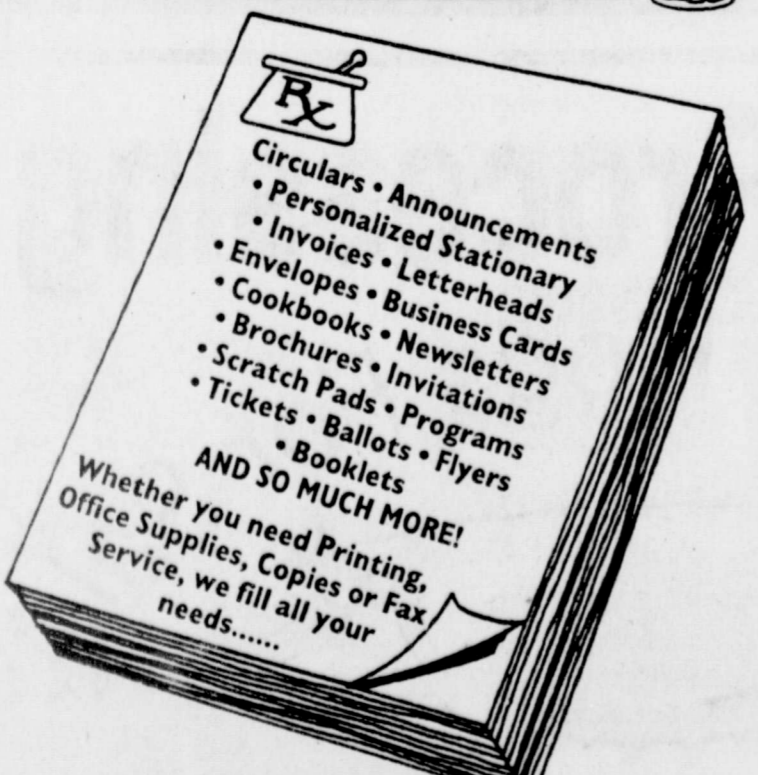
## REHAB, continued

Since cattle numbers have dropped significantly due to the ongoing drought in West Texas, the chairmen have added the Chuckwagon Lunch in this community to help raise additional funds to offset the decrease in

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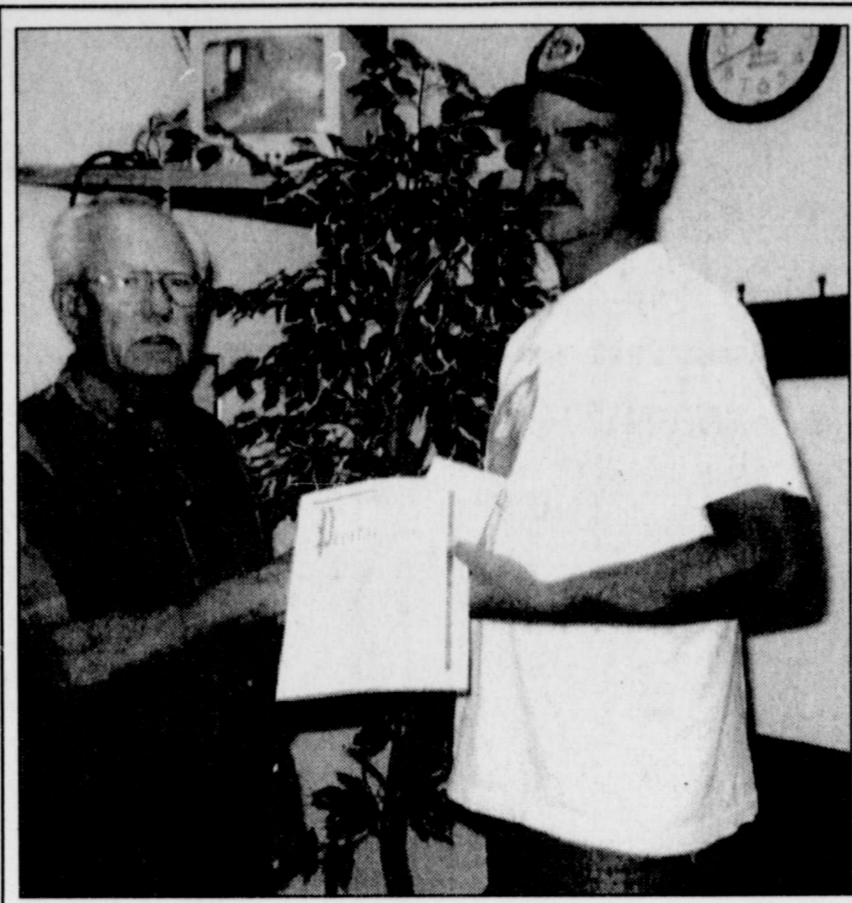


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## Official Records

**County Court Criminal Cases Filed Aug. 30**

Adam Lee McCoy, filed for driving while intoxicated

**Dispositions**

Johnny M. Rodriguez, Jr., driving while license suspended, pleaded guilty, fined \$350, plus \$210.25 court costs

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James Allison, Jr., cruelty to animals, pleaded nolo contendere, fined \$500, plus \$210.25 court costs and \$200 restitution

Jebydia Moriyca Morton, possession of drug paraphernalia, pleaded guilty, fined \$500, plus \$210.25 court costs

Demetrio Luna, theft of merchandise by check, pleaded guilty, sentenced to one year in county jail probated to 18 months, fined \$250, plus \$210.25 court costs and \$2,251.15 restitution, 80 hours community service

Robert W. Roberts, theft of merchandise and/or cash by check, pleaded guilty, fined \$74, plus \$210.25 court costs, \$35 hot check fee, and \$250 restitution

Rodney Franklin, speeding (appeal from Winters Municipal Court), dismissed, community service restitution completed

Charles Ryan Burton, making alcohol available to a minor, pleaded guilty, fined \$474, plus \$210.25 court costs

Eric John Esquivel, making alcohol available to a minor, pleaded guilty, sentenced to six months in county jail probated to one year, fined \$1,500, plus \$235.25 court costs and 50 hours community service

**District Court Divorces Granted Aug. 24**

Jose Cavazos and Raquel Cavazos

Adan Cruz Mata and Cynthia Ann Mata

**Divorces Filed Aug. 30**

Shaelynna Holik vs. Brett Lee Evans

## Retired Highway Employees to meet Sept. 11

Retired Highway Employees will hold their monthly luncheon at 11:30 a.m. on Monday, September 11, at Zentner's Steak House, 2715 Sherwood Way in San Angelo.

The purpose of the luncheon is for retirees of the Texas Highway Department, State Department of Highways & Public Transportation, and Texas Department of Transportation to meet to visit and renew friendships.


## Texas receives \$11.4 million to fight drunken driving

The state of Texas will receive \$11,467,861 in federal funds to enforce the state's new 0.08 blood alcohol content law on drunken driving, U.S. Senator Phil Gramm announced August 24, 2000.

"These funds will go a long way towards making our streets safer in Texas," Gramm said in making the announcement. "This is money which will save lives across our state by taking more drunk drivers off our roads."

The grant, from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, is part of the 2000 transportation appropriations bill. Under guidelines Gramm helped push through Congress, states which lower the blood alcohol content for DWI cases to 0.08 are eligible for the grant funds. Texas recently passed legislation approving the new standard.

"We're laying down the law against drunk driving in Texas," the senator added. "And we're going to see more drunk drivers taken off the road with the commitment of these funds."



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Guidance for Grown-Ups

## 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 27, 2000, through Saturday, September 2, 2000. Winters Police Officers:

- investigated a large group of people arguing in the 600 block of Bowen Street. An 18-year-old male was requesting a 27-year-old male to leave his residence and the older male refused. Officers attempted to persuade the subject to leave and he refused. Sergio Marin of Winters was arrested for criminal trespass and transported to Runnels County Jail. The cause of the argument is not known.

- observed a Chevy pickup commit numerous traffic violations on N. Main Street. After stopping the pickup, a strong odor of alcohol was detected on the driver who was offered and subsequently failed several field sobriety tasks. Teofilio Santoya of Winters was arrested for driving while intoxicated and taken to Runnels County Jail where he provided a blood alcohol specimen over the legal limit.

- received a report of a theft in the 400 block of N. Frisco Street. A 69-year-old female of Winters alleged her 13-week-old pit bulldog puppy was taken from the front yard of her residence. A suspect was named and that same suspect, a 16-year-old female of Winters, later admitted involvement. The dog has not been recovered. This case is under investigation as theft Class B.

- received a report of a theft in the 400 block of E. Pierce Street. A 60-year-old male alleged a number of tools were removed from the tool box of his pickup between the hours of 7:00 p.m. Monday to 5:00 p.m. Tuesday. Evidence was found at the scene and a possible suspect was later identified pending further investigation. This case is filed as burglary of a motor vehicle.

- responded to a disturbance call in the 400 block of Poplar Street. The dispute was found to be over a personal computer and a trespassing allegation. The computer was returned to the rightful owner and charges are pending against a 38-year-old female of Winters for criminal trespass. There have been no further calls to this residence.

- received a report of a theft in the 400 block of E. Truett Street. A 24" Schwinn bicycle, metallic blue green in color, was removed from the yard of a residence by unknown subjects. This case is under investigation as theft Class B.

- received a report of phone harassment in the 300 block of S. Arlington Street. A female subject of Winters alleged she was receiving hang-up calls from a residence in Winters. The calls were recorded on the female's caller ID service. The female declined to pursue the matter further and the incident was only documented.

- received a report of a domestic disturbance in the 500 block of Alexander Street. Officers located a partially nude, intoxicated female screaming profanities and refusing to calm down. The female refused repeated requests to stop screaming profanities and calm down. The female was advised she was under arrest for a breach of the peace and then began fighting with officers. Tanya Essex of Winters was arrested for disorderly conduct and resisting arrest and taken to Runnels County Jail.

- during the same incident, the male involved in the domestic dispute began to be profane and scream and wouldn't reply with commands to calm down. Frank Ortiz of Winters was also arrested for disorderly conduct and taken to Runnels County Jail. While attempting to settle the dispute, officers observed drug paraphernalia inside the residence. A search warrant was obtained and a number of drug paraphernalia items were located within the residence along with under two ounces of marijuana. Charges are pending against both occupants of the residence for possession of drug paraphernalia and marijuana.

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



In 1996, those 60 and older represented 23 percent of the voting-age population and 23 percent of those who voted.

**Notice of Vote on Tax Rate**

The COUNTY OF RUNNELS conducted a public hearing on a proposal to increase the total tax revenues of the COUNTY OF RUNNELS from properties on the tax roll in the preceding year by 6.19% percent on AUGUST 30, 2000, 1:30 P.M. The RUNNELS COUNTY COURT is scheduled to vote on the tax rate that will result in that tax increase at a public meeting to be held on SEPTEMBER 12, 2000, at 10:00 A.M. at COMMISSIONERS COURTROOM





## Hunter's Camp

With Don Haley

### Confessions of a Wack-a-holic

Psychiatrist: "Good evening group and welcome to the weekly meeting of Wack-a-holic's Anonymous."

"We have a new member this evening. His name is Donald."

"As fellow Wack-a-holics, I don't have to tell you that Donald suffers from the inability to stop cutting limbs, branches, and bushes once he starts."

"I'll ask Donald to stand up and tell his story..."

"Hello... my name's Donald... and I'm a Wack-a-holic!"

Group: "H...e...l...l...o...o... Donald!"

"Well... I reckon what the Doc said is true enough."

"It all started several years back, with the big pyracantha bush in the backyard."

"I was just gonna give it a little trim. But when I got done whackin', that bush was shorn thinner 'n a ewe's fleece at a sheep shearin' convention."

"Then, there was the red oak trees in the front yard."

"Them overhangin', droopin', shade-givin' limbs drawin' me like a dried-out hippopotamus to a waterhole."

"And once I started, I couldn't stop."

"In the neighborhood, my yard was known as The End Zone, cause the only limbs the trees had left was those I couldn't reach — them that was goin' straight up, like the arms of a referee signalin' a touchdown!"

"After I had trimmed all the trees I owned, I started slippin' out at night and trimmin' my neighbors limbs — trimmin' anything within the reach of my clippers."

"I didn't care what I trimmed, I just knew I had to trim."

"And with no overhangin' limbs to shade the house, it was gettin' hotter 'n a hen in sack!"

"I guess the low point came when I sawed-off the last remainin' limb that was shadin' the back porch from the scorchin' west sun, with my wife and daugh-

ter hangin' on to my arm, beggin' me to just put the clippers down."

"But I couldn't stop — no matter how much I wanted too."

"As long as there was a limb within my grasp, I had to cling it. And the more I clipped, the more I wanted to clip."

"Sure, I said, I can quit anytime I want to."

"But, the truth was, I couldn't quit no matter how hard I tried."

"I lived to trim and trimmed to live, with the trees in my neighborhood standin' like flagpoles, silent testimony to the severity of my problem."

"But... as I stand before you tonight, I haven't wacked a limb or trimmed a bush in over three months..."

Group: Applause and standing ovation."

"Yep... and the road back ain't been an easy one. Fact is, it's been rougher 'n a wagon-rut in a drought."

"My wife sold all my tools at a garage sale and dogged me every second so's I couldn't get my hands on any new ones."

"I reckon she knew I'd hit the bottom when, havin' no saw or clippers to use she caught me sawin' on a limb with a butter knife."

"After that, she said if I didn't get help, she was gonna go live with her mother..."

Psychiatrist: Donald... what I believe you are saying is that professional help is the keep to treatment and cure."

"What I'm hearing is that my extensive analysis and expert psychotherapy methods allowed you to overcome your debilitating condition and stand before this group free of your addiction in record time!"

"Uh... well Doc... I reckon that's true enough."

"Course it shore did speed things up a might when my wife changed her mind and threatened to bring her mother here to live with us instead..."

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### Taylor County to host natural disaster seminar

*Is your town or city ready for a tornado or heavy thunderstorm disaster? Do you know what is involved? Who is responsible? What do you do first? Who can you call for help? What happens in those minutes immediately following a major natural disaster?*

"Master the Disaster," the Fourth Annual Regional Management Seminar of the Taylor County Local Emergency Planning Committee, will be held Saturday, October 14, 2000, from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. at the Big Country Hall, Taylor County Expo Center, in Abilene.

There is no registration fee for attendees. Lunch is optional at a \$5.50 charge at the door.

Guest speakers will be from the Texas Department of Public Service, FEMA, EPA, DEM, Dyess AFB, MCI Communications, American Red Cross, Dialogic Communication, Hendrick Hospital, Taylor County Sheriff's Office, Abilene City Emergency Management, and the Thunderstorm K9 Search and Rescue Team.

A special guest speaker will be the Fort Worth Emergency Manager who will discuss the 2000 tornado in downtown Fort Worth!

Panel discussions will offer experience and education in all fields dealing with weather-born natural disasters.

Please RSVP to Susie Stock at 673-4204 or 1-800-942-6286.

### Holistic resource management workshop scheduled for San Angelo

The lack of strategic planning with a Systems approach to management often presents problems for resource managers. Solutions to one issue will have unwanted effects on other parts of ranching enterprise, consequently, all possible reactions and impacts must be carefully considered in the planning process.

This "Systems" or "Holistic" approach to management will be the topic of a workshop scheduled for September 8 & 9.

The 2-day workshop is designed to introduce participants to the principles of holistic management and how to apply them in various situations. Topics such as goal setting, ecosystems functions, management tools, and decision making processes will be covered.

On crops not eligible for Federal Crop Insurance—

### FSA reminds farmers that notices of loss must be filed in a timely manner

Producers who have crops planted that are not eligible for insurance by Federal Crop Insurance are reminded that notices of loss must be filed within 15 days of the loss becoming apparent or 15 days after harvest in order to be eligible for any benefits under the NAP program.

Failure to file on time will make the producer ineligible and could affect the county eligibility since the number of notices of loss is a critical issue for approval of a NAP area by Washington.

Many producers have planted hay grazer and it appears that much of this crop will fail unless

it rains soon. Producers must file a notice of loss with our office within 15 days of the loss becoming apparent.

In many cases, that time is now. If the crop is not 100% dead, we cannot release it at this time. If it is planted and has not sprouted because of dry conditions, we cannot release the crop for other purposes.

If the crop is baled or grazed and the stubble is still alive, it cannot be released for other uses. If a crop is destroyed without our consent to release, the crop will not be eligible for NAP benefits.

At the time a notice of loss is

filed with our office, a Loss Adjuster will visit the crop to determine if the crop is 100% dead. If it is not completely dead, the Loss Adjuster will not release the crop. At a later date we will revisit that crop and make another determination. At this time, the only fields that can be released for other uses is a crop that is totally dead.

This applies not only to hay grazer but any other NAP crop. Make sure that you file notices of loss in a timely manner. Filing the notice after the crop has been destroyed will void any NAP eligibility.

### Charlie Stenholm to host annual FUNDay Saturday

Congressman Charlie and Cindy Stenholm will host FUNDay on Saturday, September 9, 2000, at the Ericksdahl Picnic Grounds east of Stamford. Festivities will begin at 4:30 p.m. and continue into the evening.

The annual event draws people from throughout the vast 17th Congressional District.

The program includes barbecue, entertainment, and drawing for flags flown over the U.S. Capitol. Entertainment will be provided by the Cooper Fiddlers from Cooper High School in Abilene.

"Cindy and I want to invite everyone to come and spend the day in Ericksdahl," said Stenholm. "FUNDay is a great time to meet new people and visit with old friends. In addition, a few of my colleagues will be visiting, and they need to know the concerns of the people here in West Texas."

Tickets for FUNDay, which remain at \$10 per person, will be available at the gate. Children's activities will also be provided.

For more information, contact the Stenholm campaign office at 1-800-391-0704.

### 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 should turn orders into their Ag. Science teachers by the September 14 deadline.

For the latest information on weather, crops & disaster assistance from the Texas Department of Agriculture:  
[www.agr.state.tx.us](http://www.agr.state.tx.us)

### Government solves the problem; get rid of the cattle guards!

*Editor's Note: The following information was printed in another small town paper in Texas. They were unable to verify the authenticity of this story, however, if nothing else, it gives us all a good laugh—when there's not much to laugh about in agriculture around here at the moment!*

For those who have never traveled to the great West, cattle guards are horizontal steel rails placed at fence openings on highways to prevent cattle from crossing.

For some reason the bovines will not step on the guards, probably because they fear getting their feet caught between the rails.

I need to make that clear in order for everyone to appreciate the following TRUE story.

President Clinton received a report that there were over 100,000 cattle guards in Colorado. Because Colorado ranchers protested his proposed changes in grazing policies, he ordered Secretary of Interior Bruce Babbitt to fire half of the guards immediately.

Before Babbitt could respond, and presumably straighten him out, Colorado's congresswoman, Pat Schroeder intervened with a request that before any were fired, they be given six months of re-training.

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