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**WELCOME BACK EXES!**  
**WHS HOMECOMING 2000**

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# The Winters Enterprise

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## First Homecoming weekend of the millennium busy with a host of festivities

Winters will celebrate its first homecoming of the millennium this weekend with game night festivities, reunions, and a school dance.

The Literary and Service Club will host their annual Turkey Dinner Friday from 5 to 7 p.m. in the school cafeteria. The meal includes turkey and dressing, gravy, yams, green beans, Texas toast,

homemade desserts, and a drink. Adult tickets are \$6 and children 6 and under are \$3. Takeouts will be available however, there will be no deliveries.

**The 2000 Homecoming and Coming Home Queens will be crowned Friday, September 22, at 7:30 p.m., which is one half hour prior to the 8 p.m. kickoff of the Blizzards vs. Wall Hawks**

### game in Blizzard Stadium.

Four WHS seniors are nominated for Homecoming Queen, and will be elected by the secondary school student body. Nominees are Jackye Dexter, Kendra Hope, Carmen Martinez, and Brittney Tekell. (See related story, page 4.)

A Homecoming King will be announced from the senior class

who will then crown the 2000 Homecoming Queen. Several past queens will assist with the crowning, as 1999 Homecoming Queen Paula Salas is now enlisted in the Navy and is based out-of-state.

Also prior to the game, the Coming Home Queen will be recognized by the Winters Ex-Student Association. Last year's hon-

oree was Kay Colburn, a 1951 graduate of Winters High School.

There will be a reception in the old gym following the football game hosted by the exes of the Class of 1970. All exes and their families, as well as guests, are encouraged to attend.

Blizzard fans are also invited to attend the high school pep rally at 3 p.m. on Friday in the gym.

A Homecoming dance for all junior high and high school students will be sponsored by Project Graduation on Saturday from 8 p.m. to midnight in the school cafeteria. Admission is \$3 for singles and \$5 for couples.

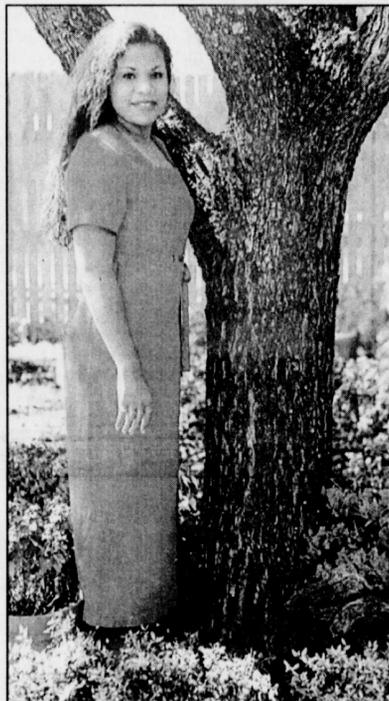
The WHS Class of 1970 will hold their thirty year class reunion on Saturday evening at The Shed in Wingate.



*Jackye Dexter*



*Kendra Hope*



*Carmen Martinez*



*Brittney Tekell*



**A 1993 FORD TEMPO** driven by Julia Ayala rests atop a mound of dirt on East Pierce Street. The front end of the car struck Ballinger plumber Joe Martinez who was working on sewer lines in the ditch. Martinez suffered several injuries and was airlifted from North Runnels Hospital to San Angelo Community Medical Center following the incident last Friday.

## Ballinger plumber seriously injured in freak accident in Winters

A Ballinger plumber is in intensive care at San Angelo Community Medical Center after a freak accident in Winters last Friday.

Joe Martinez, 70, was working on sewer lines he had dug up in the middle of East Pierce Street at the corner of Enterprise at 3:15 p.m. on September 15, 2000.

Martinez was standing in the approximately 5 feet deep ditch in the middle of the street when a 1993 Ford Tempo driven by Julia Ayala, 78, of Winters,

drove up over a 3-foot mound of dirt in front of the ditch and high centered the vehicle, striking Martinez. He was rushed to North Runnels Hospital by NRH EMS and was later transferred to San Angelo Community Medical Center by AirMed I, an emergency medical helicopter.

As of press time Tuesday, Martinez was listed in stable condition in the Intensive Care Unit at Community. According to information obtained from the Martinez family, he suffered a head laceration broken ribs, a

fractured arm, a broken collar bone, and blood in a lung.

According to police reports from the incident, no barriers had been placed around the area marking the work, however the mound of dirt stretched over halfway across the street. Ms. Ayala told police she noticed the dirt and tried to move around it but was unable to avoid running through the mound.

Ms. Ayala was cited by Winters police for failure to control speed.

## Gas pipelines being replaced 1970 pipelines recalled due to fusion problems

Residents of Winters may notice several neon orange markings on streets and sidewalks as well as backhoes and other heavy equipment.

Employees of the city water department have been busy earmarking the locations of water lines as part of a project between Texas Utilities Companies (TXU) and the Texas Railroad Commission (TRC).

Matt Lewis, Certified Energy Manager in the TXU office in San Angelo, said the current activity is part of the Poly I Program in which the Railroad Commission is locating and replacing gas pipelines made of a specific type of plastic referred to as Poly I, installed in 1970.

According to Lewis, the issue

with the Poly I pipeline is a fusion problem when cutting and installing a T-valve. "If you're not fusing on it, the pipe is o.k.," Lewis explains. Apparently when the pipe is heated and fused, over time, the fuse failed to hold prop-

erly. The replacement program began several years ago and involved extensive record and map searches for every construction job done in Texas in 1970.

See PIPELINES, page 8

## City lifts water restrictions

Although Winters has had no significant rainfall since early June, the City of Winters has lifted all restrictions for water usage, according to a statement issued by City Manager Aref Hassan.

Hassan said the City has approximately 16-17 months of water supply at this time but because water consumption is much lower in the winter, the restriction is now lifted.

"If we need to go back to rationing in the spring, then we will," Hassan said. "If at a future See WATER, page 8

## WHAT'S HAPPENING ?

- Sept. 21-11:30 a.m., Sr. Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center
- Noon, Appreciation Luncheon & Training for Outreach Volunteers, First United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall
- 2 p.m., Pep Rally, Gym
- 5 & 6:30 p.m., Jr. High vs. Wall, Here
- 6:30 p.m., JV vs. Wall, There
- Sept. 22-11:30 a.m., Sr. Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center
- 5-7 p.m., Literary & Service Club Turkey Dinner, School Cafeteria
- 7:30 p.m., Cowboys for Christ, Drasco
- 8 p.m., MILLENNIUM HOMECOMING, Varsity vs. Wall, Here
- WHS Class of 1970 Reunion
- Sept. 23-8 a.m.-4 p.m., Velma Sudduth Fundraiser, across from Dairy Queen
- 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Lions Club Chicken Dinner To Go, Lawrence Bros.
- 6 p.m., A Story "Old Fort Chadbourne," Fort Chadbourne Ranch
- 7 p.m., Winters Squares, Community Center
- 8 p.m.-12 a.m., Project Graduation Dance, Cafeteria
- Cross-Country Teams at Seabee Park, Abilene
- Big Country Youth Day, Hardin-Simmons University, Abilene
- Sept. 24-6 p.m., Fourth Sunday Singing, Moro Baptist Church
- Sept. 25-9:30-10:30 a.m., SS Rep, Winters Housing Authority
- 11:30 a.m., Sr. Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center
- 5:45 p.m., 4-H, Catholic Church Hall
- 6 p.m., City Council, City Hall
- 7 p.m., Wingate Masonic Lodge
- 7 p.m., VFW & Auxiliary, Post Home
- 7:30 p.m., School Board, Administration Building
- Sept. 26-11:30 a.m., Sr. Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center
- Noon, Lions Club, Community Center
- 7 p.m., Athletic Boosters, Blizzard Fieldhouse
- 7 p.m., WVFD, Fire Station
- WVFD Auxiliary
- Sept. 27-7 a.m., Industrial Board, Chamber Office
- 9 a.m., Horsemen for Christ, Winters High School
- 11:30 a.m., Sr. Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center
- 12:05 p.m., Horsemen for Christ, Winters Jr. High
- 6:30 p.m., Youth Rally & Pizza Party, Horsemen for Christ, WHS Auditorium
- Sept. 28-11:30 a.m., Sr. Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center
- 5 p.m., Hale Museum Board
- 5 & 6:30 p.m., Jr. High vs. Sonora, Here
- 6:30 p.m., JV vs. Sonora, There

## Oil Bidness

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I, like many others I know, read various business newspapers, magazines, websites, and other publications to gain insight on business. Recently, I have heard a theory espoused in several places that makes me wonder if I should every take anything I read in one of these publications as seriously as I have in the past.

The comments to which I refer pertain to the oil and gas business, as you might expect. The ideas being kicked around strike me as almost bizarre, even though I might take them seriously if I didn't know a little about the business they are discussing.

The particular subject of these commentaries is the major oil sector of the oil and gas business.

Typically, the discussion will begin by saying how stagnant share prices of oil and gas companies have been despite record product prices. This part I agree with, but it is what comes next that sets my head spinning.

In explaining the thesis that oil shares are about to skyrocket, the commentators will mention about how petroleum companies are now expected to show a return on their invested capital that is commensurate with other industries. As we have discussed in this very space, cashflow is no longer enough for investors.

This is the where it becomes harder to follow.

In the interest of showing a stronger profit, major companies are cutting back on the amount of capital being spent on finding new reserves, according to the discussions. In fact, these pundits will highlight how poorly the major companies did in replacing their production with new reserves. Then, they brag about it as a sure-fire sign the companies will be more profitable in the future!

Profits suffer less if capital is not spent, for sure. There is greater cashflow with less expenditures. (Capital is not treated the same as operating expenses, so the effect is less than 1:1 on profits, but that is a topic worthy of a discussion of its own.)

The very idea that oil companies would stop looking for additional sources of production just to show greater paper profits stretches the imagination, in my opinion. Without replacing reserves, companies are liquidating and will be able to produce less in the future.

Taken to the extreme, a company will eventually have a last year of greater profits before all of its reserves run out. Then what?

In what quarter or year will these companies begin to look for more reserves? Each quarter's profits are important, so when will these companies risk the ire of stock market analysts by actually

investing in their future?

All of this goes to show you that so-called expert commentators don't necessarily know what they are talking about when it comes to a complicated business.

Certainly, in this case, there has to be some doubt that increasing profits today at the expense of the future would be the chosen path for each and every major oil and gas company. But, not one of these commentaries I read even bothered to mention the possibility that someone might not be that dumb.

### HIGHLIGHTS OF AREA DRILLING ACTIVITY

#### COMPLETIONS

##### Callahan County

Tracker Mineral has completed the J.W. Evans-B-#8 in the County Regular Field (7 miles S of Clyde) at an initial rate of 18 BOPD & 1 BWPD in the Moutray formation (perms 1028-1033). Loc. is 1119 FEL & 1206 FSL of Sec. 5, BBB&C Sur.

##### Nolan County

Walter Exploration has completed the Pace #6701 in the Sprague Field (12 miles SE of Sweetwater) at an initial rate of 27 BOPD & 35 BWPD in the Flippen (perms 3634-42). Loc. is 467 FSL & 1925 FWL of Sec. 67, Blk. 20, T&PRR Sur., A-338.

#### STAKINGS

##### Callahan County

HOFCO has staked the Harris-B-#3 in the Jane's Field, 8 miles NW of Cross Plains (Depth 1999). Loc. is 4380 FWL & 900 FSL of Sec. 221, J.H. Pickens Sur., A-282.

Nosivad Oil has staked the Job Ranch #1 in the County Regular Field, 5 miles N of Oplin (Depth 1999). Loc. is 330 FNL & 1850 FEL of G.W. Denton Sur. No. 347, A-132.

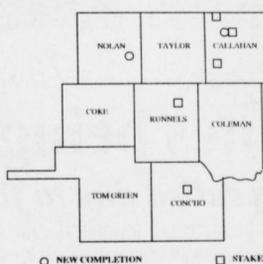
Tracker Mineral has staked the J.W. Evans-B-#9 in the County Regular Field, 7 miles S of Clyde (Depth 1500). Loc. is 712 FEL & 1010 FSL of Sec. 5, BBB&C Sur.

##### Concho County

The Pickens Company has staked the Stansberry Heirs #6 in the East Brady Mountain Field, 5 miles N of Eden (Depth 3500). Loc. is 552 FNL & 2535 FWL of Sec. 11, Blk. 20, IRR Sur., A-504.

##### Runnels County

Thunderbolt Oil & Gas, Inc. has staked the E. Cole #9 in the West Sykes Field, 7 miles NE of Winters (Depth 4000). Loc. is 1100 FSEL & 2750 FNEL of T. J. Hardeman Sur. No. 267, A-234.



WINDS REACHING 60 mph last week caused damage to dry, brittle trees around the city. While Abilene received more than two inches of rain during the storm of September 12, Winters remains dry.

## Lions Club selling BBQ chicken plates Sept. 23

The Winters Lions Club will be selling "To Go" plates of half a barbecued chicken, beans and potato salad on Saturday, September 23, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the parking lot of Lawrence Brothers IGA supermarket. Cost is \$5.00 per plate.

Proceeds will be used for the eye bank, eyeglasses for the needy, Winters food pantry, Ministerial Alliance, Boy Scouts, and other community projects.



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## Obituaries

### Margaret Elizabeth Rountree

STEPHENVILLE—Margaret Elizabeth Rountree, 76, died Wednesday, July 12, 2000, at the Canterbury Villa Nursing Home in Stephenville.

She was born July 16, 1923, in Chattanooga, Tennessee. She married Bill Rountree on March 3, 1945, in Dalton, Georgia. She was a member of First Baptist Church and Eastern Star. She was a retired bookkeeper.

Survivors include her husband, Bill Rountree of Stephenville and a 1936 Winters High School graduate; two daughters, Jean Steel and husband Tommy of Corpus Christi and Karen and husband Cy Buchanan of Buda; three sisters, Frances Roden of Fort Payne, Alabama, Dorris O'Brien of Tampa, Florida, and Jean Davis of Chattanooga, Tennessee; two grandchildren, Shannon Steel and Brittany Buchanan; seven sisters-in-law; and several nieces and nephews.

Services were held at 10:30 a.m. Friday, July 14, at the First Baptist Church in Stephenville with Dr. Dan Murray and Reverend Emil Becker officiating. Burial followed in the Gardens of Memory Cemetery in Stephenville under the direction of Lacy Funeral Home of Stephenville.

Memorials may be made to the Canterbury Villa Nursing Home Activity Fund or the First Baptist Church of Stephenville.

### H.A. "Henry" Bredemeyer

ODESSA—H.A. "Henry" Bredemeyer, 76, longtime resident of Odessa, passed away Thursday morning, September 7, 2000, at Methodist Hospital in Houston.

He was born August 16, 1924, in Wastella, Texas, to August and Selma Bredemeyer. He married Lois Whitley on February 4, 1951, in Crews.

Mr. Bredemeyer was a devoted and loving husband, father and papa. He retired from Texas American Oil Company in 1985 and was a member of Belmont Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Lois Bredemeyer of Odessa; two sons, Randy Bredemeyer and wife Cathy of Odessa, and Brady Bredemeyer and wife Sherri of Odessa; four grandchildren, Linda Monk and husband Craig, and Brandon, Blake, and Hunter Bredemeyer, all of Odessa; one great-grandchild, Courtney Monk of Odessa; and two sisters, Selma Conway of Ballinger and Lela Futtrell of Abilene.

Services were at 10:00 a.m. Saturday, September 9, at Belmont Baptist Church in Odessa with Rev. Rex Clayton officiating. Burial was at 4:30 p.m. at the Lutheran Cemetery in Winters. Services were directed by Hubbard-Kelly Funeral Home of Odessa.

Honorary pallbearers were Rog Bagwell, Moon Mullins, Vernon McCartney, N.A. Richardson, Ray Harvill, Bill Pinkston, Bob Swinney, and Jack Munn.

## Club members hear reports on overseas trips by members

The Literary and Service Club met Thursday, September 14, in the home of Eris Beard with Mary Jane Blackshear assisting as hostess. Each member brought a salad dish.

Eris Beard presided over the business meeting. Year book renewal pages were passed out and future plans discussed.

On September 22, the Literary and Service club will host the annual homecoming turkey dinner

at the school cafeteria. Darlene Sims gave an interesting report on her trip to Europe. Selma Wilkerson gave a report on Australia.

Those present at Thursday's meeting were Noma Eoff, Bobbie Jackson, Jean Owen, Darlene Sims, Selma Wilkerson, Ruth Cooper, Eris Beard, Mary Jane Blackshear, and two visitors Joyce Broadstreet and Mary Wilson.

### Troy L. Carter, M.D.

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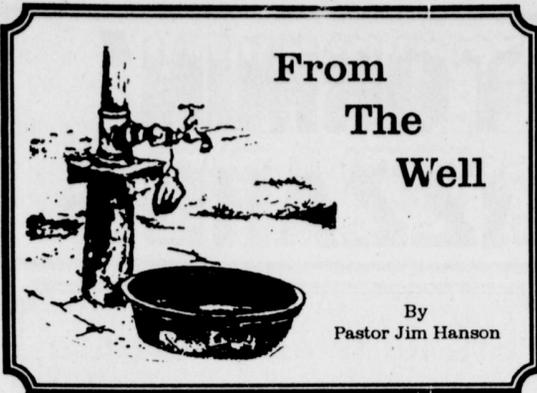
## Daily Lunch Specials

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## From The Well

By  
Pastor Jim Hanson



Pastor Jim Hanson

This past Thursday, I had a really good morning. Ever since we left Winters, I had been missing something in my life—something that has been very important to me: the minister's meeting. For 45 years, wherever we have lived, I have been a member of the local minister's association. Or Ministerial Alliance. Whatever you want to call it, it is the meeting, the coming together of local clergy. Anyway, on Thursday morning, I was a guest of the Canton, South Dakota Ministerial Association. Our son, Nathan, is a member. He invited me to come.

The meeting started with a prayer. Then the Bible study. The text was Mark 8:27-38. Many in that group would be preaching that text the following Sunday. But discussion was not to help them prepare their sermons. Rather, to personally get into that Word of God and apply it to themselves. There was a lot of confession. A lot of insight. A great deal of sharing, as they considered "If any man would come after me, let him deny himself, take up his cross and follow."

The catholic priest, 76 years old, a man of wisdom, raised the question, "What does salvation mean to you?" and the group was off and running. All agreed salvation meant more than making a decision to accept Jesus. It had to mean *discipleship*—to follow Jesus. Every day. And to grow in that relationship. The Superintendent of schools, a layman, was there that day...and did not hesitate to participate. Of course, I had to enter the conversation too. I may be retired from St. John's, but I'm never retired from discipleship.

It was so refreshing. So renewing! The Spirit of God opened everyone up—all participated. As equals. There was no "one-up-manship." Just mutual conversation...and consolation. Like Martin Luther once said, "the mutual conversation and consolation of the brethren (referring to clergy) is truly a sacrament of God." The fellowship is "divine," when we come together to receive the Word of God...and each other. Here I was, perfect stranger to most in the room...and they accepted me and my participation.

When they finished their chief business...the first order of the meeting was prayer and scripture—they moved on. A full agenda, involving "See You at the Pole"—a youth gathering on September 20 before school. Just like Winters. A possible Assembly Program at the school featuring a Christian Bodyguard...one who had been the protector of such folks as Tim Allen, Arnold Schwarzenegger, Bob Hope, and Julia Roberts. Crop Walk (Christian Rural Overseas Program.) A Disaster Drill—in case of grave emergency at the hospital that would want to use the services of clergy. A community Thanksgiving service...this year Father Larry of St. Dominio's Catholic Church will be preaching at the Canton Lutheran Church. In all the world, I could have been sitting at the table in the Baptist Church in Winters, Texas. The faces were different. But the Spirit and the agenda were the same. And the commitment.

As I reflected on it, in all 45 years in the ministry...it has been the same for me. In each of the places we served: Hardin, Montana; Glendive, Montana; Crookston, Minnesota; Odessa, Texas and Winters, Texas...the same! What a blessing! Just like the hymn, "Blest Be the Tie that Binds." These words especially: "Before our Father's throne, we pour our ardent prayers. Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our comforts and our cares. We share our mutual woes, our mutual burdens bear..."

Like Psalm 133: "Behold, how good and pleasant it is when brothers dwell in unity! It is like the precious oil on the head! "The anointing of God's Spirit."

What a blessing for the community, when the ministers come together—to pray, to study, and work together for God and community. And, thank You, God, for the privilege of being a partner in the Ministerial Alliance—wherever I have been!

## Applications available for early voting

The County Clerk's Office is now accepting applications for early voting by mail for the November 7 General Election.

A qualified voter is eligible for early voting by mail if the voter has a disability, is 65 years of age or older, or is confined in jail under certain conditions. A qualified voter is also eligible for early voting by mail if the voter expects to be absent from the county on election day and during the regular hours for conducting early voting.

The County Clerk's Office will be accepting applications through October 31, 2000.

Any qualified voter will be eligible for early voting by personal appearance in the County Clerk's Office beginning October 23 through November 3, 2000, 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Early voting will also be conducted Sunday, October 29, between the hours of noon and 5:00 p.m. at the County Clerk's Office in Ballinger and also at the Runnels County Tax Office in Winters.

For further information or to request an application for early voting by mail, please contact the County Clerk's Office at 365-2720.

## Class of 1970 to host 30th reunion this 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. The exes from the Class of '70 will host the 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 BYOB social is planned in the Shed Pavilion following the meal.

## Winters Woman's Club plans annual Chicken Spaghetti Supper

The Winters Woman's Club met September 12, in the home of Pat Ambrose. Teresa Briley, Marthiel Russell, and Horte Joyce assisted with hostess duties.

Phyllis Boles presided. Guests introduced were Joyce Broadstreet, Joyce Carberry, and Beulah Harrison.

Sandy Griffin, chairman of the yearbook committee, presented the books to members. She also distributed scrapbooks for everyone to see.

Cheryl Bryan of the Ways and Means Committee, distributed



JOE HOWARD WILLIAMSON, president of Horsemen for Christ, will speak to Winters teens next week at youth rallies for Winters junior high and high school students.

## Horsemen for Christ to educate and minister to Winters teens in assemblies on September 27 and October 1

The Winters Ministerial Alliance has invited the Horsemen for Christ to lead the community in a time of spiritual renewal. The group will meet in assemblies with junior high and high school students on Wednesday, September 27.

At 6:30 that evening the youth will be invited back to the school auditorium for a worship service and pizza party. A community-wide service will be held Sunday evening, October 1, at Blizzard Stadium.

The Horsemen's services are directed primarily to minister to teenagers and educate students about the "Law of Diminishing Returns" concerning sexual promiscuity and use of drugs and alcohol.

The daytime program, titled "SmartTalk" is a secular rally at the secondary schools. The assembly will begin with songs of a non-Christian nature and are used to warm-up the kids and get them involved.

A 20-25 minute talk will follow dealing with the dangers of alcohol, drugs, promiscuous sex,

the unreliability of condoms, sexual abuse, and suicide. No mention of God or Jesus is made during the daytime rally. The speaker challenges the kids to take a hard look at their lives and makes them think.

Joe Howard Williamson is the president of Horsemen for Christ and the principal speaker. He has a dynamic testimony about his personal experience of knowing God through Jesus Christ and how God saved him out of a life of drugs and alcohol.

He is a rancher in Archer County and has been in the horse industry for over 30 years. He can identify with rural youth and has an exciting message, tinged with humor, to leave kids with the knowledge that there is hope in a seemingly hopeless world.

Williamson will be joined by his wife Tracy. Her dynamic testimony of victorious Christian living after experiences of abuse leading to abortion goes like an arrow to the heart of America's teens. Her quiet, straightforward words send a powerful message to the heart of young people seeking right answers in a confusing world.

Billy Bob White, is a talented

worship leader and founder of Warrior Ministries, who is well known across Texas, Oklahoma, and Colorado. In the summer of 1995, White followed the call to full time ministry and since then has had the opportunity to lead worship in hundreds of settings. One such opportunity being Grace, a Bible study in Abilene that is attended weekly by over 1,400 students.

White grew up in Graham and gave his life to Christ at the age of seven. Thirteen years later while attending his first semester at Hardin Simmons University he began to have the desire to play the piano and lead people in worship through music.

"I would highly recommend this program to any group or organization that is looking for an effective alcohol and drug prevention program," said David McNew, principal in Midway ISD in Henrietta. "It is my opinion that the only way to change a destructive behavior is to alter a person's belief system and this program does that better than any I have ever seen."

The entire Winters community is invited to the Sunday evening service on Sunday, October 1.

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**EIGHTH GRADER** Adrian Lozano (#34) finds an opening for "big yardage" for the Breezes in last week's battle against the Mason Punchers. Seen blocking for Lozano is #7 Pete Griffin. The Breezes host Wall tonight at Blizzard Stadium.

**Five WHS runners medal in cross-country meet at Jim Ned**

Four Blizzards and one Lady Blizzard medaled in the Indian Run at Jim Ned last Saturday.

Jimmy Rodriguez won the race while Tim Fenwick, Artemio Lopez, and Tony Aguero also brought home individual medals. The Blizzards won the meet followed by Breckenridge and Jim Ned.

The Lady Blizzards finished 7th, while Marie Llanas medaled for Winters. Ballinger won the girls division.

Winters will travel to the Abilene on Saturday, September 23, to run in the McMurry University Cross-country meet at Seabee Park. The girls will compete at 9:30 a.m. followed by the boys at 10:50 a.m.

Last week's results are as follows (short course):

**Lady Blizzards**  
Marie Llanas, 11:07  
Briana Parramore, 11:19  
Stacey Sneed, 11:54  
Lacey Meyer, 12:31  
Kirby Hatler, 12:49  
Macy Hopson, 13:21  
Stacey Walden, 13:51  
Priscilla Ontiveros, 13:52  
Kari Walker, 14:07

**Blizzards**  
Jimmy Rodriguez, 1st, 15:57  
Tim Fenwick, 18:25  
Artemio Lopez, 18:36  
Tony Aguero, 18:38  
Juan Santos, 19:04  
Eric Lopez, 21:42  
Benji Valles, 22:01  
G.G. Hernandez, 23:15

## Students of the Month

Each month the junior high teachers select students from the 7th and 8th grades to be Boy and Girl of the Month. These selections are made on the basis of academics, leadership, and citizenship.

Della LaBedelle has been selected as "Girl of the Month" for September 2000. She is the daughter of Vera and Curtis Jackson.

Della, 13, is in the eighth grade and enjoys health and social studies.

She has been involved in Girl Scouts and plays softball.

Her hobbies include spending time with friends, going shopping, and chatting on the Internet.

In her spare time, she enjoys watching TV and playing on the computer.

Her duties include babysitting, folding clothes, and washing dishes.

She plans to attend college to become a lawyer.

Della most admires her mom, dad, and uncles because they always encourage her to do anything that is important to her.



**Della LaBedelle**  
September  
Girl of the Month



**Cody Pritchard**  
September  
Boy of the Month

Cody Pritchard has been chosen as the "Boy of the Month" for September 2000. He is the son of Johnny and Deb Pritchard and Leta Pritchard of Houston.

Cody, 13, is in the eighth grade and enjoys math and athletics.

His honors include several showmanship awards for exhibiting livestock. He is treasurer of the Winters 4-H Club and a member of Winters FFA.

His hobbies include playing sports, hunting and fishing.

In his spare time, he enjoys watching TV and playing Nintendo 64.

His duties include taking care of the animals, farm work, and folding the laundry.

His future plans are to attend college and study to be an ag. teacher.

Cody most admires his family because they always support him in all that he does.

## 2000 Homecoming Queen to be crowned in ceremony Friday night before football game

One of four lovely young ladies representing the senior class from Winters High School will be crowned 2000 Homecoming Queen at 7:30 p.m. prior to the kickoff of Friday night's football game. The 2000 Homecoming King, announced just prior to the presentation of queen candidates, will crown this year's queen.

Candidates selected by the secondary school student body include Jackye Dexter, Kendra Hope, Carmen Martinez, and Brittney Tekell.

Jackye is the 18-year-old daughter of Debra Dexter and Tim Dexter of Saginaw, Michigan. While at WHS she has been involved in cross-country, basketball, track, student council, and cheerleading. She has been a Glacier queen candidate and football sweetheart candidate and was chosen class favorite her sophomore year. She is senior class secretary and WHS student council representative for her class.

She is a member of St. John's Lutheran Church and has volunteered with the Winters Woman's Club Ladies Night Out. Following her graduation in May, Jackye plans to attend Texas Tech University and study pediatric nursing.

Jackye will be escorted by her grandfather Archie Austin.

Kendra is the 18-year-old daughter of Brenda and Wendall Anderson and the late Kenny Hope. While at WHS she has been active in basketball, softball, cross-country, and track, band, cheerleading, student council, Blizz newspaper staff, and UIL literary teams.

Her honors include being chosen class favorite her freshman year. She was named first team all-district basketball her sophomore year. Offensive Player of the Year, first team all-regional and

all-state basketball by the Texas Coaches' magazine her junior year.

She was named second team all-district softball her sophomore year and first team all-district softball her junior year. She is head cheerleader for 2000-01.

She is a member of the Church of Christ youth group and has volunteered for Christmas In April and Meals-on-Wheels. Following graduation she plans to attend college and work towards a degree in education.

Kendra will be escorted by her step-dad Wendall Anderson.

Carmen is the 17-year-old daughter of Danny and Dora Martinez. While at WHS she has been active in softball, student council, Future Homemakers of America, and the Fellowship for Christian Athletes.

Her junior year she was named honorable mention all-district softball and was crowned 2000

Glacier Queen.

She is a member of First Baptist Church and has been active in their youth group. She has volunteered at FBC Vacation Bible School the past three summers.

She plans to attend Howard Payne University following graduation in May to study public relations.

Carmen will be escorted by her father Danny Martinez.

Brittney is the 17-year-old daughter of Nathan and Teressa Tekell.

She has been active in basket-

ball, softball, golf, UIL news-writing, and the Blizz newspaper staff. She serves as Social Editor of the school newspaper staff.

She is a member of the First Baptist Church of Winters and assisted with their Vacation Bible School. She has volunteered with Meals on Wheels and participated in the Relay for Life an American Cancer Society benefit.

She plans to attend Texas Tech University to study journalism and elementary education.

Brittney will be escorted by her father Nathan Tekell.

**2000-2001 Varsity Football Schedule**

Sept. 1	Menard	H	8:00	27-21
Sept. 8	Goldthwaite	T	8:00	7-24
Sept. 15	Mason	T	8:00	10-34
Sept. 22*	Wall*	H	8:00	
Sept. 29	Sonora	H	8:00	
Oct. 13	Hawley▲	T	7:30	
Oct. 20	Bangs▲	H	7:30	
Oct. 27	Jim Ned▲	T	7:30	
Nov. 3	Coleman▲	H	7:30	
Nov. 10	Cisco▲	T	7:30	

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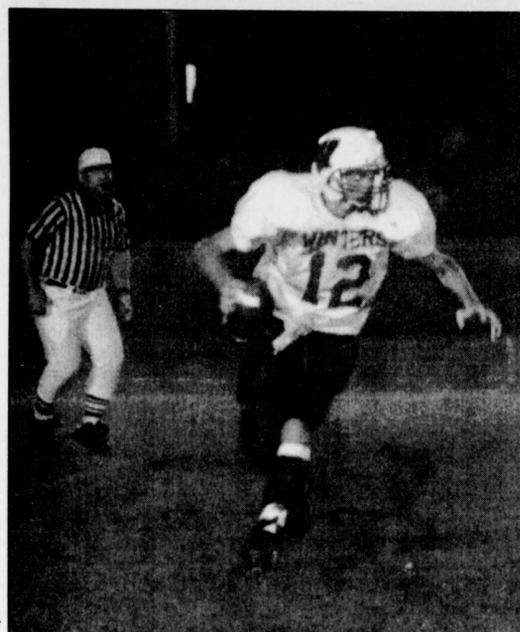
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# ON THE FIELD AND IN THE CLASSROOM



**JOSH MINZENMAYER**, Blizzard varsity quarterback, scrambles before the pass against the Mason Punchers.

## Fumble, interception costly to Blizzards Lose 34-10 to Mason; face Wall at homecoming this Friday

Still unable to gel solidly as a team, the Winters Blizzards fell to the Mason Punchers 34-10 in a non-conference game Friday evening, pushing the Blizzards' record to 1-2 for the season.

Winters got on the scoreboard first early in the first quarter with a 35-yard field goal by Jeffrey Oats. The Punchers answered quickly with a 1-yard touchdown run and PAT run with 5:16 on the clock, followed by a 6-yard touchdown pass in the second quarter. The PAT failed and the Punchers led 14-3.

With 1:25 left in the first half, Aaron Pritchard scampered in for the Blizzard touchdown on a 70-yard pass reception. Oats split the uprights again on the point-after, and the score stood at Mason 14, Winters 10, as the teams retired for the half.

Shortly into the third quarter, Mason recovered a Blizzard fumble in the end zone, adding fuel to the Punchers' fire. The PAT was good and the lead widened

at least six weeks. Running back Jose Vega suffered a severe ankle sprain and will be sidelined for an undetermined time. Defensive secondary Jason Esquivel will be out for the next 2-3 weeks with a strained shoulder.

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LAST WEEK  
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20-10	19-11	18-12	18-12	17-13

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Mrs. Bible has 11 years of teaching experience and began her career in Boerne teaching high school English. She then taught English in Coleman, Ennis, Tyler Chapel Hill, Greenwood Middle School, and Stanton Jr. High.

She and husband Joe have one son, Kyle, age 9, and are expecting a second child in January 2001. Joe is a sales representative. The family is Methodist.

Mrs. Bible enjoys reading, sewing, and camping in her spare time.

### Eighth grade falls to Mason

by Coach Zack Boxell

The eighth grade Winters Breezes fell short to Mason last week, 12-0.

**1st Quarter:** The Breezes controlled the ball for most of the period. We put together a long drive running the football out of the wishbone.

We drove the ball down to the Punchers' 10 yard line, threaten-

See EIGHTH, page 7

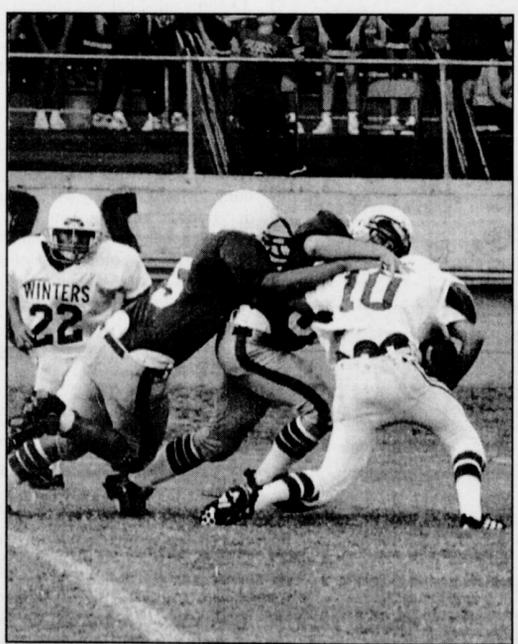
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Visitors should park on the northeast side of the stadium.

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



**JORDAN SANCHEZ #10** gains good yardage during last week's contest between the 7th grade Breezes and the Punchers from Mason. At left is #22 Frank Perez for Winters.

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## Poe's Corner

By Charlsie Poe

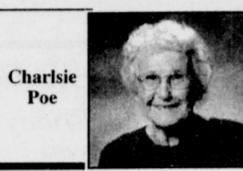
# A reunion of sorts

*Editor's note: Charlsie shares another letter from Alex Orr. While in Houston there was a reunion of sorts. Joe Tom Strother, Euel G. (Bo) Byers, Jerry Dry, Thurman England and I met at Goode Company (a seafood restaurant) for lunch. This came about because Joe and I had been talking about it for some time through e-mails. It started as an idea then just grew and grew to the point that we knew that it had to be a reality. I am so glad that we got together as I recently learned that Jerry Dry passed away since our meeting.*

Joe and I had talked about our recalling memories—recollections—from our growing up days there in Winters. We talked of those things at our luncheon and as I promised to you, I am now reducing them to writing for you to pass on to some who remember from the past as well as those coming along later who may enjoy knowing of what happened in those wonderful days which are so vivid in the minds of those who lived them.

Joe Strother and I were talking of some interesting things which had happened at their house. One in particular had to do with the time that a burglar broke into their place. From Joe: "As long as we lived in Winters we never bothered to lock a door, even when we went on vacations to Dallas and Jacksonville.

In all of my sixteen years there was only one case of someone entering our house while we were asleep. Our older brother, Archie, was doing the remodeling of our kitchen and back porch in 1936. The wooden floors were torn out



Charlsie Poe

and the floor joists were left bare. Dad was awakened in the middle of the night by a noise he heard. He turned on the bedroom light to investigate and was in no hurry since nothing ever happened to really alarm us. When he turned on the light the burglar started getting out in a hurry. Dad heard a loud expletive by the burglar who fell between the open floor joists. Dad didn't try to catch him as the man was off and running."

By e-mail John Strother adds that their Dad got his double barrel shotgun and put a couple of shots into a large lilac bush outside. Mr. Scaggs, who lived across the street, heard the commotion and called Nate Terry, Chief of Police, who got nothing except maybe skinned shins, but he apparently learned his lesson as he never came back nor bothered any other house, as far as we know.

From Joe Strother: "I remember the time that Jess Wetzel hired John and me to dig a water well in his back yard. The hole was 24 or 36 inches in diameter. We dug with a grubbing hoe and shovel. Dirt was lifted out with a three or five gallon bucket—heavy too. We got down in the hole on a ladder—there was nothing to keep the walls of the hole from caving in on us. There was no OSHA in those days.

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## Letters to the Editor

# Citizen supports Dr. Hassan's efforts as City Manager

Dear Editor,

Where in the world have these people been that are trying to get Dr. Hassan's salary cut.

I for one can tell you Dr. Hassan is CEO of the biggest business in the town "The City of Winters."

Dr. Hassan has in the last 8 years:

1.) Torn many old business buildings and houses down to make the city cleaner.

2.) Has watched every penny spent for improvement of Winters so other new business can come to Winters and go into business.

3.) Has cleaned up West Dale so Dr. Danny can be proud of where his practice is located.

4.) Has brought grant money in to Winters for Lee Colburn and Ted Meyer Parks, so our citizens can have a place to play. The lack of rainfall has been a downer for all people of Winters.

5.) Currently working on projects to keep our lake with clean water so we can have a drink of water.

When Dr. Hassan first came to Winters, I read his resume in *The Winters Enterprise*. I told someone we would never keep him but he loves West Texas & West Tex-

as and he is still here. Thank the Lord!!!

If you people would just get out and ride around in our town you will see many changes, some that I don't even know about.

We have a good police force. I never call that they are not always here in five minutes. That is so good because I'm a widow and love the secure feeling I get from the police force. The police force is just one of the businesses the Dr. Hassan operates.

The water works is another business Dr. Hassan is CEO of Jack Davis Jr. and his crew are always ready to help any citizens. Also the street crew is ready to help.

What about this Dr. (Ph.D.) who is our City Manager and doing a fine job, if everyone will look around and get out and help Dr. Hassan keep our city, parks, lake clean. Dr. Hassan needs all the help he can get from our citizens.

I don't think we pay him enough. You people that criticize need to go to City Hall and visit to find out all the projects Dr. Hassan is working on for the better of the city. Good clean water

for our town is just one of the projects.

I love Winters, Winters is my town. I try to help Winters in every way I can. Our farmers, ranchers, and everyone are hurting from the dry weather. This is a town where we need team work to keep our city alive, not someone to sit at home and bad mouth.

Bobby Airhart thought enough of Winters to build a new bank here—that's progress. We have a new post office that is great. Someone reminded me that this was the third post office for me in Winters. Gosh, am I that old. I don't feel that old.

Why do you think all these people in town are hauling all this water around to water grass and trees—because Winters is home to them and they are proud of it.

We have new people who have moved to town in the last five years. They can see that we care about our town that progresses.

There are so many people in this town that need our help, senior citizens, youth can always use our help. So get out and do something to help others. Look at that beautiful West Texas sky, it will make you feel better about

everything—the dry weather. Our sunsets and sunrises are the most beautiful. You will not find any other in the world.

Try it you will feel better. Let's go forward with our vision of a better town with the help of Dr. Hassan. Our industrial board needs all the help it can get to promote Winters, so work at the Hale Museum or the Rock Hotel. They need your help or volunteer. We can do this. I know we can.

Just remember you are just as happy as you make yourself. So do something for someone else and you will be proud of yourself.

As John Dry said when he moved back to Winters from Abilene, "I can't operate in Abilene like I can in Winters where everyone knows me."

Our school system is one of the best in the state. Our hospital and three doctors all are good. We have so many things to be proud of including our newspaper. I could go on and on. Our churches are great and doing a good job of taking care of the people in Winters. What more can we ask of a town.

Hattie Belle Bishop

# Citizen speaks of a strange chain of events

Dear Editor,

Notes had been prepared to address the City of Winters Council meeting on proposed tax and water use increases for the 2000-2001 budget year, my notes opposed these increases.

On August 17, at approximately 5 p.m. I entered the Wes-T-Go Store and ordered food to take home to my wife before attending the Council meeting which was to start at 6 p.m. this day.

I had laid a black folder down at the booth while waiting for the food, it contained all my notes for the Council meeting plus Runnels County Appraisal District information I had acquired on my own property.

I picked up the food and left the Store, leaving the folder where I was sitting, returning a few minutes later for the folder and finding it gone was a surprise. One of the workers there told me she had discovered my folder and placed it a top a salad bar and pointed it out to another worker named Nancy Spill stating too that it belonged to Mr. Cercy and that I would be back after it shortly.

No one else in the store admitted seeing it. After searching the store and all the trash containers I called the store manager at home, Mrs. Zelda Stewart, who declared she knew nothing of it.

So I attended the Council meeting without my folder and notes at 6 p.m. The next morning I entered the store and asked Zelda

Stewart and Nancy Spill if they had possibly found my folder. They both informed me that they were busy and didn't have time to discuss any folder with me. I declared that someone knew where my folder was and who picked it up and that I would find out one way or the other. (Only after their coolness toward me.)

Later Friday afternoon I was in the store having coffee with some friends and my wife walked in with my folder in her hand, stating that a police officer named Sergeant Johnson had delivered the folder to my resident, declaring that someone had left it outside his door.

My question is if Sergeant Johnson only had to look inside the folder to find my address, why didn't the person who found it do the same thing and leave it on my door step? If the material in my folder hadn't been important to me I would have dismissed these happenings as a prank.

As soon as my wife and I left the store that afternoon and in quoting my friends, Zelda Stewart approached my friends and made some ugly remarks about me. Mr. M.L. Dobbins took offense to her remarks and may have indicated he thought she may have known something about my missing folder, I understand that there were some heated words between the two and Zelda threatened to call the Police and have him removed from the store. Mr. Dobb-

bins walked out of the store to end the conflict, but Zelda followed him out and continued the conflict. unquote.

On Monday after having the weekend to think all this through I decided to call the City Hall and make an appointment to talk with the Mayor and City Manager about the happenings on the past Thursday and Friday. After having lunch at the Senior Center I called the City Hall and asked for an appointment, the secretary informed me that they were not in and would have them return my call. I waited until approximately 3:15 and the City Manager called me back and said he hadn't been able to reach the Mayor but would I come in and discuss what was on my mind, I agreed and went to his office.

After a lengthy conversation, he asked if I knew anything about a box that had been left somewhere that was the size of a small shoe box. I lifted my black folder and asked if this was what he was referring to.

He then replied no and informed me that there had been a bomb scare at the Wes-T-Go store at about 1 p.m. today. I was dumbfounded to hear this for the first time, after already spending an hour with him before he told me of this. It didn't really dawn on me of why he insisted I come on in to his office until he ask me what I knew about M.L. Dobbins. Then it was clear why I was

there, someone at Wes-T-Go had pointed the finger at myself and Mr. Dobbins as suspects of planting this so called bomb threat because of the clashing of personalities at the Wes-T-Go store on Thursday and Friday past.

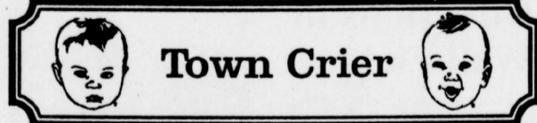
I returned to the City Manager's office at 8 a.m. Tuesday morning so I could assure him that I had nothing to do with such a petty hoax as it had turned out to be, and with the Police Chief present I volunteered to do anything within my power to find out who had done this.

Evidently my offering to help didn't impress the Police Department because a couple of days later Sergeant Johnson came to my resident to question me and ask if I would be willing to give them my fingerprints. My answer was yes and a polygraph and DNA samples also.

I understand Mr. Dobbins was visited in the manor and gave them the same answers. Rumors are still going around and I would like to see them cleared up. I just hope it doesn't embarrass the wrong people when the truth comes out. Circumstance doesn't always turn out to be that of what it appears to be.

Being somewhat of a philosopher and outspoken, if I have offended anyone I truly want to apologize.

Yours Truly,  
Robert J. Cercy



## Tyler Carlisle Lange

Dylan and Cody Schwartz and Travis Barton are excited to announce the birth of their cousin, Tyler Carlisle Lange.

Tyler was born on Friday, April 14, 2000, at 1:47 a.m. He weighed 4 lbs. 4-1/2 ozs. and was 17 inches long.

Proud parents are Richard and Elizabeth Lange of Ballinger. Maternal grandparents are Arthur and Pat Watkins of Ballinger. Paternal grandparents are Steven and Natalie Lange of Rowena.

Maternal great-grandmother is Mamie Wilkerson of Winters. Paternal great-grandparents are Elizabeth Gerngross of Olfen and Gerald and Gertrude Lange of Rowena.

Tyler was also welcomed by his aunts and uncles, Debbi and Neil Schwartz, Sharon and Cody Barton and Keith and Yvonne Lange.



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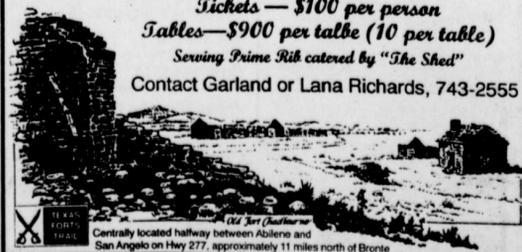
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## Crews News

By Hilda Kurtz

*It's pretty difficult to keep your mind and your mouth open at the same time.*

The Hopewell Baptist Church folks are happy to have Sally Mae Gerhart out for the morning services. Joe Webb was a visitor for the evening service.

Eileen Cartwright saw Carolyn Webb at their church services Sunday morning and visited with her.

Selma Wilkerson visited during the week with Cookie, Brad, and Corey VanZandt—a nice neighborly get together.

I had a surprise phone visit from an old school pal, Velma Howell Morgan from Abilene on Monday. We were going to school at Cockran School a couple miles west of Winters. She moved to Abilene from Dallas. She's in the same boat I'm in—feel fine one day, not so good the next. We also were neighbors growing up. We'll be on that phone now! (What do you think?)

Spending the weekend with Pat and Earl Cooper were their kiddos Brenda of Blackwell and Doddie and daughter and Mike of Winters. Ray and J.T. Cooper and Odie Matthews of Ballinger came by and visited Kathryn and Luke Grissom a while during the week.

Daughter Hildegarde of San Angelo spent Friday with me. As



Hilda Kurtz

always she finds some things that need fixing around my place. The pizza she brought was delicious.

Rodney Faubion of Ft. Worth spent the weekend with his mom and dad, Harvey Mae and Noble. Harvey Mae is feeling a lot better since seeing her doctor. Rodney also visited with Kenny and Eileen Cartwright.

Walter Pape of Brownwood stopped by to see Noble and Harvey Mae on his way home after being in Denver, Colorado.

Did you notice it was 50° here Monday morning?

Sybil Tounget of Lubbock spent the weekend with the McBeths. While here she also attended the Tounget reunion.

Juanita Shields' cousins Mr. and Mrs. Cam Shields of Canyon Lake spent part of the week.

Bro. Ferris Akins and son Marty enjoyed the Sunday dinner after church services. Wife Ramona was sorry to miss as she was on the sick list.

Monday night Juanita attended a thank you dinner in Abilene

given by Disability Resources in Abilene.

Doris Wood spent Thursday night in Abilene with Mr. and Mrs. Maloey Bryant. They all attended the West Texas Fair and Rodeo.

Coleman Foreman visited with his wife Lawan on Sunday after lunch and church at the Senior Citizens Nursing Home in Winters.

Sharon Engler of Brownwood spent Monday night with her mom Margie Jacob. They went to Abilene on Tuesday. Eveyln Jacob and Mary Beth Wheelless from Miles were over to see Margie on Tuesday night. They enjoyed stew and playing Skipbo.

Dinner guests with Margie on Sunday were Beverly VanZandt and sons Corey and Brad and Carol and Mike Kozelsky. They played games of chicken foot in the afternoon.

Linda Duggan went to visit Jill and Rodrick Bredemeyer on Thursday and to see their new puppies. Dale and Bob Fuchs were in Austin on Wednesday for a Farm Bureau meeting. On Saturday, Dale and Linda had a nice visit from their neighbor Pat Scarborough. On Sunday, Dale and Linda were in Abilene and had lunch with Katy, Kyle, and Kelton Grigsby.

### EIGHTH, continued

ing to score. We ran a toss sweep to the left to pick up a first down, but ended up coughing up the football, missing a chance to put six points on the board.

**2nd Quarter:** Mason had the football starting the quarter. We played great defense in the first quarter and were keeping up the pace in the second. Mason had to punt the ball. The Breezes put together another drive.

We moved the ball to the 40 yard line of the Punchers and ran a toss sweep reverse with Max Harrison coming around the cor-

ner with nobody in front of him. We knew it was going to be a touchdown. Unfortunately Max got too excited and fumbled the ball out of bounds. The Breezes still controlled the ball but ended up turning the ball over after going for it on fourth down.

**3rd Quarter:** The Breezes kicked the ball off to Mason who in turn put together a scoring drive. The Punchers scored off a long pass. The Breezes' Jose Hernandez deflected a pass to stop the two point conversion.

Midway through the third

quarter, quarterback Pete Griffin injured his hand and had to come out for the rest of the game. Jeremy Mendoza replaced him at quarterback.

**4th Quarter:** The Breezes started with the ball but had to punt. The Punchers broke a running play for 60 yards and the score. The two point conversion was stopped.

The Breezes ended up throwing an interception when they got the ball back. Winters held Mason from scoring.

### SEVENTH, continued

had only one player to worry about—this week Mason had four solid players.

The defense played better causing three turnovers in the first half. Chris Medina was credited with two and one from Jose Cruz.

Offensively we never got started in the first half, but in the second half the Breezes started to come alive. Aaron Colburn completed a 20 yard pass to Colton

Powell. Then the running game started to click with Chris Medina and Francisco Perez running the ball. Perez capped it off with an 18-yard touchdown run.

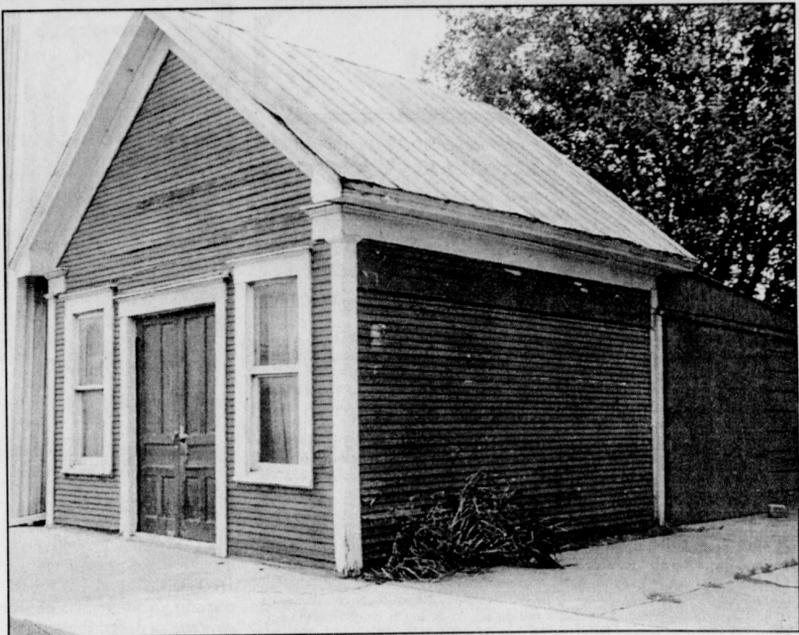
The kickoff team did their part too with James Vasquez stripping the ball and recovering it on the 40 yard line.

One play later David Scates scampered around the left end for the touchdown. Marcus Tubbs

slammed over the goal line for the 2 point conversion.

It is amazing how a little success helped the confidence level. The young Breezes will have that to use with their next game with Wall.

This week we get to play at home so I hope to see everyone there. Thanks to the folks and fans who traveled to Mason.



THE OLD DRUMMERS' HOUSE on West Dale Street is waiting for a desperately needed facelift and renovations in order to save the structure which was built in 1909.

## Old Drummers' House near Rock Hotel to be renovated

Dell computer to be raffled to raise funds for expenses

Sometime shortly after J.L. Heath erected the Rock Hotel adjacent to the new railroad line in 1909, he had the little wood frame building on the western side of the hotel built.

With the coming of the Abilene Southern, traveling salesmen — so called drummers because theirs was the job of drumming up busi-

ness — began arriving on the trains, lugging their many trunks of wares along with them.

What Mr. Heath foresaw was the need for a simple shelter near the tracks where traveling salesmen could display the contents of their trunks to local merchants, who in turn would place orders for goods.

What J.L. Heath had built was a simple, one room, wood frame building in the "cotton house" style of the day.

Unfortunately, it wasn't long after the little house was built, that the model T began bringing more and more drummers to town. Because traveling salesmen could visit a greater area by automobile than by train, the drummer's house soon fell into disuse.

Ultimately, it would see service as a bootlegging outlet during prohibition, a workshop, and finally over the course of the past 50 years, it has been nothing more than a neglected store room.

Today, the Z.I. Hale Museum owns the building and hopes to restore it as an exhibit hall housing a collection of historic drummers' trunks and merchandise.

Before any of this can happen; however, there is extensive work that must be done to shore up the building and make it structurally sound once again. Hale Museum President Mike Pumphrey says "If something's not done — and soon — we're going to lose this building. And that would be a real shame."

Of foremost concern is the deterioration of the ground sills the building was built upon. Over the years of neglect, the wood sills were allowed to come into contact with the ground, the net result of which has been that insects and dry rot have all but dissolved them, especially on the western wall.

The interior board walls will have to be removed and labeled in order that new ground sills can be once again anchored to the wall studs; thereafter, the building will have to be picked up and temporarily relocated to the back of the property while a totally new foundation is poured.

Once this new foundation has had an opportunity to cure, the building will then be moved once again and set down and anchored to a real foundation for the first time in decades.

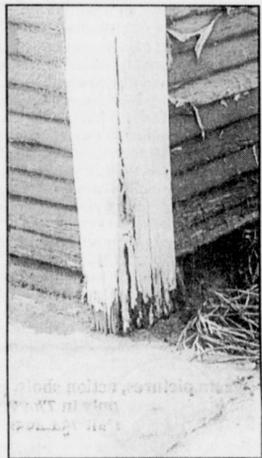
In order to raise money for

such a restoration project, Bill and Cindy Pumphrey of Austin have offered to donate a Dell computer for museum members to raffle off to the public.

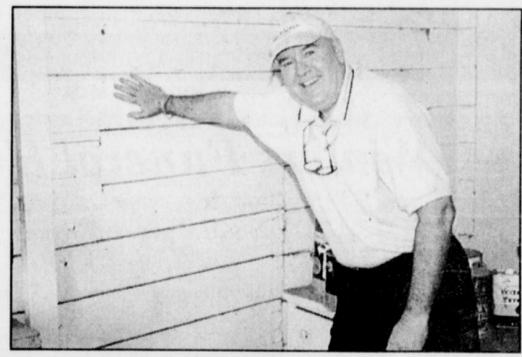
It is hoped that enough raffle tickets can be sold to cover the entire cost of seeing the Drummers' House put on a new foundation. Once that has been accom-

**"If something's not done — and soon — we're going to lose this building. And that would be a real shame."**

—Mike Pumphrey, Hale Museum president



YEARS OF NEGLECT have caused the wood sills to come in contact with the ground. Insects and dry rot are dissolving the wood. Fundraisers are planned to help finance refurbishment of the special structure.



MIKE PUMPHREY, president of the Z.I. Hale Museum/Rock Hotel Board of Directors, leans against a delicate wall on the west side of the Drummer House which is being supported primarily by the 2x4 at left. Pumphrey, a certified architect, says that unless renovations are made soon, the wall will continue to buckle and eventually cave in.

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## 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, September 10, 2000, through Saturday, September 16, 2000. Winters Police Officers:

- observed and stopped a 1983 Oldsmobile passenger car on South Farrar Street for driving on the wrong side of the road. An odor of alcohol was detected on the driver who was offered several field sobriety tasks. The driver was not deemed to be intoxicated, but due to his age being under 21 was arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol and taken to Runnels County Jail.

- received a report of a suspicious male in the area of North Concho Street. A male subject matching the description was located on North Concho and officers attempted to question the male who refused commands to stop. Officers detained the subject after observing the male throwing contraband to the ground. The male was deemed to be intoxicated and was arrested for public intoxication and minor in possession of tobacco. Ronald Curry, Jr. was taken to Runnels County Jail.

- received a report of a juvenile male being shot in the head with a BB gun on North Rogers Street. The victim identified his attackers who later admitted their involvement. An 11-year-old male and a 12-year-old male, both of Winters, were cited for discharging a firearm in the city limits. The victim declined to pursue charges for assault.

- received a report of vandalism in the 200 block of Tinkle Street between the hours of 1 p.m. Saturday and 8 a.m. on Monday approximately three tires were slashed at a business on three separate vehicles. This is under investigation as criminal mischief Class B.

- received a report of vandalism in the 400 block of South Arlington Street. A male subject of Winters reported finding a tire on his travel trailer had been cut. This occurred sometime between August 30 and September 10. There have been no witnesses located and this is under investigation as criminal mischief Class B.

- received a report of domestic dispute in the 300 block of Willis Street. A 29-year-old male was alleged to have broken out a window pane on the front door of a local female's residence. The male was located in the 700 block of Roberts Street and an investigation revealed he was in the county illegally. Border Patrol was contacted and a hold was placed on the male. Heriberto Marin-Cordona was taken to Runnels County Jail to await deportation by Border Patrol.

- received a report of three males creating a disturbance and breaking bottles on East Dale Street. Three males matching the description were later located on West Parsonage Street. Alcohol was detected on two of the males who were under the age of 21. The males were deemed to be intoxicated, but on private property. Due to their age the males were arrested for minor in consumption of alcohol. Ronald Curry, Jr. and Luis Llanas were taken to Runnels County Jail.

- received a report of a juvenile male in possession of tobacco on school grounds. A 16-year-old male of Winters was found to be possessing a tobacco product and was issued a citation for minor in possession of tobacco. The juvenile's parents were notified by school authorities.

- received notice of a warrant subject in the 700 block of North Rogers Street. The subject was located and the warrant confirmed. Tony Cabrera, Jr. of Winters was arrested for assault warrant out of Runnels County and taken to Runnels County Jail.

- an ongoing investigation in this summer's rash of bicycle thefts and burglaries has culminated in the identification and recovery of a number of stolen bicycles and other items. Approximately four juvenile males ranging in ages from 13 to 15 years old have been identified and charges are pending for misdemeanor theft to felony burglary. One adult male, Chris Muniz of Winters, was arrested and charged with burglary of a motor vehicle. Investigation continues as not all items have been recovered.

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



DIGGING FOR GAS LINES has been underway for several days in various parts of Winters. The Texas Railroad Commission has ordered that all Poly I pipe, which was installed in 1970, be replaced throughout the state.

### PIPELINES, continued

"This program has been underway for quite a long time and is state-wide, not just in Runnels County," said Lewis. "We must locate the Poly I pipeline, dig it up, expose it for determination of potential problems, have an engineer draw up a plan to replace it if necessary, then proceed with the replacement process."

The old lines are being replaced with Poly II, a higher quality product with a life expectancy of 50-100 years, according to Lewis.

He is quick to say that TXU has been "very proactive" in working with the Railroad Commission. "Texas Utilities is very much committed to running a safe pipeline operation. We want to take care of the situation before it be-

comes a serious problem," he says.

Lewis said that "for safety reasons" the location of the Poly I pipelines has not been made public to avoid any "sabotage."

The majority of the pipelines has already been replaced, Lewis reports, because "we'd rather be safe than sorry."

He also says that most accidents are caused by third party digs, with a 9-1 ratio compared to material failure. He added that the pipeline which was recently struck near Potosi was made of steel.

"I would also like to remind everyone that if they are ever doing any excavation, they are required by law to call the proper utilities before starting to dig," Lewis said.

### Official Records

#### County Court

#### Criminal Cases Filed

Sept. 11

Christene Ann Walker, San Angelo, filed for driving while intoxicated  
Duncan Sartan, San Angelo, filed for theft of concrete by check

Sept. 12

Abraham Vasquez, Winters, filed for driving while intoxicated  
Tanya Marie Essex, Winters, filed for resisting arrest

Cynthia Ann Mata, Winters, filed for assault  
Harvey Doyle Hantsche, Point, Texas, filed for driving while intoxicated

Sept. 13

Debra Northcutt Collins, filed for theft  
Robert Maldonado Alfaro, Ballinger, filed for possession of a prohibited weapon  
Stephanie Shea McAdams, Winters, filed for theft

#### Dispositions

Dennis W. Carroll, theft of service by check, dismissed, restitution paid in full  
Karri Stratton, driving while license suspended, pleaded nolo contendere, sentenced to six months in county jail pro-

bated to six months, fined \$350 plus \$235.25 court costs

Brent David Jennings, two counts, driving while license suspended and possession of marijuana, both dismissed, defendant convicted in another (felony) case

James Kevin Grant, driving while intoxicated, pleaded guilty, sentenced to six months in county jail probated to 18 months, fined \$750, plus \$250.25 court costs and 30 hours community service

Quannah Parker Gordon, driving while intoxicated, pleaded guilty, sentenced to six months in county jail probated to one year, fined \$750, plus \$250.25 court costs and 30 hours community service

#### Marriage Licenses

Sept. 4

Jeffery Alan Tarr and Sherry Lynn Poindexter

#### District Court

#### Divorce Cases Filed

Sept. 12

Stefany Dale Thompson vs. William Ward Thompson

### County, City of Ballinger approve contract on dispatch services

In a short special meeting on Tuesday, Runnels County Commissioners approved a contract between the county and the City of Ballinger for dispatch services by the county for the fiscal year beginning October 1.

The county will provide 24-hour 9-1-1 dispatching as well as dispatching for the Ballinger police department. The City of Ballinger will continue their dispatching of city police from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. each weekday and the county will provide dispatching from 5 p.m. until 8 a.m. each day, plus 24 hours on Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays. Cost of the service to the city will be \$20,000 for the year.

Kenneth Brock and Estella Ramirez, representing the Texas Department of Human Services, provided background information

to commissioners regarding plan changes for community care programs (senior citizens meals and home delivered meals). Brock told commissioners the county had been reimbursed \$2.61 per meal for the fiscal year 1999-2000, but the rate of reimbursement for next fiscal year will total \$2.89 per meal. Commissioners approved the plan change unanimously.

With no other business items on the agenda, commissioners, County Judge Marilyn Egan, and County Auditor Darlene Smith discussed a day for a meeting to make budget amendments to close out the fiscal year next week. Also discussed was a possible public hearing on the proposed weather modification program sometime the first week of October.

The meeting was adjourned after 25 minutes.

### WATER, continued

time restrictions need to be put in place again, we will notify customers through the local newspaper and on the prior month's water bill.

"I know this has been inconvenient for everyone," Hassan continues. "We appreciate your effort in your water conservation. By no means are we out of the woods yet. Please use water conservatively and pray for rain."

The rates to be charged will be the rates for the 2000-2001 fiscal

year budget as follows:

- Inside City Limits  
Base \$6.00  
Per 1,000 gallons \$2.98
- Outside City Limits  
Base \$9.00  
Per 1,000 gallons \$4.30
- North Runnels Water Supply Corp.  
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Hassan reminds residents that these new rates will not be reflected on the upcoming bills for service from August 16 through September 15. The new rates will be shown in the September 16 through October 15 billing.



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- TXism: "put" (retired)
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- Dallas so. suburb
- Big Bend camping need (2 wds.)
- actress Maureen of "Rio Grande"
- TXism: "overcoat" (coffin)
- TXism: "talked a tune in a bucket"
- Dyess Force Base
- TXism: "to" (suit)
- Darren Mc \_\_\_\_\_ starred with TX Audie in "Bullet for a Badman"
- local computer hook-up (abbr.)
- Russian space station
- food shortage
- SMU golfer Payne Stewart affliction: \_\_\_\_\_ heart
- queen of Spain
- TXism: "tough as an boot"
- TXism: "sold bill of goods"
- TXism: "got more on his plate than he can grace over"
- TXism: "clean hound's tooth"
- TXism: "want it bad I could spit"
- woolen suit fabrics
- emasculate
- Astro hitter goals
- TXism: "slippery as an \_\_\_\_\_"
- customer of DFW-based American
- TX reporter Roland who won Pulitzer
- duration of Cowboy punt (2 wds.)
- dice shape (abbr.)
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- fish propellers
- TX capitol is made of \_\_\_\_\_ granite
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- TXism: "took everything but the my lungs" (robbed)
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- TX-made "The Thief Who \_\_\_\_\_ to Dinner"
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## Local youth close out West Texas Fair with successful weekend of exhibiting livestock

Once again Winters youth had another successful weekend of exhibiting livestock at the West Texas Fair and Rodeo last Friday and Saturday. In addition, two Winters FFA members received purchase certificates for their efforts in the calf scramble competition.

Justin Laird earned a \$500 purchase certificate to be used to buy livestock to be exhibited at next year's fair. Laird was first across the line in Wednesday nights HEB sponsored scramble. Jarrett Gerhart earned \$310 after finishing fourth in the scramble on Thursday night. Maegan Swartz also competed in the scramble.

Inadvertently omitted from last week's story were results from the Junior Charolais Heifer show held last Sunday. Travis Grohman placed second in the show while brother Trenton Grohman was

fifth with his Charolais heifer.

In the Junior Prospect Steer Show on Saturday, Dalton Shackelford exhibited a fifth and sixth place lightweight Polled Hereford steer.

Cody Pritchard earned first place lightweight Santa Gertrudis honors, while Colbyn Pritchard showed the third place lightweight Brangus steer. Colby Pritchard exhibited a fourth place medium weight Shorthorn steer and was called back to compete for junior showmanship honors.

Georgetta Horton took second place with a Suffolk spring ram lamb in the Junior Breeding Sheep Show. Jessica Pritchard exhibited a fourth place Southdown late spring ewe lamb. Dalton Shackelford showed the fourth, fifth, and sixth place Southdown early spring ewe lambs.

Jarrett Gerhart earned Grand Champion Ewe honors in the Junior Breeding Sheep Show and Reserve Grand Champion Ewe in the Open Breeding Sheep Show, both with a Dorset ewe.

In addition, in the Junior Breeding Sheep Show, Dorset division, Gerhart showed a third place yearling buck, a first place buck lamb, first place spring ewe lamb, fourth place fall ewe lamb, and a fifth place yearling ewe. He exhibited a fourth place Suffolk yearling ewe lamb in the junior show.

In the Open Breeding Sheep Show, Dorset division, Gerhart placed third with a yearling buck, second with a buck lamb, first place spring ewe lamb, second place pair of ewe lambs, fourth place fall ewe, sixth place yearling ewe, fourth place pair of yearling ewes and third place flock.

## Fort Chadbourne to host exciting fundraiser dinner September 23

Fort Chadbourne, centrally located halfway between Abilene and San Angelo on Highway 277, has recently completed the stabilization work plan and will be hosting a fundraiser on Saturday, September 23. Funds will be used to stabilize and preserve the fort's ruins. The Foundation also plans to construct a museum and visitors center at the fort.

The evening of storytelling and entertainment, including A Story "Old Fort Chadbourne," will begin at 6:00 p.m. followed by a prime rib dinner catered by The Shed. Tickets are \$100.00 per person or a table for ten persons for \$900.00 per table. Call 915-743-2555 for reservations or other information.

Garland Richards, President of the Fort Chadbourne Foundation, says the Foundation is progressing toward making Fort Chadbourne a very distinctive and accessible cultural resource for West Texans and guests, and states, "I think our community will see a very positive economic impact from this project."

Established in 1852, the national historic site and stop on the Texas Forts Trail, is private property owned by Garland and Lana Richards. The Richardses established the non-profit charitable foundation on January 29, 1999, to protect and revitalize the fort.

In addition to the construction and restoration, the foundation plans to offer the fort as an educational resource through colleges, universities and schools. Fort Chadbourne Foundation will provide scholarships and endowments for educational purposes.

## Southern Rolling Plains declared weevil free

A major milestone in the boll weevil eradication effort was reached September 20, when Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs declared the Southern Rolling Plains Eradication Zone functionally eradicated.

The SRP is the first zone in Texas to attain this status, which indicates there is no evidence of reproducing weevil populations within the zone.

The declaration was part of a celebration held at the Saint Ambrose Parish Hall in Wall. A barbecue lunch, provided by Rep. Rob Junell, D-San Angelo; Sen. Robert Duncan, R-Lubbock; Sen. Jeff Wentworth, R-San Antonio and the Southern Plains Cotton Producers Association followed the declaration.

"The growers in the Southern Rolling Plains put an incredible amount of effort and dedication into achieving eradication in their area and were congratulated on having reached their goal," said

Lindy Patton, executive director of the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation. "This would not have been possible without the leadership of the zone's steering committee, the commitment of the growers, a tremendous group of dedicated employees, and of course the support of our

friends in Austin and Washington."

Cotton producers in the SRP took a leap of faith back in 1994 by being the first in the state to initiate an eradication program. While the program was proven in other states, there were still doubts whether eradication could be achieved in Texas.

Despite a brief shutdown in 1997 because of legal challenges, growers overcame the setback, and in 1998 weevil numbers had been reduced by more than 99.9 percent. The next year the area was closely monitored to confirm that it had indeed managed to eliminate the No. 1 cotton pest.

Monitoring continues in the area, and through the middle of September, foundation traps had only caught 22 weevils, a far cry from the more than 3 million weevils caught during the program's first full year in eradication.

In the absence of weevil damage, cotton acreage has increased and pesticide use has been dramatically decreased. At a meeting with growers in Plainview, SRP grower Rodney Ripple said his fields had not been sprayed for insects, either by the foundation or by him, a single time during this growing season.

## Local WTRC chairmen announce plans for 41st Annual Cattleman's Round-up for Rehab

Runnels County ranchers B.J. Colburn and Dennis McBeth have teamed up with West Texas Rehabilitation Center as local chairmen of the 41st Annual Cattleman's Round-up for Rehab—a program through which friends in the agriculture industry step forward in support of WTRC.

They are joined by 150 other volunteer chairmen throughout Texas—and by regional chairman Carter Behrens of San Angelo and Mike Alexander of Abilene.

The message all these volunteers are delivering to ranchers in their areas is simple: Let's help Rehab help all who turn to them for assistance in overcoming disabling illnesses and injuries. Ways this can be done include:

- Donating livestock—cattle, sheep, goats or horses—to be sold at one of Rehab's special auctions

during September and October.

- Sending a cash donation to Rehab is this is the wrong time of year for you to cut out livestock for an auction.

- Attending one of the special sales and joining the bidding on livestock or novelty items.

- Notifying a local CRR chairman right now of an intent to have your auction house cut a check to Rehab for proceeds from one or more animals you sell later in the year.

Launching this year's Cattleman's Round-Up for Rehab is the "up-front" commitment of four corporate underwriters who've put in a total of \$20,000. They include Bluebonnet Feeds, Lone Star Beef Processors, Federal Land Bank of Texas and First Ag Credit, Farm Credit System.

In acknowledging these gifts,

Alexander and Behrens expressed hope that everyone in the livestock industry will join Rehab in thanking these businesses—and will help build on the momentum by adding their own support to this important fund-raising program.

The fall sale schedule includes cattle sales on September 21, at Producers Livestock Auction in San Angelo and September 26, at Abilene Auction and specialty sales on October 4, in Coleman, October 13, in Dublin, October 16, in Junction, October 18, in Stephenville and October 26, in Ranger.

For more information about CRR, contact a local chairman or WTRC-Abilene at (915)793-3507; WTRC-San Angelo at (915)223-6300; or WTRC-Ozona at (915)392-9872.

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)

### Game warden to give program—

## Winters 4-H Club plans September meeting for Monday night

The Winters 4-H Club will hold their monthly meeting on Monday, September 25, 2000, from 5:45 to 6:45 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Mt. Carmel Catholic Church Fellowship Hall.

The hunting season is fast approaching, so the program for the meeting will be on wildlife and hunting presented by Lane Pinckney, Runnels County game

warden.

Travis Grohman will give the inspiration and Luke England and Wiley Guy will lead the pledges. Refreshments will be provided by Mandy, Cody, Colby, and Colbyn Pritchard, Steven Kruse, and Camille Kruse.

All members are encouraged to attend. Anyone interested in joining the Winters club is invited.

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