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Council accepts BFI rate increase request

David Caswell, Facility Manager for Browning Ferris Industries (BFI), explained to the Winters City Council that no increase in rates had been sought in five years and an increase in diesel fuel prices initiated the current rate increase request.

During their regular meeting Monday, September 25, the Council accepted an 8 percent price increase across-the-board

for all categories of trash pick up. The residential rate will increase from \$10.73 to \$11.59 per month. This new rate will be effective with October billing.

John DeWitt of the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) opened a discussion with the Council on the downtown sidewalk renovation project.

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Horsemen for Christ Crusade set Sunday, Oct. 1 in Blizzard Stadium

The Winters Ministerial Alliance has invited the Horsemen for Christ to lead a community crusade of spiritual renewal on Sunday, October 1. The group met in assemblies with junior high and high school students on Wednesday and hosted a youth rally that evening.

The community-wide service will be held at Blizzard Stadium beginning at 6:45 p.m. on Sunday. Billy Bob White and Grace, a praise band from Abilene, will perform before the service as well as during the crusade. Elisa Ojed will be soloist for the event.

Joe Howard Williamson, presi-

dent of Horsemen for Christ, will preach the service. He offers 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.

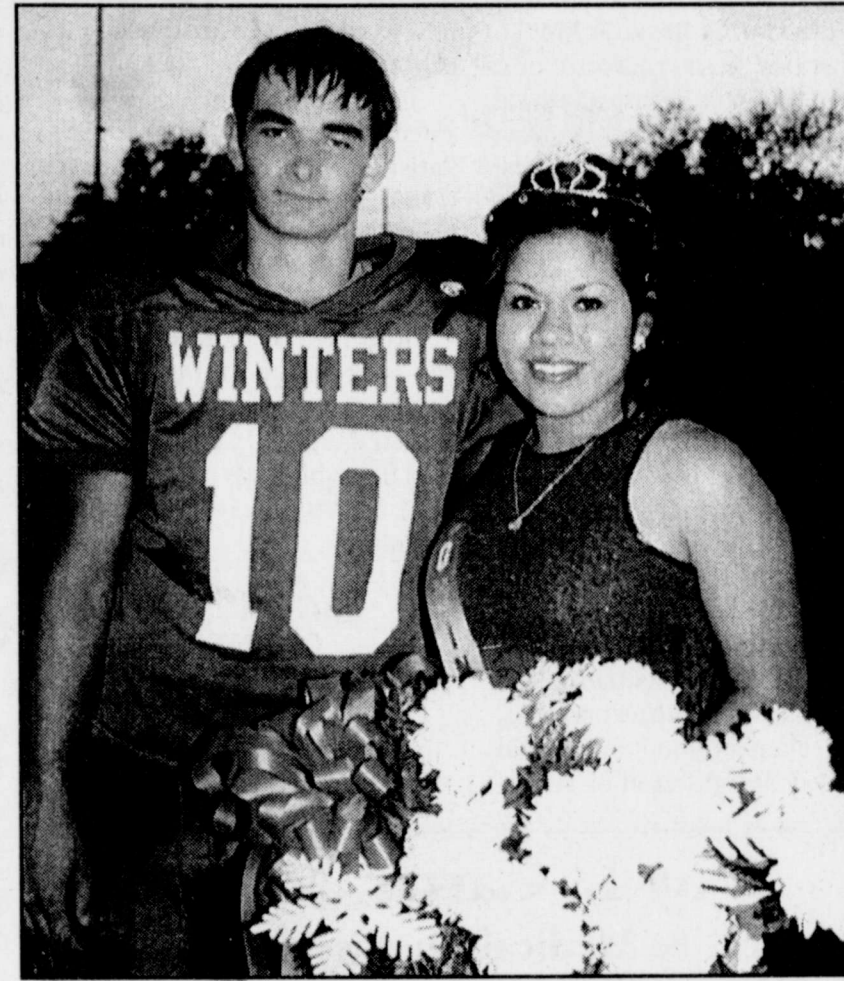
Williamson will be joined by his wife Tracy. Her moving testimony of victorious Christian living after experiences of abuse leading to abortion goes like an arrow to the heart of America's teens. Her quiet, straightforward words send a powerful message.

Admission is free and the entire community is invited to attend.

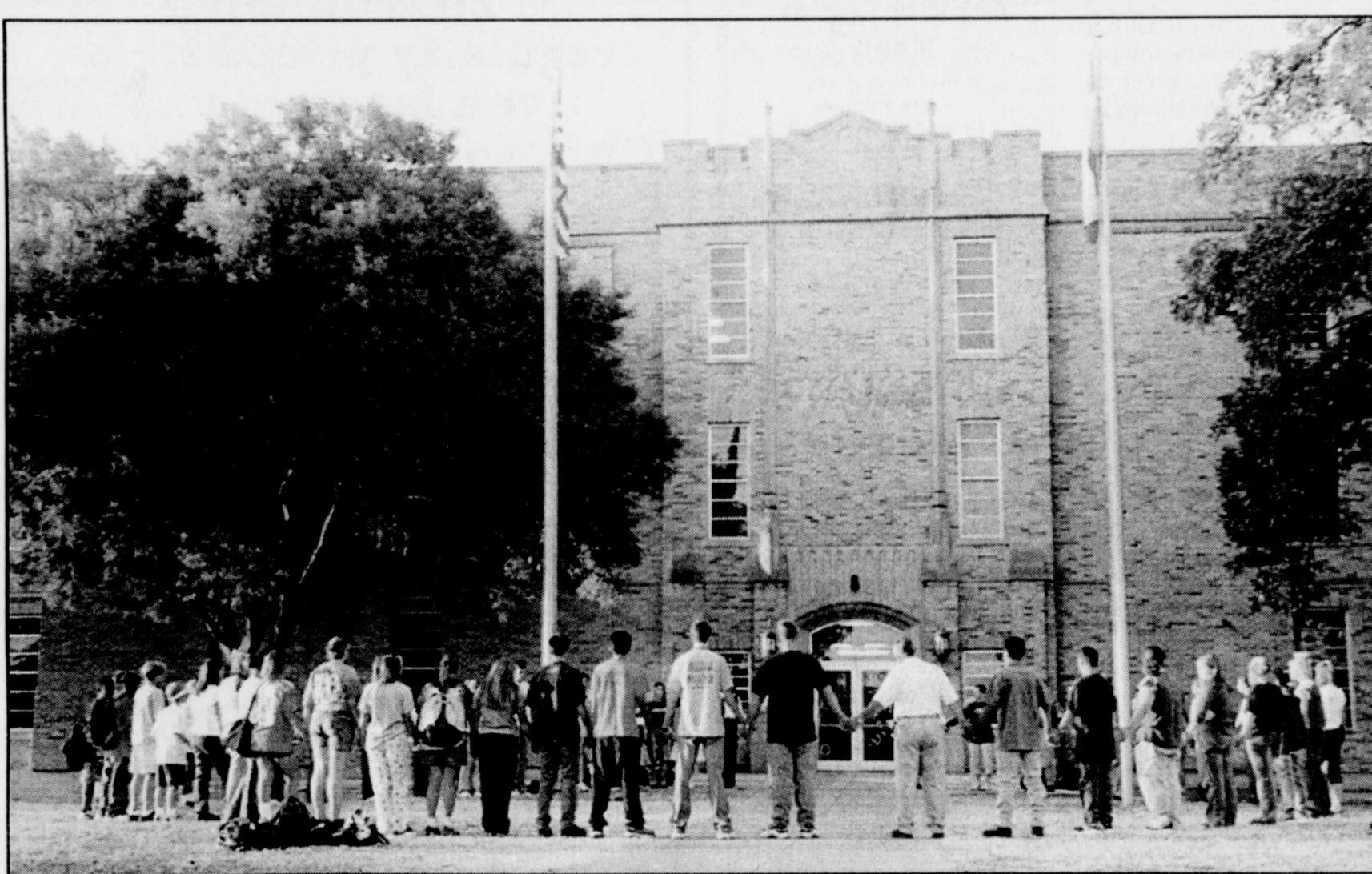
Blizzard Homecoming Royalty 2000



2000 Coming Home Queen
Mrs. Joanie McAdoo
 escorted by son, David McAdoo



2000 Homecoming King & Queen
Mr. Aaron Pritchard
 and Miss Carmen Martinez



ABOUT 65 WORSHIPPERS including faculty, staff, students, clergy and other religious leaders gathered at 7:30 a.m. on September 20, in front of Winters High School to participate in the nationwide celebration of "See You At The Pole." The annual event was spearheaded by WHS members of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

McAdoo, Martinez and Pritchard honored at Homecoming 2000

WHS Homecoming royalty was crowned during pregame ceremonies last Friday night in Blizzard Stadium. Seniors Carmen Martinez and Aaron Pritchard were named Homecoming Queen and King, while 1950 graduate Joanie McAdoo was named the 2000 Coming Home Queen.

Mrs. McAdoo was born in Brownwood and moved to Winters in the summer of 1948. While attending Winters High School she worked on the school newspaper, *The Gale*, and was student council secretary. She was a varsity cheerleader for two years, serving as head cheerleader her

senior year. After graduation, she moved back to Brownwood for a year and a half while her sweetheart, John Edward McAdoo, served in the Army.

After his discharge in September of 1952, they were married on December 20, 1952. They moved back to Winters in 1954, and owned and operated McAdoo's Grocery on Main Street for seven years.

Joanie gave birth to a son in February of 1957, and stayed at home to care for him until 1963 when she went to work for Dry

See HOMECOMING, pg. 3

AEP/West Texas Utilities to close doors at noon Friday

American Electric Power's West Texas Utilities announced in February that area offices would close by the end of September, 2000. The last day for the Winters and Ballinger offices to take customer transactions and payments will be Friday, September 29. Doors will close at noon.

All local phone calls to the offices have already been forwarded to the WTU Customer Service Center, available seven days a week, 24 hours a day, at 1-888-216-3523.

Walk-in pay stations have been established at McShan's Marquee Movies and Computers in

Ballinger and at Citizens State Bank in Miles. In San Angelo, the FoodBasket stores and HEB will accept WTU payments. In Abilene, two locations of Check-n-Cash and two Fiesta Foods stores serve as pay stations. Customers are encouraged to bring their complete bill in order to process the payment.

"While we're making changes in the way we conduct business, our commitment to provide superior customer service and reliability hasn't changed," said Jamie Rainey, community services manager, of San Angelo.

The area offices will continue

to be used as a base of operations for service and line technician employees. Ray Gueverra and John Joeris will work out of Winters while Jimmy Chapman, Randall Kurtz, J.B. Teters, and staff associate Diane Halfmann will work out of the Ballinger office. Winters and Ballinger employees will report to Bob Boone, supervisor of distribution systems, of Ballinger.

West Texas Utilities acquired Winters Light and Power Company and Ballinger Light, Power, and Ice Company in 1924 and continues to serve the electrical needs of both cities.

Chicken spaghetti served Friday

As their annual fall fund-raiser with proceeds to benefit various civic projects, Winters Woman's Club will serve a Chicken Spaghetti Dinner Friday, September 29.

Serving begins at 5:30 p.m. and will continue until 7:30, just prior to the Winters-Sonora football game at Blizzard Stadium.

Members are pleased to announce the menu of chicken spaghetti, green beans, tossed salad, Texas toast, drink, and homemade pie.

Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$3 for children age 12 and under. Tickets may be purchased downtown at Bahlman Jewelers, Busy 'B' Cleaners, or at the door.

WHAT'S HAPPENING ?

- 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
- Sept. 29-11:30 a.m., Sr. Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center
- 5:30-7:30 p.m., Woman's Club Chicken Spaghetti Dinner, School Cafe
- 7:30 p.m., Cowboys for Christ, Drasco
- 8 p.m., Varsity vs. Sonora, Here
- Sept. 30-10 a.m.-2 p.m., Library Sign-Up Day
- Cross-Country Teams at Coleman
- Oct. 1-6:45 p.m., "Horsemen for Christ" Crusade, Blizzard Stadium
- Oct. 2-9 a.m.-4 p.m., WIC, Winters Housing Authority
- 11:30 a.m., Sr. Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center
- 6 p.m., City Council, City Hall
- 6:30-7:30 p.m., Weigh Down, First United Methodist Church
- 7 p.m., Band Boosters, Band Hall
- 7:30 p.m., Ballinger Masonic Lodge
- Oct. 3-11:30 a.m., Sr. Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center
- Noon, Lions Club, Community Center
- 3 p.m., Friends of Hall Museum
- 7 p.m., Athletic Boosters, Blizzard Fieldhouse
- 7 p.m., American Legion
- 7 p.m., WVFD, Fire Station
- 7:30 p.m., Genealogy Society, San Angelo
- Oct. 4-7 a.m., Industrial Board, Chamber Office
- 11:30 a.m., Sr. Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center
- 6 p.m., Chamber Directors
- Oct. 5-10 a.m.-Noon & 1:30-3 p.m., Immunization Clinic, TDH
- 11:30 a.m., Sr. Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center
- 7 p.m., Winters Squares, Community Center
- Jr. High and JV Football Teams Open, No Games

Oil Bidness

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In talking to some of my friends who are in the daily business of producing oil and gas, I have observed an interesting common theme, lately. None of those I speak with are going on fancy hunting trips, buying fancy new cars, or even buying a lot of new producing assets despite some of the greatest product prices in years.

I have been curious about this since I have noted that the same old pickups and family sedans continue to park next to me every day. This has been surprising considering the amount of cashflow some of these independent operators must be enjoying with higher prices.

Being curious, I began to ask around.

What are you doing with all of that money? Mattress? Stock market? Allowances for your kids?

Most like to say that a lot of it is going for taxes before anything else. But, after some talking over coffee, many others tell the rest of the story.

These guys ran up some debt during the 1998-99 bust. During this period of the lowest real prices ever, many had to forego loan payments, borrow against their homes, put off creditors, or renegotiate with their lenders to extend credit a little bit to get by.

Those that were able to make it through without going bankrupt or having to sell out are now paying back that debt. It leaves little room for new expenditures, whether it be for personal goodies or expansion of their business.

But, even beyond this fiscal and physical limitation on use of

the larger cashflow, there is the psychological impact of the last bust that may restrain their expenditures for some time to come.

Many I spoke with complained about the higher cost of rigs, roustabout crews, pumping units, and tools. (As a confirmation that service and supply companies are looking to increase profits during this period of higher prices, many of those companies are announcing that they will pursue profit instead of market share for the first time in a decade or more.) Costs, as expected, are increasing along with prices.

Of course, the price of properties for sale has increased with prices, also. Many smaller operators are unwilling to pay the prices the market demands right now, because they leave no room for a downturn that might wipeout any new cashflow from these purchased properties.

This increase in costs reinforces this psychological conservatism that has resulted from suffering through the most recent bust. These guys are not going to spend their future and end up borrowing again — they hope.

Bottom-line: These oil men and women are taking in more money, but most are funneling it to their creditors. Those that have paid those bills are saving for the next, inevitable in their mind, downturn.

HIGHLIGHTS OF AREA DRILLING ACTIVITY

Not Available This Week

COUNCIL, continued

The \$796,000 grant has been approved for the City of Winters, and Mr. DeWitt discussed mainly the \$143,192 for which the City of Winters is responsible.

The City's amount was originally to be paid with demolition work of the sidewalks; however, TxDOT is hesitant for the City to undertake this job. DeWitt listed as problems the time frame (City estimates six weeks, DeWitt estimates ninety days), liability, and a requirement that the City demolish all sidewalks before any construction can start.

DeWitt stated that if the agreement is not signed by the deadline of December 31, 2000, the funds will be lost. According to DeWitt, if the agreement is signed by the deadline, this allows ten years for the project to be finished. DeWitt suggested that the City sign the agreement to allow the City to raise their part of the money over the next two to three years.

Several members of the Winters Area Business and Industrial Corporation (WABIC) expressed disappointment in this recommendation. WABIC representative Randall Conner told Mr. DeWitt and the Council that City cash funds were not a part of the original plan, and he feels that the Council and the citizens of Winters will not want to support this project with tax revenue funds.

The motion to approve the sidewalk resolution was tabled by the Council.

After the Council meeting, in an "unofficial" gathering, several members of the WABIC heard suggestions from DeWitt as how to secure funds outside the City for this project.

Conner said he will be investigating these possibilities for funding in the near future.

Z. I. Hale Museum President Mike Pumphrey brought his request for a Winters Historical District. Pumphrey is asking that the area include on West Dale Street from Main to just west of Alderman-Cave mill, and East Dale from Main to Grant Street.

Pumphrey explained to the Council that no special zoning, ordinances, or jurisdiction will be imposed on the area so that no business owners will have to meet any requirements for refurbishing or changing their property.

Pumphrey stated, "We (the Z.I. Hale Museum Foundation) are asking that the term 'Winters Historic District' be applied to this Dale Street corridor. This motion was approved by the Council.

Council members also approved a request by the Chamber of Commerce for a curfew extension for their Rain Dance 2000 Concert and Dance at Elm Creek Reservoir on October 14.

Present for Monday's meeting were Councilmen Steve Esquivel, Mike Meyer, Jimmy Butler, and Joe Gerhart, Mayor Dawson McGuffin, City Attorney Ken Slimp, and City Manager Aref Hassan.

Conner presents town history to Women's Service League

The Women's Service League met Tuesday, September 19, at The Shed in Winters with Randall Conner presenting a program on the history of Winters. Although some members are lifetime residents of Winters, they learned new information about the town.

Carla Hooper opened the business meeting with discussion on a letter from the City. An upcoming fund-raising project was

scheduled for October 20; members will serve a chicken fried steak dinner with all the trimmings prior to the Winters-Bangs football game.

Twenty members were in attendance. Hostesses for the evening were Shanna Bear, Sandy Messey, Mincy Briley, and Kris Rives who served baked potatoes and decorated in blue and white for homecoming week.

Card of Thanks

We would like to extend our sincere appreciation to the following businesses for their generous donations towards Homecoming festivities.

A great big thank you to Kay Sharpes and The Stitches' Post, Janice Pruser and Winters Flower Shop, Lanny and Brenda Bahlman and Bahlman Jewelers, and Lawrence Bros. IGA.

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Monday, Oct. 2: Spaghetti w/ meat sauce, tossed salad, green beans, garlic bread, and bread pudding.

Tuesday, Oct. 3: Chicken pot pie, cottage cheese & pear, hominy, crackers, and Jello.

Wednesday, Oct. 4: Steak & gravy, mashed potatoes, peas & carrots, roll, and gingerbread.

Thursday, Oct. 5: Potato soup, grilled cheese sandwich, Jello salad, crackers, and dumpcake.

Friday, Oct. 6: Mexican cornbread, coleslaw, pinto beans, chips, and cookies.

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Obituary

Viola B. Haynes

WINTERS—Viola B. Haynes, 90, died Tuesday, September 19, 2000, at her daughter's residence in Abilene.

She was born January 2, 1910, in Graham and lived in Eliasville most of her early life. She married J.C. Haynes on March 12, 1926, in Graham. They moved to Winters in 1946.

Mrs. Haynes was a homemaker and a Baptist. She was preceded in death by her husband; one son, Leroy Haynes; and one daughter, Francis Bernadean Hale.

Survivors include one daughter, Evelyn Haynes Davis of Abilene; seven grandchildren; fourteen great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

Graveside services were at 2:00 p.m. Friday, September 22, at Lakeview Cemetery in Winters with Reverend Barry Taylor officiating. Burial was directed by Winters Funeral Home.

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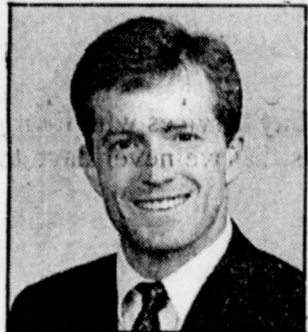
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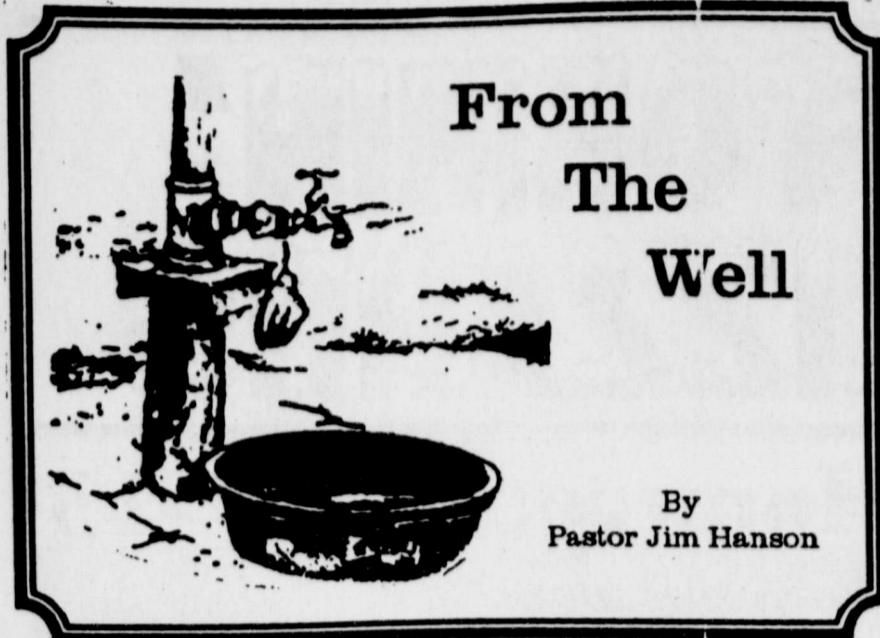
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From The Well

By
Pastor Jim Hanson



Pastor Jim Hanson

Last Thursday I had a religious experience. But I wasn't alone. Seven of us...and more. At the same time. And in the same place. It wasn't a vision. Or a dream. The heavens didn't open up. Rather, right in the center of Sioux Falls, South Dakota, it came to us. Rather we came to it.

We came to THE BANQUET. Behind the Holiday Inn. Near the Library. Not far from the river and the bridges. Not far from where there are a lot of people who live. Homeless. Hungry. Street people. Street children. Poor folks. It is a good location. In walking distance for folks who don't have a car.

THE BANQUET serves these people. A good meal. Monday through Saturday: 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. And, on Mondays, a breakfast: 6:30 to 8:00 a.m. (There is a rumor that soon they will be serving breakfast every day...but Sunday is for church.) It is a good clean place. A large dining room. Carpeted. Like a church fellowship hall. Good kitchen. Bathrooms. Handicapped accessible. Folding tables in mint condition. Really nice chairs. The kind that you can stack and that sit comfortably. The room seats 150 without crowding.

The price is right. It's free to all who come to the door. If you are hungry and need a meal. All who come are "guests." Just like the parable Jesus told in Matthew 22. About the king who gave a marriage banquet for his son. He sent his servants out to call in those who had been invited. But they didn't want to come. So he said "Go out to the thoroughfares, and invite to the marriage feast as many as you find." They did. And the hall was filled with guests...both good and bad.

The servants at THE BANQUET are volunteers from the churches in and around Sioux Falls, 300 or more. These churches were invited by a wonderful lady, a nun, who had the inspiration and the vision. (She also has a lot of organizing skills.) Each church pays \$450 a year to keep THE BANQUET going. In addition, each church prepares, and serves the meal one day each year. It takes about 40 volunteers to set up, cook, serve the food, clean the tables, pour the drinks (water, milk, and coffee), carry the trays for the handicapped, wash the dishes, clean up after the meal, and make sure that all the "guest" feel welcome.

Last Thursday was the day for the Moe Parish to serve. Three congregations out in the country near Hudson, South Dakota. All about 30-35 miles from Sioux Falls. Our son Nathan serves as their pastor. That's how Ramona and I got in on it. Early in the morning the cooks went in, together with their helpers, to prepare the meal. Others came in during the day with their cookies and cakes and bars. The rest of us came in about 45 minutes before serving, to get our assignments. Ramona was a "coffee, water, and milk pourer." I was to be a "table wiper," and, later on, to be a "ticket-taker." (Each guest, on entering, received a ticket: blue for adults and red for children under 12.) That night was served 320 guests...66 were children.

We started at 5:30, promptly. In they came, right off the street. Several were amputees. In wheel chairs. Others came in motorized chairs...some partly paralyzed. Red. Yellow. Black. White. Just like the Sunday School song, "Red and yellow, black, and white, they are precious in His sight." It was great to see how polite they were, there was no pushing in line. Often they helped each other. And friendly. When I was taking my meal break, one of the guests came over to me. He was dressed in a big red "Kansas City Chiefs" football jersey, with a cap to match. I asked "Are you a fan of the chiefs?" He replied, "Nope. I'm for the Vikings." A little while later, another young man came by decked out in a purple Viking jersey with CARTER printed on it, a Viking cap, and purple shorts came by and tapped him on the shoulder. My new friend said proudly, "That's my brother!"

A short time later, while wiping off a table, one of the guests, in a motorized wheel chair, a young man in his late 20's said, "You know, this place is like heaven to me." Later on, after we were on our way home, Nathan said, "You know, working at THE BANQUET, must be alot like it is in heaven." We all agreed, even the teen-agers.

I've reflected a lot about it since. I have been to a lot of banquets in my life. Good food. Good programs. Good speakers. But I've never heard anyone say, "This is a lot like heaven" at one. Among the guests. Or...among the serves.

For we were blessed. Like the angel said in Revelations 19:9, "Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage feast of the Lamb." Like the "guests" who were invited...from the thoroughfares in Sioux Falls. Like the servers who, in feeding the hungry ones, were "doing it unto Him." All of us. It happened. At THE BANQUET in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. It all came together. When we do what Jesus calls us to do. And do it in His Spirit. And, in His love.



LIONS AND CHICKENS matched wits last Saturday (and the chickens lost) when the Winters Lions Club sold barbecued chickens during a fundraiser to support various community projects including eyeglasses and exams for needy children and adults. Workers included (l-r) Lee Harrison, Michael Mostad, John McMinn, Randall Conner, George Mostad, Mike Harris, Dale Montgomery and Mike Meyer.

From The Mayor's Desk

By Dawson McGuffin

Appreciative of all Winters offers

Some of the duties of the City are to look for life, safety, health, and security of the citizens. Keeping the city clean, providing recreational facilities (parks), and maintaining them properly in order for them to be safe for the citizens to use and enjoy are also the City's job.

As a person, citizen, father, grandfather, and longtime resident of this city, the high quality of City services has always been my concern. This was the reason that in the 1980's I served two terms as councilman. This is my third term to serve as Mayor. From the day I became Mayor, I have tried to improve the quality of City services.

The quality and quantity of our police service have improved quite a bit. For improving this service, we received a grant from the United States Justice Department.

We have a new fire department building and equipment. We were funded by the Texas Fire Prevention Council for fire department building improvement. The late Mr. Floyd Sims donated his old motel, and the city crew cleaned the lot of this project. We killed two birds with one smile — got rid of an eyesore and dangerous

building in the middle of our Main Street, and got our fire department a decent home. In fact, we killed three birds, because we remodeled the fire department garages for the new City Hall.

We upgraded our recreational facilities in Ted Meyer Park with assistance from the Women's Service League.

We built a new park adjacent to Elm Creek Reservoir. This improvement was funded by a \$150,000 grant from the Texas Department of Parks and Wildlife and \$150,000 worth of labor and equipment by the City. We paved the existing and new park roads, built a fishing pier, added ten new covered picnic tables, and built a 40' x 80' covered pavilion with benches and barbecue grills. We built new bathrooms, a volleyball court, a softball field, and a playground for children in this new park.

When our grant funds are released from the United States Department of Agriculture, hopefully before year-end, we will remodel our community center in-

cluding installing a central heating and cooling system.

Thank God we have a good hospital, secure environment, clean air and clean water, and a good school system with qualified and caring educators and administrators. I welcome anybody from any city across the nation to come to our town and enjoy living in small-town atmosphere and big city opportunities.

As far as I am concerned, we have a quiet peaceful city that is just right to live in, retire in, raise healthy kids in, and enjoy the clean air and big West Texas sky. Let's appreciate our city and love one another.

I thank the citizens for electing me the Mayor, the fine City staff for helping me and the other elected officials to enjoy being proud of our services.

Meanwhile, let's pray together for safety of our federal and state government and thank them for helping us improve the quality of the City services with their grant funds that we never have to pay back.

Retired Teachers to meet Oct. 9

The Runtless County Retired Teachers Association will meet Monday, October 9, at 2:30 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church in Ballinger.

Members should bring a childhood possession or small family antique to show and tell its history and meaning.

Homecoming, continued

Manufacturing. She worked in the Customer Service Department until retiring in 1996 after 33 years. Her husband passed away in October, 1998.

She has been an avid golfer and loved to take care of her son as well as other children from the community.

She was escorted by her son David and his wife Cheri, and 4-year-old granddaughter Chandler, of Round Rock.

Carmen Martinez in 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 of 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 the church's youth group. She has volunteered at FBC Vacation Bible School the past three summers.

Carmen was escorted by her father Danny Martinez.

Aaron is the 17-year-old son of Joe and Donna Pritchard. While at WHS he has been active in football, basketball, tennis, track, cross-country, and baseball.

He is a member of the FFA and has been involved in student council. He was Glacier King candidate for his junior class. He is a member of Mr. Carmel Catholic Church.

Fund-raiser for Gary Moore set October 8

A fund-raising dinner and auction to benefit Gary Moore has been scheduled for Sunday, October 8, at the Winters school cafeteria.

Gary has accumulated medical expenses due to complications of pneumonia and has no insurance. Proceeds will be used to help offset these medical costs.

The meal of barbecued brisket, beans, potato salad, homemade dessert, and drink will be served from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Take-outs will be available.

A silent auction begins at 11 a.m. and will continue through 2 p.m. Donations will be gladly accepted; please call Jeanie or Amy Wheat at 754-4555. One need not be present when bids are awarded.

Tickets are \$6 for adults and \$4 for children ages 12 and under. You may purchase tickets in advance by contacting Jeanie or Amy Wheat.

Library to host Sign-Up Day on Saturday

The Winters Public Library will host a Library Sign-Up Day on Saturday, September 30. The event will be held at the library on North Main Street from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Featured at the sign-up day will be "Arthur" a delightful children's book character. Every child who becomes a member of the library on Saturday will receive a free Arthur book bag.

There is no charge to become a member—children and adults alike are encouraged to join. The library offers an extensive choice of children's books as well as adult selections. In addition, the library offers a variety of reference books and materials as well as computers with access to the Internet for members to enjoy.

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	Winters	Wall
First downs	8	11
Rushing yards	33-52	43-152
Passing yards	109	112
Total yards	161	264
Comp-Att-Int	7-15-1	6-12-1
Punts-Ave.	4-34	4-25
Fumbles-lost	1-1	1-1
Penalties-yards	3-15	3-15

SCORING SUMMARY

By Quarters
Winters 0, 0, 6, 7-13
Menard 13, 0, 0, 14-27

FIRST QUARTER
Wall
Trey Weishuhn, 3 yd. run, (Woner kick)

THIRD QUARTER
Winters
Gary Woodbury, 8 yd. run, (kick failed)

FOURTH QUARTER
Winters
Gary Woodbury, 10 yd. run, (Jeffrey Oats kick)

Wall
Dierschke 4 yd. run, (Woner kick)
Holik, 22 yd. run, (Woner kick)

7th Breezes fall to Wall Hawks
by Coach Biff White

If you came late to the game you missed a fast first half. The seventh grade Breezes lost to Wall, 22-6.

Strange as it seems, Wall had the ball the first quarter driving down to the 12-yard line before the Breezes defense stiffened. See SEVENTH, page 8

Hawks spoil Blizzard Homecoming 27-13
Winters to face Sonora this week

by Charles Murphy, special to The Winters Enterprise

It was Homecoming 2000, and with all the pomp and circumstance deserving of such an event, WHS senior Carmen Martinez was crowned Homecoming Queen for the year 2000. Joanie McAdoo was honored as Coming Home Queen.

With the homecoming ceremonies over, Winters won the toss and chose to receive. The Blizzards set up shop after the return by Gary Woodbury, on their own 31 yard line.

On the first play from scrimmage, Blizzard quarterback Josh Minzenmayer hit Aaron Pritchard for an 8-yard gain and on the next play Pritchard picked up 3 on the ground for the 1st and 10.

Then things began to turn green here.

After a Zeke Martinez run for three and loss of four by Minzenmayer, it was 3rd and 11. Minzenmayer dropped back to pass and the Hawks were there to record their first sack and a 4-yard loss.



SAMSON JACKSON #75 comes up with the loose ball during varsity action against the Wall Hawks. At left are teammates Jeremy Hope and Chris Yanez; at right is Ben Blaine #62. The Blizzards lost the Homecoming game 27-13, and will face Sonora this Friday in Winters at 8 p.m.

The ensuing punt set Wall up at their own 42-yard line, 1st and 10. Then it was 1st and 5, offside against Winters. To make a long story short, six plays later, the Wall quarterback was in the end zone after a keeper around left end. With 5:47 left in the first quarter, the score was Wall 7-Winters 0.

After the kickoff, the Blizzards had good field position at their own 40-yard line. But after three plays and a five-yard penalty, it was Wall's ball at the Blizzard 45. A pass toward the home sideline was picked off by the Hawks that accounted for the turnover.

With runs by Zeke Martinez and Woodbury netting 7 yards, it was 3rd and 3. Third down resulted in no gain and the Blizzards were forced to punt. The Hawks were set up at their own 14-yard line after a great punt by Minzenmayer.

The Hawks went 3 and out and punted. The short punt netted about 15 yards and the Blizzards had the ball at the plus 30. On 3rd and 14, a pass completion to Chris Yanez gained 16 yards and set Winters up at the 14. A fumble, a loss, and two incomplections later, it was Wall's ball with 1:41 left in the half. The Hawks ran out the clock, pleased to be ahead 13-0 at halftime.

The first play of the fourth quarter brought a 45-yard pass completion from Minzenmayer to Robert Gibbs, putting the ball at the 11-yard line. The second play rewarded the Big Blue with six points as Woodbury bounced outside to the left and scampered 11 yards to paydirt. Jeffrey Oats' PAT kick was good, leaving the contest knotted at 13 with 11:33 left, and something for the Blizzard homecoming fans to cheer about.

Ten plays later at the 8:23 mark Wall had re-established themselves in the leadership role with another touchdown. The PAT was good and Wall had the lead again at 20-13. With an exchange of fumbles, Winters was set up at its

own 26 after the recovery by Samson Jackson.

After a couple of first downs, the Blizzards stalled and were faced with a 4th and 14 with 4:43 left on the clock.

Eight plays later, with 28 seconds left in the game, the Hawks sealed the Blizzards' fate with a 22-yard run to up their lead to 27-13. This is when it would end, as the crowd thinned and the band played the school song. Homecoming 2000 was in the record book.

The Blizzards will face a very tough Sonora team in Blizzard stadium this Friday with kickoff at 8:00 p.m.

Eight plays later the Hawks scored again with 1:30 left in the first quarter. The drive was highlighted by a 23-yard pass on 3rd and 8 to set the green team up at the 4-yard line with a 1st and goal. The PAT was missed, the score was Wall 13, Winters 0, and the quarter ended.

The second quarter began with a 3-and-out for the Big Blue Wrecking Crew. The Blizzards started at their own 20-yard line. After two outstanding runs by Gary Woodbury, the Blue had a first down at their own 35.

Directions to Sonora Field

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

As you enter Sonora from San Angelo on U.S. 277, you will cross under Interstate 10. Once you have crossed Interstate 10, U.S. 277 becomes Business 290. Stay on Business 290 (you will eventually make a left turn to stay on 290) until coming to East 3rd Street. At East 3rd Street, turn right. Go approximately two blocks, then turn left on Glasscock Avenue. Go seven to eight blocks, turn right onto Lorene Street. You should see the stadium directly to your left.

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

With halftime adjustments made and both teams back on the field, the second half began with the Blizzards kicking off to the Hawks. It appeared that Coach Byrd and his staff had lit a fire under the Blizzards as they came out and took charge.

After a Wall punt and giving the ball up on downs, the Blizzards' Jeremy Hope picked off a Hawk aerial, giving Winters the ball at the Wall 45. A 15-yard completion to Wade Parramore, a 16-yard run by Pritchard, then a 6-yard scramble by Minzenmayer set the ball at the 8-yard line. It was Woodbury's turn from here.

With 3:47 left in the 3rd, Woodbury scored on a nifty run. The PAT was missed and the lead was cut to 7, at Wall 13, Winters 6.



MANUEL CORDOVA (center) brings down the Wall runner with help from an unidentified teammate during 7th grade action. At left is James Vasquez #30.

2000-2001 Varsity Football Schedule

Date	Opponent	Home/Away	Time	TV
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	13-27
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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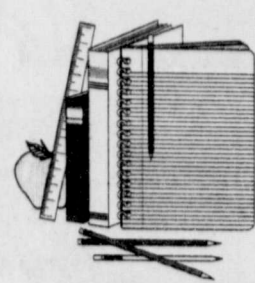
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ON THE FIELD AND IN THE CLASSROOM



"Jack Rabbit" Greer honored by Class of 1970 during Homecoming festivities



A FITTING TRIBUTE AFTER ALL THESE YEARS...The Winters High School Class of 1970 honored one of their own at halftime ceremonies of the Blizzard Homecoming game last Friday night. James "Jack Rabbit" Greer was presented a plaque by the class in honor of his state championship in the broad jump in 1969. Greer is surrounded on the field by fellow classmates.

James "Jack Rabbit" Greer was integrated into the WHS system in 1965 from the black school system across town. Despite being thrust into a new system when his school closed, Jack Rabbit quickly established his place as a member of the Class of 1970.

He won district, then regionals in the broad jump in the spring of 1969 before traveling to Austin with Coach Chili Black.

Jack Rabbit jumped 22 feet 5 1/2 inches to win the state championship that year and still holds the Winters High School record in the event.

Coach Black promised Jack Rabbit the biggest steak in Austin if he won, and the coach tried to make good on his promise. However, Jack Rabbit told him he'd just as soon have a hamburger. The Class of 1970 bought Greer's long deserved steak at The Shed on Saturday night during their 30th reunion.

He told fellow classmates the plaque they had presented him with during halftime ceremonies of the Homecoming football game the night before would be his diploma, as he did not graduate with the rest of his class.

On graduation day 1970, Jack Rabbit was told by school officials he had not met the requirements to graduate with his class that evening. Greer packed his bags and left town before nightfall. He earned his GED and is now Transportation Supervisor for the City of Wharton near Houston.

He has raised five children who have all graduated from high school with honors and gone on to attend college.

Eighth grade falls to Wall

Wall defeated the eighth grade Breezes last Thursday, 20-0. **1st Quarter**—Wall started out with the ball. Winters held the See EIGHTH, page 8

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Fearless Football Forecasters



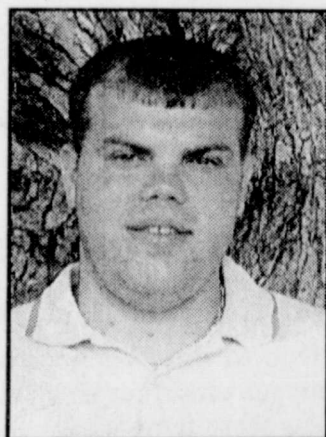
LAST WEEK
OVERALL

Kim Jackson	Dan Killough	Brett Mikeska	Berto Reyes	Doug Wheat	
7-3	6-4	6-4	4-6	6-4	
27-13	25-15	24-16	22-18	23-17	
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School Days, School Days

Zach Boxell Coach and History Teacher



Lampasas High School in 1993 and Sul Ross State University in 1998. He received a bachelor of science degree in kinesiology with certification in all levels of kinesiology, health, and driver's education.

Before coming to Winters, he was employed by Lake Dallas High School where he was head coach for the freshman boys football team and assistant coach for the varsity boys basketball team. He completed his student teaching at Marfa Elementary and Marfa High School.

Earlier this year, Coach Boxell served as assistant coach for the TABC All-Star Boys Basketball Game in San Antonio. He has previously worked basketball camps at Richardson, Sudan, Fort Worth, & Lampasas.

Coach Boxell graduated from

Senior Tracie Morrison, placed in two categories. She finished third in the people category with her photo entitled "Playing Dirty." She also placed sixth in the animal category with "Doggie's Tree." Morrison is editor of this year's yearbook.

Senior Taylor Brown won third place in the nature category with his entry entitled "Rocky Waterfall." Sophomore Jena Bahlman placed sixth in the nature division with her photo, "A River Runs Through It."

Juniors Staci Bishop and Mandy Pritchard and Morrison also exhibited photos in the nature division.

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At present, *Glacier* staff members have photographs entered in the KTXS calendar contest.

WHS Glacier staff members place photos at West Texas Fair and Rodeo

The WHS *Glacier* staff had three photo entries place recently at the West Texas Fair and Rodeo in Abilene.

Senior Tracie Morrison, placed

Llanas and Rodriguez medal for WHS at McMurry Invitational

The Lady Blizzards placed eleventh out of 19 teams at the McMurry Invitational Cross-Country Meet at Seabee Park in Abilene last Saturday.

Marie Llanas medaled for Winters, placing 14th among the 145 runners.

In the boys' division, Winters had only four runners. Jimmy Rodriguez won the meet by 18 seconds, improving his time over the same course last year by 15 seconds.

Winters will travel to Hords Creek Lake on Saturday, September 30, to run in a cross-country meet hosted by Coleman. The JV girls will compete at 9:50 a.m. followed by the varsity girls at 10:10 a.m. and the boys at 10:35 a.m.

The meet will be located across the dam at Flat Rock Park, Area 4.

Last week's results are as follows:

Lady Blizzards
Marie Llanas, 14th, 13:28
Brianna Parramore, 32nd, 14:12
Stacey Sneed, 80th, 15:19
Kirby Hatler, 107th, 15:50
Macy Hopson, 108th, 16:00
Priscilla Ontiveros, 111th, 16:10

Lacey Meyer, 118th, 16:35
Stacey Walden, 121st, 16:51
Kari Walker, 134th, 17:48

Blizzards
Jimmy Rodriguez, 1st, 16:25
Juan Santos, 34th, 19:50
Tim Fenwick, 45th, 20:18
Benji Valles, 88th, 23:42

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Poe's Corner

By Charlsie Poe

Orr shares more family history

Editor's Note: Charlsie shares more history from friend Alex Orr from letters he has penned her.

"In the fall of 1945 I was transferred from Hobbs AFB, New Mexico to Chanute Field, Illinois. I was assigned to a unit which was designated the "Sad Sack" Squadron. In front of the Squadron headquarters building there was a statue of Sad Sack, who was a cartoon character in the Army-Navy News.

It was raining the night that I got there. We went to headquarters building to report in and get our barracks assignments. There were 20-30 men in the group to be assigned.

We were standing around waiting to be told what to do. All of a sudden I heard someone call out, "Dude." Well, I knew that to be someone from Winters.

I looked around and who was standing there Captain Terrell Davis who was the squadron commander. I could not believe my eyes.

I felt like giving him a hug, but preserving military decorum I held back. Anyway, we went into his office and visited a few minutes before I had to get my barracks assignment.

The next day or so, Terrell had the First Sergeant, A.J. Billadeau, give me a job in the orderly room.



Charlsie Poe

It was then that I especially appreciated Mrs. Pearl Jackson having taught me to type.

Terrell was kind enough to take a friend of mine and me to high school football games in the Champaign-Urbana, Illinois, area.

Also, he gave us a three day pass when we were supposed to stay on the base. The occasion was to go to Chicago to see two World Series Games. My dad's brother, Carlton Orr, lived in Chicago and treated us to the games.

On November 15, 1945, I was given my discharge from the Army Air Corps. I went in to tell Terrell "good bye" before heading homeward. The next day I caught a train which went through Longview.

My dad met me at the train and this was a fitting end to my World War II experiences. I'll never be able to thank Terrell enough for the kindnesses he showed to a 19-year-old boy from Winters, Runnels County, Texas.

Woman's Club distributes yearbooks

The Winters Woman's Club met and distributed yearbooks on Tuesday, September 12, in the home of Pat Ambrose.

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

Cheryl Bryan allotted tickets for the spaghetti supper to be held September 29 in the school cafeteria. Members are encouraged to sell all tickets.

The Texas Rural Development

Council will meet October 25 in the Rock Hotel. The council will be conducting a survey of Winters. Pat Ambrose, Gail Williams, and Phyllis Boles will represent the club.

Phyllis Boles presided the meeting. Teresa Briley, Marthiel Russell, and Horte Joyce assisted with hostess duties. Refreshments were served to nineteen members and three guests. Guests introduced were Joyce Broadstreet, Joyce Carberry, and Beulah Harrison.



Mr. & Mrs. Buz Lovelady, Jr.

LaMoyn Moore and Ewing "Buz" Lovelady, Jr. united in marriage

LaMoyn K. Moore and Ewing D. "Buz" Lovelady, Jr. were united in marriage Saturday, July 15, 2000, at the First Baptist Church in Winters with Reverend Barry Taylor performing the double-ring ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. W.R. Kennedy. The groom is the son of Mrs. Agnes Lovelady of Ballinger and the late Mr. Ewing Lovelady, Sr.

Given in marriage by her children Zanette Hammonds and Sylvia, Robert, Mike, and Marvin Moore, the bride wore a dusty rose two-piece dress accented at the waist with beads and sequins. She carried a bouquet of pink roses on the family bible.

Mrs. Olen "Snookie" Ricketts of Axtel served as matron of honor. She wore a pale yellow dress.

Mr. Thomas Nipper of Knoxville, Tennessee, served as best man.

Rachel and Erin Moore, granddaughters of the bride, were flower girls who carried brass baskets interlaced with satin rib-

bon and miniature roses. The baskets were decorated by Loretta Stroud, niece of the bride.

Kelsey Moore, also the bride's granddaughter, was the ring bearer.

The altar featured an arch entwined with shades of pink miniature roses and pink tulle with greenery. The arch was decorated by Violeta Smith, niece of the bride.

The unity candle was lit by Susan Milliken, granddaughter of the groom, of St. Louis; Zanette Hammonds; and Sylvia Moore.

A reception followed at the Rock Hotel. Punch and a three-tiered heart-shaped cake with cascading pink roses were on the bride's table. The groom's table featured a chocolate cake accented with "Texas Longhorn" logos.

Both the bride and groom are 1942 graduates of Winters High School.

After a wedding trip and cruise to Alaska, the couple will reside in Knoxville, Tennessee and Winters.

Crews News

By Hilda Kurtz

The difference between looking good and good-looking is 20 years and 20 pounds.

Hopewell people attending and helping with the birthday party last Thursday at 3 p.m. at the Senior Citizens Nursing Home were Brother Ferris Akins, Carolyn Webb, Selma Wilkerson, Doris Wood, Fairy Allcorn, Viane Talbott, Melvena Gerhart, and Nila Osborne.

Sunday visitors at Hopewell services were Brother Grayson and Betty Tennison of Fort Worth, Chris Shields, Joe Webb, and Bernie McCoy. Bernie is here visiting her mother in Abilene and her Crews friends.

Kenny Gibbs and Mark Kaczyk of Winters visited Georgia and Connie Gibbs during the week. Saffron, Kenny, Tana, and Lane Gibbs visited Doris Woods during the week.

Tanya New and Wayne Kraatz attended the Abilene West Texas Fair and Rodeo.

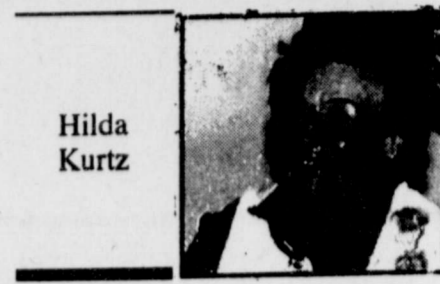
Louise Osborne of Winters came out and had supper Thursday night. Melvena Gerhart came and had a nice visit Thursday.

Calvin and Hildegard Schovajsa of San Angelo spent Saturday cutting down mistle toe and worked to prepare for their picnic.

Some proud folks out here reported their rain: Tanya New, a big inch; the Gibbses, 1", the McBeths, over an inch; the Cartwrights, 1-3/10", Leona and Roy Matthies, a big inch; the Osbornes, a welcome inch; Joe Pierce, just short of an inch; Doris Wood, 1-2/10", and myself, an inch.

Ladies attending Bible study on Monday morning were Selma Wilkerson, Carolyn Webb, Viane Talbott, Nila Osborne, and Melvena Gerhart. Leona Matthews was a visitor.

Betty Pierce was in Grape Creek Tuesday and picked up their grandson, Pierce Doyle. They celebrated Pierce's 9th birthday and



Hilda Kurtz

visited with Mrs. Oneta Moore and Leroy Cole. On Saturday afternoon and evening, Joe and Betty Pierce had a hamburger supper for their son Richard McCullough and wife Anna and daughters Mindy and Kayla of Bangs. Also present were Will and Katie Hughes. Later everyone enjoyed listening to the rain. Doris Wood visited awhile in the evening.

Doris visited with Mr. and Mrs. John Hord in Wingate. All enjoyed the dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Jim Collier during the week.

Linda Duggan, Susan Mansell, and Becky Brown returned from a trip visiting relatives last week. Beth Fecci and sister Patty of San Antonio visited the Duggans on Saturday. Dale and Linda spent Monday in Abilene and had lunch with Kyle and Katy Grigsby.

The Duggan's horse, Mamie, got bit by a rattlesnake this week and is a "pretty sick pony." The snake has yet to be found.

On Tuesday, Sharon Engler of Brownwood took her mom, Margie Jacob, and Kristi Busenlehner out to lunch at Miles.

On Saturday, Evelyn and Margie Jacob met sisters Merline Wieshuhn and Sherline Strube of Wall as well as Wilma Halfmann of Garden City at Simply Taylor's for a get-together lunch. All had a nice visit and then went shopping. Also went to see Jeannie and Bud Minzenmeyer.

Visiting with Margie Jacob on Sunday were Beverly, Corey, and Brad VanZandt, and Mike and Carol Kozelsky.

Margie had a nice call from granddaughter Kathryn Kozelsky of College Station on Sunday night. All there are doing fine.

Winters Woman's Club Annual
Chicken Spaghetti Dinner

Friday, Sept. 29
 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.
 School Cafeteria

Child 12 & under \$3
 Adults \$5

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Proceeds benefit civic projects. For tickets, call 754-4057 or 754-2048.

Toyota Scholars —
WHS counselor seeking qualified seniors for scholarship program

Winters High School counselor Charles Murphy encourages community leaders and organizations to nominate a local senior for the Fifth Annual Toyota Community Scholars program.

Murphy is allowed to submit one senior applicant for consideration for the \$10,000 and \$20,000 scholarships. He has a December 1 deadline for submission.

The Toyota scholars committee is seeking a candidate who has an outstanding academic record, is an effective leader, and has a well-documented record of service within and outside the school setting.

They stress, that while academic performance is a prime factor in the selection process, the distinguishing characteristic will be the overall impact of the student's contribution in the area of community service. The nominee must have initiated or be actively involved in a service program that addresses a school or community need.

Anyone wishing to nominate a senior for the scholarship should contact Charles Murphy at the high school at 754-5516, as soon as possible.

B-B-Q DINNER & SILENT AUCTION
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Computer devours mailing labels for paper

Due to one whopper of a computer crash, current mailing labels were temporarily "lost" last week at *The Winters Enterprise*.

We apologize for any delay or inconvenience you may have experienced in receiving your newspaper.

And, believe it or not, we appreciate all the calls, questions and visits because we at least know that you're eager to get all the news about Winters and the area. Our readers are the best!

Please bear with us as we do battle with the computer. Just ignore the expiration date listed on the label. If you have any further problems, please don't hesitate to let us know.

We appreciate your patience and your business!

Jean Boles, Editor

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Dr. Keith's Health Tips

by Keith Boles, M.D.

Let's talk about the flu shot and colds...

Let's talk about the flu shot and colds (runny noses, sore throats, and "sinus") since that season is about to be upon us.

There will be a shortage of flu vaccine this year due to production glitches at U.S. facilities that manufacture the vaccine. Therefore the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) in Atlanta has recommended that physicians start flu shot campaigns in November instead of October which is usually recommended.

Also, patients at high risk should be immunized first to make sure they get the shot before supplies are depleted. High-risk patients include those over 65 (although the experts now recommend that anyone over 50 get a flu shot) and those with chronic lung, heart, or metabolic disease.

The most common diseases that would classify a person as high risk would be asthma, emphysema, congestive heart failure, and diabetes. Other high-risk categories exist including pregnancy. Call your physician if you think you may be high-risk.

People who shouldn't get the flu shot are those allergic to eggs or those who have had a previous reaction to the flu shot. I've had a lot of people tell me they have gotten the flu from the flu shot and therefore won't take another.

There has never been a documented case of the flu from the flu shot. I posed this question recently to an infectious disease specialist and he said there are three things which could have happened to cause the person to feel ill after receiving the flu shot.

1) The person may have caught a "cold" just after receiving the flu shot. 2) The flu shots take about two weeks to start working so the patient might've been exposed and developed the flu before the vaccine became protective. 3) The patient was exposed and developed a strain of flu that the shot did not protect against.

Now let's talk about those runny noses, sore throats, and sinus congestion that a lot of us are about to experience this winter. Even in the year 2000 there is still no cure for the common cold except for zinc lozenges as described below.

Colds can cause a myriad of symptoms from a sore throat to stopped up nose to ear pain. Although antibiotics have been prescribed in the past for these ailments, we've since found viruses

don't respond to antibiotics. Prescribing antibiotics for viral syndromes also adds to bacterial resistance to antibiotics which you may have read about in the newspapers recently.

Since we physicians can't do much about those common colds, what can you do? Zinc lozenges are about the closest thing to a cure that we have. Most pharmacies have these in stock. They lessen the duration and severity of cold symptoms. However, they must be taken within 24 hours of the onset of symptoms for them to work. Something else that works is to take ibuprofen (Advil, Motrin) 2 to 3 pills, three times a day. This medicine is safe as long as you don't have stomach ulcers, gastritis or kidney disease. This anti-inflammatory medication blocks those chemicals such as cytokines and prostaglandins, which make you feel bad when you have a cold.

I also recommend against those multi-symptom cold medicines that treat every symptom under the sun. I advise picking the one symptom that bothers you the most and choose a medicine that treats that symptom.

If congestion and runny nose bother you the most, use Sudafed and Afrin nasal spray. Always buy generic. They're just as good and cheaper. Sudafed can't be used if you have uncontrolled high blood pressure.

If you have high blood pressure and it is well controlled with medicines then I advise my patients that it's OK to take small amounts of Sudafed every now and then for colds. Afrin can't be used for more than a week because your nose can become addicted to it.

If sore throat is your most bothersome symptom, salt water gargles, Cepacol lozenges and Chloraseptic spray are your best bet. Ibuprofen, in the amounts mentioned previously, can also ease the pain.

If general aches and pains and feeling bad are your worst symptoms then, once again, try our old friend ibuprofen.

Combo cold medicines have a little of each kind of medicine in them including antihistamines. In my opinion, antihistamines work great for allergies but are lousy for acute viral syndromes such as colds and the flu.

Antihistamines can dry up secretions and make them really

thick and hard to cough up or blow out of your nose. They also make you drowsy and give you the "medicine head" which can exacerbate that generally lousy feeling you get with viral syndromes.

So when should you consult a physician for these ailments? If you think you have the flu, seek medical attention quickly because the new medicines to help the flu only work if given within 48 hours of the onset of symptoms. Abrupt onset, high fever of 101° to 104°, muscle and joint pains, and sometimes severe headache characterize the flu.

If you develop high fever of 101° to 102° several days to a week or so after starting with a cold, then call your physician. This could be a sign of a secondary bacterial infection such as ear infection or pneumonia.

All of the above information is meant to be general guidelines only. If you have questions about any symptoms you may have, or have doubts about whether you can take some of the over-the-counter medicines recommended above, please call your physician for specific advice.

Next time we'll talk about sinus infections and antibiotics to prevent worsening in viral upper respiratory infections (another common misconception). See ya!



In her films, Shirley Temple always had 56 curls in her hair.

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Letter to the Editor

City Manager defends business philosophy

According to scholars and practitioners in the field of public management, bringing outside money to the community (inflow) is a healthy fiscal policy and helps the city's budget and the community's economy. Sending

the inside city money out of the community (outflow), on the other hand, is not healthy for the budget nor the community's economy.

Based on this proven philosophy,

from the day I came to this community, I have tried to bring outside money for improvement of the city projects, mostly through federal, state, and private foundations.

Grants Received

Urgent need Fund TCDP (Federal)-TX Parks & Wild Life-	\$ 450,000
TX Community Development Program-	\$ 300,000
TX Community Development Program-	\$ 250,000
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Urgent Fund-	\$ 250,000
US Dept. of Justice-	\$ 150,000
TX Natural Resource Conservation Com.-	\$ 75,000
TX Natural Resource Conservation Com.-	\$ 75,000
TX Natural Resource Conservation Com.-	\$ 15,000
Fire Prevention Council-	\$ 11,700
Strake Foundation-	\$ 100,000
Dodge Jones Foundation-	\$ 10,000
Meadows Foundation-	\$ 10,000
Strake Foundation-	\$ 50,000
Dodge Jones Foundation-	\$ 15,000
TX Community Development Program-	\$ 250,000
TX Community Development Program-	\$ 200,000
TX Dept. of Transportation	\$ 100,000
Total amount of actual grants-	\$2,651,700

Grants Pending

USDA-	\$ 100,000
TX Community Development Program-	\$ 250,000
Foundation	\$ 250,000
TX Park & Wildlife Dept.	\$ 400,000
TX Community Development Program-	\$ 48,000
TX Dept. of Transportation	\$ 795,960
Total amount of projected grants-	\$1,843,960

Repair the Elm Creek Dam	\$ 450,000
New park by Elm Creek Lake	\$ 300,000
Sewer Trunk Line (mix master line)	\$ 250,000
Water Towers	\$ 250,000
New sewer system	\$ 250,000
New Sewer System	\$ 150,000
Police Department	\$ 75,000
Waste management (used oil eglo/ filter crusher)	\$ 75,000
Chipper	\$ 15,000
Composting Bins	\$ 11,700
New Fire Station	\$ 100,000
Tennis Courts	\$ 10,000
Rock Hotel	\$ 50,000
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Crews Community Center	\$ 15,000
New water lines	\$ 250,000
5 disable low income home improvement	\$ 200,000
Renovating the Airport Runway	\$ 100,000
	\$2,651,700

Community center improvements	\$ 100,000
Sewer Lines	\$ 250,000
Different Projects	\$ 250,000
Park Improvement	\$ 400,000
Master Plan	\$ 48,000
Business District Sidewalks	\$ 795,960
	\$1,843,960

Total actual, projected, and estimated improvements for the citizens and the City of Winters is \$4,495,660. What does all this mean for Winters?

1. Capital improvement: Winters is worth approximately \$4,495,660 more than before.

2. The improvements had to be made: If we had chosen not to use this opportunity, the only other choice would have been to sell

bonds. Capital and interest for the bond indebtedness would have been approximately \$300,000 per year. This requirement would have been \$.60 tax increase by itself. For a \$.03 tax increase, \$6 per year for a \$20,000 house, we faced a dilemma.

3. Some of the improvements increased our appraised value for ad valorem tax.

4. The economy was enhanced

and new employment was brought into the area.

5. Local sales and sales tax revenue were increased.

I let the facts and figures testify, and I leave the judgement to my God, my elected officials, and the rest of the Winters citizens.

Aref Hassan

Aref Hassan, Ph.D.

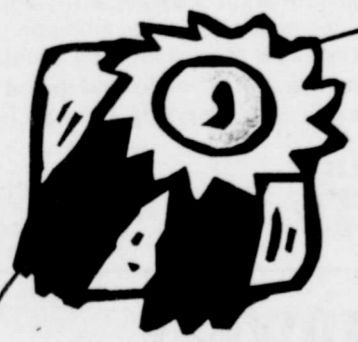
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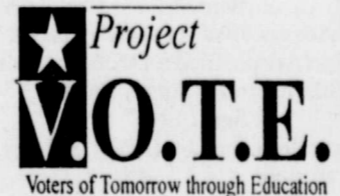
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Calling all Students...
The Secretary of State and this newspaper want your opinion!

While you may not be old enough to vote, Secretary of State Elton Bomer would like you to tell him why you think your parents should vote in the November 7th election. His job is to encourage voter participation in Texas. Secretary Bomer asks that you join other Texas students in writing an essay titled: "Why My Parents Should Vote." Winning entries will be displayed in the Texas State Capitol through the November 2000 election. Winners will also be announced in a news release and at a media event held at our State Capitol. Students who write the winning essays will be invited to appear at this Capitol media event.

Please think about this important topic and send Secretary Bomer your essay. And, if you need help writing your essay, talk to your mom or dad about the importance of voting!



Entry Divisions: Grades K-5(100-300 words), 6-8(400 words or less) and 9-12(500 words or less)

Due Date: Entries must be postmarked by October 6, 2000.

"Why My Parents Should Vote"
Essay Contest

Student Name _____
School/Grade _____
School District _____
Home Address _____
City/State/Zip _____
Parent or Guardian Daytime Phone _____

Mail entries to: The Office of the Secretary of State, Executive Division
Attention: Essay Contest, P.O. Box 12697
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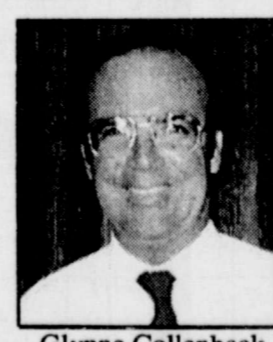
The Secretary of State's essay contest is generously supported by this newspaper.

Weigh Down to begin October 2

Weigh Down will begin meetings Monday, October 2, at the First United Methodist Church in Winters.

The meetings will be held from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. every Monday. For more information, contact Judy Biddix at 754-5690.

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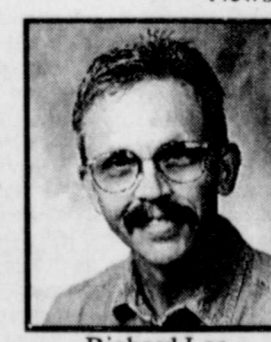
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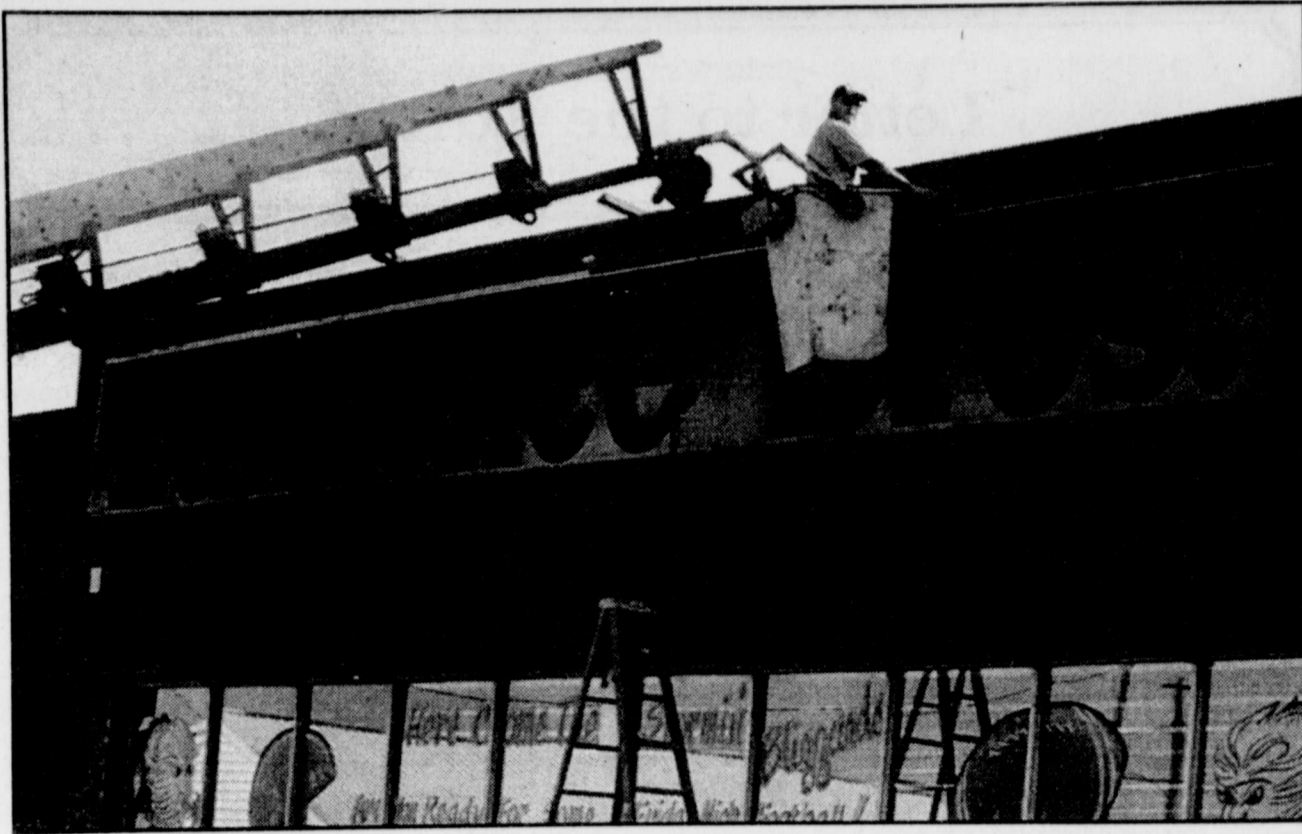


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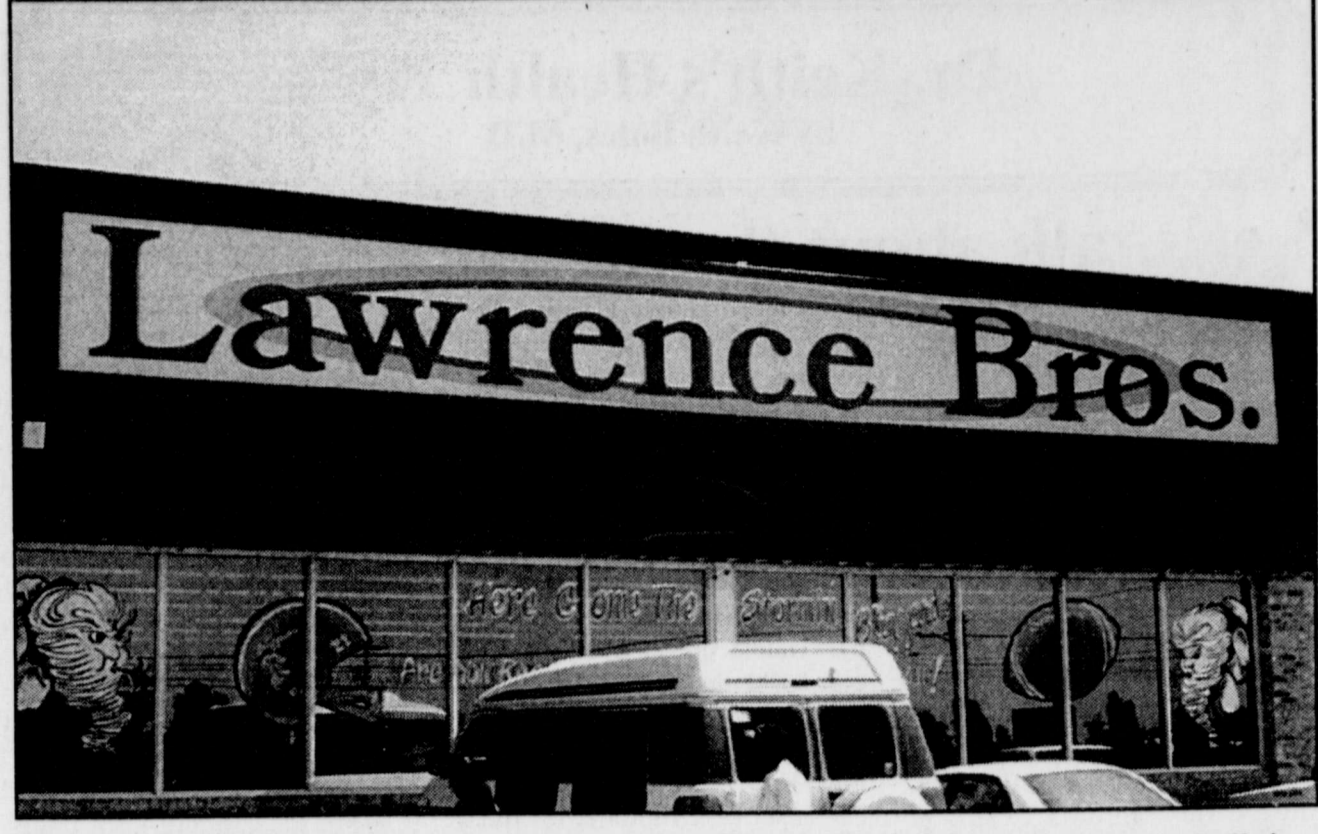


Kris Wilson

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OUT WITH THE OLD Lawrence Brothers IGA Supermarket sign which had been "sand blasted" by the hot west wind over the years. Store Manager Kenneth Dosser and co-owner Kyle Lawrence were instrumental in replacing the sign which was erected in 1989.



IN WITH THE NEW, crisp and eye-catching sign at the local supermarket which was built in 1985, and has undergone recent remodeling and improvements while under the management of Kenneth Dosser. The store is owned by the Lawrence brothers of Sweetwater.

SEVENTH, continued

In the second quarter we drove the ball back with some strong running from Chris Medina and Francisco Perez. Colton Powell caught a fourth down pass from Aaron Colburn all the way down on the 15-yard line. But the Wall defense held strong and that was it for the first half.

The third quarter found Wall with the ball most of the time. First they recovered an onside kick and then proceeded to march on down for the score.

Winters started a drive, but a costly fumble gave Wall the ball back.

In the fourth quarter, time ran

fast, and to make matters worse, the Hawks scored again making it 16-0.

One thing a coach likes to see is his team bearing down and fighting back. That was the answer when this time we recovered the onside kick and three plays later David Scates caught a short pass and scampered 54 yards for the touchdown. We tried an onside but just missed and Wall ran out the clock.

Thanks to all the fans and parents who supported the team. We'll host Sonora at 5 p.m. tonight.

EIGHTH, continued

Hawks and made them punt. Jeremy Mendoza quarterbacked for the Breezes. Winters put together a long drive with Adrian Lozano and Max Harrison running the ball.

Wall was able to stop the Breezes on fourth and inches. The Hawks then drove down the field and threw a pass on third down for a 20-yard touchdown.

2nd Quarter—Both teams were playing good defense. The Hawks finally got a drive together and scored off a toss sweep.

The Breezes got the ball and marched right down the field and

scored a touchdown off a toss sweep reverse pass. Unfortunately the touchdown was called back. Jose Hernandez who caught the ball from Max Harrison was called for a penalty.

The Breezes go in at halftime with a score of 12-0, Wall.

3rd Quarter—Wall scored another touchdown off a run play. The Hawks went for two and were successful to raise the score to 20-0.

4th Quarter—This was a quarter of great defense by both teams as both were held scoreless to end the game.



A big, good-humored man, President Grover Cleveland was called "Uncle Jumbo" by his relatives.

Official Records

County Court Criminal Cases Filed Sept. 14
Lydia Pena, Ballinger, filed for criminal mischief

Sept. 15
Julian Ray Nava, Winters, filed for criminal trespass
Robert Anthony Medina, Winters, filed for criminal trespass
Andrew Lee Medina, Winters, filed for criminal trespass
Brian Joe Ashton, Ballinger, filed for driving while intoxicated
Leon C. Dumas, filed for theft

Sept. 18
Luis Llanas, Miles, filed for making alcohol available to a minor
Austin Sayre Grantham, Miles, filed for making alcohol available to a minor
Alfred Castenada, Jr., Miles, filed for theft
Marisol Martinez Acevedo, Miles, filed for theft
Luke Manuel Molina, Rowena, filed for terroristic threat
John Joe Zertuche, Round Rock, filed for driving while intoxicated (subsequent offense)
Angela Dawn Hoelscher, Miles, filed for driving while intoxicated
Sergio Arnoldo Marin, Winters, filed for making alcohol available to a minor

Sept. 19
Elvis Wayne Florence, Lubbock, filed for driving while intoxicated
Gabriel David Alfaro, Ballinger, filed for driving while intoxicated

Dispositions
John Marvin Traylor, Jr., driving while license suspended, dismissed, defendant convicted in another case
Jasper Lenard Wise, speeding (appeal from Winters Municipal Court), dismissed, community service restitution completed
Robert Glenn Bullard, driving while intoxicated, dismissed, insufficient evidence
Luis Moya Salazar, possession of a prohibited weapon, dismissed, defendant convicted in another case
Eva Perez Retana, driving while intoxicated, pleaded guilty, sentenced to six months in county jail probated to one year, fined \$750, plus \$235.25 court costs and 50 hours community service

Civil Cases Filed Sept. 15
Ballinger National Bank vs. Darlene M. Collins Barr and Bruce Storms, court ruled defendants are indebted to plaintiff for \$10,579.80 (which includes attorney's fees and interest) plus 18 percent post-judgment interest

Civil Cases Filed Sept. 15
Karl W. Vancil vs. Cam Ohlemacher, breach of contract
Mueller, Inc., vs. Harry Watley dba F.C. Construction Company, suit on account

Marriage Licenses Sept. 15
Aaron Patrick McConnell and Terri Lucynda Carlton

District Court Civil Cases Filed Sept. 15
Mueller, Inc., vs. Sims Construction Inc., and Mike V. Sims, individually, suit on account
Calvin Helm and wife Billie Sue Helm vs. Mike Helm and wife Pam Helm, declaratory judgment

Sept. 21
Joe A. Vancil vs. Morris Dale Eubanks, declaratory judgment

Justice of the Peace Precinct 1 Felony Cases Filed Sept. 12
Donna Lynn Henderson, filed for felony driving while intoxicated

Sept. 19
Hilaria Flores Casares, filed for felony driving while intoxicated

Criminal Cases Filed Sept. 9
Kristalyn Renee Vance, filed for minor in possession of alcohol
John Edward Hildenbrand, filed for minor in possession of alcohol

Sept. 10
Rowdy Ray Stilwell, filed for minor in possession of alcohol
Tham De Nguyen, filed for minor in possession of alcohol
Robert Joseph Riojas, filed for minor in possession of alcohol
Jason William Cook, filed for public intoxication
Rhode Joe Cook, filed for public intoxication
Barrett Lee Smith, filed for public intoxication
Safarrah Desiree McMillan, filed for public intoxication

Sept. 14
Antonio Espino, filed for issuance of a bad check
Robert S. Butler, filed for issuance of a bad check
Mary Segura, filed for theft by check

Sept. 15
Kendall Clark Stixrood, filed for minor in possession of alcohol, detectable amount
Amber Nicole Dennis, filed for minor in possession of alcohol, detectable amount

Sept. 21
Jason Baker, filed for theft by check
Juan J. Martinez, Jr., filed for theft by check
Antonio Vasquez, filed for theft by check
Krystal Loggins, filed for theft by check

Sept. 22
Joe Adams, filed for theft by check
Teresa Arispe, filed for theft by check

Small Claims Cases Filed Sept. 12
Oscar Zertuche vs. Daniel Schafer, suit on account

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 17, 2000, through Saturday, September 23, 2000. Winters Police Officers:

- received a report of a female runaway in the 600 block of West Dale Street. A 16-year-old female of Winters was found to be listed as a runaway. She was transported to Tom Green County Juvenile Detention Center as this was a subsequent offense.
- received a report of another female runaway in the 600 block of West Dale Street. While attempting to locate the female, officers observed two males in possession of an alcoholic beverage. A 14-year-old male of Winters was charged with minor in possession and consumption of alcohol and charges are pending on an 18-year-old male of Winters for minor in possession of alcohol.
- received a report of a female runaway in the 600 block of West Dale Street. A 12-year-old female of Ballinger was located at a residence in the 600 block of West Dale. She was in the company of a 17-year-old male of Winters who initially attempted to conceal the whereabouts of the female. When the male was advised he would be arrested for harboring a runaway, he promptly turned the female over to the authorities. The female was taken to the Ballinger Police Department.
- received a report of a burglary in the 300 block of North Frisco Street. A 50-year-old male of Ballinger stated his pickup was broken into and a set of audio speakers removed. Evidence was collected and a possible suspect has been named. This case is under investigation as burglary of a motor vehicle.
- received notice of a warrant subject in the 300 block of North Frisco Street. The subject was located and the warrant confirmed. Francisco Ortiz of Winters was arrested for Runnels County warrant for making alcohol available to minors and taken to Runnels County Jail.
- received a report of harassment in the 200 block of East Pierce Street. A 26-year-old female of Winters reported a threatening message on her answering machine which was heard by the officer. The case is documented as phone harassment and a possible suspect was named.
- received notice from Winters Municipal Court of a 16-year-old male of Winters refusing to attend school. A warrant for failure to attend school was issued and the male was taken to Tom Green County Juvenile Detention Center.
- received a report of a burglary in the 300 block of North Frisco Street. A 35-year-old female of Winters reported finding items missing from her unlocked vehicle. A radar detector and backpack were taken. This case is under investigation as burglary of a motor vehicle.
- observed an 18-year-old male, who the officer knew to be suspended on his driver's license, operating a motor vehicle on Wood Street. A check of the male's license revealed it to be currently under suspension for a violation of the penal code involving liquor offenses. Andy Kort of Winters was arrested for driving while license suspended and taken to Runnels County Jail.
- observed a 20-year-old male of Winters walking erratically on West Pierce Street. Officers checked the male to determine if there was a medical problem and a strong odor of alcohol was detected on the male's person. The male was issued a citation for minor in possession of alcohol and taken to his home and released into his parent's custody.
- received a report of two male subjects in possession of a handgun on North Rogers Street. Both males were located later at the community center and checked. No firearms were found, but one 16-year-old male of Winters was found in possession of tobacco and issued a citation for minor in possession of tobacco products.

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- 1st woman mayor of El Paso Suzy
- TX picante co.
- TXism: "got a bun in the ..."
- TXism: "The Picture Show"
- TXism: "good ... boy"
- "Now, I see"
- TXism: "noisy as ... cryin' for mama"
- TXism: "the bus" (stop)
- TXism: "on" (study)
- TX Ivory Joe's "My Mind" Lost
- Tubb the "Texas Troubadour"
- arboretist plea: " ... tree"
- sweet potatoes
- avg. scores at Fort Worth Colonial
- Judge Hughes swore in LBJ after JFK died
- TXism: "noggins"
- separate
- TXism: "naked as ..."
- TXism: "pot never boils"
- cinnamon & dinner
- TXism: "calaboose"
- TXism: "happy as ... with two tails"
- cheerleader, usually
- TX Shelley Duvall role: Olive

DOWN

- woodland path in SE Grimes Co.
- in Angulina Co. on hwy. 69
- TXism: "he's holding all the ..."
- monthly expense for many Texans
- smasher who was to be built in TX
- TXism: "joined ... dirt" (fell)
- TX pest: fire
- "Honest" Lincoln
- Aggies portrayed the Marine team in "A Few Good Men"
- Santa ... TX
- desirous glance
- "no muss, no ..."
- layer of wood or toilet paper
- Gov. Hogg's only daughter
- JFK's " ... 109"
- Gov. Smith who urged Texans to "Drive Friendly" (init.)
- 1st name of Rio Grande: Rio de Palmas
- TXism: "the bigger they ... the harder they fall"
- Indian tribe of neighbor state NM
- TX-filmed "Finding Home"
- aromatic evergreens
- TXism: " ... clean row (good worker)"
- in Lamb Co. on 70
- "Galveston" singer Campbell
- TX singer Trini (init.)
- George H. to George W.
- Jackie of TX-based "Smoky and the Bandit II"
- Corpus Christi ship receiver
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WINTERS MEMBERS hosted the regular meeting of the West Central Council of Governments last Thursday at the Senior Citizens Activity Center. Local representatives included Winters Mayor Dawson McGuffin and Runnels County Commissioners Thurman Self, Keith Collom, and Ricky Strube. The group meets monthly to discuss pending legislation and "brainstorm" about important issues such as the water crisis. Members present were from Winters, Ballinger, Abilene, Eastland, Coleman, Cross Plains, and Miles.

Extension News & Views

By Marty Gibbs, Extension Agent-AG

"Rangeland Weed and Brush Management—The Next Millennium" symposium set for October 19-21

Southwest ranchers, rangeland owners, and range professionals should not miss the "Rangeland Weed and Brush Management—The Next Millennium" symposium and workshop set for October 19-21. The first two days' activities will be at the San Angelo Convention Center.

Organizers call the program the most comprehensive meeting of its type ever held in the Southwest. Along with a top slate of over 30 speakers, the symposium and workshop offer an impressive 18 hours of pesticide continuing education units.

The first day will explore in detail the past, present, and future of biological and mechanical

brush control methods. The October 20 program will concentrate on chemical control methods and prescribed fire use.

The last half of both of these days will include a potpourri of topics, including everything from saltcedar and willow baccharis control, to the use of GIS and remote sensing technology for rangeland weed and brush control. A trade show will be held in conjunction with the first two days of the program.

The final day, October 21, finds the program moving to San Angelo's Texas A&M Research and Extension Center. The day will be devoted to a "hands-on" workshop that will use concurrent

sessions to demonstrate and inform participants about range herbicides, herbicide application equipment, mechanical control equipment, prescribed burning and other brush control techniques.

Each day's program begins at 8 a.m. and concludes by 5 p.m. at the latest. Registration before October 1 is \$115 per person for all three days or \$50 to attend a single day.

After October 1, registration increases to \$150 for all three days and \$60 for single days. Registration will cover the cost of breaks, meals, and the printed material for each participant.

The program is sponsored by the Center for Grazinglands and Ranch Management, Department of Rangeland Ecology and Management, Texas Agricultural Extension Service, Texas Agricultural Experiment Station, Texas Section—Society for Range Management and the Department of Range, Wildlife, and Fisheries—Texas Tech University.

For more information contact Michelle Lee or David Inbody, Center for Grazinglands and Ranch Management, Texas A&M University, College Station, Texas, 77843-2126; FAX 979-845-6430; toll-free 1-888-799-4442; or e-mail cgrm@tamu.edu.

Ag Talk

by Congressman Charles Stenholm

U.S. Senate approves permanent normal trade relations with China

Last week the Senate, by a wide margin of 83-15, voted to grant permanent normal trade relations (PNTR) with China. The Senate vote completes the work to normalize trading relations between China and the United States, with China now opening its doors to U.S. products and becoming a recognized trading partner in the modern world.

It also means that America's farmers and ranchers will at last be able to break through China's "great wall" of trade barriers. The president is expected to sign this measure into law shortly.

The Chinese market is one of the fastest-growing markets in the world. As a result of this legislation, American businesses, large and small, will have fuller access to a country that holds one fifth of the world's population.

Nearly 40% of all U.S. agricultural production is exported, and exports account for 30% of U.S. farm cash receipts.

This new trade partnership will have a significant influence on agricultural producers all across America. In fact, U.S. agricultural

trade is expected to increase by as much as \$2 billion annually by the year 2005 as a result of PNTR.

Because of China's acceptance into the World Trade Organization, the U.S. will be able to take full advantage of a reduction in Chinese trade barriers.

PNTR will also lead to a more constructive and cooperative relationship between our countries.

USDA proposes changes for emergency loans

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) is proposing changes they believe will streamline emergency farm loan requirements, and make it easier for farmers to qualify. The changes would speed up the processing of loans and require less paperwork.

The proposed changes would simplify the process for estimating losses, remove the need for collateral, and increase the loan limit from 80 to 100% of production losses.

The changes would allow more farmers to be eligible for emergency loans and help producers maintain their operations while recovering from natural disasters.

Commissioner Combs to hold town hall meetings to hear agriculture issues

San Angelo meeting on Oct. 10

As part of a series of town hall meetings throughout the state, Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs will host one such meeting in San Angelo on Tuesday, October 10 at 2:00 p.m. at Angelo State University, Room 100 of the Mathematics-Computer Science Bldg., 2200 Dena Drive.

The town hall meetings are free and open to the public.

"I want to hear firsthand what's on the minds of the farmers, ranchers and citizens of our rural communities," Combs said. "I want to know what issues are affecting them, their families and their community and to hear their ideas and solutions for the future. "Agriculture is one of the most

dynamic industries in Texas. By working with our producers and agribusiness leaders, we can keep our industry on the forefront of change in the 21st century," Combs said.

TDA is working with the Texas Farm Bureau, Texas Agricultural Extension Service, Texas Rural Development Council and various commodity groups to organize these town hall meetings across Texas.

For more information on TDA town hall meetings or future dates and locations, contact Marty Gibbs (915) 365-2219 or John McFerrin, producer relations specialist at TDA at (512) 463-7593 or jmcferrin@agr.state.tx.us.

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