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The Winters Enterprise

Serving Winters and North Runnels County

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Winters, Texas

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Annual Christmas parade Saturday

Enjoy floats, Sno Queen candidates, food, shopping, tours

Jump into the holiday spirit this Saturday in Winters.

Beginning with early bird specials at numerous local businesses, the day is sure to hold bargains and entertainment for young and old alike.

The annual Christmas parade, sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce, will begin at 11 a.m. from the parking lot of State National Bank, traveling down Main Street to East Truitt to Rogers to East Dale, crossing to West Dale and ending at The Rock Hotel.

Seven divisions will be judged this year including School Classes/Organizations, Churches, Businesses/Civic/Youth Organizations, Individuals, Riding Clubs, Classic Cars, and Vintage Farm Equipment. There will be a Mayor's trophy for the best all-around float and a special trophy will be presented for the best Sno Queen float. Winners of the parade will be presented trophies at 1:30 at the Rock Hotel.

Highlighting the parade will be the presentation of Miss Sno Queen candidates. Fourteen

lovely young ladies will compete for the title, with the winner being named at 2 p.m. at the Rock Hotel.

Following the parade, stew, cornbread and peach cobbler will be sold at The Rock Hotel, and hot dogs with trimmings will be available in the park across from the Z. I. Hale Museum from noon to 1:30.

And of course, Santa Claus will be at The Rock Hotel following the parade.

Visitors are invited to tour the

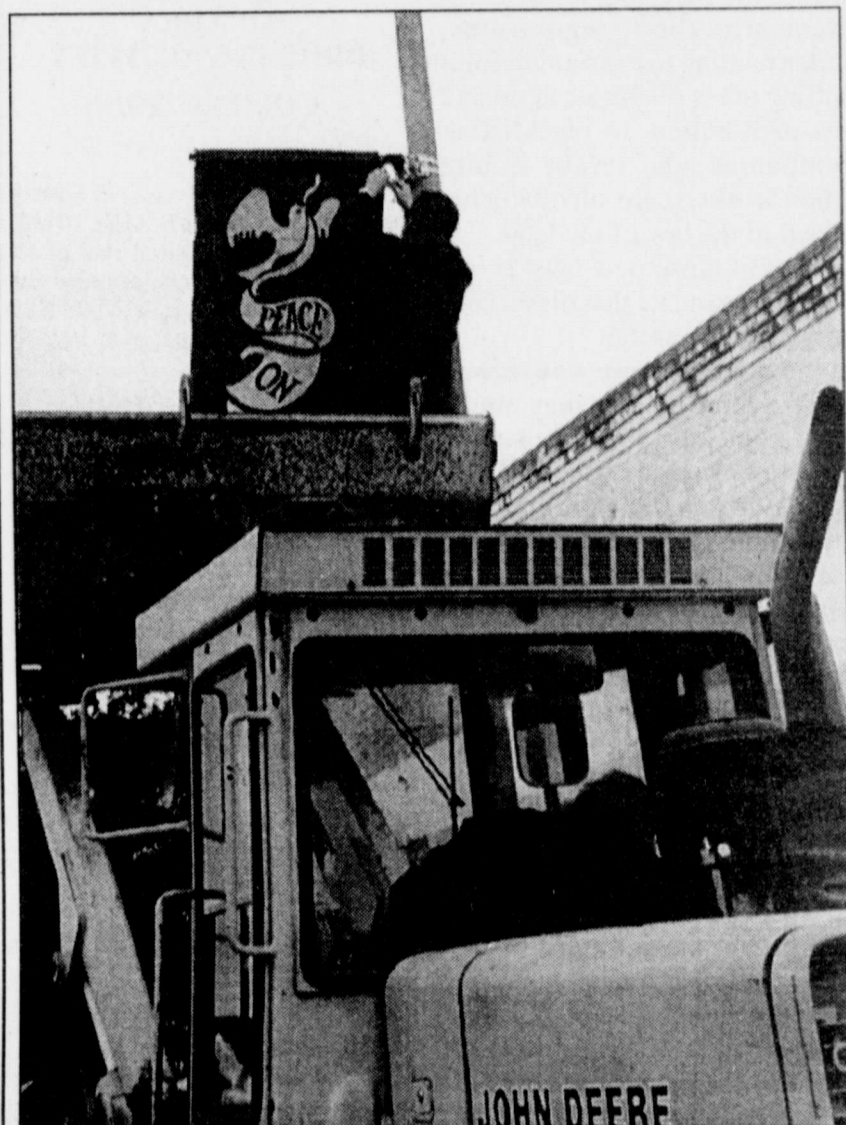
Z. I. Hale Museum, The Veterans Room at The Rock Hotel, and the Gus Pruser Agricultural Exhibit.

At 3:00 p.m., the American Legion will host a drawing for a recliner at the Dust Bunnies store at 107 N. Main.

The Winters Area Chamber of Commerce encourages everyone to come enjoy all the activities and support the organizations who are working to make this a very special day.

See a complete list of Sno Queen candidates and participating businesses on page 6.

It's beginning to look like Christmas



FELIX GONZALES hangs Christmas decorations downtown as Pete Gray maneuvers the bucket of the front end loader. Both men are employees in the Street Department of the City of Winters.



BILL BREDEMEYER takes the oath of office of Justice of the Peace, Precinct 2, from Runnels County Judge Marilyn Egan during ceremonies at the county courthouse on Friday, December 1.

Justice of the Peace, Precinct 2 sworn in Friday by Runnels County Judge Marilyn Egan

Bill Bredemeyer of Winters was sworn in as Justice of the Peace, Precinct 2 in ceremonies at the Runnels County Courthouse last Friday.

He will attend a Justice of the Peace training school in Austin from January 7-12, 2001. He officially took over responsibilities on December 1 and will establish set office hours in the near future. He may be reached at the Winters office at 754-4270.

"I'm learning something new everyday," said Bredemeyer. "I will do my best to serve the public's needs."

Bredemeyer is a 1980 graduate of Winters High School. He is a 1984 graduate of Tarleton State University with a bachelor of science degree in Agriculture Education. He earned a master of science degree in teaching, Ag. Ed.

emphasis, from TSU in 1986.

Bredemeyer taught Ag. Science for nine years—five of those years in Ballinger and four in Throckmorton. He has farmed and ranched in the Winters area since 1993.

He and wife Sharla have a 4-year-old son, Ethan. Bill is the son of Ed and Frances Bredemeyer.

Blackwood Brothers gospel quartet in Winters, Tuesday, December 12

The legendary Blackwood Brothers, a world-renowned gospel quartet from Memphis, Tennessee, will perform at First United Methodist Church in Winters on Tuesday, December 12, at 7:00 p.m.

The gospel titans have a lot to celebrate. They spent decades recording for RCA, have made more than 200 albums, won nine Grammy Awards and 27 Dove Awards, and have been inducted into both the Grammy Hall of Fame and the Gospel Music Association Hall of Fame. They have toured 43 countries, while holding about 300 crusades a year.

Cecil Blackwood currently leads the quartet which now consists of his grandson Chris

Blackwood plus former Stamps tenor Steven Warren, Rick Price, and Eric Winston. Cecil Blackwood attended the same Sunday School as Elvis Presley in Memphis in 1948. Presley's interest in gospel music is well known and he hung around auditoriums where the Blackwood Brothers sang during the early 1950s. The Blackwoods encouraged Presley's singing and gave Presley his first contact with professional entertainers.

The gospel quartet was formed more than 65 years ago by three brothers and a nephew in Choctaw County, Mississippi. Membership has changed during the years, but Cecil Blackwood

has sung the baritone part for over 45 years.

Their concerts are filled with the songs they helped make famous from 1934 to the present. Their parade of songs spans over their 65-year history and include "How Great Thou Art," "The Old Country Church," "Just A Little Talk With Jesus," "I'll Fly Away," "Swing Down Chariot," "Have You Talked To The Man Upstairs," and many more.

Come and enjoy and receive a Christmas blessing by this fabulous group! All seats free. A love offering will be taken.

Reverend Don Roath is pastor of First United Methodist Church, Winters.

FBC choir to present Christmas musical Sunday evening

"City of Light," a Christmas musical, will be presented on Sunday, December 10, at 6 p.m. by the 32-voice choir of the First Baptist Church.

Accompanists Susan Conner and Lillian Cooper, along with narrators, Scott and Melissa Gerhart, accompany the musical

that features Shanna Bear, Lori Boles, Laura Brown and Marsha Fowler as soloists. Ken Williams, Minister of Music, will be conducting.

"City of Light," is created and arranged by Tom Fettke and Bruce Greer with narration written by Ragan Courtney. Accord-

ing to Williams, the story line is based on *The Light of the Word of God* coming in His promise of a Messiah, His dwelling with us on earth to show us the Way, and His continued guidance these 2000 years since the birth of Jesus Christ...and that His light, kindled

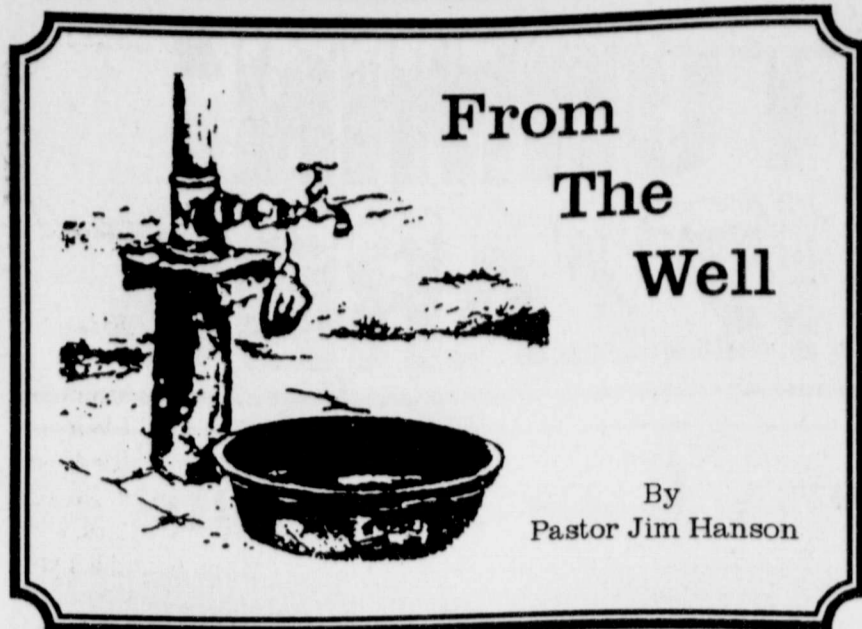
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THE WINTERS SQUARES enjoy food, fun, fellowship, and square dancing the fourth Saturday of every month at 8 p.m. in the Winters Community Center. Current members and recent guests include (front, l-r) Jackie Corley, Bennie Corley, Ed Hart (caller), Margaret Burton (secretary/treasurer), Jack Burton (president), Lee Harrison, and Judy Harrison. Also are (middle row) J.C. Wilkerson, Bill Wheat, Ed Bredemeyer, Ernie Frye, Perry Vest, Bud Busher (vice-president), Bill Stovall, and Charlie Grohman. Others are (back row) Ann Baldwin (reporter), Jane Wheat, Marie Allbright, Frances Bredemeyer (entertainment), Talitha Frye, Mary Hart, Margery Vest, Kay Busher, Ruth Stovall, and Maxine Trowbridge.

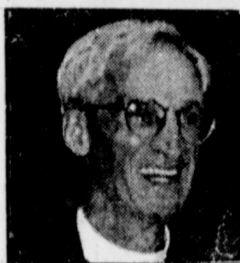
WHAT'S HAPPENING ?

- Dec. 7-10 a.m.-Noon & 1:30-3 p.m., Immunization Clinic, TDH
- 11:30 a.m., Sr. Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center
- 6 p.m., CIA Board of Directors Meeting, Elementary Library
- 7 p.m., Parenting Class, Elementary Library
- End of Course Exams, High School
- Dec. 8-11:30 a.m., Sr. Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center
- 7:30 p.m., Cowboys for Christ, Drasco
- End of Course Exams, High School
- Dec. 9-10 a.m.-1 p.m., Blood Mobile at Dairy Queen
- 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Winters Public Library Open
- 11 a.m., Christmas Parade, Downtown
- Noon-1:30 p.m., Stew Luncheon, Rock Hotel
- 1:30 p.m., Parade Results, Rock Hotel
- 2 p.m., Sno Queen Coronation, Rock Hotel
- 3 p.m., American Legion Drawing, Dust Bunnies
- 6 p.m., Game Night, Winters Country Club
- Dec. 10-6 p.m., Christmas Choir Program, First Baptist Church
- Dec. 11-11:30 a.m., Sr. Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center
- 2:30 p.m., Retired Teachers, Methodist Church, Winters
- 4:30-6 p.m., Winters Public Library Open House
- 6 p.m., VFW & Auxiliary Dinner & Party, Post Home
- Dec. 12-10 a.m., Commissioners Court, Courthouse, Ballinger
- 11:30 a.m., Sr. Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center
- 7 p.m., WVFD, Fire Station
- 7 p.m., Blackwood Bros. Concert, First United Methodist Church
- 7:30 p.m., Elm Creek Water Control Board, Sr. Citizens Center
- Literary & Service Club
- Woman's Club
- Dec. 13-7 a.m., Industrial Board, Chamber Office
- 11:30 a.m., Sr. Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center
- 5 p.m., Family Night, Sr. Citizens Nursing Home
- Last Day To Order Yearbooks
- Dec. 14-10 a.m., Triple L Club, First Baptist Church
- 11:30 a.m., Sr. Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center
- 5:30 p.m., Financial Aid Session, High School Library
- 7 p.m., Band Concert, WHS Auditorium



From The Well

By
Pastor Jim Hanson



Pastor Jim Hanson

I'm really not angry with Santa Claus. Good old "Ho, Ho, Ho!" himself. Even if I grew up in a home where Santa was not named. My parents just didn't believe in Santa. For them, Jesus was the reason for the season. And He is the gift. And all the gifts we gave

or received were some way connected to Jesus. Not Santa. And to put Santa into Christmas was to somehow take Jesus out of it.

As I grew up, and got married, and we had children of our own, I really didn't see that Santa needed to be shut out of Christmas. In fact, for several years we invited him to Church. His job was to give out the candy and crosses to the Sunday School children right after their program. We even took him along when we went caroling to the nursing homes and the shut-ins.

I even bought me a Santa Claus hat that I would wear around town...to be sure there was "Nativity" scene on the brim. Complete with Mary and Joseph and the Baby Jesus. Also the shepherds and wise men. It seemed like everybody got a smile out of it. Such fun.

Then there was the year our grandson Timothy was with us. At Christmas. Along with his folks, who had decked him out in a little Santa Claus outfit. At one and a half years, he brought a chuckle wherever he went. And we went everywhere...all over Winters. We even put his picture in *From the Well*.

Last year our youngest son, Timothy, was with us for Christmas. After our Christmas Eve candlelight service at church, some friends had us over for a big family Christmas Eve celebration. They needed a Santa...they already had a suit. Timothy volunteered. He was really good. He was truly Jolly old Saint Nick that night.

So, I really don't have a gripe with Santa. And I wouldn't take him out of Christmas. As long as he is in his place.

But, to tell the truth, I was really upset the other day. I was reading a copy of the *Odessa-American* while at our son Paul's. We were there for Thanksgiving. Right on the front page was a column dedicated to interviewing children and getting their understanding of Christmas. Along with a picture of the youngster being interviewed. The questions and answers went something like this:

—“Who is your favorite reindeer?” “Rudolph, the red-nosed one.”
—“How do you stay awake on Christmas Eve?” “I keep my eyes wide open all night long.”

—“What is the real meaning of Christmas?” “When Santa comes with lots and lots of toys and surprises, and we just keep getting more and more presents, and we keep opening them up.”

Give me a break! Rather, give Jesus a break!

Really, folks, it's time to reclaim some of the turf. And become “spiritually correct,” if not politically correct. It seems to me that the politics of Christmas has destroyed the meaning of it. Years ago, I think it was the Christmas of 1953, one of my classmates in college wrote a jingle that he put on the front page of the college paper. It went like this:

“Hark, the herald merchants sing; Christmas is here, the dollar is King! Peace on earth, and mercy mild; What's this myth about a Child?”

I surely do not condemn the young one who answers questions. And I do not hate Santa. But Santa is not the real meaning to Christmas. Christmas is not spelled SANTAMas. It is CHRISTmas. We celebrate the birth of the Messiah. Mary and Joseph and the babe lying in a manger. The angels sing and announce the news to shepherd...“Unto you is born this day in the city of David...a Savior, who is Christ, the Lord.” What we need...more than anything in the world, and Who comes to us from outside the world...to save the world.

So, let's put Christ back into Christmas. Let's read the story, in Luke 2, and in Matthew 1 and 2. To our children. Our grandchildren. Our friends. In times like these we need more than “Ho, Ho.” We need HOPE. That comes from heaven, right down to earth. Let's put Jesus in His rightful place. Not only in our hearts, but also on or lips, and in the cards we send and the gifts we give. For in matters of life and death...Jesus is always first. And somewhere down the lines comes Santa. And somehow, I believe, that if there is somewhere a real Santa...he would agree...

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Winters Ministerial Alliance to host Christmas Day meal

Volunteers and donations needed

The Winters Ministerial Alliance will sponsor a meal on Christmas Day, Monday, December 25, for travelers and local families. After a very successful project last year, the Ministerial Alliance is planning to expand the hours from 10 a.m. until 8 p.m.

The meal is for anyone or any family who does not have adequate food for Christmas, and those who are spending Christmas alone are especially encouraged to attend. There is no charge for the meal.

Serving will be at Jones Hall of First Baptist Church at the intersection of Main and Truett streets. Volunteers are needed to prepare and serve the food, and deliver to shut-ins.

The meats for the meal will be provided by local businesses and

the Winters Ministerial Alliance. Folks in the community are needed to provide other dishes. The Church of Christ and Assembly of God will be responsible for salads. The Methodist Church and Somebody Cares will have desserts. The Lutheran Church will provide vegetables. Gilbert and Orita Smith of Wingate Baptist will be making hot homemade rolls. First Baptist will provide paper goods, drinks, and condiments.

Please encourage any needy families and those who are alone for Christmas to attend. If you know of a shut-in, please call 754-5521 to have a plate delivered. Donations for the meal can be sent to Winters Ministerial Alliance, P.O. Box 211, Winters, TX 79567.

Subscription rates will increase on January 1

Due to increased prices in newsprint, postage and general cost of operations, the management of *The Winters Enterprise* announces an upcoming increase in subscription prices.

Beginning January 1, 2001, subscriptions in Runnels County

will be \$17.00 per year; out of county will be \$21.00 per year, and out of state will be \$24.00 per year. Newstand prices will remain 50¢ per issue.

“We strongly dislike being forced to increase our rates,” says Jean Boles, *Enterprise* editor. “We've held our prices down as long as possible, but, unfortunately, we cannot hold off any longer.”

“While we know that consumers don't like to pay more, we feel that *The Winters Enterprise* is still an exceptional bargain, especially when you consider that one soft drink or cup of coffee costs more than a week's worth of community news.”

“The staff of the *Enterprise* will continue to work diligently to provide the finest in news coverage for Winters and the surrounding area. We deeply appreciate our readers and the support we receive.”

The last increase in *The Winters Enterprise* rates was in January, 1995.

Bloodmobile to be at Dairy Queen Dec. 9

United Blood Services will be bringing their bloodmobile to the Winters Dairy Queen Saturday, December 9 from 10:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. Please call Donna at 754-4918 to make an appointment.

“The holiday season is in full swing,” said Johnna Pevey, Community Relations Representative. “Which means that there is an increase in demand for blood donations. Please make time to help us be prepared.”

Donors must be at least 17 years old, weigh more than 110 pounds and be in good health. We also ask that you have proof of identification and know the names of any medication you may have taken in the past 30 days.

United Blood Services is the area's not-for-profit provider. In order to supply the 12 area hospitals, United Blood Services must collect more than 300 units each week. Blood products have a shelf life of 5 to 42 days. We need your help. Please try to make an appointment. It will help you get in and out in a timely manner.

Christmases Remembered...

Christmas is such a special time of the year AND just around the corner.

We'd like to make this holiday season one to remember.

Do you have a favorite Christmas memory or story to share with our readers? Last year's *Christmases Remembered...* were very well received, so well in fact, we'd like to do it again.

Tell us about the time Santa surprised you with your first Daisy BB gun when you were only eight years old, or how much it means to you that everyone gathers at Grandma's house and sings Christmas carols, or about that tattered and worn special ornament that has been passed down in your family for four generations.

If you'd like to share your memories with our readers, send a printed or typed story of 150 words or less to:

The Winters Enterprise
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Deadline for stories is December 12. Stories will be published in our Special Section Dec. 21.

\$4,050 still needed for Runnels Weather Modification Program

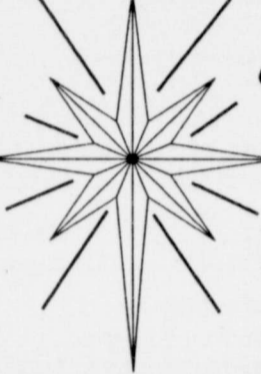
by Randall Conner, Director of Economic Development

The Runnels Weather Modification Fund still needs \$4,050 in order for Runnels County to participate in the West Central Texas Weather Modification Association. So far, \$6,650 has been raised toward the goal of \$10,707.

We can still take pledges and donations through Monday, December 11. The funds will have to be available before a final commitment can be made on December 12. Donations can be mailed to Runnels Weather Modification Fund, P.O. Box 310, Ballinger, Texas, 76821, or you can contact Aubrey Faubion at 365-2438 or Randall Conner at 754-4542.

We want to express our appreciation to the following who have made a commitment to the fund:

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Wingate Gin	\$250
City of Ballinger	\$2000
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State National Bank-Winters	\$500
Bishop and Sons	\$250
Faubion Implement	\$100
Windmill Enterprises	\$100
David Workman	\$150
Suvern O'Dell	\$100
First National Bank-Ballinger	\$500
Ballinger National Bank	\$500
Ballinger Industrial Foundation	\$250
Spreen Ranch	\$250
Winters Area Business and Industrial Corp.	\$1000



“City of Light”

A Christmas Musical

First Baptist Church

Truett & N. Main, Winters

Sunday, December 10 6 PM

Pianists Susan Conner & Lillian Cooper along with narrators Scott & Melissa Gerhart accompany the musical featuring Shanna Bear, Lori Boles, Laura Brown & Marsha Fowler as soloists & the 32 voice choir. Ken Williams, Minister of Music, will be conducting.

The conclusion of the program will feature a “Carol Sing by Candlelight.”

The community is cordially invited to join in this celebration. Childcare will be provided.

Some questions are difficult:

“Mommy, where do babies come from?”

But sometimes there is an easy answer:

“Honey, everyone knows that babies come from Coleman County Medical Center.”



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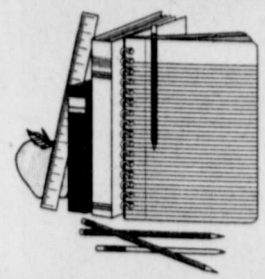
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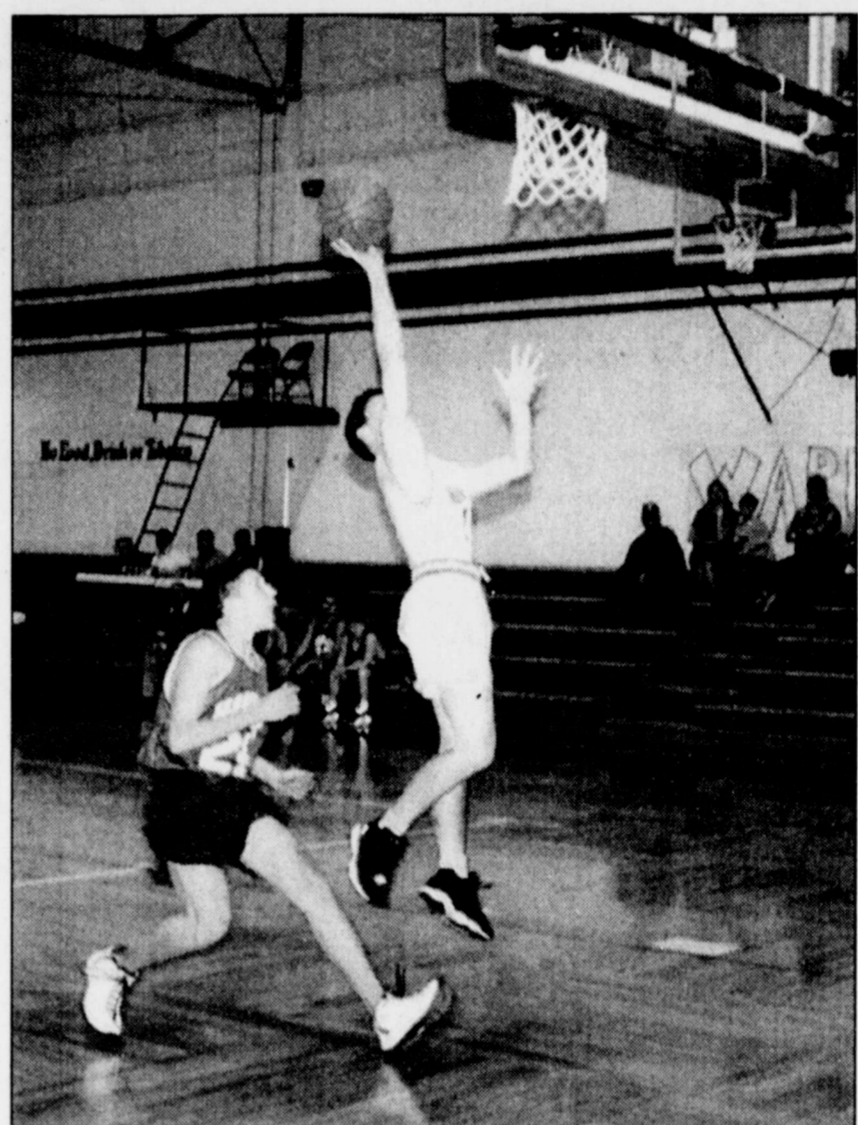
JORDAN SANCHEZ keeps the dribble low and away from the Hawley player. The Breezes outlasted the Bearcats 26-25 in an exciting 7th grade contest.

Ripple inducted in Alpha Chi

Susan Ripple of Winters was among 56 Angelo State University students inducted into Alpha Chi National College Honor Scholarship Society during ceremonies, Monday, November 20, 2000. The induction was held at 7 p.m. at the C.J. Davidson Conference Room of the Houston Harte University Center.

To be eligible for membership, students must maintain a minimum 3.50 grade point average, academically perform in the top 10% of their class, and be classified as a junior or senior.

Susan is a junior at ASU where she is studying to earn a five-year BBA/MBA degree in accounting. She has a 3.826 GPA. She is currently employed as production manager at *The Winters Enterprise*.



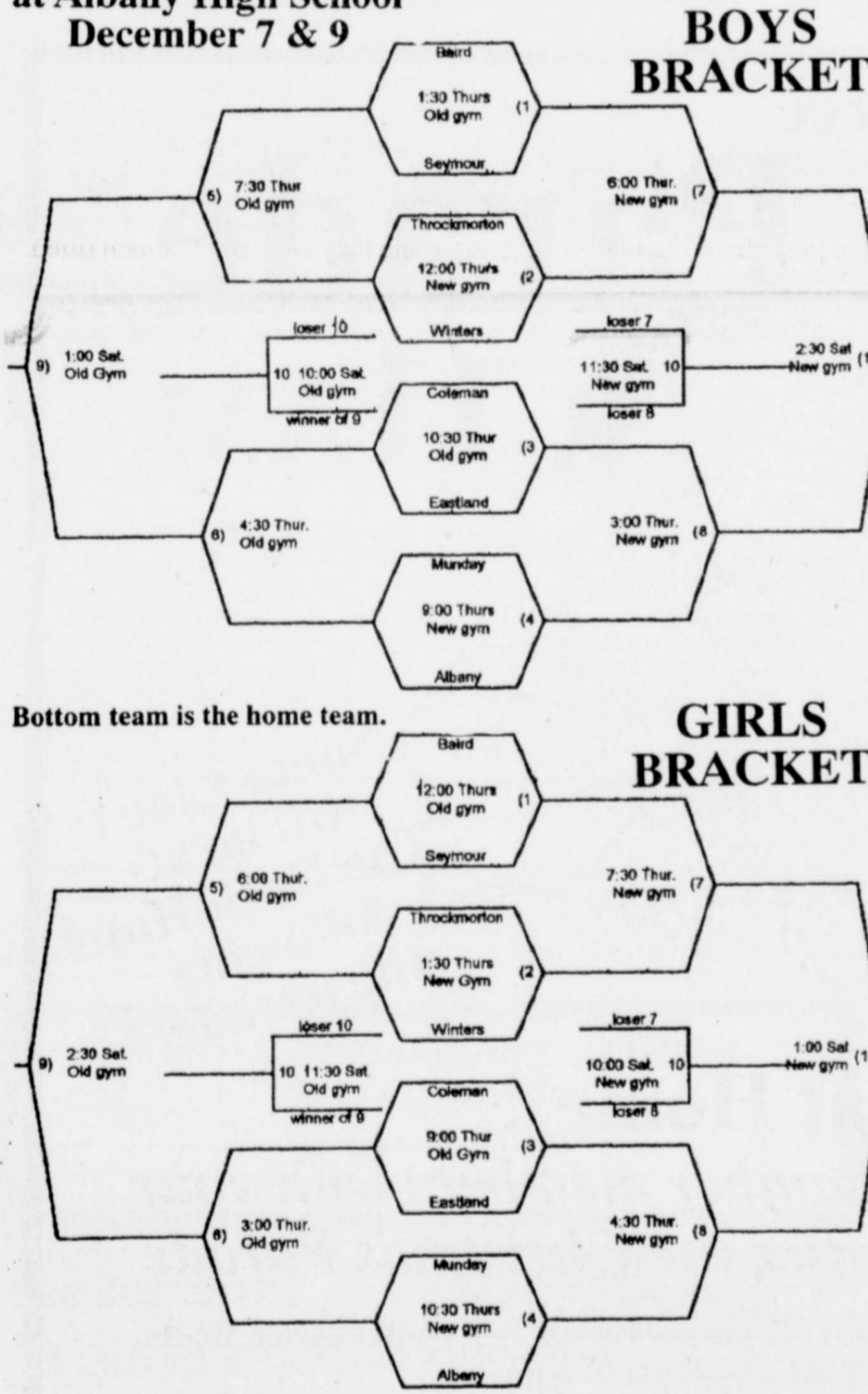
PETE GRIFFIN outruns the Hawley defender for the two-point lay up for this 8th grade Breezes team.

Junior high ballgames have new start time

Parents of all junior high and freshmen basketball players are asked to note the new starting time for district ballgames.

Games will begin at 5 p.m. both at home and away. Parents are also reminded to note that games are played simultaneously in two gyms, therefore they should check with their child in advance as to which gym they will be playing their games.

LIONS DEN INVITATIONAL VARSITY BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT at Albany High School December 7 & 9



2001 yearbooks on sale through December 13

Yearbooks at Winters High School go on sale Monday, November 27, through Wednesday, December 13.

Yearbooks without the student's name on the cover sell for \$26.00. Yearbooks with names are \$30.00 and will not be available for purchase after December 13 due to the required deadline for submission to the publisher. Yearbooks without names will be available at a later date for \$30.00.

Christmas gift certificates will be furnished on request to those who wish to purchase "The Glacier" as a Christmas present.

To purchase a yearbook, call 754-5516 between 8:00 and 9:00 a.m. and ask for Mrs. Rice or an annual staff member.

"Anger Management" addressed Thursday

"Anger Management" will be the topic of discussion in the final Parenting Workshop, Thursday, December 7. The workshop begins at 7:00 p.m. in the Winters Elementary Library.

Kevin Conner honored by Lone Star Conference for academic achievement

Kevin Conner of Winters was among nine Angelo State University student-athletes honored by the Lone Star Conference for achievements in the classroom and on the athletic field.

Conner, a linebacker, was selected to the first team academic All-Lone Star Conference South, as decided by a vote of the league's sports information directors.

To be eligible, each athlete must maintain a minimum 3.20 grade point average and must have been eligible for a varsity letter for the season, in addition to being at least sophomore academic and athletic status at the college.

Conner is a senior, majoring in computer science, with a 3.61 GPA. He is the son of Randall and Susan Conner.

Want information about college financial aid?

Session at WHS scheduled Thursday, December 14

WHS Counselor Charles Murphy announces a financial aid session for seniors and their parents to be held Thursday, December 14, at 5:30 p.m. in the high school library.

Corky Swanson of McMurry University in Abilene will be the

special guest and will offer general financial aid information relating to scholarships, grants, and loans.

The session is expected to last for approximately one hour. Seniors and their parents are encouraged to attend.

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Perry adds that students should study a little bit at a time, instead of cramming for tests. Resting for a while after studying will help them process the information properly in the brain.

Only a child could say this —

A mother was preparing pancakes for her sons, Kevin, 5, and Ryan, 3.

The boys began to argue over who would get the first pancake. Their mother saw an opportunity for a moral lesson.

"If Jesus were sitting here, He would say, 'Let my brother have the first pancake. I can wait.'"

Kevin turned to his younger brother and said, "Ryan, you be Jesus."

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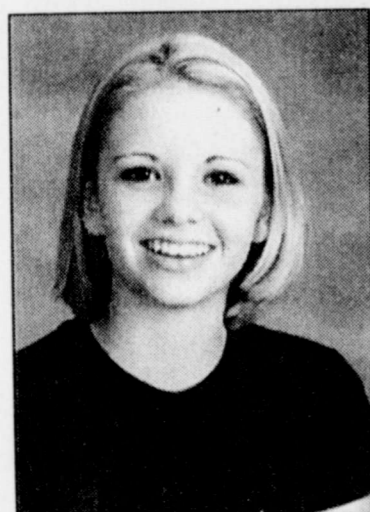
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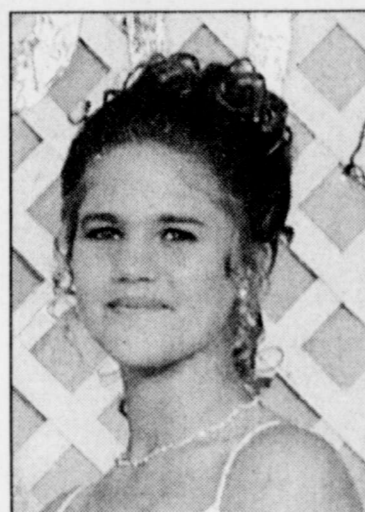
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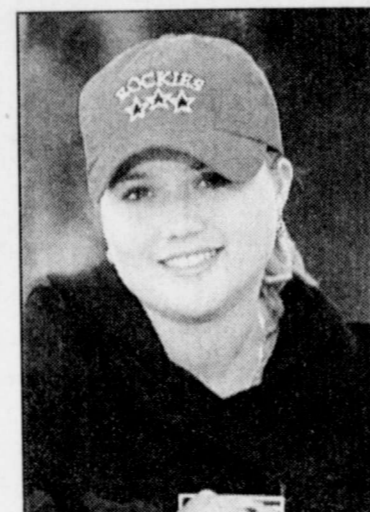
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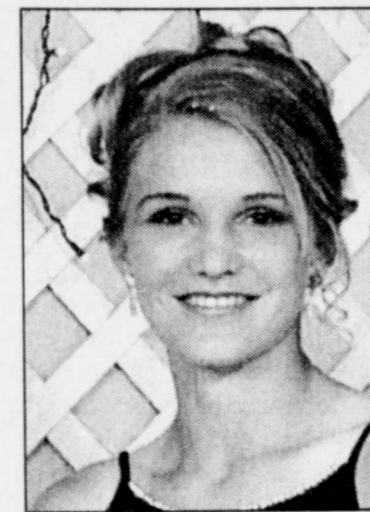
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Stew & Cornbread Meal at The Rock Hotel & Hot Dogs with trimmings in park across from Z.I. Hale Museum Noon to 1:30 PM

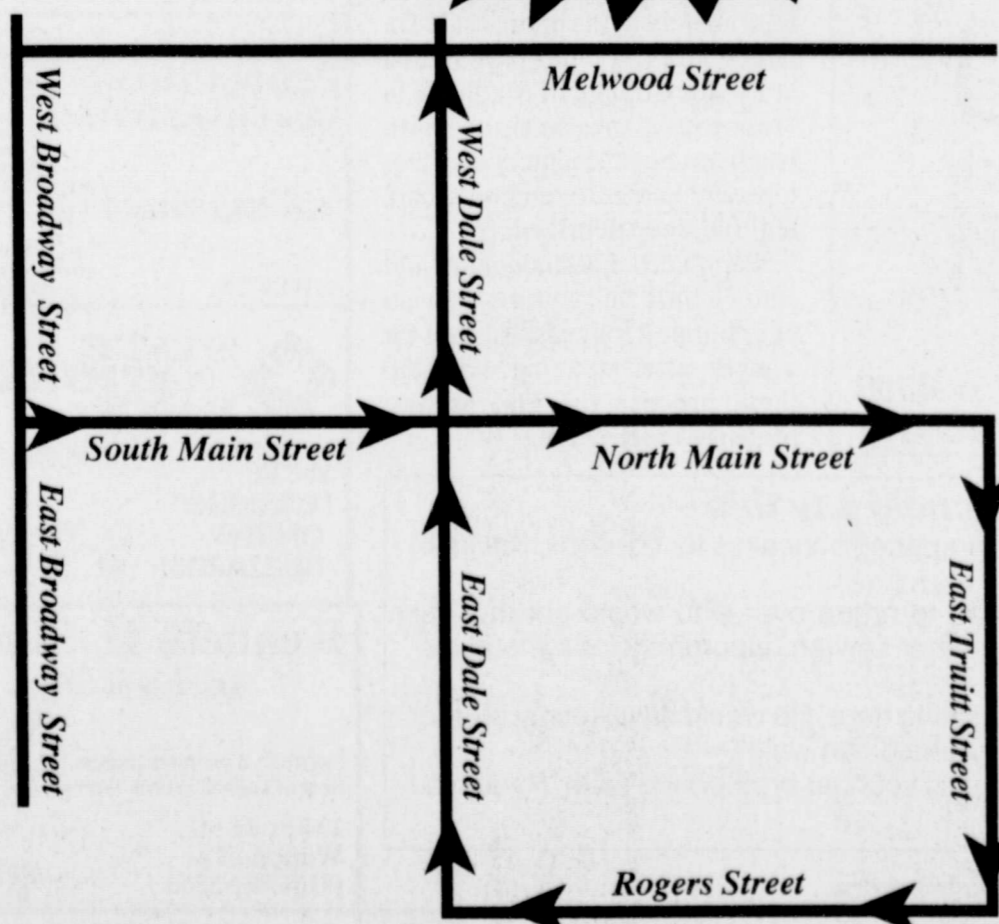
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ALL PARADE PARTICIPANTS MUST BEGIN LINING UP AT 10 AM. Sno-Queen contestants will line-up down East Broadway Street. Division V, Riding Clubs will unload at West Dale and Church streets and line-up on West Broadway. Division I (School Classes/Organizations), II (Churches), III (Business/Civic/Youth Organizations), and IV entries will line-up in the Family Dollar Store parking lot. Division VI (Classic Cars) and VII (Vintage Farm Equipment) will line-up in the State National Bank (formerly First State Bank) parking lot.

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- THE SHED IN WINGATE—5 to 9:30 pm
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Library News



Winters Public Library to celebrate new computers with an Open House

—Grant from Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation—

The Winters Public Library is celebrating the arrival of two new public access computers with an Open House on Monday, December 11, from 4:30 to 6 p.m.

The computer acquisition was made possible with a grant from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. The grant money was specifically and solely earmarked for computer equipment.

The library now enjoys two new Gateway computers, one English and one Spanish language, and a new laser printer, all complete with Internet connections.

Notice: The Winters Public Library will be open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, December 9, during the Christmas parade. The community is invited to stop by and make use of the facilities during these special weekend hours.

Library appreciates donations and memoriams received in November

The Winters Public Library deeply appreciates the generous donations and memoriams they have received during the month of November. The library relies on these donations to supplement their operating budget each year.

While fortunate to have received several grants in the past year, the library must spend these grants on specifically assigned projects such as computers, books, reference materials, etc. Therefore these monies are not available for the day-to-day operating expenses of the library.

Donations may be sent to: Winters Public Library, 120 N. Main, Winters, TX, 79567. Memorial contributions may be made in honor or memory of a loved one or special friend/family.

Those donating in November include: Dorothy Long, Joyce Krause, Joyce Carbery, Moseeta Mills, Billy & Shirley Hall, Tommy O'Dell, Pat Wood, Gus & Enid Anderson, W.T. "Dub" Davis, Early Emmert, J.T. Medford, Mr. & Mrs. Bert Humble, Dr. Lee, Ollie Webb, Selma Osborne, Ed & Dottie Drake, Mr. & Mrs. Suveron O'Dell, Mr. & Mrs. Royce Meares, Mr. & Mrs. Morris Robinson, and Charlic Poe.

Others are: J.C. Wilkerson, Mr. & Mrs. F.W. Bredemeyer, Lois West, Sharon Deike, Mr. & Mrs. Walter Adams, Jewell Kraatz, Mr. & Mrs. Paul Stocker, Mr. & Mrs. Gary Jacob, Mr. & Mrs. Dwayne Williams, Amantina McAden, Betty Pinkerton, Mr. & Mrs. Bill Cathey, Mr. & Mrs. Clifton Poe, Nina Hale, Lura Lee Gaggert, Mr. & Mrs. Chris Bearden, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Gerhart, Mr. & Mrs. Milton Gerhart, Jimmy Walker, Marvel Henslee, and Mr. and Mrs. James Black.

Also are: Betty Jo Brown, Mr. & Mrs. Dawson McGuffin, First State Bank, Mr. & Mrs. Del Davis, Theresa Briley, June Blackwood, Mr. & Mrs. Scotty Belew, Mr. & Mrs. Myron Schrader, Mr. & Mrs. Mike Karr, Nancy Spill, Selkirk Inc., Chlora Boehlein, Winters Funeral Home, Kevin Busher, Mr. & Mrs. Gene Wheat, Kay Colburn, James Spill, Security State Bank, Mr. & Mrs. W.L. England, J.N. Clark, Mr. & Mrs. Bradley Waldrip, Betty Henson, Pioneer Vet Clinic, and Mr. & Mrs. John Magee.

In addition are: Alderman-Cave Feeds, Barbara Tounget, Mr. & Mrs. Bobby Myers, Hien Moelius, Sarah Craig, Joyce Bahlman, Esther Sharpes, Mr. & Mrs. Thomas O'Mara, Barbara Everett, Mr. & Mrs. Roderick Bredemeyer, Mr. & Mrs. Joe Conner, Mr. & Mrs. Malcom Bredemeyer, Mr. & Mrs. Roscoe Morrison, Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Thompson, Nadine Robinson, Mr. & Mrs. William Griffin, Mr. & Mrs. David Harlow, Marjorie Smith, Mr. & Mrs. Larry Collom, Helen Grantham, Mr. & Mrs. Tobin Burns, Mr. & Mrs. Rick Stanford, Mr. & Mrs. Donal Harrison, Hatler Insurance, and Charlotte Barker.

Other donations are: Gilbert Lujano, Mr. & Mrs. Homer Hodge, Eddie's Well Service, Theodora Frick, Mary Kurtz, Winters VFW Post 9193, Keith Graham, Jr., Keith D. Graham, Sr., Women's Service League, Matilda Englert, Theresa Patterson, and Grenwolge Texaco.

Memoriams included: Earnest & Eloise Brown for Griff Brown; John Tull/ Louise Longbottom for Orville & J.D. Cotter; H.B. & Bessie Edmonson for Fred Poe/Mr. & Mrs. Fred Poe; Betty Pinkerton for Martha Elliott; Mr. & Mrs. Billy Tischler for Granville Long and Chesta Long; and Literary & Service Club for Eula Mae Kruse.

Winters Community Outreach Center Hours of Operation

Monday 4:30-7:30 PM
Wednesday & Friday 9 AM-Noon

Select a nursing home resident's name Santa needs your help

'Tis the season for giving and opportunities abound during the Christmas season.

Residents of the Senior Citizens Nursing Home are in need of a few basic items. Names and sizes of the nursing home residents will be placed on Christmas trees at the Family Dollar Store and Dollar General Store. Purchases may be left at the checkout stands at the stores and will be picked up daily by Billie Ruth Bishop, Activity Director of the nursing home.

Anyone wishing to share their good fortune is asked to select a name and purchase a simple gift or two to be given to the residents on Wednesday, December 13, at 5 p.m. when Santa comes to visit.

Mrs. Bishop says, "We really appreciate the help we get in making Christmas a little brighter for our residents. 'Thank you' to everyone."

Donations needed for Relief Fund

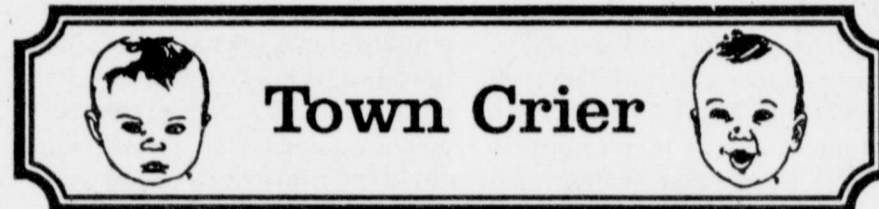
by Randall Conner, WABIC

Donations have been slow for this year's annual drive of the Winters Relief Fund.

Sponsored by the Winters Ministerial Alliance, the Relief Fund is used to help those in need with utility bills, medicating, and other items not available through the Outreach Center.

This time of year puts an additional demand on the fund.

If you have not done so, please send your tax-deductible donation to Winters Relief Fund, P.O. Box 211, Winters, Texas 79567, or you may give it to any of the ministers in Winters.



Town Crier

Christopher James Thormeyer

Tom and Tina Thormeyer of Winters are proud to announce the birth of a son.

Christopher James was born Monday, November 20, 2000, at 11:42 a.m. at Hendrick Medical Center in Abilene. He weighed 9 lbs, 8 oz. and was 20-1/4 inches long.

He is welcomed home by 14-month-old brother Jonathan.

Paternal grandparents are Arnold and Donna Thormeyer of Joshua and Melvina Thormeyer of Abilene. Maternal grandparents are Daniel Jalomo of Ballinger and Anita Fernandez of Winters.



It was once customary to bake a cake with a bean in it on January 6th. Whoever got the slice with the bean was believed to have good luck all the rest of the year.

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Crews News

By Hilda Kurtz

Behold the turtle. He makes progress only when he sticks his neck out.

Joe and Betty Pierce drove to Tyler to visit with her sister and brother-in-law, Ruby and Kenneth Little. The Pierces spent the weekend there.

After Sunday church services, Coleman Foreman drove to Winters and ate lunch then spent time with Lawan at Senior Citizens Nursing Home.

Since I wasn't able to get much community news, I'll put in my two bits worth. Okay?

RC Kurtz came in Thursday with a 51" rattlesnake with 12 rattlers. He said he had war and had never seen a snake get so mad.

On Friday, my two dogs, Lulie and Bobby, killed a 5-1/2" snake in my yard. It was real poor; it had a golfball size swallow.

Visiting Connie and Georgia Gibbs were Melvena Gerhart and Linda and Travis Ford of Rising Star.

The Keith Collom family enjoyed helping Keith celebrate his birthday Saturday, December 1. Present were Amanda, Cortney, Al, Jessie, Larry, and Bobbie. Keith and Karen also celebrated their fourth anniversary during the week. May you all have many more of these occasions.

Enjoying Sunday dinner after church services with Selma Wilkerson were Melvena and Marvin Gerhart and Brother Ferris and Ramona Akins of Ballinger.

Katherine and Luke Thomas spent Sunday with Adeline Grissom in Ballinger.

Katherine Grissom spent Thursday and Thursday night in Hendrick Hospital in Abilene.

Hildegard and Calvin Schovajsa of San Angelo spent Saturday with me. While Calvin worked on the outside of the house, Hildegard and I found plenty to do inside.

Visitors on Sunday morning at Hopewell Baptist Church were

Hilda Kurtz



Mac Gormon and Helen Rooks from Houston.

A special missionary speaker was the guest of Hopewell Church Sunday night. Speaking was Kent Parks who lives in Malaysia and works in Indonesia and Sunda. A time of fellowship followed the service.

The crowd at the Christmas supper and tree at the Crews gym Saturday night was small, but the turkey and dressing was delicious. I wish more people would take interest and come.

On Monday morning, Therin and Nila visited L.C. and Anita Foster and Sally Mae Gerhart in Winters.

Dale and Linda Duggan were in Arlington this week to attend the Farm Bureau's 67th State Convention. On Saturday, Linda and Katy and Kelton Grigsby were in Coleman to see the show and artwork of Jane and Day Padgett and Susan and Brandon Mansell.

Evelyn and Margie Jacob and Merline Wieshuhn of Wall had lunch in Miles on Thursday. Later they visited with Felde and Ervin and Scharer.

Beverly VanZandt and Margie Jacob spent the weekend in Brownwood visiting with Sharon and Jerry Engler. On Saturday night, they enjoyed a Christmas supper. Others present were Frank, Anita, and Sarah Bartek; Lawrence, Carol, and Brandon Bluden; Daniel and Aeronna Vasquez; and Mike and Carolyn Hill, Robert, Mignone, and Chasain. Robert had some good cowboy poetry to share, and Mike entertained with his guitar music and singing.

On Sunday, Beverly and Margie went to see the new monastery.

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Foster care parents needed

Sheldon Bray of "Hope for Tomorrow" recently spoke to the Winters Ministerial Alliance and discussed the need for foster care parents in this area.

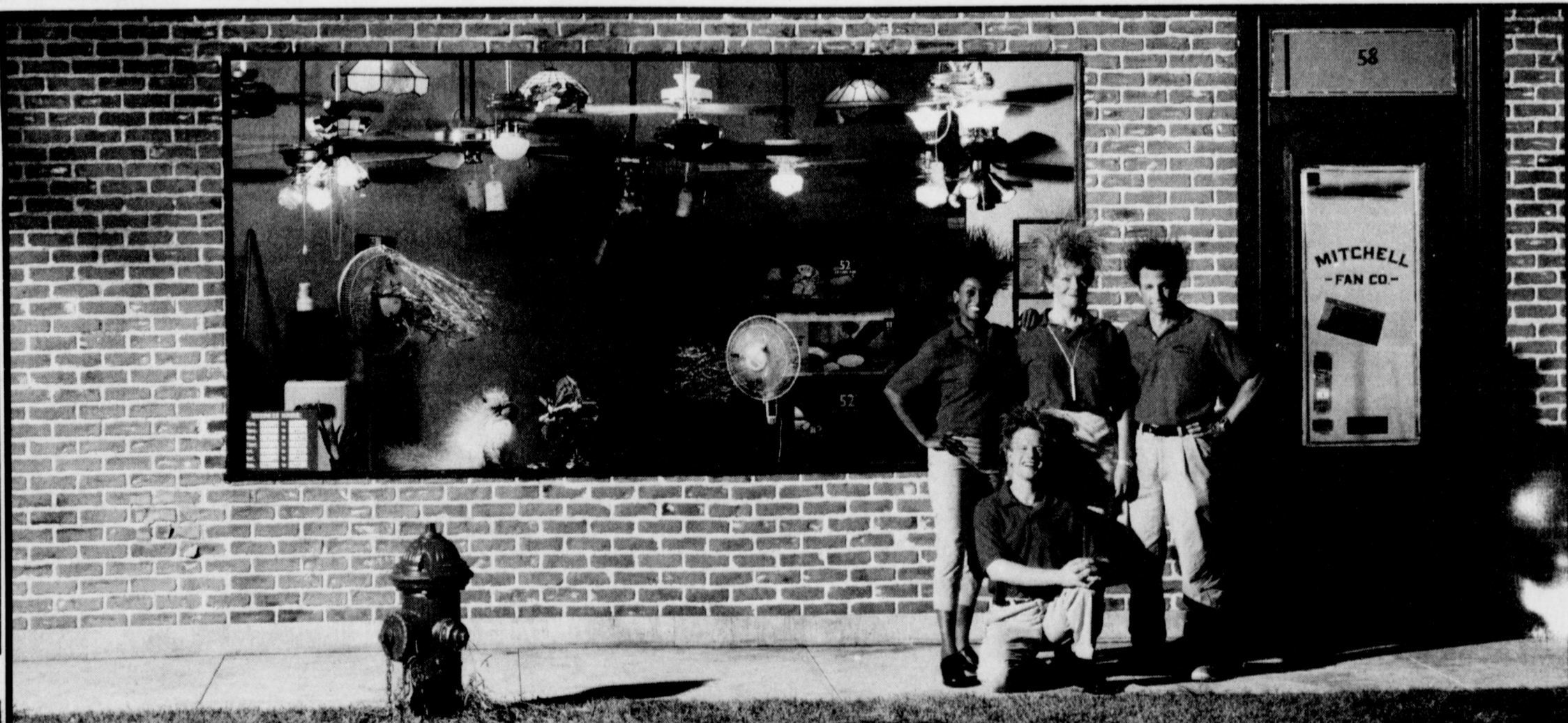
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Monkeys and bears — not your normal hunting game

by Jean Boles, editor

Lions, tigers and bears? Oh, no.

It's deer, monkeys and bears. Oh, yes.

Deer hunting season always brings an assortment of hunters and hunting stories, but two recent newspaper articles have been of particular interest, I think.

It's not often we hear reports of monkeys in Coleman county and bears in Sutton county.

The most spectacular article appeared last week in the *Coleman Chronicle & Democrat-Voice*, which featured a photo and story about a Dallas-area hunter shooting and killing a female monkey shortly after it climbed a deer feeder. The hunter told the *Chronicle's* reporter that he first thought the animal was a bobcat, but soon identified it as a monkey.

The hunter said he shot the red-dish-haired primate from about 125 yards out, and told one reporter, "It was more of an instinctive reaction. It looked like a dangerous animal to me. But as I said, it just looked out of place."

As reported in *The Abilene Reporter-News*, Jeff Bullock, director of the Abilene Zoo, said it was most likely a rhesus monkey or a Japanese snow monkey, a member of the macaque family and a native of Asia. The animals usually weigh about 30 pounds and are about 2 feet tall. Their canine teeth are about 1&1/2 inches long. They can live more

than 30 years.

Rhesus monkeys are common to India. Primate authorities say about 80,000 Japanese snow monkeys live in the forests of Japan.

Bullock said, "They can be aggressive and can be carriers of the herpes B virus. They don't make good pets. No primates make good pets."

A Coleman county rancher told an Abilene reporter that he had no idea a monkey lived on his ranch, but had noticed in recent days that a lot of deer corn seemed to be rapidly disappearing.

Coleman County Clerk JoAnn Hale said stories have circulated for decades about a monkey living in the western part of the county. Most people believe it escaped from a traveling circus years ago, she said, but she could name no living witnesses.

Stan Brudney, co-publisher of the *Chronicle* said he's had mixed responses from the story. "We may not have the biggest story of the year, but we may have had the most unusual and it sure sells papers," he said.

Our neighbors to the southwest also enjoyed some variety in their local animal kingdom when a black bear was spotted on Thanksgiving Day.

According to reports in *The Devil's River News*, at about 5 p.m. on November 23, a truck driver traveling east on Interstate 10 in tandem with two other rigs saw the bear sitting on the side of

the highway in front of them. The drivers said they had to reduce their speed to allow the bear to make it safely off the highway before it headed toward Sonora.

The next morning some local ranchers spotted the bear just a few miles east of Sonora. The critter was seen again in mid-afternoon about 1.5 miles east of town before making an appearance in a residential area of Sonora.

A 911 call to the Sutton County Sheriff's Office brought on-duty and off-duty officers to the residential location where the bear was spotted going into some woods behind the hospital.

Several 911 calls followed, as the bear was sighted several places in town. Local law enforcement officials contacted the Texas Parks and Wildlife officials to try to move the bear to a more remote location.

Officials from the Sonora Police Department, the Sutton County Sheriff's Office, the Department of Public Safety, the Drug Task Force, local veterinarian Mike Keller, and several local citizens assisted the local Parks and Wildlife officials to capture Sonora's famous bear.

The local game warden shot the bear with tranquilizing darts provided by the vet. Wildlife biologists then assessed the 140

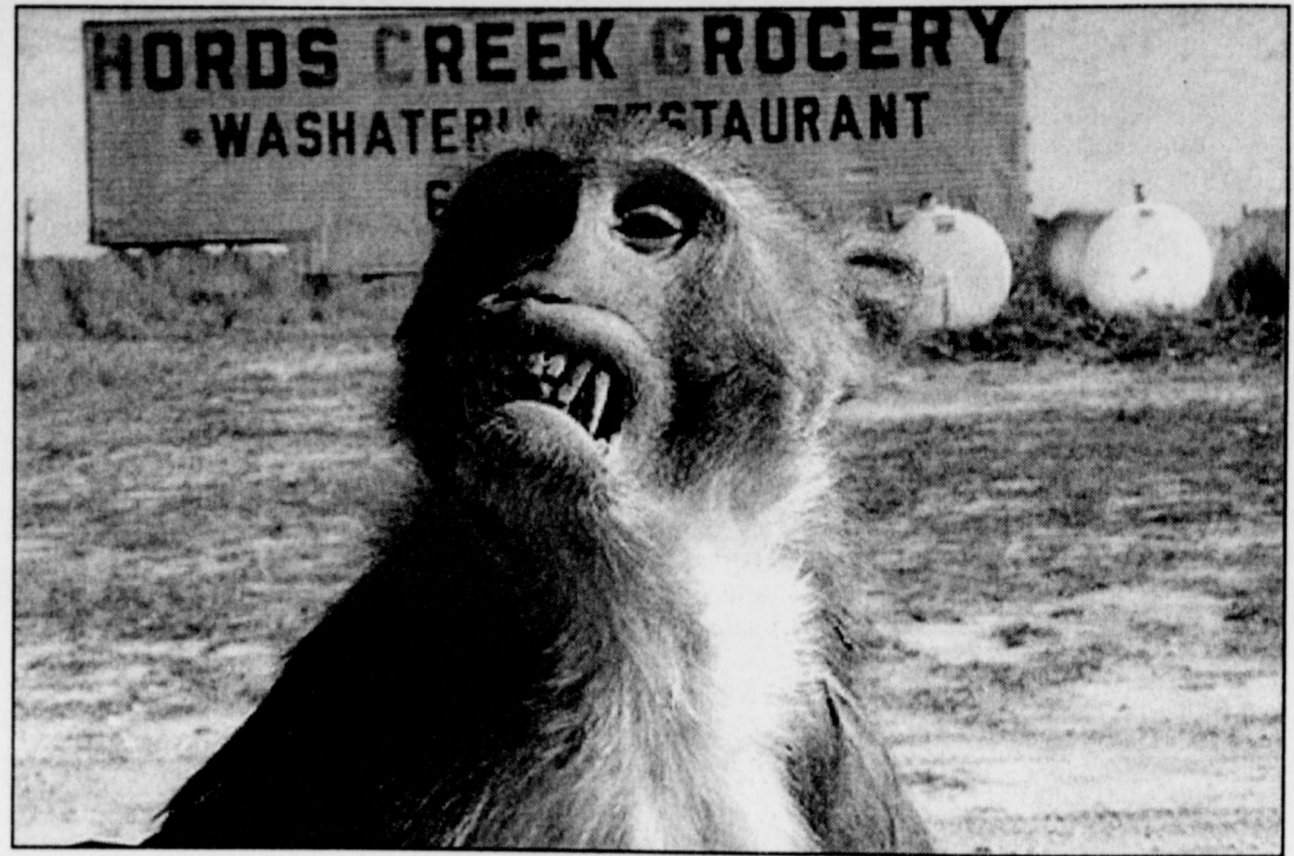


Photo courtesy of Coleman Chronicle & Democrat Voice

NOT JUST ANOTHER PRETTY FACE might have been the thought of a Dallas area hunter who shot and killed this monkey near Coleman last week. The hunter said he first thought the animal was a bobcat. Officials say the primate is either a rhesus or Japanese snow monkey.

pound female bear which is believed to be approximately 12 or more years old. She was fitted with a radio collar so that officials could monitor her movements, then she was released into Frog Canyon of the Black Gap Wildlife Management Area.

According to the *News* report, the black bear is listed as a state threatened species and may not be taken, trapped, harassed, or killed in any of its habitat or daily actions.

Mary Humphrey, who contrib-

uted the story for the Sonora newspaper, said, "It was truly impressive to see so many different agencies and individuals come together, as they have on other occasions and catastrophes in our community, and work so well together to complete a situation."

The **BLACKWOOD BROTHERS QUARTET** in Christmas Concert

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Keeping an Eye on Texas

Dreaming of a White Christmas?

Although the chances are slim to none for waking up anywhere in Texas on Christmas morning with at least an inch of snow on the ground, a few Texas cities can keep a white Christmas on their wish list.

Texas cities' probabilities for a white Christmas this year:

Abilene	3%
Amarillo	7%
Austin	0%
Dallas	0%
El Paso	0%
Galveston	0%
Houston	0%
Lubbock	3%
Wichita Falls	3%

SOURCES: Carole Keeton Rylander, Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts (www.window.state.tx.us), and the National Climatic Data Center.

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Card of Thanks

I would like to say "Thank You" so very much for the box of food that I received before Thanksgiving. Emily said you wanted to remain anonymous, may the good Lord bless you and yours.

Norma Sudduth

Card of Thanks

I would like to thank everyone for the many prayers, cards, flowers, and phone calls during my stay at Abilene Regional Medical Center. Your thoughtfulness has meant a lot to me and my children.

I would like to extend a special thank you to the nurses, aides, and therapy personnel on the fifth floor at Abilene Regional Medical Center. You are great! Thank you again!

Sincerely,
Olga Meyers and Children

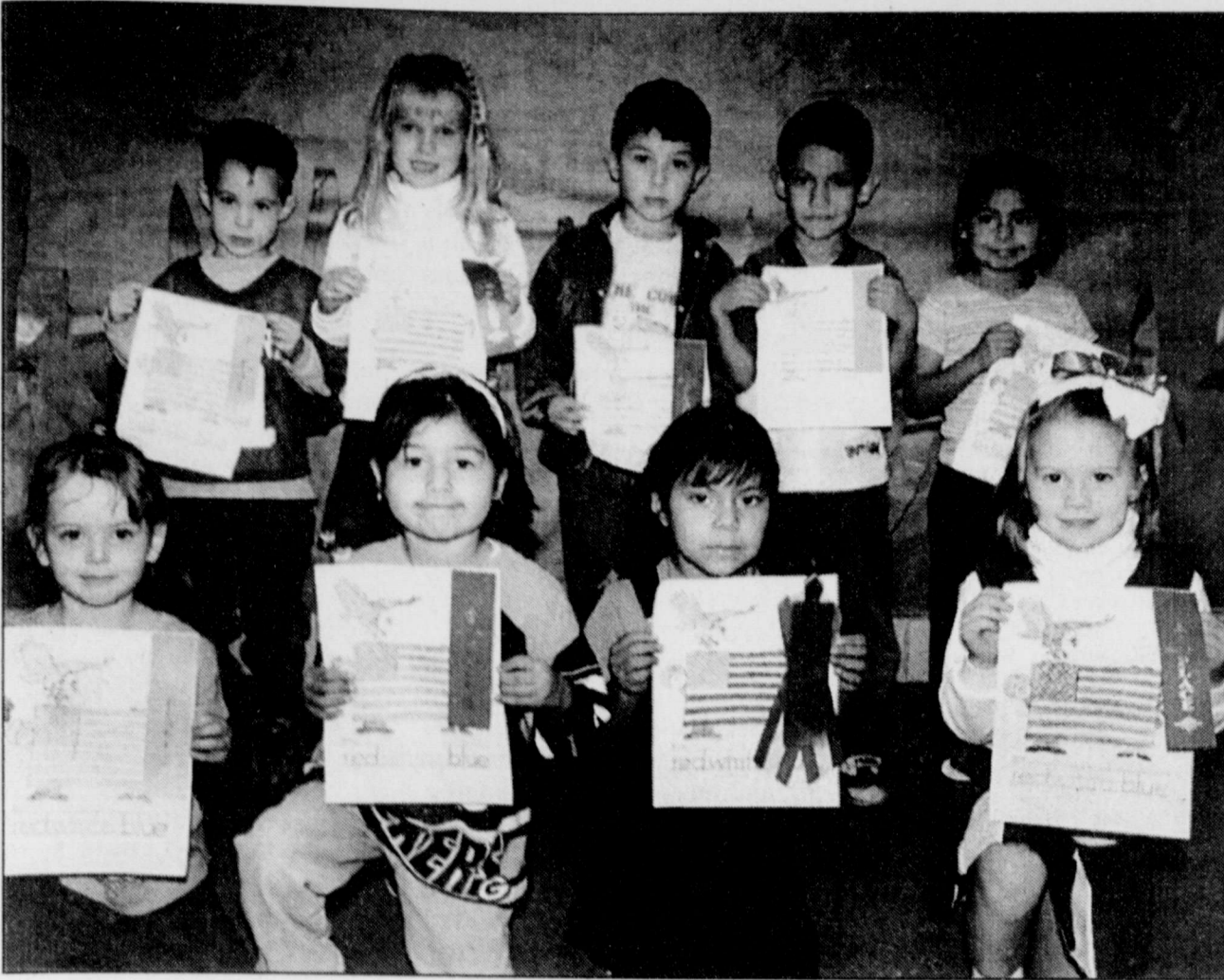
Card of Thanks

Some people are so special that once they enter your life, it becomes richer and fuller and more wonderful than you ever thought it could be.

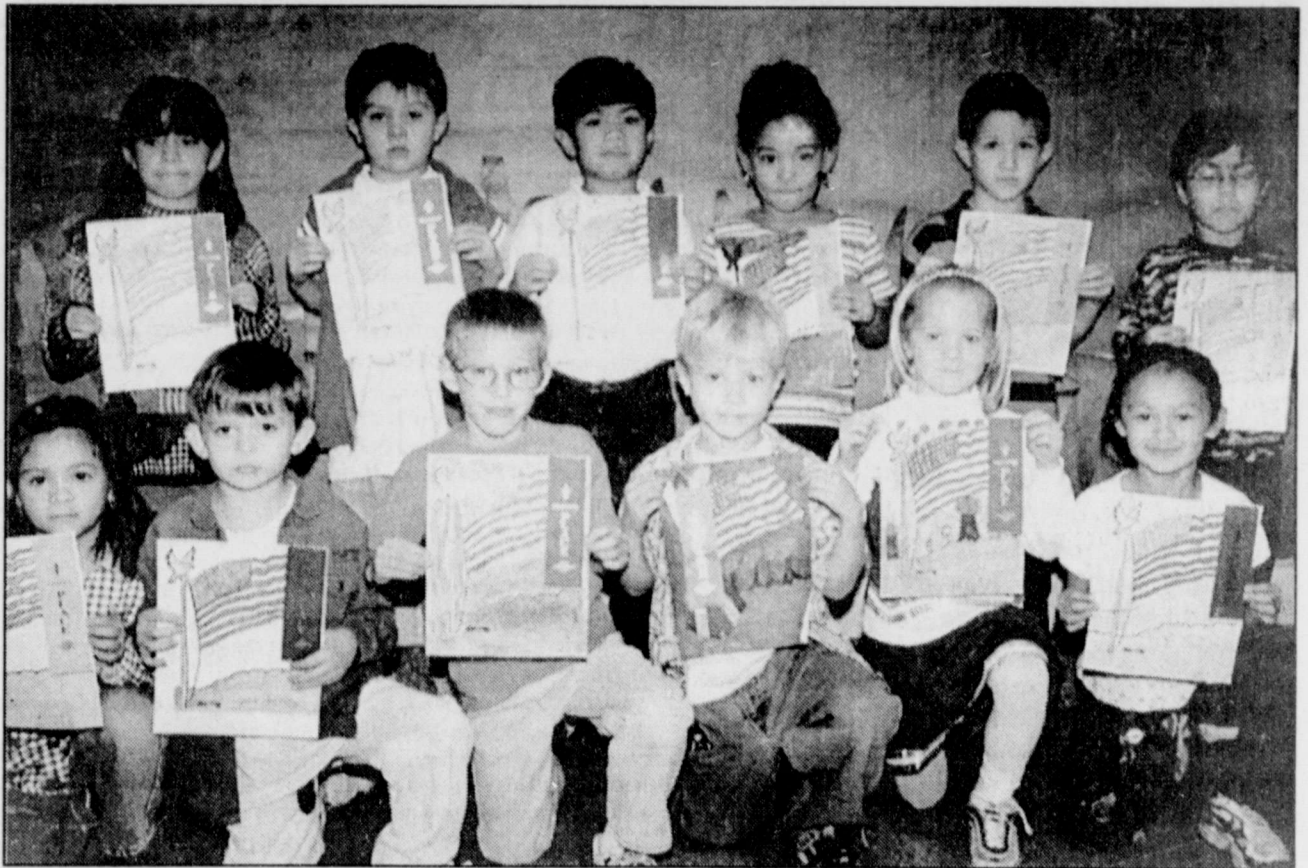
To all of you for your friendship, support, understanding, acceptance, love, and trust, thank you for everything that has been done on my behalf.

My angels on earth are my friends. God has richly blessed me. My love and appreciation to all of you. Merry Christmas.

Jo Collins



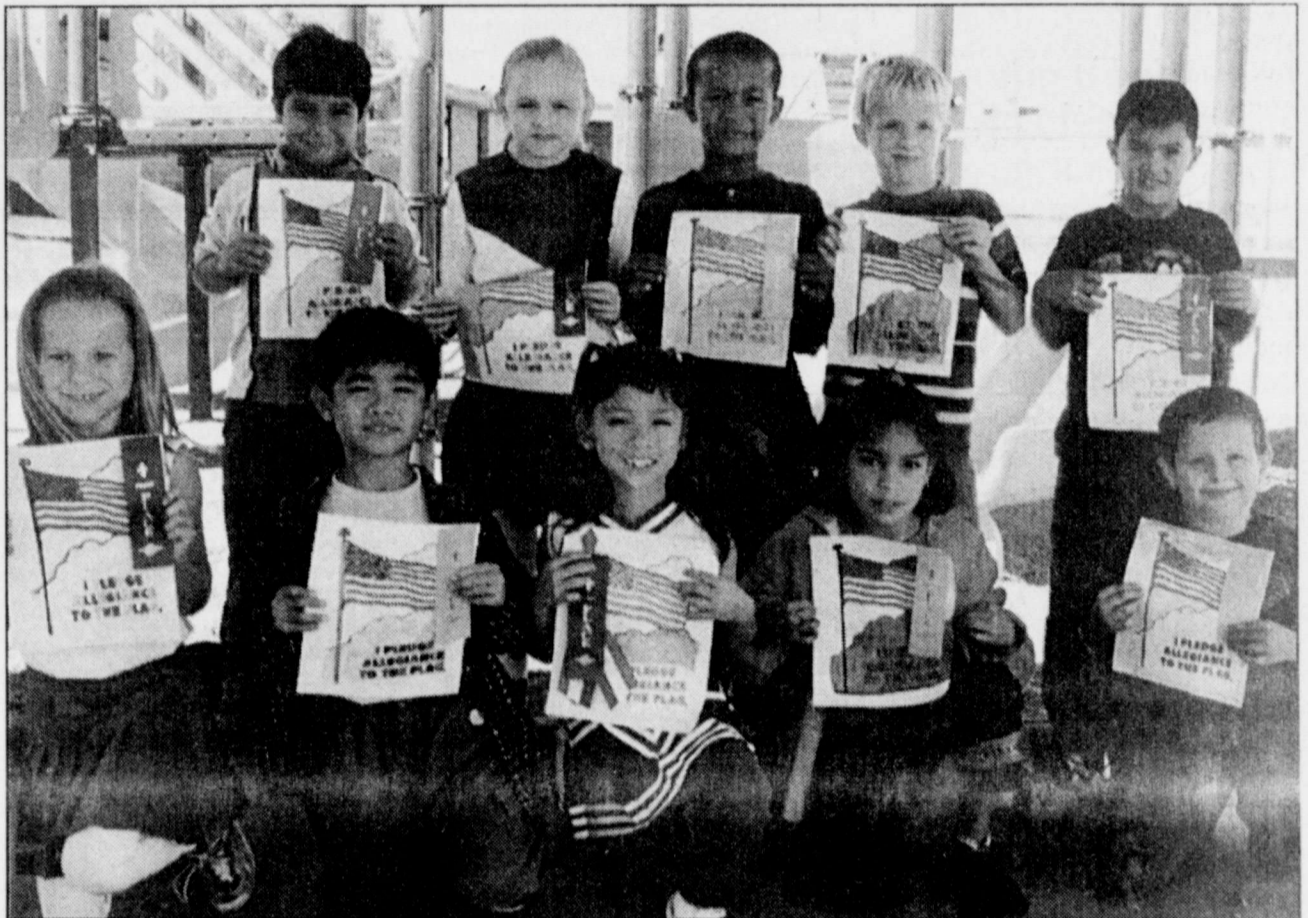
KINDERGARTEN WINNERS in the VFW Coloring Contest were (front, l-r) Hannah Johnson, Daisy Martinez, Joanna Perez, and McKenzie Hooper. Also are (back row) Bryce Mikeska, Jordan Busher, Anthony Lara, Nicolas Perez, and Berenice Garcia.



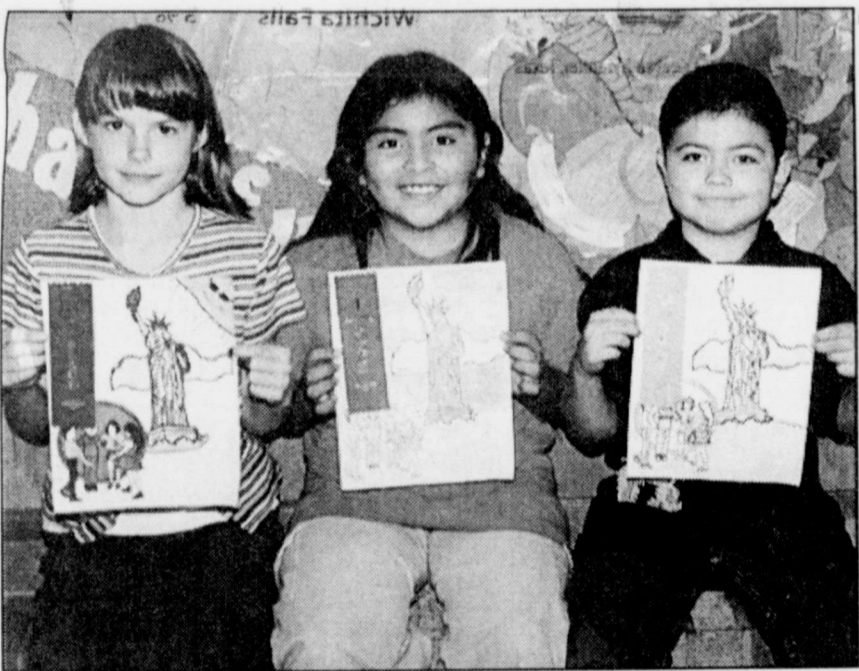
FIRST GRADE WINNERS of the VFW Coloring Contest were (front, l-r) Chelsea Lozano, Rey Delacruz, John O'Brien, Hayden Nitsch, Michelle Kruse, and Tori Reyna. Also are (back row) Ashley Reyes, Cameron Bean, Alrin Feniza, Shantel Ware, Riley Ripley, and Tomas Lugo.



FOURTH GRADE WINNERS in the VFW Coloring Contest were (front, l-r) Samantha Arispe, Sonia Armendariz, Brendan Polston, and Anthony Johnson. Also are (back row) Ashley Garcia, Jesse Tamez, Julie England, Jessica Barker, and Krystal Perry.



SECOND GRADE WINNERS in the VFW Coloring Contest were (front, l-r) Haley Kaczyk, Nico Campos, Sarah Nicole Campos, Bianca Carrillo, and John Smith. Also are (back row) Estevan Nava, Haleigh Edge, T.J. Johnson, Kelton Bredemeyer, and Jose Rangel. Not pictured are Derek Smith and Kelsea Garcia.



THIRD GRADE WINNERS in the VFW Coloring Contest were (l-r) Shelby Knight, Cindy Chavez, and Randy Carrillo.

Winners named in VFW's Americanism coloring contest

by Mary Kurtz, Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary

The Winters Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 9193 and Ladies Auxiliary recently held an Americanism coloring contest in the Winters Elementary School. Two hundred and twenty (220) students participated.

Winners were announced, and prizes were presented Friday, November 10, in observance of Veterans Day.

Thank you to the teachers for allowing the children to participate.

Winners were:

KINDERGARTEN

Cheryl Butler's Class

- 1st, Jordan Busher
- 2nd, McKenzie Hooper
- 3rd, Bryce Mikeska

Dianne Davis's Class

- 1st, Joanna Perez
- 2nd, Anthony Lara

3rd, Nicolas Perez

Teressa Tekell's Class

- 1st, Berenice Garcia
- 2nd, Daisy Martinez
- 3rd, Hannah Johnson

Best of Kindergarten

- Joanna Perez

FIRST GRADE

Sherry Cavazos's Class

- 1st, Alrin Feniza
- 2nd, Ashley Reyes
- 3rd, Tomas Lugo

Karen Colburn's Class

- 1st, Tori Reyna
- 2nd, John O'Brien
- 3rd, Riley Ripley

Chris Parramore's Class

- 1st, Rey Delacruz
- 2nd, Cameron Bean
- 3rd, Chelsea Lozano

Cheryl Sneed's Class

- 1st, Hayden Nitsch

- 2nd, Michelle Kruse
- 3rd, Shantel Ware

Best of First Grade

- Hayden Nitsch

SECOND GRADE

Troylene Lincycumb's Class

- 1st, Haleigh Edge
- 2nd, Kelton Bredemeyer
- 3rd, T.J. Johnson

Audine McBeth's Class

- 1st, Derek Smith
- 2nd, Kelsea Garcia
- 3rd, John Smith

Melinda Meyers's Class

- 1st, Sarah Nicole Campos
- 2nd, Jose Rangel
- 3rd, Bianca Carrillo

Cathy Oliver's Class

- 1st, Haley Kaczyk
- 2nd, Estevan Nava
- 3rd, Nico Campos

Best of Second Grade

- Sarah Nicole Campos

THIRD GRADE

Kathy Pringle's Class

- 1st, Shelby Knight
- 2nd, Cindy Chavez
- 3rd, Randy Carrillo

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Mary Beth Ahrens's Class

- 1st, Ashley Garcia
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- 3rd, Jesse Tamez

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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, November 26, 2000, through Saturday, December 2, 2000. Winters Police Officers: stopped a 1992 Buick passenger car on Farrar Street for a traffic violation. A strong odor of alcohol was detected on the driver who was offered a field sobriety task and passed the task. The driver, however, was only 18 years old and was arrested for driving under the influence of a detectable amount of alcohol. Bobby Oxford, Jr. Of Ballinger was taken to Runnels County Jail. A 17-year-old male passenger was found to have been consuming alcoholic beverages. Anthony Jackson of Bronte was arrested and taken to Runnels County Jail for minor in consumption of alcohol.

received report of a burglary in the 600 block of Lamar Street. A 62-year-old male of Winters reported that an engine from a garden tiller had been removed from his garage along with a gas heater. Information was taken on the stolen items and this is under investigation as burglary of a building.

observed a 16-year-old male on West Parsonage during the curfew hours of midnight to 6 a.m. The male was found to be violating the curfew ordinance and issued a citation as this was a subsequent violation. The male was taken home and released into his parents' custody.

received notice of a warrant subject in the 200 block of Wood Street. The subject was located and Marcus Manley of Winters was arrested for Winters Municipal warrants for driving without a driver's license, assault and two counts of failure to appear. He was taken to Runnels County Jail.

received report of a hit and run call causing property damage to a vehicle. A suspect was identified by witnesses at the scene as a 23-year-old female of Winters. Three days after the initial report the victim, a 31-year-old male of Abilene signed a waiver refusing to file charges against the female. The case has been dropped.

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
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Official Records

County Court Criminal Cases Filed Nov. 20
Kenneth Lee Dosser, filed for reckless driving

District Court Civil Cases Filed Nov. 27
Patrick Schmid and Georgianne Schmid vs. Remington Arms Com. Inc., et al, suit for exemplary damages
Russell Jacoby Construction Inc., vs. Lewis O. Woodward, Jr., suit for breach of contract/damages

Nov. 28
Rains-Seale Funeral Home, Inc., vs. Ballinger National Bank, writ of garnishment after judgment

Divorce Cases Filed Nov. 30
Annette F. Switzer v. Michael Switzer

Justice of the Peace Precinct 1 Criminal Cases Filed Nov. 13
Shelisha Sherile Helms, filed for failure to report property damage accident

Nov. 14
Tanya Whittenburg New, filed for failure to report accident

Nov. 19
Carrie Shey Collins, filed for minor consumption alcohol, detectable amount

Nov. 27
Edward J. Denton, filed for failure to keep deer in edible condition

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Personnel Services wins national award

Personnel Services recently received a first place award in a national competition for a radio campaign promoting quality staffing.

The Staffing Industry Communication Awards (formerly the Ad & PR Awards) sited Personnel Services an Award of Excellence for their humorous series of radio spots calling attention to the convenience and ease of using Personnel Services for quality staffing.

"There were 160 entries in this category," said Melisa Bedunah, executive vice-president. "We have a strong emphasis on recruiting and marketing, and winning this award proves it."

The award will also be acknowledged in Communications Magazine.

The awards were established 23 years ago to recognize the originality, creativity, and vision

of advertising, and public relations campaigns in the staffing industry.

Entries were judged on the basis of content and message, originality of approach, general appeal, overall quality, statement of target audience, objectives, and results.

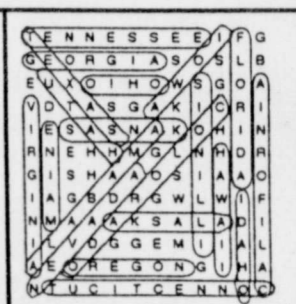
Awards were presented in four-teen categories.

Personnel Services is an employee staffing company based in Wichita Falls, Texas. The agency first opened in 1992 with a single office in Mineral Wells. The company now has offices in twelve Texas cities and recently earned the 399th position on Inc. Magazine's list of the top 500 Fastest Growing Privately-Held Businesses in America.

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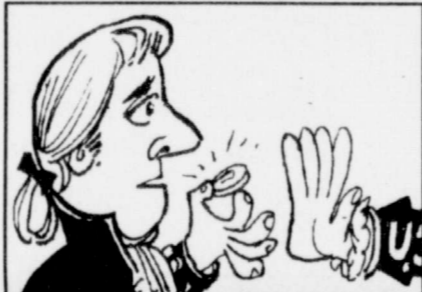
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- TXism: "don't throw the baby out with the water"
- gov't safety org.
- Chinese -Pei dogs
- interview by TX Rather: "___ A"
- TX h.s. sports org.
- TX sisters who were captured by chief Grey Beard in 1873
- great TX running back Dickerson
- TXism: "popular as ___ daughter"
- Santa ___ TX
- song: "Ding ___ Daddy from Dumas"
- against TX Eli, this Brynner was "magnificent"
- TXism: "___ in the grass" (bad)
- the "bidness" of UT, et al.
- Gov. ___ Ferguson
- historic Dallas area: ___ Plaza
- TXism: "flat as ___ handle prairie"
- tooty
- in Trinity Co. on 94
- this TX Banks was "Mr. Chicago Cub"
- Hereford is the ___
- Town without ___ ache
- TXism: "round ___ up" (gather)
- TXism: "does a cat have a climbing ___?" (yes)

DOWN

- Meridian is seat of this county
- TXism: "nick ___ on a dog's back"
- "larger ___"
- TXism: "___ as finding a horse thief in heaven"
- TX "Singing Cowboy" (init.)
- expose to harm
- TXism: "it's ___ hog or die"
- TXism: "he was around when the Dead ___ became TV series"
- city or church group
- a boys hair cut once banned at school
- TX pest: fire ___
- like TX Sandy Duncan
- Eva ___ Gallienne has played role of Peter Pan
- TXism: "wise up on"
- San Antonio AF base
- TXism: "hard work ___ the fences up"
- executive of TX co.
- Grueue Mansion ___
- TX George W.'s opponent for pres.
- TX B.J. Thomas sang "___ So Lonesome I Could Cry"
- "not" vote in TX legislature
- Dallas so. suburb on hwy. 67
- relating to "gettin' hitched"
- murderer
- anno Domini (abbr.)
- TXism: "he was around when the Dead ___ was only sick" (old)
- TXism: "siesta"
- TXism: "fits like sardines in a ___"
- ex-Oiler Erik
- "___ a million"
- "of-a-gun"
- artist Panelope who painted Mrs. Sam Houston (init.)
- TXism: "big fish in a ___"
- plumbing problem
- iced and pekee
- TXism: "___ his hide" (spank)
- TX polo player Smith in Johnson Co. off 67
- news wrangler

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