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## WTU "needs" \$59.5 million from customers

If the Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUCT) approves a request by West Texas Utilities (WTU), residential customers using 1,000 kilowatt hours of electricity will see an increase of \$17.40 a month beginning with the May billing cycle and continuing through December.

Regarding the request, Larry Jones, Manager of Public Affairs of American Electric Power (AEP), stresses that "it is incorrect to say that it will result in a rate increase."

According to Jones, there are two main components to customer bills: base rates and the fuel charge. Jones says the reason this distinction is important is that Texas Senate Bill 7 freezes base rates from September, 1999, until January 1, 2002.

American Electric Power's WTU subsidiary filed the request for permission to recover in customer bills approximately \$59.5 million in under-collected costs for fuel used to generate electricity. The filing is the result of the continuing increase in natural gas costs throughout the entire country, and, according to Jones, these costs have exceeded significantly the amount charged to customers.

WTU customers this month began seeing the impact of an interim increase in the fuel factors used to determine the fuel charge portion of the bill to more currently reflect the market price of natural gas. However, this interim increase in fuel factors, which still must receive final approval from the PUCT, did not address the approximately \$59.5 million in uncollected fuel costs for the period from July, 2000, to January, 2001.

Natural gas prices from July, 2000, through January, 2001, were up to four times higher than prices during the same period of the prior year. Despite the fact that 43 percent of WTU's generation is fueled by low-cost coal, the sheer magnitude of the continued increases in the price of natural gas that began last summer prompted WTU to request the fuel factor increase in January and now the surcharge.

Fuel costs are an expense of generating electricity, which WTU must pay to fuel suppliers. Jones says, "WTU does not make a profit on fuel costs as the PUCT requires that these costs be passed through to customers at the price paid by WTU."

Investor-owned electric utilities in Texas, like WTU, are required by the PUCT to use fuel factors based on cost estimates to collect the projected cost of fuel used to generate electricity at their power plants.

When the actual cost of fuel is significantly more than the amount customers paid in their monthly bills, then PUCT rules require that the utility file a request for permission to recover these amounts through a surcharge.



DAUGHTERS OF GUS and BERTHA PRUSER, Lela Thormeyer (left) and Rosmund Holle, stand before the cotton picker built and patented by their late father in 1912. The picker is one of several unique items on display at the Gus Pruser Agricultural Exhibit of the Z. I. Hale Museum on West Dale. The Exhibit was visited by approximately 150 Pruser family members and guests at an open house on Sunday, March 4.

## WHS Team Tennis to State tourney

With new attitudes to match their new uniforms (thanks to the Blizzard Booster Club), and a lot of hard work, members of the Blizzard Team Tennis earned their way to the State tournament in Georgetown this Friday and Saturday.

The invitation came down to the wire last Saturday as the team competed at the Bentwood Country Club in San Angelo in the two-day regional competition.

Team Tennis is just as it is titled—a team effort involving six singles matches and three doubles matches for both boys and girls. The first team to win ten matches gets to advance. Should a tie occur, a mixed doubles match must also be played to determine the winner.

During last week's contest, the Winters team had to deal with powerhouse Mason (who has played in the State tournament for the past 17 years), #1 seed Eldorado, close matches, and several rain delays which eventually prevented Winters from playing Wall for second place in the play-back. A win over Wall would have guaranteed a trip to the State tournament. (Although Wall had also lost to Eldorado, they were seeded #2, and given the bid to advance).

Coach Biff White compared his team to the David vs. Goliath story in the Bible. "I'm extremely proud of these kids," he said. "They are a determined bunch of players and are thrilled to get to go to the State level."

## WHS Basketball All-District selections



LADY BLIZZARDS honored are (l-r) Laci Walker, first team; Michelle Paschal and Kendra Hope, second team; Staci Bishop, honorable mention; and Lori Bredemeyer, sportsmanship award. See page 6 for individual stats.



BLIZZARDS HONORED include Colby Walker, first team; Tony Aguero, second team; Samson Jackson and Aaron Pritchard, honorable mention. Not pictured are Josh Minzenmayer, first team, and Wade Parramore, honorable mention.

## Longtime Ballinger radio station owner fatally injured in automobile accident

A longtime Ballinger radio station owner and civic leader was fatally injured in an automobile accident on Tuesday, February 27. Dean Smith, 69, was traveling toward Ballinger on Farm Road 2887 when his vehicle left the roadway, overturning, and causing the fatal injuries.

Smith was well-known in Ballinger and Runnels County because of his radio station ownership, real estate dealing, and travel tours

through his Magic Travel Tours company.

Dean began working in radio as a disc jockey while he was still in high school for KRUN Radio in 1947. At that time the station was located in the Zappe Building on the corner of 7th and Hutchings Avenue.

He left the area during the Korean Conflict when he joined the U.S. Air Force and served from 1950-1954, running the officer's

club in Tokyo, Japan.

He returned to KRUN following his tour with the Air Force and resumed his career as a deejay. He also began working in advertising sales. In 1970, Smith bought the radio station from Bob McGarvey.

Following an independent survey in which he counted the number of people wearing cowboy boots in town, Dean decided the

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## Congressional staffer coming to Ballinger

In an effort to make his office more accessible to constituents in Runnels County and in the surrounding areas, Congressman Charlie Stenholm is sending a member of his staff to Ballinger on Monday, March 12, from noon to 1:00 p.m.

Roger Roewe of Stenholm's Stamford office will visit individually with citizens at Runnels County Courthouse, 613 Hutchings Avenue, Ballinger.

The purpose of Mr. Roewe's trip is to offer an opportunity for anyone having a problem with a governmental agency such as the Social Security Administration, HUD, the Department of Veterans Affairs, etc., to seek assistance. It also provides a listening ear for persons who wish to express an opinion on current governmental issues. An appointment is not necessary.

## WHAT'S HAPPENING ?

- March 8-10 a.m., Triple L Club, First Baptist Church  
 11:30 a.m., Sr. Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center  
 1-4 p.m., Jr. High and High School Cheerleader Tryouts, Gym  
 7 p.m., Elementary Choir Performance, WHS Auditorium  
 WHS Final Exams for 1st Period
- March 9-8:30 a.m. & 1:30 p.m., State Team Tennis Meet, Georgetown  
 11:30 a.m., Sr. Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center  
 12:25 p.m., FCA, School Science Lab  
 7:30 p.m., Cowboys for Christ, Drasco  
 Elementary Select Choir to Albany, Lueders-Avoca, and Abilene
- March 10-PIPS Competition  
 8:30 a.m. & 1:30 p.m., State Team Tennis Meet, Georgetown  
 9:00 a.m., Blizzard Relays, WHS Track Complex
- March 11-Attend Church Services of Your Choice
- March 12-10 a.m.-6 p.m., DAV Mobile Service Office Visit, Abilene  
 11:30 a.m., Sr. Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center  
 12p.m.-1p.m., Congressional Staffer Visit, Courthouse, Ballinger  
 7 p.m., VFW & Auxiliary, Post Home  
 SPRING BREAK BEGINS
- March 13-9 a.m., Winters Ministerial Alliance, First Baptist Church  
 10 a.m., Commissioners Court, Courthouse, Ballinger  
 11:30 a.m., Sr. Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center  
 Noon, Lions Club, Sr. Citizens Activity Center  
 7 p.m., WVFD, Fire Station  
 7 p.m., San Angelo Writer's Club, San Angelo  
 7:30 p.m., Elm Creek Water Control Board, Sr. Citizens Center  
 Literary & Service Club  
 Woman's Club
- March 14-7 a.m., Industrial Board, Chamber Office  
 11:30 a.m., Sr. Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center
- March 15-11:30 a.m., Sr. Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center



## Oil Bidness

By Reg Boles ©2001



I hear that the U.S. is planning to "build a comprehensive energy policy to take us through the 21st century."

That's good news, but excuse me if I have doubts a workable plan will come from all the effort. It has been promised since 1976, but there is still no plan or coherent policy that underlies what the country does to insure a stable energy supply and distribution system.

Yes, we have an Energy Department, but they spend time cleaning up nuclear energy, construction projects and chemical spills. They have not been a guiding hand in providing the vital fuel our economy needs to stay in a leadership role.

It all started with Jimmy Carter and progressed through three more presidents, but no commission, no committee, no blue-ribbon panel has been able to get a policy constructed, approved, and implemented.

But, now, a new administration has made it a priority, and coinciding with recent jumps in energy prices, it has particular resonance with the public. However, it faces problems, as it always does.

The current president has ties to the oil and gas business, so there will be charges of bias and favoritism in any program or plan adopted. Further, there is a split congress and a split electorate which will make the way difficult to approving any plan forward.

And, as always, there is the inherent problem of the opposing view of the consumer and the producer.

Consumers want plentiful and cheap energy. Period. Producers want a stable market with prices that make their business profitable. Those two desires are usually at odds with each other.

Both sides vote, so there is a tendency to try to satisfy both groups. It may be that the real path is to make both a little angry and live with the consequences, but I digress.

There are other varied interests that make adopting a plan difficult for any administration. Budget consequences for tax policy, environmental pressures that prevent certain resources from being considered, and a real lack of education on what the energy business is and how it works.

Next time, we will talk about what a real energy policy will

have to include to work. It won't be just my opinion, but a consensus among many. We will find it really isn't that hard to know what works, it is just hard to convince everybody to accept the consequences of adopting a plan that will put us on a path that considers the need for energy and the best way to support an infrastructure that gets the job done.

### HIGHLIGHTS OF AREA DRILLING ACTIVITY COMPLETIONS

#### Coleman County

Delray Oil has completed a plug back of the R. Brookshier-B-#1 in the Rachel Field (4 miles SE of Talpa) at an initial rate of 65 BOPD & 10 BWPD in the King Sand (perms 1892-98). Loc. is 1475 FSL & 2434 FEL of ETRR Sur. No. 107, A-173.

#### Concho County

Daubert Operating has completed a re-entry of the Dierschke #1 as a Wildcat, 4 miles SW of Millersview at an initial rate of 26 BOPD & 27 BWPD in the Crosscut Sand (perms 2648-64). Loc. is 467 FEL & 1000 FNL of Sec. 124, Blk. 72, T&N Sur., A-1188.

#### Runnels County

B-Oil Company has completed a re-entry of the E. Black #1 in the Pear Valley Field (4 miles NE of Bronte) at an initial rate of 18 BOPD & 98 BWPD in the Capps (perms 4588-91). Loc. is 660 FNL & 1980 FWL of Sec. 2, H.A. Thompson Sur., A-730.

### STAKINGS

#### Callahan County

S.B. Street Operating has staked the B. Young #1 in the County Regular Field, 6 miles S of Clyde (Depth 1800). Loc. is 1438 FEL & 1619 FSL of Sec. 4, BBB&C Sur.

#### Coke County

L.C.S. Production has staked the Boecking -A- #9 in the Fort Chadbourne Field, 7 miles N of Bronte (Depth 6000). Loc. is 1220 FSL & 4120 FEL of Sec. 347, Blk. 1A, H&TC Sur. RULE 36.

#### Nolan County

Chisholm Operating has staked the Texaco Fee #12 in the Mulberry Canyon Field, 6 miles NE of Nolan (Depth 4300). Loc. is 1009 FNL & 1354 FWL of Sec. 69, Blk. 5, T&PRR Sur., A-237.

Pioneer Exploration has staked the R.H. Jordan -A- #12 in the Maryneal Field, 5 miles SW of Nolan (Depth 4300). Loc. is 1425 FNL & 1326 FWL of Sec. 20, Blk. Z, T&PRR Sur., A-1584.

#### Runnels County

Pittencrieff America has staked two wells in the Fort Chadbourne Field, 7 miles SW of Wingate (Depth 5700). The Fort Chadbourne Odom Lime Unit #13-97 is loc. 1095 FSEL & 645 FNEL of G. Carroll Sur. No. 289. The Fort Chadbourne Odom Lime Unit #17-7 is loc. 950 FNWL & 1275 FNEL of G. Carroll Sur. No. 287. Both are RULE 36.

#### Taylor County

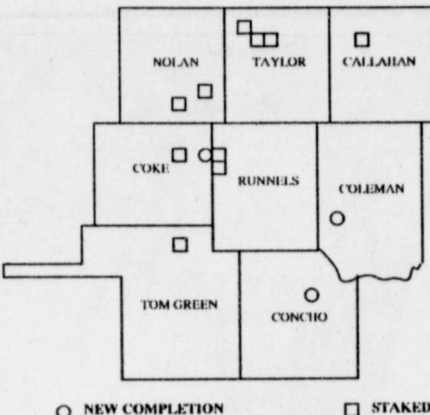
Barbec has staked the Shaw-Davis #3 in the Ledbetter Ranch Field, 6 miles SW of View (Depth 3200). Loc. is 1100 FWL & 1650 FNL of Sec. 16, Blk. 4, T&PRR Sur.

W.R. Guffey has staked the Ledbetter Ranch -E- #1 in the Coyote Ridge Field, 6 miles SW of View (Depth 3200). Loc. is 6700 FNWL & 1935 FNEL of Lge. 143, Goliad CSL Sur., A-85.

L.C.S. Production Company has staked the Guita #1 as a Wildcat, 5 miles SE of Merkel (Depth 3999). Loc. is 585 FWL & 562 FNL of Lot 11, W.R. Willis Sur. No. 122, A-421.

#### Tom Green County

Sha-Jam Operating has staked the Ruth -A- #1 in the South Harriett Field, 6 miles NE of San Angelo (Depth 5500). Loc. is 1000 FWL & 2525 FSL of E.J. Wortham Sur. No. 1, A-3945. RULE 36.



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**Monday, March 12:** Goulash, beets, hominy, cornbread, and glorified rice.

**Tuesday, March 13:** Spaghetti w/meat sauce, tossed salad, green beans, garlic bread, and dessert.

**Wednesday, March 14:** Steak fingers w/gravy, mashed potatoes, tomato salad, rolls, and cake.

**Thursday, March 15:** Chicken & dumplings, fruit salad, cheese sticks, crackers, and Jello.

**Friday, March 16:** Ham, lima beans, mixed greens, cornbread, and banana pudding.

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### Card of Thanks

To all our dear friends in the Winters and Wingate area who called, sent flowers and cards, prayed, and came to visit at the time of the recent loss of my mother, I and all my family offer our sincere thanks. Your love and caring made this time of grief and sorrow less painful.

Lois Loyd and all the family of Alberta Seals

### Card of Thanks

A great big thank you to all the people who were so good to me. Thanks for all the prayers, telephone calls, cards, food, and visits through the year.

For my 85th birthday, I appreciated all the cards, visits, gifts, and food, especially the meals at Catfish Corner and Red Lobster.

It is so nice to live in a community, like Winters, where the residents truly care.

Thelma Hoppe

### SMITH, continued

station needed to play county/western music, according to Roy Parker, who worked for Smith for about 14 years at the radio station.

Smith served as president of the Ballinger Chamber of Commerce and the Ballinger Industrial Foundation. He was very interested in his hometown of Ballinger and recently had expressed concern about declining school enrollment and industry moving out of town.

In a wide-ranging Letter to the Editor written in December, 2000, Dean commented on the national political scene, the Runnels County Appraisal office, high taxes, the American Music Awards, and trash in Ballinger. He also lamented the loss of many of the older business people in town.

Dean Smith had a great concern and interest in ways to attract new people to this area.

Lynn Smith, his son, said about his dad, "Maybe his biggest contribution to Ballinger was that he always supported people of any socio or economic background. It didn't matter to him where they came from. He always felt strongly that Ballinger and Runnels County should be progressive and a positive place to live."

Funeral services for Smith were held Friday, March 2, and he was buried in the Old Runnels Cemetery.



In her left arm, the Statue of Liberty cradles a tablet bearing the date of the Declaration of Independence in Roman numerals: MDCCCLXXVI.

## Obituary

### Sharon Schwartz

COLEMAN—Sharon Schwartz, 55, died Monday, February 26, 2001, at a hospital in Brownwood.

Mrs. Schwartz was born in El Paso. She married Jimmy Schwartz in Lovington, New Mexico. She was a member of the First Baptist Church in Coleman.

Survivors include her husband, Jimmy Schwartz of Coleman; four daughters; three sons; her mother, Myrtle Suddeth of Hobbs, New Mexico; ten grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. She was a sister-in-law of Mrs. M.W. Boles of Winters.

Services were held at 2:00 p.m., Thursday, March 1, at Stevens Funeral Home Chapel in Coleman. Burial followed in Crews Cemetery under the direction of Stevens Funeral Home.

## From The Mayor's Desk

By Dawson McGuffin

### Mayor encourages citizens of Winters to clean up city

Spring is just around the corner and with it comes spring clean up. I'd like to strongly encourage all citizens of Winters to pitch in and give our city a good cleaning. BFI will provide extra dumpsters and extra services to help us really clean up things.

As we travel around town, you see all kinds of trash, old appliances, junk cars, etc. Please step back and re-evaluate your "prizes." If you insist on keeping what you think is a classic car, be prepared to do something with it. Don't think you can just let it sit there from now on.

Please mow your grass, cut the weeds, rake and clean up the rubbish around your place. Don't just stack your limbs and leaves by your trash can. BFI will not pick them up like that. Put them in the trash cans or take them to a dumpster.

If any club or organization would like to pick up trash along our streets and/or along the highways coming into town, it would surely help the appearance of our city. Just an hour once a week would make a great difference.

Please do your best between now and April 20, 2001. During the week of April 20 thru 30, in conjunction with Christmas in April, we will have a spring wide clean up. Two big dumpsters, one on the north side of town on the lot on the southeast corner of Main and McAdoo Streets (Bishop & Sons lot) and one on the Family Dollar parking lot.

Please take advantage of this opportunity as much as you can to keep your property and your town looking more clean and attractive.

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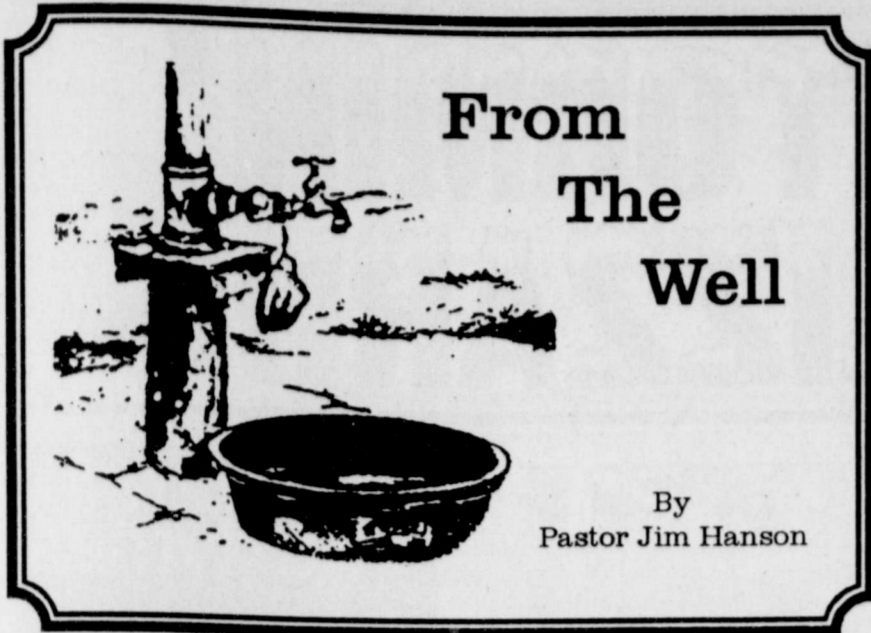
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## From The Well

By Pastor Jim Hanson



Pastor Jim Hanson

As many of you know, Ramona and I are serving a Lutheran congregation near Avoca, Texas. I am a "fill-in", or interim pastor there. It's supposed to be a part-time deal. But it is beginning to be more like "full-time". I'm not complaining, you understand.

Preachers are like that. As one wag put it "Old preachers never retire...they just go out to pasture."

They are in the process of calling a pastor. It has become quite a process. The congregation selects a call committee. They have a number of duties; like doing a brief history of the congregation, meeting with the bishop's assistant, finding out the expectations of the congregation by distributing a form for each member to fill out. Things like that. The other night I met with them, and had an opportunity to read some of the filled-out forms. It was very interesting. Their expectations were really quite high.

Maybe that's the reason, every so often, someone sends me a piece with a list of expectations...on the humorous side. One that came to me recently was entitled WHAT DO CONGREGATIONS EXPECT OF THEIR RABBI? I quote some of them:

**PHYSICALLY IMPOSING:** 6 feet tall, wide shoulders; healthy head of hair with distinguished streaks of gray, not too short, not too long; big brown or green or blue eyes (not gray...they are too cold), a warm, firm handshake, not too dry but never sweaty; polished nails; a resonant well-modulated speaking voice and a vibrant baritone; never perspires, has B.O., or halitosis.

**KNOWS:** without being told, when someone is ailing, is sad, is to be congratulated, is in the hospital, needs attention, or wants to be left alone.

**KNOWS HOW TO:** attract new members, retain old members; retire the mortgage; write the school curriculum; hire outstanding teachers; supervise the Religious School program; behavior, and dress code; inspire every child to love to come; cut all expenses; balance the budget; work smoothly with the president of the congregation; befriend each member of the Board; speak tenderly to the children; speak wisely to the adults; read fluent Hebrew, Hungarian, French, Italian, German, and Latin...know all facets of Jewish, Christian, and Islamic history, literature, ethics, ritual, and philosophy; counsel problems of sex, parenthood, widowhood, divorce, cults, geriatrics, addictions, generation gaps, and intermarriage; give meaningful, thought provoking sermons, without preaching, in 20 minutes; attract a full house to services; live graciously but inexpensively; be satisfied with cost of living salary increments; keep a well-manicured lawn and spotless house; have a gracious, beautiful wife, and angelic children.

Quite a list. Really outlandish. But causes one to think...as well as chuckle. And whereas these expectations are truly ridiculous, here are some facts.

From the *Focus On The Family* Research Council: Approximately 1,500 pastors a week are leaving the Christian ministry permanently due to unrealistic expectations (both their's of the congregation and the congregation's of them), personal hurt, burnout, or disillusionment.

In 1977, George Barna, speaking in St. Paul, surprised the crowd with the results of a survey determining the most difficult job in America. By far, the role of pastor in a local congregation outdistanced CEOs, doctors, lawyers, and all other professions. Barna's explanation—the church is made of largely of volunteers who all have personal EXPECTATIONS of pastors.

Dr. Chuck Wickman who works in bringing restoration to worn-out pastors:

- 17% of the over 375,000 pastors in the U.S. have burned out.
- 1 in 8 pastors are at this moment thinking about resigning with no place to go.
- 23% of all pastors experience a forced exit (are fired) at some time in their ministry...4 in 10 never to return to their vocation.
- 40% of all pastors have a serious conflict with a parishioner at least once a month. This is the chief cause of pastoral exodus.
- 52% of all pastors have little or no opportunity to talk with others about their personal needs. 70% say they have no one they consider a personal friend.

Something is wrong.

"Let us pray." For ourselves and our expectations. And for our pastors. And theirs. And do as Jesus says when He says, "Love one another, as I have loved you." And as one musician put it, adding some words to what Jesus said:

"Love one another, love one another,  
As I have loved you.  
And care for each other, care for each other  
As I have cared for you.  
And bear one another's burdens  
And share each other's joys  
And love one another, love one another.  
And bring each other Home." Amen.

*Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Hambricht*  
will be honored with a  
*Come-and-Go Reception*  
in observance of their  
*50th Wedding Anniversary*  
on  
*Sunday, March 18, 2001*  
from 2:00 - 4:00 PM  
at the Fellowship Hall of the  
*First United Methodist Church, Winters*  
  
*Family and Friends are cordially invited*  
to join in the celebration

## 2000-2001 Christmas In April Board of Directors



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## Conserve energy at home to save money during high fuel cost winter

If you want to save money on home energy heating costs during this winter of rising fuel costs, try changing your behavior.

In fact, behavior changes are the easiest way to lower the energy costs, said Janie Harris, Texas Agricultural Extension Service housing and environment specialist. And best of all, some behavior changes don't cost a thing.

Harris gives some suggestions:

- Turn the thermostat down to 66° or 68° during your waking hours; and down to 55° to 60° during sleep time.
- Dress for the temperature. Wear layers of clothing, starting with a shirt or T-shirt and adding flannel shirts, sweatshirts, or sweaters. Layered clothing helps trap body heat and keeps you more comfortable in cold weather. If you are going to spend some time in a quiet activity—for example, sitting and watching television—have some blankets or

comforters to wrap up in.

• The closer you can keep the internal temperature setting to the outside temperature, the less you will spend on heating. If the indoor temperature is kept at 75° in winter when the temperature outside is 40°, the homeowner has to pay for warming the inside air by 35°; but if the thermostat indoors is set at 68° instead, the homeowner only has to pay for 28° of heating.

• Make sure the thermostat is giving an accurate reading. If it is set at 68°, it should not be letting the house heat up to 75°. Use a desktop thermometer to check.

• Whenever possible, use cold water instead of hot. Try washing clothes in cold water instead of hot or warm because a hot water heater uses an enormous amount of energy. Save the hot water for showers, but make them quick, and use less hot water. Turn off the hot water tap when shaving or washing hands.

• Never use the dishwasher, washing machine, or clothes dryer for less than a full load. Whenever possible, don't use the dryer at all; instead, hang clothes in the sun to dry.

• Let the sun in during the day by opening curtains and blinds whenever possible. Upholstered fabrics, such as that used on many couches or chairs, absorbs heat from sunlight much better than plastic or leather or metal, so try to move upholstery-covered furniture into sunny areas of the room to help keep the sun's warmth in the house.

• Don't let furniture or carpeting or any other object obstruct the openings of the heater vents.

• Keep the relative humidity inside the house between 40-50%.

• Use lower-wattage light bulbs or even energy-efficient ones.

• And remember what your parents always told you: Turn off lights, television sets, stereos, and radios when you leave the room.

Also, use only appliances you really need, when you need them.

In addition, Harris also suggests several other ways to save energy at a low cost:

• Install a thermostat that will reduce the temperature at night so you won't waste excess energy when you don't need it. You can set it (the thermostat) to meet your schedule.

• Have your heating system cleaned and checked annually by a professional, and change the filters each month.

• Install storm windows and use window coverings that insulate.

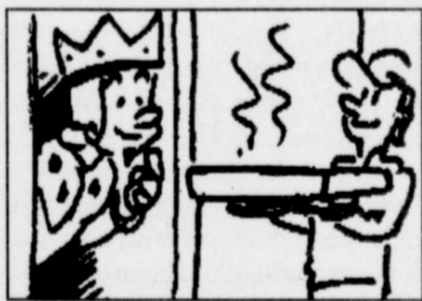
• Weatherstrip or caulk to keep the warm air inside the house.

• Install water-saving showerheads to reduce the amount of hot water used per shower.

• If buying new appliances, look for those that are "Energy Star" rated.

• Install extra insulation in the attic or walls.

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**HERE COME THE**



**STORMIN' BLIZZARDS**

**Softball Scoreboard**

Team: Varsity Softball  
Coach: Ed Pochls  
Date & place of game:  
February 27, 2001—Eula  
Opponent: Eula  
Winning pitcher: Shauna White  
Winning catcher: Haley Altman  
Key plays: Kristian Castillo was solid at third, making several key plays. Kayla Colburn made several fine grabs at first as did Jessica DelaRosa at shortstop.

	Runs	Hits	Errors
WINTERS	0	1	5
OPPONENT	12	5	0

Coach's comments: We missed balls that we haven't missed all year-long. We just did not seem ready to play. You can always tell when a team is not mentally ready to play — the bats are quiet.

Team: Varsity Softball  
Coach: Ed Pochls  
Date & place of game:  
March 2, 2001—Early Tourney Game 1  
Opponent: Albany  
Losing pitcher: Raquel Retana  
Losing catcher: Tracie Morrison  
Key plays:

	Runs	Hits	Errors
WINTERS	7	9	2
OPPONENT	12	4	1

Coach's comments: The pitching area was ankle deep in mud. Both team's pitchers struggled to throw strikes. Our two errors came back to back in the 6th inning allowing Albany 6 runs. It was a good game for such conditions and by the next game, our pitchers had adjusted.

Team: Varsity Softball  
Coach: Ed Pochls  
Date & place of game:  
March 2, 2001—Early Tourney Game 2  
Opponent: Stamford  
Winning pitcher: Eileen Alvarado  
Winning catcher: Tracie Morrison  
Losing pitcher:  
Losing catcher:  
Key plays: We hit and fielded the ball well.

	Runs	Hits	Errors
WINTERS	9	12	3
OPPONENT	8	8	2

Coach's comments: Solid infield play by Kristian Castillo, Jessica DelaRosa, Amy Patterson, Kayla Colburn, Tracie Morrison, and Eileen Alvarado. They recorded 24 putouts in the 9th inning game. Kayla Colburn singled in the bottom of the 9th to drive in the winning run. This was our best game of the season.

Team: Varsity Softball  
Coach: Ed Pochls  
Date & place of game:  
March 3, 2001—Early Tourney Game 3  
Opponent: Hamilton  
Winning pitcher: Raquel Retana  
Winning catcher: Tracie Morrison  
Losing pitcher:  
Losing catcher:  
Key plays: DelaRosa/Patterson-10 putouts w/o error.

	Runs	Hits	Errors
WINTERS	10	12	1
OPPONENT	4	7	1

Coach's comments: Jessica DelaRosa and Amy Patterson had 10 putouts without an error and the outfield (Jamie Reeves, Carmen Martinez & Kelly Bearden) caught everything hit to them. The Lady Blizzards battled the weather again. There was water all over the infield and outfield. Raquel Retana had to pitch in the mud again and she only walked 4 batters. A couple of well executed double plays made up for the 4 walks. Great job ladies!

Team: Varsity Softball  
Coach: Ed Pochls  
Date & place of game:  
March 3, 2001—Early Tourney Game 4  
Opponent: Gatesville  
Winning pitcher:  
Winning catcher:  
Losing pitcher: Eileen Alvarado  
Losing catcher: Tracie Morrison  
Key plays: 2 key double plays kept us in the game.

	Runs	Hits	Errors
WINTERS	5	6	6
OPPONENT	11	6	1

Coach's comments: Two key double plays from DelaRosa to Patterson to Colburn kept us in the game until the 5th inning when a number of errors allowed them to score 6 runs. This was a tough but real good tournament for us. Our bats really came alive in the tournament and our defense, for the most part, was top notch. Hitting .400 or higher for the tournament were Jamie Reeves, .461; Jessica DelaRosa, .461; Kristian Castillo, .430; Tracie Morrison, .416; and Kayla Colburn, .400. Defensively for the tournament, second baseman Amy Patterson had 18 putouts and no errors. Good Job Lady Blizzards!



TAKE A BOW...WELL NOT REALLY, but Guy Slimp and his teammates could have after a dramatic second place finish in the mile relay at the Blackland-Divide Relays in Roscoe last Saturday. Winters JV knew they had to finish one spot in front of the Jim Ned JV to win the team championship. Slimp "guttled out" the final leg of the race, and used his track knowledge to lean into the finish for the victory over Jim Ned. WHS will host the Blizzard Relays at the Winters Track Complex on Saturday with field events beginning at 9 a.m.

**Lady & JV Blizzards win team championships at Blackland-Divide Relays in Roscoe; varsity Blizzards strong in field events**

The Lady Blizzard and JV Blizzard track teams won the Blackland-Divide Relays held at Roscoe last weekend. The Blizzards had a strong finish in the field events.

Winters will host the Blizzard Relays on Saturday, March 10, at the WHS Track Complex. Field events will begin at 9 a.m. Running prelims and the 3200 M run will start at 11 a.m. Running finals begin one hour after the conclusion of prelims.

The Lady Blizzards tallied 141 team points. "All of the team did a good job," said Coach Deb Whittenburg. "I was pleased with their times and effort. We have 20 girls competing this season—four seniors, three juniors, seven sophomores, and six freshmen."

As for the Blizzard varsity, Coach Chuck Lipsey said, "We had some good performances for the first meet! The JV guys competed well and every one of them contributed to win the team championship. It was real exciting."

Last week's results are as follows:

- LADY BLIZZARDS**  
3200 M Run  
1st, Maria Llanas, 13:27.09  
2nd, Briana Parramore, 13:27.10  
400 M Relay  
1st, Winters, (Staci Bishop, Michelle Paschal, Kacy McCuiston, Stacey Sneed, 53.42)  
800 M Run  
1st, Mandy Pritchard, 2:36  
800 M Relay  
1st, Winters, (Staci Bishop, Mandy Pritchard, Jena Bahlman, Stacey Sneed) 1:51.42  
400 M Dash  
1st, Michelle Paschal, 63.53  
300 M Hurdles  
3rd, Kacy McCuiston, 52.56  
200 M Dash  
2nd, Jena Bahlman, 27.76

**Baseball Scoreboard**

Team: Blizzards  
Coach: Chris Bearden  
Date & place of game:  
Feb. 27, 2001—Winters  
Opponent: Stamford  
Winning pitcher: C. Johnson  
Winning catcher: C. Wade King

	Runs	Hits	Errors
WINTERS	0	0	5
OPPONENT	9	5	0

Coach's Comments: Cold, cold, cold... It's a wonder we could even play, but we got after it. Five errors on top of 8 walks without hitting the ball spells disaster. We did get the first game jitters out of the way. Now we can get after it and play

- 1600 M Run  
1st, Briana Parramore, 6:05  
2nd, Maria Llanas, 6:09  
1600 M Relay  
2nd, Winters (Mandy Pritchard, Stacey Sneed, Jena Bahlman, Michelle Paschal), 4:30.38  
Shot Put  
2nd, Michelle Paschal, 32'5"  
Discus  
6th, Michelle Paschal, 87'  
Long Jump  
3rd, Jena Bahlman, 16'2"  
7th, Stacey Sneed, 15'3.5"  
BLIZZARDS  
800 M Run  
2nd, Tony Agüero, 2:05  
400 M Dash  
6th, Jeffrey Oats, 56.2  
1600 M Run  
3rd, Jimmy Rodriguez, 4:55  
Shot Put  
1st, Samson Jackson, 53'11"  
2nd, Rusty Jackson, 47'7"  
4th, Chris Hoppe, 46'5"  
Discus  
1st, Samson Jackson, 140'7"  
2nd, Rusty Jackson, 140'6"  
3rd, Chris Hoppe, 138'9"  
Long Jump  
5th, Tony Agüero, 20'5"  
Triple Jump  
6th, Josh Minzenmayer, 39'0"  
High Jump  
2nd, Tony Agüero, 5'10"  
JV BLIZZARDS  
100 M Dash  
3rd, Benji Valles, 12.3  
200 M Dash  
2nd, Yul Gibbs, 25.5  
6th, Clint Marentes, 26.2  
800 M Run  
4th, Adam Solorzano, 2:25  
6th, Matt Moreno, 2:30  
400 M Dash  
2nd, Guy Slimp, 57.3  
110 High Hurdles  
2nd, Eric Lopez, 17.3  
3200 M Run  
6th, Tim Fenwick, 12:58  
1600 M Run  
6th, Tim Fenwick, 5:45  
1600 M Relay  
2nd, Winters, (Eric Lopez, Benji Valles, Adam Solorzano, Guy Slimp), 3:59  
Shot Put  
1st, Steven Cuevas, 40'5"  
2nd, Jerry Hord, 38'9"  
Long Jump  
5th, Yul Gibbs, 17'4 3/4"  
Triple Jump  
1st, Yul Gibbs, 38'2"  
2nd, Eric Lopez, 36'5"  
High Jump  
3rd, Benji Valles  
5th, Clint Marentes



MARIA LLANAS (front) & BRIANA PARRAMORE finished one-two in both the mile and two mile runs at the Blackland-Divide Relays in Roscoe last weekend. The girls traded victories as Llanas was first in the two mile and second in the mile run. Parramore won the mile race, and finished .01 seconds behind her teammate in the two mile run.

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Birthday boy is Brandon Davis.

**The Winters I.S.D. Tax & Administration Office will be open 8 a.m.-noon and 1-5 p.m. during Spring Break, March 12- 16, 2001.**  
Reminder: Candidates wishing to file for the May 5 election are required to do so by March 21.

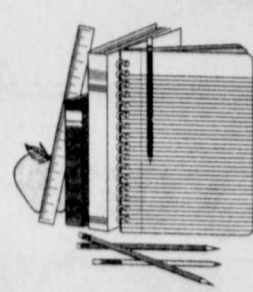
**BLIZZARD ACTIVITIES**  
MARCH 8-15, 2001

- EXTRA-CURRICULAR**  
—Mar. 8, Cheerleader Tryouts, 1-4 p.m., Gym  
—Mar. 8, Elementary Select Choir Performance, 7 p.m., WHS Auditorium  
—Mar. 8, WHS Final Exams for 1st period  
—Mar. 9, Elementary Select Choir to Albany, Lueders-Avooca, and Abilene  
—Mar. 10, PIPS Competition  
—Mar. 12-16, Spring Break  
**SOFTBALL**  
—Mar. 9, Hawley\*, T, 4:30 p.m.  
—Mar. 13, No Game  
**VARSITY BASEBALL**  
—Mar. 9, Hawley\*, T, 4 p.m.  
—Mar. 13, Eula\*, T, 4 p.m.  
**JR. VARSITY BASEBALL**  
—Mar. 12, Eula\*, T, 4 p.m.  
**VARSITY/JV TENNIS**  
—Mar. 9-10, Santa Anna  
\*Denotes District Play

**Correction**  
Two students were inadvertently omitted from the Elementary Honor Roll in last week's newspaper. Corey Fenwick earned the 4th grade "A" Honor Roll and Cassi Mendoza earned the 5th grade "A" Honor Roll.

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## ON THE FIELD AND IN THE CLASSROOM



### 8th Grade Girls Tennis Team



(Front row (l-r) Flor Cordova, Katy Wilkerson, and Kathryn Hatler. (Back row) Amanda Ripple, Kim DeReal, and Christina Perrie.

### 8th Grade Boys Tennis Team



(Front row (l-r) Thomas Doty, Jesse Hernandez, Jeremy Mendoza, and Shawn Kraatz (Back row) Jacob Applegate, Jacob Bridgeman, Max Harrison, Skye Salinas, and Matthew Gray.

## Winters exhibitors earn more top honors at San Antonio & Houston Livestock Shows

Winters FFA and Runnels County 4-H exhibitors can be proud of their 2001 results as they wind down the stock show season following successful outings in San Antonio and Houston.

February 5-20, local exhibitors swept honors at the 2001 San Antonio Stock Show and Rodeo. The highlight of the week for Winters students was John Heathcott's champion Poland gilt in the Breeding Gilt Show. John received a \$6,000 scholarship for his efforts. He showed under the direction of Runnels County 4-H.

Jarrett Gerhart showed a 1st place Dorset ram lamb and a second place 4-6 tooth Dorset lamb in the San Antonio Junior Breeding Sheep Show. Jessica Pritchard exhibited a 6th place Southdown ewe lamb in the show. Georgetta Horton was also an exhibitor.

Winters FFA members took several awards in the San Antonio Heifer Show. Jeffrey Jordan placed 2nd with an Angus heifer and 5th with a Red Angus heifer.

Dalton Shackelford exhibited a 2nd place Hereford while Travis and Trenton Grohman each placed 3rd in their respective Charolais classes.

Maegan Schwartz placed 5th with a Simmental heifer and 1st in the Simmental Superbowl competition. Chris Hoppe had a 1st and 2nd place Simmental heifer and was named Junior Heifer Class Champion. He also exhibited a 1st and 2nd place Simmental Superbowl heifer.

Ryan Bland placed 3rd and 10th with Red Angus heifers while sister Brianna Meseey placed 5th with her Red Angus heifer.

Exhibiting barrows at the San Antonio show under 4-H were John Heathcott, Maegan and Clint Schwartz. Exhibiting for Winters FFA was Wiley Guy.

In competition at the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo the past two weeks, Winters students garnered even more honors.

Cody Pritchard exhibited the Reserve Champion Shorthorn in the Junior Beef Scramble Heifer Show after placing first in his class. In addition, he was named 1st place Herdsman in the Beef Scramble Show as well as 1st place Best Groomed Exhibitor and Heifer. He received a trophy, plaque, and \$100 for his efforts.

Cody placed 9th in the Short-

horn division of the Junior Heifer Show at Houston while brothers Colby and Collyn Pritchard placed second in the Shorthorn show with their cow/calf pair.

Travis Grohman placed 3rd with his Charolais heifer while brother Trenton Grohman finished 4th in his Charolais class. Chris Hoppe placed 4th with a Simmental heifer.

Jeffrey Jordan placed 5th with an Angus heifer, Camille Kruse 5th with a Hereford heifer, Dalton Shackelford was also 5th with a Hereford heifer, and Ryan Bland took fifth place with a Red Angus heifer.

Chris Hoppe placed 13th with a Maine-Anjou steer earning him a slot in the Houston Livestock Show Premium Sale. Collyn Pritchard placed 7th with his Brangus steer, one slot out of the sale. Also exhibiting steers at Houston were Dalton Shackelford, Colby Pritchard, and Cody Pritchard.

Exhibiting a barrow in the Houston show was John Heathcott.

Some Winters exhibitors will round out the show season in San Angelo this week.

## Blizzard Team Tennis statebound in fairy tale trip

by Coach Biff White

The Blizzard Team Tennis players are going to State! As incredible as it sounds, it's true but how we got there is more like a mix of Bible story and fairy tales.

First of all, what is Team Tennis? It's like match play with another school involving six singles and three doubles matches for both boys and girls. The first team to win ten matches gets to advance but sometime there can be a tie at nine wins each. If this happens, a mixed doubles match (a boy and a girl) is also played.

Now the Bible story was when we played Mason in the first round of competition at Bentwood Country Club in San Angelo last Friday. This was our "David vs. Goliath" because Mason has played in the State tournament for the past 17 years.

After a rain delay, we were down 9-7 to Mason with Jeffrey Jordan playing the #2 boy, Laci Walker playing Mason's #2 girl, and G.G. Hernandez playing the #6 boy. Jeffrey told me earlier that he didn't want to be the last one on the court, so I just told him he had better win now because G.G. just lost his first set and so did Laci. But they both told me not to worry.

I had to go out and talk to G.G. because he was down 3-2 in the second set. He wanted to know why everyone was coming over to his court.

Well, here's the good news and the bad news. The good — we were now tied at 9-9 because Laci and Jeffrey had just won their matches. The bad news was that G.G. must win or we'd all go home.

To make matters worse, the teams of Sonora and Sterling City came to watch to see if David really could beat Goliath.

With both teams screaming, G.G. rallied and won his match 3-6, 6-3, 6-2.

After that emotional roller coaster, the Blizzard team was no match against Eldorado (#1 in the state). But we weren't out of the hunt.

We came back on Saturday morning and played Ozona for third place. After two more rain delays, the Wizard told his friends, "You must have heart, brains and courage," and as the story goes, we did and we beat Ozona 12-7.

Because Wall also lost to Eldorado, the play back rule was enforced, so now there was a sudden death match between Winters and Wall, with the winner getting an invitation to the grand ball (State).

Well, Cinderella (Winters) was "dressed to kill" but rain forced the clock to strike 12 and because Wall was seeded #2, they got the bid to advance and we went home with the pumpkin.

But, hey, this is supposed to be a fairy tale and aren't fairy tales supposed to have a happy ending?

Well, because King Arthur and the Round Table (State tournament director and his committee) decided it would be so unfair not to invite us and they had an opening, the fairy godmother granted 22 diehard players their most unbelievable dream come true — a trip to the State tournament in Georgetown this Friday and Saturday.

I hope you fans can come watch these unstoppable Blizzards!

Team members include Colby Walker, Jeffrey Jordan, Aaron Pritchard, Taylor Brown, Craig Jacob, G. G. Hernandez, Brian Pritchard, Kacey Murphy, Jeremy Hope, Jason Esquivel, Scarlett McMinn, Laci Walker, Monica Hicks, Samantha Montgomery, Stacey Walden, Allison Calcote, Cassandra Johnson, Tracy Burns, Kalene Lincycumb, Kelley Walker, Meagan Galvan-Nitsch and Fallen Perrie.

## Samson Jackson named to South squad for Big Country All-Star Football Classic

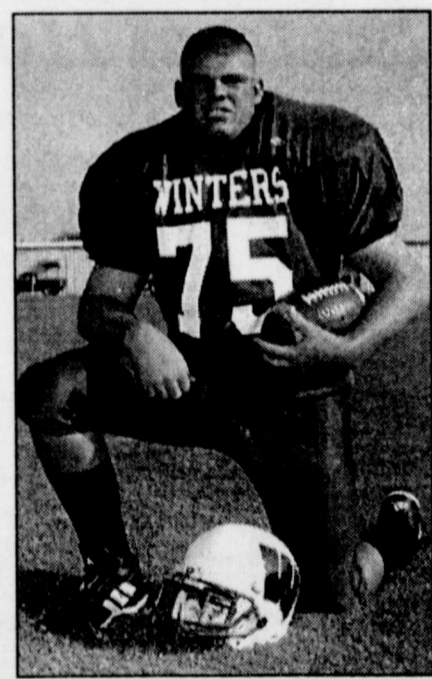
Runnels County will be represented by three players on the Big Country All-Star Football Classic to be played this summer.

Winters will be represented on the South team by defensive tackle Samson Jackson. Tight end Chris Burleson and running back Caesar Martinez have been named to the South squad from Ballinger. The all-star contest will be held in Abilene, Saturday, June 2.

Stephenville's Mike Copeland will coach the South squad. The North squad will be coached by Albany's Denny Faith.

While at WHS Jackson played both ways—as a middle linebacker on defense and tackle on offense. His senior year, Jackson recorded 11 solo tackles, 62 assists, 4 fumble recoveries, and 2.5 sacks.

Martinez and Burleson were key members of the Bearcat team that upset Graham in bidistrict



and compiled an 8-4 record. Abilene staged the first Big Country game last summer. Profits from the game will benefit the Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

## Very appreciative of players and supporters

I want to start out by saying thank you to all our fans who supported us throughout the season.

I was very proud of our Blizzards basketball team. Every player on the team worked hard and strived every day to make us a better team. We did not reach our goal of making the playoffs, but we sure came a long way. Our playoff race went right down to the last game.

I believe we are headed in the right direction. The seniors helped put the basketball program on the

uphill track. The returning players know what it takes to have a successful season. I know they will continue to keep us moving forward.

I want to thank the players of the 2000-2001 basketball season for all their hard work and dedication.

I also would like to thank the parents and community of Winters for the support and cheers along the way.

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## Crews News

By Hilda Kurtz

In the good old days, the man who saved money was a miser. Today he's a "wonder".

The Hopewell Baptist Church has a kinda small attendance on Sunday morning due to several families visiting off some place. There were no visitors, nor Bible study.

We welcome to our community, Mr. and Mrs. Hall who bought the Mr. and Mrs. Webb house, next door to Margie Jacob.

Jimmy Schwartz's wife, Sharon, was buried in the Crews Cemetery last week.

Dennis McBeth attended Mrs. Schwartz's funeral. Mr. and Mrs. Larry Phipps of Dallas, visited with the McBeth family this week. As for the last rain, everyone in the Crews area had one or two tenths and lots of lightning and thunder.

Linda and Dale Duggan enjoyed the Saturday night supper at Crews last weekend. The Duggans attended the Grand Opening at the Gus Pruser Ag. Exhibit at the Z.I. Hale Museum in Winters on Sunday.

Eileen Cartwright and Noble

Hilda Kurtz



Faubion were in Coleman on Friday to see Noble's brother Carl Faubion who is in the Holiday Hill Nursing Home.

Joe Pierce's sister, Ruth Dawkins and husband Mac, came for a visit last week. Joe and Betty Pierce's daughter Deborah and John Ticer of Midland also were visitors on Sunday.

Hildegard and Calvin Schovajsa of San Angelo spent Saturday with me and brought dinner and supper. They loaded the pickup with sawed firewood. Calvin also trimmed the peach tree and grape arbor.

Jimmy and Garrett Chapman of Ballinger did some odd jobs for Selma Wilkerson. Selma and Margie Jacob visited Noble and Harvey Mae Faubion during the week.



Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Hambricht

## Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Hambricht to celebrate 50th wedding anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Hambricht will celebrate their gold anniversary on Sunday, March 18, 2001, with a reception at the First United Methodist Church in Winters.

Married on March 18, 1951, Marvin Cecil Hambricht and Patricia Ann Petrie were the first couple to marry inside the Crews First United Methodist Church. They have two children, Toni Spragg of Austin and Brandon Hambricht of Crews. They also have three grandchildren.

During their marriage, Mr. and Mrs. Hambricht have lived in Crews, Norton, and Winters.

He served in the U.S. Navy and was employed in the Civil Service as an aircraft instrument panel inspector before beginning to farm and ranch in Runnels County in 1949 where he continues to do so. He was also involved in the oil business from 1952-1989, which included work on rigs, contract pumping, and employment by Dunigans Supply.

She was a home economics teacher in Norton and Talpa and retired from the Winters Independent School District in 1993. She was instrumental in establishing the Young Homemakers organization, was a member of the Federated Women's Club from 1962-1980, and continues to be involved in the Texas Retired Teachers Association and a number of volunteer, church, and community activities.

They are members of the First United Methodist Church. Children and grandchildren invite you to celebrate 50 years of their parents' and grandparents' lives together by inviting you, your family, and friends to a come-and-go reception, 2-4 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall of the First United Methodist Church on March 18.

## Blizzards receive all-district basketball honors

Winters High School basketball has been well-recognized with eleven selections to the All-District teams.

Named to the first teams are Colby Walker and Josh Minzenmayer for the Blizzards, and Laci Walker for the Lady Blizzards.

Colby, a senior, averaged 10.3 points per game, 6.5 rebounds, 2.3 assists and 2 steals. Also a senior, Josh had 10.4 points per game, 6.0 rebounds, and 1 assist.

As a sophomore, Laci averaged 12.4 points per game, 5.3 rebounds, 2.4 assists, and had 71 total steals.

Tony Agüero, Michelle Paschal and Kendra Hope received second team honors. Tony is a senior and averaged 4.6 points per game, 1.7 rebounds, 2.8 assists, and 2.3 steals.

Michelle averaged 9.8 points per game, 9.2 rebounds, 1.7 assists, and had 38 total steals. Kendra averaged 8 points per game with 2.4 rebounds, 2 assists, with 46 total steals. She and Michelle are both seniors.

Receiving honorable mention for the Blizzards are Samson Jackson, a senior, who averaged 6.4 points per game with 4.3 rebounds; Aaron Pritchard, also a senior, with an average of 7.8 points a game, 4 rebounds, 2 assists, and 2.2 steals; and junior Wade Parramore who averaged 6.6 points per game, 5.1 rebounds, and 1 assist.

Receiving honorable mention for the Lady Blizzards is Staci Bishop, a junior, who averaged 2.9 points per game with 1 rebound and 2.5 assists, and had 32 total steals.

Senior Lori Bredemeyer received the sportsmanship award for district 9-2A.

## Poe's Corner

By Charlsie Poe

## Memories of yore

When George and I graduated from Winters High School, we had much to be proud of in the year 1925.

Our class had published the first annual named the *Glacier*. We also had high school rings.

Bert Lowe, the banker, and his wife invited us to a reception in their home at 207 W. Truitt, where I now reside.

When we arrived at the Lowe's home, we were presented with a gift of one dollar in an envelope which showed us how to deposit it. We felt so proud when we took it down to the beautiful new bank building which is still in use as a chamber of commerce building.

After all these years, this beautiful little building is carrying on with great bravery. I have written an account of this brave little building that still stands.

Life was not all work and no play in the "good old days." W.S. Davis took time out to bring Old Queen in for a birthday party with the banker, Bert Lowe.

Queen and Mr. Lowe were both 38 years old and were born on the same day. Queen is thought to have lived longer than any mule, at least in this area.

Bert E. Lowe was president of the First National Bank from the time of D.M. Hillyard's death, in 1921, until June of 1927, when I.N. Wilkinson of Ovalo moved here and became active vice president. Mr. Lowe went to Brownwood soon after.

Charlsie Poe



The First National Bank was located in the building that will be recognized today as the Chamber of Commerce. The attractive colonial style building with large white columns was constructed in 1911, the only one of this style in town. It has been modernized in later years.

The building was first occupied by the Farmers & Merchants State Bank organized in 1909, at the location of the present Tax Appraisal Office, with W.R. Norton as managing head. When he sold to L. J. Brian two years later, the new building was under construction. Mr. Brian later sold to F. Merrick and associates. The company was taken over by the Winters State Bank in 1913.

In 1914, the Winters Banking Company was organized with Mr. Hillyard in charge. Out of this company grew the First National Bank which was issued its charter in March of 1915.

The Winters State Bank purchased the assets of the First National Bank in 1937, in what was believed to be the largest financial deal in the history of the trade area.

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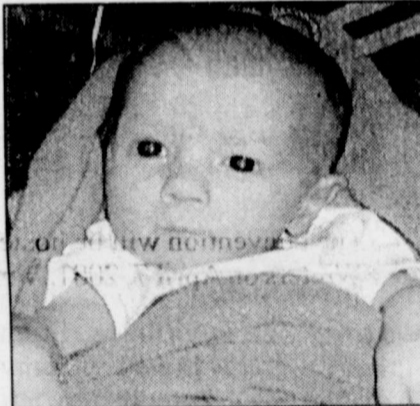
## Town Criers

### Victor John Zemanek

Libby and Greg Zemanek of Dallas are proud to announce the arrival of their son.

Victor John was born Sunday, February 4, 2001, at 10:39 a.m. at Medical City Hospital in Dallas. He weighed 8 lbs., 3 oz. and was 20 inches long.

Maternal grandmother is Nadine Bedford of Winters. Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Vick Zemanek of Hurst.



### Kevin Wayne Collins

Melba and Joe Emmert of Winters announce the arrival of their first great-grandson.

Kevin Wayne Collins was born Monday, February 26, 2001, at 11:57 a.m. in a Corpus Christi hospital. He weighed 6 lbs., 2 oz. and was 21 inches long.

Parents are Billy and Carol Collins of Corpus Christi. Grandparents are Sherron and Roy Wilson of San Angelo. Great-great-grandmothers are Geneva Emmert of Winters and Faydeen Wilson of Llano.

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- San Antonio picanche sauce
- TXism: "brains in" (computer)
- TXism: "is the Catholic?" (yes)
- TXism: "sharp as a tooth"
- TXism: "some gravel" (fell)
- in 1835, Austin community was known as Water
- TX Phyllis Davis was Beatrice in this TV crime drama series
- Mama Cass
- TX Guy Clark LP "Build"
- ready to drive the golf ball (2 wds.)
- This Hedy was in "Boom Town" with TX Chill Wills
- troops of Thornton were ambushed in TX to start Mexican War
- TX Lefty Frizzell tune: "The Long Black"
- TX B.J. Thomas' 1st gospel record: "Home"
- TXism: "wipe the slate clean"
- red vegetables
- TXism: "happy"
- TXism: "bear" south of the border

**DOWN**

- Houston restaurant
- House
- Travis Tritt's "It's All Change"
- TX Strait's "All My Live in Texas"
- enunerate
- TXism: "opossum"
- (armadillo)
- "bear" south of the border
- TXism: "hot as road" July
- TX or IA town
- TXism: "boose" (jail)
- one-name actor in TX-filmed "Necessary Roughness"
- TXism: "bath day" (abbr.)
- once a Wichita Falls AM
- TXism: "a fish in water"
- 53 to Tyler from Dallas
- brandin' or shootin'
- horse doc.
- Dallas' 150th birthday party had cake
- "Eyes of TX" song began as prank by UT Club in '03
- TX Willie's '85 concert in Illinois: Farm
- TXism: "nary a" (no one)
- TXism: "table grazed"
- singer Petty (init.)
- TX golfer Lanny (init.)
- fouder of TX Belo Co. (init.)
- newspaper income
- TXism: "hit the" (go to bed)
- TXism: "mad" hen"
- TXism: "a walk the river with"
- Cowboy
- "buenas"
- TXism: "me casa su casa"
- "Fightin' Irish"
- TXism: "mad as a snake"
- Alpine, TX named for Alps
- Cornyn's TX title
- yes" so, of border
- snake catcher

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**County Court Dispositions**

Lionor Martinez Jaso, criminal mischief, dismissed, defendant paid restitution.  
 Thomas Wesley Ransom, possession of marijuana, pleaded guilty, sentenced to 90 days in county jail probated to six months, fined \$750, plus \$235.25 court costs and 24 hours community service.  
 Lionor Martinez Jaso, assault, dismissed, alleged victim unavailable to testify.  
 Valerie Patrice James, possession of marijuana, dismissed, in exchange for plea in companion case.  
 John W. Hardinger III, making alcohol available to a minor, pleaded nolo contendere, placed in deferred adjudication for six months, fined \$750, plus \$210.25 court costs.  
 Faustino G. Salinas, driving while intoxicated, pleaded nolo contendere, sentenced to 120 days in county jail probated to one year, fined \$500, plus \$235.25 court costs and 24 hours community service.  
 Eric Munoz, evading detention, pleaded nolo contendere, sentenced to 120 days in county jail probated to one year, fined \$500 plus \$235.25 court costs and 50 hours community service.  
 Luis Llanas, making alcohol available to a minor, pleaded nolo contendere, placed on deferred adjudication for one year,

fined \$750, plus \$235.25 court costs and 30 hours community service.  
 Cindy Simon Winchester, driving while intoxicated, pleaded nolo contendere, sentenced to 90 days in county jail probated to one year, fined \$250, plus \$235.25 court costs.  
 Kenneth Lee Dosser, driving while intoxicated, dismissed, defendant passed breath test.  
 Pedro Ortiz Gonzales, driving while intoxicated, pleaded guilty, sentenced to 120 days in county jail probated to one year, fined \$750 plus \$235.25 court costs.  
 Brady Ryan Perkins, theft by check, pleaded guilty, sentenced to 120 days in county jail probated to one year, fined \$500, plus \$235.25 court costs, \$40 hot check fees, \$183.18 restitution and 30 hours community service.  
 Steven Cliff Perkins, theft by check, pleaded guilty, sentenced to 120 days in county jail probated to one year, fined \$500, plus \$235.25 court costs, \$40 hot check fees, \$183.18 restitution and 50 hours community service.  
 Julian Ray Nava, criminal trespass, pleaded guilty, sentenced to 120 days in county jail probated to one year, fined \$1,000, plus \$235.25 court costs and 30 hours community service.  
 Medea S. Davis, theft by check, pleaded guilty, fined \$200, plus \$210.25 court costs, \$25 hot check fees, and \$25.40

Tony Fuentes, making alcohol available to a minor, pleaded guilty, sentenced to 120 days in county jail probated to one year, fined \$500 plus \$235.25 court costs and 30 hours community service.

**Criminal Cases Filed**

**Feb. 23**  
 Steven Lee Alaniz, filed for driving while license suspended.  
 Carl Lynn Squyers, Jr., filed for driving while intoxicated.  
**Feb. 26**  
 Claude James Baker, filed for driving while license suspended.

**Marriage Licenses**

**Feb. 23**  
 Lyle Robert Drake, Jr., and Alice Ann Matthews.  
**Feb. 26**  
 Davy Wayne Winkler and Lori Nicole Jobe.  
**Feb. 28**  
 Steven Wayne Davis and Diane Marie Bailey.  
 Jose Domingo Antu and Liza Roxann Gonzales.

**Justice of the Peace Precinct 1**

**Small Claims Cases Filed**  
**Feb. 28**  
 Hugh Edmondson vs. Thomas K. Payne dba T.K.P. Petroleum, nonpayment for salt water disposal.

**Filings continue for local elections**

May 5, 2001, has been set as election day for the City of Winters, North Runnels Hospital and Winters Independent School District.

In the City election, voters will select council members for districts 1, 3 and Mayor. Joe Gerhart presently serves in district 1, Tommy Russell in district 3, and Dawson McGuffin is Mayor. As of March 6, no incumbents or new candidates have filed for election.

March 21 is the last day for filing. Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at the City of Winters City Hall located at 310 S. Main, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. beginning on April 18, 2001, and ending on May 1, 2001.

Voting on May 5 will be held at the Winters elementary school library. Polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Four positions are available on the board of trustees of North Runnels Hospital. All positions are for two-year terms. Phil Colburn, current president of the board, said he will not seek another term. Gary Pinkerton and Doug Wheat say they will run for re-election. Randall Sneed remains undecided at this time.

Candidates have until March 30 to file at the hospital.

Voters on May 5 may cast ballots at the elementary school library and at the Wingate Lions Club building.

A trustee election for Place 1 and Place 7 (at-large position) will also be May 5 for the Winters Independent School District.

Larry Walker currently holds Place 7, and has decided he will run for re-election. Rodrick Bredemeyer has also filed as a candidate for Place 7. Allen Andrae, current board president, serves in Place 1, and has also said he will run for re-election.

Anyone seeking a position on the school board should file their candidacy in writing, by March 21, 2001, indicating the district they seek.

**Police Beat**

**-Winters Police Report: 03-08-01**

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, February 25, 2001, through Saturday, March 3, 2001. Winters Police Officers:

- officers observed and stopped a 1998 Dodge passenger car being driven erratically on North Main Street. An odor of alcohol was detected on the driver and an underage male passenger. The driver was offered several field sobriety tasks. Officers determined the driver, Michael Garcia of Ballinger, to be driving under the influence of alcohol and was arrested for DUI, alcohol—detectable amount, and taken to Runnels County Jail. The passenger, a 17-year-old male of Winters, was cited for minor in consumption of alcohol and released into his parents' custody.
- officers stopped a Ford passenger car on North U.S. Highway 83 for a traffic violation. Officers located a warrant subject hiding in the back seat of the vehicle. The warrant was confirmed and Austin Hord of Winters was taken to Runnels County Jail for motion to revoke probation.

- received report of livestock being attacked by dogs in the 800 block of West Dale Street. Officers arriving on the scene observed a red chow dog attempting to attack a male subject. The dog was captured by the dog's owner and the animal control officer. The dog was impounded and the dog's owner is required to make restitution for the killed and injured livestock.

- received report of an assault in the 500 block of West Dale Street. A 23-year-old female of Winters alleged that a 42-year-old male had made unwanted advances and inappropriate touching against her. No injury was observed and this is under investigation as assault by offensive contact.

- a warrant subject arrived at the Winters Police Department and turned himself in on a Winters Municipal warrant for contempt of court (failure to attend school). Adrian Rodriguez was taken to Runnels County Jail.

- officers stopped a Ford passenger car for a traffic violation on Hamilton Street. The driver was found to have \$600 in DPS warrants. The driver was unable to pay the fines and Casey Briley of Winters was arrested and taken to Runnels County Jail.

- received report of a theft in the 100 block of Tinkle Street. A 44-year-old male of Winters reported he had parked his pickup and went inside a nearby business for several minutes. When the male returned, he discovered his keys to the pickup had been removed from the ignition. There are no witnesses and one possible suspect has been named. This is under investigation as burglary of a motor vehicle.

Runnels County Crimestoppers offers a cash reward for information which leads to the grand jury indictment or conviction of offenders and the caller does not have to give his or her name. To give a Crimestoppers tip, call your local law enforcement agency at:

- Winters Police Department—754-4121
- Ballinger Police Department—365-3591
- Sheriff's Department—365-2121

**Firemen's Auxiliary planning for Hill Country Firemen's Convention**

The Winters Firemen's Auxiliary met Tuesday, February 27, 2001, to discuss plans for the Hill Country Fireman's Convention.

Trisha Jackson brought the meeting to order. The prayer was said by Patsy Staggs. Teresa Davis read the minutes from the last meeting.

The convention will be hosted by Winters on April 7, 2001. Vera

Jackson was elected racing captain.

Those who were present at the meeting: Trisha Jackson, Jackie Ozbirn, Teresa Davis, Patsy Staggs, Vera Jackson, Hilda Woffenden, Rhonda Cook, Maribell Alatorre, and Debbie Lange. Hostesses were Teresa Davis and Vera Jackson.

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# Shaken to the core: an earthquake's aftermath

**Editor's Note:** The following is a letter sent to *The Winters Enterprise* by Aaron Foster, son of Earl and Susie Foster of Winters. Aaron works with RescueNet International, a division of Youth With a Mission based out of Lancaster, Pennsylvania, and traveled to Ahmadabad, India, the site of a devastating earthquake on January 26, where the death toll reached into the thousands.

**Friday, January 26**  
An earthquake measuring 7.9 on the Richter scale hits the state of Gujarat, India.

**Saturday, January 27**  
I boarded an Air France plane bound for Delhi, India. From there I flew to Ahmadabad. As I flew I tried to picture what I was about to see in my mind. I tried to brace myself for what I was going into. Most people run from things like this.

Here I was flying into it as a relief officer for RescueNet International. I tried to keep telling myself that this is my chosen profession. This is what I do. Still there was a sense of fear, the unknown in the back of my mind.

For going through what it did, on the outside, Ahmadabad seemed to fair pretty well. People were at their stores; the markets were open for business. It appeared to be business as usual. As night came I walked the streets to get a feel of what was going on, what would the people do at night. I began to notice several beds in the streets. Something I hadn't noticed earlier.

As I continued to walk, I noticed more and more. At first I thought this might just be some cultural thing. It wasn't. The people were terrified to sleep in their own houses. Even though

many of the houses seemed to be unaffected. The next day as I drove out of Ahmadabad to Bachau, in the early morning, hundreds of people were now sleeping in the streets and sidewalks.

Ahmadabad was hit hard by the quake, but nothing could prepare me for the site I was about to see in Bachau.

It took 6 hours to travel the approximately 300 km to Bachau. Bachau was a thriving town of 25,000. It had hotels, schools, and banks. Any other day and it might have been a nice place to stop and visit. But on Friday, January 26, that all changed.

Bachau was only 60 km from the epicenter. It now lay completely devastated. It had the resemblance of a rock pile. Every where you looked, complete devastation. It was here I met a Muslim man.

He appeared to be somewhere in his late 60's. He was sitting under a tree cutting some onions into a pot. As he cut his onions, he shared his story with me. It was a story that could be repeated word for word by thousands of others. He happened to be out that morning when the earthquake hit.

As he stumbled around trying to stay clear of falling houses all around him, he made his way



**COMPLETE DEVASTATION** is evident as buildings and homes lay in piles of rubble following the earthquake in Ahmadabad, India, which registered 7.9 on the Richter scale on January 26. In the center of the picture is a camel being loaded with the few remaining material goods belonging to a family.



**CHILDREN ORPHANED** by the earthquake try to make the best of the situation as they gather together to share stories, fears, some smiles and possibly even their food.

back home only to find it in complete ruin. His family inside. As he shared, tears were streaming down his face. All that he could retrieve from the rubble lay piled next to the tree. His final comment was that it was the will of God.

A woman I spoke with had a similar story. Except she lost her son. (She didn't want her picture taken.) She began to cry as she told us that she had no idea how she was going to survive. She lost everything. Her son was her only means of support. With the help of others, we began to try to pull what we could out of the now destroyed home.

She was grateful that some of her things had survived, but she didn't know what or where she would go with them. The death toll of Bachau was around 1,289 and was expected to rise.

On the road from Bachau to Gandhidahm, hundreds of people gathered to wait for relief supplies. Children whose parents had more than likely died gathered together along the road.

We were greeted in Gandhidahm by hundreds of people waiting to get on the train. They were leaving for good. Trailers with what family belongings could be retrieved were being pulled out of town by camels or loaded onto trucks. The town had been hit two years ago by a supercyclone. People had experienced enough—they were leaving.

I stayed with a family here whose house was unaffected. Though the house was unaffected, the family wasn't. The children were traumatized to the point that they didn't want to go inside. The scene was the same here as it was in the other cities.

Families were sleeping in their yards and streets. There was a hotel with the whole first floor gone. The roofs of homes were now on the ground. As I surveyed the town, I noticed that there were no rescue efforts going on. There was no heavy equipment trying to find anyone, dead or alive.

Those that could be rescued with minimum effort had already been pulled from the debris. It was here in Gandhidahm that I worked with a team of doctors from Bombay. We treated people with minor cuts to a lady that appeared to have leprosy.

Our work however was hampered by the government. The state of Gujarat is greatly controlled by a Muslim political group called RSS. As the doctors tried to register with the officials in Gandhidahm, they were at first told that their help was not needed and to return home. After several hours of negotiating and explana-

tions of what was trying to be done, the officials granted the doctors permission for the clinic.

The needs now for the people are tents. All throughout the towns are makeshift tents made from plastic bags to tarps with holes. Water is also becoming a need as the ground water is expected to be contaminated by decomposing bodies still buried under debris.

There is fear that the death toll will rise because of outbreaks of diarrhea, cholera, typhoid, gastroenteritis, and hepatitis. Many people are fleeing these areas to the surrounding cities and villages. Because of the sanitation breakdown people are defecating in the streets and on the sidewalks.

Upon returning to Ahmadabad, I heard reports that the government was predicting another major quake on February 2 and February 5, keeping the people in fear.

During the time in the affected areas, I only felt two tremors lasting about 10-15 seconds. They happened while I was staying in a hotel in Ahmadabad. Immediately the people began running out into the hallways trying to get out. Being on the fourth floor, it was a bit scary.

## Legal Notice

### PUBLIC NOTICE Election Order and Notice THE STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF RUNNELS

On this the 19th day of February, 2001, the Board of Directors of North Runnels Hospital District convened in regular session, open to the public, with the following members present to wit: Phillip Colburn, chairman; Randall Sneed, vice chairman; Director Doug Wheat, Director Gary Pinkerton, and Director Jack Davis, Jr., constituting a quorum, and among other proceedings had by said Board of Directors was the following:

WHEREAS, the term of office of 4 directors will expire on the first Saturday in May, 2001, said Saturday, May 5, 2001, and on said date an election of directors will be held in said Hospital District.

WHEREAS, IT IS NECESSARY FOR THIS BOARD to pass an order establishing the procedure for filing for and conducting said director election: in accordance with Chapter 206, H.B. No. 145.

THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF NORTH RUNNELS HOSPITAL DISTRICT:

1. That an election be held in said Hospital District on May 5, 2001, for the purpose of electing to the Board of Directors of said Hospital District (four) directors, who shall serve for two years and until their successors have been duly elected and have qualified.

2. That all requests by candidates to have their names placed upon the ballot for the above mentioned election asking that such name be printed on the ballot with the secretary of the

Board of Directors. Such petition shall be filed with the secretary at least 30 days prior to the date of the election. Said secretary shall otherwise comply with the terms and provisions of Art. 13.32 of the Election Code.

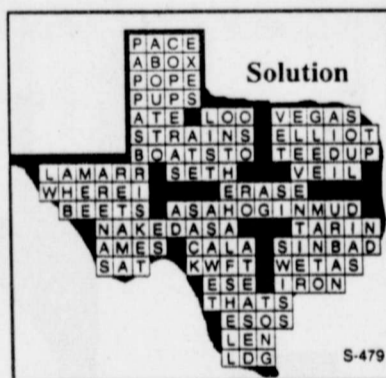
3. That said election shall be at the following places and the following named persons are hereby appointed officers for said election: At the Winters Elementary School Library in Winters, Texas, with Mary Beth Drake presiding, J.P. Drake and Melvena Gerhart as clerks; At the Lions Club building in Wingate, Texas, with Lavoy McNeill presiding, Joyce Broadstreet as clerk.

The polls at the above designated polling places shall on Election Day be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

4. Teresa Davis is hereby appointed clerk for early voting, and Shelly Sudduth and Becky Hoelscher as deputy clerks. The early voting of the above designated election shall be held at the North Runnels Hospital Business Office, 7821 East Highway 153, Winters, Texas, 79567 and will commence on Monday, April 9, 2001, at 9:00 a.m. and ending on Monday, April 23, 2001, at 4:00 p.m. Regular early voting hours will be daily, Monday through Friday 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

The above order being read, it was moved and seconded that the same do pass. Therefore, the question being called for, the following members of the board voted AYE: Doug Wheat, Gary Pinkerton, Randall Sneed, and Jack Davis, Jr., and the following voted NO:

Phillip Colburn, Chairman  
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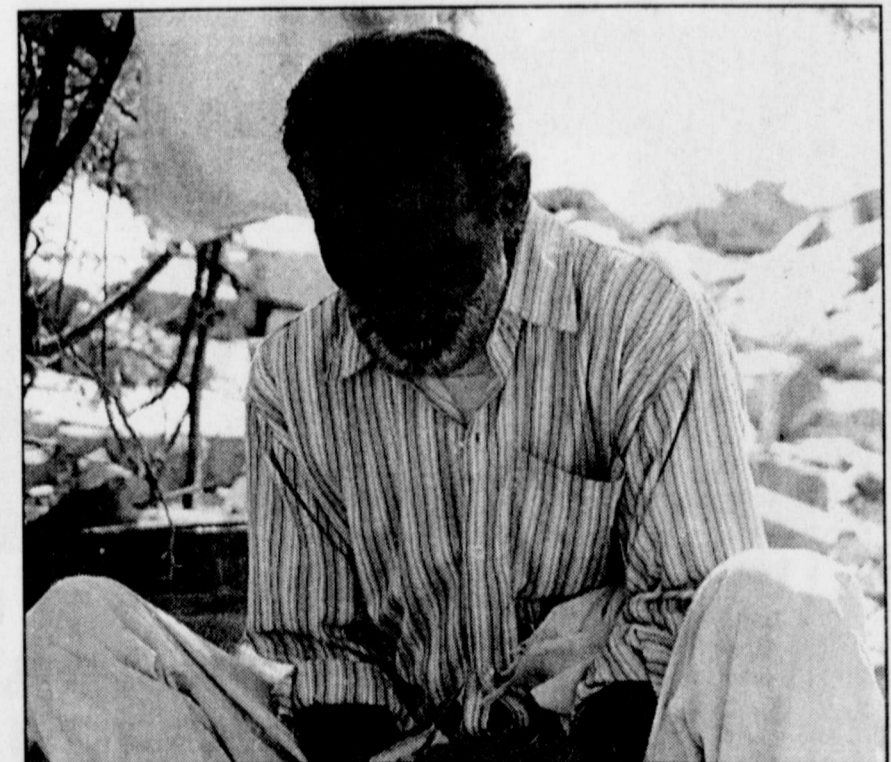
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**The office of Keith A. Boles will be closed the week of March 12-March 16. For all medical emergencies, please call North Runnels Hospital at 754-4553. Normal office hours will resume on Monday, March 19.**



# TEXAS SEVERE WEATHER AWARENESS WEEK

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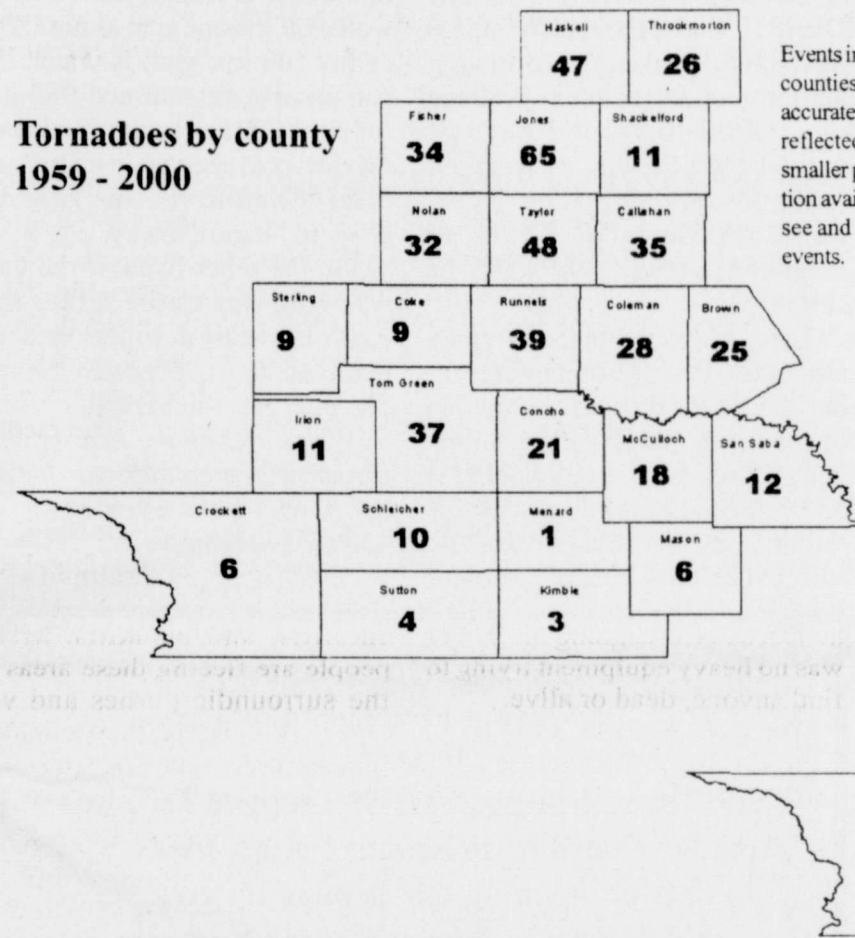
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### West Central Texas Severe Weather

#### Tornadoes by county 1959 - 2000

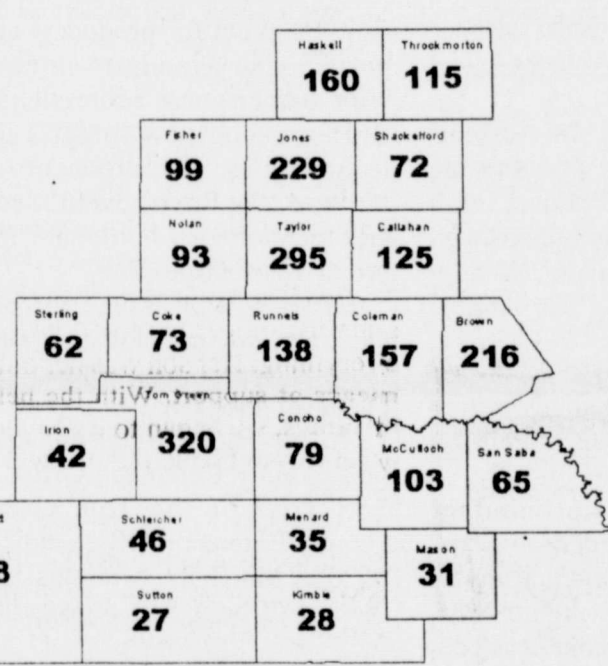


Events in rural counties are not accurately reflected due to a smaller population available to see and report events.

#### Severe Weather Definitions

**Tornado Watch:** Tornadoes are possible in the area.  
**Severe Thunderstorm Watch:** Severe thunderstorms are possible in the area.  
**Tornado Warning:** A tornado has been sighted or indicated by weather radio.  
**Severe Thunderstorm Warning:** Severe thunderstorms are imminent or are occurring in the warned area.

#### Severe Weather (hail and wind) events 1959 - 2000



#### Tornado Safety

- ##### Before the Storm...
- Develop a plan for you and your family for home, work, school, and when outdoors.
  - Have frequent drills.
  - Have a NOAA Weather Radio with a warning alarm tone to receive warnings.
  - Listen to radio and television for information.

- ##### If a Warning is issued or threatening weather approaches...
- In a home or building, move to a pre-designated shelter, such as a basement.
  - If no basement, move to an interior room or hallway on the lowest floor.
  - Stay away from windows.
  - Get out of automobiles.
  - If caught outside or in a vehicle, lie flat in a nearby ditch.
  - Abandon mobile homes.



#### Tornado Safety in Schools

- Develop a severe weather action plan and have frequent drills.
- Each school should be inspected and shelter areas designated by a registered engineer or architect. Basements offer the best protection. Schools without basements should use interior rooms and hallways on the lowest floor and away from windows.
- Monitor weather information from NOAA Weather Radio and local radio/television.

- Make special provisions for those in portable class rooms.
- Lunches or assemblies in large rooms should be delayed if severe weather is anticipated. Gymnasiums, cafeterias, and auditoriums offer no protection from tornado-strength winds.
- Move students quickly into interior rooms or hallways on the lowest floor. Have them assume the tornado protection position - kneeling on the floor with arms and hands protecting the head.



#### Flash Flood Safety

- Avoid areas subject to sudden flooding.
- If you come upon a flow in a stream where water is above your ankles, STOP. Turn around and go another way. One cubic foot of water weighs about 62 pounds and when fast moving water impacts any surface, it strikes with incredible force.



- Do not attempt to drive over a flooded road. The depth of water is not always obvious. The road bed may be washed out under the water, and you could be stranded or trapped.
- Children should NEVER play around high water, storm drains, viaducts, or arroyos.

#### Thunderstorms and Severe Weather

The typical thunderstorm is 15 miles in diameter and lasts an average of 30 minutes. Despite their small size, all thunderstorms are dangerous.

Every thunderstorm produces lightning, which kills more people each year than tornadoes. Heavy rain from thunderstorms can lead to flash flooding. Strong winds, hail, and tornadoes are also dangers associated with some thunderstorms.

##### Lightning

- Occurs with ALL thunderstorms
- Averages 93 deaths and 300 injuries in the U.S. each year

##### Flash Floods

- The #1 thunderstorm killer - nearly 140 deaths each year
- Nearly half of all flash flood deaths are auto-related
- Two feet of water will carry away most cars
- Many fatalities are children playing in drainage ditches

##### Straight-line Winds

- Thunderstorm winds can exceed 100 mph!
- Can cause damage equivalent to a strong tornado

##### Large Hail

- Causes nearly \$1 billion in damage annually

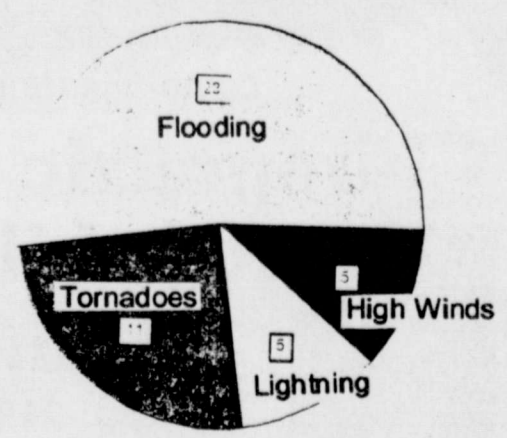
##### Tornadoes

- Nature's most violent storms
- Winds can exceed 200 mph
- Result in an average of 80 deaths each year
- Most deaths occur in mobile homes and cars

A severe thunderstorm is a storm which produces hail at least 3/4 inch in diameter (about the size of a dime), wind gusts to 58 mph or higher, or tornadoes.

In West Central Texas, the most active months for severe weather are April, May, and June. Typically the peak of the severe weather season occurs in the second half of May.

#### West Central Texas Weather Fatalities 1959 - 2000



#### Thunderstorm Safety

- ##### Before the Storm...
- Watch for signs of approaching storms.
  - If a storm is approaching, keep a NOAA Weather Radio or AM/FM radio with you.
  - Postpone outdoor activities if thunderstorms are imminent.



- ##### When Thunderstorms Approach...
- If you can hear thunder, you are close enough to the storm to be struck by lightning. Go to safe shelter immediately!
  - Move to a sturdy building or car.
  - If lightning is occurring and a sturdy shelter is not available, get inside a hard-top automobile and keep the windows up.

#### Storm Damage Reports

Storm damage reports are very important to the National Weather Service. Please contact the National Weather Service in San Angelo whenever you experience severe weather: tornadoes, hail 3/4 inch in diameter or larger (about the size of dimes), or wind damage.

#### NOAA Weather Radio



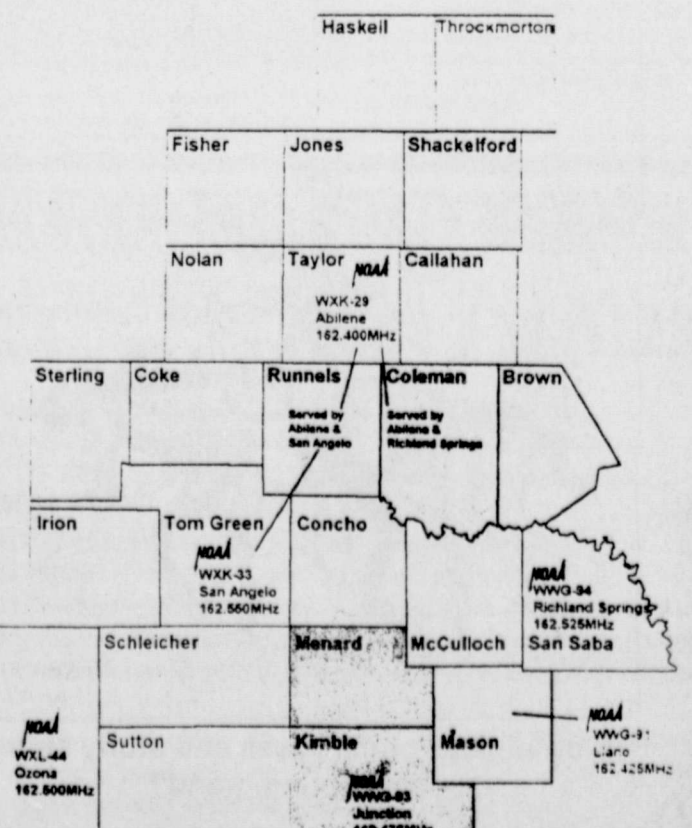
NOAA Weather Radio, the voice of the National Weather Service, provides continuous weather broadcasts 24 hours a day, every day of the year. To receive the broadcasts originating from the National Weather Service, you need a special radio capable of receiving signals in the VHF public service band. These radios are available at most stores which sell electronics. In West Central Texas, the NOAA Weather Radio transmitter locations and associated broadcast frequencies are:

Ablene	162.400 MHz
San Angelo	162.550 MHz
Richland Springs	162.525 MHz
Junction	162.475 MHz
Ozona	162.500 MHz
Llano	162.425 MHz

The broadcast range from the weather radio transmitter is approximately 40 miles. The effective range depends on such things as terrain and quality of the receiver and the indoor/outdoor antenna.

In an emergency, each station will transmit a warning alarm tone signal, followed by information on the emergency situation. This includes various types of warnings for severe weather or flooding. The signal is capable of activating specially-designed receivers, either bringing up the volume or producing a visual and/or audible alarm. These receivers are tested each Wednesday, usually between 11 AM and noon, weather permitting. A new generation of programmable weather radios makes it possible for people to customize their radios to receive only the watch or warning for their county.

County	SAME Code	Zone
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Callahan	048059	TXZ128
Coke	048081	TXZ065
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Concho	048095	TXZ073
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Fisher	048151	TXZ049
Haskell	048207	TXZ098
Irton	048235	TXZ071
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Tom Green	048451	TXZ072



To check road conditions, call the Texas Department of Transportation at **1-800-452-9292**. If stranded, call **1-800-525-5555**.





A LARGE GATHERING OF DESCENDANTS of the late Gus and Bertha Pruser were on hand for the open house and dedication of the Gus Pruser Agricultural Exhibit of the Z. I. Hale Museum last Sunday, including daughters Lela Thormeyer and Rosmund Holle and son-in-law Ellis Ueckert. Gus Pruser is credited with building and patenting a cotton picker in 1912, which is one of the many items on display at the Exhibit. Pruser was also one of the architects who helped build St. John's Lutheran Church in 1928.

### Five deer bag limit proposed for Runnels County

by B.D. Davis, Wildlife Biologist

A five deer bag limit (no more than three bucks) is being proposed for Runnels County by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department for the upcoming fall deer season. The present bag is 4 deer (no more than two bucks). Public hearings on this and other matters are scheduled throughout the state through March 8.

Us old timers growing up in Runnels County can easily remember almost no deer. I can recall deer being stocked in south Taylor County. As a result there are now heavy populations of deer in that area and in other parts of the county.

I would be willing to bet both deer and wild turkey can now be found within the city limits of both Winters and Ballinger—if not in, then close.

The increase in bag limit does not mean every hunter should bag five deer during the season. What it does mean is that ranches with a lot of deer or ranches with special problems can harvest up to that number. The land manager has the say, within the five deer bag, how many deer each hunter can harvest on his land.

We humans got rid of the big predators long ago. The reason was they had the nasty habit of chewing on our livestock. As a result we now have the responsibility of managing the deer—we have to function as predators.

If you wish to comment either for or against the proposed increase in the deer bag limit, a public hearing is scheduled for today, March 8, in Brownwood. It will be held in the Brown County Courthouse.

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### Extension News & Views

By Rick Minzenmayer, Extension Agent-IPM

### Concho Valley Cotton Conference set for March 27 at San Angelo

Pre-register by March 22 at Extension Office

March 27, 2001, is the date set for the 4th Concho Valley Cotton Conference.

Hosted by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service and the Southern Rolling Plains Cotton Growers Association, the conference is scheduled from 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the San Angelo Convention Center.

Topics of interest relate to crop insurance policy changes, deficit irrigation, the cotton price forecast, and practicing con-till.

A catered complimentary lunch will be provided.

Rick Minzenmayer, Runnels County Extension Agent-IPM, says that the conference is an edu-

cational event for producers and provides an avenue to interact with agri-business professionals and learn about new products and technologies. The producers in turn can take these new products and technologies home and improve their bottom line.

CEUs will be issued for private, non-commercial, and commercial applicators who attend the entire program.

To pre-register, call the Runnels County Extension Office at 365-5212 or the Tom Green County Extension Office at 659-6523 by March 22. After this date, there will be a \$10 registration fee.

### Letters to the Editor Policy

Letters to the editor must include a name, address, and phone number for verification. Letters submitted without signatures will not be published. Names will be omitted at the request of the writer provided that a proper signature, phone number, and address are included. Anonymous letters will not be published. All letters remain on file. Letters to the editor do not necessarily reflect the opinion of *The Enterprise*.

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### Stewards of the Soil

By B.D. Davis  
 Biologist/Land Manager

### Bale or graze...

"Present day livestock producers are the most productive in the world. However, we are the least profitable" according to David Pratt of *Beef* magazine.

Seems like we fight Mother Nature every step of the way. We seed, fertilize, spray, shred, plow, and burn. We dehorn, notch, drench, pore, brand, tag, implant, supplement, vaccinate, and castrate. We feed barrels, blocks, cubes, bales, and bags. We keep huge reserves of hay in big round rolls and little square blocks. We are busy folks—nobody can say we are lazy.

However, according to the information furnished by Pratt "conventional farming and ranching is not sustainable. Will we keep on doing the same old things until the money and the soil runs out?"

To illustrate the above let us take a look at a simple example of two separate acres located in the same coastal Bermuda grass pasture here in Runnels County. On one acre we will bale and on the other acre we will graze.

**Baling:** According to Dr. David H. Bade, Extension Forage Specialist, it takes the following amounts of fertilizer to produce one 1,000-lb. round bale of coastal hay: 25 lbs. of nitrogen (N), 5 lbs. of phosphorus (P), 45 lbs. of potassium (K), 1.5 lbs. of magnesium (Mg), and 3 lbs. of sulfur (S).

Larry Walker with the Wingate Gin quoted the following present day prices for the above amounts of fertilizer: \$9.25 for the nitrogen; \$1.65 for the phosphorus; \$5.85 for the potassium; 48¢ for the magnesium; and 96¢ for the sulfur. The total cost of fertilizer

in one round bale is \$18.19. Monte Angel of Winters indicated the cost of baling would be about \$18.

The total cost of fertilizer and baling one bale is approximately \$36.19. Assume the bale is sold for \$40. We made \$3.81 on the one-acre.

**Grazing:** A 500-pound calf will eat approximately 3% of his body weight daily or about 15 lbs. He can gain about 1.5 lbs. daily. Thus on 1,000 lbs. of coastal, he will gain about 100 lbs. in 67 days.

According to Dr. Bade, the calf will use about 2.4 lbs. of nitrogen, .6 lbs. of phosphorus, 1 lbs. of potassium, .15 lbs. of magnesium, and .15 lbs. of sulfur to gain the 100 lbs.

Fertilizer cost totals \$1.22 at the above prices. If the calf gain were contracted for 35¢ per lb., the beef produced would be worth \$35. We made \$33.78 on the one-acre grazed.

**Summary:** The calf actually ate the entire 1,000 lbs. of forage but he returned most of it back as manure and urine. And when he walks off the one acre almost 80% of his 100 lbs. gain is water. We can assume he returned 980 lbs. (of the 1,000 lbs. he ate) back onto the one-acre as organic matter and residual fertilizer. This is pretty close to "nature's way."

On the other hand, if the bale was sold, the entire 1,000 lbs. (with its costly fertilizer and organic matter) is exported. Someone else gets the benefit.

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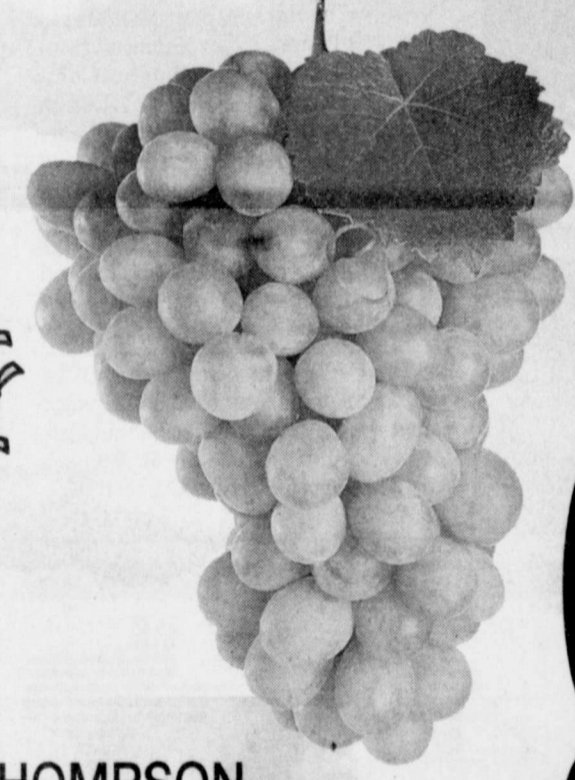
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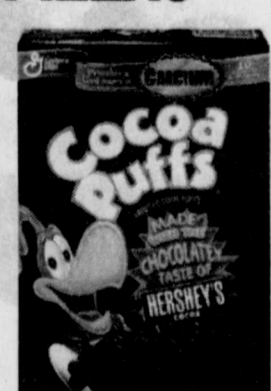
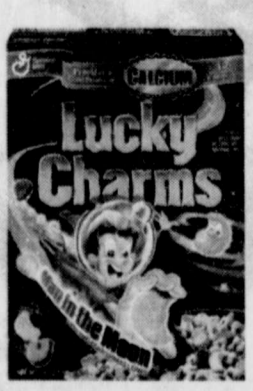
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