

Apples of Gold
SEEKING GOD—The Lord is good unto them that wait for Him, to the soul that seeketh Him.
Lamentations 3:25

JUST IN—WHS senior Colby Walker captures Region II 2A tennis singles championship. Advances to state meet in Austin, May 7.
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CATS ON A HOT TIN ROOF......or it may be Christmas In April volunteers repairing the roof of Daphne Simpson's home at 501 East Broadway. Holding onto the precarious perch are these workers from house captain Phil Colburn's crew (l-r) Ken Slimp, Johnny Pritchard, and Joe Escalona. A total of five homes were repaired during the CIA workday last Saturday. More pictures from this year's event will be featured in an upcoming issue of *The Winters Enterprise*.

17th Annual Mayfest Celebration and Softball Tournament slated for May 5 in Ted Meyer Park

Winters will host their 17th annual Mayfest Celebration on Saturday, May 5, in Winters City Park and Community Center.

Mayfest began in Winters in 1984 under the leadership of Chamber of Commerce President Randall Boles and board member Ken Slimp. Slimp suggested the idea after attending a similar event in Dallas.

The purpose was to provide the opportunity for local service and non-profit organizations to raise money as well as bring people from outside of Winters to the town.

Today Mayfest has expanded the event to include craftsmen and vendors from outside of Winters

and an annual co-ed softball tournament.

Live entertainment is a highlight of the festivities. This year's performers include Karen Heart, Lola Scott, Monica Hicks, Edrick Ray, and the Spanish Ballet Dancers from Abilene.

There will be games in the park for kids of all ages including the 3-legged race and the egg toss. The VFW will sponsor a balloon and dart throwing game.

Fourteen teams have entered the co-ed softball tournament scheduled to begin on Friday night. The first place team will be awarded a trophy on Saturday evening. There is room for only six more entries in the 20-team

tournament field.

Food will be plentiful in the park on Saturday as the volunteer firemen will serve their famous hamburgers and french fries. Other foods available will include funnel cakes, corn dogs, brisquet tacos, cotton candy, sno-cones, drinks and more.

Over 25 booths and vendors have registered, however booths are still available at \$20 for a 10' X 10' space.

Contact the Chamber office at 754-5210 to reserve your space or enter a softball team.

Make plans now to spend Saturday, May 5, in Ted Meyer Park, and enjoy a day of fun and fellowship in Winters.

National Day of Prayer observes 50th anniversary on May 3; Winters to meet in front of City Hall at noon

The National Day of Prayer will be observed on Thursday, May 3, 2001. Winters Area Ministerial Alliance will sponsor the local observance at noon in front of Winters City Hall. Area ministers will lead in prayer for the nation, community, schools, and families.

Shirley (Mrs. James) Dobson,

national chairperson, reports that enthusiasm is high and preparations are well underway in anticipation of this annual event.

This year's observance is of particular significance — it marks the 50th anniversary of The National Day of Prayer. Expressing her gratitude for God's faithful blessing on these efforts through

the years, Dobson trusts "that there will be a mighty outpouring of His power as people humble themselves before His throne and seek His face on behalf of our country, leaders, homes, schools, and families."

Everyone is encouraged to attend this year's event.

WPD Chief of Police Carey Balentine resigns

Chief Carey Balentine has resigned from the Winters Police Department effective April 27. After a 10 1/2 year stint with the Winters PD, Balentine leaves to take a position as safety coordinator for a corporation in San Angelo.

Balentine served as a patrol officer in Winters for one year before being named Chief of Police. He has spent a total of 23 years in law enforcement.

"We will move in a few months," said Balentine. "Terri and I both have family in San Angelo, and this was a better opportunity for me.

"This has been a unique experience for me. I have mixed feelings about leaving. We have good friends here. There are a good group of people in the Winters Police Department and they will continue to do excellent work—with very little pay," Balentine added.

City Administrator Aref Hassan, said he will wait until Monday's city council meeting to see what the council wants to do about replacing Balentine.

"He was a good chief," said Hassan. "He fit into the community well. We wish him good luck."



STEVE GRENWELGE of the Winters Volunteer Fire Department gives daughter Crystal some last minute instructions before her very first try in the water polo competition of the Hill Country Firemen's Convention in Winters. Crystal was brave enough to fill in for a teammate who could not attend the competition. Handling the hose up front is veteran competitor Jackie Ozbirn.

County considers redistricting plan to comply with DOJ guidelines

Redistricting was on the minds of Runnels County Commissioners as they met in a special meeting on Thursday of last week.

Thomas M. Pollan of the law firm, Bickerstaff, Heath, Smiley, Pollan, Keever & McDaniel, L.L.P., Austin, outlined the necessary steps commissioners would have to take to comply with U. S. Department of Justice (DOJ) guidelines in realigning their precincts.

Pollan told the court Precinct 1

had the highest population in the 2000 census, followed by Precinct 4. Precinct 2 has the lowest population. Precinct 3 was third in population count.

In order to follow DOJ guidelines, Pollan said the county could not dilute the minority voters. In order to have Precinct 2 increase the voter count, it looked to be necessary to have that precinct dip into Ballinger, the heaviest population center in the county.

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Absentee voting for Winters ISD Trustee race now through May 1

Local voters in the May 5 general election will determine only one contested race, that of the Place 7 At-Large Trustee position for the Winters ISD.

Early voting for school trustees is being conducted at the WISD Business Office between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Absentee voting will end May 1, 2001.

Three candidates have signed up for Place 7 (an at-large position) as Trustee of Winters ISD. Steve Esquivel and Rodrick Bred-emeier face incumbent Larry Walker in the race.

Allen Andrae serves in Place 1 and will run unopposed.

May 4 deadline nears for "Mom & Me Contest"

Dads wake up! Mom could be in for a big treat with Mother's Day fast approaching, but you must hurry in order to qualify her as an entrant in the first annual "Mom & Me Contest" sponsored by *The Winters Enterprise*. Deadline for entry is noon, Friday, May 4.

The Enterprise will be ran-

domly awarding three prize packages, worth nearly \$150 each, donated by area merchants.

Prize package #1 consists of a KC for 4 from The Shed, an East Texas Pottery selection from Bahlman Jewelers, a \$10 gift certificate from Heidenheimers, an

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"A KNIGHT TO REMEMBER"...is planned for Winters High School students who will attend the 2001 Junior/Senior Prom on Saturday. These juniors presented the Lords and Ladies of the senior class with their invitations last week. The medieval court includes (l-r) Staci Bishop, Megan Galvan-Nitsch, Ryan Bland, Travis Grohman (on horse) Cassandra Johnson, Joey Joeris, Mandy Pritchard, and Chris Hoppe. The annual event will be held from 8 p.m. to midnight in the school cafeteria.

WHAT'S HAPPENING ?

- April 26-11:30 a.m., Sr. Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center
- 11:35 a.m. & 12:30 p.m., WJH/WHS FCA, School Science Lab
- 5 p.m., Hale Museum Board, Rock Hotel
- EIGHTH GRADE TAAS—April 24-27, Winters Junior High
- April 27-11:30 a.m., Sr. Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center
- 7:30 p.m., Cowboys for Christ, Drasco
- April 28-6 p.m., Winters Squares, Wagon Wheel/Tye, for Oliver Benefit Dance
- April 29-2-4 p.m., U.S. Academy Day Orientation, ASU Math-Computer Science Bldg., San Angelo
- 2-4:30 p.m., Singing, First Baptist Church
- April 30-11:30 a.m., Sr. Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center
- 6 p.m., City Council, City Hall
- 7:30 p.m., School Board, Administration Bldg.
- May 1-9 a.m., Winters Ministerial Alliance, First Baptist Church
- 11:30 a.m., Sr. Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center
- Noon, Lions Club
- 3 p.m., Friends of Hale Museum, Rock Hotel
- 7 p.m., American Legion, Legion Hall
- 7 p.m., WVFD, Fire Station
- High School TAAS Exit Writing
- May 2-7 a.m., Industrial Board, Chamber Office
- 11:30 a.m., Sr. Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center
- High School TAAS Exit Math
- May 3-10 a.m.-Noon & 1:30-3 p.m., Immunization Clinic, Texas Dept. of Health
- 11:30 a.m., Sr. Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center
- 11:35 a.m. & 12:30 p.m., WJH/WHS FCA, School Science Lab
- Noon, National Day of Prayer, City Hall
- 2-4 p.m., Area-Wide Singing, Wingate Church of Christ
- 6 p.m., Chamber Directors, Chamber Office
- 7 p.m., All-Sports Banquet, WISD Cafeteria
- 7:30 p.m., Wingate Church of Christ Gospel Meeting
- 1st Grade Field Trip, May Farm in Hawley
- High School TAAS Exit Reading

Oil Bidness

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I bet, when you think of higher energy prices, you conjure visions of fat-cat oil companies stuffing their pockets full and poor consumers forking over loads of cash.

Well, believe it or not, high prices, particularly for natural gas, are hurting some of those "fat-cat" oil companies, as well.

You see, many of the daily operations in the oil patch require fuel, and the prices of fuel of all types have increased. Just like any business dependent on fuel, this has increased the costs of doing business.

There is gasoline for trucks, pickups, and other vehicles. There is diesel for drilling rigs and transport hauling. And, there is natural gas for lease separation facilities, pumping unit engines, and for enhanced recovery techniques, among other things.

While higher gasoline and diesel prices increase routine costs, higher natural gas prices have rendered some operations uneconomic to the point of shut-down.

In California, ironically enough, two developments have conspired to endanger the economic viability of steamflood operations, the source for a large amount of California crude production. Both stem from higher natural gas prices.

First, the higher natural gas prices have made it very expensive to generate steam for injection into heavy-crude reservoirs. This alone is causing many operations to cut back or shut-down completely.

Secondly, the electricity crisis, in some respects due to higher natural gas prices, has so bankrupted the utilities there that they stopped paying operators that were selling cogenerated power back to the electricity distribution network.

Cogenerated power is the current created from steam injection operations where natural gas is burned to create heat which heats water to create steam. In the process, excess heat is captured to generate electricity through turbines.

The electrical utilities and the state of California have agreements in place to purchase this power at a negotiated rate. However, when the utilities started losing big money in California, the state allowed them to stop paying the oil operators.

This outraged the operators, of course. They thought they had a contract, but turns out the state can suspend the payment if necessary. The moral obligation of the state and the utilities is a matter for another day, but the implications go further than that.

The operators, without the value created by the sale of electricity back to the utilities, are having a difficult time maintaining a profitable venture. Many are shutting down and others are reducing the amount of steam produced to save fuel costs (since there has been no reimbursement for energy sold

back to the utilities). This reduction in steam injection directly affects the liquid production from the wells.

So, in this time of ever-tightening supplies, there is a source of energy that is being removed from the market because of higher hydrocarbon costs and significantly flawed theories of gas market regulation.

But, back to the main point: oil and gas producers can feel the pinch of higher fuel prices, too. Give that just a little thought when you are paying your bills this month.

HIGHLIGHTS OF AREA DRILLING ACTIVITY

COMPLETIONS

Coke County

Southern Mineral Corporation has completed the Rawlings -390A- #1 in the South Nipple Peak Field (5 miles NW of Bronte) at an initial rate of 18 BOPD & 18 BWPD in the Ellenburger (perms 5846-5905). Loc. is 1896 FSL & 488 FWL of Sec. 390, Blk. 1A, H&TC Sur., A-1355.

Runnels County

Enrich Oil has completed the C.O. Poe #1 as a Wildcat, 4 miles W of Winters at an initial rate of 151 BOPD in the Goen (perms 4398-4405). Loc. is 2180 FSL & 2650 FWL of Sec. 68, Blk. 63, H&TB Sur., A-708.

Taylor County

Winco Oil, Inc. has completed the Brooks -A- #1 in the County Regular Field (3 miles NW of Tye) at an initial rate of 20 BOPD & 20 BWPD in the Flippen (perms 2230-33). Loc. is 30 FSL & 360 FWL of K.K. Leggett Sur., A-1181.

STAKINGS

Concho County

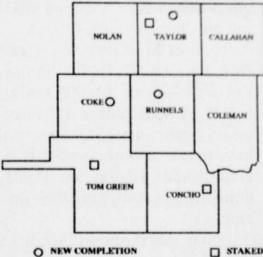
LeClair Operating has staked the Glascock #1 in the Whitworth Ranch Field, 5 miles SE of Millersview (Depth 3000). Loc. is 800 FSL & 100 FEL of C. Martin Sur. No. 1883, A-612.

Taylor County

Ventex Operating has staked the Barnes #1 as a Wildcat, 3 miles SW of Merkel (Depth 3500). Loc. is 835 FNL & 1099 FEL of Sec. 61, Blk. 19, T&PRR Sur.

Tom Green County

B&R Operating, LLC has applied to re-enter the Wilde #1 in the Veribest Field, 3 miles S of Veribest (Depth 4600). Loc. is 1980 FWL & 660 FNL of Sec. 103, SPRR Sur.



Obituaries

Jim Bailey

WINTERS—Jim Bailey, 95, died Sunday morning, April 22, 2001, in the Senior Citizens Nursing Home in Winters.

He was born June 4, 1905, in Manor. The family moved in 1914 and settled in the Hatchel community where he was raised with eight siblings. He married Ruby Ruth Boles on March 19, 1926.

Mr. Bailey was a farmer and worked for over fifty years for Walter Adami retiring at the age of 78. He was a member of the First Baptist Church in Winters.

He was preceded in death by his wife; his parents; one brother; seven sisters; and two daughters, Christene Seals and Mary Ruth Bailey.

Survivors include three sons, Jim Bailey, Jr. and Wayne Bailey both of Abilene, and Jessie Bailey of Ballinger; two daughters, Elouise Prine and Billie Reel both of Winters; a son-in-law, Tuffy Seals of Winters; twenty three grandchildren; forty six great-grandchildren; and eleven great-great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Family visitation was at 10:00 a.m. Monday, April 23, at the Girdner-Brown Funeral Home, in Abilene, and from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m., service time Tuesday, April 24, at the First Baptist Church in Winters. The service was officiated by Reverend Barry Taylor. Burial followed in Old Runnels Cemetery under the direction of Girdner-Brown Funeral Home of Abilene.

COMMISSIONERS, cont'd.

Precinct 3 would also have to gain some voter strength.

Commissioners discussed ways to comply with DOJ regulations by redrawing precinct lines and gave Pollan some ideas as to how they thought that could be done. Pollan will take those suggestions back to Austin and see if they will comply with DOJ guidelines.

Pollan told the group the tentative schedule for approval of new precinct lines would go as follows:

- There would be a public hearing in mid-June;
- Commissioners would adopt the plan in mid-August;
- The plan would be submitted to the DOJ for their approval by September 1.

Following the discussion, commissioners voted to adopt the criteria to govern development of redistricting plans.

Vivian Hord



WINTERS—Vivian Hord, 83, died Friday morning, April 20, 2001, in San Angelo Community Hospital.

She was born August 31, 1917, in Caldwell. She moved as a young girl with her family to a farm outside of Winters. She married John Paul Hord on November 5, 1936, in Winters.

Mrs. Hord was a homemaker and worked for a time in the Winters ISD school cafeteria and the Winters Dairy Queen. She was a member of Southside Baptist

Church in Winters.

She was preceded in death by her husband; her parents, Ivey and Nina Bradberry; and three brothers, Alton, Colby, and Tommy Bradberry.

Survivors include one son, John Hord of Wingate; two daughters, Nina Warton of Midland and Sandra Long of Denison; one sister, Bernice Brown of Bakersfield, California; six grandchildren, Gregg and Rodney Hand, Jodie Doran, Jenny Lester, James Hord, Jane Goerig; and several great-grandchildren.

Services were held Monday, April 23, 2001 at 10:30 a.m. at the Winters Funeral Home Chapel with Reverend John Driggers officiating. Burial followed in Lakeview Cemetery under the direction of Winters Funeral Home.

Pallbearers were Gregg and Rodney Hand, Sam Folsom, Marshall Doran, and Larry and Kenny Nitsch.

Memorials may be made to Vista Hospice Care Foundation, 1121 S. Bryant Blvd. San Angelo, 76903.

Leona Henrietta Dietz Witt

BALLINGER—Leona Henrietta Dietz Witt, 91, died Tuesday, April 10, 2001, at 11:40 p.m. in Winters.

She was born December 6, 1909, in Bell County to William Elbert and Lula Ann Eakin Jones. She married Pascal Dietz who preceded her in death in November 1961. She later married James Witt in May, 1965. He also preceded her in death in 1995.

Mrs. Witt was a homemaker and a member of the First United Methodist Church in Ballinger.

Survivors include a daughter, Patsy Brown and husband Fred of Winters; two sisters, Pauline Mayhew of Lubbock and Verba Pape of San Angelo; three grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Services were held on Friday, April 13, at 2 p.m. in the First United Methodist Church of Ballinger with Reverend Kent Berry officiating. Burial followed in the Crews Cemetery under the direction of Rains-Seale Funeral Home of Ballinger.

Louis Triggs, Jr.

BALLINGER—Louis Triggs, Jr., 74, died Friday, April 13, 2001, at 3:30 a.m. in Ballinger Memorial Hospital.

He was born on May 2, 1926, in Smithville to Louis and Ida Foster Triggs. He married Dorothy Wiseman on February 14, 1954, in Ballinger.

Mr. Triggs worked for the City of Ballinger as a caretaker of the City Park for 14 years. He had also worked for several car dealerships in the area, the longest being with Ray Fuqua Chevrolet Co. He received the "Citizen of the Year Award" for Ballinger in 1990. He was a member of the Mount Moriah Baptist Church for many years, during which he served as the president of the Brotherhood, a deacon, and president of the Usher Board.

He was preceded in death by his parents; three brothers, Clinton, Horace, and Clebert Triggs; and two sisters, Ida Mae Dalbert and Della Mae Triggs.

Survivors include his wife of 47 years, Dorothy Wiseman Triggs of Ballinger and his children, Thella Stevenson Henderson of Ballinger, Maggie Childress and husband Anthony of San Antonio, Nell Battle of Ballinger, David Triggs and wife Caroline of San Angelo, Offie M. Wiseman and wife Marie of Dallas, and Leah K. Wiseman of Houston.

Also surviving are his brothers, Lawrance Triggs and wife Doris of Houston, Robert T. Peterson of Houston, John T. Peterson of Odessa, and General Peterson of Smithville; his sisters, Emma Wookens and Julie Mae Jameson, both of California; nine grandchildren, including Aaron whom he raised; a large number of nieces and nephews; and a host of other relatives and friends.

Services were held at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, April 17, in the First Baptist Church in Ballinger with Lynn Smith officiating. Burial followed in the Evergreen Cemetery in Ballinger under the direction of Rains-Seale Funeral Home of Ballinger.

Desma Warren

BALLINGER—Desma Warren, 90, died Wednesday morning, April 11, 2001, in the Runnels County Rehabilitation and Nursing Center in Ballinger.

She was born July 17, 1910, in Norton to Elery Shannon and Minnie Dora Herring McWilliams. She married Aubrey Lee Warren on February 4, 1933.

Mrs. Warren was a homemaker who loved her needlework, reading, and her flower garden.

She was preceded in death by her husband on April 9, 1979; her parents; one brother; and one sister.

Survivors include three sons, Bill Warren of San Angelo, Mike Warren of Ballinger, and Pat Warren of Carrollton; two daughters, Peggy Page of Clyde and Margaret Allcorn of Abilene; ten grandchildren; seventeen great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; one sister, Alma Lee Lemons of Ballinger; and one brother, Zane McWilliams of Ballinger.

Services were at 10:00 a.m. Saturday, April 14, at the Rains-Seale Funeral Home Chapel in Ballinger with Reverend Lakon Marion of College Hills Baptist Church of San Angelo officiating. Burial was in Evergreen Cemetery in Ballinger, directed by Rains-Seale Funeral Home.

Pallbearers were grandsons.

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society, the American Heart Association, or a favorite charity.

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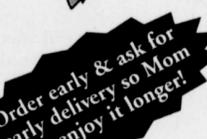
April 30 thru May 4

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- Monday, April 30: Ham, lima beans, mixed greens, cornbread, pudding.
- Tuesday, May 1: Roast beef & gravy, potatoes & carrots, broccoli, hot rolls, dessert.
- Wednesday, May 2: Swiss steak, blackeyed peas, corn salad, rolls, cake.
- Thursday, May 3: Bar-B-Q on bun, chips, pea salad, pickles & onions, fruit.
- Friday, May 4: Stew, vegetable sticks, Jell-O salad, cornbread, peach crisp.

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Sunday, May 13



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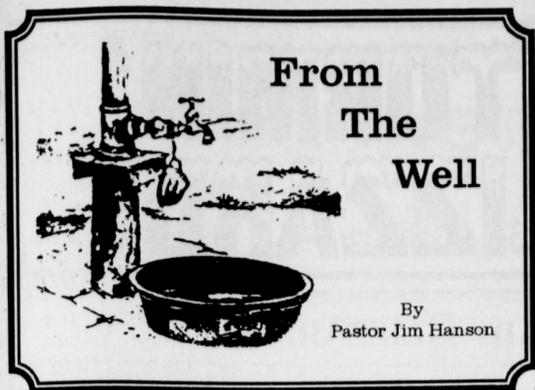
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From The Well

By Pastor Jim Hanson



Pastor Jim Hanson

For me and many others it has always been "God and Country" In that order. Not "God or Country". Or, "God versus Country", or vice-versa "Country versus God". "God and Country".

But, in more recent times, that has changed. And the results have been bad, for country and for church. God can handle whatever folks decide. He always has and He always will. But it works best for all of us humans when we do it His way. Jesus did not try to do away with the government, even when that government did Him in. And, so also, the church... the synagogue leaders who thought they were defending God when they did away with His Son.

Scripture is clear on this matter. Jesus said, "Render unto Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and unto God the things that are God's". The Apostle Paul instructs us in 1 Timothy 2: "First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all men, for kings and all who are in high position, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life, godly and respectful in every way".

So, where am I taking you? In this column? I am taking you to the Lord to pray for our nation. This coming Thursday, May 3rd, is the Annual National Day of Prayer. For you who may not know it, this Day is an annual event established by an act of Congress that encourages all Americans to pray for the nation, it's people and its leaders. The theme this year is "One Nation Under God", and is based on Psalm 33:12, "Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord". Billy Graham has agreed to serve as honorary chairman this year. He has written a prayer for the nation. And has requested that people from coast to coast read this prayer at exactly 12:30 p.m. Eastern Standard Time (11:30 a.m. our time).

I am including the text of the "Prayer for the Nation", with the hope and prayer that you, dear reader, will join that great multitude all over the land in praying it together. This is the way it reads:

"Our Father and Our God, We praise You for Your goodness to our nation, giving us blessings far beyond what we deserve. Yet we know that all is not right with America. We deeply need a moral and spiritual renewal to help us meet the many problems we face.

Convict us of sin. Help us to turn to You in repentance and faith. Set our feet on the path of Your righteousness and peace. We pray today for our nation's leaders. Give them the wisdom to know what is right, and the courage to do it.

You have said "Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord." May this be a new era for America, as we humble ourselves and acknowledge You alone as our Savior and Lord. This we pray in Your holy name, Amen."

"Amen". Which means "Yes". Which means "It shall be so".

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Business of the Quarter



THE WINTERS FUNERAL HOME was recently honored as Business of the Quarter by the Winters Area Chamber of Commerce. On hand for the celebration were (standing, l-r) co-owner Rick Dry, Chamber Secretary Carolyn Scarborough, Chamber Directors Gail Williams, Sharon Kennedy, and Jane Bourdo, and co-owner and funeral home manager Mike Meyer. Kneeling (l-r) are Chamber Directors Kristi Stoecker, Janice Pruser and Janie Rocha.

Winters Funeral Home named Business of the Quarter

The Winters Funeral Home has recently been honored as the Business of the Quarter by the Winters Area Chamber of Commerce.

Established in 1905 by the Spill Brothers, the funeral home remained in the Spill family until August 1977. At that time, long-

time employee Ted Meyer and sons Mike and Tim, along with some silent partners, bought the funeral home and changed the name from Spill Funeral Home to Winters Funeral Home located at 120 State Street.

Ted was manager until his death in January, 1987. Mike says,

"I grew up in this place," and became manager following his father's death. Mike is a 1977 graduate of the Dallas Institute of Mortuary Science.

Funeral home secretary is Linda Dry, who began working at the business in 1981, and has since become one of the owners.

Also a partner is Mike's sister, Theresa Patterson, a long-time employee of State National Bank (formerly Winters State Bank).

Theresa and brother Tim help out part-time at the funeral home, as have Theresa's children, Mike's children, and Linda's children.

In Appreciation

Card of Thanks

Perhaps you sent a lovely card Or sat quietly in a chair, Perhaps you sent a funeral spray, If so, we saw it there. Perhaps you spoke the kindest words As any friend could say. Perhaps you were not there at all, Just thought of us that day. Whatever you did to console our hearts, We thank you so much whatever the part.
The family of Vivian Hord

Retired Teachers name officers

Runnels County Retired Teachers Association met Monday, April 9, 2001, at the First United Methodist Church in Winters. Theresa Gerhart presented a skin care demonstration.

Marthiel Russell called the meeting to order. Reports were heard, and the State Convention, which is in Austin this month, was discussed.

The group accepted the following names to serve as officers for the year 2001-2002: Marthiel Russell, president, Winters; Lynda Gottschalk, vice-president, Ballinger; Joyce Krause, second vice-president, Winters; Lela May Shelburne, secretary, Ballinger;

Linda Blackwell, treasurer, Ballinger; Freddie Gardner, parliamentarian, Winters; and Cordelia Yocham, historian, Ballinger.

Present at the meeting were members Linda Blackwell, Frances Bredemeyer, Virginia Brown, Freddie Gardner, Lynda Gottschalk, Nina Hale, Patricia Hambricht, Hortense Joyce, Sa-

rah Parker, Joyce Krause, JoAnn Patterson, Marthiel Russell, Lela May Shelburne, and Cordelia Yocham. Visitors were Betty Travis and Brenda Tyree. Hostesses were Patricia Hambricht, Frances Bredemeyer, and Virginia Brown.

The next meeting will be June 11 at the First United Methodist Church in Ballinger.

SENIOR EXPRESSIONS



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Prize package #3 includes a KC for 4 from The Shed, a blooming potted plant or fresh spring bouquet from Bridgeman Florist, a \$10 gift certificate from Heidenheimers, a \$25 gift package from Video Hut including 2 tanning sessions with sample lotions, a Biolage hair products package from The Beauty Center and a one year subscription to *The Winters Enterprise*.

"Mom & Me" photos and a \$10 entry fee should be brought or sent to *The Enterprise* office at 104 N. Main, Winters, Texas, 79567, before noon on Friday, May 4. Winners will be announced in the May 10 issue.

Be a winner with the...

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Tuesday-May 1
Toast
Cereal
Juice
Wednesday-May 2
Blueberry Muffins
Cereal
Juice
Thursday-May 3
Pancakes/Syrup
Cereal
Juice
Friday-May 4
Cheese Toast
Cereal
Juice

Lunch
Monday-April 30
Pizza
Corn
June Peas
Apple Sauce
Tuesday-May 1
Turkey Roast/Gravy
Mashed Potatoes
Green Beans
Hot Roll
Pears
Wednesday-May 2
Taco/Meat/Cheese
Tossed Salad
Red Beans
Fruit
Thursday-May 3
Chicken Nuggets/Gravy
Mashed Potatoes
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Team: Varsity Softball
Coach: Ed Poehls
Date & place of game:
April 12, 2001 — Winters
Opponent: Cisco
Losing pitcher: Raquel Retana
Losing catcher: Tracie Morrison

	Runs	Hits	Errors
WINTERS	4	9	10
OPONENT	13	8	2

Coach's comments: We made 7 errors in the final two innings to allow the Cisco Lady Lobos to break open a 2-2 tie and win. The Lady Blizzards played great defense early in the game, but was not able to finish it off. Record: 10-11, district 2-8.

Team: Varsity Softball
Coach: Ed Poehls
Date & place of game:
April 18, 2001 — Coleman
Opponent: Coleman
Losing pitcher: Raquel Retana
Losing catcher: Tracie Morrison

	Runs	Hits	Errors
WINTERS	3	7	4
OPONENT	13	9	0

Coach's comments: The top of the batting order did a great job. Jamies Reeves was 3 for 3; Kendra Hope, 2 for 2; and Jessica DelaRosa, 1 for 2. This was against a pitcher who gives up an average of 3 hits per game.

2001 VARSITY LADY BLIZZARDS



Back row, L-R: Coach Ed Poehls, Amy Patterson, Kayla Colburn, Kelly Bearden, Brandi Baize, Kemari Hale, Tracie Morrison, managers Elizabeth Martinez and Connie Reyes. Front row: Jekka Barron, Christian Castillo, Kendra Hope, Jamie Reeves, Jessica DelaRosa, Carmen Martinez, Raquel Retana and Toni Retana.



TRACIE MORRISON, hindcatcher for the Lady Blizzards, stays focused on the pitcher during varsity action.

**ATTENTION:
PARENTS & FAMILY**

**Say congrats to a
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The Winters Enterprise is now accepting expressions of congratulations to 2001 Seniors!

The expressions will be printed in the 2001 Graduation Tabloid, along with pictures and write-ups of each of the seniors.

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If a picture is to be included, please add an additional \$5.

Please send your information no later than Wednesday, May 16 to 104 N. Main, Winters, TX 79567 or call (915) 754-4958.

Remember this a "keepsake" edition to be treasured for years to come!

**Elementary
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by Brilla Magee, Elementary Gifted/Talented Coordinator

Nominations are being accepted for the Winters Elementary Gifted/Talented program.

If you believe your child might benefit from a gifted/talented program, we welcome your nomination.

Nomination and Parent Permission for Testing forms may be obtained from the Elementary Principal's office. All forms must be completed and returned by April 30, 2001.

**Children's Trust Fund of Texas
offers Family PRIDE funding**

Runnels County is one of the 11 sites in Texas recently selected by the Children's Trust Fund of Texas Council (CTF) to continue its funding initiative, Family PRIDE. Runnels County will be eligible for funding for child abuse and neglect prevention programs, along with 79 other sites identified by CTF.

Sites are chosen based on need, which is determined by the incidence of child abuse and neglect, child poverty, teenage pregnancy, juvenile crime and school dropouts in the community. Child population, geographic location, and current availability of services are also considered.

The Children's Trust Fund believes that child abuse and neglect is a community problem that can best be prevented at the local level. Representing a cross-section of the community, the Runnels County Child Welfare Board has agreed to lead advocacy efforts for prevention needs in the community based on the values of Family PRIDE: Principles, Responsibility, Integrity, Discipline, and Education.

As a Family PRIDE community, Runnels County will be eligible for CTF child abuse and neglect prevention funding for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2001.

CTF is releasing a Request For Proposal (RFP) on April 1, 2001, to fund parenting education and children's life skills programs in the selected communities. The deadline for proposal submission is May 31, 2001.

Each community will be eligible for a maximum amount of \$50,000 in year one, with a decrease to 80% of the first year grant amount in year two and 50%

of the first year grant amount in year three.

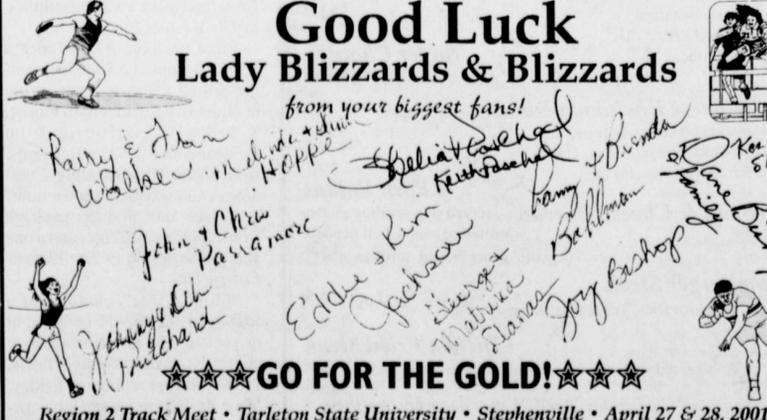
The funding period is three years. Each year will require an increase in the local match amounts to ensure that there is community support for the programs funded during and beyond CTF funding. Funds may be used only for prevention of child abuse and neglect, not for treatment. Any legally constituted entity (other than a state agency) may apply for a grant.

The Runnels County Child Welfare Board will serve as the coordinating body for the Family PRIDE Initiative. The Board will inform the community of funding opportunities, review local proposals, and promote the awareness of child abuse and neglect prevention. The Children's Trust Fund of Texas Council will review the Board's recommendations and award grants.

The Children's Trust Fund of Texas is a state agency established in 1985 by the Texas Legislature to support community-based programs to prevent child abuse and neglect. Revenue comes primarily from a portion of each marriage license fee. The goal of CTF is to promote and provide opportunities so that Texas's children can grow to responsible and productive adulthood free of threats to their dignity, physical safety, and emotional well being.

For more information about the Family PRIDE Initiative and funding, contact Karen Patterson, CTF Program Administrator, at 512/833-3441 and/or Rev. Bo Keithley, Chairman of the Runnels County Child Welfare Board, who will serve as the coordinating body for the Family PRIDE Initiative, at 915/365-3565.

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ON THE FIELD AND IN THE CLASSROOM



THESE FUN-LOVING ATHLETES ARE HAPPY about the prospect of traveling to Stephenville this weekend for the Region II 2A Track Meet. The seven Lady Blizzards will compete in nine events including two relays. The two Blizzards will each compete in one field event. The students are (clockwise starting with bottom middle) Jena Bahlman, Briana Parramore, Michelle Paschal, Chris Hoppe, Staci Bishop, Mandy Pritchard, Samson Jackson, Laci Walker, and Maria Llanas.

Hoppe breaks WHS school record in discus

Junior Chris Hoppe broke the school record in the discus at a regional qualifiers meet in Wall last Friday evening with a throw of 163' 5". He broke the previous record held by Archie Austin by nearly two feet. Austin's record was 161' 7". Hoppe placed second in the meet. Senior Samson Jackson won the shot put with a toss of 54' 8". Hoppe placed third at 47' 8".

Tickets available for All-Sports Athletic Banquet slated for May 3

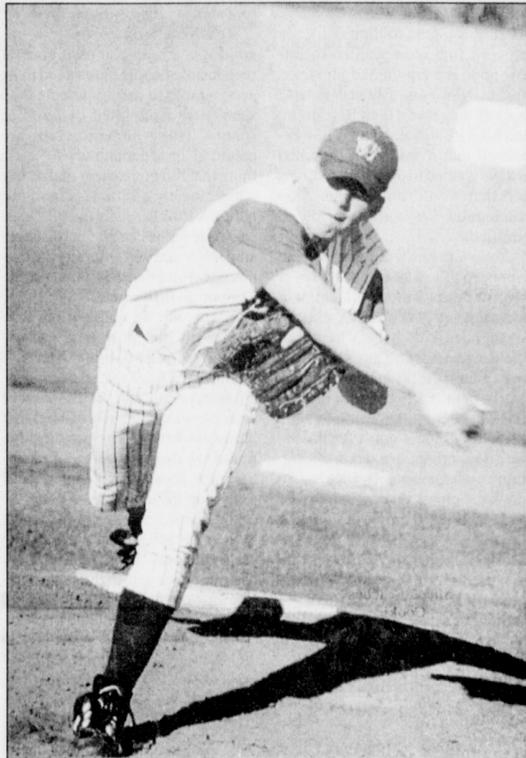
The Winters Athletic Booster Club will be hosting their annual All-Sports Athletic Banquet on Thursday, May 3, 2001. The event will be held in the Winters School Cafeteria beginning at 7 p.m.

All high school athletes will be honored at the banquet and admitted to the event free of charge. Janet Cason's JC's Catering will prepare the meal.

Tickets for parents and other Blizzard backers are \$7.50 each and are being pre-sold. All tickets must be purchased by Tuesday, May 1. Only a minimal number of tickets will be available at

the door that evening.

Tickets may be purchased from Kelly Lipsey or Renee Calcote at Security State Bank in Winters or 754-4388 or 754-5600; Sheila Paschal at City Hall or 723-2697; Kim Jackson at Hatler Insurance or 754-4339; Michael Minzenmayer at 754-5094; Teresa Davis at 754-5422; Fran Walker at First American Bank or 754-5413; Donna Pritchard at Security State Bank in Wingate or 743-8296; Deb Pritchard at *The Winters Enterprise* or 754-5243; or Karen Colburn at Winters Elementary or 754-5143.



BEN BLAINE completes the pitch during varsity Blizzard baseball action.

WHS cheerleaders say thanks for support of Catfish Dinner

We would sincerely like to thank the community for their overwhelming response to our Catfish Dinner last Sunday. We had a tremendous turnout, which means a good portion of our camp fees will be paid.

A special thanks goes to Lawrence Bros. IGA for the sacks; to Puney Whittenburg and Jim West for the use of their fish fryers; to Christmas In April for the donation of food and drinks; to our parents for all of their hard work; and last but certainly not least, to our sponsor Beth Wortham, for her hard work and organization of the event. Again, thank you for your generous support—we'll see you this fall.

2001-02 WHS Cheerleaders
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—Apr. 28, Junior/Senior Prom, Cafeteria, 7:30 p.m.-midnight
—Apr. 26 & 27, 8th Grade TAAS continues
—May 1-3, High School TAAS Exit Testing in Writing, Math, & Reading
—May 3, FCA, JH-11:35 a.m., HS-12:25 p.m., Science Lab
—May 3, All-Sports Banquet, WISD Cafeteria
—May 3, 1st Grade Field Trip, May Farm in Hawley
VARSITY TRACK
—Apr. 27 & 28, Regional Meet at Stephenville
VARSITY TENNIS
—Apr. 26-27, Regionals continue at Stephenville

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"A"

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Kevin Jackson
Chelsy Lipsey
Josh Lujano
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Kathleen Mills
Coltyn Pritchard
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"A"

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"A-B"

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"A"

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"A"

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In observance of National Teacher Appreciation Week—

You want heroes?

by Frosty Troy, writer for the Oklahoma Observer

"Where are the heroes of today?" a radio talk show host thundered. He blames society's shortcomings on public education. Too many people are looking for heroes in all the wrong places. Movie stars and rock musicians, athletes and models aren't heroes, they're celebrities.

Heroes abound in public schools, a fact that doesn't make the news. There is no precedent for the level of violence, drugs, broken homes, child abuse, and crime in today's America. Public education didn't create these problems but deals with them every day.

You want heroes? Consider Dave Sanders, the school teacher shot to death while trying to shield his students from two Neo-Nazi youth on a bombing and shooting rampage at Columbine High School in Littleton, Colorado.

Sanders gave his life, along with 12 students, but other less heralded heroes survived the Colorado blood bath.

You want heroes? Columbine special education teacher Robin Ortiz braved gunfire, moving from classroom to classroom, shouting at students and teachers to get out of the building. His action alone cleared the east side of the high school. No one will ever know how many lives he saved.

You want heroes? For Ronnie Holuby, a Fort Gibson, Oklahoma, middle school teacher, it was a routine school day until gunfire erupted. He opened a door to the schoolyard and two students fled past him. A 13-year old student had shot five other students when Holuby stepped outside, walking deliberately toward the boy, telling him to hand over the gun. He kept walking. Finally the boy handed him the gun. Holuby walked the boy to the side of the building, then sought to help a wounded girl.

You want heroes? Jane Smith, a Fayetteville, North Carolina, teacher, was moved by the plight of one of her students, a boy dying for want of a kidney transplant. So this pretty white woman told the family of this handsome 14-year old black boy that she would give him one of her kidneys. And she did. When they subsequently appeared together hugging on *The Today Show*, even tough little Katie Couric was near tears.

You want heroes? Doris Dillon dreamed all her life of being a teacher. She not only made it, she was one of those wondrous teachers who could wring the best out of every single child. One of her fellow teachers in San Jose, California, said "she could teach a rock to read."

Suddenly she was stricken with Lou Gehrig's Disease, which is always fatal, usually within five years. She asked to stay on the job and did. When her voice was affected she communicated by computer.

"We have been so anxious to give our children what we didn't have that we have neglected to give them what we did have."

Did she go home? She is running two elementary school libraries. When the disease was diagnosed, she wrote the staff and all the families that she had one last lesson to teach—that dying is part of living. Her colleagues named her "Teacher of the Year."

You want heroes? Bob House, a teacher in Gay, Georgia, tried out for *Who Wants to be a Millionaire*. After he won the million dollars, a network film crew wanted to follow up to see how it had impacted his life. New cars? Big new house? Instead, they found both Bob House and his wife still teaching. They explained that it was what they had always wanted to do with their lives and that would not change. The community was both stunned and gratified.

You want heroes? Last year the average public school teacher spent \$468 of his own money for student necessities—work books, pencils—supplies kids had to have but could not afford. That's a lot of money from the pockets of the most poorly paid teachers in the industrial world.

Public schools don't teach values? The critics are dead wrong. Public education provides more Sunday School teachers than the average 40-hour employee does in a year.

You want heroes? For millions of kids, the hug they get from a teacher is the only hug they will get that day because the nation is living through the worst parenting in history. Many have never been taken to church or synagogue in their lives.

A Michigan principal moved me to tears with the story of her attempt to rescue a badly abused little boy

who doted on a stuffed animal on her desk—one that said "I love you!" He said he'd never been told that at home.

This is a constant in today's society—two million unwanted, unloved, abused children in the public schools, the only institution that takes them all in.

You want heroes? Visit any special education class and watch the miracle of personal interaction, a job so difficult that fellow teachers are awed by the dedication they witness.

There is a sentence from an unnamed source which says, "We have been so anxious to give our children what we didn't have that we have neglected to give them what we did have."

What is it that our kids really need? What do they really want? Math, science, history and social studies are important, but children need love, confidence, encouragement, someone to talk to, someone to listen, standards to live by.

Teachers provide upright examples, the faith and assurance of responsible people. Kids need to be accountable to caring parents who send well disciplined children to school. These human values are essential in a democracy—anything that threatens them makes our whole society a little less free, our nation a little less strong.

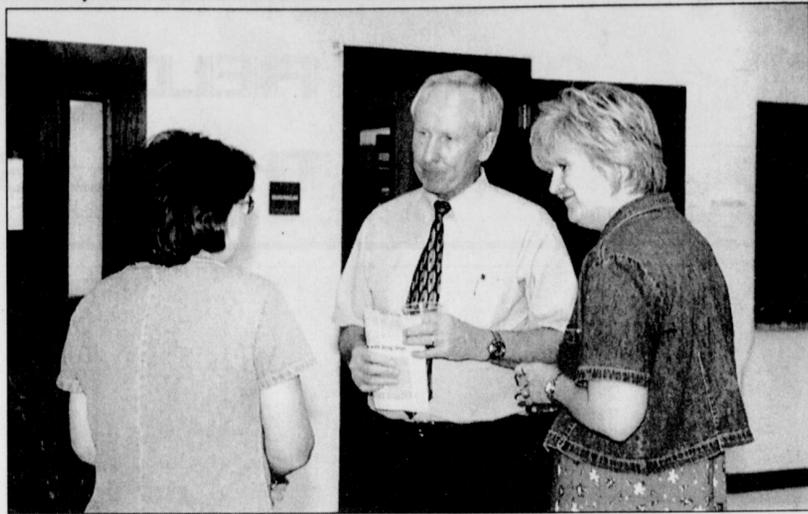
These values can be neither created nor preserved without continuous effort and that effort must come from more than teachers who have students only six hours of the day.

Despite the problems, public school teachers laugh often and much. They have the respect of intelligent people and the affection of students who care. You can bet that homeless little Jesus would have found a warm public school reception, hot food, and a hug if he'd grown up in America.

Teachers strive to find the best in their students, even where some see little hope. No other American bestows finer gift than teaching—reaching out to the brilliant and the retarded, the gifted and the average.

Teachers leave the world a little bit better than they found it, knowing if they have redeemed just one life, they have done God's work.

They are America's unsung heroes.



NEW WISD SUPERINTENDENT Danny Clack and wife Brenda (right) enjoy talking with teacher Linda Mitchell during a recent welcome reception honoring Mr. & Mrs. Clack. The new superintendent was hired April 2, and plans to move to Winters by June 1, and start his official duties at WISD on July 1.

Just My Opinion

Teachers' lessons last a lifetime

by Jean Boles, editor

As you may or may not know, next week is National Teacher Appreciation Week.

I'm pretty certain that if you are able to read this column, you had at least one or two teachers who helped make it possible.

As I think back over my school days—yes, I can remember back that far—I have some pretty good memories of some mighty special teachers. And in spite of my regular visits to the principals' offices at each level of education, I really enjoyed school and managed to learn a thing or two.

Sure, I remember struggling with fractions, chemistry, and diagramming a sentence. But what I really remember are the teachers who went way above and beyond the call of duty to fill other roles in my life and the lives of my school mates.

My first grade teacher, Mrs. Jack, not only taught me to maneuver those gosh-awful fat pencils on paper with giant wood chips floating around, but she also pulled out any loose teeth I had flapping in my gums. All these happenings were cause for big celebration in our classroom. I distinctly remember her loving pats on my face and her telling me I was a "good kid."

In second grade I had Mrs. Randolph who had the prettiest handwriting in the world. I never was able to match her lettering that resembled pure art, but she always encouraged me.

She also had this giant paper maché giraffe in her room. Well, I lived on a farm with horses, so, on a stupid bet, I jumped on this giraffe and its poor head and neck promptly crashed through the window in our school room.

I was hoping the floor would swallow me up, because I just knew I'd be sent to prison. But Mrs. Randolph didn't even scream at me or flog me. She asked if I was alright and told me I should be more careful. I haven't ridden any giraffes since!

Mrs. Ouida Nichols was the lucky teacher for my third grade year. Of course I thought she was

kinda old at the time, but as I've gotten older (and even a little wiser) I realize that she was really young, with little kids my own age, and she did one heck of a job mothering me. And besides, she smelled great—I remember. And guess what, she and I are friends now and I'm thankful she's still part of my life.

All I know about multiplication tables, I learned from Mrs. Jo Olive Hancock, my fifth grade teacher. She made us fold a piece of paper back and forth like a fan, then we had to write multiplication tables backward and forward about a million times. To this day, I can't tell you how much 6X9 is without saying 9X6 right along with it. But at least I know, and I can figure the discount on any shopping item at the drop of a hat.

And she not only taught us math, but she let my classmates and me have a picnic in our room when our plans got rained out. And trust me, we were not a calm bunch but Mrs. Hancock was a real trooper throughout the entire ordeal. What a lesson in patience!

I could ramble on about many other teachers—Mrs. Kruse and her famous *Prologue to The Canterbury Tales* (which my classmates and I can recite to this very

day); Mrs. Dorsett who tried so hard to teach us to play our "tonettes" and give us an appreciation for music so we'd have a chance to survive being in the high school band with Mr. Gans (Yikes!); to Mrs. Bredemeyer who taught me how to write a proper business letter and sit up straight while I type; and especially all those teachers who comforted me over and over when my dad died and then helped me pull my life back together.

And guess what—some of those same teachers continue to influence me to this very day. I still remember not to end a sentence with "at" and I learned that teaching—real teaching—comes from the heart and never stops giving.

So, dear readers, these wonderful, generous souls deserve a great deal more than a special week. I challenge each of you to write a note, send an e-mail, or give a telephone call to those special teachers who have made a difference in your life. And if those selfless instructors are now deceased, jump out there and get in touch with one of their family members.

It's never too late to do the right thing—and especially a good thing!

Why many teachers quit teaching

(heard on a local radio broadcast)
 Teachers are afraid of the Principals
 Principals are afraid of the Superintendent
 Superintendents are afraid of the School Board
 The School Board is afraid of the parents
 Parents are afraid of their kids
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Stenholm posts names on website for taxpayers due an unclaimed refund

Congressman Charlie Stenholm announced the names of nearly 200 citizens of the 17th Congressional District who have some money coming to them from the federal government.

The list, which can be found at the Congressman's website, provides names and addresses of taxpayers for whom the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) attempted to send refund checks but were returned as undeliverable.

"On a day when most people are less than thrilled with the IRS, I wanted to find a ray of sunshine to pass along," Stenholm remarked. "My hope is that by spreading the word of these undeliverable and unclaimed refunds,

this might turn into a good day for some people, even if it is Tax Day."

Stenholm posted the list on his website: <<http://www.house.gov/stenholm/>>

A total of \$106,704 in IRS refunds have been undeliverable to residents of the 17th Congressional District since 1994. The largest undelivered refund in the District is \$15,874.27, with the average check amounting to \$525.

Current law prohibits the IRS from releasing the names of individuals eligible for uncollected refunds although there is no similar restriction on the Congressman publishing the names of eligible recipients in his District.

Postal Service regulations require that all government checks be returned when the taxpayer moves and fails to file a change of address form or if a person changes his or her name (for example, following marriage) and does not have the check addressed to the new name. Some checks are undeliverable because the address on the tax return is not legible or is incorrect. In cases of death, relatives and friends of the deceased may not be aware that a tax refund is owed.

Taxpayers who locate their names on the IRS Refund List should call the IRS at the toll free number, 1-800-829-1040, to claim the refund check.

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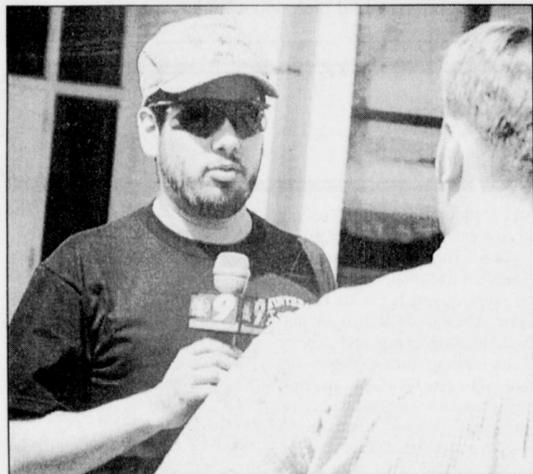




JEREMY SHIELDS, volunteer firefighter from Winters, pulls off the heavy hose from the firetruck and races to make the necessary connection during the pumper races at the recent Hill Country Firemen's Convention. Water for the competition was donated by Glenn Hoppe, Jr.



TRISH JACKSON (left) and **TANYA GRENWELGE** of the Winters Firemen's Auxiliary hurry to get the water flowing during the exciting pumper races at the Hill Country Firemen's Convention on April 7. Approximately 225 people registered for the convention.



RENÉ WOFFENDEN, spokesman for the Winters Volunteer Fire Department, talks with a reporter from KRBC-TV in Abilene who came to Winters to cover the recent Hill Country Firemen's Convention. Winters VFD and Auxiliary hosted the annual event for 17 volunteer fire departments.

Large crowd attends Hill Country Firemen's Convention at Winters

With the aid of almost perfect weather, the Winters Volunteer Fire Department hosted the Hill Country Firemen's Convention on April 7.

More than 225 firefighters, auxiliary members, family members and friends registered for the day-long event. Towns represented were Sonora, Eden, Bangs, Ballinger, Rowena, Brownwood, East Concho, Menard, Eldorado, Ozona, Wall and Winters.

After numerous morning meetings, teams competed in various competitions throughout the afternoon. The Winters units were represented as follows:

One-Man Race — Kenneth

Doty
Three-Man Race — Chuck Cravens, Michael Alatorre, Rene Woffenden

Six-Man Race — Chuck Cravens, James Lange, Jeremy Shields, Robert Cook, Michael Alatorre, Victor Santoya

Men's Water Polo — John McGallian and Steve Grenwelge
One-Lady Race — Teresa Davis, who won the Fast Time trophy of the convention with a time of 14:48

Three-Lady Race — Teresa Davis, Jackie Ozbirn, Mildred Doty, who won the Fast Time trophy of the convention with a time

of 14:46
Six-Lady Race — Teresa Davis, Jackie Ozbirn, Debbie Lange, Trish Jackson, Tonya Grenwelge, Mildred Doty.

Because Winters was the hosting department, their teams were ineligible for ranking in the competitions.

Glenn Hoppe, Jr., donated all the water used during the exciting competitions.

An evening meal of fried fish, provided by the hosts and hostesses from Winters, was served to all who attended the convention.

Other members of the Winters VFD include: Jack Davis, Jr.,

Mark Briley, John Joeris, Bob Blackwood, Mike Meyer, Bill Sherman, Mark Bridgeman, Kenneth Doty, Curtis Jackson, John Kraatz, Jack Davis, Sr., Bobby Staggs, Clayton Woffenden, Bob Lindley, Jerry Mac Jackson, Rodrick Bredemeyer, Raymond Lindsey and Robert Cook.

Auxiliary members also include: Jill Bredemeyer, Mariann Woffenden, Brenda Briley, Debra Lindsey, Rhonda Joeris, Christy Lindley, Dena Santoya, Patsy Staggs, Yolanda Bridgeman, Hilda Woffenden, Frances Meyer, Pauline Sherman, Wendy Kraatz, Maribel Alatorre, Frances Davis, Rhonda Cook and Vera Jackson.

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Wingate Church of Christ to host gospel meeting

The Wingate Church of Christ will host a gospel meeting May 6-9. J.F. Lilly will be the speaker, and Archie Scarborough, the song leader.

Sunday services are at 10:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. Weeknight services begin at 7:30 p.m.

A potluck lunch will be served at noon on Sunday. Area-wide singing will be from 2-4 p.m. on Sunday.

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—Al Batt

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- Nicholson of TX-filmed "Terms of Endearment"
- TXism: "comfortable old boot"
- Roe v. Wade was a TX court
- Wichita Falls TV
- this Houstonian was among 1st blacks elected to U.S. legis.
- "one" so. of border
- Glen Rose religious drama (2 wds.)
- actress Evans in TX Kenny's "Gambler, Part II" film (init.)
- hall-of-fame state for great Cowboys
- TXism: "a dish rag"
- TXism: "the creek without a paddle" (had trouble)
- TXism: "he's still got some in his garters" (able)
- San Antonio AM
- Stephen F. Austin in 1835: "War our only resource"
- Travis Tritt's "On"
- cowboy bolos
- pie mode
- TXism: "as a greased pig"
- TXism: "paint the red"
- Laredo FM
- did Lee Harvey have this from the 6th floor? (2 wds.)
- jury members in TX
- TXism: "the bigger they the harder they fall"
- TXism: "run up a white flag"
- TX Charley Pride's "My Eyes Can Only — Far As You"
- TXism: "let 'em rip!"
- this Farley established TX's Boys Ranch in '39
- exotic antelope raised in TX
- gold rush site in 1890s
- TXism: "don't cotton"
- TXism: "likes to pull a cork"
- TXism: "horse town" (small)
- Jim Creek in Coleman Co.
- actress Whelan of film "San Antonio"
- invalidates
- first female TX Sec. of State Meharg
- drink hot coffee
- TX Ginger & film sister romanced in "Follow the Fleet"
- assignments in English class
- TXism: "was around when the Dead Sea was"
- Gov. Hogg's daughter (init.)
- Studi co-star of TX "Ned Blessing"
- TX Buck Owens show: "Haw"
- pigeon-
- Alamo's Davy Crockett: "Be sure you're right, then go"
- Austin's Huston College
- in Johnson Co. off 67
- call meat
- highest point in TX: Guadalupe
- a narrow cut
- corrected or revised a news story
- TXism: "nary a soul"

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- TXism: "dainty — brides"
- Dimmitt is its seat
- prepared to propose
- TXism: "if — been a snake it would have bit you"
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Crews News

By Hilda Kurtz

"A friend is one who will visit you on a hot day—even if you don't have air conditioning."

Joe Webb of Coleman was a visitor at Hopewell Baptist Church services on Sunday.

The Ladies Bible Study met on Monday morning at the church. Those attending were study leader Selma Wilkerson, Carolyn Webb, Juanita Shields, Melvena Gerhart, and Nila Osborne. Visiting was Leona Mathis.

Hopewell folks enjoyed the supper on Thursday at the Winters Activity Center. It was well attended. Therin, Nila, and Louise Osborne enjoyed the Christmas In April meal after the workday.

Joe and Betty Pierce were in Dallas on Friday and Saturday.

Nila and Therin Osborne and Becky and Elwood Brown visited the home of Sue Rose during the week. It was so nice to see these folks. Sue of Dennison has moved into the Clara McKosach farm home place near Crews. She is the daughter of Eddie Hardway. Sue we welcome you to our community.

Hildegard and Calvin of San Angelo spend Saturday and Sunday with me. They did more work on my home getting ready to paint next week. My sister Josephine of California and I had a nice long phone visit on Saturday. They have lots of rain. She's canning garden vegetables. She says to tell all the Winters folks "Hello!"

We missed another good rain Sunday night. There was lots of lightning until midnight.

Joe and Betty Pierce's son R.D. and his wife Anne McCullough and grandchildren, Mindi and Kayla spent Sunday in Brown-



Hilda Kurtz

wood.

Katherine Grissom saw her doctor in Abilene on Friday for a checkup. She had a good report.

Jean and Connie Mac Gibbs of Winters and Rae Self of Winters visited Georgia Gibbs during the week.

Coleman Foreman spent Sunday with Lawan in the Winters nursing home. She was in good spirits.

Reba Gresham and Burnell Nickols of San Angelo spent Friday with Helen Alexander.

Eileen Cartwright carried her dad Noble Faubion to his doctor in San Angelo for a checkup. Last week Noble spent several days in the Coleman hospital.

Doris Wood and Lynda and Carrol Faubion of Ft. Worth visited Harvey Mae and Noble Faubion during the week.

Linda Duggan and Susan and Amy Mansell visited Bernie McCoy in Shreveport, Louisiana on Tuesday. On Wednesday they stopped by Talladega, Alabama to view Susan's watercolor that is hanging in the museum there as part of the Alabama state watercolor show. They spent the next day in Atlanta, Georgia with friends Peter and Carol Lynn Birbaum.

Dale and Linda had a good visit with Wayne King and sons Scott and Kelly on Sunday.

I enjoyed Linda's visit when she brought her news for the papers on Monday afternoon.

Sally Mae Gerhart's family gave her a fish fry supper for her 90th birthday on Sunday at the Lion's Club in Wingate. About 35 attended.

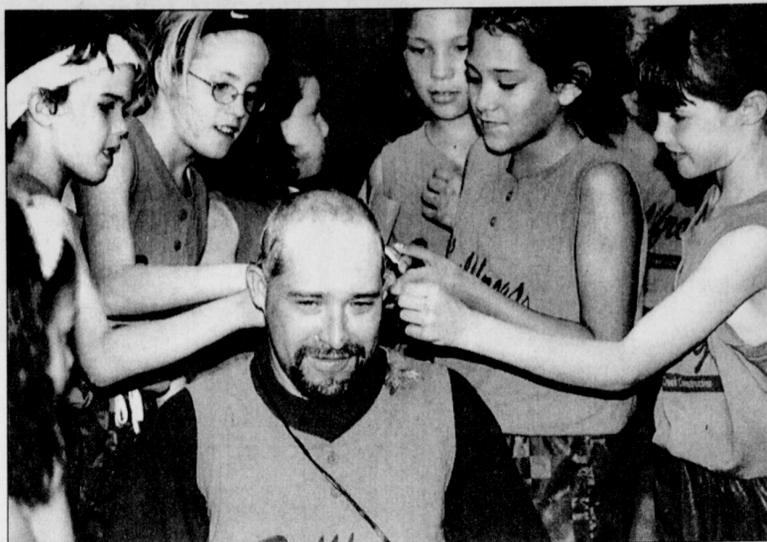
Melvena and Marvin Gerhart celebrated their 39th wedding anniversary on April 14.

Melvena's granddaughter Macey spent Saturday with her. She calls her Nana.

Sharon and Jerry Engler of Brownwood took Margie Jacob to visit with Justin and Kristi Busenlehner in Rowena on Sunday night. They had prepared a birthday supper for Sharon and Margie who had birthdays recently. Jodi Busenlehner also joined the group.

Kristi Busenlehner and Margie Jacob were shopping in Brownwood on Monday. They joined Sharon Engler for a lunch of Chinese food.

And the "buzz" is...



KEEPING HIS PROMISE is Kenny Gibbs, coach of the Bullfrogs (10 & under) girls' softball team who underwent a new "do" at the hands of his players, including (l-r) Jessica Rodriguez, Jacie Frierson, Susan Sneed, Brianna Mese, Ashley Delacruz, Brittany Woffenden, and Shelby Knight. Gibbs had promised his team he'd let them shave his head if they beat Coleman last Monday evening. The girls not only won, but trounced their opponent 13-3 and Coach Gibbs now sports a sleeker, shinier head!

Poe's Corner

By Charlsie Poe

More of Alex Orr's memories...



Charlsie Poe

Who can forget Mr. Sims' filling station there on West Dale just west of where the Alderman-Cave (Green's in the earlier years) feed mill is now. The driveway was not paved — just gravel. It had two lanes. The pumps were the kind where you pumped the gasoline up into the glass bowl to the five or ten gallon level. Then you put the nozzle in the gas tank and opened the valve. The gas flowed into the tank by gravity. If you wanted more you filled up the globe again.

Oil was sold in quart jars with a metal spout on them.

Gas was 11 cents a gallon and oil was 5 cents a quart. A far cry from today, eh?

In the "office" on the north side of the building, there was that wonder of wonders, the candy counter. You could get small sacks of candy for five cents or two or three pieces of candy for a penny. Also, how about Polly Pop, that forerunner of today's Kool-Aid.

A small packet sold for a penny, and it made a gallon of the most delicious drink you ever tasted.

Alex remembers his grandmother sending him to Sims' filling station with the gallon jug off the kerosene stove that was out in the servant's quarters behind their home. Kerosene — coal oil — was five cents for the jug full. While there, some candy was bought from the "office," which was so filled with old tires and auto parts that you had to climb over them.

Once in a while, we would take cold drink bottles to the station where we would get a penny for

and Maddox financed the selling of that candy — just kidding.

Don't forget the Abilene and Southern Railroad, which should be running yet. It ran its course from Abilene to Ballinger and back, hauling freight and people.

Its coming through town was quite an event. Kids put pennies on the tracks to have them mashed into larger "coins." We loved to have the train come through. John Strother said that his dad went to the depot every day to set his watch by the correct railroad time.

Mr. Hunt was the Station Master. He knew Morse code and kids loved to watch him send the messages out. During World War II, a lot of messages came in bearing bad news about "our boys" who had gone off to war and been wounded or killed. A lot of those messages were delivered by bi-

cycle. Just a part of those times — life as it was lived in those days.

Does anyone remember the famous Stamps quartet which was originated by V.O. Stamps of Stamps Community over in deep East Texas? It later became the Stamps-Baxter Quartet and then became such a big deal there were several of the Stamps Quartets traveling around the country as the "one and only" could not be everywhere at once. Well, Winters had a citizen who was in the ORIGINAL. He was none other than Bob Bacon. How proud of him we were. In later years, his wife worked at Krause Dept. Store and even later at Heidenheimer's when it first opened in Winters.

Just another bit of trivia for those of the "now" generation.

Financial Focus

by Jim Woodruff

Where's Your Life Preserver?

Staying afloat when you feel like you're on a sinking ship

The creators of the movie "Titanic" did a wonderful job of highlighting the individual mistakes that added up to one of the worst maritime disasters of all time: The lookouts did not have binoculars to see the oncoming iceberg; the captain was sailing too fast; the ship was too large to maneuver; there were too many passengers and not enough lifeboats. But the biggest mistake of all was the view that "this time was different" — that the Titanic was unsinkable. That mistake was the root cause of everything else that followed. No one thought the "worst-case scenario" was even possible. The same could be said about investing in the so-called "new economy." With so many investors flailing helplessly in the icy, cold waters, let's think about some of the mistakes investors made that could have been avoided.

The lookouts did not have binoculars

Never before have individual investors had so much access to opinions and research directly from Wall Street experts. Through the Internet, print and broadcast media, these "lookouts" (market strategists, portfolio managers and analysts) were nearly unanimous in their views that "the sky's the limit" regarding the Internet and anything related to technology. Obvious warning signs, such as rising interest rates (the approaching iceberg) and sky-high price-to-earnings ratios (P/Es), were simply ignored. The experts (lookouts) said technology stocks were immune to rising rates. They said sky-high P/Es were justified because of the robust, expected growth. Value investors such as Warren Buffett, who questioned the prices paid for popular technology stocks, were called "old-fashioned."

To be continued.

Artists Guild to meet Tuesday

The Midwest Texas Artists Guild will hold its regularly scheduled monthly meeting on Tuesday, May 1, at 7:00 p.m. at I MADE IT on Hutchings Avenue in Ballinger.

Featured speaker and demonstrator will be Susan Mansell. Susan's works in watercolor have received many local awards and national recognitions.

Winters Squares to support Oliver benefit dance

The Winters Squares have cancelled their April 28 dance due to a benefit dance scheduled for Jim Oliver, husband of Abilene cuer Kathy Oliver at the Wagon Wheel in Tye.

The benefit dance will start with a round dance at 7 p.m. Cuer will be Diane Stater. A square dance will begin at 8 p.m. with Ed Hart as caller.

The Winters Squares will continue their regular schedule on May 26 at the Winters Community Center. For more information call 754-5158.

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Blessed Daze

by Jean Boles

Secretaries — a tale of Woo or Woe?

Are you a secretary? Maybe a boss with your own secretary? Or maybe just a desperate person who'd like to have your own secretary? I can relate to all three categories but must admit that working as a secretary was by far the most adventuresome.

More than once I was told, "you're just a secretary" but I never thought of it that way. After all, being a secretary was a great deal like living the life of that famous schizophrenic lady, Sybil.

Just take a look. These are a few of the "honors" we secretaries are "privileged" to hold:

Chauffeur — "run" to school and pick up boss's kids and take wherever the little darlings desire. "Run" pick up very important papers for special project from office across town. All driving to be done in personal vehicle. Boss's fancy company car is too nice for secretary to drive.

Cook — make coffee every morning. Might even get to whip up a little snack for boss when he

gets mid-afternoon hungries from working two solid hours.

Maid/Waitress — fetch and serve above mentioned coffee several times throughout the day. (Apron is optional but must coordinate with office attire).

Triathlete — necessary for first four jobs. Muscle strengthening and endurance level improved by lifting typewriters, computers and overstuffed filing cabinets. Must also be willing to carry weight of the world on shoulders.

Actress — feed the general public a convincing line of baloney while trying to cover boss's backside. My favorite is story time when boss says he's "out" but he's really "in."

Peacemaker — an extension of Actress category. Must be able to use worldly diplomatic skills as liaison between boss and hostile public. Special care taken with boss's wife, girlfriend, accountant and creditors.

Psychic — must be able to stay ten steps ahead of any possible change in plans that boss might

decide. Logic not relevant to his decisions.

Sparring partner — must be willing to go at least ten rounds when boss in bad mood. Good to remember the phrase, "Roll with the Punches" during this segment.

Beef jerky — boss always needs someone to chew on, and on, and on. An extremely tough hide is recommended. (Please note: only boss can be upset, late for work, in bad mood, have flu, have serious personal problems, etc. "Just the Secretary" cannot).

Fashion designer — must be able to make complete trendy wardrobe from four garments. Salary cannot support more than this. Good idea to buy chameleon-skin shoes so only pair owned will change to match everything.

Clown/Magician — must be able to cheer up boss, boss's wife, clients, etc. Psychic powers also handy in this area.

Insomniac — doesn't need must sleep. Willing to work a good ten hours a day and be thrilled with hearing "think of all

the prestige." (Whatever happened to big raises and bonuses?)

Octopus/Juggler — a must! Definitely be able to do 15 things at once and be in four places at the same time. No excuses. After all, boss allowed you 30 minutes to finish report he left lying on his desk for two weeks.

Photographic memory — be able to retrieve every minute piece of information within seconds. Must also remember boss's anniversary, wife's birthday, doctor appointments, and (most important) boss's tee-off times.

So, Sister Secretaries, if for some really strange reason you ever question your sanity and why you are a secretary, just put down that telephone, turn off that computer, climb out from under that mountain of paperwork and step back a pace or two.

After all, isn't that how the system works for us secretaries — one step forward and two steps back?

Happy Secretaries' Week.

Card of Thanks

I surely want to thank all the good people who worked on my house for Christmas In April.

I appreciate everything you did for me. I'm so proud of my house—I can't tell you how much.

Again, thank you to all the caring and hard working volunteers, and the Christmas In April organization.

Sincerely,
Daphne Simpson

Winters Literary & Service Club learns details of club's history

The Literary and Service Club members attended a meeting at the Carnegie Library in Ballinger on April 18 as guests of the Ballinger Woman's Club.

A very interesting skit was presented by Ruby and June Schuman telling of the history of GFWC around the United States.

The organization goes back 130 years and is noted for volunteering and contributing to this country's various needs. The club has been instrumental in starting traveling libraries and promotion of child labor laws, workers compensation, the Pure Food and Drug Act, and compulsory school attendance. These women have been behind many good causes and promoted the 8-hour workday, day care, elderly care, and national parks preservation. They brought out that volunteering has been the main purpose of the busiest women around.

Official Records

County Court Dispositions
Mario A. Rodriguez, criminal mischief, case dismissed, restitution paid
Jeffrey Baker, theft by check, case dismissed, check was a forgery
Marriage Licenses Issued
April 16
Eric Gregory Beimer and Caryl Maureen Wilde

District Court Divorce Cases Filed
April 16
John Melton Fulton vs. Lana Colleen Burns Fulton
Irma Garcia Castillo vs. Robert Castillo
April 19
Jay Harold Harris vs. Ysenia Marie Harris

Civil Cases Filed
April 20
Federated Mutual Insurance Company vs. Darlene Ortiz, exemplary damages

Justice of the Peace Precinct 1 Small Claims Cases Filed
April 11
Jerry Holle vs. Charles W. Bolen, non-payment on call

Criminal Cases Filed
April 8
Benjamin Polo Jalomo, filed for driving under the influence: minor detectable amount

April 12
Jaime Parra, filed for minor in possession of alcoholic beverage
April 17
Teresa Arispe, filed for theft by check
April 19
Jarrod Michael Klaras, filed for minor in possession of alcohol

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, April 15, 2001, through Saturday, April 21, 2001. Winters Police Officers:

• received a report of a domestic disturbance in the 300 block of N. Cryer Street. A male, reportedly intoxicated, left the residence prior to officers arriving, but was located a short time later on Wood Street. An odor of alcohol was detected on the driver who was offered and subsequently failed several field sobriety tasks. Victor Santoya of Winters was arrested for driving while intoxicated and taken to Runnels Co. Jail.

• officers observed and stopped a 1999 Chevy Pickup on S. Main Street for several traffic violations including observing the pickup stopped for a green light at the 153/83 Highway Intersection. An odor of alcohol was detected on the driver who was offered and subsequently failed several field sobriety tasks. An illegal switchblade knife was located in the pickup after officers observed the driver attempt to conceal the knife. The driver, Johnny Sanchez of Abilene, was arrested for driving while intoxicated, driving while license suspended and unlawfully carrying an illegal weapon. He was taken to Runnels Co. Jail.

• received report of a theft in the 300 block of E. Truett Street. A 22-year-old Winters female alleged a male subject known to her entered her home without permission and removed several items which the male later returned to the female. This is under investigation as burglary of a habitation.

• received report of a domestic disturbance in the 400 block of S. Church Street. A 29-year-old female alleged a 29-year-old male assaulted her by striking her in the head after an argument over the male's alleged infidelity. The male left the scene prior to officers arrival. Charges are pending on the male for class A assault.

• received report of a domestic disturbance in the 100 block Bluebonnet Street. A 28-year-old Winters female reported being assaulted about the head and neck by a male subject related to her. Injuries were observed to the female including a broken tooth. The male was located and injuries observed to him as well. Both subjects declined medical assistance and the male, Guy Williams of Winters, was arrested for class A assault and taken to Runnels Co. Jail.

• received report of a disturbance involving weapons in the 700 block of Roberts Street. Investigation determined that an on going feud between neighbors escalated when one male allegedly threatened another with a gun. The second male retrieved a baseball bat which he stated was protection against the other male if he did attempt to assault him with a gun. No gun was ever located. The male, Luis Flores of Winters, who armed himself with a bat was arrested for unlawfully carrying a weapon and taken to Runnels Co. Jail. Charges for terroristic threat are pending against the other male.

• observed and stopped a Chevy pickup for several traffic violations on Main Street including driving into oncoming traffic. An odor of alcohol was detected on the driver who exhibited signs of intoxication. Open containers of alcohol were located in the pickup. The driver was offered and subsequently failed several field sobriety tasks. Freddie Thomas of Merkel was arrested for driving while intoxicated subsequent offense and taken to Runnels Co. Jail. He provided a blood alcohol specimen over the legal limit.

• observed and stopped an Oldsmobile car on Highway 153 for several traffic violations including crossing into other lanes of traffic. An odor of alcohol was detected on the driver who exhibited signs of intoxication. Alcohol was located in the vehicle along with several underage passengers who were also determined to have been consuming alcohol. Andrew Medina and Kristen Boggess were arrested for minor in possession and consumption of alcohol. Jennifer Edington was arrested for driving while intoxicated and driving while license suspended. All were taken to Runnels Co. Jail. A 15-year-old Winters male was released into his parents custody after being cited for minor in possession of alcohol.

• received report of a domestic disturbance in the 300 block of N. Melwood. Officers observed injuries to both a male and female subject. Both parties claimed to have been assaulted by the other subject. Officers determined mutual combat had occurred and arrested both for class A assault. Michael Sanchez of Winters and Natasha Rice of Ballinger were taken to Runnels Co. Jail.

• an ongoing investigation into the acts of vandalism occurring on the east side of Winters has culminated in the identification of four juvenile males ranging in ages from 12-16 years of age. Written admissions were obtained from two 14-year-old Winters males who admitted to cutting the tires of several subjects resulting in hundreds of dollars in property damage. The juveniles are being referred to prosecutors in the District Attorney's Office.



NORTH RUNNELS EMT Jimmy Ripley (foreground) prepares a backboard for accident victims (seated, l-r) Eddie Gonzales, 20, and his father, Braulio Gonzales, Jr., 49, both of Abilene. Assisting are EMTs Mary Rocha, Chuck Cravens, and Larry Collom. The Gonzales, driving a 1998 Ford pickup pulling a utility trailer, were turning south into the Wingate Cemetery from Hwy 153 when a 1995 Ford Explorer with four Texas Tech students heading to Austin struck the trailer causing it to ram into the pickup. Megan Murphy, 21, of Austin was cited for failure to control speed. Watching the EMTs is Robin Boyd, 19, of Austin, who was a passenger in the vehicle and Winters fireman Mike Meyer. There were no serious injuries as a result of the April 20th accident.

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Pest Management News

By Richard Minzenmayer, Extension Agent-Entomology (PM)

Rust and armyworms causing damage in wheat fields

The weather cannot decide what it wants to do. It's 85° one day and 45° for the high the next. Hopefully, this is the last cold spell for a while.

Rust continues to be a major problem in many small grain fields and, to add to this problem, armyworms can now be found in varying numbers in most fields.

We missed a good opportunity for additional rainfall this week when the cold front came through on Tuesday. Hopefully, we won't miss the next opportunity. Most wheat fields could use additional soil moisture now and will certainly need more before the grain matures.

Rust has really exploded and has caused significant damage in many fields. Economically justifying the control of rust in dryland wheat with a yield potential of 20-25 bushels/acre is difficult.

Another concern with the present wheat crop is how late it is this year. Many acres of wheat have just started head exertion or just beginning to bloom. This delay in grain fill could coincide with the hotter temperatures that would further reduce the yield potential of this year's crop.

I think if your yield potential is above 30 bushels and moisture conditions are favorable, it will prob-

ably be to your advantage to spray. If you yield potential is less than 30 bushels, you are probably trading dollars.

If you're keeping wheat seed for planting next year, it would be to your advantage to spray it. Quality is going to be much better.

Armyworms—They have found their way to the Concho Valley. No, they are not Beet Armyworms, but fall armyworms and several other species.

They can be found in varying numbers in most small grain fields. Damage to lower leaves of wheat plants is easily found in some fields. Fields should be monitored closely for increasing armyworm infestations.

Fields that were planted early that have produced more abundant growth are more likely to be infested. Go to the greenest most actively growing area of the field and check first. If they are present, they will be there first.

Armyworm outbreaks are favored during cool, damp weather. In taller wheat, with rank thick growth, armyworms can cause excessive damage below the crop canopy before they are detected. Early detection is important. Damage includes defoliation,

beard and head clipping or consumption of the whole plant. Armyworms can start in grassy weeds on the edge of wheat fields.

After armyworms consume the foliage on these weedy plants, they then move into the adjoining wheat field. The last two larval stages cause most of the damage.

Fully developed larvae are about 1.5 inches in length and 4-5 larvae per square foot can cause excessive damage. These types of armyworms are effectively controlled using light to mid-rates of pyrethroid insecticide. Sevin® or Lannate® is also labeled for armyworm control in wheat. A pyrethroid is probably the most cost effective insecticide to use.

Cutworms and Armyworms in Sorghum—Many sorghum fields are up to a stand and progressing nicely. Monitor seedling sorghum regularly for cutworm and/or armyworm damage.

With the good growing conditions early, we've had a nice crop of weeds and with weeds come insects so watch closely.

The typical cutworm larva attacking sorghum is plump and curls into a "C" shape when disturbed. Larvae vary in color from grayish white to grayish black or brown

depending on species. Larvae remain underground during the day and feeds at night.

Cutworms in sorghum cut plants off at, slightly below or above, the surface of the soil. Cultural controls for cutworms include plowing under or using herbicides to control vegetation in late summer or early fall, destroying weeds and thoroughly preparing the seedbed at least three to six weeks before planting.

Cutworms are more severe in weedy fields.

Determining the presence of cutworms in sorghum is based on visible damage to plants. Determine the number of severed or dead and dying plants per foot of row.

Base your decision to apply insecticide on the degree to which an adequate stand is threatened.

For cutworms and armyworms that feed on above ground plant parts, significant losses occur when more than 30 percent of the leaf tissue has been eaten.

Insecticide sprayed as a broadcast treatment on the ground and plants usually protects against cutworms. Late afternoon applications are more effective.

Stewards of the Soil

By B.D. Davis
Biologist/Land Manager

Quail and CRP waterways

Bobwhite quail are just like you or I or any other of God's creatures—we all need food, we need water, we need shelter and we need a little space on which to make a living. You and I are doing OK but bobwhite quail are not fairing as well.

The USDA administers a relatively new aspect of the old Conservation Reserve Program (CRP). This program could, if the right choices are made, assist wildlife in general and bobwhite quail in particular. The facet most active in Runnels County is CRP waterways.

Waterways are a critical and important piece of real estate. They are engineered to move excess water from a field in a non-erosive manner. The USDA will provide cost share to largely cover the cost of construction and seeding. In addition CRP funds are available in the form of an annual rental payment.

In short, if a Runnels County producer has a need for a waterway most of the construction and seeding costs are covered plus 10 years of income from the acres involved.

We producers have a couple of choices. One choice is to construct the waterway and seed it to Bermuda type grasses.

A pure stand of Bermuda grass is essentially a desert to a bobwhite quail. The babies cannot walk through it, they cannot feed in it nor is it tall enough to provide cover—it is largely useless to a quail.

The second choice can assist wildlife. The waterway can be engineered to allow mid height grasses in the bottom.

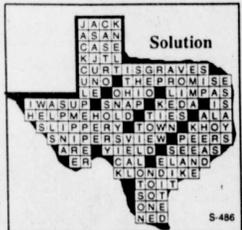
In addition and more importantly the tops and outside of the berms can be seeded to mix of vegetation that can make all the difference for quail and other wildlife.

The top and outside of the berms can be seeded to a mix to tall grasses such as Indiangrass and switchgrass in combination with forbs such as the perennial sunflowers, Illinois bundleflower, prairie clover and partridge pea.

This type of vegetation provides all the needs of bobwhite quail—nesting cover, food, screening cover and escape cover. Plus the forbs provide a basis for insects—the key to the survival of baby quail.

Most of the CRP waterways installed in Runnels County are seeded to Bermuda grass. However, if you are considering a waterway look at the choices that can help wildlife—you will feel good about it. Both type waterways still do the same job. But one is a desert to a bobwhite quail and the other is a Garden of Eden.

And the Lord God planted a garden eastward in Eden; and there he put the man whom he had formed. Genesis 2:8



Armyworm outbreak causing excessive damage in the Texas landscape

Armyworm outbreaks are difficult to predict but infestations seem to occur in portions of the state every year especially after rains.

The fall and true armyworm are the insects that usually cause the most problems in pastures, small grains, golf courses and home landscapes. They are currently causing excessive damage to plants across the area.

Larvae hatch from the eggs and when full-grown, larvae are green, brown, or black, and about 1 to 1.5 inches long. The larva has a dark head capsule usually marked with a pale, but distinct, inverted "Y". Along each side of its body is a longitudinal, black

strip, and along the middle of its back is a wider, yellowish-gray stripe with four black dots on each segment.

When full grown, larvae will enter the soil and form the pupal stage. Adult moths emerge from pupae. Moths mate and lay eggs, thus starting the life cycle over again. Lush plant growth is preferred by the adults for egg laying.

When feeding, larvae strip foliage and then move to the next available food. High populations appear to march side by side to the new food.

When food is scarce, they will move to plants that are not normally attacked. Plants attacked by

armyworms include; bermudagrass, grain and forage sorghum, corn, small grains, sweet potato, beans, turnip, clover, tobacco, spinach, cucumber, potatoes, tomatoes, cowpeas, cabbage and bluegrass.

Damage consists of foliage consumption. The first three instars do very little feeding while the last two instars consume 85% of the total foliage consumed.

Armyworms should be controlled when they occur in large numbers or plant damage is becoming excessive.

Insecticide choices vary with the crop but possible choices include Carbaryl (Sevin®), Malathion and various biologicals such as Dipel®.

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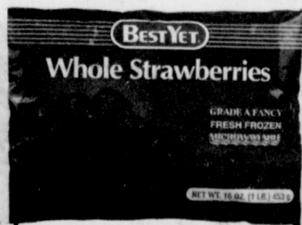
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