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Tammy Bright resigns as elementary principal Trustees hire new coach

During the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees for the Winters Independent School District, two resignations were accepted and a coach and a business teacher were hired.

Tammy Bright, WISD Elementary Principal for the past three years, submitted her resignation. She has taken a position with the Levelland School District.

A resignation was also accepted from Bridget Goetz, a third grade teacher at Winters since October, 2000.

David Acevedo has been hired to teach government and economics and work with varsity football, freshman boys' basketball and be head tennis coach. He comes to Winters from Irion County High School in Mertzon where he was defensive coordinator, coached junior varsity basketball and junior high tennis, and taught government, economics and world history.

Mary Stimp, who has been a half-time technology integrator at WISD since August, 2000, and worked full-time since last April,

was hired as secondary school business teacher for the coming school year.

In other action, trustees approved the cooperative agreement with CAP High School for the 2001-2002 school year.

Trustees discussed the bonus program for teachers concerning the 3-day absentee allowance, and requested more information from school administrators.

The depository contract was again awarded to Security State Bank, who had the contract this past school year. State National and First American Bank also submitted bids for the school depository contract.

The board also considered adult education classes in cooperation with Texas State Technical College and Western Texas College. This proposal was also tabled until further information can be received.

Present for the June 11 meeting were trustees Allen Andrae, Jerry Sims, Cheryl Bryan, Gary Moore, Jack Davis, Jr., and Bob Prewit. Larry Walker was absent.



A CHECK OF \$80,000, representing a \$20,000 grant and a \$60,000 loan, is presented to the City of Winters from USDA Rural Development for renovations of the city's community center. The effort is part of USDA's national program to help rural areas build and enhance essential community facilities. Winters will be responsible for providing \$20,000 in-kind services toward the work which is anticipated to begin in a couple of months and be completed by the end of the year. On hand to receive the funds are (l-r) Winters Councilman Jimmy Butler; Patricia Butler, Community Development Specialist with the USDA; City Administrator Dr. Aref Hassan, and Shelia Paschal, City Secretary.

Commissioners consider speed limits for three county roads

Runnels County Commissioners discussed setting speed limits on three county roads in a public hearing at Tuesday's regular meeting of the court.

Commissioner Ricky Strube, of Precinct 4, said he requested the public hearing be held on advice of County Attorney Stuart Holden. Strube is requesting the court consider setting a 45 mile per hour speed limit on three county roads in his precinct, numbers 106, 288 and 392. Roads 106 and 392 are north of Miles and 288 is better known as Country Club Road, running northwest out of Ballinger.

Brian Richards, who lives on CR 388, spoke at the hearing in favor of setting the speed limit. He told of instances of traffic traveling in excess of 70 miles per hour on the road. "That road is not built for that speed," he said.

Commissioner Skipper Wheelless told the court and audience that he was opposed to setting the See COMMISSIONERS, pg. 4

2001 Winters Relay For Life nets \$12,500 donation for American Cancer Society

The numbers are in! Everyone wants to know...How much? How many? and Who?

It's final. Winters will turn over nearly \$12,500 to the American Cancer Society as a result of the 2001 Winters Relay For Life, held June 1-2 at the Winters Track Complex.

Nineteen teams, family members, and guests numbered approximately 400 strong during the opening ceremonies. Over 30 survivors walked during the first lap. More than 500 luminaries were sold and lined both sides of the track. At least 150 dedicated team members made the final lap of the event at 6:30 a.m.

The Kupona Team (meaning "survivor" in Shona, an African language) topped all teams collecting donations totaling \$1,500. This is the second consecutive year this group has collected the most money as a team for the event. They received a \$5 voucher for each team member towards a meal at The Shed, down on the farm in Wingate, compliments of Hollis and Betty Dean.

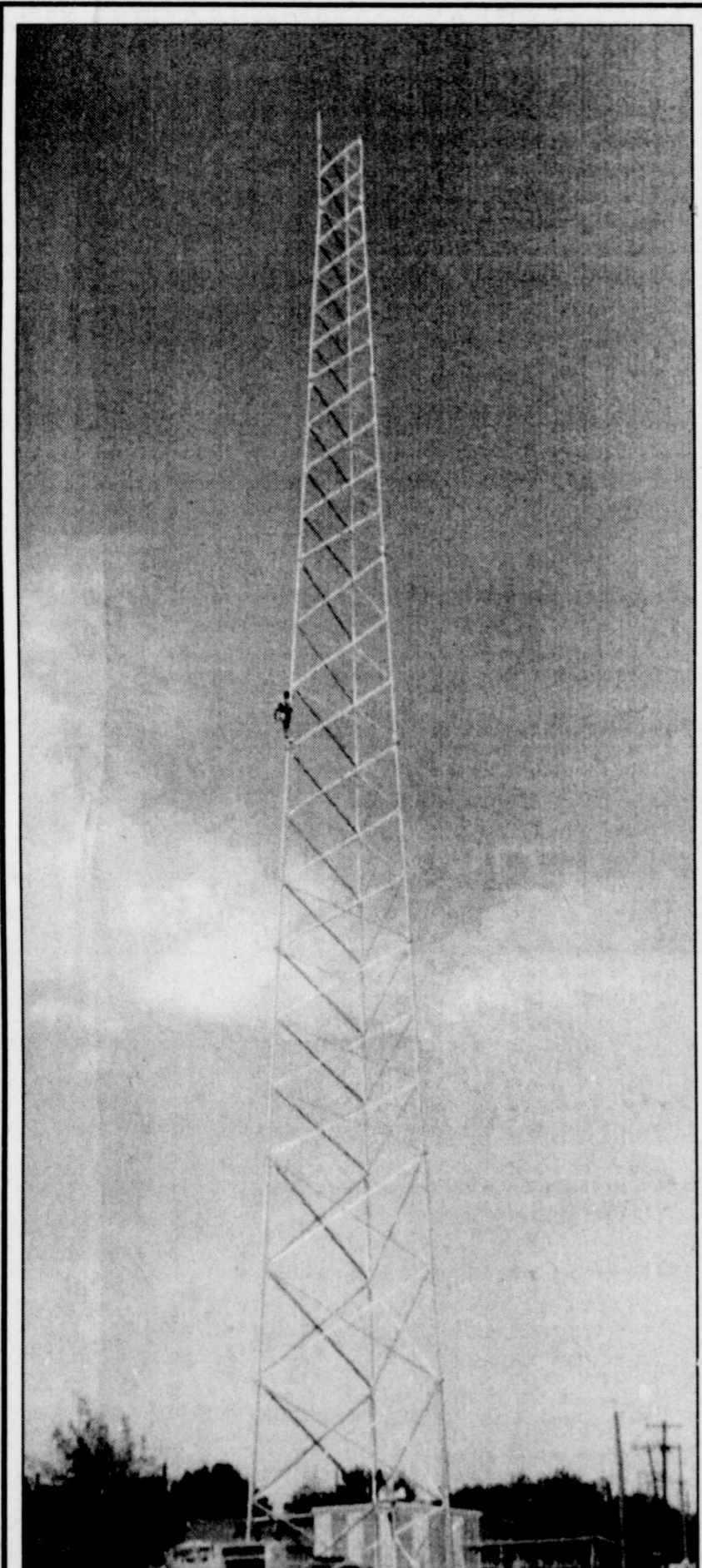
The Kupona Team decorated their campsite in true "Survivor" fashion with tiki torches, a campfire, rice tin, and tent made from an American Cancer Society flag. Team co-captains were Melanie Wade and Leslie Pruser-Duggan.

The Castaway Team from Ballinger, whose goal was to "cast away cancer," was named the "Best Campsite" for their tropical theme complete with brightly colored tie-dyed t-shirts, Jamaican straw hats, and a "pair of coconut shells." Their tent-site sported hanging monkeys, citronella candle buckets, and a grill which was fired up at midnight to roast hot dogs and S'mores. Cancer survivor LuAnn Kirk was team captain. They were awarded drink coosies donated by Wal-Mart.

Their sister-team, the Drifters, walked the most laps with 148. Team captain Kristy Andrews was presented video gift certificates See RELAY, page 5



DR. STEPHEN SORGEN, RADIATION ONCOLOGIST for the Texas Cancer Center in Abilene, and his wife Jeannie, formerly of Winters, (right) join District 16 Executive Director of the American Cancer Society Wanda Braune (left) and two Winters Relay For Life coordinators Kelly Lipsey and Deb Pritchard for opening ceremonies at the 2001 event on Friday, June 1.



A BRAVE CONSTRUCTION WORKER scrambles down the new 148-foot cellular tower located at the corner of Broadway and Meeks. The tower is owned by Mid-Tex Cellular but all cell phone owners should see improved reception in the Winters area.

Pool opens Monday

The Winters City Pool will open Monday, June 18. Pool hours are from 1 to 6 p.m. daily.

Cost is 50¢ for children ages 4 and under and \$1.50 for anyone age 5 and over. Family passes will be available.

The pool staff is now booking parties and swim lessons by calling 754-4645.

Baseball Awards Night is Monday

Winters Community Baseball will hold their annual Awards Night along with an Ice Cream Supper on Monday, June 18.

The ice cream supper will begin at 7 p.m., followed by the awards ceremony at 7:30 p.m. The event will take place at the south diamond of the baseball complex in Ted Meyer City Park.

All area baseball and softball players and their families are encouraged to attend.

WHAT'S HAPPENING ?

- June 14-9-11 a.m., Vacation Bible School, First United Methodist Church 10 a.m., Triple L Club, First Baptist Church 11:30 a.m., Sr. Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center 7 p.m., Jim Bowie Days & A Song of Silver, Menard **FLAG DAY**
- June 15-9-11 a.m., Vacation Bible School, First United Methodist Church 11:30 a.m., Sr. Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center Noon, Telecommunications Seminar, The Rock Hotel 3 p.m., Father's Day Tea, Sr. Citizens Nursing Home 7 p.m., Jim Bowie Days & A Song of Silver, Menard 7:30 p.m., Cowboys for Christ, Drasco George Havens Cowboy Camp Meeting, Coleman/Santa Anna
- June 16-7 p.m., Jim Bowie Days & A Song of Silver, Menard 7:30 p.m., Fort Concho Campfire Concert, San Angelo George Havens Cowboy Camp Meeting, Coleman/Santa Anna
- June 17-**FATHER'S DAY**
- June 18-9 a.m.-Noon, Vacation Bible School, St. John's Lutheran Church 11:30 a.m., Sr. Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center 7 p.m., Baseball Awards Night & Ice Cream Supper, City Park
- June 19-9 a.m.-Noon, Vacation Bible School, St. John's Lutheran Church 11:30 a.m., Sr. Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center Noon, Lions Club, Sr. Citizens Activity Center 3 p.m., Summer Reading Club, Winters Public Library 7 p.m., AA, First United Methodist Church 7 p.m., WVFD, Fire Station 7:30 p.m., Eastern Star
- June 20-7 a.m., Industrial Board, Chamber Office 9 a.m.-Noon, Vacation Bible School, St. John's Lutheran Church 9 a.m.-4 p.m., WIC, Winters Housing Authority 11:30 a.m., Sr. Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center
- June 21-11:30 a.m., Sr. Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center

Oil Bidness

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California is dead-set against any future leasing offshore of its coast. But, guess what? The state is gladly willing to take the money the U.S. government recently distributed that represents a portion of the potential income from future offshore leasing.

A payment of \$65 million was made as part of a 1986 law requiring the U.S. Minerals Management Service (MMS) to share proceeds from Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) oil and gas leasing with California, Texas, Louisiana, Alabama, Alaska, and Mississippi. The payment was part of \$2.15 billion in payments over 15 years that were to represent 27% of expected future revenues from offshore oil and gas leasing.

The payment basis was limited to only the 3-6 mile strip adjacent to the respective state's continental shelf limit, not the entire OCS. The payment amounts and schedule were fixed in 1986 and are not impacted by actual leasing revenues. So, whether or not any revenue is generated is not material—the payments, as scheduled, will be made.

California stepped right up to the "pay window" and took the largest share (about 44%) of the overall payments. There were no complaints about taking this "dirty money" that will come (if there is ever any new leasing) from the horrible and evil practice of selling the rights to explore the property that is, after all, owned by the federal government.

To serious observers, this is not out of character for the state government of California or its citizens. Past actions have demon-

strated just such a pattern of behavior. They want the biggest cars but don't want them made there. They want to drive those big cars the farthest and fastest but don't want gasoline made there. They want to live in the internet age powered by electricity but don't want any generating plants.

Why not get leasing money without any leasing?

Perhaps the state would like to return the money on the principle of the matter? Don't bet on it. Buying all those power transmission lines from bankrupt power companies have put them in a huge bind for money.

Despite a state income tax, high sales taxes, and even higher consumption taxes of other flavors, state coffers are looking a bit light these days. And, blaming everything on Texas is a favorite pastime in the Golden State these days, so why not take some of that money generated by a lot of Texas-based companies when it's available?

But, who are we to note the irony of this situation? Wasn't it someone in Los Angeles International Airport that told me there IS such a thing as a free lunch? All I had to do was donate the proper amount to some new-age religion and all that I ever could dream for would just drop in my lap.

I just didn't realize that was the new state motto.

HIGHLIGHTS OF AREA DRILLING ACTIVITY

Not Available This Week

Killough re-elected museum president

At the annual meeting of the membership of the Z.I. Hale Museum held on Monday, June 11, Dan Killough was re-elected as president of the organization. Other officers include Randall Conner, vice-president; Phyllis Boles, Secretary; Jane Bourdo, assistant secretary; Marlene Smith, treasurer; Charlsie Poe and Edna England, historians; Alton O'Neal Jr., curator; and Bobby Mayo, Anthony Lange, and Johnny Key, assistant curators.

Board directors will be Phyllis Boles, Jane Bourdo, Charlsie Poe, Edna England, Alton O'Neal Jr., Bobby Mayo, Kay Colburn, Nina Hale, and Judy Biddix.

Advisory directors elected for the 2001-2002 year include Gwen

Andrae, Hank Bourdo, Juanita Bredemeyer, Wanda Brewer, W.T. (Dub) Davis, Naomi Gerhart, Gordon Kintner, Jewell Kraatz, Tommie O'Dell, Theresa Patterson, Garland Richards, Judy Rusk, Donna Smith, Dwayne Williams, and Gail Williams.

The annual financial report was presented and time was spent discussing the goals for the Z.I. Hale Museum during the coming year. The primary goals include finishing The Rock Hotel, moving and rebuilding the Blue Gap Post Office, beginning restoration on the Drummer House, and building new exhibits in the museum and hotel. Refreshments were served to those in attendance.

Telecommunications seminar at noon on Friday at Rock Hotel

The Winters Area Business and Industrial Corporation will host a meal and presentation on high-speed internet access by IVIT Communications Group, Inc. of Kilgore.

The presentation will be at noon on Friday, June 15, at The Rock Hotel Heritage Center, 300 West Dale, Winters.

IVIT specializes in offering communication services to small and medium businesses in unserved or underserved rural communities in Texas by using wireless technology.

Ten to twenty subscribers (128 kilobits/second to 64 kilobits/second) are needed to offer service in Winters.

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Packages of local service, long distance, and high-speed internet are available at competitive prices.

Comments are encouraged in order to determine wide-band needs for the near future.

Please RSVP to Randall Conner at 754-4542 if you would like to attend so that a head count may be made for the meal. If there is no answer, please leave a voice mail message.

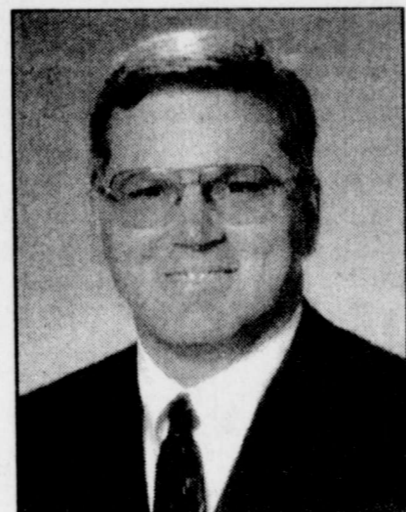
State National Investment Services hires representative

Randall Reeves has joined State National Bank as a Registered Representative for State National Investment Services.

Reeves is based in Abilene at the downtown office at 1049 N. 3rd Street, but will travel to the surrounding branches in the region including Bangs, San Angelo, Stamford, Trent, Winters, and Azle.

He has 18 years of experience in the financial services industry and holds CLU and ChFC designations. Reeves graduated from West Texas State University in Canyon with a bachelor's of arts and science degree.

Reeves will establish the new investment services program and handle all aspects of investments including annuities, life insurance, and long-term care. Insurance products will be offered through Fiserv Life Insurance Solutions. Reeves is a Registered Representative of and will be offering securities through Fiserv Investor Services, Inc., a member of NASD and SIPC.



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Monday, June 18: Ham & gravy, potato salad, pinto beans, cornbread, and peaches.

Tuesday, June 19: Spaghetti w/meat sauce, green beans, tossed salad, garlic bread, and chocolate cake.

Wednesday, June 20: Swiss steak, corn, mixed vegetables, roll, and Jello cake.

Thursday, June 21: Hamburger, French fries, pea salad, pickles & onions, and glorified rice.

Friday, June 22: German sausage, baked beans, coleslaw, cornbread, and cobbler.

August Trades Day in Winters

The Winters Ministerial Alliance will sponsor a Day of Garage Sales and Sidewalk Sales in Winters on Saturday, August 4.

Booth space (20'x20') will be available along West Dale Street for \$20. You can register your home garage sale or sidewalk sale to be promoted in a community flyer for \$10.

For information, contact Maudella Reeves at the Winters Outreach Center, 754-2036, or Randall Conner at 754-4542.

The funds received by the Ministerial Alliance will be used to operate the Outreach Center.

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Obituaries

David Rodriguez

GRANGER—David Rodriguez, 44, formerly of Ballinger, died Tuesday, June 5, 2001, at Granger.

He was born January 24, 1957, in Austin to John and Helen Rivera Rodriguez. He married Delores Gloria.

Mr. Rodriguez worked in the maintenance department for Granger Independent School District.

Survivors include his wife, Delores Rodriguez of Granger; four daughters, Rosie Rodriguez of Stephenville, Tracy West of Colorado Springs, Colorado, and Brittany Renee Rodriguez and Cassandra Nicole Gloria, both of Granger; his mother, Helen Rodriguez of Ballinger; five brothers, Johnny Rodriguez Jr. of Granger, Cecil Rodriguez and Frank Rodriguez of Temole, and Paul Rodriguez and Joe Manuel Rodriguez, both of Ballinger; five sisters, Josie Stanley of Austin and Frances Aguilera, Margaret Rodriguez, Sara Rodriguez, and Carmen Rodriguez, all of Ballinger; and two grandchildren.

Visitation was from 7-8 p.m. Thursday, June 4, at Rains-Seale Funeral Home in Ballinger. Graveside services were at 4 p.m. Thursday, June 7, at Evergreen Cemetery in Ballinger with Cecilio Jimenez officiating. Burial was directed by Rains-Seale Funeral Home.

Robert Eugene "Buddy" Davis

CLYDE—Robert Eugene "Buddy" Davis, 62, passed away Tuesday, May 27, 2001, at an Abilene hospital.

He was born September 5, 1938, in Valera to Raymond E. and Francis Clark Davis. He married Freida Gilbreath December 31, 1986, in Baird. He moved to Clyde from Winters in 1977.

Mr. Davis was a self-employed mechanic and a Baptist.

Survivors include his wife, Freida Davis of Clyde; two sons, Randall Davis of Abilene and Keith Wood of Tucson, Arizona; four daughters, Paula Carter of Abilene, Rhonda Kilburn of Manchester, Vermont, Karen Holden of Clyde, and Kellye Rodriguez of Mission; three brothers, Phillip Davis of San Angelo, Walter Davis of Ballinger, and Bennie Davis of Valera; three sisters, Clara Halfmann of Ballinger, Ginger Loflin of Talpa, and Cora Dillard of Santa Anna; six grandchildren; and a great-grandson.

Services were held Tuesday, May 29, at the First Baptist Church with Reverend Riley Fugitt and Dr. Jerry Joplin officiating. Burial followed in the Clyde Cemetery under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

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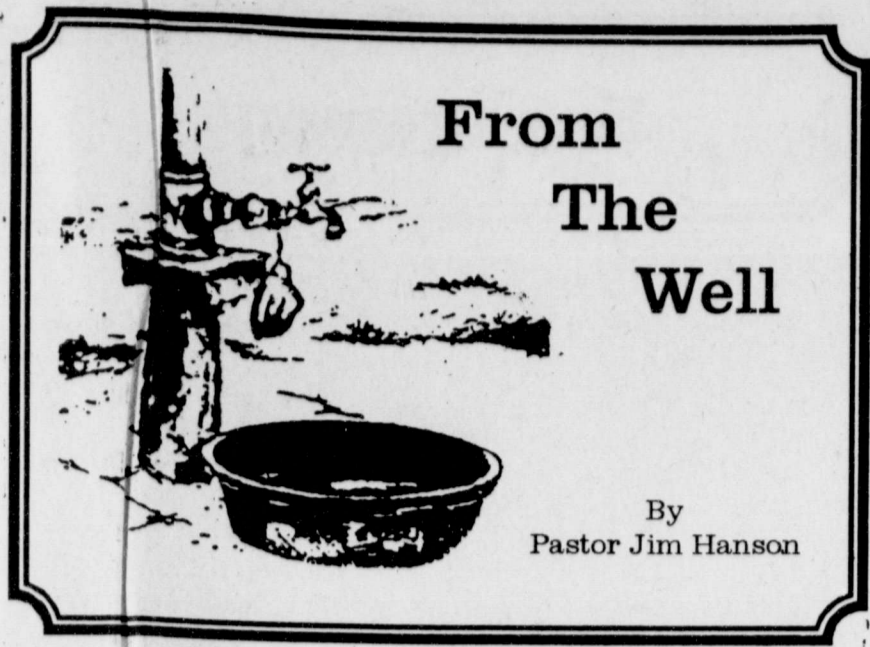
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From The Well

By
Pastor Jim Hanson



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When I was a kid, living in eastern South Dakota, where my dad was a pastor, we began each meal with this prayer. "Come Lord Jesus, be our guest, and may this food to us be blest. Amen." Sometimes my dad added some more prayers. But we never took a bite of food without saying that

prayer. Often we would conclude our meal with this psalm, "O give thanks unto the Lord for He is good, and His mercy endures forever."

It was a good plan. Ramona and I still do it... in private or in public. For what we have learned over the years is that it is the loving thing to do. In fact, it is the "Jesus thing to do." He is the one who taught us to pray, "Give us this day our daily bread." That teaches us that every bite we eat is a gift. That without God we would have nothing to eat. I've heard of some old codgers who refused to pray the table blessing because, in their words, "God had nothing to do with it. I worked hard and long to provide this food." Poor, indeed, were their souls. But they were few in number.

For, it was common place in those days. Whenever church people got together at home or with friends there would be someone who would say before we ate "Let's give thanks for the food."

Not today. It seems that more often than not when we are invited for a meal I have to say, "I think we should give thanks for this wonderful meal." No one has ever said "No" and most often the hosts are somewhat embarrassed... because they know better.

The trouble is we take food for granted. It is a "right" that everyone deserves... or so we think. We are the best fed nation in the world. In fact we have so much good food, and in abundance, that one of our problems is that too many people are too fat. In fact the apostle Paul has some hard words for folks who overdo with food... "Their end is destruction, their god is the belly, and they glory in their shame, with minds set on earthly things." (Philippians 3:19) Now, I know some folks who are too heavy, and I know that their belly is not their god. But I also see an inordinate number of folks who just eat too much all the time.

And that... since I'm on the subject, there is the matter of "throw away food" the stuff that is left on the plate only to be tossed into the garbage. I was taught, and I still think it is a good idea, "clean your plate." That did not refer to "doing the dishes" after the meal. That meant "eat what is on your plate." Food was precious in those days. Nowadays, it is not uncommon to see folks, young and old, throw away half of the food on their plate. This is a sin in my book.

What do we do about it? Think... and then thank. People who know that God is the great provider of all good things, including food, will give thanks. Children, if they are taught to say a prayer before eating because food is a gift from God, will do it. I am convinced that food even tastes better when we pause to give thanks. And there is a sense of peace at the table when we ask the Lord Jesus to be our guest... that isn't there when we don't.

In just a few hours Ramona and I will be heading north. To be with our children and grandchildren. I guess I'm not only proud, but grateful, that when we sit down to eat at the home of any of them, either the parents or the children will pray "Come Lord Jesus," or sing it, or sing be present at our table, Lord, be here and everywhere adored. These mercies bless and grant that we may feast in paradise with Thee.

It is a heartwarming thing to give thanks for the food we receive. What is more... it pleases God! So much so, that when we do so, we actually enter into His presence. That's what it says, right there in Psalm 100: "Enter his gates with thanksgiving." When we say "Thank You" to God, He says "Come on in." What a blessing! What a privilege! "Come, Lord Jesus." Amen.



BETTE RAYMOND is all smiles as she is honored by her fellow teachers and other school personnel on her retirement from Winters ISD. Mrs. Raymond began her teaching career in 1972 in the San Antonio ISD before coming to Winters for the 1973-74 school year. She then taught in Abilene until 1983 when she returned to teach special education again at Winters.

Ten from Winters make ASU Dean's List

Ten Winters students attending Angelo State University in San Angelo are listed on the Dean's List for the 2001 spring semester.

Those listed include:

- Jaime Lynn Bahlman, interdisciplinary studies
- Carissa Aileen Buchanan, early childhood
- Amy M. Heathcott, animal science
- Michael Craig Jones, history
- Justin M. Minzenmayer, kinesiology/secondary certification
- Mandy Renee Mostad, interdisciplinary studies
- Robyn Renee Parramore, interdisciplinary studies
- Susan A. Ripple, accounting
- Eric L. Tekell, business
- Donna Caroline Trojcek, computer science.

To be eligible for the Dean's List, a student must be enrolled full-time (12 semester hours) and have at least a 3.25 grade point average.

Thank you, City of Winters...

...for the prayers and support for "Jesus Day."

Thank you to our volunteer police escort for helping us get through our 4th March for Jesus safely! This event would not begin without the many volunteer helping hands and we thank you! A special thank you to the many beautiful voices that brought us our praise and worship music. You helped us invite Jesus to be with us as we stepped out to exalt Him!

Thank you Jesus for providing the canned food to feed our hungry! For helping us reach out to our senior citizens in our commu-

nity! For helping us make sure no child is fatherless, but most of all, thank you for your joy in our hearts and the boldness to sing it in the streets!

For those unable to attend this year, thank you for being there in prayer and please plan now to join us in May 2002 for year five! I thank God for the unity he has brought us through this event and the many blessings through the year!

So let us continue to exalt Jesus everyday, and thank Him for His love for us!

See you next year!
Jesus loves you and so do we.
Terry & Noelisa Loehman

Reunion Time

Bedford clan gathers for annual reunion

The descendants of Fred D. and Cordelia Bedford met Saturday, June 2, for their annual reunion at the Winters Community Center.

More than sixty relatives and guests enjoyed lunch and supper with fun visiting in between. The annual auction of "trash and treasures" proved fruitful once again. Proceeds from the auction are used to fund the Fred D. Bedford Memorial Scholarship. Winners of this year's scholarships from the Winters High School Class of 2001 were Kasey Murphy and Ben Blaine.

Those attending the reunion were as follows:

Mr. and Mrs. David Bedford; Mr. and Mrs. Bryan Bogley and child; Mr. and Mrs. Kelly Rosenbaum, Lee and Ada; Mrs. Lillian Bedford; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Awalt; Shane Awalt, Kaitlin, Kirsten, and Colby; Cheyenne Brown; and Casey Antille, all of Abilene.

Also, Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Kendrick; Stuart Kendrick; and Joshua Lynch of Graham; Laura Caddell of Ft. Worth; Mr. and Mrs. Doug Stenberg of Albany; Mr. and Mrs. Trey Bedford of Oklahoma; Mary Lynn Jessie of Blacklick, Ohio; Kei Antille of Robert Lee; and Mr. and Mrs. Perry Bedford, Alexis and Isaiah

of Brady.

Also, Mr. and Mrs. Greg Zemanek and Victor of Dallas; Sherri Hodges of Dallas; Mr. and Mrs. Mike Bedford of Fayetteville, Arkansas; Mr. and Mrs. Ricky Weaver and children of Ft. Worth; Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Reiser and children of San Angelo; and Mrs. Barbara Helen Morris of Lawn.

Attending from Winters were Mr. and Mrs. Randall Boles; Mr. and Mrs. Monte Angel; Mr. and Mrs. Michael Mostad and Marcus; Robert Bedford; Nadine Bedford; Phil Colburn, Shane and Aaron; and Mr. and Mrs. George Mostad.

Carl & Louise Vogler descendants gather for 18th annual reunion

The descendants of Carl and Louise Vogler gathered for their 18th annual family reunion on April 21, 2001, in the Winters Community Center.

Mrs. Ethel Hantsche, the only surviving child, attended the reunion. Madison Bailey Foster, daughter of T.W. and Jennifer Foster, was the youngest descendant. Zane Hantsche of Fullerton, California, traveled the farthest distance.

During the afternoon, Taylor McGregor, son of Patrick and Susan McGregor of Branson, Missouri and Yukon, Oklahoma, performed. Taylor, 11, performs in Branson with the Starlite Kids Revue and is cast to be Tom Sawyer in the musical "Mississippi Love" to be presented from September 8 through December 15, 2001.

Family members attending the reunion included: Edith Onken,

Becky and Nicole Vaughan of Ft. Worth; Arliss and Helen Hantsche, Bryan and Brenda Hantsche, Lindsey, Lauren, Tristan, and Sydney Hart, Tommy and Karen Foster of Arlington; Dennis and Trisha Bailey of Clyde; Tony, Julie, and Caden Cooper and Peyton Foster of Wichita Falls.

Also were: Harvey Hantsche of Point; M.L. and Anna Rose Standefer, Henry and Rosalie Vogler, Donald and Brenda Vogler, and Rinehard and Lenda Vogler of Lamesa; Ted Hantsche, Jr. of Pampa; Danny Smith of Houston; Er Brendon McGregor, Fred Onken, Sharon Buckley and Madison, all of Yukon, Oklahoma; and Byron, Marcia, Aaron, and Lydia Hantsche of Waxahachie.

In addition were: Pat, Linda, Cara, Brianna, and McKenzie Land of Gardendale; Erwin and

Lena Voss and R.J. Baumann, Jr. of San Angelo; Andy and Bertha Dorner of Ballinger; Kenneth Onken of Weatherford; Margie Horton of Crowley, Louisiana; Marvin and Lucille Menzel of Shallowater; Milton and Betty Ehlers of Tahoka; Verlene Stegemoeller of Rochester; Joseph and Daniel Turner of Rule; Lela Futrell of Abilene; Lois Bredemeyer of Odessa; and DeAnna Helton, Jessica, and Mark Lamar of Allison; Helen Onken, George and Eris Beard, Alan, J'Lynn, Alanna, and Cameron Cooper, and Ruth Cooper of Winters.

Visitors were: Billie Ruth

Bishop, Betty Jo Brown, and Thelma Hoppe of Winters; Sabrina DuPont of Allison; and Brenton Thomas of Wichita Falls.

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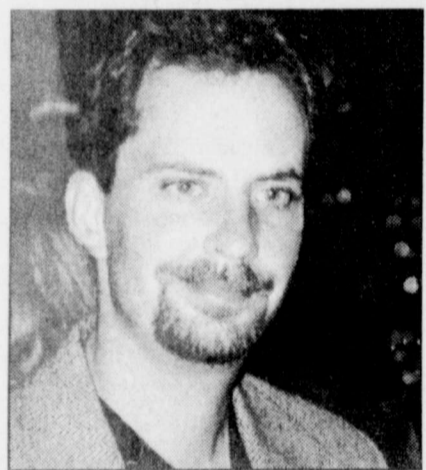
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TENNIS COMPETITORS Garrett Nitsch, left, and Corey Fenwick competed in the Grand Prix tournament at Rose Park Tennis Center in Abilene on May 19-20. Garrett placed second in the "Under 12" consolation bracket while Corey won first place in the "Under 10" bracket. Corey was also seeded first for his age group. Also competing were Erica Lujano, Timothy Fenwick, Justin Fenwick and L. J. Nitsch.

Bryce Bedford earns master's degree from Columbia University

Bryce W. Bedford, son of Mike and Cheryl Bedford of Fayetteville, Arkansas, and Barbara



DeWitt of Nacogdoches, Texas, received a master's degree in education from Columbia University

in New York City, New York.

Attending the graduation ceremony were his parents, Wanda Smith, his grandmother of Ballinger, and his aunt, Debbie Smith of Alto.

Convocation was in the cathedral of St. John the Divine on May 15, 2001. Featured speakers were jazz artist Wynton Marsalis, and Frank McCourt, author of "Angela's Ashes." Commencement exercises were held the following day in the center courtyard on the Columbia University campus.

Bryce, accompanied by his family, was treated to dinner at the River Café, which is located under the Brooklyn Bridge. The next

evening, a subway ride took everyone to the World Trade Center. Mike Bedford said the panorama from the 107th floor of the Windows on the World restaurant awed the group with its breathtaking view of the Statue of Liberty, the Manhattan and Brooklyn Bridges, and the Empire State Building. He added that it was quite a sight to see airplanes and helicopters flying below the level of the restaurant.

The celebration concluded with Bryce being taken to dinner at Bolo, a contemporary Spanish restaurant owned by Bobby Flay, an acclaimed executive chef who has starred in three national cooking shows.

COMMISSIONERS, continued

speed limit, "because it is not enforceable. And I'm afraid that anytime anyone wants a speed limit set on a county road, we'll have to have a public hearing—so we'll be having public hearings every meeting."

Richards responded to Wheelless' remarks, saying, "Even if 20% of the people observe the speed limit signs, it will save property damage and perhaps a life. I believe the court has a moral obligation to set the speed limits, even if they're not enforceable."

No action was taken at this meeting, but Commissioner Wheelless requested the County Sheriff and Department of Public Safety troopers be present at the next meeting to address the enforcement of the speed limits.

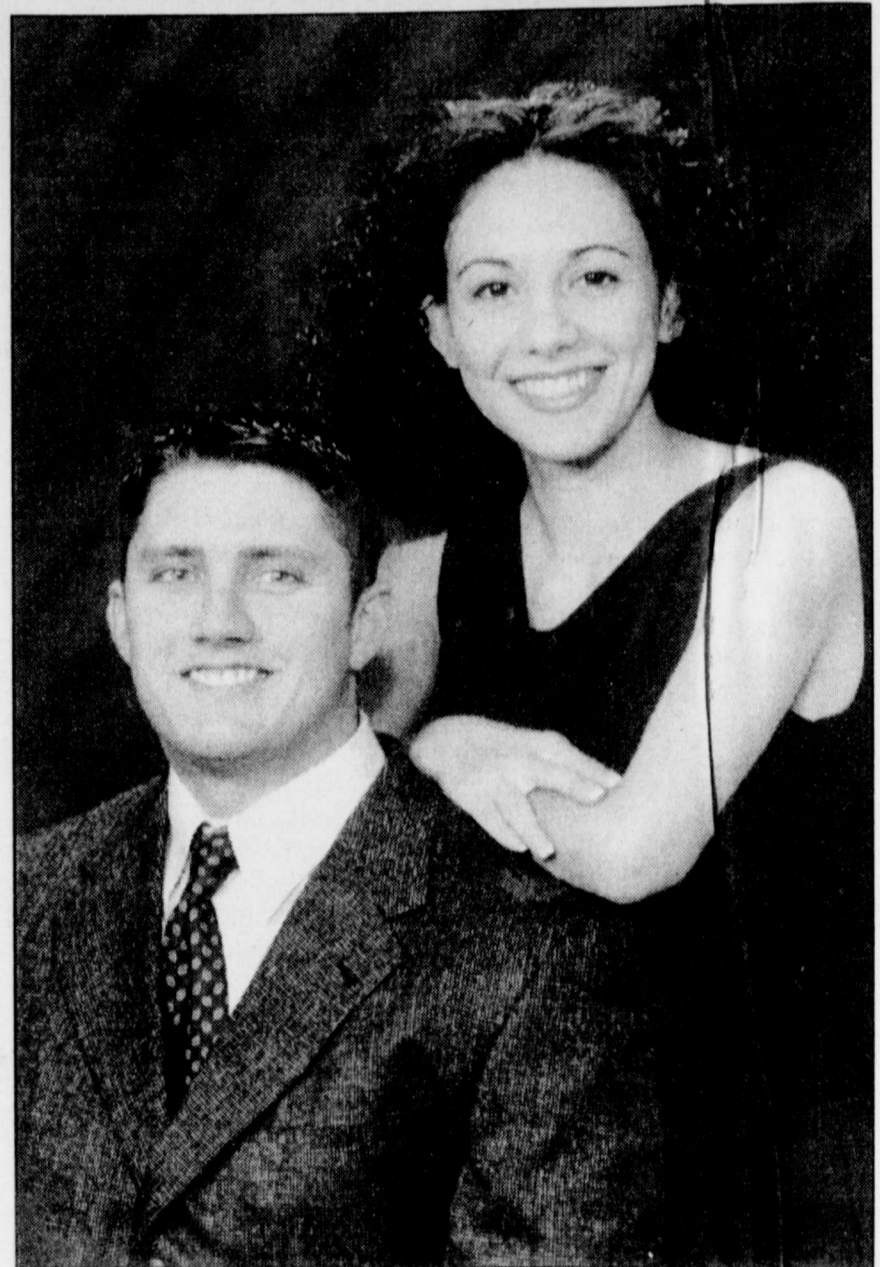
In other business, commissioners approved the expenditure of \$233.90 from the County Office Furniture and Equipment line item of the budget to pay for hands-free kits for the Department of Public Safety troopers' cell phones. County Judge Marilyn Egan told the court the kits had been approved when they okayed the switch to digital cellular phones for the troopers, but where the money was to come from for the kits was not addressed at that time.

Commissioners also approved the submission of three names to the Lipan-Kickapoo Water Conservation District to serve on the board of directors since Runnels County voted to become a part of the district. Judge Egan said the Lipan-Kickapoo board would elect two of the three to serve two-year terms on the board. Names submitted by the court included Don Davis of Winters, Billy Halfmann of Norton and LeRoy Pelzel of Rowena.

All commissioners were present for the 50-minute meeting.

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Engagement



Chaney Dawl Reed & Amber Theresa Montez

Montez, Reed announce engagement

James and Norene Montez of Cut Off, Louisiana, announce the engagement and upcoming marriage of their daughter, Amber Theresa, to Chaney Dawl Reed, son of Larry and Sue Reed of Winters, Texas.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Lubin Raymond I, Ms. Luz Buenrostro, and the late Irene Chermie Raymond. She's a graduate of South Lafourche High School and Northwestern State University. She is employed at Larose Middle School.

The prospective groom is the grandson of Ozzie and Mamie Dell Reed, Keith and Melba Welch, and Bud and Alene Tate. He is a graduate of Waskom High School and is serving in the United States Air Force.

A June 15, 2001, wedding is planned at Cut Off, Louisiana.

Conserve water and pray for rain

PROPERTY VALUE PROTEST AND APPEAL PROCEDURES

The law gives property owners the right to protest actions concerning their property tax appraisals. You may follow these appeal procedures if you have a concern about:

- Market or special appraised value placed on your property
- Appraisal exceeds median level of appraisal of comparable properties
- Inclusion of your property on the appraisal roll
- Any exemptions that may apply to you
- Qualifications for an agricultural appraisal
- Taxable status of your property
- Local governments which should be taxing your property
- Ownership of property
- Change of use of land receiving special appraisal
- Any action that applies to and adversely affects you

INFORMAL REVIEW

Upon receipt of your appraisal notice, please review the **VALUE** of the property in relation to what like property would sell for **THIS YEAR**. If you have questions or disagree with that **VALUE**, PLEASE CALL or COME BY the Appraisal District, 406 Hutchings Avenue, Ballinger, 915-365-3583 PRIOR to filing the Protest Form. If you still decide it is necessary to appear before the ARB (Appraisal Review Board) fill in, sign, and return the protest form by the deadline stated on the notice.

REVIEW BY THE APPRAISAL REVIEW BOARD

If you can't resolve your problem, informally with the county appraisal district (CAD) staff, you may have your case heard by the appraisal review board (ARB).

The ARB is an independent board of citizens that reviews problems with the appraisals or other concerns listed above. It has the power to order the CAD to make the necessary changes to solve problems. If you file a WRITTEN request for an ARB hearing (called a Notice of Protest) before the deadline, the ARB will set your case for hearing. You'll receive written notice of the time, date, and place of the hearing. If necessary, you may request a hearing in the evening, Saturday, or Sunday. There will be ONE weekend day available for appointments. You should make this request at the time you file your protest. Prior to your hearing you may ask to review the evidence the CAD will use to uphold their determination. The CAD may ask you for a copy of the evidence you plan to present. The hearing will be INFORMAL. You or a designated agent may appear in person to present evidence or you may send notarized evidence for the ARB to review at your hearing. The CAD representative will present evidence about your case. You may cross-examine the CAD representative. **The ARB will make its decision based on the evidence presented.**

You can get a copy of a protest form from the appraisal district office at 406 Hutchings Avenue, Ballinger, or one is provided with your appraisal notice.

NOTE: You shouldn't try to contact ARB members outside of the hearing. The law requires ARB members to sign an affidavit saying that they haven't talked about your case with you or the CAD prior to the hearing.

REVIEW BY DISTRICT COURT

After it decides your case, the ARB must send you a copy of its order by certified mail. If you're not satisfied with the decision, you have the right to appeal to district court. If you choose to go to court, you must start the process by filing a petition within 4 days of the date you receive the ARB's order.

TAX PAYMENT

If you appeal and your case is pending, you must pay the lesser of the amount of taxes due on the portion of the taxable value not in dispute or the amount of taxes due on the property under the order from which the appeal is taken.

MORE INFORMATION

You can get more information by contacting your appraisal district office at Runnels County Appraisal District, 406 Hutchings Avenue, P.O. Box 524, Ballinger, TX 76821 or 915-365-3583. You can also get a pamphlet describing how to prepare a protest from the appraisal district or from the State Comptroller's Property Tax Division at P.O. Box 13528, Austin, TX 78711.

RECEIVING NOTICE

The law requires mailing an appraisal notice under certain circumstances: ownership change, value change, exemption change, etc. **Therefore, not everyone received a notice.** If your value didn't change or increase over \$1,000 in value, you did not receive notice. If you did not receive a notice but would like to verify your value or if you are concerned about anything regarding your account, please call the Appraisal District office and someone will be happy to help you and review your property information. Generally, if you did not receive notice, most likely nothing changed regarding your value or exemptions.

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Crews News

By Hilda Kurtz

We've learned how to make a living, but not a life.
We've added years to life, not life to years.
We've been all the way to the moon and back, but have trouble crossing the street to meet new neighbors.



Hilda Kurtz

Visitors at Hopewell Church on Sunday morning were Joe Webb of Coleman and Brother Ferris and Ramona Akins and granddaughter Brianna.

Guests in the home of Juanita Shields after morning services and enjoying lunch were Fairy and Wilbert Alcorn, Brother Ferris and Ramona Akins and granddaughter Brianna, Nila and Therin Osborne, Marvin and Melvena Gerhart, Selma Wilkerson, and Georgia Gibbs.

Leona and Roy Matthies spent awhile with Abe and Patsy at Brownwood Lake during the week.

Selma Wilkerson had her pecan trees sprayed.

Fairy and Wilbert Alcorn were in Weatherford visiting with Johnny and Linda Denson and Jennifer Christamen and her two little boys from New Jersey. They also visited with Jonnah and Eloy and Lester and Corrine Neva Smith.

Eileen Cartwright and Tiffany Prater were in Abilene on Tuesday for Tiffany's doctor appointment. Adeline and Katherine

Grissom decided to eat out Saturday evening and enjoyed every bite.

Visiting with Noble and Harvey Mae Faubion on Sunday were Claudette, Dillion, and Meagan Carter of Irving and Melissa and Grayson of Dallas.

Visiting Pat and Earl Cooper on Friday were Brenda Chambliss of Bronte.

S.K. Alexander of Marble Falls visited his mother, Helen Alexander, over the weekend.

Helping Will Duggan celebrate his birthday on Saturday evening with a cookout were family and friends.

On Sunday, Linda, Kate, son Kelton, and Elwood and Becky Brown had a good long visit with Susan Mansell. Susan had just returned from a trip.

Calvin and Hildegard Schovajs of San Angelo came and spent Saturday helping me get a big pecan tree off my garden. The wind blew the tree over and it landed on top of my garden. Afterwards, we found nice potatoes and two large cucumbers which made for a nice dinner.

RELAY, continued

donated by TNT Videos in Ballinger.

The Castaway/Drifter team took the volleyball championship by defeating Johnny Pritchard's Rustlers in the final match at 3:30 a.m. The Ballinger team was awarded gift certificates donated by Fulton's Treadmill in Ballinger.

Selkirk-Airmate, captained by Becky Ramirez and Vera Jackson, was named Most Overall Spirited Camp for their decorations, participation, and enthusiasm. They were awarded Blizzards donated by Dairy Queen.

The North Runnels Hospital team, headed by Teresa Davis, was awarded Pizza Hut Express personal pan pizzas for walking the second most laps as a team.

The 2008 Girls' State 2A Basketball Championship Team, under the leadership of Julie England and Chelsy Lipsey, spent most of their night running on the track. They sponsored a basketball shoot-out and awarded gift certificates from Academy Sports. For their enthusiasm, the girl's team was awarded Sonic ice cream cones and fountain drinks for being named the Most Spirited Youth Team.

Other Relay For Life teams included the Dirt Diggers captained by Kay Guy; The Rustlers and The Outlaws for "Kick Cancer" were under the leadership of Johnny and Deb Pritchard;

The Lawman and The Wranglers also from "Kick Cancer" were headed up by Lanny and Mandie England.

More teams were Where Are You? captained by Luke England; Security State Bank's Kelly's Heroes led by Kelly Lipsey; Winters 4-H Club's Hunting For A Cure Team under the direction of Maegan Schwartz and Cody Pritchard; The Lifesavers captained by Sherry Kurtz, The Leftovers led by Deb Whittingburg; the Church of Christ Praying For A Cure Team captained by Mark Edge; Pioneer Vet Clinic led by Virginia Brown; and other Ballinger contributions solicited by Toby Virden and James Fowler.

Relay For Life Coordinator Kelly Lipsey said, "This was a great year for the Winters relay. We were really pleased to have Ballinger join our efforts for a true sense of community support. We raised nearly twice as much money for the American Cancer Society this year, with twice the participation as last year."

"We learn with each relay how to make our event bigger and better and are already making notes for next year's. We want to thank each and every person, business, and organization who helped make the 2001 Winters Relay For Life such a huge success." (For related pictures and "Thank You" see page 6.)

St. John's Lutheran Church to host VBS June 18-20

Get ready for a big splash of fun and excitement at BeachTrek this summer at St. John's Lutheran Church, 1100 W. Parsonage. This exciting vacation Bible experience is for everyone between the ages of four and 4th grade.

It begins Monday, June 18, and continues through Wednesday, June 20. Sessions run from 9 a.m. until noon each day. A closing program is planned June 20 at noon with hot dogs being served on the beach.

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ence his life-changing love. Each day offers a new Bible story to explore, plus songs, crafts, games, and more. At BeachTrek participants will discover how Jesus meets them where they are, gives them faith, and invites them to lives of service and love.

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You can register now or obtain additional information by calling Theresa Gerhart.

Museum requests WHS class rosters

The Z.I. Hale Museum would like to request that all former WHS classes send a copy of their latest class rosters (names and addresses) to be put into the museum database.

Many class lists are already in the database, but there are several that are missing.

Please send these to Z.I. Hale Museum, P.O. Box 211, Winters, TX 79567 or contact Marlene Smith at 754-4961 or Randall Conner at 754-4542.

If you need a printout of the computer information about your class, contact Randall.



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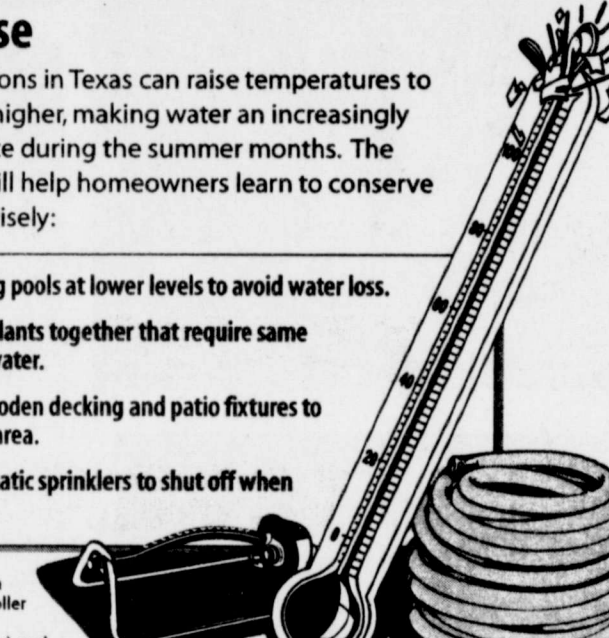
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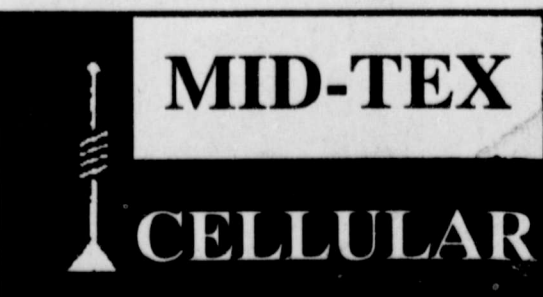
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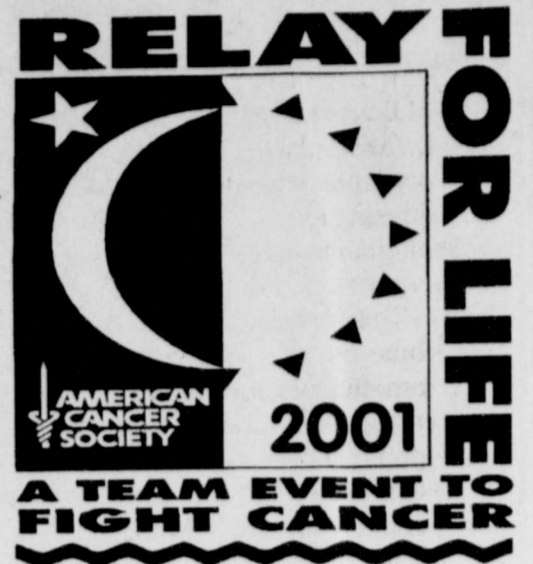


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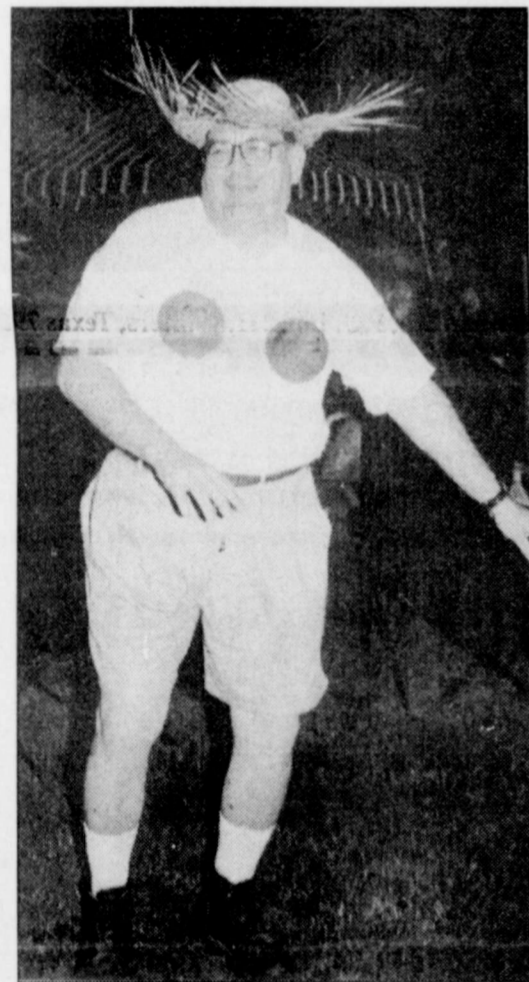


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Zero down payment for rural homeownership— Federal funds available for housing in rural areas

Richard L. Perryman, Acting State Director, Texas USDA Rural Development, announced May 4, 2001, that federal funds are available for Guaranteed Rural Housing loans. Borrowers can often get these loans with no down payment.

To be eligible for financing, the home must be located in a rural community with less than 10,000 in population, on a farm, or in open country not closely associated with an urban area. Under certain circumstances loans can be made in towns and cities between 10,000 and 25,000 in population.

"Never assume an area is not eligible under the guaranteed loan program. We encourage anyone interested in owning their own home to call the Brownwood Local Office for details on eligible areas. Texas has over \$100 million still available for the Guaranteed Housing Program for Fiscal Year 2001," said Perryman.

The guaranteed rural housing loan may be used to finance new or existing homes that are struc-

turally sound and have adequate mechanical, electrical, plumbing, and insulation systems.

The loan may be made for up to 100 percent of the market value. There is no down payment required. The lender may loan some closing costs depending on the appraisal. Theoretically, someone could move into a home for zero out of pocket expenses. Typically, however, not all the costs associated with buying a home can be financed. All loans must be secured by a first lien on a residential property.

Interested homebuyers, lenders, realtors, or builders should contact Harold Kennedy in the Brownwood Local Office at (915) 643-1585, extension 4, for more information on the USDA Rural Development Guaranteed Loan program as well as the availability of other agency programs.

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Official Records

County Court Dispositions

Ronnie Glenn Tounget, criminal trespass, case dismissed, victim no longer interested in pursuing case

Rodney Lacey, theft by check, pleaded nolo contendere, fined \$100, \$210.25 court costs, \$25 hot check fees, and \$33.07 restitution

Rito Luna Ramon, driving while license suspended, case dismissed, defendant convicted in another case

Lorenzo Cabrera Fuentes, driving while license suspended, case dismissed, defendant convicted in another case

Jerry Carson, criminal trespass, pleaded not guilty; court ruled guilty, sentenced to 60 days in county jail

Criminal Cases Filed

June 4

Joe Anthony Castillo, filed for driving while license suspended

Michael Anthony Korn, filed for indecent exposure

June 6

Preston Cory Petrey, filed for theft by check

Marriage Licenses

June 4

James Clayton Beddo Jr. and Holly Kathleen Morvant

Courtney Wayne Ischar and Jennifer Rene Tischler

June 7

Homero Hernandez and Lori Yvonne Luera

June 8

James Allen Hafner and Betty Jean Shoemaker Mahan

District Court Divorce Cases Filed

June 4

Christopher Neal Bork vs. Maribel Gorasave

June 6

Kelly Lynn Watkins vs. Michael Dale Watkins

Divorces Granted

May 24

Charles Wesley Cravens and Pamela Sue Cravens

Michael Ray Switzer and Annette Fay Switzer

Leonides Garcia III and Vikki Ramos Garcia

Civil Cases Filed

June 5

The estate of David Thomas Epting, contested probate

Justice of the Peace Precinct 1 Criminal Cases Filed

May 2

Carey Mathews Foster, filed for reckless conduct

June 2

Michael Scott Preciado, filed for minor in possession of alcohol

Brandon Scott Smetana, filed for minor in possession of alcohol

Nathan Cole Glass, filed for minor in possession of alcohol

Hollie Mae Howell, filed for minor in possession of alcohol

Lee Michael Dickson, 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, June 3, 2001, through Saturday, June 9, 2001. Winters Police Officers:

- received a report of vandalism in the 500 block of E. Truett Street. A female subject of Winters alleged that her son's bicycle had been stolen from her yard approximately two weeks ago, but she didn't make a report. The female stated she had located her son's bicycle in the backyard of the neighboring house and that the bike had been dismantled and spray painted. A possible suspect has been named. This case is under investigation as criminal mischief.

- received a report of an assault occurring on a school bus. A 12-year-old female of Winters alleged she had been struck on the head with a coke bottle by a 12-year-old male of Winters after an argument with the male. The male was contacted and admitted to striking the female. The male was issued a citation for assault and released into his parent's custody.

- received a warrant for burglary of a habitation from Justice of the Peace Precinct #2 for Adrian Martin Rodriguez of Winters. He was located in the 500 block of N. Rogers Street and was taken to Runnels County Jail where he posted a \$5,000 bond.

- observed and stopped a 1998 Ford van on N. Main Street for numerous traffic violations. A strong odor of alcohol was detected on the driver who exhibited signs of intoxication including slurred speech. The driver was offered and subsequently failed several field sobriety tasks. Debra Schroeder of Ballinger was arrested for driving while intoxicated and was taken to Runnels County Jail.

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:

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