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NEWS at a glance

Pearls of Wisdom—
To the world you might be one person, but to one person you might be the world.

Just **9** Shopping Days left until Christmas!

Shackelfords honored by Hospice

The Hendrick Hospice Care Unit honored the Roy Shackelford family with a framed dove presented in their son Derrick's memory during the start of the "Light Up A Life" campaign at Main Drug last week.

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Elementary collects 2,295 cans

Winters Elementary students collected nearly 2,300 cans during a food drive to benefit the Winters Food Pantry last week. The fifth grade donated the most food items, with a total of 704.

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Community support aids hospital

Recent fundraisers coordinated by the community and a \$500,000 grant have bolstered North Runnels Hospital during their time of need.

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Winters plans local stock show

The Winters Junior Livestock Show Association has set Saturday, January 5, as their 2002 show date. The one day event will feature 35 Winters students exhibiting over 100 livestock entries.

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Runnels to host county stock show

Runnels County will host a County Stock Show on Friday and Saturday, January 11-12, 2002. Nearly 160 exhibitors from Ballinger, Miles, and Winters will show over 500 head of livestock. A Premium Sale will be held to benefit all exhibitors.

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North Runnels Hospital receives loan

Winters facility first hospital district in Texas to qualify

In unprecedented action, the North Runnels Hospital in Winters was approved for a \$500,000 loan by the Texas Agriculture Finance Authority (TAFE) Board on Friday, December 7.

North Runnels Hospital is the first hospital district in Texas to qualify for the Com-

munity Development Loan, and only the third governmental entity since the program began.

Hospital Board President Randall Sneed said, "This (loan) provides the opportunity that the hospital needs to put it back into a viable position."

Sneed further states that al-

though this loan is tremendously beneficial to help get the hospital "back on track," there is still a lot of work to be done to get the hospital back on its feet.

The application for funding was through the Texas Rural Community Development Program which is administered by

the TAFE. The proceeds of the loan will be used to pay short-term debt and give the hospital a chance to overcome its recent financial shortfall from Medicare reimbursements.

Combined with other community efforts, Winters hopes this loan will begin to revive NRH and make it one of the

best rural hospitals in Texas.

Representing Winters at the board meeting in Austin were Randall Sneed; Nelan Bahlman, Doctor Recruitment Chairman; Dr. Aref Hassan, Winters City Manager; and Randall Conner, Director of Economic Development.

Little Miss Sno-Flake 2002



CANDACE O'DELL (center) was named the first Little Miss Sno-Flake during the award ceremonies following Saturday's Christmas Parade. First runner-up is Kaitlyn Lindley (left); second runner-up is Shelby Knight. Parade pictures and results will be in next week's newspaper.

Miss Sno-Queen 2002



PRISCILLA ONTIVEROS (center) is the new Miss Sno-Queen. Her court include first runner-up Kayla Calcote (right) and second runner-up Jessica Pritchard. The coronation was held at The Rock Hotel and was sponsored by the Winters Area Chamber of Commerce.

Winters students to celebrate Christmas with three different musical programs for the public

—Presentations Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday evenings—

Winters students will be making beautiful music next week to celebrate the holidays with several public performance dates to remember.

The Elementary Select Choir will perform their annual Christmas Concert on Monday, December 17. The program is scheduled for 7 p.m. in the WHS Auditorium.

The following night, Tuesday, December 18, the Winters Elementary Second Grade will perform "A Sombrero for Santa." This enchanting Christmas musical will be presented at 6:30 p.m. in the Auditorium.

On Wednesday, December 19, all Winters ISD bands including fifth and sixth grades,

junior high and high school, will perform a Winter Concert. Their program is scheduled to begin at 8 p.m. in the First Baptist Church of Winters.

Admission to all performances is free and the community is cordially invited to "get into the Christmas spirit" by attending these delightful presentations.



CELEBRATING 70 YEARS of the Winters American Legion Post #261 are (l-r) Ron Diener, Jean Diener, President of the Auxiliary; Post Commander George Beard; Melba Emmert, Auxiliary Treasurer; and Doreen Kozelsky, Auxiliary member. The Post hosted an Open House on Dec. 8, with approximately 40 members and guests attending. Winters Roy Scroggins Post #261 was chartered on July 9, 1931. The American Legion is the oldest veterans organization in the United States.

No Enterprise to be published December 27

The Winters Enterprise will not publish a newspaper on December 27. Next week's issue of December 20 will be the last paper for 2001.

Deadlines for advertising and print copy for the January 3, 2002, issue will be 5 p.m. on Thursday, December 27.

First Baptist children to host Christmas musical on Sunday

The First Baptist Church Children's Choir will present the musical, "The Christmas Chronicles," this Sunday, December 16. The program will begin at 6 p.m. and is under the direction of Shanna Bear.

The musical is based on activity in a Bethlehem newsroom on the night of Jesus' birth nearly 2000 years. Children and adults alike will enjoy this delightful rendition on the Christmas story from biblical accounts in the gospels.

There will be a fellowship with refreshments in Jones Hall for everyone at the close of the program. The community is cordially invited to join the First Baptist congregation for this delightful musical program. A nursery will be provided.

School considers closing street in front of high school

During the regular meeting of the trustees of Winters Independent School District on Monday evening, Secondary School Principal Bill Cathey presented a proposal for closing the street in front of the high school.

Cathey cited students crossing this street to go to and from lunch, the band hall and gymnasium, and elementary students going to the auditorium as reasons for closing the road. Cathey continued saying many cars seem to use this road during the day and dangerous situations have arisen.

"Students tend not to look when crossing the road," said Cathey, "and some cars travel rather fast in this area."

School administration first suggested closing the road only during lunch time of junior high and high school students. After discussion with the board, it was suggested that the road be closed during the entire school day (7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.).

Superintendent Danny Clack and Principal Cathey will decide what hours of the day this road will be closed and then submit the request to the Winters City Council to close the street.

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Commissioners hear remodeling plans for MHMR center in Winters

Runnels County Commissioner, Precinct 2, Keith Colom, and Danny Prado, with West Texas Centers for MHMR in Winters, presented remodeling plans to commissioners at their regular meeting on Tuesday morning.

The old post office building in Winters, named the Leonard Wills Building in honor of the family who gifted the building, will be remodeled for use by the MHMR offices in Winters. Commissioner Colom presented the court with a proposed drawing of the remodeling and said, "It's hard to put a firm price on the cost of remodeling because county employees are doing the work and the final cost will depend on what materials presently in the building can be used. I did get a proposal for rerouting the duct work for the air conditioning and heating and that came to

\$2,675.00."

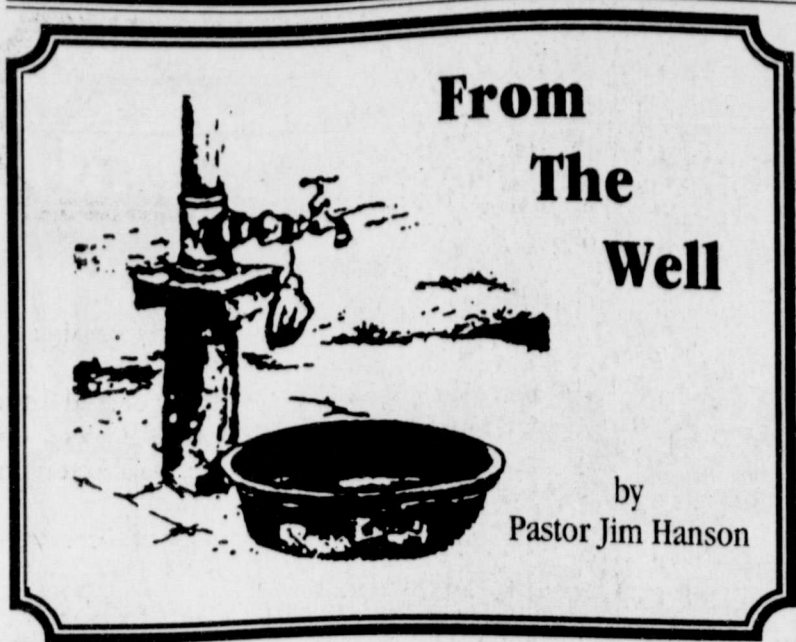
Commissioners approved the remodeling plans as presented by Commissioner Colom.

Sheriff Bill Baird made three requests of commissioners at the meeting. His first request was to trade a 1990 Chevrolet Blazer on the purchase of a 2000 3/4 ton Chevrolet pickup at a net cost of \$15,500. Baird said he would transfer the Chevrolet Tahoe he presently drives to the jail and he would be driving the new pickup. It was noted he did have the cost of a new vehicle in the current budget. That request was approved.

Baird then requested commissioners allow the sheriff's office to enter into a lease-purchase agreement with Stalker Radar Applied Concepts, Inc. for three new radar units for the department. The lease-pur-

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Community



From The Well

by Pastor Jim Hanson



Pastor Jim Hanson

Advent means "coming." And the four weeks before Christmas in many of our churches pay special attention to preparing ourselves for the "Second Coming of Christ." And, as a home exercise, many set up an Advent Wreath with four candles. One candle is lit

for the first week. Then two the second. And so on. Our son Nathan has labeled this season, Advent, as "The season of Sure and Certain Hope." And has written a poem on it. Based on John 14:3—"And when I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and take you to myself that where I am you may be also."

Nathan lives in eastern South Dakota, and they've had some weather there. Anyway, here is what he writes:

"It's comin'! Snow Boot Sale" said the sign outside the store. November was one fantastic month of FINE weather. We had real warm, real wondrous dry, fall days. Then we had rain, I mean RAIN for a post-Thanksgiving treat. Shur 'nuff, we got SNOW, for a post-rainy day treat.

"It's comin'" is not an unusual line to hear or say. Before Halloween you'll find the stores wooing for Christmas. This line of hype makes consumers thirsty for another bribe opportunity. Shur 'nuff, you'll discover that love is not purchased, not if it's REAL.

"It's comin'" is a word as old as Moses' as said to Pharaoh in Exodus 11. Pharaoh was warned of calamity for the first-born of any who didn't participate in the Passover. Three chapters later, Moses says "It's coming" to the Israelites whining on the banks of the Red Sea. Shur 'nuff, the Sea parted, and the people of God escaped the last throes of Egypt's tyranny.

"He's comin'," said John the Baptist in Mark's first chapter. JB had followers those days, disciples of his, crowds of his own. Andrew was one who followed him. He fetched his brother Pete. They followed Jesus. Shur 'nuff, they knew the Lamb of God as best they could.

"It's comin'!" Jesus said to the disciples, warning them often of the way He would have to go. The cross was mentioned often, nothing hidden here. "Gotta go, guys," no matter what their vision or opinion, Jesus knew His destination. Shur 'nuff, Jesus' got what He said was coming. And gave what He said we'd receive.

"It's comin'!" is the word of Advent, the season we prepare for the second coming of Jesus. Jesus told us He was coming to take us to Himself, that where He would be, we'd be as well. He was crucified, died and was buried... His disciples long gone, and His words fading fast. But He rose, and brought the words back, the disciples back and the HOPE back for us all. Shur 'nuff, Jesus has no place for His weary bones to waste in, as He lives forever!

The season of Advent is recollecting the reality of Jesus leaving to return for all who believe. The first candle called Prophecy reminds us of the Old Testament testimony to Jesus. The second, the Angel candle, recalls the words of Gabriel to Zechariah and Mary. The third, the Shepherd candle, recollects their run to see the babe, lying in a manger. The fourth, the Mary candle, remembers her humble submission to God, to become mother to Jesus. The fifth, the Christmas candle, marks the first coming of Jesus. There is no other candle, marking the end of Advent. We see it from a believing heart, there is no end to Advent. We stand confident. Jesus has spoken. He will come again, to reclaim all of creation to Himself and for the Father. He is comin'. It's comin'! Shur 'nuff! This time it will be forever!



THE ROY SHACKELFORD FAMILY (right), including Roy and wife Ann, Devon and Dalton, were honored in a recent ceremony to kick off the annual "Light Up A Life" campaign at Main Drug. The Shackelford's son, Derrick, died February, 2001, at age 14, and had been attended by Sandy Griffin, local Hospice volunteer at left. Also present for the ceremony was Peggy Sheppard of Hendrick Hospice Care of Abilene. Dove donations to honor a loved one are \$10 each, with all proceeds going toward helping future Hospice care patients in the Winters area. The campaign will run through December 21.

COMMISSIONERS, continued

chase agreement was proposed at a cost of \$250 per month for 36 months.

Commissioner Ricky Strube pointed out the total cost of the lease-purchase plan was \$9,000 and it appeared to him the three units could be purchased outright for about \$7,200. "I think it would be better for the county to purchase them outright than enter into the lease-purchase agreement," Strube commented.

Following some discussion as to where the money would come from to pay for the units, it was concluded each commissioner would contribute approximately \$1,450 from their road and bridge fund and the sheriff's office would contribute the same amount.

Church shows appreciation for donations

Christmas is less than two weeks away! New Beginnings Church would like to thank the families who donated to Christmas for Others.

However, due to decreased community support to help those in need this Christmas, all donations received have been given to Toys for Tots in Ballinger.

Anyone needing help should apply at the North Runnels County Sheriff's Office in Ballinger by Wednesday, December 19, 2001. For information you may call 915-365-2121.

New Beginnings will again attempt to provide for the people of the city of Winters next year. Donations can be made to New Beginnings Church on Roberts Street or call: Jan Lincoln 754-1777; Brandy Rodriguez 754-3243; Jill Smith 754-3616; or Sheila Smith 754-1756.

Senior Citizens Activity Center Menu

Monday, Dec. 17: Mexican cornbread, pinto beans, coleslaw, crackers, and brownie.

Tuesday, Dec. 18: Meat Loaf, mashed potatoes, peas, hot roll, and cobbler.

Wednesday, Dec. 19: Turkey & dressing, green beans, hot roll, and pumpkin cake.

Thursday, Dec. 20: Sausage, blackeyed peas, mixed greens, cornbread, and bread pudding.

Friday, Dec. 21: Stew, Jello salad, vegetable sticks, cornbread, and dessert.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

Watch for more Christmas Parade pictures & results in next week's holiday edition of The Winters Enterprise.

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Good News Class enjoys Christmas meal

The Good News Sunday School Class of First Baptist Church met for their Christmas dinner at Casa Cabana on Monday, December 3.

The teacher of the class, Randall Boles, gave the prayer. Joe Mears gave a Christmas poem. The table decorations were given by Louise Seals.

Those present were Jo and Royce Mears; Jack and Loretta Pierce; Monroe and Arlene Boles; Lavonda Herrington; Betty Joe Brown; Vera Lee Sneed; Louise Seals; and Randall and Jean Boles.

Social Security Rep. in Winters on Dec. 17

Garland Gregg, representative for the San Angelo Social Security Office, has scheduled his December visit to Winters. He will be at the Winters Housing Project Office on Monday, Dec. 17, between 9:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

Anyone who wants to file a claim for benefits, get information, or transact other business with the Social Security Administration may contact him at this time.

Your Social Security matters can be handled just as quickly by telephone. For help when you first want to sign up for Social Security or Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefits, call (915) 949-4608. The office is open every weekday (Monday through Friday) except holidays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. If you just need information or are already receiving benefits, call 1-800-772-1213 from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. every weekday except holidays.

If desired, write to the office at P.O. Box 3808, San Angelo, Texas 76902.

WHAT'S HAPPENING ?

- Dec. 13-10 a.m., Triple L Club, First Baptist Church 11:30 a.m., Sr. Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Center
 - Dec. 14-11:30 a.m., Sr. Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Center 12:25 p.m., Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Science Lab 7:30 p.m., Cowboys for Christ, Drasco
 - Dec. 15-9 a.m.-2 p.m., Senior Class Bake Sale to benefit NRH, Ballinger Wal-Mart
 - Dec. 16-6 p.m., Children's Christmas Musical & Fellowship, First Baptist Church 5-8 p.m., Carnegie Library Tour of Homes, Ballinger
 - Dec. 17-11:30 a.m., Sr. Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Center 7 p.m., Elementary Choir Program, WHS Auditorium Dec. 18-9 a.m., Ministerial Alliance, First Baptist Church 11:30 a.m., Sr. Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Center Noon, Lions Club 6:30 p.m., Second Grade Christmas Musical, Auditorium 7 p.m., WVFD, Fire Station 7 p.m., AA, First United Methodist Church 7 p.m., Athletic Boosters, Field House 7:30 p.m., Eastern Star
 - Dec. 19-7 a.m., Industrial Board, Windmill Enterprises Office 9 a.m.-4 p.m., WIC, Winters Housing Authority 11:30 a.m., Sr. Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Center 8 p.m., Band Concert, First Baptist Church
 - Dec. 20-11:30 a.m., Sr. Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Center 2 & 2:30 p.m., School Dismisses Early for Christmas Holidays, NO TIPS 5p.m., 2002 Project Graduation Fajita Night & Grill Give-A-Way, WISD Cafeteria
- Next week is the end of the first semester for all Winters ISD students.**

Look who's 40!

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FIFTH GRADE STUDENTS of Winters Elementary School stand with the 704 canned goods and nonperishable items collected for the Winters Food Pantry. The students will be rewarded on Monday, Dec. 17 with a pizzy party, compliments of the Winters Ministerial Alliance. A total of 2,295 food items was collected by elementary students.

Students collect 2,295 canned goods during drive for Food Pantry

Fifth Grade collects 704 items—Earns Pizza Party for their efforts

Winters Elementary students found it could be as much fun to give as it is to receive during a canned food drive to benefit the Winters Food Pantry last week.

Students in grades pre-kindergarten through sixth collected a total of 2,295 food items over the five day period.

The fifth grade collected the most food with a total of 704

canned goods and nonperishable items. They will be rewarded on Monday, December 17, with a Pizza Party, compliments of the Winters Ministerial Alliance.

This food comes at a time of year when it is most needed as the pantry finds its supplies depleted due to the Thanksgiving holidays and the Christmas season fast approaching.

TOTAL CANS COLLECTED BY GRADE	
PK & KINDERGARTEN	217
FIRST GRADE	230
SECOND GRADE	193
THIRD GRADE	274
FOURTH GRADE	224
FIFTH GRADE	704
SIXTH GRADE	458
TOTAL	2,295

CAFETERIA MENU

Dec. 17-21

Subject to change

Breakfast

- Monday-Dec. 17**
Blueberry Waffles
Cereal
Juice
- Tuesday-Dec. 18**
Doughnuts
Cereal
Juice
- Wednesday-Dec. 19**
Cinnamon Rolls
Cereal
Juice
- Thursday-Dec. 20**
Pigs-in-a-Blanket
Cereal
Juice
- Friday-Dec. 21**
School Holiday

Lunch

- Monday-Dec. 17**
BBQ on a Bun
Chips
Pickles & Onions
Pinto Beans
Pears
- Tuesday-Dec. 18**
Tacos w/lettuce & cheese
Refried Beans
Corn
Apple Cake
- Wednesday-Dec. 19**
Chicken Strips
Mashed Potatoes & Gravy
Green Beans
Hot Rolls
Chocolate Chip Cookies
- Thursday-Dec. 20**
Stew
Vegetable Sticks
Fruit Salad
Grilled Cheese Sandwiches
Ice Cream
- Friday-Dec. 21**
School Holiday

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Semester exams set for Dec. 19 & 20

Winters Secondary students will take final exams on Wednesday and Thursday, December 19 & 20.

Regardless of exemptions, all students must report in at 10 a.m., during second period both days. Junior high students have no test day exemptions.

Students will take exams during 1st period (8-10 am) and

4th period (1-3 p.m) on Wednesday.

On Thursday, 2nd period (8-10 a.m.) and 3rd period (10:20 am-12:20 pm—HS & 10:20 am-12:50 pm—JH) will administer exams.

School will dismiss early (2 pm for PK-1st & 2:30 pm for all other students) on Thursday. No TIPS will be provided.

Project Graduation to serve Fajitas, December 20

Project Graduation 2002 will sponsor a Fajita Night on Thursday, December 20, during the Hawley basketball games. Serving will begin at 5 p.m. in the school cafeteria.

Fresh grilled beef fajita meat will be served on tortillas with your choice of cheese, guacamole, hot sauce, onions, and sour cream. Fajitas will be

sold for \$2 each.

In addition, a drawing will be held for a 3-Burner Gas Grill with Fish Cooker Attachment during the varsity boy's basketball game. Donations for chances are \$1 for one or 6 for \$5. The grill can be seen at Higginbotham Bros. Building Center on Main Street.

The group is also selling

premier chocolate candy bars for \$1 each.

All proceeds from Project Graduation fundraisers will benefit an all night, drug free celebration for seniors following graduation, with cash and prizes being awarded to all graduates. The public is encouraged to support these fundraising efforts.

Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo 4-H and FFA Scholarship program expanded to students

More students in 4-H and FFA programs across Texas will have the opportunity to apply for Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo scholarships due to a change in the program.

In November, Show officials eliminated the program's restriction on agriculture or life science field of study, allowing students to major in any authorized field of study leading to a bachelor's degree.

The Show's 4-H and FFA scholarship program is its oldest program and awards \$1.4 million to graduating high school seniors each year. This change in policy not only affects future scholarship recipients, but also is effective for students currently attending Texas colleges and universities on Show 4-H and FFA scholarships.

While this may change

choice of major for some students, it will allow them to take their agriculture and life science backgrounds into their future careers.

The Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo is a 501 (c)(3) educational charity. With its current commitment of \$8.5 million, the Show has committed more than \$85 million to scholarships and educational programs since 1957.

Running to the beat of a different drum



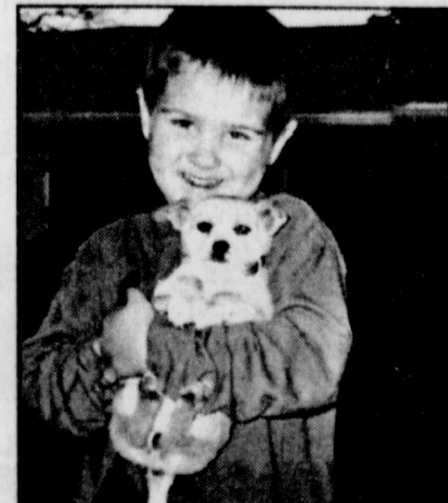
JAMES MEDINA, Winters 5th grader, is really rushing to catch up with the rest of the band during the annual Christmas parade Saturday. Marching for the first time for more than a mile, carrying the big drum in the wind while wearing a heavy coat, he lagged behind for just a minute but was quick to find his place and help make the parade more fun for everyone. More parade pictures in next week's paper.

BLIZZARD ACTIVITIES

Dec. 13-Dec. 20, 2001

- Thursday, Dec. 13**
7PM, Financial Aid Workshop, Auditorium
 - Friday, Dec. 14**
4PM, JVG, VG, JVB, VB, vs. Anson, Here
 - Saturday, Dec. 15**
9AM-2PM, Senior Class Bake Sale to benefit NRH, Wal-Mart
 - Monday, Dec. 17**
5PM, 7th and 8th Girls at Coleman—5PM, 7th, 8th, & 9th Boys vs. Coleman, Here
 - Tuesday, Dec. 18**
5 PM, JV-VG, JV-VB at Bangs
 - Thursday, Dec. 20**
5 PM, JVG, VG, JVB, VB vs. Hawley, WHS Gym
- Merry Christmas*

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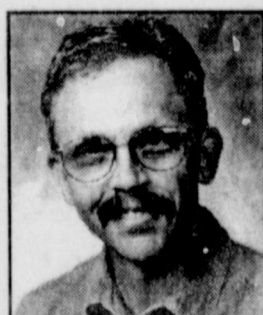
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KEMARI HALE of the varsity Lady Blizzards, prepares the block against the Eldorado player during recent action. The Winters team began district play Tuesday night against the Lady Indians of Jim Ned. At right is teammate Jena Bahlman.



BRIAN PRITCHARD prepares to dive for the loose ball against the San Angelo Central player during varsity Blizzards action at the Ballinger Invitational Tourney. At left is Blizzards player Chris Hoppe with Jeremy Hope at right.

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Life

Community support helps hospital

by Randall Conner, Director of Economic Development, Winters Area Business & Industrial Corp.



WITH EXCITEMENT GROWING, Marci Paschal (left), Randall Conner and Melanie Wade prepare for the big drawing during Sunday's fundraiser for North Runnels Hospital. Orita Smith won the grandfather's clock, Pat Ambrose won the Dewalt saw, and Nell Lange won the DVD player. More than \$7,000 was raised to help the hospital. Conner is Director of Economic Development for the Winters Business and Industrial Corporation. Wade is on the organizing board of the hospital auxiliary.

Several months ago the directors of North Runnels Hospital in Winters diagnosed the condition of the hospital as critical. Facing a severe financial crisis and mounting debt, the hospital condition continued to worsen. Causing the severe financial bleeding was inadequate Medicare reimbursement, and with a medical facility having over 70% Medicare patients, the situation seemed terminal.

Then, conditions worsened. One doctor chose to close his practice in Winters and the other long-term doctor decided to retire. North Runnels Hospital was now severely in debt and had no doctors to generate income for the hospital.

Directors and community leaders began to analyze the situation. There were sources of funding for buildings and equipment, but very few places to turn for financing for operation funds and refinancing debt. From September until November, there were many discussions of just closing the hospital. But the thought of losing a hospital in a small rural community was hard to take.

Would it be the demise of the business community? Would it be as devastating to the community as losing a school would be? ...or a major industry?

The overwhelming majority of Winters citizens wanted to

keep the hospital, but how? No doctors, no money, continued pressure from creditors, critical staff members leaving, no income, Medicare audits, insurance companies pulling out — so many insurmountable obstacles.

The Winters community came to the hospital board in November and asked for one last chance to find doctors and secure financing. Temporary doctors were obtained. A doctor recruitment committee was formed. Application was made for a long-term loan through the Texas Agricultural Finance Authority for \$500,000 to pay short-term bank notes and far overdue vendor debt.

Within a week, the recruitment committee had narrowed a list of several hundred prospects to one doctor who was invited to visit Winters. Dr. A.J. Chhabra of Galveston has since signed a three-year contract with North Runnels Hospital and will be moving to Winters shortly after the first of the year.

loan was approved. An additional \$200,000 in loans has been raised from local sources.

When faced with losing one of its most important institutions, the Winters community began to pull together for an important cause — saving the hospital. Businesses have donated funds, organizations have helped, the hospital auxiliary was re-organized, hospital employees have held bake sales and raffles, churches have prayed, and individuals have stepped forward to provide leadership.

On Sunday, December 9, the entire community came together to work and raise money for North Runnels Hospital. A fried chicken meal was served at the School Cafeteria, and there was a country store with lots of craft and dessert items available for everyone's Christmas shopping.

While Winters has a way to go before we have a viable and completely functioning hospital, we can celebrate Sunday that we are almost over the big hurdles. One doctor is on his way, there are several prospects for another, financing is almost in place, there is a new hospital administrator, staff members have made a commitment to the hospital's success, and a community has grown together as it rallies around the hospital.

Hospital auxiliary thanks community

We want to thank everyone who helped in any way with the North Runnels Hospital benefit Sunday.

We appreciate all of the workers who helped with the meal, the Country Store, the raffle, and all of the other preparations.

We thank those who donated baked goods, handmade crafts, and other items. We especially appreciate everyone who turned out to support the project and those who made donations.

The winner of the grandfather clock was Orita Smith. Pat

Ambrose won the Dewalt saw and Nell Lange won the DVD player.

It is the community support which we saw Sunday which will save our hospital. Thank you Winters!

North Runnels Hospital Auxiliary

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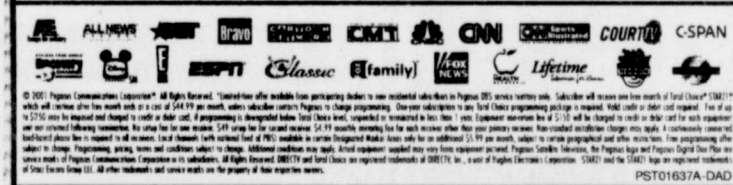
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Krista Louise Bullard

Bill and Helen Lail of Moro are proud to announce the birth of their great-granddaughter, Krista Louise Bullard.

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Proud parents are Amber and Rusty Bullard of Abilene.

Maternal grandparents are Tom and Connie Jones of Abilene. Paternal grandparents are Richard and Michelle Bullard of Abilene.



BUSY IN THE KITCHEN preparing Sunday's delicious fundraiser meal to benefit North Runnels Hospital are (l-r) Phil Colburn and Lanny Bahlman (former directors of NRH) Roger Kruse and Randall Sneed (current directors), Bill Cathey (former director, and Keith Paschal. In foreground are Martha Pinkerton and Shelia Paschal. More than 800 guests were served and approximately \$7,000 was raised.

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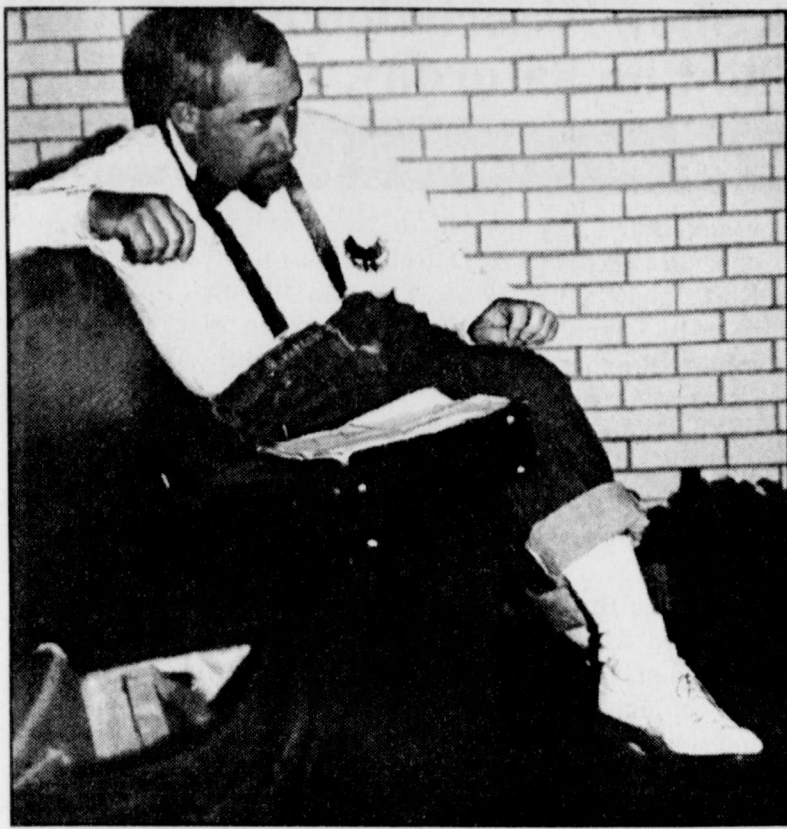
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KENNY GIBBS is looking pretty "spiffy" as he reviews his lines for "The Wise Men Had It Easy" presented by the First Methodist Church.



"THE WISE MEN HAD IT EASY" was the drama presented by these members of the First United Methodist Church on December 2. First row (l-r): Tana Gibbs, Haley Kaczyk, Archie Mills, Lane Gibbs, and Zachary Schwartz. Second row: Zanny Slimp, Nina Mooney, Amber Smith, and Kathleen Mills. Third row: Saffron Gibbs, Kenny Gibbs, Karen Mooney, Millie Northrup, Nancy Evans, and Rhea Parramore. Fourth row: Leslie Sheppard, Judy Biddix, Kay Whitfield, Nancy Thompson, Maudella Reeves, and Jean Gibbs. Back row: David Evans, Dewey Whitfield, Phillip Mooney and Jeff Mills.

SCHOOL, continued

Louis Bergman made a presentation to the Trustees concerning junior high cheerleaders. Bergman proposed that all seventh graders who want to be cheerleaders be allowed to do so without "try-outs." He listed other schools in the area which have done this and have been successful with this type program. Bergman cited cost as a limiting factor in students being able to try-out for cheerleader. Allowing everyone to participate, the cost would be limited to \$100-\$150 per student cheerleader. Bergman said the present cost is approximately \$800-\$1,000 per cheerleader. He further reminded Trustees that anyone who wants to participate in athletics is allowed to do so, and this same policy is his request for cheerleaders.

No action was taken or comment given by the board inasmuch as this item was not listed on the agenda.

Elementary Principal Todd Newberry presented a report on the TIPS after school program. Currently 43 students are enrolled in the program, and is operated by one and a half certified teachers, two aides and a director. For the months of September and October of this school year, there has been a loss of approximately \$3,000 in this program. On Tuesday, Newberry was to meet with the West Central Texas Council of Governments for some possible funding from the state. Trustees agreed to postpone any decisions about the TIPS program until the February meeting, so any possible funding can be determined.

Present for the December 10 meeting were Trustees Bob Prewit, Jack Davis, Jr., Jerry Sims, and Allen Andrae; Superintendent Clack, Business Manager Jimmy Butler; Athletic Director Chuck Lipsey, Dean of Students David Hale, and Principals Cathey and Newberry.

Daughter of local residents named Big Sister of the Year in Lubbock

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Lubbock honored volunteers at a volunteer appreciation dinner and presentation on Thursday, November 15, 2001. The appreciation dinner honored the dedication of outstanding volunteers for the year.

This year, the outstanding volunteers of the year were Brandon Fortenberry, Big Brother of the Year, and Marie Payne, Big Sister of the Year.

Marie is a 1990 graduate of Winters High School and 1995 graduate from Texas Tech University with a Bachelor of Arts degree in mass communications. She is currently employed as an advertising executive for FOX Communications in Lubbock.

Marie is the daughter of Johnny Bob and Deb Pritchard of Winters and Leta Pritchard of Houston and the wife of Tyge Payne.

Other volunteer organizations that were honored were The Miller Girls and Evans Junior High School for their outstanding work with the 2001 Bowl for Kids Sake fundraiser. Kim Bevers, the outgoing Board President, was also recognized for 6 years of service. The Board of Directors also recognized Gayla Bursiaga, Executive Director, for 10 years of service to the agency.



Big Brothers Big Sisters want to thank all of their volunteers for the year 2001. "Without the support and hard work of all our volunteers we would not all be here now. The volunteers are who make our agency and Marie and Brian are a great example of that," said Cindy Miller, recruitment coordinator and case manager at Big Brothers Big Sisters.

Final Week—CIA applications available for 2002 workday

The North Runnels Christmas In April Board of Directors is now accepting applications for repair work in April, 2002. Applications are available at City Hall, Winters Area Chamber of Commerce, and *The Winters Enterprise*.

Applications must be returned no later than Wednesday, December 19, 2001. Applicants will be notified in late January whether they have been accepted or rejected for the project.

CIA is a national nonprofit organization of volunteers which repairs homes for the elderly, handicapped, and low income families.

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Outdoors

A Banner Day!



AND A BANNER DAY IT WAS for these Winters FFA members who exhibited Grand and Reserve Grand Champion Heifers at the 2001 ACCO Showmaster Show Down Jackpot Show on December 1, in Abilene. Earning championship banners with their heifers were (back, l-r) Maegan Schwartz, Grand Champion Simmental Heifer; Travis Grohman, Grand Champion Charolais Heifer; Trenton Grohman, Reserve Grand Champion Charolais Heifer; (front) Camille Kruse, Grand Champion Hereford Heifer; and Brianna Mesey, Grand Champion Red Angus Heifer.

Junior Livestock Show Association to host 2002 Winters Stock Show on Saturday, January 5

—One day show a prelude to Runnels County Show—

The Winters Junior Livestock Show Association will host the 2002 Winters Stock Show on Saturday, January 5, 2002, in the Winters Show Complex. Over 100 livestock entries will be shown by 35 Winters FFA & 4-H exhibitors.

This year's show will be a one-day event and a prelude to the Runnels County Stock Show scheduled for the next weekend, January 11 & 12, in Ballinger.

All animals for the Winters show must be in the barn on Friday, January 4, by 6 p.m. Weigh-in and classification will begin shortly thereafter.

Superintendents for the 2002 show are Jim West, general superintendent, assisted by Alvin Gerhart; Glenn Hoppe, Jr., cattle, assisted by Billy

Frank Belew; Denny Heathcott, sheep, assisted by Darrell Kurtz; Terry Kruse, swine, assisted by Johnny Pritchard; and Johnny Pritchard, rabbits, assisted by Terry Kruse.

The show will begin at 8 a.m. Saturday with the rabbit shows, followed by goats, lambs, hogs, heifers, and steers.

A Little Britches Pig Show is slated for approximately 11:30 a.m. Children ages toddler through the second grade and not already exhibiting in the show are encouraged to participate. There is no fee for the Little Britches Show, however, registration will be taken at the concession stand prior to the event. Every child will be a winner and presented with a ribbon and award.

Stock show exhibitors will be awarded buckles, banners, and ribbons. Unlike in past years, no prize money will be presented at the Winters show.

The Winters Livestock Association encourages area donors and sponsors to make their contributions to the Runnels County Stock Show instead. All Winters youth will join exhibitors from Ballinger and Miles for the first county show in over 45 years.

Each exhibitor will sell one animal in a premium sale at the conclusion of the Runnels County Show. Anyone wishing to contribute or be a buyer at the premium sale may contact Deb Pritchard at 754-5243, Barron Guy at 754-5708, or any Winters Junior Livestock Show Association member.

Runnels County Livestock Show set for January 11 & 12 in Ballinger

Runnels County will host a countywide stockshow, for the first time in over 45 years, on Friday and Saturday, January 11-12, 2002. The event will be held at the Ballinger Community Center.

Nearly 160 Ballinger, Miles, and Winters FFA and 4-H exhibitors will show 523 livestock entries including lambs, goats, swine, cattle, turkeys, and rabbits. Both breeding and market stock will be exhibited.

A Runnels County Junior Livestock Show Premium Sale will be held on Saturday at 6 p.m. following the two-day event. Each exhibitor in the county will "sell" one animal of their choice in the sale. However, the show is not intended to be a major fundraiser.

and the buyer will not keep the animal they purchase. This will enable exhibitors to show that animal at a major stock show in late January and February.

Due to the Runnels County Show, stock show associations in Ballinger, Miles, and Winters will not solicit donations for their local shows this year. However, they will seek monetary support in each community by encouraging donors to contribute to the County Show's Premium Sale instead.

In an effort to promote the single, largest event in Runnels County to directly support the youth, the RCJLSA Buyers Committee members will be

visiting businesses and individuals over the next two to three weeks seeking those who would like to purchase an animal in the Premium Sale.

In addition, anyone may donate a monetary pledge for the Buyer's Committee to use in purchasing an animal at the sale in the event a donor is unable to attend.

Donations may be made by contacting Greg Schwertner (in Ballinger) at 365-5582, Karen Hoelscher (in Miles) at 653-0337 or Deb Pritchard (in Winters) 754-5243.

Donors may also contact any stock show association member or FFA advisors in each community or the County Extension Office at 365-2219.

Ag Talk

by Congressman Charles Stenholm

Counties eligible for USDA Emergency Farm Loans



The Secretary of Agriculture named 50 counties in Texas as eligible for USDA emergency farm loans as a result of losses caused by drought that occurred earlier this year.

Among the counties that were listed as primary disaster areas were six counties in the 17th Congressional District. These include Borden, Brown, Concho, Mitchell, Runnels, and Tom Green counties.

Also eligible as "contiguous," or neighbor counties, are the following: Callahan, Coke, Coleman, Comanche, Dawson, Eastland, Fisher, Howard, Martin, Mills, Nolan, Scurry,

and Taylor counties.

This designation means that all qualified farm operators in primary and contiguous disaster counties are eligible for low-interest emergency loans from the Farm Service Agency (FSA), provided eligibility requirements are met.

Farmers in eligible counties have eight months from the date of this declaration to apply for the loans to help cover part of their actual losses.

FSA will consider each loan application on its own merits, taking into account the extent of losses, security available, and repayment ability. For further information, contact your local FSA office.

In related news, the Senate

legislative business the week ending December 7, and unfortunately, they made very little progress on the farm bill. In fact, the Senate postponed votes on this legislation.

Dairy processors withdrew their opposition to the bill after Senate Agriculture Committee Chairman Tom Harkin eliminated a proposed fee on milk. That fee would have been used to fund a new subsidy program for dairy producers.

The Bush Administration is strongly opposed to the Senate farm bill in its current form because it believes the higher crop subsidies will encourage excess production and make it more difficult to get other countries to reduce their farm spending.

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VOTING DELEGATES REPRESENTING the Runnels County Farm Bureau at the 68th annual Texas Farm Bureau convention in Waco December 2-5 were, (front, l-r) Sally Buxkemper, Ella Condra, Sam Bennett, Elaine Pelzel and Linda Duggan, (back) Doyle Condra, Jimmy Bennett, LeRoy Pelzel and Dale Duggan.

Runnels County delegates attend 68th Annual Texas Farm Bureau Convention in Waco

Seven voting delegates from Runnels County Farm Bureau recently participated in the 68th annual Texas Farm Bureau convention December 2 through December 5 in Waco.

They were LeRoy and Elaine Pelzel from Miles, Doyle and Ella Condra, Dale and Linda Duggan and Sally Buxkemper, all of Ballinger. Also attending were Sam Bennett, Agency Manager and Jimmy Bennett, also of Ballinger.

Policies directing the state's largest farm organization were adopted by more

than 1,200 delegates from 207 organized Farm Bureaus. Approved recommendations on national policies will advance to the American Farm Bureau Federation annual meeting to be held in January in Reno, Nevada.

Addressing the delegates were Donald Patman of Waxahachie, TFB president; James Maxton of Mount Pleasant, secretary-treasurer and Vernie Glasson, TFB executive director.

The business session covered the final two days of the meeting. The last order of busi-

ness was the election of the president, Donald Patman of Waxahachie.

This year's youth winners were Stacy Lynn Collier of Bell County, Miss Farm Bureau; Damon Matthew Whaley of Dalhart County, Talent Find winner and Larry Lee Horn of Wheeler County, Free Enterprise Speech winner.

Named "Outstanding Young Farmer/Rancher of 2001" was Jerry Moody of Mt. Pleasant. Named "Excellence in Agriculture Winner" was Darren Turley of Erath County.

Stewards of the Soil

by B.D. Davis, Biologist/Land Manager

Drill Innovation for No-Till

Most (but not all) wheat producers in Runnels County understand the advantages of no-till crop production. We realize that plowing devastates soil organic matter. We realize plowing increases the amount of topsoil lost to wind and water erosion.

We realize cultivation damages soil structure. We realize long-term cultivation reduces microbial (soil bugs) biomass carbon and also nitrogen levels. We realize too that plowing wastes moisture—and we never have enough moisture.

No tilling uses less fuel—a lot less. We would also spend less our time in the field. Wildlife and the environment would benefit. And if the truth was known we would probably take more money to the bank. So what is the problem? Why don't more of us employ some type of no-till?

Why? Yes, there is a why! It all boils down to basically one problem—it is tough to plant and to plant right in a lot of residue. It is tough to get the seed uniformly placed at the right depth and it is tough to get it covered. It is tough to get good seed to soil contact.

Conventional shank (hoe) type drills tend to plug up with

residue. This often results in piles of straw being dumped in the fields to clear the drill. Disk type drills are prone to "hairpinning" residue (pushing straw down into the seed trench) and penetrating. This results in poor seed to soil contact.

We producers usually have to employ a coultter or "rolling pizza cutter" to cut the straw ahead of the planter shanks to overcome some of the above problems. Coultter rigs work fairly well. However, these types of planters are usually expensive.

Engineers from the USDA-Agriculture Research Service have developed a device that would allow a toolbar type drill to plant into large amounts of residue. I talked by phone with Mark Siemens, Agricultural Engineer from the winter wheat producing area in the northwest.

Siemens indicated they only receive about 15 inches of rainfall per year but they get it at the right time—during the winter and spring. He indicated some of their dryland winter wheat yields could approach 100 to 120 bushels per acre.

These high wheat yields can

produce a lot of residue per acre—up to 9,000 pounds in some cases. Siemens and his crew have recently developed a ground-driven rubber-fingered wheel that holds down the crop residue thus preventing it from building up on the shank and seed tube.

A toolbar drill equipped with these attachments was evaluated during the fall of 1999 and the spring of 2000. Amounts of residue present during planting ranged from 1,600 to 9,000 pounds per acre. One side of the hoe-type drill was equipped with the new attachments and the other side remained the conventional shanks.

Results indicated that seeding with the rubber wheel attachments increased the number of seedlings up to 50 percent depending on field conditions and the crop involved. It is encouraging for us interested in no-till to see these kinds of results. Perhaps the attachments or something similar can fit our no-till problems here in Runnels County.

Quote of the week: "The key to getting water into the ground is to keep it covered." Author unknown.

Tour of Homes in Ballinger on Sunday

Five homes and a church in Ballinger are on the Carnegie Library Tour of Homes this year. Set for Sunday, December 16 from 5-8 p.m., all proceeds from the home tour will benefit the Library. Tickets may be purchased for \$8 at the Library or any of the locations on the tour that evening.

First Presbyterian Church
The Church is located at 301 Broadway and is fondly known as the only church in the area where one has to climb stairs to get into the basement. The upper parking area will be used.

Bailey-Brevard-Brown
The Bailey-Brevard-Brown house, a spacious colonial home located at 601 N. Fifth Street, was built in 1936 by Dr. Charles and Kathleen Bailey.

Bob and Martha Brown purchased the home from Weldon and Diane Brevard in 1998. The Brevards had purchased the home from the Baileys twenty-five years prior.

Randy & Ginger Turner
The Turner home was built in 1912 and features a front foyer, formal living room, formal dining room with original

hardwood floor.

Bickel Home
The Bickel home at 602 Broadway is a white wood siding two-story Georgian style home built in 1906 by R. L. Williams. Mr. Williams was the first manager of Higginbotham Lumber Company in Ballinger.

The house has been home to just four families in 95 years—the R. L. Williams family, the Gene Heidenheimer family, the Jimmy Stubblefield family and the Stan Bickel family.

Joseph & Caroline Toliver

The Toliver home was built in 1997 at 20 Belle Vista by Steve Routh and Clifton Michalewicz. The brick home is centered around the family room and has a circle driveway in front.

Scot and Deanne Goen
The Goen home is located two miles northeast of Ballinger on the old Winters highway (FM 2887).

The new home was completed in the summer of 2001. The 3000 square foot ranch house with Texas Hill Country rock has a wrap-around porch.

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Law & Order

Letter to the Editor

Citizen says more "Cowboy Mentality" is needed

Dear Editor:

The Constitution of the United States was formed by a group of people who left their homelands because they had no freedoms. They had no rights to worship as they pleased, to own their own property, or to have the freedom they desired. They came to America to establish a nation where these things could be done without fear of oppression. This is not the case in most other parts of the world. This group of men envisioned a nation where each individual could pursue whatever type of business or religious belief he felt was best for him.

In the past the United States of America has fought numerous wars to protect the rights of people in foreign countries, as well as those in the United States. Many lives have been sacrificed for people in these countries, and to keep this type of ideology from our shores.

We are now being approached by groups in our own nation that think we should let the minority set the rules that our nation needs to be governed by.

Many times in the past year I have turned on the TV to hear one of our liberal left members of Congress, or some foreign leader that the taxpayer is keeping in power, complain about America's "Cowboy Mentality."

Most of the time they are people that have no idea what the "Cowboy Mentality" means. They were raised with everything they desired and with the idea that all their food was made in the grocery store.

Please let me explain what the "Cowboy Mentality" means to most Texans.

Someone with a "Cowboy Mentality" takes responsibility for those things in his charge. He does not wait for someone to come to his assistance or do the things that he is responsible for. Whether this has to do with family, friends, or livestock, it is his responsibility to see that it is done. We use whatever means necessary to get the job done.

There are those who would limit or remove some the tools necessary for us to do our job. A few years ago at a meeting of the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers Association in San Angelo, Texas, a member of one group wanted to present their solution for the coyote problem. A very refined lady addressed the group and told them that to solve the problem, the male coyote should be trapped in a live trap, castrated, and released back into the wild. After a few minutes of silence, one old rancher stood up and received recognition, and said, "Hell, woman, they're not breeding 'em."

According to the Texas and United States history books that are used in every classroom in America we citizens have the right to a trial by our peers in all civil and criminal matters. Because judges have been given the right to overrule the jury, this is no longer true. The judges have been given the right to overrule the jury and enforce his own judgement in cases he chooses. He does not have to give a reason for his decision.

We are also bombarded by the news media daily. Each one seems to have his own idea of what every occurrence means, and that the vast majority of American citizens are not smart enough to listen to a speech and know what is said. We have to be told what each word really means.

I guess what I am trying to say is that it is too bad that we all do not have more of the "Cowboy Mentality." We are now involved in a war in Afghanistan that has already cost thousands of lives and billions of dollars. A minority that decided to enforce their own version of the Muslim religion on a nation brought this about. After this succeeded they decided to go worldwide.

When will America decide to go back to the way that the constitution was meant to be enforced and not let the minority decide how everything is to be run?

It is time for us all to develop more of the "Cowboy Mentality."

Sincerely,
Calvin Helm
Bronte, Texas

Join WMA for free meal on Christmas Day

The Winters Ministerial Alliance will again sponsor a meal on Christmas Day from 10:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.

Everyone is invited — travelers, families, guests. There is no charge for the meal which will be at Jones Hall of First Baptist Church.

Area churches are working together to provide the meal. Workers are needed for shifts of 9 a.m. to noon, noon to 3 p.m. and 3 to 6 p.m.

Churches should contact Rev. Bob Jones at 754-5400 if they are interested in contributing.

Official Records

County Court Dispositions

Tyrone Watkins, driving while intoxicated, pleaded nolo contendere, sentenced to six months in county jail, probated to 18 months, fined \$1,500 plus \$250.25 court costs, 24 hours community service

Bertha Alice Albarado, driving while intoxicated, pleaded nolo contendere, sentenced to three months in county jail, probated to six months, fined \$500 plus \$235.25 court costs, 30 hours community service

Heath Joseph Poitra, driving while intoxicated, pleaded nolo contendere, sentenced to six months in county jail, probated to one year, fined \$750 plus \$251 court costs, 30 hours community service

Santiago M. Quiroga, possession of marijuana, pleaded nolo contendere, sentenced to six months in county jail, probated to one year, fined \$500 plus \$235.25 court costs, 40 hours community service

Tyrone Watkins, driving while intoxicated, pleaded nolo contendere, sentenced to six months in county jail, probated to 18 months, pay \$236 court costs and 100 hours community service

Criminal Cases Filed
December 3
David Molina, Jr., filed for public intoxication, appealed from city court

December 6
Evelyn Conley, filed for theft by check
Juan Martinez, filed for theft by check
Rebecca A. Roan, filed for theft by check
Christi L. Smith, filed for theft by check

District Court Civil Cases Filed

December 7
H. B. Edmondson & Son vs. Mrs. Maurice B. Gordon et al, receivership

Divorce Cases Filed
December 5
Anderson Frank Peek vs. Juanita Peek

Divorces Granted
December 6
Charles Alton Gibbard and Carol Jean Gibbard
Ralph John Smetana, Jr. and Debra Lynn Smetana

Justice of the Peace Precinct 2

Criminal Cases Filed
December 9
Laura M. Diaz, filed for failure to produce Hunter Safety Certificate

Felony Cases Filed
December 3
Joshua Moses Vidaurri, filed for burglary of a habitation, two counts

Legal Notice

NOTICE TO CREDITORS NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF LOLA A. JAMES

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary upon the Estate of LOLA A. JAMES were issued to the undersigned on the 19th day of November, 2001, in the proceeding indicated below, which is still pending, and that I now hold such letters. All persons having claims against said estate are required to present the same within the time prescribed by law. Please forward all claims to VIRGIE NOVELLE WADE and LOLA NOLETA RICE, C/O Kenneth H. Slimp, P.O. Box 157, Winters, TX 79567.

VIRGIE NOVELLE WADE
Co-Independent Executor of the Estate of Lola A. James, Deceased, Cause #6307, Court of Rannels County, Texas.

LOLA NOLETA RICE
Co-Independent Executor of the Estate of Lola A. James, Deceased, Cause #6309, Court of Rannels County, Texas.

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Police Beat

The information below is taken from reports on file with the Winters Police Department. Some of the information is provided to police by citizens, and in some cases, police have not finished investigating the reports. These reports make up a small percentage of the total calls the Department receives and responds to each week.

Winters Police Department reports received and/or investigated from Sunday, December 2, 2001, through Saturday, December 8, 2001. Winters Police Officers:

- on December 2, 2001, officers were sent to the alley of Humphreys north of Tinkle Street in reference to a juvenile possibly smoking an unknown substance. Upon arrival a short foot chase ensued, and the officer caught the suspect who has been smoking marijuana. Officer also located a small amount of marijuana on the suspect's person.
- on December 3, 2001, officers were given information about several burglaries that had been occurring around town for some time. Thanks to the combined efforts of Victims, Witnesses and Officers, almost all of the property stolen in the burglaries was recovered and returned to the rightful owners. The suspect, Josh Vicaurri, was arrested and charged for the burglaries.
- on December 3, 2001, officer McGonagill took a report of an assault on a family member. The victim stated that she had gotten up to open a window because she was hot, and her husband became enraged at her for doing this. Victim stated that her husband then began striking her in the face and head with the remote control for the television, causing an open wound on her cheek. Officer McGonagill and Officer Butler of the Winters PD then went to the victims home and spoke with the suspect to ascertain what has happened. The suspect was then placed under arrest for Assault causes Bodily Injury/Family Violence.
- on December 6, 2001, officer McGonagill was dispatched to the 500 block of W. Parsonage for an unknown problem. Upon arrival officer met with victim who stated that she had been having trouble with her granddaughter. The granddaughter wanted to take her child to see its grandmother, and the victim did not feel that this was a good idea. The victim tried to keep the suspect from leaving with the child, and the suspect shoved the victim causing her to run into a doorframe leaving open wounds on both of the victim's arms. The suspect was located at West Dale Grocery, arrested for Assault causes Bodily Injury/Family Violence, transported to Rannels County Jail, booked, and incarcerated.
- on December 8, 2001, officer Butler observed a vehicle parked behind the Winters Community Center while there was no function going on. Officer Butler went to see what was happening. The driver of the pickup stepped out of the vehicle. Officer Butler detected the strong odor of an alcoholic beverage on the person's breath. The driver appeared to be very dazed and incoherent. Officer Butler placed the man under arrest for Public Intoxication, and the man turned out to be only 17 years of age, so officer Butler also charged him with Minor in Possession of alcohol.

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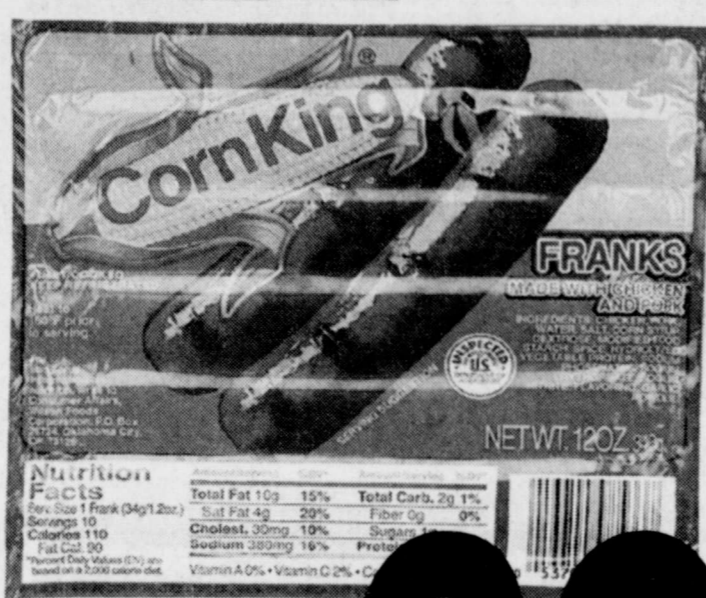
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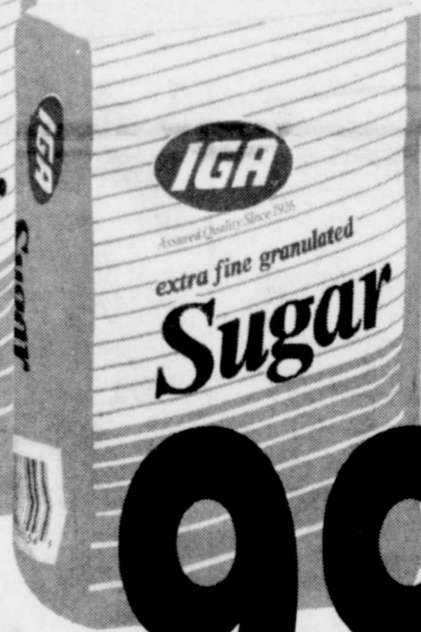
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