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Pearls of Wisdom—
You can't strengthen the weak by weakening the strong.

Letters to the Editor

The WHS Class of 1970 will present a scholarship on Awards Day; one local resident says NRH fundraisers aren't the answer; and Stenholm's mail is still slow—so he offers alternatives.

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Relay for Life meeting Wednesday

An organizational meeting for the Third Annual Relay for Life will be held on Wednesday, March 6, at 5:30 p.m. in the WHS Science Lab.

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CIA moving day set

The North Runnels Christmas In April Board of Directors has planned a moving day for Saturday, March 2. All materials & supplies will be moved to the recently acquired Rives building.

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City council discusses sludge dumping and water status

Cynthia Glass, speaking on behalf of a group of interested landowners and citizens, asked hard questions of the Winters City Council during the regular monthly meeting Monday evening.

Glass, who lives southeast of Winters, said she and other concerned citizens in her group are questioning the practice of spreading sewage sludge on farm land near their properties.

On November 28, 2000, the City of Winters filed an application to register a site for the

beneficial application of sewage sludge on approximately 185.8 acres located within an approximate 200 acre site.

The site, owned by Howard Pruser, is located approximately four miles southeast of Winters, and approximately 1.5 miles south of the intersection of Highway 153 and County Road 170.

Some of Glass's questions included concerns the sludge application might have on the environment and public health as well as the quality of life in

the adjoining area. Concerns were also expressed relating to contamination of groundwater in the area.

Council members said the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission is in a better position to answer most of Glass's questions, and asked that she address many of her concerns to TNRCC.

According to Jack Davis, Jr., City Water Superintendent, the sludge will come from three lagoons constructed in this area in 1984. He said

TNRCC is requiring the City to dredge these three lagoons.

Davis said the City submitted sludge samples three times to ensure safety. "We went above and beyond what we were required to send," he said.

Council members asked Glass to compile a written set of questions and concerns to submit to the Council and then allow time for the Councilmen to research and better answer the questions.

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Tornado Watch drill will be Wed., March 6

On Wednesday, March 6, 2002, the National Weather Service (NWS) in San Angelo will issue a practice tornado watch/warning through NOAA Weather Radio and the Emergency Alert System (EAS) for all counties located in the NWS San Angelo's County Warning Area.

A practice Tornado Watch will be issued at approximately 9:00 a.m., the warning at 9:30 a.m. and a follow-up cancellation Severe Weather Statement will be issued at around 9:45 a.m.

March 3-9 has been designated as Severe Weather Awareness Week in Texas.

Weekend early voting Sunday

Voters will have the opportunity to vote early on Sunday, March 3, from 12:00 noon until 5:00 p.m. in the County Clerk's office located on the first floor of the Runnels County Courthouse in Ballinger or in the Runnels County Tax Branch Office located at 143 West Dale, Winters.

Early voting will continue in the County Clerk's office through March 8, 2002. Office hours are 8:30 a.m.-noon and 1:00-5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Applications for a ballot to vote by mail will be accepted through March 5, 2002. You may contact the County Clerk's office at 365-2720.

Polling places on Election Day, Tuesday, March 12, will be open from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m.

Lady Blizzards receive 9-2A All-District honors

Laci Walker named Offensive Player of the Year

Three members of the 2001-02 Lady Blizzard basketball team have received All-District honors in District 9-2A.

Laci Walker was named Offensive Player of the Year. The WHS junior averaged 22.3 points per game, hitting 84 of 168 field goals (50.0%), 87 of 120 free throws (72.5%) and 13 3-point shots. Laci also brought down 30 offensive rebounds.

Defensively, Walker had 48 rebounds, 41 steals, and 5 blocked shots.

Named to the First Team All-District is Staci Bishop, senior. Staci scored 54 points for the season. She made 21 of 29 free throws and had 43 assists and 21 steals.

Honorable Mention went to Kemari Hale, WHS jun-



LADY BLIZZARDS HONORED include (l-r) Staci Bishop, First Team; Laci Walker, Offensive Player of the Year; and Kemari Hale, Honorable Mention.

ior, who scored 97 points for the season. She hit 37 of 49 free throws (75.5%), and had 62

rebounds. Coaches for the Lady Blizzards, who ended their season

with a 6-6 district record, are Ken Fowler and Deb Whittenburg.

Winters to get new area code next year

Winters will be among several West Texas cities to get a new area code next year.

The Public Utility Commission (PUC) issued an order last week to create a geographic split of the 915 area code into three individual area code regions. The decision comes after a series of public meetings and comment on several proposals to accommodate the increased demand.

The current schedule calls for the two new area codes to be introduced in April 2003 followed by a recorded reminder to dial a new area code

in October, 2003. Mandatory dialing using the new area codes is scheduled to begin December, 2003.

Current estimates predict that the 915 area code will run out of numbers in early 2004. The 915 area code zone stretches from Texas' western tip to the state's center, and is the state's largest area code zone. The three-way split approved by the PUC will prevent the need for additional area codes in the three regions for an estimated 17 to 20 years.

While approximately two-thirds of customers in the cur-

rent 915 region will have to change their area code, the PUC determined the three-way split is the best way to preserve local interests.

The 915 area code zone stretches from Texas' western tip to the state's center, and is the state's largest area code zone. The western end of that zone, which includes El Paso, will keep 915 as its area code because of its concentrated population, extensive bilingual network and international commerce, according to the PUC.

The center and eastern sec-

tions, where two-thirds of the zone's customers reside, will lose the 915 area code. The center section, which includes Midland, Odessa, Big Spring, Seminole, Alpine and Van Horn, will gain a new area code.

Winters, located in the eastern section which includes Abilene, San Angelo, Snyder, Brady and Brownwood, will be assigned a different and new area code.

The PUC said the approved plan received overwhelming support from both residential and business customers during the public comment period.

March 1 service part of World Day of Prayer

World Day of Prayer 2002 will be observed in Winters on Friday, March 1, with a service hosted by First Baptist Church at noon in Jones Fellowship Hall.

A meal will be served at noon and a short program will begin at 12:30, concluding at 12:50.

The local gathering will be part of an observance by Christians in over 170 countries around the world on March 1. The theme of this year's celebration is "Challenged to Reconcile."

Dallas handbell choir to perform at First Baptist

The University Ringers of Dallas Baptist University will perform a free handbell concert at the First Baptist church of Winters on Friday, March 1, at 7:00 p.m. The church is located at 104 West Truett Street.

The group has toured extensively in its 12-year existence, performing in Arkansas, Oklahoma, and Texas. They have also played in Taiwan, Korea and Europe.

Playing a five-octave set of 61 Schulmerich English handbells, together with four octaves of hand chimes, the University Ringers play a variety of music.

For more information, contact First Baptist Church at 754-5521.



MARGIE LADNER of Winters cheerfully accepts a check for \$1,000 from Clay Bush, Manager of the local IGA Supermarket. Ladner was the big winner of the Holiday Cash promotion at the store, winning on the last of six punch cards on the last day of the contest.

Offering special cancellation stamp

Winters Post Office to celebrate 111th anniversary March 7

The United States Post Office in Winters, Texas, will offer a special cancellation stamp on Thursday, March 7, 2002.

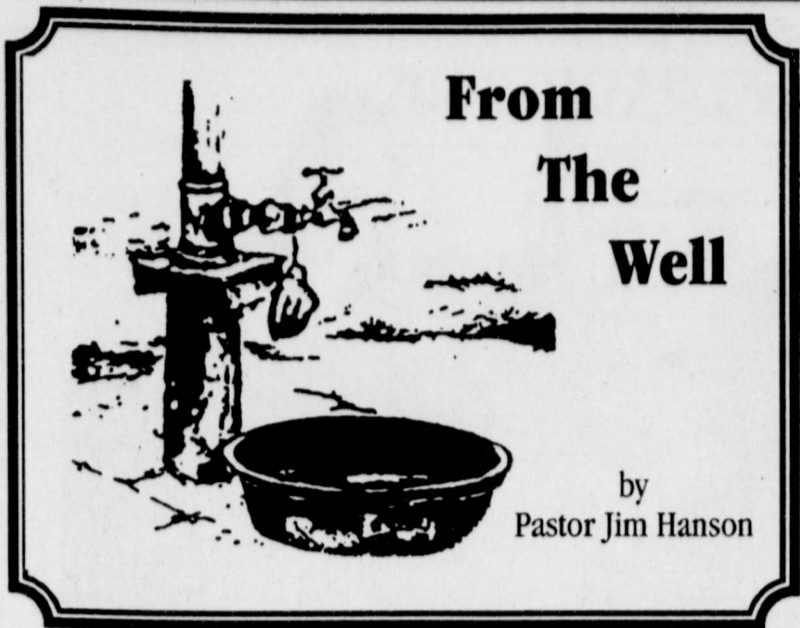
The office will provide the cancellation stamp to commemorate the 111th anniversary of when the post office opened—March 7, 1891. It was located in a corner of the General Mercantile Store at the intersection of Dale and Main streets. Frederick Platte served as the first postmaster in Winters.

According to current Postmaster John Frock, a cancellation stamp has been designed using an old photo of the Mercantile building at the turn of the century which is on display at the Z.I. Hale Museum.

Debbie Ballard, a sales and service associate at the post office, will have a special table set up in the lobby specifically for the cancellation. Frock said, "Anything with a with a surface that will accept ink and has the correct minimum postage may be cancelled."

In addition, the Winters Post Office will be accepting mail sent from across the United States and abroad for the special cancellation for the next 30 days. Everyone is invited to stop in for the commemorative cancellation stamp and help the Winters Post Office celebrate its 111th anniversary.

Community



From The Well

by
Pastor Jim Hanson



Pastor Jim Hanson

"How are the children?" This is the way the Maasi hail each other on the plains of the Serengeti in Tanzania. And then follows a prolonged conversation about the family, the village, and the community as a whole. Folks from our country

visiting there often grow impatient with the ritual. Even when we ask one another "How are you?," we do not expect more than a perfunctory "Fine!" We might slow down if we were to ask one another "How are the children?" And, perhaps we, the children, and the world would also be blessed in other ways.

Dr. David Tiede, president of Luther Seminary in St. Paul, Minnesota, (I graduated from that school in 1954) begins a reflection in that school's quarterly with those words. And it causes me to reflect on it too. With you.

Just last Sunday, I was seated with Ramona and Stephanie (our daughter-in-law, Tim's wife) and Lily, their youngest daughter. We were sitting in the front pew of St. Paul's Lutheran where they are active members. More like disciples than members, which pleases us greatly. Tim was leading in the music.

For a long time I have been waiting to hold Lily. She is truly a wonderful child. With lots of hair and big blue eyes. But, she has been holding me at a distance. I didn't push my luck. I just would look at her, smile at her, speak softly to her. And once in awhile I would hold out my arms to her. And then she would turn away.

But Sunday morning, in church, shortly after the service began, I looked over at her. And smiled. Ramona was holding her. And it looked to me like maybe, just maybe, Lily was ready to come to me. So I held out my arms to her, and she did it. She pushed away from Ramona and into my arms. She was so good. All during the service. She played with my cross and put her finger on my cheek, and before long she closed her eyes and slept. It felt so good. Just to look down at her sleeping was a blessing. How is it going with Lily? Give me an hour, and I'll tell you. And it's all very good. And, it's going very, very good with me.

Whenever we call our children we always ask "How are the kids?" It's important. Even when they are 18 and have just come back from a week in Washington, D.C. getting acquainted with our defense system. When I call my brother, I ask "How are the kids?" and the youngest is 40 years old!

I wonder if there would be the ongoing war in the Holy Land if each morning the leaders on both sides were to ask the question "How is it going with the children?" It's not a dumb question, and it is the kind of question that has precedence. The scene was Camp David. During the presidency of Jimmy Carter. And the top official of Egypt and the top one of Israel were there. These were "peace talks," and it looked like the "talks" weren't getting anywhere. It was Sunday and the meeting was about to be adjourned. As the leaders were sitting around, talking and drinking coffee, a secretary came in and handed to each of the three leaders a large envelope. As they opened the envelope, each one discovered a large photo of his grandchildren. Before long, each was showing and sharing with the others the pictures and the stories that go along with such an exchange. It completely changed the course of the conversation. And the direction of the meeting. They came up with a plan and it actually seemed like it would work. But then the Egyptian leader was killed by an extremist.

But the pictures changed the perspective. When President Carter asked his secretary "Why did you do that?," it is reported that she replied, "I thought you all needed to get the real picture of what your conversation should be about."

"How are the children?" In your home, in your church, in your community, in your nation, in your world? It is the basic question. After all, Jesus said of them "To such belongs the kingdom of God." And He took them up in his arms... and blessed them. "Nuff said."



UNIVERSITY RINGERS of Dallas Baptist University will perform a handbell concert at the First Baptist Church in Winters, March 1, at 7:00 p.m. The choir has toured extensively in its 12-year existence, including trips to Korea, Taiwan, and Europe. Playing a 5-octave set of 61 Schulmerich English handbells, together with four octaves of hand chimes, the Ringers play a variety of music. Everyone is invited to this free concert. For more information call First Baptist Church at 754-5521.

WHAT'S HAPPENING ?

- Feb. 28-11:30 a.m. Sr. Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center
- 5 p.m., Z.I. Hale Museum Board, The Rock Hotel
- 6:30 p.m., Parenting Class, Ballinger JHS Library
- Mar. 1-11:30 a.m., Sr. Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center
- Noon, World Day of Prayer 2002, First Baptist Church
- 7 p.m., Handbell Choir, First Baptist Church in Winters
- Mar. 2-8:30 a.m., Christmas In April Moving Day, Rives Bldg., E. Dale
- Mar. 3-Noon-5 p.m., Early Voting, Runnels County Tax Office, Winters
- Mar. 4-9 a.m.-4 p.m., WIC, Winters Housing Authority
- 11:30 a.m., Sr. Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center
- 6-7 p.m., Winters Community Baseball Registration, Cafeteria
- 6:30 p.m., Winters Elementary Select Choir, WHS Auditorium
- Mar. 5-9 a.m., Ministerial Alliance, School Cafeteria
- 10:30 a.m.-1 p.m., TEXCARE Health Rep, Ballinger Hospital
- 11:30 a.m., Sr. Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center
- Noon, Lions Club, Sr. Citizens Activity Center
- 3 p.m., Friends of the Hale Museum, The Rock Hotel
- 6:30 p.m., Parenting Class, Ballinger JHS Library
- 7 p.m., AA, First United Methodist Church
- 7 p.m., American Legion, Legion Home
- Mar. 6-7 a.m., Industrial Board, Windmill Enterprise Office
- 11:30 a.m., Sr. Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center
- 5:30 p.m., Relay for Life Meeting, WHS Science Lab
- Mar. 7-10 a.m.-Noon & 1:30-3 p.m., Immunization Clinic, TDH
- 11:30 a.m., Sr. Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center
- 6 p.m., Chamber Directors, Chamber Office
- 6:30 p.m., Parent Class, Ballinger JHS Library

Men's clothing drive March 9 to benefit VA

The American Legion Auxiliary is sponsoring a clothing drive on Saturday, March 9, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Post Home at 138 W. Dale.

Clean, men's clothing in good repair is needed and should be brought to the Post Home which will later be taken to the Veteran's Administration.

For more information, call Jean Diener at 675-5160 or Melba Emmert at 754-5098.



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March 4 thru March 8
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- Monday, March 4:** Mexican casserole, pinto beans, coleslaw, crackers, and fruit.
- Tuesday, March 5:** Steak & gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, hot roll, and banana pudding.
- Wednesday, March 6:** Chicken spaghetti, peas & carrots, tossed salad, garlic bread, and cake.
- Thursday, March 7:** Potato soup, grilled cheese sandwich, crackers, fruit salad, and cookies.
- Friday, March 8:** Bar-B-Q sandwich, macaroni salad, chips, pickles & onions, and dessert.

Hooper makes hole-in-one

Worth Hooper of Winters made a hole-in-one Sunday, February 24, 2002, at the Winters Country Club.

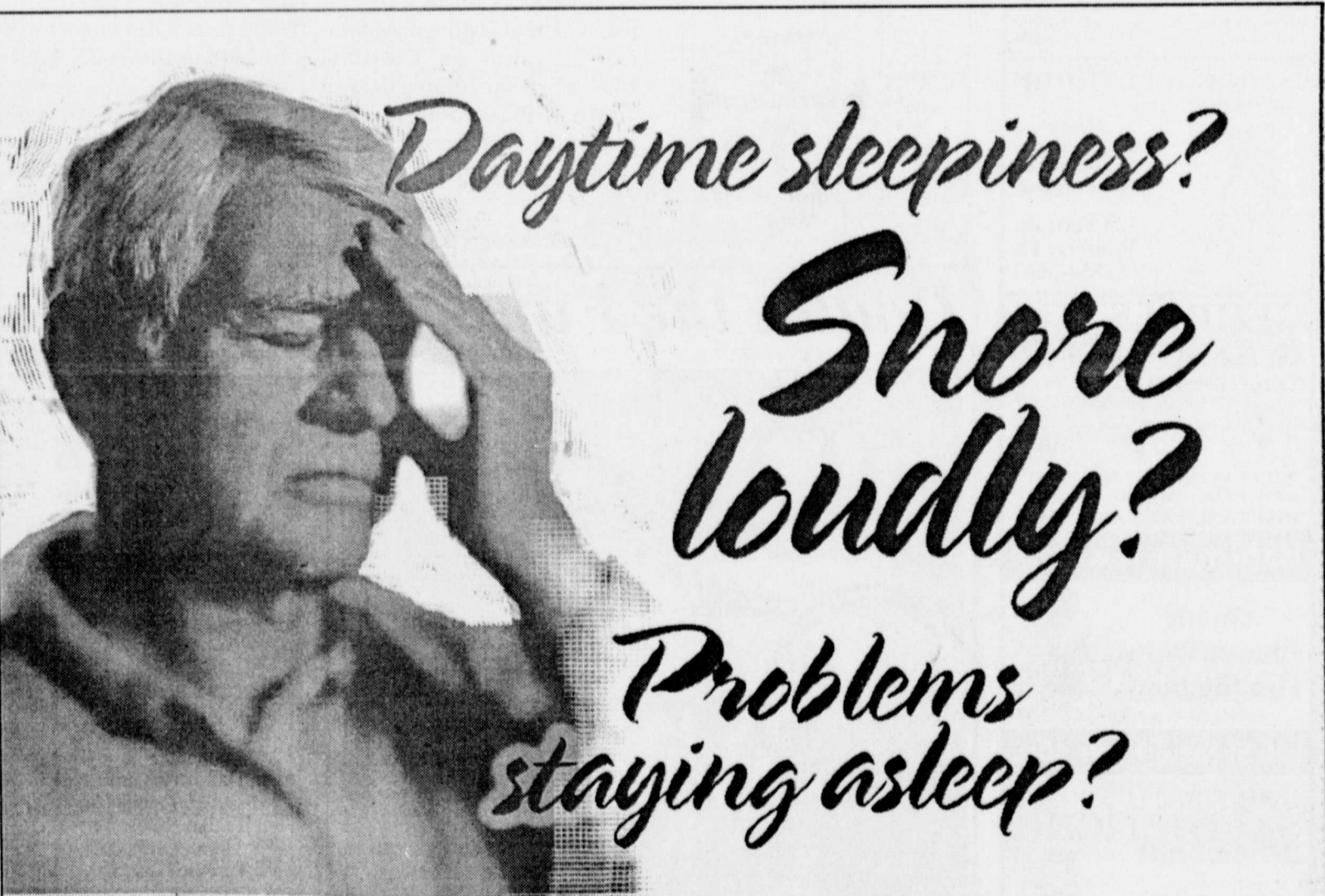
Hooper was shooting with a 5-iron and drove 150 yards into hole #6.

Congratulations, Worth!

Correction

The words *Political Advertisement* paid by Marilyn Egan, 217 CR 443, Ballinger, Texas 76821, were inadvertently omitted from Marilyn Egan's political ad in last week's issue of *The Winters Enterprise*. The omission was a staff error on the part of *The Winters Enterprise*, and not that of Mrs. Egan. We apologize for this error.

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March 4-8
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Breakfast
Monday-March 4
Pop Tarts
Cereal
Juice
Tuesday-March 5
Doughnuts
Cereal
Juice
Wednesday-March 6
Blueberry Muffins
Cereal
Juice
Thursday-March 7
Cinnamon Roll
Cereal
Juice
Friday-March 8
Pigs in a Blanket
Cereal
Juice

Lunch
Monday-March 4
Chalupa
Corn
Peaches
Blonde Brownie
Tuesday-March 5
Pizza
Tossed Salad
Pineapple Tidbits
Chocolate Pudding
Wednesday-March 6
Chicken Fried Steak
Mashed Potatoes
Green Beans
Hot Roll
Ice Cream
Thursday-March 7
Cheeseburger
French Fries
Lettuce, Tomatoes, & Pickles
Pears
Icebox Cookies
Friday-March 8
German Sausage
Pinto Beans
Cornbread
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Conner and Whittenburg named to TTU Dean's List

Students have been named to the Dean's List at Texas Tech University for the 2001 Fall Semester. Named to the Dean's List from Winters were Craig Conner, a freshman Physics major and Kenny Whittenburg, a junior Exercise and Sports Sciences major. Conner is the son of Randall and Susan Conner. Whittenburg is the son of Van and Deb Whittenburg. Students who carried 12 or more hours with a grade point average of 3.5 to 3.9 qualified for the Dean's List.

Chane Reagan graduates TTU

Fall Commencement Exercises took place at Texas Tech University on December 11, 2001. Justin Chane Reagan graduated with a bachelor of science degree in agriculture and applied economics. He is the son of Van Ray and Nora Spill and Tony Reagan.

New health insurance available

Affordable health insurance is now available through **TEXCARE**, a program created by the Texas Legislature to provide low-cost health insurance for uninsured children in Texas. Most families will not pay more than \$18 a month to insure their children. The insurance will cover regular check-ups, shots, eye exams and glasses, prescription drugs, special care, dental care, x-rays, lab tests, and hospital care and services. A **TEXCARE** representative will be at Ballinger Memorial Hospital on Tuesday, March 5, from 10:30 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. Please bring proof of income and childcare expenses in order to complete the application.



THE WINTERS FFA CHAPTER observed National FFA Week with a variety of activities including radio spots, exhibiting animal projects at the Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo and Livestock Judging at the San Antonio Livestock Exposition. Winters holds the oldest FFA charter in the state of Texas. Officers for the 2001-02 school year are (front, l-r) Travis Grohman, vice-president; Chris Hoppe, president; Maegan Schwartz, secretary; (back) Cody Pritchard, reporter; Georgetta Horton, treasurer; and Jessica Pritchard, sentinel.

Winters Community Baseball sets registration for March 4

Summer League sign-up is Monday night

Winters Community Baseball will hold their summer baseball and softball registration on Monday, March 4, 2002. Sign-up will take place in the WISD cafeteria from 6 to 7 p.m. Parents should come equipped with birth certificates and social security numbers for each child. A copier will be available to make copies of these documents. Cost will be \$35 per player or \$60 per family with two or more children registering. Teams will be available for students in Pre-kindergarten through high school as long as enough interest is shown for a particular age division. Anyone willing to coach a t-ball, baseball, or softball team also needs to be present at the meeting.

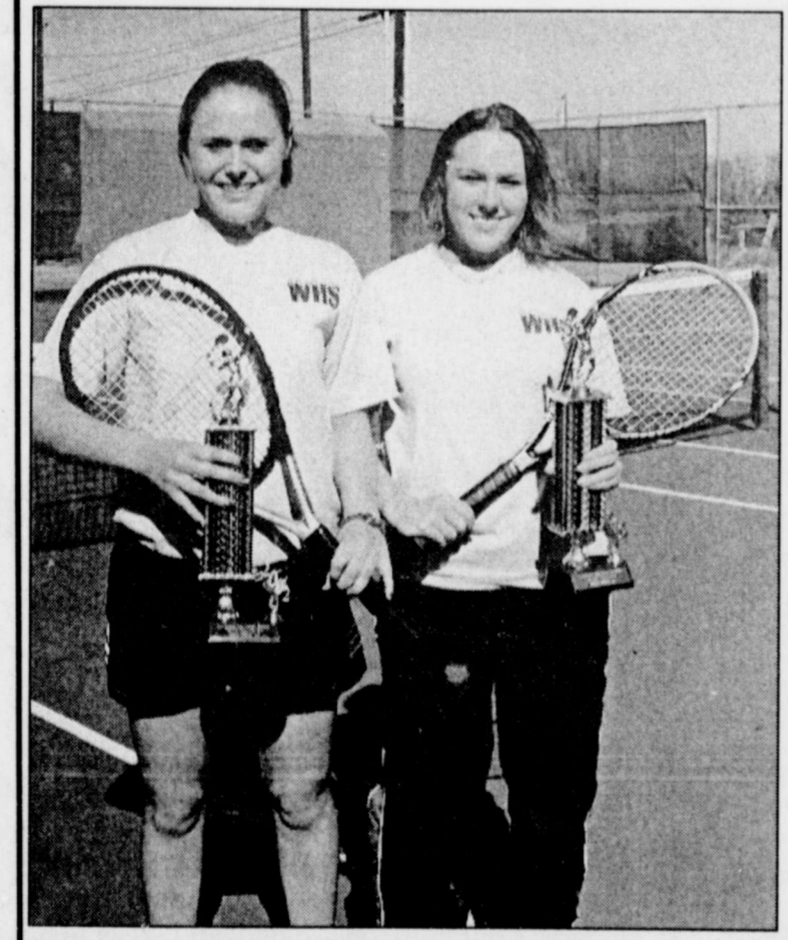
Elementary Select Choir set to perform Monday night, Mar. 4

The Winters Elementary Select Choir will perform their traveling program for the community on Monday, March 4 at 6:30 p.m. The concert will be held in the WHS Auditorium. The group will perform "Growing Up Red, White & Blue" featuring fun songs for kids to perform and closes with a patriotic medley. This year they will also feature two encore selections performed by nine fifth and sixth grade girls. The choir will perform the same program for the Fredericksburg Elementary School on Tuesday. Admission is free and the public is invited to attend this delightful program.

Local student included on Who's Who list

Oklahoma Baptist University 2001 winter graduate Laura M. Norton of Winters was recently included in the 2002 edition of "Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges." Norton, a musical arts major, is one of 50 OBU undergraduate students and one graduate student to be named as national outstanding campus leader. Students are chosen based on their academic achievement, service to the community, leadership to extracurricular activities, and potential for continued success. The 51 OBU students join an elite group of students from more than 2,300 institutions of higher learning in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and several foreign nations. OBU, a liberal arts college in Shawnee, Oklahoma, offers bachelor's degrees in 75 fields of study. The university is ranked second among comprehensive colleges in the West by *U.S. News and World Report*. OBU had an enrollment of 1,933 last fall.

Double the Fun!



TOURNAMENT DOUBLES CHAMPIONS at the recent Colorado City varsity tennis meet were WHS seniors Kelly Walker (left) and Scarlet McMinn.

4TH SIX WEEKS ELEMENTARY HONOR ROLL & PRIMARY GRADE PARADE

Winters Independent School District 2001-2002

FIRST GRADE Michael Alatore Jordan Busher Raena Butler Abby Edge Ashley Doty Junior Espino Koltion Garcia Lane Gibbs Brittany Gray Teri Hagle Ashley Hodge McKenzie Hooper Hannah Johnson Anthony Lara Justice Liggins Heather Lincoln Kaitlyn Kindley Ryan Luera Veronica Luera Daisy Martinez A.C. Mata Elisha Mata Tanner Mayo Bryce Mikeska Israel Nunez Sabrina Oswald Joanna Perez Nicolas Perez Yolanda Rangel Nathan Rodriguez Andrew Silva Jared Smith Shelly Soto Edmund Tamez Darian Tanner Jordan Taylor Marcus Torres Hannah Wade Randa Watson Billy Weatherford	Ashley Castillo Andrew Chavis Reba Coleman Strait Daniel Rey DeLaCruz Kelsea Esquivel Joe Gallegos Andy Garcia Michelle Kruse Caitlin Kurtz Camille Kurtz Sarah Lara Tomas Lugo Dillan Martinez Payton Middleton Archie Mills Hayden Nitsch Kelsea Parker Jack Pritchard Tori Reyna Riley Ripley Emalee Roznovsky Joey Salinas Anthony Sanchez Crystal Sanchez Kayla Sanchez Noe Sanchez Sterling Sanders Christian Sandoval Kenny Schooler Naomi Switzer Charlie Tamez Jonathan Tamez Lee Ann Taylor Madelyn Tounget Allie Towe	"A-B" Amber Blackshear Sarah Campos Bianca Carrillo Jared Cortez Ashlee DeLaCruz Alonso Flores Kelsea Garcia Shelby Gehrels Abby Guy Tyler Lincoln Dillion Lindley Devin Martinez Estevan Nava Miguel Rodriguez Raymond Rodriguez David Reyes Zanny Slimp Cheyenne Smith Derek Smith Joselyn Soto Crystal Trevino Dustin Tubbs	FIFTH GRADE "A" Sonia Armendariz Kevin Bredemeyer Julie England Corey Fenwick Camille Kruse "A-B" Matthew Doty Sandy Esquivel Raphael Galloway Diana Hernandez Kasi Lewis Ryan Meyers Colby Pritchard Destiny Torres Vince Trevino Jacob Wade Brittany Woffenden
SECOND GRADE Salena Aleman Lacey Arroyo Cameron Bean Cannon Bryan	THIRD GRADE "A" Kelton Bredemeyer Lisa Dees Haleigh Edge Kaitlyn Johnson Kailie Johnson Haley Kaczky Devon Shackelford	FOURTH GRADE "A" Sybil Bridgeman Chelsy Lipsey Josh Lujano Kathleen Mills Coltyn Pritchard Paige Sanders "A-B" Hayden Bergman Cindy Chavez Jacie Frierson Tana Gibbs Jacinto Hernandez Kevin Jackson Braden Mikeska Danielle Pinkerton Kenneth Reel Devon Rodriguez Armando Tamez Ali Tounget	SIXTH GRADE "A" Laura Armendariz Cassi Mendoza Susan Sneed Shelby Walker "A-B" Andrew Blackerby Addison Bergman Tory Burns Kevin Cook Eddie Cortez Aracelia Flores Lillian Garcia Wiley Guy Alex Harrison Cattie Kitchen Trayson Lange Leann Lopez Roy McBeth Garrett Nitsch Julian Perez Clint Schwartz Juanita Simpson Asenette Vasquez

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2002 WHS Powerlifting Team



Left to right: Jerry Hord, Steven Cuevas, Guy Slimp, Jared Airhart, Will Ahrens and Chad Landers.

Blizzards place in field events at Water Valley

Seven members of the Winters Blizzard Track & Field Team competed in the Wildcat Relays at Water Valley last Friday with all athletes placing in the field events.

Rusty Jackson placed first in varsity discus and third in varsity shot put. Chris Hoppe placed second in both events.

In the junior varsity division, Steven Cuevas finished second in shot put, while Jerry Hord placed fourth. Matt Moreno placed second in both the triple jump and long jump. Jose Hernandez finished fourth in the triple jump. Jared Airhart placed sixth in the pole vault.



Team: Lady Blizzards
 Coach: Edward Pochls
 Date & place of game: Feb. 22-Sonora
 Opponent: Sonora
 Winning pitcher: Amber Green
 Losing pitcher:
 Winning catcher: Rachel Davis
 Losing catcher:
 Key plays: We had big second & third innings, scoring 11 runs. Amber Green had a homerun during the game, and Ashley Santoya went a perfect 3 for 3 during the game.

	Runs	Hits	Errors
WINTERS	21	19	0
OPPONENT	4	4	0

Coach's comments: Raquel Retana started the game and had a shaky first inning so Amber Green came in in the second inning. Amber struck out 11 batters and allowed only 1 hit the rest of the game. We had key hits and good defensive plays by the entire Lady Blizzard team.

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7th GRADE WHITE TEAM: (back row, l-r) Javier Rodriguez, Bryant Mikeska, Luke England, Don Davis, Mark Scates, and Allan Gren. Kneeling (left) Keegan Kurtz and Jose Moreno.



7th GRADE BLUE TEAM: (back row, l-r) Michael Hubach, Juan Hernandez, Zack Herridge, Josh Acosta, and Trenton Grohman. Front row, l-r: Anthony Ramirez, John Paul Medina, Hector Reyna, and Stephen Kruse.

BIG COUNTRY CLASSIC III INVITATIONAL BASEBALL TOURNAMENT
 Winters will play in "Pool B" with Coleman, Jim Ned, Midland Christian & Merkel.
Thursday, February 28
 5:30 p.m.—Winters vs. Jim Ned at Sweetwater
Friday, March 1
 10 a.m.—Winters vs. Midland Christian at Sweetwater
Friday, March 1
 3 p.m.—Coleman vs. Winters at Merkel
Saturday, March 2
 10 a.m.—Merkel vs. Winters at Merkel
Saturday, March 2
 4 p.m. #2 Pool A vs. #2 Pool B at Sweetwater (3rd place game)
 7 p.m. #1 Pool A vs. #1 Pool B at Sweetwater (Championship Game)

Breezes and Blizzards to compete in Roscoe meets

Track teams open season

The Winters Junior High School track teams will compete in Roscoe tonight. Field events begin at 3:45 p.m. and running finals are set for 5:30 p.m. There will be only two divisions—boys and girls, as the seventh and eighth grades will run together.

On Saturday, the Winters High School track teams will officially open their season at the Blackland-Divide Relays at Roscoe. Field events will begin at 9 a.m. with running prelims scheduled for noon. Running finals will begin at 3 p.m.

BLIZZARD ACTIVITIES Feb. 28-Mar. 1 2002

Thursday, Feb. 28
 5:30PM, Varsity Baseball Tourney @ Sweetwater
 3:45PM, Jr. High Track Meet @ Roscoe, 5:30PM Running Finals
Friday, Mar. 1
 10AM, Varsity Baseball Tourney @ Sweetwater
 3PM, Varsity Baseball Tourney @ Merkel
Fri. & Sat., March 1-2
 TBA, Softball Tourney @ San Angelo
 TBA, Team Tennis @ San Angelo

Saturday, Mar. 2
 Varsity/JV Track Meet @ Roscoe, 9AM Field Events; NOON-Running Prelims, 3PM; Running Finals 10AM, Varsity Baseball Tourney @ Merkel
Monday, Mar. 4
 4PM, JV Baseball vs. Hawley*, Here
 6:30PM, Elementary Select Choir, Auditorium
Tuesday, Mar. 5
 4PM, Varsity Baseball @ Bangs*
 4:30PM, Softball @ Bangs*
Wednesday, Mar. 6
 3PM, Early Dismissal for Teacher In-Service

*Denotes District Game

Oats and Hoppe selected to FCA All-Star Football Team

Jeffery Oats and Chris Hoppe, senior members of the varsity Blizzard football team, have been chosen to play in the annual Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) All-Star Football Classic on June 8, 2002, in Abilene's Shotwell Stadium. Oats, a 5'9", 160 lb. receiver, defensive back and kicker, is the son of Donnie and Linda Oats. Hoppe is the son of Glenn and Melinda Hoppe. At 6'3", 280 lbs., he played offensive and defensive linebacker for the Blizzards.

Alternate for the FCA game is Joey Joeris, son of John and Rhonda Joeris. Oats and Hoppe were among 84 area athletes selected for the third annual game, which benefits the Big Country/Concho Valley Chapter of FCA. Representing 47 area schools, the roster for the North and South squads were announced at a press conference on February 24 at Wylie High School in Abilene. About 127 players were nominated by their head

coaches for the game which features schools from an approximately 100-mile radius of Abilene. The teams were chosen by a selection committee made up of the ten all-star coaches. Winters head coach Chuck Lipsey is one of four assistants to coach the South Team, led by Coach Mickey Owens of Ballinger. Players from Class 5A through Class A, in addition to one player from Abilene Christian High School, a private six-man program, make up the

team. By classification, the two 42-man squads break down as follows: 8 from 5A, 13 from 4A, 24 from 3A, 23 from 2A 15 from 1A, and one player from Abilene Christian High School, a 6-man team. Twenty additional players were selected as alternates and will participate if a roster spot becomes available due to injury or other circumstances. Teams will report for 2-a-day workouts on Tuesday, June 4, 2002. A Sharing the Victory Banquet honoring the players and local FCA huddle mem-

bers will be held Friday night, June 7. The game will be televised and shown by KTAB-TV of Abilene. A live radio broadcast will be produced in Abilene by Cumulus Broadcast and KWKC 1340 AM, and will be heard throughout the area. Hall of Fame coach Gordon Wood of Brownwood has agreed to be on hand to present two awards—named the Gordon Wood Most Valuable Player Awards—honoring the top players in the game.

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Life

Relay for Life meeting set for March 6

The Third Annual Relay for Life will be held at the Winters Track Complex on Friday and Saturday, June 21-22, 2002.

An organizational meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 6, 2002, in the Winters High School Science Lab.

Any and all interested individuals from the Winters and Ballinger areas are encouraged to attend. "We would love for Ballinger join the event again this year," said chairman Kelly Lipsey.

Runnels Baptist Association sets March 20th rally

The Runnels Baptist Association will hold an evangelism rally, Wednesday, March 20, at First Baptist Church in Bronte.

The Executive Board and W.M.U. will not meet. No meal will be served.

The rally will begin at 7:15 p.m.

Morris Johnson, evangelism director, is in charge of the program. Mike and Karen Anderson, evangelists from Brownwood, will be the guest speakers.

The public is invited to attend.



Mr. and Mrs. Carrel McKnight McKnights celebrate golden anniversary

Katie and Carrel McKnight of Winters were married 50 years on February 10, 2002. The couple was honored by a reception held by Lana Richards, Elaine Vinson, Tarra Norris, and Toni Harvey at the J.A. Corral Room in Abilene.

During their marriage, they lived in Munday, Abilene, and Winters (since 1994).

Katie has been employed as a bookkeeper for American Optical, Swinney Glass Company, and part-time at Binswanger Glass Company in Abilene.

Carrel retired from the Abilene Fire Department in 1988 after serving 24-1/2 years. He is a farmer and likes to restore old tractors.

Together they enjoy bowling and gardening as hobbies. Their best man and maid of honor, Buzzy and Laverne Mitchell of Nederland, Texas, attended the reception along with many friends and family.

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In other action, City Manager Aref Hassan reported to the Council that approval has not yet been received from the Colorado River Municipal Water District (CRMWD) for Abilene to sell water to Winters via the Ivie Pipeline project, and negotiations are still pending.

Council members declined the opportunity to become part of a regional water plan proposed by John Grant of the CRMWD which would entail buying water from Ballinger which will buy water from Lake Spence. Hassan explained that Winters would have to pump the water upstream, costing approximately \$1 million and the required pipeline would also cost about \$1 million.

Bronte has stated they do not want to use Spence's water because of its high salt content and poor taste.

Councilman Mike Meyer said he thought Winters should proceed with the plan to get water from Ivie, and the Council agreed.

Alderman Hank Bourdo made a motion to approve Jason Young's bid of \$100,192.08 for remodeling the Winters Community Center, contingent upon approval of the bid from a legal point of view about the performance bond and related legal issues.

Present for the February 25 meeting were Mayor Dawson McGuffin, Dr. Hassan, Councilmen Tommy Russell, Mike Meyer, Steve Esquivel, Jimmy Butler and Hank Bourdo, and City Attorney Ken Slimp.

In Appreciation

Card of Thanks

Thank you to everyone who helped us out during the Christmas season when Ricky broke his arms.

Your support has been overwhelming. My family and I thank you.

Ricky, Alisha, Chris, Derek, Kori, Kara & Dakota

Card of Thanks

We would like to thank our friends and loved ones who pulled together to help support us during Dad's recent illness and death.

During times like this, we realize how very much we need our friends, family, and community. Thank you for the prayers, comforting words, and food.

A special thanks to Rev. and Mrs. J.O. Mitchell and Rev. and Mrs. Randy Rawls for their visits at the hospital and their help with the funeral. Thanks to the Pioneer Church of God for the outstanding meal they served the family. We are extremely grateful to Dr. Thayne, Dr. Reynolds, the staff at the Coleman County Medical Center, and Hospice of the Big Country. Each worked above and beyond the call of duty to make Dad and our family more comfortable during his last days. To Mike Meyer and Linda Dry thanks once again for their kindness and help during the loss of our family member.

May God bless each one of you during your times of need. The family of LaVell (Doc) Smith Joy & Ronnie Curry Angeline & John Bradshaw Barbara & Johnny Plumley Betty & Buddy Ross Andy & Jill Smith

Card of Thanks

Words are not adequate to express our thanks for the many acts of kindness and the good things the friends and people of this community have done for us during this time.

Thanks to the ladies who served lunch at the church and to all our dear friends who brought food to the house. You are a special people, and we are indeed grateful. Thanks to those who helped in the memorial service for my mom. A special thanks for the beautiful music that was provided by Rhea Parramore, Fran Kidwell, and Jeff Mills and the comforting words from Rev. Truett Kuenstler and Rev. Georgia Orr. To Mike Meyer and his staff, we are very grateful.

"May God bless each of you" is our prayer. Marthiel & Tommy Russell J'Lynn & Alan Cooper Jeff & Jennifer Russell

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Solutions for this puzzle appear in this issue.

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Thanks also to the many people who provided desserts for the meal and auction, and to everyone who helped with the benefit.

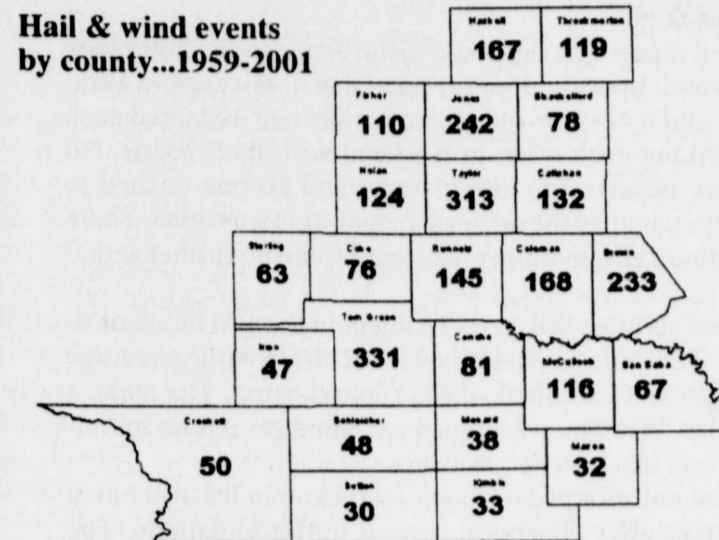
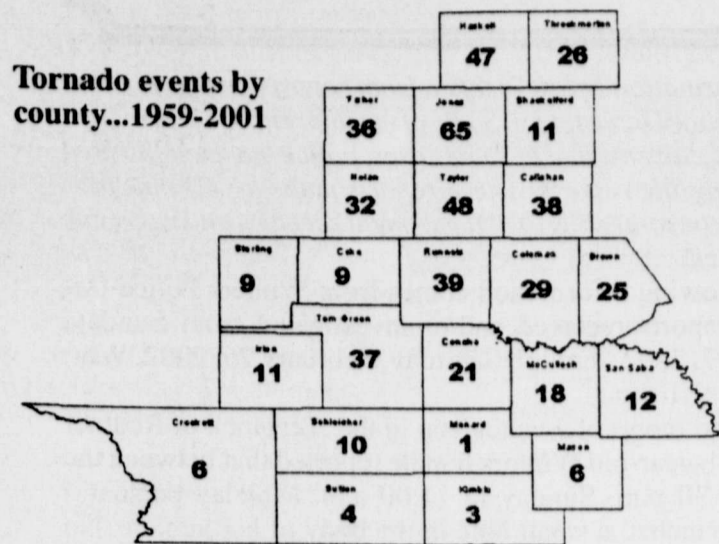
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Donations can be made to North Runnels Hospital Auxiliary, P.O. Box 211, Winters, Texas, 79567. Memorials may be made by contacting Winters Funeral Home at 754-4529.

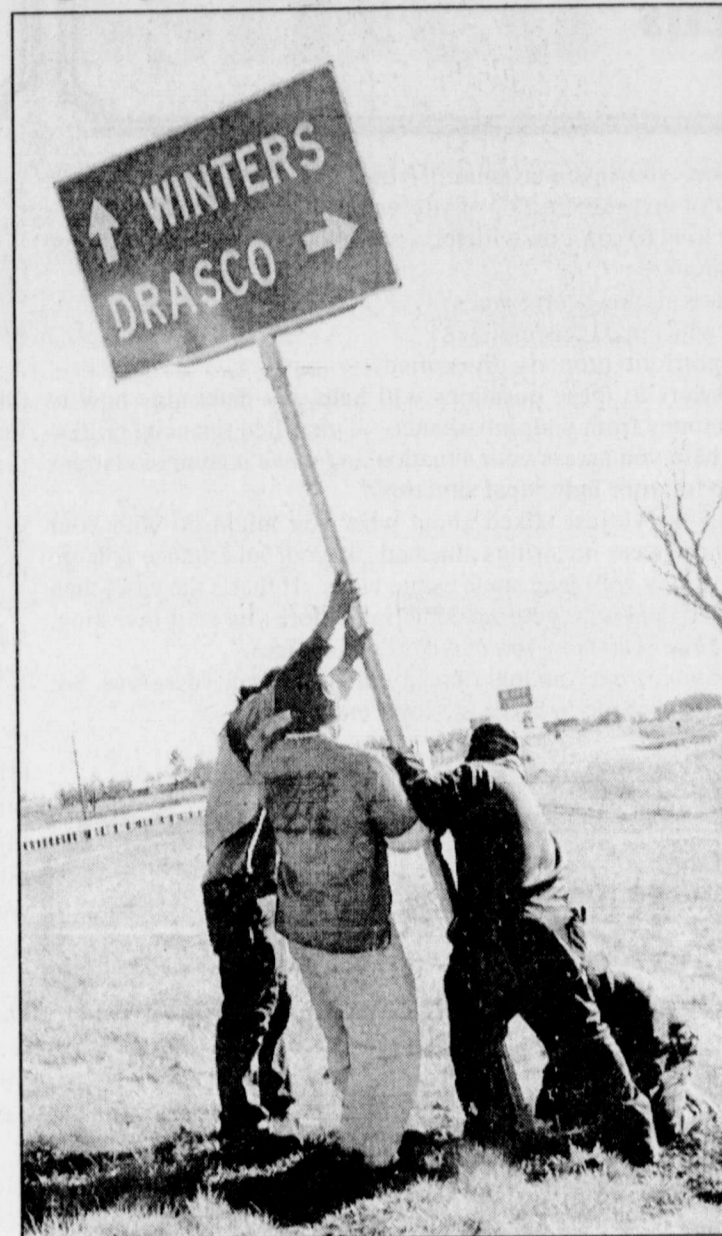
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Sign of the times



TxDOT WORKERS install a replacement sign just outside the northern city limits of Winters as part of a year-long project.

New VISTA volunteer eager to assist those in Runnels County

Central Texas Opportunities, Inc. announces Cynthia (Cindy) Lowe has been assigned as a VISTA volunteer to serve Runnels County. Cindy recently completed her pre-service orientation through AmeriCorps*VISTA in Austin, Texas. Cindy will be helping people with pre-GED classes, Food Drives and other duties as assigned by CTO.



Cindy Lowe

Cindy will be working out of the Ballinger Multi-Services Center, 702 S. 8th, Ph. 915-365-2275 and out of the Winters' Multi-Service Center, 601 W. Pierce, Ph. 915-754-4443.

The purpose of the AmeriCorps*VISTA program is to strengthen and support efforts that eliminate and alleviate poverty in the United States.

Cindy has been a resident of Ballinger since 1982, has an honorable discharge from the US Navy and has served as an officer in the AMVETS Post 91. Cindy has a senior accounting Degree from the American Commercial College

and has recently obtained a Certificate of Achievement for her completion of Crisis Intervention Unit Volunteer Training at the Tom Green County Sheriff's Office.

Cindy is eager to help anyone who is interested. Give her a call or come by one of the locations.

Reminder: Ag Day coming up

The 14th Biannual Agriplex Day will be Tuesday, March 12, at Ballinger High School. Registration begins at 9:00 a.m.

The Southern Rolling Plains Cotton Growers Association meeting starts at 10:00 a.m. A complimentary noon meal will be served. The producers and women's programs begin at 1 p.m. A youth leadership program will begin at 3:30 p.m.

The awards program and evening meal begin at 5:30 p.m. A health fair will be conducted from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. for the general public in conjunction with Ag Day.

Agencies participating are North Runnels Hospital, W.I.C., New Sound, Ballinger Memorial Hospital, Lions Club Eye Bank, Ballinger Home Health, United Blood Services, and Texas Department of Health.

The Winters Enterprise and The Ballinger Ledger will co-publish a special supplement in the March 7th editions informing area residents of planned events and activities. Several area ag businesses plan to sponsor booths on Ag Day. You are encouraged to support both the youth and the businesses of the area.

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Rainwater-Maddux said the replacement signs are larger for better reflective capabilities, are being installed farther away from the roadside, and have a triangular slip (break-away) base to help keep drivers and passengers safer on impact with the signs.

A 4-foot by 4-foot cement base will later be built around each new sign for vegetation control.

Replacement of signs within the city limits will be done later this year.

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Law & Order

Financial Focus

by Jim Woodruff

Take Steps to Protect Your Inheritance

At some point in your life, you may inherit a sizable sum of money—and what you do with it could have a major impact on your financial future.

How should you handle your inheritance? To begin with, don't make any quick decisions, especially if the money is coming from a parent or a particularly close relative. Even as an adult, you need time to recover from a major loss. So, rather than making any emotional choices, you may just want to "park" the inheritance funds in a money market account for a while.

Eventually, though, you will need to decide how to put this money to its best use. Here's one suggestion: If you are carrying a large balance on a high-rate credit card, you may want to pay it off now, while you have the money. Many cards have interest rates of 16 percent or more; since you would have a hard time finding an investment that paid that kind of return, your decision to get rid of the debt is smart use of your money.

Once you've paid off that credit card debt—or if you never had it in the first place—you'll want to look at other ways you can maximize your inheritance. Some people make the mistake of assuming that, since they didn't have the money before, they are now free to invest it aggressively. And yet, if their investment goes sour, they end up regretting it just as much as if they'd invested money they had earned. Don't make hasty decisions without considering potential risk, as well as your comfort level with that risk.

If you're a moderate or conservative investor and you wouldn't feel comfortable investing aggressively under normal circumstances, then there's no way you're going to feel good about putting your inheritance in high-growth, high-risk vehicles.

So, before you invest a dime of your new money, ask yourself: "What sort of investor am I?" If you've been investing for a while, it won't take long to come up with the answer. Then, ask yourself some more questions:

"What are my long-term goals?"

"When will I need this money?"

"Is my portfolio properly diversified?"

The answers to these questions will help you determine how to invest the money from your inheritance. A qualified financial professional can help you assess your situation and make recommendations appropriate for your individual situation.

Thus far, we've just talked about what you might do with your money if there were no strings attached. If your inheritance is large enough, you may well face some estate taxes. If that's the case, then you'll need to deal with your tax situation before you start investing. Your tax adviser can help you make proper choices.

You'll want to treat your inheritance with the respect it deserves. So, take the time you need to make the right moves.

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.

The following information comes from Winters Police Department reports received and/or investigated from Sunday, February 17, 2002, through Saturday, February 25, 2002. Winters Police Officers:

- received report of a vandalism in the 200 block of Redner Street. A 21-year-old Winters female reported that between the hours of 9:30 p.m. Sunday to 11:00 a.m. Monday person(s) unknown punched a small hole in the body of her vehicle. No witnesses have been located. This case is under investigation as criminal mischief.

- received report of a domestic disturbance in the 300 block of N. Melwood. Investigation revealed that a 48-year-old Winters female and a 44-year-old Winters male had assaulted each other by striking each other in the head with their hands. No injuries were observed to either party, and no one wished to pursue charges against the other so a separation was done. There were no further calls involving this couple, and no further action was taken.

- observed and stopped a male subject in the 100 block of E. Dale Street. The male had a strong odor of an alcoholic beverage on this person and exhibited signs of intoxication. The male, a 39-year-old of Winters, was issued a citation for public intoxication and was taken to his residence.

- observed and stopped a Chevrolet pickup in the 100 block of Jones Street after observing several traffic violations. The driver was contacted and an odor of an alcoholic beverage was detected on the driver. The driver was requested to take several field sobriety task of which he subsequently failed. The driver, Louis Esquivel of Winters, was arrested for driving while intoxicated and was taken to Runnels County Jail where he provided a blood alcohol specimen over the legal limit.

Official Records

County Court Dispositions

Colby Don Walker, evading detention, pleaded nolo contendere, placed on deferred adjudication community supervision for six months, fined \$250, plus \$236 court costs and 50 hours community service

Perry Blake Poe, driving while intoxicated, pleaded nolo contendere, sentenced to 120 days in county jail probated to one year, fined \$500, plus \$251 court costs and 50 hours community service

Austin Lee Hord, assault-family violence, case dismissed, victim does not want to pursue the case

Manuel Rosales Delarosa, driving while intoxicated (subsequent offense), pleaded nolo contendere, sentenced to nine months in county jail probated to 18 months, fined \$1,000, plus \$235.25 court costs and 50 hours community service

Mario Antonio Garcia, driving while license suspended, pleaded nolo contendere, fined \$350, plus \$211 court costs

Ricci A. Hunter, theft by check, pleaded nolo contendere, fined \$100, plus \$211 court costs, \$550 restitution, and \$85 hot check fees

Criminal Cases Filed

February 18

Jaynell Breeding, filed for theft by check

Jesse Cantu, filed for theft by check

Nicholas Sanchez Casarez, filed for theft by check

Chris Clayton, filed for theft by check

George Cole, filed for theft by check

Delores Gloria, filed for theft by check

Bertha M. Pace, filed for theft by check

Mickey Smith, filed for theft by check

Eric Smolin, filed for theft by check

Mark Timberlake, filed for theft by check

Teri Leah Byler, filed for driving while intoxicated

February 19

Christopher A. Howell, filed for theft by check

John Foster, filed for theft by check

February 21

Charlie Andrew Harrison, filed for driving while intoxicated (subsequent offense)

Bryan Dwayne Allen, filed for driving while intoxicated

Marriage Licenses Filed

February 19

Jose Antonio Gutierrez and Corina Lizet Chavarria

February 20

Jimmy Leon McManus and Betty Lou Bailey

District Court Civil Cases Filed

February 15

Mueller, Inc., vs. Judy A. James, individually and Team North Texas Mechanical, Inc., account

Mueller, Inc., vs. Scott Rowland, individually, and Virtus Construction Company, account

February 19

Providian National Bank vs. Sonja M. Gentry, account

February 20

Walter Von Clendenen and wife

Connie Clendenen vs. Pioneer Exploration LTD, damages

Balling National Bank vs. Jeri L. Smith, promissory note

Divorce Cases Filed

February 15

Archie Wayne Lancaster vs. Angela Kay Lancaster

Justice of the Peace Precinct 1

February 4

Clayton Dolinsek, filed for possession of marijuana

February 5

Robert Alan Bryan, filed for theft of livestock

February 13

Noe Mendiola Jacques, filed on two counts of assault on a peace officer

David Rendon Lopez, filed for endangering a child

Diane Luera Lopez, filed for endangering a child

Criminal Cases Filed

February 4

Thomas Moore, filed for theft under \$50

February 9

Delvin Lynn White, filed for open container alcohol in a motor vehicle

February 11

Jay Boy Martinez, filed for theft by check

February 21

Nicole Smith, filed for theft by check

Heather Gray, filed for theft by check

Sandra Hernandez, filed for theft by check

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CONVICTED SEX OFFENDER
DECLARADO CULPABLE DE LA OFENSA DE ASALTO SEXUAL

FRED HAROLD POE
23-year-old Male
Address: 303 Magnolia, Winters, Texas
Convicted of Sexual Assault of a Child
Victim: 16-year-old female

FRED HAROLD POE
Un hombre de 23 años de edad su residencia es 303 Magnolia, Winters, Tejas. Fue declarado culpable de la ofensa de asalto sexual. El victima fue una hembra de la edad de 16 años.

For more info on local sex offenders, visit the Texas DPS web site at <http://records.txdps.state.tx.us>
Para mas informacion en ofensores sexuales en su localidad visite el Departamento de Seguro Publico en <http://records.txdps.state.tx.us>

Pursuant to Tex. Rev. Civ. Stat. Art. 6252-13c.1, the Probation Dept. of Runnels County is required to publish the above information about an adult, convicted of a sexual offense against a child, who is located in our city or county.

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ACROSS
1. Limb
4. Trees
8. Does an usher's job
13. Club
14. Conceited
15. Tiny picture
16. Course
17. Otherwise
18. Written work
19. Sri Lanka's location
22. Exist
23. Mexican liquor
24. Little ones
26. Dell loaves
29. Elevated
32. Sheriff's assistance
36. Coliseum wear
38. Floor covering
39. Suffix for sewer or tamper
40. One of two in *A Tale of Two Cities*
41. Singer Paul
42. Business assn.
43. Beverages
44. Waterfowl genus
45. Difficult experiences
47. Tread
49. Uninterested
51. Lance corporal
56. White garment
58. Considered carefully
61. Worked on one's nails
63. Yemeni capital
64. Glacial snow field
65. Mountaineer's challenge
66. Related
67. Govt. employees
68. Highway patrolman's device
69. Building adjuncts
70. Kirghiz, formerly: abbr.

DOWN
1. Unassisted
2. Deciphers
3. Wounded soldier's cry
4. In a balanced way
5. Dried baobab
6. Hodgepodge: abbr.
7. Express derision
8. Brown shade
9. Bees' neighbors, on typewriters
10. Booth and Sirhan
11. Word with gas or drop
12. Inflamed sweating
13. Stern
20. Bern's river
21. Emanations
25. Giant
27. Catchall abbr.
28. Ulcers
30. Actress Sommer
31. Costly
32. Covenant
33. About
34. Wrote illegibly
35. Plant part
37. Meaning
40. Dated
44. On ___ with; equivalent to
46. House painter's need
48. Corrects
49. Delight
52. Gets on a soapbox
53. Particulars
54. No way!
55. Peaceful abode
56. Yonder
57. Piazza cash
59. Rock singer Billy
60. Students' summons
62. Zeta's follower

Antique Estates Auction

Saturday, March 2 — 11 AM
Brown County Fair — Homemaking Bldg.
4202 S. Hwy 377, Brownwood, TX
VIEWING 1 HOUR BEFORE SALE

This will be a fantastic auction of fine antique furniture, collectibles, and high quality reproductions from various estates and consignments. Every quality item will be moved to the homemaking building for your comfort and convenience where there will be plenty of seating and parking. Everything must be sold and moved day of sale.

A partial list: A very beautiful, antique 1870's Victorian Barley Twist bedroom suite, complete with tall, heavy carved mirrored door wardrobe, massive carved marble top dresser with mirror, tall back bed and matching carved marble-top nightstand — a *must see!*, the best massive heavy carved Burled walnut Chippendale table and 8 matching chairs with inlay top and extension leaves — a *must see!*; a very rare musical and automated "Birds in Cage" made in Germany — *so life like!*; a very rare American oak highchair — makes into a rocker — *never seen one before!*; a very rare, antique Victorian rug; a large 1890's antique American oak hallseater with paw feet; a rare, tall fancy case "Brunswick" floor model phonograph with records; an antique American oak triple bowfront china cabinet with paw feet and beveled mirror gallery; a beautiful antique 10-pc. oak dining room suite with tall, carved china cabinet, matching buffet, server, table and 6 matching chairs; a rare 1880's Victorian walnut carved parlor settee and 2 matching slipper chairs; a beautiful heavy carved, tall grandfather clock with chimies; a rare 1890's tall oak "Globe Wernicke" stacking lawyer's bookcase; a great antique American oak carved side-by-side secretary; a fabulous 1880's "Waterbury" Victorian walnut parlor clock. **Guns:** A very rare and authentic, antique 1873 "Winchester" hex barrel rifle in great working condition; a very rare and authentic, antique "Colt" Peacemaker Bisley model single action pistol in great working condition. A great collection of Victorian bronzes such as a life-size Victorian "Lady Pouring Water" bronze fountain; a rare antique rocker in mint condition; a fabulous mahogany tall, carved Chippendale secretary bookcase; a large collection of Western bronze statues by Fredrick Remington such as "Mountain Man"; a heavy cut crystal lamp; Dresden; Limoges; Nippon; RS; rings; pocket watches; Western and Icarot pictures; Indian artifact shadow boxes; a fabulous collection of fine cut crystal (some signed by artist!) and much more!

Auctioneer's Note: *This will be a wonderful auction of over 300 fantastic items! We sincerely hope you take time to see for yourself. Remember this is just a partial list; there is much more!*
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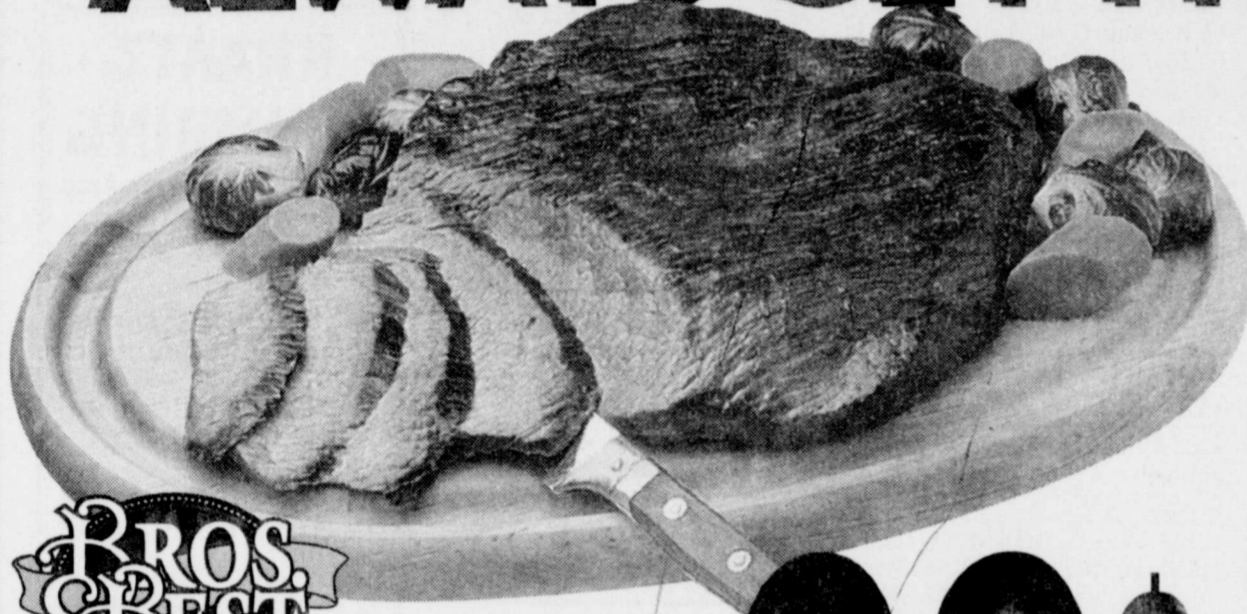


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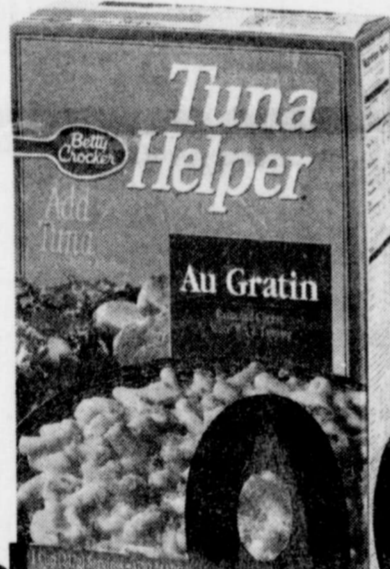
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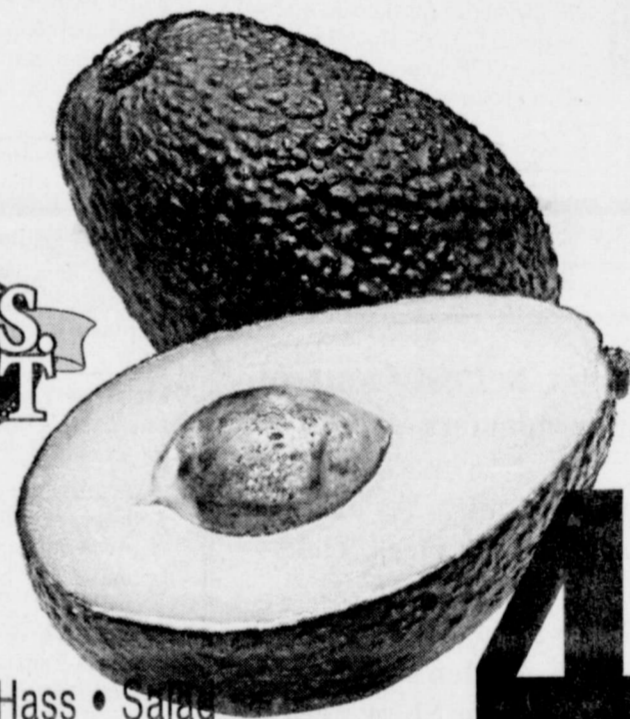
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