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## NEWS at a glance

**Pearls of Wisdom—**  
The word *listen* contains the same letters as the word *silent*.



### Agri-Plex Ag Day Section

The Agri-Plex Ag Day is planned for Tuesday, March 12. See Section B of this week's issue for information on all the day's events.

Section B

### Blood Drive at Ag Day

United Blood Services will have a bloodmobile at the Agri-Plex Ag Day on Tuesday, March 12, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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### WHS to host Blizzard Relays

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### Account set up for Medinas

An account has been established at State National Bank for the Oscar Medina family who lost most of their possessions in a house fire on February 26.

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### Primary Election

Voting sites in Runnels County for the March 12 Primary Election are listed.

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### Blessed Daze

World's longest ear hair article a bit too much information for this columnist—but nonetheless, she imagines the possibilities.

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## Family loses home in large fire

Members of the Winters Volunteer Fire Department worked for almost six hours to fully extinguish a large house fire last week.

At approximately 4:30 p.m., February 26, firemen and emergency medical personnel answered a call to the 300 block of North Main where they found the two-story wood frame home of Oscar and Lynn Medina engulfed in flames.

Fighting winds gusting to 35 m.p.h. and temperatures in the low 30's, firefighters were able to keep the fire from spreading to nearby homes and the First Baptist Church.

According to Fire Chief Jack Davis, Jr., the cause of the fire is undetermined at this time but is believed to have started in a downstairs bathroom.

Jessica Medina told Davis she was at home with her two young sons when she heard a noise in the bathroom. As she opened the bathroom door, smoke billowed from the room. She immediately began looking for her 4-year-old who was hiding under covers in a bedroom. Jessica and both chil-



**HOT WORK IN COLD TEMPERATURES** as members of the Winters Volunteer Fire Department work feverishly to extinguish a large fire at the home of Oscar and Lynn Medina in the 300 block of N. Main on February 26. The fire, which is believed to have started in a bathroom, completely destroyed the two-story, wood frame home.

dren escaped without injury.

Davis said the fire was one of the worst he's seen and firefighters used "enough water to fight a dozen normal

house fires."

The Medina family had minimal house insurance and lost all their belongings in the fire. A fund has been set up at

State National Bank at 400 S. Main in Winters.

Members of the family include Oscar and Lynn, their children Jessica, Robert and

Tim, and two grandchildren. Lynn says their most immediate needs are dressers, chest of drawers and underwear. Sizes are on file at Heidenheimer's in Winters.

## Primary elections Tuesday

Privileged citizens will have the opportunity to cast their votes and utilize one of their most treasured freedoms on March 12.

Democratic and Republican primaries will be held Tuesday. Polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. The locations of voting boxes are listed on page 6, along with candidate profiles.

In local elections, County Judge Marilyn Egan will face Michael Murchison in the Democratic Primary. No one is running for that office on the Republican ticket.

District Clerk Loretta Michalewicz, County Clerk Elesa Ocker, and County Treasurer Margarette Smith are incumbents and running unopposed.

At County Commissioner, Precinct 2, Keith Collom will have an opponent in the November election as Freddie Grohman is running in the Republican Primary.

Ricky Strube, County Commissioner for Precinct 4, has drawn Herbert Dankworth as opponent. The winner of this primary will be unopposed in the November elections.

Both Justice of the Peace offices have opponents.

In Precinct 1, Allen Cole is running against incumbent Greg Lange.

Precinct 2 has drawn three candidates. Bill Bredemeyer was appointed to fill an unexpected term and is running against Rick Dry and Richard Hamilton.

In the Democratic Primary voters will get to choose a Senator nominee to run against the Republican nominee. Senator Phil Gramm has retired from

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**CHRISTMAS IN APRIL VOLUNTEERS** worked Saturday preparing the former office of Dr. C. T. Rives for storage of CIA materials. Rives donated the building on East Dale Street. Braving the cold weather are (l-r) Hank Bourdo, Robert Garza and Efrain Esquivel. CIA workday is April 20.

## Hospital extends doctor's contract Clinic, ER remain busy

North Runnels Hospital extended a contract in December to Dr. A. J. Chhabra of Galveston to practice in Winters, subject to his receiving approval from the Immigration Service.

In January, the hospital board offered a similar contract to Dr. A. H. Ojha of Odessa. Both doctors were born in India and have been in the United States receiving advanced medical education.

The hospital has had numerous contacts with governmental agencies and as of Tuesday, indications are that approval will probably not be forthcoming very soon.

Hospital Administrator Larry Baggett and the hospital board are exploring some new developments and all possibilities of North Runnels securing a permanent doctor in the near future.

Several changes and improvements have been made at the hospital during the past few months. On Monday, March 4, the hospital was re-opened for in-patient care. The clinic, which is in Dr. Lee's building, has been very busy the past few weeks, with Dr. DeLaCruz seeing a large number of patients. A new director of nurses has been hired. The emergency

room has been moved to near the nurses station and has been expanded. This move will help reduce staffing requirements.

According to hospital officials, the level of activity in the emergency room and labs has been the same as before losing Dr. Lee and Dr. Boles. The Emergency Medical Service has been very active.

Baggett says, "We are doing everything possible to secure permanent doctors and to improve the quality of medical service to the Winters area. We want to thank the community for the strong support and encouragement of the hospital during these trying times."

## Runnels County Agri-Plex Day March 12

The 14th Biannual Agri-Plex Day will be Tuesday, March 12, at Ballinger High School. Registration for the day-long event 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. Producers' and women's programs begin at 1:00 p.m. A youth leadership program will start at 3:30 p.m.

Entertainment will be provided from 5:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. by the *Sons of Thunder*, local singing trio from Winters.

The Awards program and evening meal begin at 5:30.

A health fair will be conducted from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. for the general public. 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 the Texas Department of Health.

Detailed schedules of events and speakers may be found in Section B of this issue.

## Moisture causes short power failure

With no thunderclouds in sight, Winters residents might wonder why electrical service was interrupted in the early morning hours on Friday.

According to staff reports of *The Abilene Reporter-News*, Saturday, the outage was caused when portions of the 69,000-volt transmission line between south Abilene and

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# Opinion

## Oil Bidness

by Reg Boles ©2002



In the category of "ironic surprises," a survey conducted in the last few weeks indicates that the public really believes that there is an energy shortage.

This is a big change from last spring and summer. At that time, most believed the talk of an energy shortage was the result of an overactive imagination of some politicians and/or a scheme of "greedy oil companies."

Prices were high and headed higher by all accounts. Consumption was high, and facility disruptions in the Middle East and at various refineries serving the U.S. were causing real shortages and real price spikes.

But, nobody believed it was real.

Now, we have lower prices and, dare I say, somewhat stable prices. The corner gas station is posting prices within a 10-cents-per-gallon range, these days. Demand is down due to a slower economy and a mild winter.

But, now, of all times, the public believes there is a shortage. Go figure.

While, I am somewhat baffled by the situation and the poll's results, there is a silver lining.

At least the public at large believes there can be such a thing as an energy shortage. It has always seemed to be sort of a fairy tale in the public's mind. Even during the 1970's, most clung to the idea that oil was just floating in ships offshore being held by oil companies to drive up the price.

"What energy shortage?," the bumper stickers said. "Nationalize Oil Now!," said others.

According to this poll, the general public can conceive of the idea of a shortage of energy and be resolved to working to solve or counter that problem. Heck, some respondents even said they would be willing to drill for more oil here at home to keep from importing so much oil!

But, one more thing, you should know.

I don't believe there is an energy shortage.

Yep...I see it as a supply and transportation problem but not a true shortage. After all, there is more oil than you can imagine in the Middle East and other parts of the world.

In my humble opinion, it is not a matter of a worldwide shortage. Oil is just not plentiful enough in the desired form (mainly gasoline) in the right places (mainly the U.S.).

This has many causes and that is a topic for another time.

For now, let's close here and ponder the idea that the public just might understand that energy, including petroleum, has a meaningful place in the economy and is worth contemplating.

That is a revelation worth savoring.

### HIGHLIGHTS OF AREA DRILLING ACTIVITY

#### COMPLETIONS

None This Week

#### STAKINGS

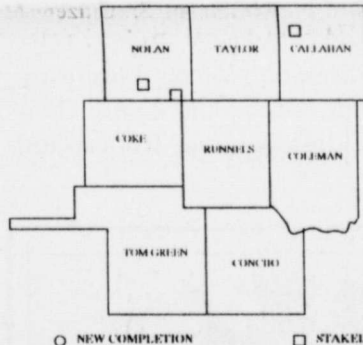
##### Callahan County

S.B. Street Operating has staked the Cochran #10 in the Ciego Marrano Field, 8 miles SW of Baird (Depth 1600). Loc. is 1590 FWL & 2060 FNL of Sec. 2, Blk. 2, SPRR Sur., A-693.

##### Nolan County

Clear Fork, Inc. has applied to plug back the C.E. Boyd-44- #4044T in the South EVB Field, 4 miles NW of Nolan (Depth 6706). Loc. is 755 FNL & 860 FEL of Sec. 44, Blk. X, T&PRR Sur., A-1450.

Hawkins Oil, LLC has applied to re-enter the Nolan-D-#3 in the Northwest Hylton field, 5 miles SW of Nolan (Depth 6120). Loc. is 1398 FNL & 1258 FEL of Sec. 15, Blk. Z, T&PRR Sur., A-441.



## City Manager issues challenge to learn pledges

One time, on Flag Day to be exact, the American Legion asked me to say the Pledge of Allegiance in front of the City Hall.

I studied the Pledge, memorized it and recited it loud and clear. I was so excited that I added a few more patriotic words to it. The group was going too fast, and I stopped them, and yelled at them, "I lead and you follow; not the other way around," and they did. Ever since then, no one has asked me to say the Pledge of Allegiance.

Then the 911 tragedy shook and stirred our patriotism and pushed our patriotic buttons. Sometime in January, 2002, I was watching CNN and I noticed a man and a woman were interviewing people on the street to see if they could say the Pledge. From all the people they interviewed, no one could say it completely.

The next day when I went to Lion's Club I told the story to Ken Slimp, the acting Lion's president, and I volunteered to say the Pledge. As soon as he called the meeting to order, he asked me to say it. We all put our right hands over our hearts and faced the American flag.

I was roaring like a lion and the others were following. When we finished, club members turned toward the Texas flag and expected me to lead in that pledge. From leading like a roaring lion a few minutes earlier, I was ready to hide under the table like a fox because I didn't know the words. Ken Slimp led it and it was done. Usually the members would have given me a hard time but not this time.

The embarrassment was killing me.

When I got back to City Hall I asked everyone to teach me the pledge to the Texas flag. They were all too busy and too shy to pay attention to me. The last person I begged was Saffron Gibbs. She told me she might be able to help.

Her son Lane was sitting in her chair, eating ice cream. She asked him if he could say the pledge to the Texas flag. He looked up and proudly said yes.

Lane is six years old and a first grader and also my golfing buddy.

His mother asked him to help me. Being the shy little boy that he is, he refused. When I pleaded with him to please say it, he said he would if I would go back to my office and let him say it to his mother.

After Saffron typed the pledge and brought it to me, I told Lane, "Thank you, buddy. Now besides being my buddy, you are also my teacher."

I paid him one dollar tuition, the Law of Capitalism. Lane was so proud — you could see it in his bright blue eyes.

The next day I saw him with his dad at the golf course. Lane hugged me and I told our little story to his dad.

Now I am proud that I know the Pledge to the Texas Flag, and he is proud that at age six he is able to teach a 56-year-old Doctor of Philosophy in Management.

Of course both of us are proud to be Americans and Texans and free to say our Pledge of Allegiance and Pledge to the Texas flag.

I hope many people read this and do what we did, even if it means learning the hard way.

## ELECTIONS, continued

this office, leaving an open race.

Incumbent Governor Rick Perry is running unopposed on the Republic ballot but the Democrats have four candidates from which to choose.

Both ballots have candidates in other state races ranging from Attorney General to State Board of Education.

Election winners will run again in the November general election. Winners of that election will take office on January 1, 2003.

## Quilters Guild meets March 11

The Abilene Quilters Guild will meet Monday, March 11, at Wylie United Methodist Church, 3130 Antilley Road, Abilene.

Meet and greet will begin at 6:45 p.m. The program begins at 7:00 p.m. with tips, tricks, and time saving advice.

## Obituaries

### Mrs. Glenn (Bennie) Bryan

WINTERS—Mrs. Glenn (Bennie) Bryan, 87, died Thursday, February 28, 2002, in Abilene Regional Medical Center.

She was born December 13, 1914, in Coleman County and moved to Norton as a young girl. She married Glenn Bryan on December 12, 1930, in Norton.

Mrs. Bryan was a homemaker and a member of the Old Norton Church of Christ.

Survivors include her husband, Glenn Bryan of Winters; two sons, Sealy Bryan of Winters and Clifton Bryan of Athens; one daughter, Volene Vogler of Abilene; twelve grandchildren; and twenty-one great-grandchildren.

Family visitation was at 7:00 pm. Friday, March 1, at Winters Funeral Home. Services were at 2:00 p.m. Saturday, March 2, in the North Main Church of Christ in Winters with Mike Baskett and Buster Hukel officiating. Burial was in Wilmette Cemetery, directed by Winters Funeral Home.

### Ethel Terry Dankworth

SAN ANGELO—Ethel Terry Dankworth, 90, died at 2:15 p.m. on Thursday, February 21, 2002, at Regency House in San Angelo.

She was born August 25, 1911, in Alvin, Texas, to Willis Oscar Terry and Flora Margaretta Zogg Terry. She married Vernon Dankworth.

Mrs. Dankworth was an office manager for San-Tex Outdoor Advertising for many years and was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Ballinger.

She was preceded in death by her husband on May 5, 1966. Survivors include one sister, Annette Brandt of Round Rock and several nieces and nephews.

Graveside services were at 1:00 p.m. Saturday, February 23, at Evergreen Cemetery in Ballinger with Reverend Kent Berry officiating. Rains-Seale Funeral Home directed arrangements.

## New Medicare rates for 2002

The Medicare hospital insurance deductible and medical insurance premium has increased for 2002.

The hospital insurance deductible has increased by \$20, to \$812. The medical insurance premium is \$54 per month, an increase of \$4. Under federal law, Medicare rates must be recalculated each year to reflect changes in health care costs.

Hospital insurance, also called Part A, covers hospital, skilled nursing, hospice, and home health care. The hospital insurance deductible is a beneficiary's only cost for up to 60 days of Medicare-covered inpatient hospital care.

The daily cost to beneficiaries for hospital days 61-90 has risen by \$5, to \$203 per day. For hospital days beyond the 90th day, the cost has risen

from \$396 to \$406. Individuals who require care in a skilled nursing facility must pay \$101.50 per day for days 21-100.

Medicare medical insurance, also called Part B, pays for doctor's services, outpatient care and other medical services. Most people who have Medicare also have this voluntary coverage.

States have programs that pay some or all of the Medicare premiums and deductibles for some people with low income. For information about programs in your state, contact your local Social Services department.

For more information, visit the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services website at <www.cms.gov> or call 1-800-633-4227 or TTY/TDD 10877-486-2048.

## Wheat honored by WABIC

The Winters Area Business and Industrial Corporation sponsored an appreciation meal for Gene and Jeanie Wheat of Bob Loyd LPGas Co. on Saturday, February 23, at Bo Knows. Gene was honored for his 50 years of being associated with the company.

Thirty-two people attended the meal and this included the Wickets, their family, employees from Winters, Ballinger, and Abilene, former employees, and Industrial Board members and spouses.



## Looking for a Head Start?

### Look to 2002 tax changes.

- \$3,000 IRA contribution limit
- \$500 catch-up IRA contribution age 50+
- Increased company retirement plan contributions
- More options for rollovers into IRAs
- Income tax-free qualified distributions from 529 plans
- \$2,000 Education IRA contribution limit

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## Pioneer Church of God to hold revival services March 17-22

The Pioneer Church of God, located at 1017 N. Cryer (across from the Community Center), will be in revival Sunday, March 17 through Friday, March 22.

Reverend F. M. Small of Weatherford will bring the message each night. Services will begin at 7:00 p.m. each evening.

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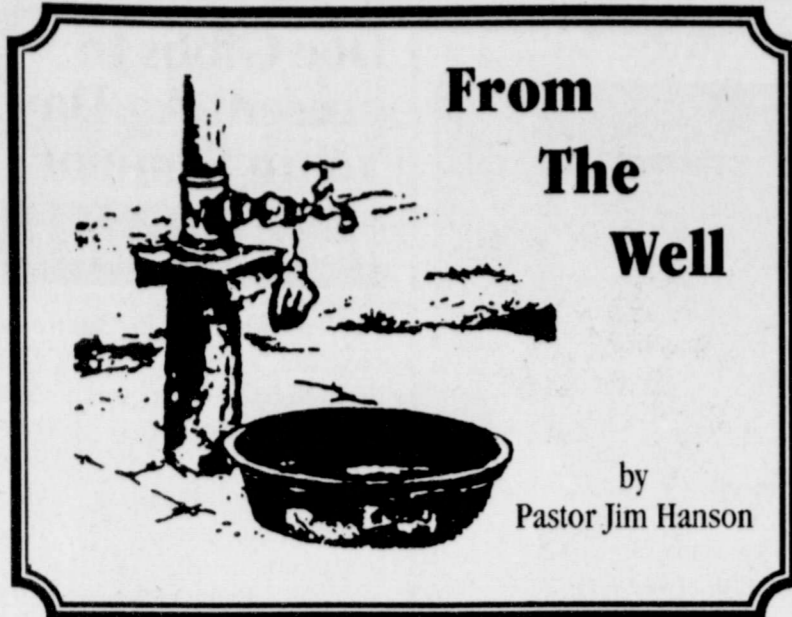
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# Community



**From  
The  
Well**

by  
Pastor Jim Hanson



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The other day I read a piece that caught my eye. The author was a father. And he was writing about his son, age 12 or 13. His son had "lost" two shirts. And his mother was not at home, was away on some trip. "How in the world could you lose two shirts... in this house?" Was the

question. And the answer, "I don't know." And the father then went on to write about how kids are always losing things.

I almost poked Ramona, who was sitting beside me on the airplane, because I could remember countless occasions when our kids had lost something. I can't remember that they ever lost any shirts. But, on one occasion Paul lost \$40... two 20's. And I was right there with him. I had sent him to go down the block... it was a nice summer-type day... and get some stuff at the grocery store. He came back, empty handed. I mean really empty... no groceries and no money. He had no idea where he had lost it. We looked for over an hour... but lost and not found was the money.

And then there was the time when Nathan had taken some money, a sizeable sum, from my billfold. He went zipping down to the grocery store with a handful of cash, which the grocer promptly noticed, and called us to ask us if we knew that Nathan has upwards of \$50 in his hot little hands. Which we didn't. Thank God for the grocer.

When Nathan came home, he was in for "it". "It" meaning JUDGEMENT. It didn't take long for him to confess his theft. But it sure took a spell for him to remember where he had left his stash. I recall we found after about 4 hours of looking, and I still wonder if indeed he lost it, or just found a hiding place.

More common losses... jackets, sweat shirts, pens, pencils, tennis shoes. Towels. Swimming suits. Nobody ever knew what happened. These things just vanished into thin air. Most of the time the lost articles just "showed up". Mysteriously. The lost was found.

Kids lose stuff. But, as I reflected more, so do adults. In fact, just the other day I lost my Sam's Club Membership Card in Odessa. In Sam's. I didn't discover it until I was back at our son's house. I couldn't remember where I had left it. Finally, drove back to Sam's, and sure enough, I had left it at the check out stand. And ever so often, I find myself asking, "Ramona, have you seen the check book?" Or, "the keys?" Or, "my little red appointment book?" Most recently I have lost one of my favorite bibles. Who knows?

As many of you know, Ramona and I take 6 months in the summer time and go "up north" to visit children, grandchildren, brothers, sisters, and friends. It is a lot of fun, and we really enjoy it. But when you find yourself travelling a lot by car, loading and unloading stuff, it is easy to misplace and forget some of that stuff. And, lose it.

One time in Montana we had a picnic lunch and a swim in a neighboring town. After our time there, we loaded up the kids and took off. When we were about 5 or 6 miles out of town, I asked, "Where is Paul?" And sure enough, he wasn't in the car. (He was about 18 months at the time). And I panicked! Did a U-turn on the highway and headed back to the city park. It took us about 5 minutes, once we got there, to find him. He was standing around, looking at the crowd and smiling. Not afraid. But I surely had been.

Sometimes when we lose something, someone will say in response to the question, "Where can it be?"... "God only knows." Ramona says to me, when I lose something, "God never loses anything. Why don't you ask Him to tell you, or lead you to it?" And, I must confess that more often than not, He does.

The worst thing that one can lose... is one's soul. And to become lost. And the best thing is for one who is lost... is to change your mind and go home... to God. "There is joy before the angels of God over one sinner who repents," says Jesus. And the Father says for every prodigal who comes home, "Let's celebrate... barbecued beef and all the fixings. For He was lost, and now, he's found!"

The worst thing in one's life is to become lost. And the best thing is to become found. Like my favorite hymn, Amazing Grace, "I once was lost, but now I'm found". Yeah... Amen.



SCOTT WARREN (third from right) was honored with an appreciation dinner at the Ballinger Community Center on Saturday, March 2. Warren, an officer with the Department of Public Safety for 30 years, is flanked by (l-r) DPS Officer Jeff Aycock, Warren's partner for almost seven years; Toby Virden of the Ballinger Police Department and emcee of the dinner; Ron Snow of the Brownwood DPS; David Morgan, Warren's first partner in Ft. Stockton; and Tom Barkley, Warren's partner for fifteen years. More than 350 guests attended the event. Warren said, "This county is something special and I'll never forget all the great people who live here."

## Ballinger blood drive to be held at Agri-Plex Ag Day Health Fair

United Blood Services will have their bloodmobile at Ballinger High School during Agri-Plex Ag Day Tuesday, March 12, from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. Ag Day is sponsored by Texas Cooperative Extension—Runnels County. Donors should call the Extension Office at 365-5042 to make an appointment.

"I am really excited about being a part of this health fair," said Johnna Pevey, Community Relations Representative. "A safe and steady blood supply is a vital part of our good health. Thanks for including United Blood Services."

Donors must be at least

17-years old, weigh more than 110 pounds and be in good health.

We also ask that you have proof of identification and know the names of any medication you may have taken in the past 30 days.

United Blood Services is the area's not-for-profit provider. In order to supply the ten area hospitals, United Blood Services must collect more than 300 units each week. Blood products have a shelf life of 5 to 42 days.

We need your help. Please try to make an appointment. It will help you get in and out in a timely manner.

## WHAT'S HAPPENING ?

- 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
  - Mar. 8-11:30 a.m., Sr. Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center
  - 3:30 p.m., Junior High Track Meet, Winters Track Complex
  - 7:30 p.m., Cowboys for Christ, Drasco
  - Mar. 9-9 a.m., Blizzard Relays, Winters Track Complex
  - 5-8 p.m., Pot Roast Dinner, Pioneer Church of God
  - Mar. 10-Worship at the church of your choice!
  - Mar. 11-11:30 a.m., Sr. Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center
  - 7 p.m., VFW & Auxiliary, Post Home
  - 7 p.m., Abilene Quilters Guild, Wylie United Methodist Church
  - Mar. 12-9 a.m.-6:30 p.m., Agri-Plex Ag Day, Ballinger High School
  - 10 a.m., Commissioners Court, Courthouse, Ballinger
  - 11:30 a.m., Sr. Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center
  - Noon, Lions Club
  - 7 p.m., AA, First United Methodist Church
  - 7 p.m., Winters Volunteer Fire Department, Fire Station
  - 7:30 p.m., Elm Creek Water Board, Sr. Citizens Activity Ctr.
  - Woman's Club
  - Mar. 13-7 a.m., Industrial Board, Windmill Enterprise Office
  - 11:30 a.m., Sr. Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center
  - Mar. 14-11:30 a.m., Sr. Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center
- MARCH 11-15 .....SPRING BREAK FOR WINTERS ISD

## In Appreciation

### Card of Thanks

The family of Bennie Bryan would like to thank Mike Masket and Buster Hukel for the funeral service; Mike Meyer and Linda Dry of the Funeral Home, especially Mike Meyer since he was so sick.

They all did a wonderful job. We thank everyone for the food, beautiful flowers, phone calls, visits, and your presence at the service.

May God Bless You.

Glen Bryan  
Sealy Bryan & Family  
Volene Vogler  
& Clifton Bryan



the smart choice

## "You May Outgrow Your Hat But Not Your Friends"

As parents, we teach our children to make friends early because good friends last a lifetime. At Coleman County Electric Co-op, we consider the people we serve to be friends as well as members. Nothing is more important than the trust they place in us, and we intend to be true to that trust. That's why we've decided not to take part in electric deregulation unless we're sure it's right for our members. Electric deregulation has its share of hazards. It could put small consumers at risk for higher bills and less reliable service. The smart choice is to "wait and see." For more information on deregulation, visit us at our web site, or call your local Smart Choice Cooperative.



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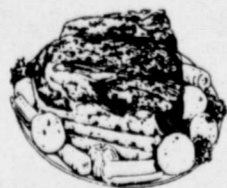
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Thursday, March 14: Salmon croquettes, pork-n-beans, tomato salad, cornbread & cookie.

Friday, March 15: Hamburgers, French fries, pea salad, pickles & onions and dessert.

# School

## Doc Gibbs to present Ag Day Youth Seminar

**Tuesday, March 12**

Nana Puddin' Productions presents "Have the Courage to be Different" during the youth seminar at Agri-Plex Ag Day on March 12. Doc Gibbs, a multi-talented singer, musician, inspirational speaker and impressionist will shake, rattle, and roll with the kids from 3:30 to 5 p.m. in the Vocational Ag Classroom at Ballinger High School.

Dallas-based Nana Puddin' Productions provides some of the best educational entertainment in the country. Gibbs' version of character "edutainment" will feature a fast paced, upbeat message that our greatest leaders must have the courage to stand up for justice, principle, and truth.

The youth seminar is partially sponsored by Runnels County 4-H Council, however you don't have to be in 4-H to be able to participate in this fun afternoon.

Youth from third grade through seniors are invited to this free-of-charge program that will feature refreshments and door prizes, as well. Spend one afternoon of Spring Break hearing Doc Gibbs.



LOCAL GIRL SCOUTS donated 45 boxes of cookies to the TIPS after-school program for elementary students. Delivering cookies and smiles were (standing, l-r) Haley Kaczyk, Miranda Torres, Abby Guy, Amber Blackshear and Zanny Slimp. Kneeling are (l-r) Sarah Campos, Alex Sudduth and Lisa Dees. Accepting the goodies is TIPS director Fran Kidwell.

## Lady Blizzards & Blizzards open golf season

The Winters Blizzards golf team opened their season at Ballinger on Monday, shooting a 445. "We're working hard, but we've got a long way to go," said Blizzard Coach Chuck Lipsey.

Placing for the Blizzards were Shane Colburn, 100; Alex Blackerby, 114; Jacob Goetz, 114; and Cody Pritchard, 117. The Lady Blizzards opened their season in Anson on February 22. Placings were not available for the Anson meet.

Both squads will compete in district matches on March 18, 27, and April 1 at Maxwell Golf Course in Abilene.

### CAFETERIA MENU

March 11-15

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**Spring Break**  
Enjoy the holidays!

## Attention, Parents of 8th grade students:

Parents of 8th grade students are reminded by Charles Murphy, WHS Counselor, to sign the last part of the college-related booklet and return only that last page to the school.

This booklet was discussed by Mr. Murphy with students on March 1.

Also, watch for notification of freshman orientation to be later in March or April.

## Winters to host Blizzard Relays on Saturday at Track Complex

### Host junior high meet Friday night

Winters High School will host the Blizzard Relays at the Winters Track Complex on Saturday, while the junior high will host a meet on Friday night.

The junior high meet will start on Friday with a scratch meeting at 2:30 p.m. Field events are scheduled for a 3:30 p.m. start followed by the 2400M Run at 5:30 p.m. Running finals will begin at 6:30 p.m. Teams registered to compete are Winters, Jim Ned, Eula, Cross Plains, Coleman, and Roscoe.

On Saturday, the Blizzard Relays will start with a scratch

meeting from 8-8:45 a.m. followed by field events at 9 a.m. The 3200M Run will begin at 11 a.m. with running prelims to follow. Running finals will begin one hour after the conclusion of the prelims.

Teams registered for the Blizzard Relays include: Ballinger, Bangs, Coleman, Cross Plains, Early, Eula, Hamlin, Hawley, Jim Ned, Miles, Rising Star, and Winters.

Project Graduation 2002 will sponsor the concession stand at both meets. A variety of concessions will be available including fresh grilled hamburgers.

## Another effect of smoking



THIS JAR OF TAR is how much accumulates in only one year in someone who smokes one pack of cigarettes a day, explains Connie Smith with Dental Health Services of the Texas Department of Health. Ms. Smith spoke to elementary students during Dental Health Awareness Week last week.

### Correction

Nickolas Kraatz's name was inadvertently omitted from the Primary Grade Parade, Second Grade, Elementary Honor Roll in last week's issue of *The Winters Enterprise*. We apologize for this error.

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## Students of the Month

Each month the junior high teachers select students from the 7th and 8th grades to be Boy and Girl of the Month. These selections are made on the basis of academics, leadership, and citizenship.

Jennifer Esquivel has been selected as "Girl of the Month" for February 2002. She is the daughter of Ruben and Maria Esquivel.

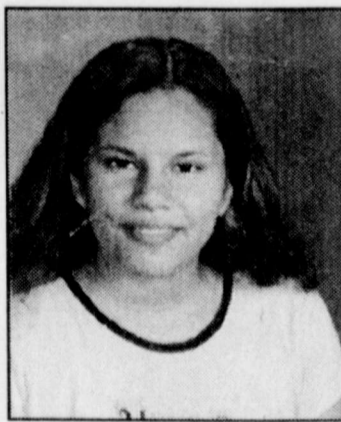
Jennifer, 14, is in the eighth grade and enjoys science and English.

Her honors include making the A-B honor roll and being on the Lady Breezes basketball and track teams.

Playing basketball, running track, watching TV, and playing with her PlayStation are her hobbies. She enjoys talking to friends, playing basketball, and staying home. Her duties include cleaning her room.

Her future plans are to attend college and become a pediatrician.

She most admires her mom and sister Amy. Her mom is always there for her, and her sister has gotten her through difficult times.



**Jennifer Esquivel**  
February  
Girl of the Month

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**Bryce Wilkerson**  
February  
Boy of the Month

Bryce Wilkerson has been chosen as the "Boy of the Month" for February 2002. He is the son of Jim and Mary Wilkerson.

Bryce, 13, is in the eighth grade and enjoys English and science.

His honors include medaling in District cross-country.

His hobbies include riding his dirt bike and playing basketball & tennis.

In his spare time, he enjoys watching TV, playing PlayStation, and laying around.

His duties include cleaning his room and mowing the lawn. His future plans are to attend Texas A&M. He admires his parents because they have been there for him.

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## 2002 Varsity Blizzard Baseball



Back row: (l-r) Coach Jamie Seago, Brian Pritchard, Clint Marentes, Yul Gibbs, J. T. Davis, Justin Jones, Joey Joeris, and Will Blaine. Front row: (l-r) Eric Lopez, Tim Fenwick, Mark Moreno, Guy Slimp, Tim Medina, Chad Landers, Chris Kraatz, and Benjie Valles.

## 2002 Junior Varsity Blizzard Baseball



Back row: (l-r) Jacob Bridgeman, Wacey Cason, Jacob Young, Brandon Davis, Scotty Bryan, Max Harrison, Justin Gomez, and Alex Blackerby. Front row: (l-r) Francisco Santos, Pete Griffin, Adam Escalona, Vaughn Gehrels, Lance Roberts, John Heathcott, and Justin Laird. Not pictured is Jeremy Sherman and Coach Zach Boxell.

### Junior High boys place second at Roscoe Junior High Track Meet

The Winters Junior High boys placed second at the Roscoe Junior High Track Meet on Thursday, February 28, with a total of 73 points.

Outstanding performances were made by 8th grader David Scates bringing home four first place awards.

Coach Bryan Green was pleased in saying, "Very good effort for our first meet of the year."

- Results are:
- 3200M Run**  
Javier Rodriguez—6th
  - 400M Relay**  
Chris Medina  
Francisco Perez  
Luke Hale  
Michael Liggins—4th

- 110M Hurdles**  
Chris Medina—3rd
- 100M Dash**  
David Scates—1st
- 200M Dash**  
David Scates—1st  
Chris Medina—5th
- 1600M Run**  
Javier Rodriguez—4th  
Jonathan Meyer—6th
- High Jump**  
David Scates—1st
- Long Jump**  
David Scates—1st  
Chris Medina—4th
- Triple Jump**  
Michael Liggins—4th  
Marcus Tubbs—5th
- Discus**  
Randy Jackson—6th

### Baseball Scoreboard

Team: Blizzards  
Coach: Jamie Seago  
Date & place of game: Feb. 22, 2002 - Sonora  
Opponent: Sonora  
Winning pitcher: Sims  
Losing pitcher: Joey Joeris

	Runs	Hits	Errors
WINTERS	0	1	1
OPPONENT	15	7	2

Coach's comments: Walks hurt us early, and our bats never came alive.

Team: Blizzards  
Coach: Jamie Seago  
Date & place of game: Feb. 28, 2002 - Sweetwater Tourn.  
Opponent: Jim Ned  
Winning pitcher: Speegle  
Losing pitcher: Will Blaine

	Runs	Hits	Errors
WINTERS	10	10	8
OPPONENT	13	8	6

Team: Blizzards  
Coach: Jamie Seago  
Date & place of game: Mar. 2, 2002 - Sweetwater Tourn.  
Opponent: Coleman  
Winning pitcher: Lance Roberts  
Losing pitcher: Barnett

	Runs	Hits	Errors
WINTERS	10	8	1
OPPONENT	8	8	3

Coach's comments: We had a good 3 games that helped to improve your confidence. We realize what we are doing wrong and are starting to play as a team. We should have a strong season.

Team: Blizzards  
Coach: Jamie Seago  
Date & place of game: Mar. 1, 2002 - Sweetwater Tourn.  
Opponent: Midland Christian  
Winning pitcher: Groose  
Losing pitcher: Joey Joeris

	Runs	Hits	Errors
WINTERS	0	3	9
OPPONENT	16	9	1

Team: JV Blizzards  
Coach: Zach Boxell  
Date & place of game: Feb. 22, 2002 - Sonora  
Opponent: Sonora  
Winning pitcher: Lance Roberts  
Losing pitcher: Cearley

	Runs	Hits	Errors
WINTERS	6	10	3
OPPONENT	4	4	3

Coach's comments: Scotty Bryan & Lance Roberts combined to strikeout 18 batters. Both pitchers performed well in tense situations.

Team: JV Blizzards  
Coach: Zach Boxell  
Date & place of game: Feb. 23, 2002 - Hamlin  
Opponent: Hamlin  
Winning pitcher: Pete Griffin  
Losing pitcher: Cearley

	Runs	Hits	Errors
WINTERS	9	8	0
OPPONENT	7	6	0

Team: JV Blizzards  
Coach: Zach Boxell  
Date & place of game: Feb. 23, 2002 - Hamlin  
Opponent: Hamlin  
Winning pitcher: Lain  
Losing pitcher: Scotty Bryan

	Runs	Hits	Errors
WINTERS	6	3	2
OPPONENT	11	4	0

Coach's comments: Walks got us in trouble early, and we just could not make up the difference.

Team: JV Blizzards  
Coach: Zach Boxell  
Date & place of game: Feb. 25, 2002 - Bangs  
Opponent: Bangs  
Winning pitcher: Oliver  
Losing pitcher: Scotty Bryan

	Runs	Hits	Errors
WINTERS	9	6	2
OPPONENT	19	10	9

Coach's comments: Record stands at 2-2.

### Softball Scoreboard

Team: Lady Blizzards  
Coach: Edward Pochls; Shanna Roberts  
Date & place of game: Mar. 1 - San Angelo Tournney-Game 1  
Opponent: San Angelo Central JV  
Winning pitcher: Amber Green  
Losing pitcher:  
Winning catcher: Rachel Davis  
Losing catcher:

	Runs	Hits	Errors
WINTERS	5	10	4
OPPONENT	4	2	1

Coach's comments: This was a good game for the Lady Blizzards. Central JV won the Sweetwater Tournney a couple of weeks ago. We showed alot of improvement since our last game.

Team: Lady Blizzards  
Coach: Edward Pochls; Shanna Roberts  
Date & place of game: Mar. 1 - San Angelo Tournney-Game 2  
Opponent: Ballinger  
Winning pitcher: Amber Green  
Losing pitcher:  
Winning catcher: Rachel Davis  
Losing catcher:

	Runs	Hits	Errors
WINTERS	6	9	3
OPPONENT	4	4	3

Coach's comments: Winters vs Ballinger has always been a Runnels County situation. This was a real big win for the Lady Blizzards. Both teams showed alot of talent and real good sportsmanship.

Team: Lady Blizzards  
Coach: Edward Pochls; Shanna Roberts  
Date & place of game: Mar. 1 - San Angelo Tournney-Game 3  
Opponent: Grape Creek  
Winning pitcher:  
Losing pitcher: Amber Green  
Winning catcher:  
Losing catcher: Rachel Davis

	Runs	Hits	Errors
WINTERS	3	6	6
OPPONENT	11	9	0

Coach's comments: The Lady Blizzards placed 3rd in the tournament. Amber Green and Ashley Santoya were chosen to the all tournament team. Grape Creek had a real good left handed pitcher that had not given up an earned run this season, but we moved the ball on her pretty good. Grape Creek also played outstanding defense. This was a real good tournament for us.

### BLIZZARD ACTIVITIES Mar. 7-Mar. 14 2002

- Friday, Mar. 8**  
2:30PM, Scratch meeting, Track Complex  
3:30PM, Jr. High Track Meet, Winters Track Complex, Field Events  
4PM, Baseball vs. Hawley, Here  
4:30PM, Softball vs. Hawley, Here  
5:30PM, 2400M Run  
6:30PM, Running finals begin  
TBA, Tennis Tournney, Santa Anna
  - Saturday, Mar. 9**  
8-8:45AM, Scratch meeting, Winters track complex
  - 9AM**, Field events begin
  - 11AM**, 3200M Run, Running events follow
  - TBA**, Tennis Tournney, Santa Anna
  - Monday, Mar. 11**  
Spring Break Holiday
  - Tuesday, Mar. 12**  
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  - Wednesday, Mar. 13**  
Spring Break Holiday
  - 4:30PM**, Softball @ Bangs\*
  - Thursday, Mar. 14**  
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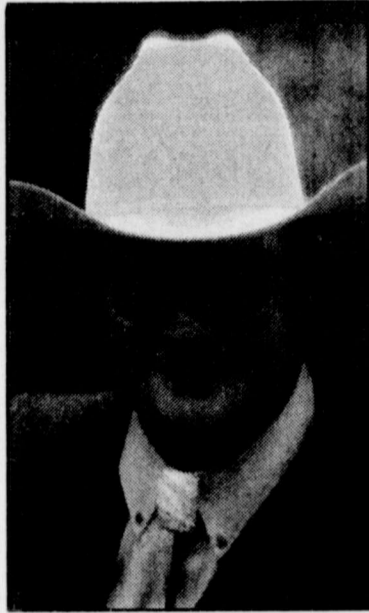
# Life

## A Look at the Candidates

### Bill Bredemeyer

#### Incumbent & Democratic Candidate for Justice of the Peace

I am a Winters native, having graduated from Winters High School in 1980. I received my bachelor's and master's degrees from Tarleton State



University. Wife Sharla and I have a 5-year-old son, Ethan.

I am a former teacher and current Justice of the Peace, Precinct #2, with 60+ hours of judicial training and continuing education.

I have served on various boards in leadership roles. I'm a good decision maker/problem solver and have a keen understanding of the law. During my time in office, I have established excellent work relations with law enforcement, local businesses, our school, and the general public.

My goals are to maintain the integrity of the Office of the Justice of the Peace and to serve the public. I believe public awareness is an issue to be addressed within the community. The public must be informed of the broad aspects this office entails. Over the past year, approximately 600 criminal cases, 30 civil cases (small claims and evictions), numerous inquests, marriages, and hearings (including one jury trial) were handled by this office. Approximately 20 felony cases were filed through this office. In addition, school attendance court is held every other Wednesday.

I would like to continue being Justice of the Peace for northern Runnels County.

### Rick Dry

#### Democratic Candidate for Justice of the Peace

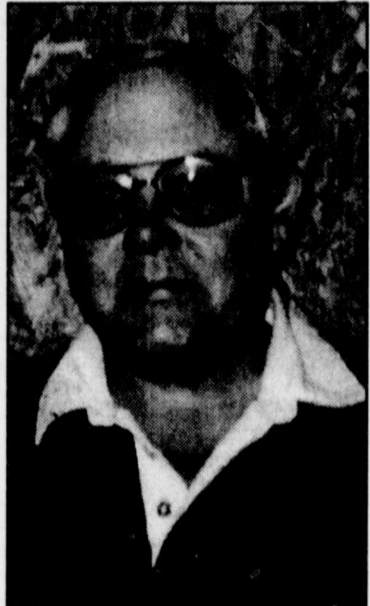
I have been married 33 years to Linda S. Dry. We have two children, Tammy Young (husband, Jason) of Winters and Christopher Dry (wife, Mechelle) of Austin and two grandchildren, Ryan and Jace Young.

I retired December 2000 after 28 years with Dry Manufacturing, a division of Selkirk, Inc. While employed at Dry's, I designed and implemented the first computer systems for both Dry Manufacturing in Winters and Selkirk in Brockville, Ontario Canada. For the last eight years, I held the title of Division Controller and was responsible for accounting, human resources, MIS (data processing), and budgeting. Currently, I am employed part-time with the Winters

Funeral Home.

I graduated Winters High School in 1968 and earned an associate of science degree from Cisco Jr. College in 1970 and a bachelor of business administration degree from West Texas State University in 1972. I am a life member of Alpha Kappa Psi, a professional business fraternity. I have numerous hours of continuing education in computer systems design and computer programming. I have participated in numerous company-sponsored seminars on human resource management, budgeting and auditing techniques, and business management.

In addition to 28 years of management and business experience, I have served three terms on the Winters City Council, the last two serving as Mayor Pro Tem, and at various times, I have



served on the Board of Directors of the Winters Lions Club, Chamber of Commerce, Winters Little League, Winters Country Club, and church council for St. John's Lutheran Church. For several years, I served as a boy scout leader and scouting coordinator for the area.

I plan to expand the Justice of the Peace office hours to be more available to the public; to operate the office efficiently, fairly, and within budget; and to work closely with both City and County officials and the various law enforcement agencies.

### Richard W. Hamilton

#### Democratic Candidate for Justice of the Peace

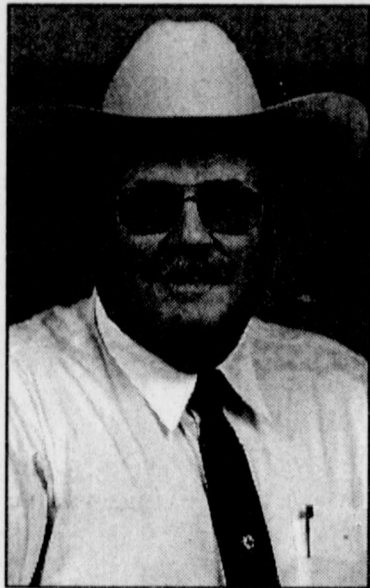
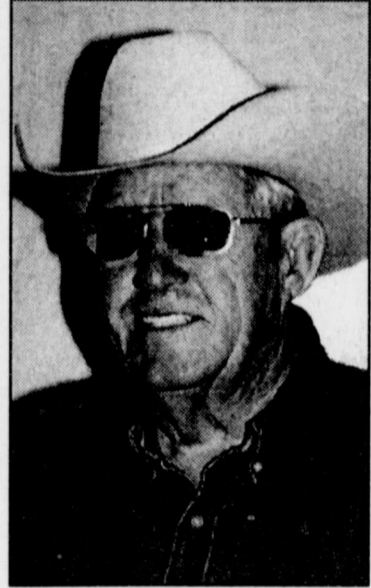
My wife Beth and I have been married for 44 years. We are proud of our four wonderful daughters and are pleased that our children were educated in Winters.

I have worked directly with the community for 34 years. First, I was employed for 22 years with the John Deere House (Mansell Bros.) where I had the opportunity to help many in the farming and ranching business. Beth and I also owned and operated H&H Tire in Winters for 12 years. It was also my pleasure to serve the public for 28 years as a member of the Winters Volunteer Fire Department.

While operating a business, I dealt with the public and my employees every day as a successful leader. While serving the WVFD, I held every office with the exception of fire chief and secretary and was personally responsible for the donation of land where the department is now housed. I also personally signed bank notes for the purpose of purchasing

equipment and donated many hours in the construction and maintenance of fire fighting equipment.

I believe each one of us must be alert to the opportunities to keep our city and community viable. We have a chance to be part of the US 83 highway corridor running from Mexico up through Texas. I feel some of the results of this highway could help our community economically—we need to work towards that end. Our school system is vital for the community. We



### Keith Collom

#### Democratic Candidate for County Commissioner, Precinct #2

I am married to Karen Rightmire Collom, a family physician at the Shannon Clinic in Ballinger. I have two children, Amanda and Courtney. We are members of the First United Methodist Church in Winters. My parents are Al and Jessie Collom of the Crews community.

I am in my 8th year as Runnels County Commissioner. Prior to this office, I was employed by the City of Winters as a sergeant in the police department, by the Rio Concho Narcotic Task Force as a narcotics agent, and by the Runnels County Sheriff's Department as chief deputy sheriff. Prior to that, I was a stock farmer and occasionally worked in the oil field and as a mechanic.

I graduated from Friendswood High School, attended San Jacinto Jr. College and College of the Mainland. I have 1,450+ hours of continuing education in law enforcement and county commissioner education, as well as an additional 60+ hours of Curriculum 2000, an advanced level of training designed specifically for county commissioners. I have also taken three courses in road maintenance safety, presented by TEEEX.

I have been a supervisor for local government for the past 15 years with thirteen of those years for Runnels County and the City of Winters. Being elevated to these positions was not only based on my knowledge and training, but also on my leadership skills. I currently serve on the Executive Board of the West Central Texas Council of Governments where I am secretary-treasurer, and numerous church and civic boards including the boards for Children's Protective Services and Christmas in April.

If re-elected, I will continue to make every effort to stretch your tax dollars. One of the largest expenses the County incurs is in labor. We need to continue to create a work environment in which the employees are the most productive possible. We need to keep taxes as low as possible while continuing to provide needed services.

Right now it appears that the most important issue is going to be water. The County and the cities of Winters, Ballinger, and Miles will need to work together to do everything possible to ensure the citizens have an adequate water supply. This is one issue that cannot be ignored and a commodity that none of us can live without.

I have enjoyed representing the constituents of Commissioner, Precinct 2, and the entire county. If re-elected, I will continue to work hard to earn the support of the citizens and will do my best to make the best decisions on your behalf.

### Elesa Ocker

#### Incumbent & Democratic Candidate for County Clerk

I am married to Chris, and we have one daughter, Abigail.

I began employment as a Deputy County Clerk in 1984 and was elected to this office in November 1998. I have completed 140 hours of continuing education in matters relating to the County Clerk's office. I am a member of the County and District Clerk's Association of Texas. I employ three deputies in this office: Billie Schaefer, Carlene Vogler, and Pam DeBellis.

### Michael B. Murchison

#### Democratic Candidate for County Judge

I was born in Ballinger and graduated from Ballinger High School. I am married to Henryetta and have three children: Rebecca of Denver, Colorado, and Jessica and Michael R. of Ballinger. I have two grandsons, Joshua and Tye.

While serving as County Judge from 1983 to 1995, I served on many area boards. I also obtained over 500 hours of judicial and administrative training. Before becoming County Judge, I worked in Winters for Dry Manufacturing for 19 years.

I still serve on the West Texas Center for MHMR Board of Directors and represent this board as a state director.

While I was in office, I tried to maintain county taxes and expenditures as low as possible without interfering with services to the people of Runnels County, and I will continue this effort if elected. Accountability and credibility are essential for county government.

### Loretta Michalewicz

#### Incumbent & Democratic Candidate for District Clerk

I am the widow of the late Don Michalewicz. My children are Terri Cahoon and Curtis, Clifton, Kenny, and Kevin Michalewicz. I have ten grandchildren. I am a graduate of Ballinger High School.

Prior to becoming District Clerk, I was employed by Adams Abstract Company and Ballinger Clinic. I have 204 hours of continuing education.

### Margarette Smith

#### Incumbent & Democratic Candidate for County Treasurer

I am married to Frank and have one daughter and son-in-law, Jill and Mike Schwertner of Lubbock, and two grandchildren, Ben and Jeremy.

I served 15 years as a bookkeeper for Bailey Drug and 10 years as assistant county auditor. I have been County Treasurer since 1992.



### Marilyn Egan

#### Incumbent & Democratic Candidate for County Judge

I am a native of Runnels County, growing up in the Wilmeth community and graduating from Winters High School.

My husband Jerry and I have one son, Patrick, who resides in Ballinger with wife Kristi and children, Slade, McKenzie, and Bailec. I am an active member of the First Baptist Church of Ballinger.

I was appointed to this office on September 1, 1995, by the Commissioners Court. I have over 30 years legal experience in many areas of the law. I have completed 191 hours of Continuing Judicial Education during my term of office and approximately 100 hours of education in other matters related to county government.

If re-elected, I will continue to maintain an active criminal court. My office door is open to anyone who wishes to discuss a problem involving county government or who wishes to express his or her opinion concerning any matter before Commissioners Court. I welcome the questions and input from Runnels County residents and taxpayers. I believe the public has a right to be informed.

If you don't vote, don't complain



### RUNNELS COUNTY VOTING LOCATIONS

March 12th Primary, 7 AM-7 PM

DEMOCRATIC	
VOTING PRECINCT 1	Ballinger Runnels County Courthouse 600 Courthouse Square, Hutchings & Broadway
VOTING PRECINCT 2	Ballinger Runnels County Appraisal Office, 406 Hutchings
VOTING PRECINCT 3	Winters Housing Authority Building, 300 N. Grant
VOTING PRECINCT 4	Winters Runnels County Tax Branch Office, 143 W. Dale
VOTING PRECINCT 5	Wingate Lions Club Building, 108 Smithson St.
VOTING PRECINCT 6	Norton Community Center, 215 Holloway Ave.
VOTING PRECINCT 7	Ballinger Community Center, 200 Crosson Ave.
VOTING PRECINCT 8	Ballinger City Hall, 700 Railroad Avenue
VOTING PRECINCT 9	Miles City Hall, 110 Robinson Street
VOTING PRECINCT 10	Rowena Fire Station, 504 Mary Street
REPUBLICAN	
VOTING PRECINCT 1	Ballinger Driver's License Office, 602 Strong
VOTING PRECINCT 2	Ballinger Runnels County Appraisal District Office, 406 Hutchings
VOTING PRECINCT 3	Winters Winters Chamber of Commerce, 118 W. Dale
VOTING PRECINCT 4	Winters City Hall, 310 S. Main
VOTING PRECINCT 5	Wingate Winters Chamber of Commerce, 118 W. Dale
VOTING PRECINCT 6	Norton Community Center, 215 Holloway Ave.
VOTING PRECINCT 7	Ballinger National Guard Armory, 400 Crosson
VOTING PRECINCT 8	Ballinger Fire Station, 106 N. Ninth
VOTING PRECINCT 9	Miles Opera House, 203 Robinson Street
VOTING PRECINCT 10	Rowena VFW Hall, 307 Depot Street

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### Presents

**ACROSS**

1 TX Buddy Holly's "Not \_\_\_ Away"

5 Ripley's "Believe \_\_\_ Not"

6 Oldham Co. seat

7 Marshall is in \_\_\_ TX

8 TXism: "happy \_\_\_"

17 TX Ivory Joe Hunter's "Since I \_\_\_ You Baby"

18 ceremony crowning Luling Watermelon Thump Queen

21 this White was 1st TXn to walk in space

22 "six" so. of border

23 Marina Oswald was Russian

24 TX pronunciation of "cigar"

29 TX singer & sausage maker Jimmy

30 TXism: "two \_\_\_ in a pod"

31 this Whitman fired from UT tower (init.)

32 TXism: "baby kisser"

34 TX George H.'s 2nd AG William Houston's Aerost was a \_\_\_ team

36 not a country group: "Two \_\_\_"

37 TXism: "it's good for what \_\_\_ you"

38 precedes "berry" or "apple"

39 WWII book \_\_\_ War"

41 nobleman (2 wds.)

**DOWN**

1 TX band that sang "Western Union"

2 TXism: "mad as \_\_\_ snake"

3 TXism: "sells like corny \_\_\_ the State Fair"

4 Dublin's county

9 Old \_\_\_ TX

10 TXism: "a \_\_\_ Jesse" (active)

11 TXism: "exciting as a fire at the \_\_\_ office"

12 TX Nolan Ryan specialty: \_\_\_ hitter

13 scornful facial expressions

14 Paris, TX county

15 elevator man or singer Redding

16 TXism: "bought a \_\_\_ in a poke"

19 areas of Valley orange trees

20 product words: "\_\_\_ improved"

22 San Antonio marine theme park

24 VCR speed

25 Rice's 1st president Lovett (init.)

26 got off the horse

27 TXism: "\_\_\_ the bacon without the sizzle" (be brief)

28 J. Frank Dobie's "\_\_\_ in England"

29 San \_\_\_ TX

30 \_\_\_ Pinto, TX

33 two-term governor Stevenson (init.)

34 TXism: "don't \_\_\_ that feeds you"

35 TXism: "barking up the \_\_\_ tree"

37 "\_\_\_ now" (currenty)

38 TX Autry wrote "Here Comes Santa \_\_\_"

40 San Antonio street: \_\_\_ Adams

41 precedes "it" to mean "even though"

44 a Great Lake or a NY canal

47 dine out: "\_\_\_ restaurant"

**The Original TEXAS CROSSWORD**

by Charley & Guy Orbison

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Solutions for this puzzle appear in this issue.

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# Outdoors

## Cooper reports on genealogy tracing to Literary & Service Club

The Literary and Service Club met February 21 at the Lutheran Church at 5:30 p.m. Hostesses for the refreshments were Jean Owens and Selma Wilkerson. Officers for the coming year were selected and appointed. Decisions were made as to the amounts of donations to be given to the various city and national offices.

Ruth Cooper gave a very interesting report on her genealogy tracing from Ellis Island to Midland, Texas. She stressed that it is important to find records of marriages, deaths, land transactions, and any other civil records. A person interested in working on genealogy should always first interview the oldest members of families and also make copies of your own family's births and deaths and give to each of one's children and grandchildren.

She showed us a book purchased on Ellis Island of all the ships that brought people to the U.S.A. Each person had their signature in the ship's records. She also showed a book of recipes that these early settlers used. Some were from Germany, some from Hungary, Wales, England, and Ireland. Copies of some recipes were given to each member.

Ruth's report caused one to want to visit the Ellis Island Museum where 12 million immigrants passed from 1892 to 1954 in their search for a better life.

### Classifieds Get Results

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By Ace Reid

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"President Tufernal, how could I be \$300.00 overdrawn? I never did have that much money!"

## Blessed Daze

by Jean Boles

### Hair's lookin' at ya!

I know it might surprise some of you but there are some things I don't know. A lot of things, as a matter of fact. But I do read books with more than twenty pages and lots of pictures, and I watch CNN if the TV is on that station and I can't find the remote control (yes, I know I could actually walk all the way to the television and punch a button but that's beside the point).

Anyway, my point is I'm always trying to learn new stuff, and I hope I keep learning until I draw my last baited breath on this earth.

But, there are some things I just don't see any need to know.

Take the recent picture published in a daily newspaper in these parts. The surprising photo featured some poor man displaying the longest ear hair in the world. Yuk!

Seeing the picture wouldn't have been quite so bad had I not been trying to eat breakfast.

I was minding my own business, stumbling around in the kitchen looking for my gallon-size coffee cup when Hubby Dear says, "Wow! Look at this!"

So I looked. Big mistake. Then he said, "Isn't that one of the nastiest things you've ever seen!"

What a guy to think of me in his state of being totally grossed out. That's what 32 years of marriage will do for you.

(And now I'm sharing this with you, hoping you're not eating right now).

Need I tell you that I did *not* linger over the photo which shows a fellow from India pulling his ear hair straight out — all four bristly inches. The poor guy looks like he had a blow-out in his earmuffs.

Or maybe he's a drop out member of the Hair Club.

I guess "letting your hair down" takes on a whole new

meaning for India man. I wonder what he feels when the wind blows through his hair. Does he like to run his fingers through his hair? Does he use styling products and a blow dryer?

Oooh, can you imagine the comb-over possibilities?

And what if you had to tell him a secret? Yikes! He might just poke your eye in.

I was discussing this with a friend who said he has a relative in Arkansas with more ear hair than the newspaper guy.

I asked him what her name is. He didn't answer. He didn't even smile.

But as I pondered for at least ten seconds over the ear hair title I decided it strengthens the theory about men going bald — they don't really lose their hair, it just goes back inside the body and comes out somewhere else.

And I'll bet silence really is golden when you have 4-inch ear hair.

## EQIP applications must be filed by March 29 for 2002 ranking period

The ranking period for the 2002 Environmental Quality Incentive Program (EQIP) is scheduled to end March 29, 2002. Although applications can be made at any time, they must be filed by March 29 to be considered during this ranking period.

This program is designed to assist producers with environmental conservation practices such as brush control, pear control, livestock pipelines, concrete storage facilities, terraces, livestock water wells and other approved practices. Contracts are long term for a period of five to ten years with cost shares

up to 75%. Applicants bid against other producers in our statewide area based on an environmental point system.

If interested, please contact our USDA Service Center for an appointment to apply. Joint appointments will be set up with Farm Service Agency and Natural Resources Conservation Service, since both agencies administer the program.

For more information regarding EQIP, contact the Runnels County Service Center at 915-365-5757 or visit FSA on the World Wide Web at <http://www.fsa.usda.gov>.

## Why doesn't it rain??

*"When I shut up the heavens so that there is no rain, or command locusts to devour the land or send a plague among my people; if my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land. Now my eyes will be open and my ears attentive to the prayers offered in this place."* (2 Chronicles 7:13-15 NIV)

## 15TH ANNUAL RUNNELS COUNTY CONSIGNMENT SALE

Saturday, April 6, 2002  
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## New garden club seeking members

Do you like flowers, but aren't sure if you have a green thumb? Well, come join the newly created *Country Evening Gardeners Club*.

The club met Thursday, February 7, at Taylor's Restaurant to help organize the club.

Officers were elected for the upcoming year and are: president, Mary Burns; vice-president, Mike Neal; secretaries,

Kaila Blesing and Betty Kvapil; and treasurers, Jane Dow and Kelly Driver.

Mary Burns gave a program on geraniums and the club learned several new things about this wonderful plant.

The club year will run September-May and dues are going to be \$10 per year.

There were 12 new members and several visitors.

The next meeting is set for

Thursday, March 21. If you would like to eat at Taylor's, meet at 5:30. The meeting will begin at 6:00 p.m. The March program will be given by Jim Studer.

The Country Evening Gardeners Club is for any interested persons from Ballinger, Winters, Miles, Paint Rock, Norton, Talpa, or anyone within driving distance. Everyone is invited to attend.

## RICHARD HAMILTON would appreciate your

**VOTE** on March 12 for **Justice of the Peace Precinct #2**

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I would appreciate you continued vote and support in the Democratic Primary on March 12. I have worked hard and diligent during my time in office and want to continue being your Justice of the Peace for Precinct No. 2.

**Bill Bredemeyer**  
Justice of the Peace, Pct. #2

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## THE LOCAL FORECAST—7 DAY OUTLOOK

THURSDAY MAR. 7	FRIDAY MAR. 8	SATURDAY MAR. 9	SUNDAY MAR. 10	MONDAY MAR. 11	TUESDAY MAR. 12	WEDNESDAY MAR. 13
Partly Sunny Hi 74° F Lo 48° F Wind: S 14 mph	Partly Cloudy Hi 72° F Lo 47° F Wind: SSW 11 mph	Partly Sunny Hi 60° F Lo 43° F Wind: NE 8 mph	Partly Cloudy Hi 66° F Lo 35° F Wind: N 16 mph	Partly Cloudy Hi 65° F Lo 38° F Wind: E 8 mph	Sunny Hi 66° F Lo 38° F Wind: S 10 mph	Sunny Hi 72° F Lo 43° F Wind: SE 8 mph

# Law & Order

## Official Records

### County Court Dispositions

Mario Esquivel Cavazos, making alcohol available to a minor, case dismissed, defendant convicted in another case

Justino DelaCorda, assault, pleaded nolo contendere, sentenced to nine months in county jail probated to two years, fined \$1,000, plus \$235.25 court costs and 50 hours community service

Media S. Davis, theft by check, pleaded nolo contendere, sentenced to six months in county jail probated to one year, fined \$100 plus \$240.50 restitution, \$235.25 court costs, \$40 hot check fees and 30 hours community service

Mario Esquivel Cavazos, possession of marijuana, pleaded nolo contendere, sentenced to six months in county jail probated to one year, fined \$750, plus \$236 court costs and 50 hours community service

Joe L. Asebiz, possession of a prohibited weapon, pleaded nolo contendere, sentenced to six months in county jail probated to one year, fined \$1,000 plus \$236 court costs and 30 hours community service

Bryan Dwayne Allen, driving while intoxicated, pleaded nolo contendere, sentenced to six months in county jail probated to 18 months, fined \$750, plus \$236 court costs and 80 hours community service

Bryan Dwayne Allen, driving while intoxicated, pleaded nolo contendere, sentenced to six months in county jail probated to 18 months, assessed \$236 court costs

Bryan Dwayne Allen, driving while intoxicated, pleaded nolo contendere, sentenced to six months in county jail probated to 18 months, assessed \$236 court costs

Charles Chamberlain, theft by

check, case dismissed, defendant paid restitution

Michael Byrd, theft, case dismissed, defendant convicted in another case

Hampton Dwayne Byler vs. Teri Leah Byler, application for protective order, temporary order granted

Angela Shoemaker, theft by check, pleaded nolo contendere, fined \$100, plus \$211 court costs, \$425 restitution, and \$40 hot check fees

Terry Lynn Montez, carrying a prohibitive weapon, case dismissed, defendant convicted in another case

Terry Lynn Montez, driving while license suspended, case dismissed, defendant convicted in another case

Jeremy Todd Prater, assault, case dismissed, defendant convicted in another case

Luis Llamas, making alcohol available to a minor, case dismissed, completed deferred adjudication probation

Freddie Silva Jalomo, interference with public duties, case dismissed, defendant convicted in another case

Gregorio Cano Morales, criminal mischief, case dismissed, defendant placed on felony probation in this incident and ordered to pay restitution to victim

Michael Byrd, theft by check, pleaded nolo contendere, sentenced to 180 days in county jail probated to 18 months, fined \$100, plus \$236 court costs, \$762.73 restitution, and \$150 hot check fees

Ramon Gabriel Fuentes, driving while license suspended, pleaded nolo contendere, fined \$350, plus \$211 court costs

### Criminal Cases Filed

February 26

Chris Preciada, filed for theft by check

### Criminal Cases Filed

February 27

Terry Dale Kirk, filed for driving

while intoxicated

Antonio Lee Cabrera, filed for possession of marijuana

Juan Miguel Avila, filed for possession of marijuana

Mark Mijalca, filed for driving without a license

### Civil Cases Filed

February 27

Hampton Dwayne Byler vs. Teri Leah Byler, application for a protective order

### Marriage License Filed

February 27

Juan Trevino Esquivel, Jr., and Olivia Salazar Lara

### District Court Civil Cases Filed

February 22

Cecil James Kalina and Gayle Frances Kalina vs. L.S. Lawhon or the heirs of L.S. Lawhon, or the heirs of Jennie Lawhon, W.S. Davis or the heirs of W.S. Davis or the heirs of B.A. Eakin and the heirs of M.M. Griffin, defendant, suit concerning title and possession

### Divorces Filed

February 25

Daniel Jalomo vs. Angelita Jalomo

### Justice of the Peace Precinct 1 Criminal Cases Filed

February 6

Erica Nicole Lopez, filed on two counts: possession of drug paraphernalia and for possession of a tobacco product by a minor

## Account at SNB established for Medina family

An account has been established at State National Bank in Winters for the Oscar Medina family.

The Medinas lost their home and belongings on Tuesday, February 26, due to a fire caused by an electrical short.

## RCSA still accepting registrations

Runnels County Soccer Association is continuing to accept registrations for the spring soccer season. Games are to begin the first weekend in April.

If you have soccer uniforms from previous seasons, please return to Junior Carson, president or take them by The Treadmill.

For more information please call 365-3974 or come by The Treadmill in Ballinger.

## POWER, continued

Winters caught fire.

A West Texas Utilities spokeswoman said weather conditions were favorable for the fires. The fires occur when a fine layer of moisture causes insulators on the powerline's crossarms to heat and ignite.

Approximately 4,000 customers were left in the dark beginning at 3:49 a.m. While outlying areas were without electricity for several hours, power was restored to Winters within half an hour.

## 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 24, 2002, through Saturday, March 2, 2002. Winters Police Officers:

- received report of an assault in the 600 block of N. Main Street. A 16-year-old Winters male reported being struck in the face by a male subject known to him. Injuries were observed to the victim male's face. No reason was given for the assault and the suspect male was not located immediately. This is under investigation as Assault Causing Bodily Injury.

- located a warrant subject in the 300 block of S. Rogers Street. The male subject was given the opportunity to pay the fine, but refused. Timothy Starkey was arrested for Winters Municipal warrant on Displaying Expired Motor Vehicle Registration, No Drivers License and Fail to Yield. He was taken to Runnels County Jail.

## Legal Notice

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

On the 25th day of February, 2002, the Board of Directors of North Runnels Hospital District convened in regular session, open to the public, with the following members present to wit: Randall Sneed, chairman; Doug Wheat, secretary; Directors Roger Kruse, Charlie Brown, and Jack Davis, Jr., constituting a quorum, and among other proceedings had by said Board of Directors was the following:

WHEREAS, the term of office of 4 directors will expire on the first Saturday in May, 2002, said Saturday, May 4, 2002, and on said date an election of directors will be held in said Hospital District.

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

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

1. That an election be held in said Hospital District on May 4, 2002, for the purpose of electing to the Board of Directors of said Hospital District (four) directors, who shall serve for two years and until their successors have been duly elected and have qualified.

2. That all requests by candidates to have their names placed upon the ballot for the above mentioned election asking that such names be printed on the ballot with the secretary of the Board of Directors. Such petition shall be filed with the secretary at least 30 days prior to the date of the

election. Said secretary shall otherwise comply with the terms and provisions of Art. 13.32 of the Election Code.

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

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

SIGN-UP FOR CANDIDATES RUNNING FOR OFFICE WILL BE FROM MARCH 1, 2002, UNTIL MARCH 15, 2002, FROM 9:00 A.M. UNTIL 4:00 P.M.

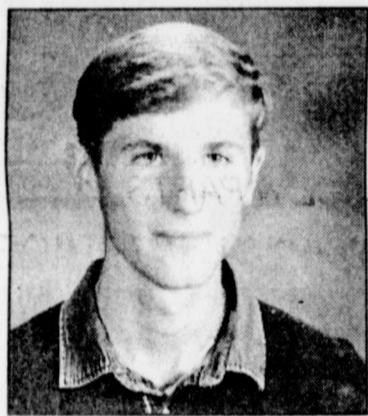
4. Linda Sonnenberg is hereby appointed clerk for early voting, and Shelly Brooker and Becky Hoelscher as deputy clerks. The early voting of the above designated election shall be held at the North Runnels Hospital Business Office, 7821 East Highway 153, Winters, Texas, 79567 and will commence on Monday, March 25, 2002, at 9:00 a.m. and ending on Friday, April 12, 2002, at 4:00 p.m. Regular early voting hours will be daily, Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

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

by Randall Sneed, Chairman Board of Directors

13-9(1tc)

**VOTE in the March 12th Primary.**  
*If you don't vote...Don't complain!*



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**FRED HAROLD POE**

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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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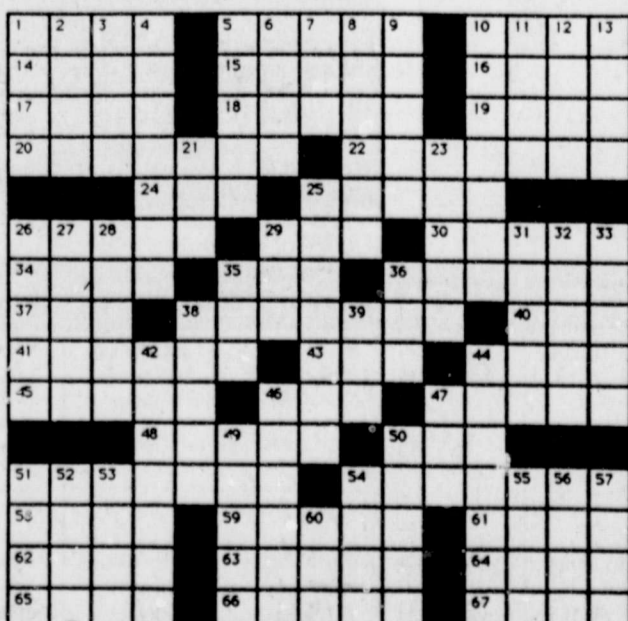
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  25. Word with Downs & salts
  26. Gawrk
  29. Prefix for position or heat
  30. Improve
  34. Notorious German
  35. Neptune's realm
  36. Leisurely, to Liberate
  37. Assam silkworm
  38. Causes
  40. Soak flax
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  50. Overly
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  58. Enthusiastic review
  59. Hurt
  61. Boy
  62. More than
  63. Elf
  64. Ripening ingredient
  65. Benign skin tumors
  66. Checks
  67. Pulls

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  2. Parts of intestines
  3. One with the leading role
  4. Unites
  5. Pickling solution
  6. Henry or Clare Boothe
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  8. Versatile blanket
  9. SAT and LSAT
  10. Problem
  11. Son of Zeus
  12. Word of warning
  13. Hill builders
  21. Common contraction
  23. Amphibians

25. Deletion
26. Fleece
27. firma
28. Mao or Hirohito
29. Word with coat or oock
31. River bank bird
32. Sis' baby
33. Of a marriage dowry
35. Establish
36. Jillian
38. Home's place, in song
39. Spanish gold
42. Vagabonds
44. Porch item
46. Authorize
47. Lowing sound
49. Grates
50. Carries
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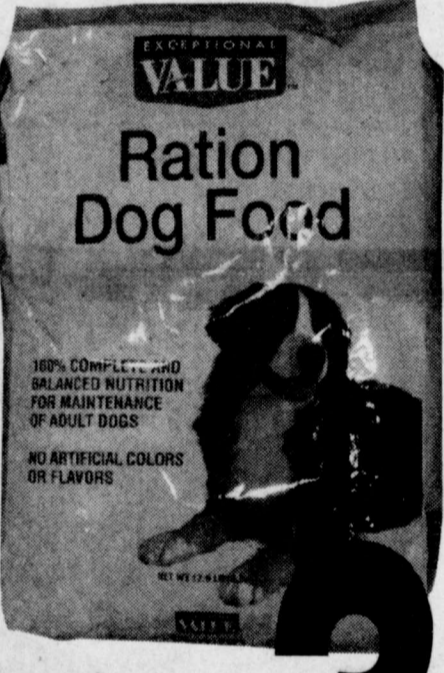
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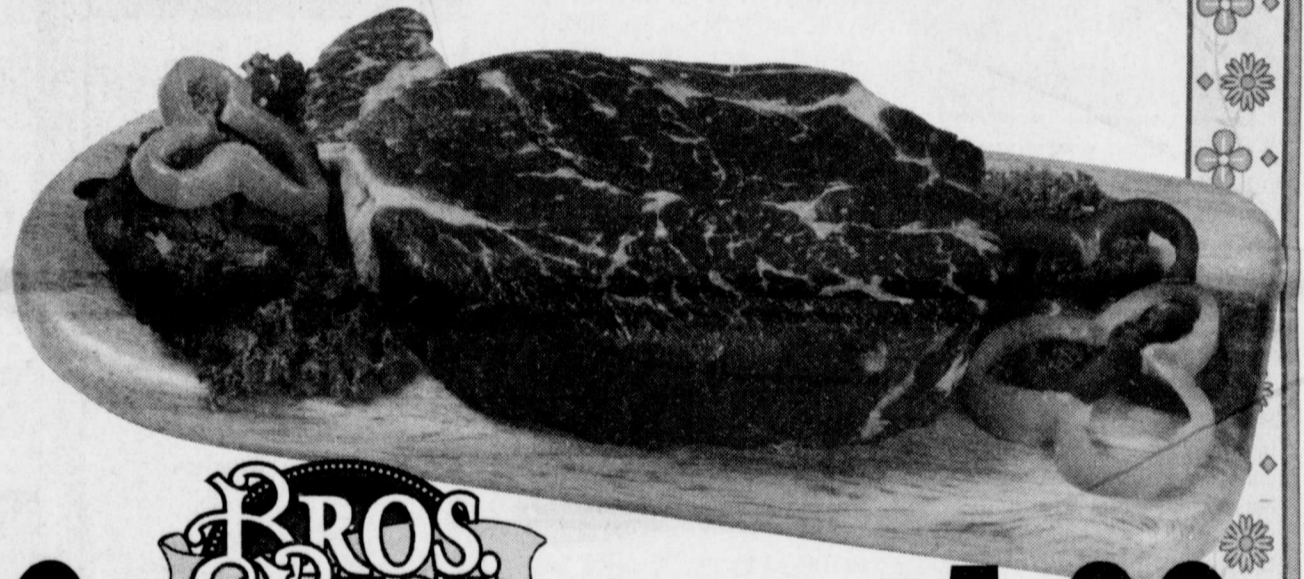
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# Ag Day programs to feature specialists addressing "Water—Our Most Precious Natural Resource"

Tom Mann, Director of Economic Development with the West Central Texas Council of Governments (WCTCOG) will present a program on "Weather Modification in West Texas," during Ag Day activities on March 12.

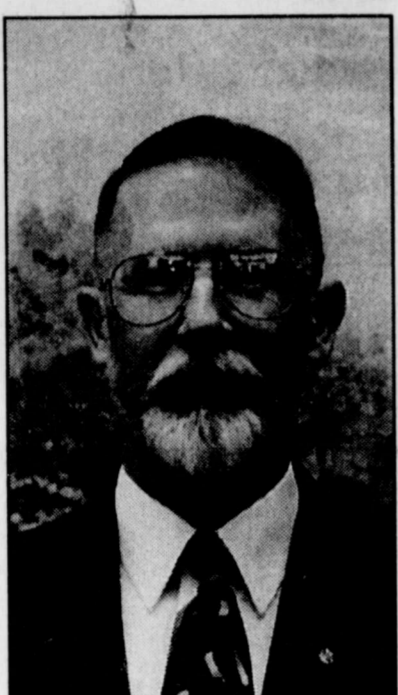
Mann will review how cloud seeding works and the structure of the Weather Modification Association. He will review the goals and objectives of the program and highlight results of the 2001 season.

Mann moved to Abilene in 1985. He retired from the Air Force in 1995 where he flew B-52 and B-1 bombers. He currently manages economic development programs for a 19-county region of WCTCOG.

Okla W. Thornton, Jr., Colorado River Municipal Water District Manager for Natural Resources headquartered in Big Spring, will present the program "Where

Did The Water Go? Drought & Salt Cedar."

Thornton will give an over-



Okla Thornton

view of the water district and provide a pictorial presentation on salt cedar and its impact on

surface water resources of the upper Colorado River basin.

He is a certified wildlife biologist and has been with the water district since 1987. Currently, he oversees district recreation facilities at Lake Thomas, Lake Spence, and Ivie Reservoir. He is responsible for management activities on the district's wildlife management areas located at Ivie. Thornton also oversees district water quality activities including participation in the state's clean rivers program and ongoing TMDL projects.

Allan Lange, General Manager of the Lipan-Kickapoo Water Conservation District, will give a "Water Conservation Update." His program will include a 20 minute video entitled, "Dividing The Future: Groundwater Conservation Districts" and a 10 minute video, "Status of the Lipan-Kickapoo Water Conservation District and Plans."

Lange serves as a member

and vice-president of the Tom Green County Extension Program Council and is a member and officer of the Texas Alliance of Groundwater Districts. He has authored several water-related publications and has served as general manager of the LKWCD since 1988.

Jason Johnson, assistant professor and extension economist for the Texas Cooperative Extension, will give a presentation on "Farm Bill Update." He will give an up-to-date review of the Farm Bill's status including comparisons of the House and Senate versions of the bill with attention brought to the implications for West Central Texas agricultural producers.

Johnson is a fifth generation rancher from Jacksboro. He works with farmers and ranchers in West Central Texas to develop profitable production and marketing plans.

Charles Stichter, an associate professor and extension

agronomist, will present a program on "Common Sense Conservation Tillage."

He is a "Jack of All Trades" extension agronomist from Uvalde for south and southwest Texas. Stichter is a well known speaker and resource person with several years of experience in conservation tillage from the Rio Grande Valley to the Rolling Plains regions of Texas. He is a certified crop advisor and a member of the Texas Chapter of the American Society of Agronomy and the Texas Forage and Grassland Council.

Dr. Billy Warrick, an associate professor and extension agronomist, will present a program on "Alternatives to Traditional Row Cropping-Forage Opportunities."

Warrick will address a trend by many row crop producers to move a portion of their acreage into forage production. He will discuss improved and na-

tive grasses, hay grazers, ensilage and seed harvesting. He serves Texas Agricultural Ex-



Billy Warrick

tension Service District 7 as a soil and crop science resource person.

# 2002 Agri-Plex Ag Day

Section B to The Ballinger Ledger & The Winters Enterprise Tuesday, March 12, 2002

## 2002 Agri-Plex Ag Day on March 12 will feature "something for everyone"

by Marty Gibbs, CEA-AG

A full slate of activities awaits area participants to this year's "Agriplex Ag Day" March 12 in Ballinger High School. The biannual event, now in its 14th year, is sponsored by Texas Cooperative Extension.

This year's theme is "Water—Our Most Precious Natural Resources," and promises to look at a variety of issues facing agriculture. Water is the most common limiting factor in all agricultural endeavors. Learning to live without it is a challenge of all agricultural producers, as we have seen over the past 6 to 7 years in the Concho Valley.

The day will offer something for the entire family through the concurrent produc-

ers, ladies, and youth programs sponsored by the Runnels County Extension Program Council.

### Annual Meeting

The doors open at 10 a.m. for the trade show featuring some 30 commercial exhibitors representing seed and chemical companies, insurance agencies, banks, implement dealers, and other ag-related businesses. In addition there will be a health fair in the junior high gymnasium and the Southern Rolling Plains Cotton Growers Association's annual meeting.

### Complimentary Meal

At noon, exhibitors and Ag Day participants will be treated to a complimentary noon meal sponsored by the Southern Rolling Plains Cotton Growers Association and Ag Day ex-

hibitors.

### Producers Program

The Producers Program will be held in the auditorium beginning at 1 p.m. Speakers will address a variety of issues including dealing with water conservation and utilization as well as updates on issues facing agriculture such as the new Farm Bill, the Lipan-Kickapoo Water Conservation District, and the West Central Texas Weather Modification Program.

### Ladies Program

The Ladies Program also begins at 1 p.m. in the Home Economics Department with topics featuring horticulture, healthy foods, and vintage sewing machines. At the conclusion of the ladies programs, a Texas Department of Agriculture Marketing Representa-

tive will present Go Texan promotion bags to all attendees.

### Youth Program

The youth program begins at 3:30 p.m. with a special performance of Nana Puddin' Productions featuring Doc Gibbs in a character "Edutainment" musical program. All youth in grades three through twelve are invited to attend this event in the Ballinger High School Ag Building. The youth program is sponsored by Coleman County Electric Cooperative with lots of door prizes to be given away throughout the afternoon.

The mid-afternoon hospitality breaks will be in the snack bar and are provided by Ballinger Wool and Mohair, the Ballinger Chamber of Commerce, IGA Shoppin' Basket, Lawrence Bros. IGA,

the Winters Area Chamber of Commerce/Z.I. Hale Museum/The Rock Hotel.

### Evening Program & Meal

The Sons of Thunder, a trio of area farmers and businessmen will provide entertainment in the BHS Auditorium from 5-5:30 p.m. An awards program featuring the naming of the 2002 Farm Family of the Year, the 2002 Agribusiness of the Year and the Pat Lee Memorial Scholarship recipients will start at 5:30 p.m. The day will conclude with an evening meal at 6 p.m. catered by The Shed of Wingate. Tickets are \$5 each and are available throughout the day at the registration table.

Texas Department of Agriculture continuing education units (CEUs) will be offered in the Laws and Regulations (1)

and General (1) categories.

The Health Fair from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. will have stations for diabetes screening, cholesterol screening, ear disease detection, blood pressure checks, visual acuity testing, anemia screening and various health information booths.

### Available to Everyone

All programs and information of the Texas Cooperative Extension are available to everyone without regard to race, color, religion, sex, age, handicap, or national origin. We will seek to provide reasonable accommodations for all persons with disabilities at this meeting. We request that you contact the Runnels County Extension Office at (915) 365-2219, as soon as possible to advise us of auxiliary aids or services you will require.

## Take A Break...

Agri-Plex Ag Day wouldn't be complete without ample opportunity to snack and socialize with friends and neighbors.

Texas Cooperative Extension is appreciative of the sponsors who will provide hospitality tables during the mid afternoon break scheduled between 2:45 and 3:30 p.m. The hospitality area will be adjacent to the cafeteria.

Local businesses and groups sponsoring this year's afternoon break include: Ballinger Chamber of Commerce, Winters Area Chamber of Commerce/Z. I. Hale Museum/The Rock Hotel, Lawrence Bros. IGA of Winters, Shoppin' Basket IGA of Ballinger, and Ballinger Wool and Mohair.

## Representatives to help clear the air on electric industry deregulation changes at Agri-Plex Ag Day Ladies Program

Along with electric deregulation comes questions from worried and confused consumers. After experiencing the headaches associated with telephone deregulation, many are anticipating more of the same with electric deregulation.

In an effort to help ease minds and give a simplified explanation of electric industry change, Jamie Rainey will address the women convening for Agri-Plex Ag Day.

At 4:25 p.m. in her presentation, "Electric Deregulation—What Does It Mean To Me," Ms. Rainey will explain the effects of utility companies being divided into three divisions and how that affects customers.

Instead of continuing to deal



Jamie Rainey

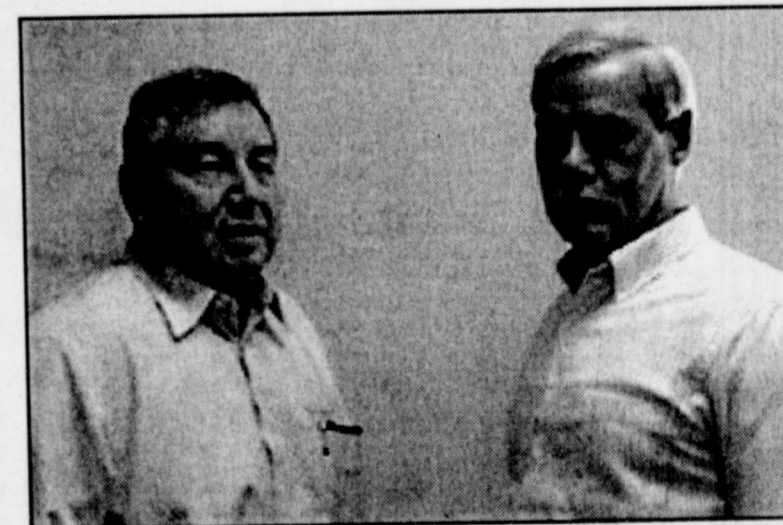
with one utility company like consumers did prior to 2002, now they deal with three divisions: the generating company,

the retail electric provider and the transmission/distribution company. These changes came about for the sake of providing choice to customers.

Right now that choice can be confusing. Ms. Rainey will help clear the air for customers. She will also explain rural electric coops stance on remaining regulated.

Ms. Rainey is AEP-West Texas Utilities Community Service Manager who has worked many years in providing electric service to West Texans.

This native San Angeloan is an ASU graduate who is a past San Angelo Chamber of Commerce Chairman, a board member for West Texas Rehabilitation Center and the Concho Valley Workforce De-



Al Nunez & Tony Williams

velopment Board.

Coleman County Electric Cooperative will be co-representing the electric deregulation program. Two CCE rep-

resentatives, Al Nunez and Tony Williams will serve with Ms. Rainey to provide answers to the electric customer's questions.

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## Annual meeting of Southern Rolling Plains Cotton Growers planned at Ag Day

The annual meeting of the Southern Rolling Plains Cotton Growers Association will be conducted during Agri-Plex Ag Day activities in Ballinger on March 12, 2002. The meeting is scheduled in the Ballinger High School Auditorium at 10 a.m.

Doyle Schniers, Association President, will serve as master of ceremonies. A financial report will be given by David Kubenka, treasurer. The Producers Information Exchange

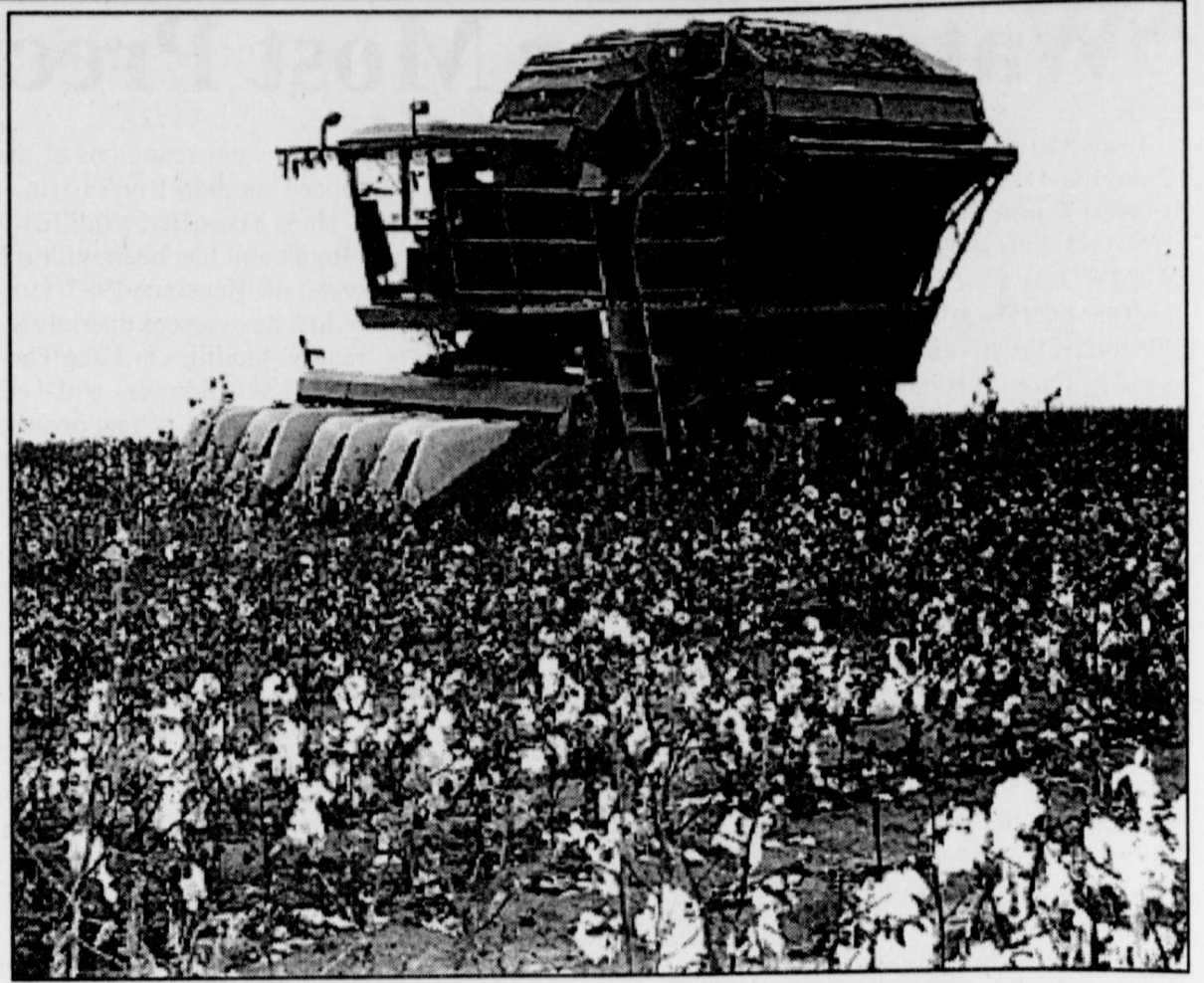
will be presented by Lonnie Kellemeier.

The Boll Weevil Progress Report will be discussed by Tommy Chapman, Director of TBWEF. Brett Mikeska, Vice Chairman for the Gen Delegate Steering Committee, will present the Boll Weevil Eradication Program Recommendations.

Randal Schwartz, SRP Zone Chairman will bring us up to date for Boll Weevil Eradication in 2002. The election of

SRPCGA Director will follow directed by Doyle Schniers. Brett Cypert, staff of NCC, will give the National Cotton Council Report followed by Leah Reed, Staff of CB/CI, with the Cotton Board/Cotton Incorporated Report.

Ronnie Fry will present the Workers Comp. Insurance-Ginners Trust and Doyle Schniers will make final announcements before adjournment.



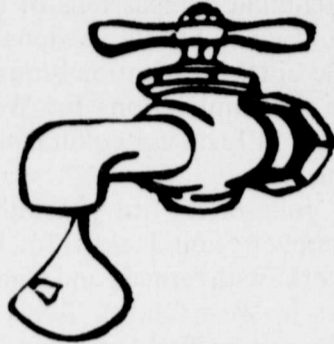
**DROUGHT CONDITIONS** for the past three years have played havoc on area farmers' cotton production. Though the drought continues, a few key rains at just the right time allowed for the 2001 cotton harvest to be slightly better than expected.

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### Conservation tips in the kitchen...

• Scrape the dishes clean instead of rinsing them before washing.

• Use a pan of water for rinsing and washing hands. When the pan is full, pour the water on your pot plants or flowerbeds.

• Never run the dishwasher without a full load. This practice will save water, energy, detergent and money.

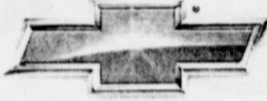
• Use the garbage disposal sparingly or start a compost pile.

• Instead of running water from the tap, keep a container of drinking water in the refrigerator.

• Use a small pan of cold water when cleaning vegetables, rather than letting the water run over them. Pour water from the pan on your plants.

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COMMODITY	Latest Totals Texas 2000 Yields/Numbers	Cash Receipts	National Ranking in Production	Statewide Season for Planting	Statewide Season for Harvesting
ALL CATTLE & CALVES	13.7 mil. hd.	\$6.85 bil.	1	—	—
BROILERS	551 mil. hd.	\$880.4 mil.	6	—	—
CITRUS (00-01 Grapefruit & Oranges)	9.4 mil. boxes	\$23.2 mil.	3	Perennial	Nov.-Feb.
CORN	235.6 mil. bu.	\$475.3 mil.	12	Feb.-May	June-Oct.
UPLAND COTTON	3.9 mil. bales	\$891 mil.	1	Mar.-June	July-Dec.
MILK PRODUCTION	5.7 bil. lbs.	\$766 mil.	7	—	—
GREENHOUSE & NURSERY	Not Available	\$1.2 bil.	—	—	—
HAY	8.8 mil. tons	\$167.9 mil.	1	Feb.-Mar.	Apr.-Oct.
HOGS	920,000 hd.	\$113.4 mil.	14	—	—
CABBAGE	4.1 mil. cwt.	\$52.4 mil.	3	By Region	—
OATS	4.8 mil. bu.	\$1.19 mil.	9	Aug.-Jan.	May-July
PEANUTS	698 mil. lbs.	\$155.6 mil.	2	Apr.-July	Aug.-Dec.
PECANS	30 mil. lbs.	\$34.6 mil.	3	Perennial	Oct.-Jan.
RICE	14.3 mil. cwt.	\$82.9 mil.	4	Mar.-May	July-Sept.
SHEEP & LAMBS	1.1 mil. hd.	\$41.1 mil.	1	—	—
SORGHUM GRAIN	80.2 mil. cwt.	\$263.8 mil.	2	Feb.-June	May-Dec.
TIMBER	1.6 bil. bd. ft.	\$936.5 mil.	—	—	—
WATERMELONS	5.6 mil. cwt.	\$21.8 mil.	3	Year Round by Region & Crop	—
WINTER WHEAT	66.0 mil. bu.	\$171.5 mil.	6	Aug.-Dec.	May-July
WOOL & MOHAIR	9.9 mil. lbs.	\$13.6 mil.	1	—	—

LEADING STATES IN NUMBERS, LIVESTOCK PRODUCTION AND CASH RECEIPTS	RECEIPTS FOR ALL COMMODITIES Billion Dollars	VALUE OF FARM REAL ESTATE Million Dollars	UPLAND COTTON PRODUCTION Million Bales
1 California	25.5	1 TEXAS 83.2	1 TEXAS 3.94
2 TEXAS	13.3	2 California 80.9	2 California 2.21
3 Iowa	10.7	3 Illinois 67.9	3 Mississippi 1.71
4 Nebraska	8.9	4 Iowa 61.0	4 Georgia 1.63
5 Kansas	7.9	5 Missouri 41.4	5 North Carolina 1.42

FARMS AND RANCHES Number	FARM AND RANCH LAND Million Acres	CASH RECEIPTS FOR LIVESTOCK AND PRODUCTS Billion Dollars	VALUE OF ALL CATTLE AND CALVES Billion Dollars
1 TEXAS 226,000	1 TEXAS 130.0	1 TEXAS 9.1	1 TEXAS 8,357
2 Missouri 109,000	2 Montana 56.7	2 California 6.2	2 California 4,790
3 Iowa 95,000	3 Kansas 47.5	3 Nebraska 5.9	3 Nebraska 4,686
4 Kentucky 90,000	4 Nebraska 46.4	4 Iowa 5.7	4 Kansas 4,623
5 Tennessee 90,000	5 South Dakota 44.0	5 Kansas 5.4	5 South Dakota 3,321

CATTLE ON FEED Million Head	ALL CATTLE AND CALVES Million Head	VALUE OF ALL SHEEP AND LAMBS Thousand Dollars	ALL SHEEP AND LAMBS Thousand Head
1 TEXAS 2.9	1 TEXAS 13.7	1 TEXAS 88,000	1 TEXAS 1,100
2 Kansas 2.4	2 Kansas 6.7	2 California 80,640	2 California 840
2 Nebraska 2.4	3 Nebraska 6.6	3 Wyoming 47,700	3 Wyoming 530
4 Colorado 1.2	4 California 5.15	4 Utah 38,610	4 Colorado 420
5 California .450	5 Oklahoma 5.05	5 Colorado 37,380	4 South Dakota 420

Sources: 2000 Texas Agricultural Statistics, National Agriculture Statistics Service, Agricultural Outlook (Nov. 2001), Texas Forest Service

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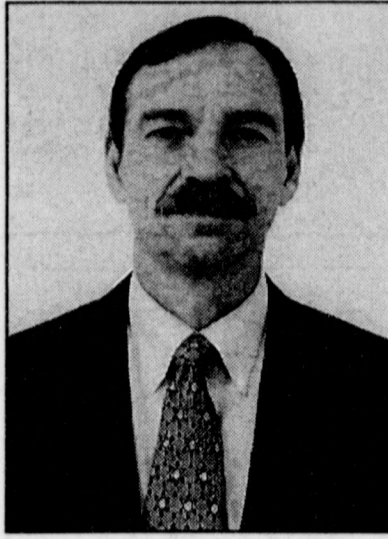
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## Horticulturist to charm ladies audience with program on "Home Grown Texas Produce"

The Concho Valley's most recognized man will be the guest speaker in the Women's Program at 3:15 p.m. in the Home Economics Department. The infamous John Begnaud, Tom Green County Extension Horticulturist, will be on tap to discuss "Home Grown Texas Produce—Vegetables, Fruits and Flowers."

Back by popular demand, John has spoken to several past Ag Days. His audiences appreciate his expertise in growing plants for the landscape and garden and they delight in his light-hearted delivery of his topic. He is best known in our area for his TV program, Plant Talk, on KLST-



**John Begnaud**

TV. John, a Louisiana native, has a B.S. and Masters in Horti-

culture from Texas A&M University. He has been an Extension Horticulturist in Tom Green County since 1975. He has authored numerous publications and has presented horticulture programs not only across Texas, but also in other states and in two foreign countries.

Because of his command of Xeriscape knowledge, John has served on the Governor's Study on Energy. He is very active in the Native Plant Society of Texas and the Texas Pecan Growers Association. His long list of accomplishments attest to the prestige that John has in the area of horticulture.

## Ladies program by Clara Porter focuses on interesting grains for healthful diet

*Incorporating interesting grains into down-to-earth family dishes*

"New Ways With Ancient Grain" is the presentation that Clara Porter will give in the ladies programs in the Home Economics Department at 1:15 p.m. Grains, found at the base of the Food Guide Pyramid, is the foundation of healthful diet, according to Porter.

This Hill Country ranch woman thrives on turning every day meals into gourmet delights by incorporating interesting grains like quinoa, couscous and bulghur wheat into down-to-earth family dishes. When she relies on standby grain favorites like pasta and rice, she seeks out varieties that provide extra flavor and added interest.

Relying on her culinary

background, she's gifted at blending flavorful combinations into simplistic meals. Porter believes that grains are Americans' comfort food because many meal patterns are built around grains' versatility. Not only are grains rich sources of carbohydrates, the B Vitamins, protein and iron, but they are also an economic addition to the family meal plan.

This University of Texas journalism graduate attended Cordon Blue in London. Four years of experience at Austin's La Bonne Cuisine School and attending La Varenne School in Paris contributed to Potter's passion for food service.

These and other training prepared her for being an instructor in Central Market's Cooking Schools and for being a spokesperson for the Texas Beef Council.

This owner and operator of Pecan Spring Ranch near Menard has also worked for American Airlines in Washington, D.C. She is well respected as a caterer and owner of Culinary Services.

Porter will be preparing several grain-based dishes as she shares her abundant knowledge and love for food preparation and presentation. Samples and copies of recipes will be provided for the audience.

## Ambulance service questions to be answered

In an attempt to answer misunderstood questions about ambulance service in Runnels County, a brief program will address those issues at 2:30 p.m. in the Homemaking Department.

Caroline Priddy with Ballinger Memorial Hospital Ambulance Service and Bobbie Collom with North Runnels Hospital Emergency Medical Service will explain service policies for both the Ballinger and Winters area ambulance services.

Who do I call? Where can I be taken? What about Medicare and ambulance service? What information is needed when a call for ambulance help is made? These and other questions will be cleared up for residents, regardless where they live in Runnels County.

Audience members will receive 911 materials to assist in making emergency calls.

## Program may shed a new light on vintage sewing machines

Many people have an "old black sewing machine" or "grandma's treadle" hidden away in a closet or in a barn. After hearing Marilyn Hale's program on "Preserving and Using Vintage Sewing Machines" you will have a whole new interest in those old machines.

Hale, Llano County Extension Agent for Family and Consumer Science is an antique sewing machine buff. Her enthusiasm for restoring or at least cleaning up old machines is so contagious that her audiences typically go home to search for those old beauties to return to active duty or to display proudly.

According to Hale, vintage machines that belonged to ancestors are precious keepsakes to be "adored and appreciated." The proud owner of over 20 vintage sewing ma-

chines, she knows the value of old machines and can share insight into the buying and selling of those machines.

To be prepared to get the most from Hale's presentation, bring along the model numbers of vintage machines you have.

Hale is a Big Spring native and graduate of Abilene Christian University and Southwest Texas State University. She has been employed by Texas Cooperative Extension as a County Extension Agent since 1977.

She has collected sewing machines since the age of twelve. The respected authority in the field of vintage sewing machines will have hand-out materials summarizing her comments. A small part of her collection will be on display in the Homemaking Department following her program at 4 p.m.

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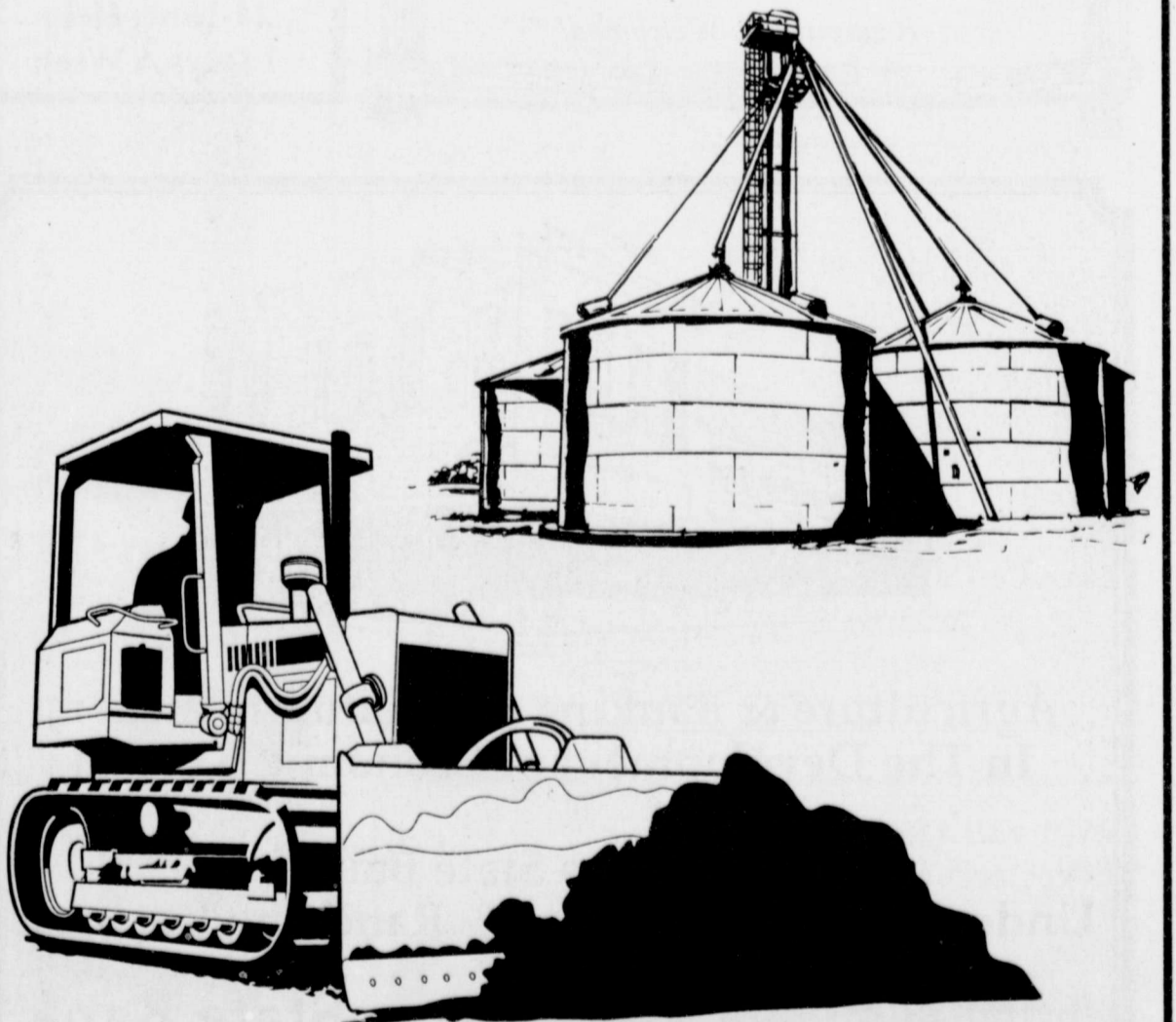
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## Sons of Thunder provide fun and witness in song

Performing from 5:00 to 5:30 p.m. Tuesday will be the *Sons of Thunder* singing trio of Monte Angel, Randall Boles and Jim Lincycumb of Winters.

The group plans an assortment of musical selections ranging from country to religious, interlaced with down home humor guaranteed to make an audience chuckle.

Putting their unique spin on some well-known verses, the *Sons of Thunder* add flavor with guitars and keyboards. They bring their Christian witness in song and enjoy "making a joyful noise."

Monte is owner of MCA Fertilizer & Chemical and co-owner of Angel Polled Herefords. Randall is co-owner of *The Winters Enterprise* and *The Ballinger Ledger*, and serves as editor at the *Ledger*. Jim is in sales and service of home medical equipment for the West Texas Rehabilitation Center in Abilene.



LYRICS AND LAUGHTER are at the forefront of songs and entertainment by the *Sons of Thunder*, (l-r) Randall Boles, Jim Lincycumb, and Monte Angel, of Winters. The singing trio will perform from 5:00 to 5:30 p.m. in the BHS auditorium during Agri-Plex Ag Day, March 12.

## Ballinger blood drive to be held at Agri-Plex Ag Day Health Fair

United Blood Services will have their bloodmobile at Ballinger High School during Agri-Plex Ag Day Tuesday, March 12, from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. Ag Day is sponsored by Texas Cooperative Extension—Runnels County. Donors should call the Extension Office at 365-5042 to make an appointment.

"I am really excited about being a part of this health fair," said Johnna Pevey, Community Relations Representative. "A safe and steady blood supply is a vital part of our good health. Thanks for including United Blood Services."

Donors must be at least

17-years old, weigh more than 110 pounds and be in good health.

We also ask that you have proof of identification and know the names of any medication you may have taken in the past 30 days.

United Blood Services is the area's not-for-profit provider. In order to supply the ten area hospitals, United Blood Services must collect more than 300 units each week. Blood products have a shelf life of 5 to 42 days.

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At the closing of the women's program at Ag Day, Mendy Shugart will explain the GO TEXAN marketing campaign that is as big and bold as the Lone Star State.

A marketing specialist with

the Texas Department of Agriculture, Shugart will tell how the GO TEXAN campaign taps in to loyalty by working to persuade consumers to choose the state's bountiful products when they shop.

To help participants in the ladies programs be better prepared to recognize GO TEXAN products, complimentary goodie bags will be distributed at the conclusion of the program.

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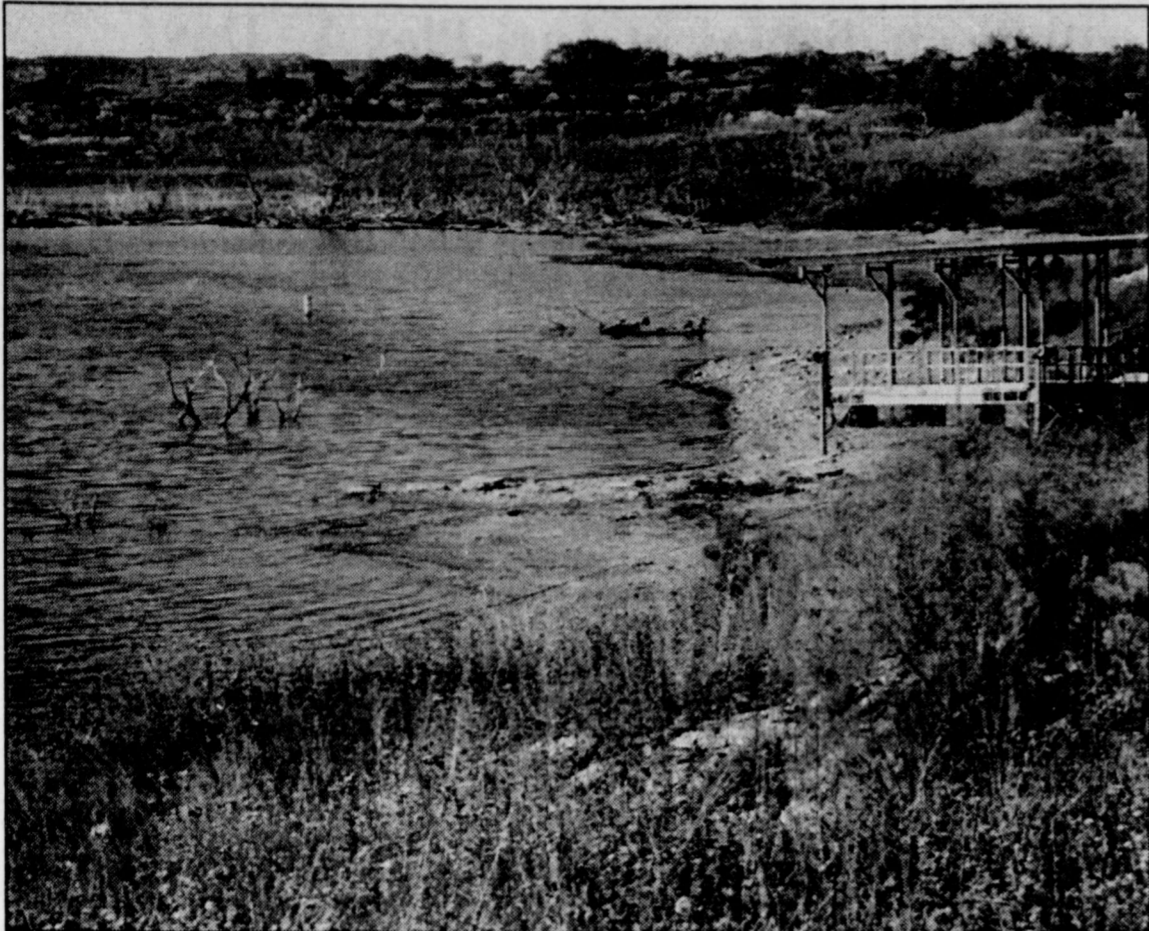
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**Health Fair will feature nine healthcare providers for free screenings and educational booths**

Does your health care get left to chance? Do you operate under the assumption that health problems only happen to other people? Do farmers and ranchers avoid doctors more that they avoid the opera?

If so, take advantage of services provided during the Better Living for Texans Health Fair held in conjunction with Agri-Plex Ag Day. The Health Fair, featuring nine healthcare providers will be held in the old gym at Ballinger High School between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Attendees will want to plan to participate in the free screening, as well as visit the health education booths. The following list introduces participating healthcare providers and summarizes services each will perform. Read carefully for special instructions to follow before screenings occur.

**Ballinger Memorial Hospital** will provide Cholesterol screening for which participants are advised that an 8 hour fast will provide the most accurate readings. Dietary consultation with a registered dietitian will be available for special diet concerns. Other services include vital sign checks, postural assessments,

grip test and bone density. Information will be available on BMH's cardiac rehab, emergency medical service and ultrasound capabilities.

**North Runnels Hospital** will be on hand to conduct blood glucose evaluations for individuals who have maintained an 8 hour fast. Diabetes screening plays a big role in the early detection of diabetes, thus causing less damage to internal organs. Blood pressure monitoring will also be available because monitoring is key to recognizing warning signs of stroke, the silent killer.

**Stepping Stones**, a service of Ballinger Memorial Hospital, will be available to discuss solutions to those emotionally challenged. The Stepping Stones program is designed for those experiencing problems of depression, extended grief reactions, anxiety, mood disorders, thought disturbances and other emotional difficulties. The program helps loved ones achieve their highest level of contentment and functioning in a confidential setting.

**Western Texas Lions Eye Bank Alliance** will be on hand to provide visual acuity testing to detect problems or blind-

ness. Eye donor information will equip individuals with knowledge to make early decisions for eye donations. Informing family and loved ones of donor's wishes is critical when a decision is needed at a time of death. Corneal transplantation gives sight to recipients allowing them a better quality of life.

**Representatives from Texas Department of Health** will be on hand to address Texas Birth Defect Monitoring. Information concerning prevention of birth defects and the role of birth defects registry is critical information for women of childbearing age.

**Ballinger Home Health** will have staff members on site to conduct vital sign monitoring and to provide information about home health services.

**New Sound** will be on site to conduct Otitoscopic evaluations for possible detection of hearing loss. As the body gets older, the tiny hair in our ears, called Cilia, need more amplification and power in order to move. Hearing loss not only affects the individual but all family and friends around them.

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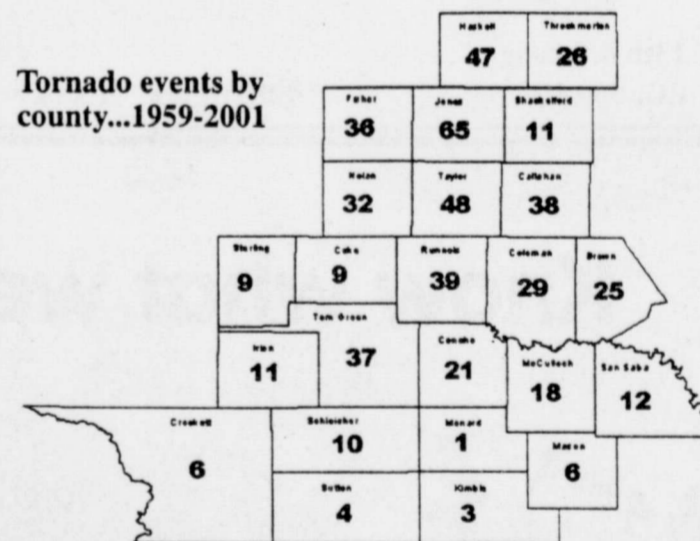
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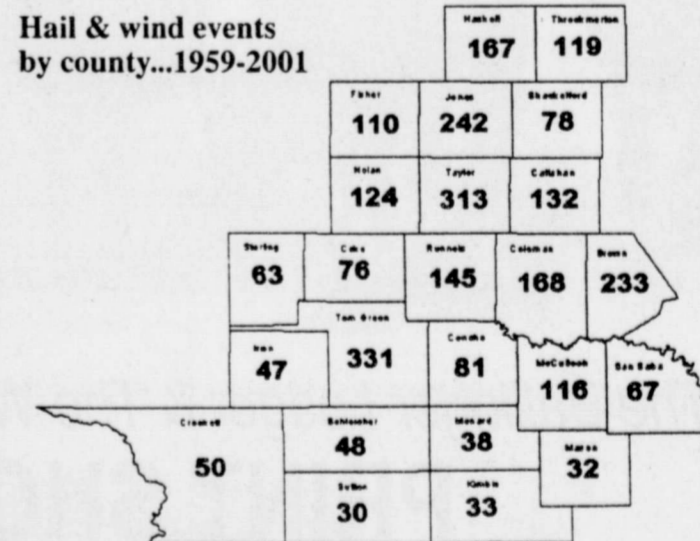
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Lord, we've been praying that this ole country would get real wet. Please forgive our impatience that a downpour hasn't happened yet. And speaking of forgiveness\*, that's what we haven't asked for enough. Help us look to You and get our minds off this worldly stuff.

By the way that we've been talking and moaning and kicking the dirt Looks like we think we're the only ones that have ever been hurt. So Lord, please forgive us for the way that we take on and complain Help us to look into your Word and learn to understand your pain.

Thanks for putting up with us; a self-indulgent and ungrateful bunch While we sit in front of the air conditioner and complain — right after lunch! We "suffer" in luxury in this bountiful land flowing with milk and honey, Oh Lord, please forgive us for worrying so about things and money.

Maybe this is a reminder to count our blessings — good health, family and friends, And we can just go on and on counting the good things and the list never ends. Help us to encourage one another to remember to always give You thanks Instead of worrying so much about those notes down at the banks!

In your Book, you tell us that all good and wonderful things are heaven sent, With this in mind, Lord, we come to you and of our sins we do repent\*. Help us to concentrate on you, Lord, and on the heavenly things above. Cleanse us, Lord, touch our hearts and fill us with your unending love.

Lord, you've placed us as stewards over the crops, livestock and land\* So please watch over us and hold us in the palm of your hand. Forgive us, Lord, for our selfish motives; you know it's dry and awful hot But your Word reminds us that have not, because we ask not.\*

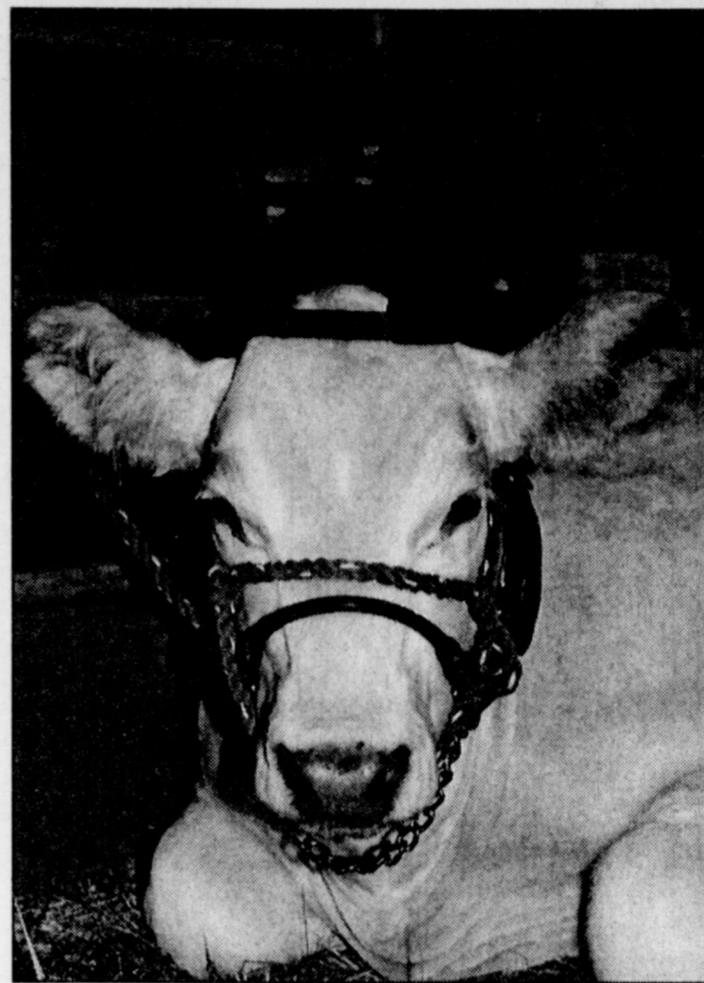
So we humbly come before You and remember: Our God Reigns! And we'll give you the thanks for the gully-washers that come with the rains. Help us to remember that you were there and you heard our pleas\* While we're fixing water gaps, there's more than one reason to be on our knees.\*

And, Lord, please be patient with us as we face another hot and dusty day, As we try our best, Lord, help us to look to you for the rain for which we pray.\* But most of all, Lord, we need a spiritual rain for our dry and hardened heart So we'll remember to gratefully say "Thank You" when the raindrops start.

by Justan Ole Sinner, S.B.G. (Saved by Grace\*)  
 (\*2 Chron. 7:13-14, Gen. 1:26, James 4:2, Luke 24:47, Matt. 7:7, Phil. 2:10, John 14:13, Eph. 5:20).

Editor's note: We've got a local poet, and sure didn't know it. Said don't put his name with this story— "Just be sure to give God all the glory."

### Runnels County 4-H Photography projects will be on display at Agri-Plex Ag Day



I'M IN NO MOOD FOR A PICTURE seems to be what this calf is thinking at the Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo. Collyn Pritchard, 9, a young photographer from Winters will join other 4-Hers from across the county in displaying their photography projects during Ag Day.

Runnels County 4-H Photography project members will be displaying some of their works during Agri-Plex Ag Day on March 12 at Ballinger High School. The photograph exhibit will portray rural America and agriculture at its best.

Nearly thirty 4-Hers from across Runnels County have been participating in a four month photography project complete with workshops and educational experiences. Group members have been honing their photography skills, and have been critiqued by project coordinator Becky Smetana.

A county and district photography competition will be held in April for junior and intermediate levels. Senior participants will have the opportunity to advance to the state level competition in May.

Project group members responsible for the display are Allison Ramsey, Steffanee Lange, and Alisha Multer. Stop by to see the accomplishments of project group members during Ag Day.

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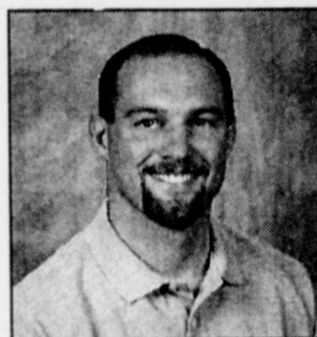
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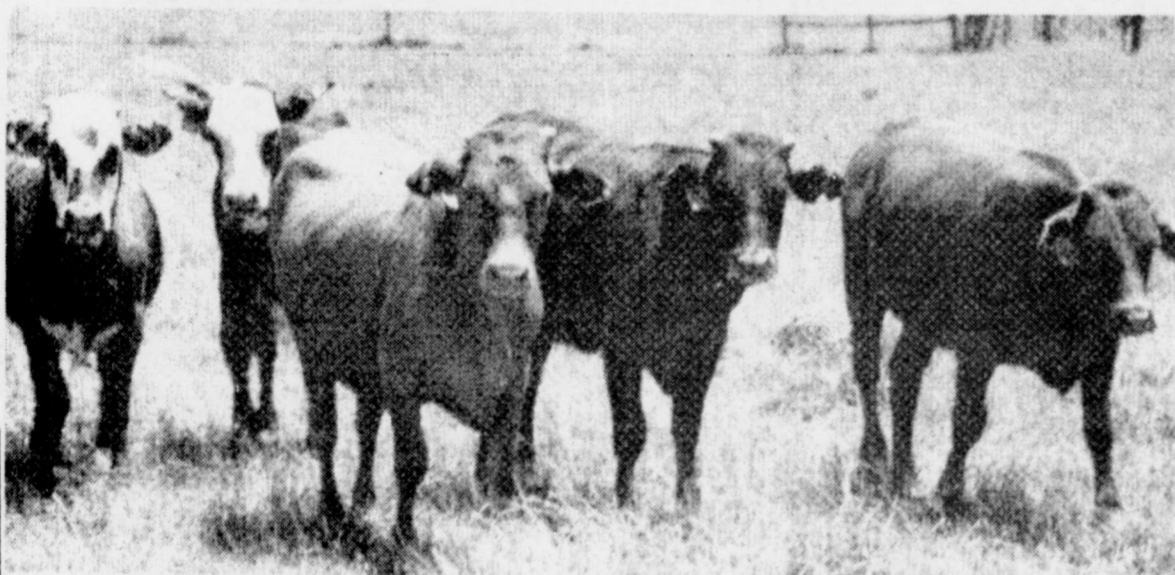
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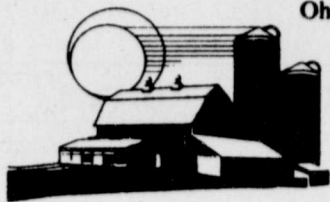
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**"Cloud of Dust"**

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West Texas forecast more of the same.  
Sunny and mild—no chance of rain.  
That old John Deere tractor  
ain't moved in days.



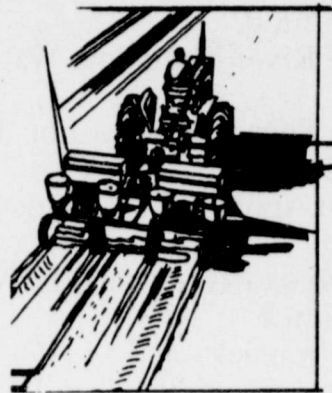
Oh, but he's out there climbin' back on,  
Because he's yet to admit  
That his crops are all gone.

She stares out the window  
Fightin' back tears.  
And watches him wastin'  
His time in the fields.

They're havin' problems payin' the bills.  
And she knows that it won't be long,  
Before the bank finally places  
A lien on the farm.

And the tractor keeps rollin'  
The dust rises high,  
Creating the only cloud in the sky.

He's holdin' his ground,  
But it's gettin' tough.  
He's keepin' his faith  
In the Lord up above,  
And prayin' for rain  
Through a cloud of dust.



Yesterday somethin' in town  
Caught his eye.  
The old hardware store  
Had a help wanted sign.  
He thought about stoppin'  
But he drove on by,  
'Cause he just can't bear to let go.  
After all it's the only life  
He's ever known.

Yeah, he's holdin' his ground  
But it's gettin' tough.  
He's keepin' his faith  
In the Lord up above.  
And prayin' for rain  
Through a cloud of dust.

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**Doc Gibbs from Nana Puddin' Productions to present Agri-Plex Youth Seminar— "Edutainment"**

Nana Puddin' Productions presents "Have the Courage to be Different" during the youth seminar at Agri-Plex Ag Day on March 12. Doc Gibbs, a multi-talented singer, musician, inspirational speaker and impressionist will shake, rattle, and roll with the kids from 3:30 to 5 p.m. in the Vocational Ag Classroom at Ballinger High School.

Dallas-based Nana Puddin' Productions provides some of the best educational entertainment in the country. Gibbs' version of character "edutainment" will feature a fast paced, upbeat message that our greatest leaders must have the courage to stand up for justice, principle, and truth.

Doc helps plant the seeds of greatness in the hearts of today's youth by challenging them to have the courage to do what's right. Encouraging youth to practice good character in today's society is not always easy.

Through music, involvement, and positive reinforcement, Doc encourages youth to realize their self worth and to fully develop their potential. Born in Alabama, he learned to play piano by ear by the second grade.

Degrees in music and drama and a love for audience entertainment took him to New York before coming to Texas. He

started his own entertainment company bringing his talents and powerful character message to school children across the metroplex.

The youth seminar is partially sponsored by Runnels County 4-H Council, however you don't have to be in 4-H to be able to participate in this fun afternoon.

Youth from third grade through seniors are invited to this free-of-charge program that will feature refreshments and door prizes, as well. Spend one afternoon of Spring Break hearing Doc Gibbs. A little motivation and inspiration can go a long way in raising kids to higher levels.

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**Need a laugh?**

If lawyers are disbarred and clergymen defrocked, doesn't it follow that electricians can be delighted, musicians denoted, cowboys deranged, models deposed, tree surgeons debarked, and dry cleaners depressed?

**Need a laugh?**

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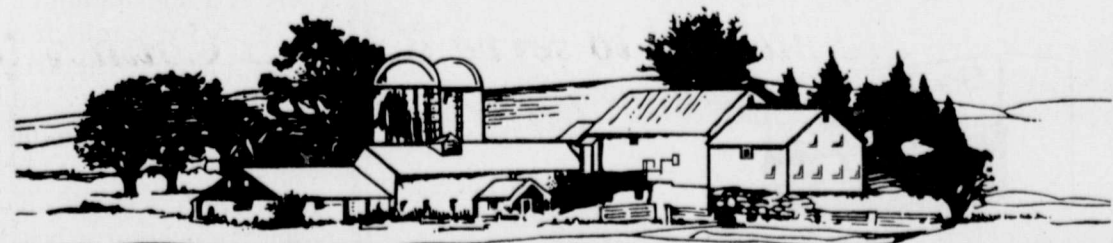
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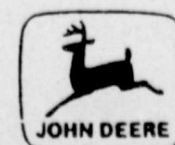


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Tuesday, March 12, 2002  
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 Home Economics Department

- 1:00 - 1:10 p.m. Opening and Instructions
- 1:15 - 2:30 p.m. "New Ways With Ancient Grains"  
By Clara Porter, C.C.P.  
Culinary free-lance instructor and consultant
- 2:30 - 2:45 p.m. Ambulance Service in Runnels County
- 2:45 - 3:15 p.m. Break
- 3:15 - 4:00 p.m. "Landscaping—Even In West Texas"  
By John Begnaud, Texas Cooperative Extension  
County Extension Agent—Horticulture  
Tom Green County
- 4:00 - 4:25 p.m. "Preserving and Using Vintage Sewing Machines"  
By Marilyn Hale, Texas Cooperative Extension  
County Extension Agent—Family & Consumer Science  
Llano County
- 4:25 - 4:50 p.m. "Electric Deregulation—What Does That Mean To Me?"  
Electric Providers Panel: AEP/WTU & CCEC
- 4:50 - 5:00 p.m. Promoting Texas Products—Mendy Shugart  
Texas Department of Agriculture—Marketing Director—  
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- 5:00 p.m. Conclusion, Door Prizes  
Live Entertainment, Sons of Thunder, BHS Auditorium

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- 1:00 p.m. Water Conservation along the Colorado River-Salt  
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- 1:30 p.m. Common Sense Conservation Tillage  
Charles Stichler  
Extension Agronomist-Uvalde
- 2:15 p.m. Alternatives to Traditional Row Cropping-Forage  
Opportunities  
Dr. Billy Warrick  
Extension Agronomist-San Angelo
- 2:45 p.m. Break and Booth Visitation
- 3:30 p.m. Farm Bill Update  
Jason Johnson  
Extension Economist-San Angelo
- 4:00 p.m. West Central Texas Weather Modification Association  
Update  
Tom Mann  
WCTWMA Director
- 4:30 p.m. Lipan-Kickapoo Water Conservation District Update  
Allan Lange  
District Manager
- 5:00 p.m. Adjourn  
Live Entertainment-The Sons of Thunder  
Booth Visitation
- 5:30 p.m. Agri-Plex Ag Day Awards Program  
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Pat Lee Memorial Scholarship Presentation
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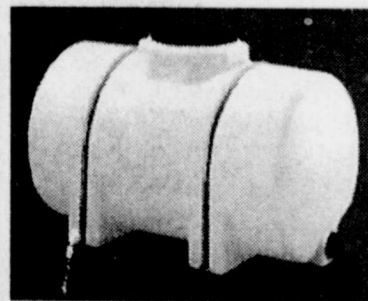
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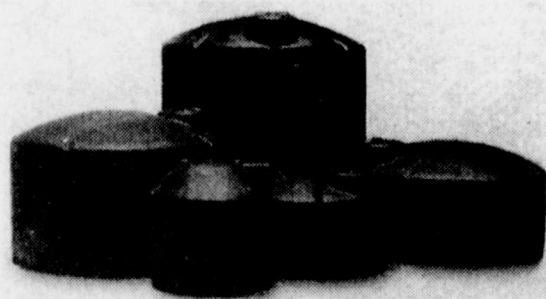
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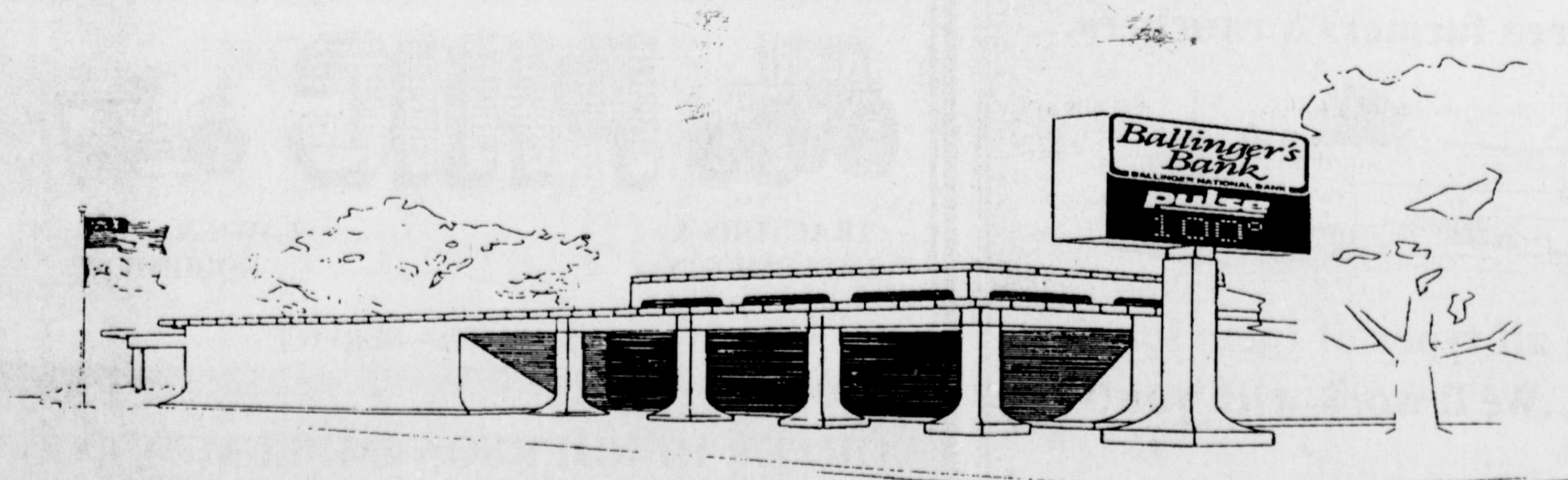
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