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Pearls of Wisdom

We cannot always build the future for our youth, but we can build our youth for the future.

—Franklin D. Roosevelt

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Pastor Glenn Dittmer suggests we should be concerned with what happens in others' lives so we may help them, not run their lives for them.

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Book Fair next week

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Grohman, Sims named Woman and Man of the Year

by Jean Boles, editor

Highlighting the annual Winters Area Chamber of Commerce banquet Saturday evening was the naming of the 2002 Man and Woman of the Year.

Woman of the Year

Honored as Woman of the Year was Landa Grohman, a sixth grade teacher at Winters Elementary School. The former Landa Walker was born in 1954, and attended school at Wingate for eight years before transferring to Winters High School her freshman year. While in high school she was a member of the varsity basketball team for four years, named to All-District and Area teams for three years. She competed at the state level in the 440 yd. run and high jump in track. She graduated Salutatorian of her class in 1973.

Landa graduated cum laude from Abilene Christian University.

She married Freddie Grohman in 1974, and they are the parents of four children, Tabitha, Tamra, Travis, and Trenton. She began her 21 year teaching career in Wingate and currently teaches at Winters.

Last year's honoree, Marthiel Russell described Landa as a woman who "has touched innumerable lives in the classroom. She has also put in countless hours outside of class serving the students of this community and their families. She has spent many hours at the hospital, being there for her students or their family members."

She has been an integral part of a bus ministry at North Main church of Christ which buses 100-150 children to church on Wednesday nights. Landa also makes two or three trips each Sunday morning in her own car to bring children to church.

Landa also serves with the Christmas in April project and the Relay for Life each year.

Man of the Year

Charles Bahlman, 2001 Man of the Year, introduced this year's honoree, Jerry Sims.

Jerry is employed by the U.S. Postal Service and has gone so far as saving the life of a 99-year-old lady during his mail route. For his actions, he

received a Texas Senate Proclamation, a City of Winters Proclamation, a Life Saving Award from the Veterans of Foreign Wars, and a Certificate of Appreciation.

He has received a 30-year Civil Service Award, is a Mason with the Wingate Lodge, having served as a past Master, and has served on the Board of Directors of the Chamber of Commerce and Winters Housing Authority. He has served as president of the Winters Country Club and as an alderman for the City of Winters for twelve years. He is currently serving his second term as secretary for the Board of Trustees for Winters Independent School District.

He served in the U.S. Navy with one year in Vietnam and three years in Guam.

Jerry was born in 1950, and graduated from Winters High School. He married Jan Robinson in 1971, and they have one daughter, Jamie. They are members of the First Baptist Church in Winters.

Other Banquet Highlights

Also recognized during the banquet were Chamber officers: Sharon Kennedy, president; Chris Bahlman, vice-president; Ruth Cooper, 2nd vice-president; Jane Bourdo, treasurer; and Julie Frierson, secretary.

New directors are Michael Mostad, Carla Hooper and Gary Bear. Continuing directors are Clay Bush, Danny Clack, Barry Jackson, and Brenda Burton. Retiring directors are Saam Geistmann, Janice Pruser and Donna Smith.

Entertainment was provided by the Bluff Creek Ramblers comprised of Dana and Jerry Chambliss, Richard Chambliss, Dickie Clough and Horace Brown.

WHS senior Jena Bahlman gave a power point presentation of "Our Town," which was narrated by Randall Conner, Director of Economic Development of the Winters Area Business and Industrial Corporation.

Dinner was catered by Janet Cason of JC's Catering.

LOCAL CITIZENS HONORED



photo by Jean Boles

JERRY SIMS and LANDA GROHMAN were named 2002 Man and Woman of the Year, respectively, during the annual Winters Area Chamber of Commerce banquet Saturday evening. Jerry is a mail carrier with the Postal Service. Landa is a sixth grade teacher at Winters Elementary School.

Junior High parent meeting fruitful

School issues discussed; plans made for changes

by Jean Boles, editor

Approximately 65 concerned parents and citizens met with school personnel last Thursday, January 30, at the WHS auditorium.

The special meeting was called by WISD Superintendent Danny Clack and Secondary Principal David Hale to address the 57% failure rate in the Winters Junior High School.

"I was very pleased with the meeting," said Clack. "I appreciate the parents who attended. They gave us some insight into some problems and we are looking into how these can be addressed. I had hoped, of course, that all parents would attend this important meeting."

Clack and Hale expressed

deep concern about the failure rate in the seventh and eighth grades, and hoped to incorporate parents' opinions and ideas. There are 116 students in these two grades.

Hale said, "I believe we had a very productive meeting. There were a lot of concerns expressed by parents that we (faculty) will address with policies to be put in place."

According to Hale, some of the new policies will include the following:

- Change the tutorial detention from once a day for three hours to three days a week for one hour each day (from 3:16 to 4:16). This tutorial time will be for students who are required to attend and also for any student needing additional

help. A bus route will run at 4:16 p.m..

• A new eligibility policy will prohibit any student who is not eligible to participate in any UIL event from attending any "home" game or event unless accompanied by a parent.

Hale said other comments and suggestions from parents who attended the January 30 meeting are being carefully considered but that "it will take time to sort through them all."

One specific complaint from some parents was the lack of textbooks available for a certain class. Hale explained that the current textbook is "nonconforming and does not address all the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) See JR. HIGH, pg. 5

Head of the Class—



photo by Deb Pritchard

WINTERS FFA MEMBER CAMILLE KRUSE, 12, exhibited the first place lightweight European steer at the Southwestern Exposition and Livestock Show in Ft. Worth last Thursday afternoon. Camille showed her 1015 lbs. steer Revenge again Friday morning in competition for champion European steer honors. She sold the steer in the Premium Sale on Saturday. Camille, a sixth grader at Winters Elementary, is the daughter of Terry and Cheryl Kruse.

Judge Egan explains county's involvement in Ballinger water grant

contributed by Roeneal Boles, editor *The Ballinger Ledger*

What looked to be a short special meeting of Runnels County Commissioners on Thursday, January 30, turned more lengthy than expected.

The lone agenda item for the meeting was to consider entering into contract with Community Development Programs between the Office of Rural Community Affairs and the County for the \$350,000 grant for water facilities.

Mayor Dawson McGuffin and City Manager Aref Hassan of Winters were in attendance at the meeting to ask questions regarding the County's grant. McGuffin and Hassan questioned why the County was involved with a grant for the City of Ballinger when they did not participate in the grant application process for the City of Winters early in 2002.

County Judge Marilyn Egan explained the County was involved because the City of

Ballinger furnishes water to the town of Rowena, an unincorporated town in the county. Because Rowena is not a government entity, Runnels County had to apply for grant money on their behalf, just as they did when the County helped secure a grant for a new water line from Ballinger to Rowena.

Further questions regarding whether the City of Ballinger had secured an agreement from the City of Abilene to tie onto their Ivie pipeline brought Ballinger City Administrator Tommy New into the meeting. New said the City of Ballinger did not have a written commitment from Abilene at that time, but were hoping to secure one very shortly. "The difference in the City of Ballinger's request to the City of Abilene and the earlier request by the City of Winters is that we're asking See COMMISSIONERS, pg. 3

Community

Pastor's Points

Editor's Note: This new column will feature a different Winters minister each week in no particular order. Comments may or may not reflect the opinions or views of *The Winters Enterprise*.

Someone we know?

by Pastor Glenn Dittmer, St. John's Lutheran Church

I don't know who the author for this story is but I got it from a parishioner of mine who got it from someone else over the Internet.

Sara, the church gossip and self-appointed supervisor of the church's morals, kept sticking her nose in other people's business. Several residents were unappreciative of her activities, but feared her enough to maintain their silence.

She made a mistake, however, when she accused George, a new member, of being an alcoholic after she saw his pickup parked in front of the town's only bar one afternoon.

She commented to George and others that everyone seeing it there would know that he was an alcoholic. George, a man of few words, stared at her for a moment and just walked away.

He said nothing.

Later that evening, George quietly parked his pickup in front of Sara's house . . . and he left it there all night.

I think we have all known someone like Sara in our lives. We should be concerned with what happens in others' lives so we might help them in some way, not run their lives for them or tell them where they should or should not park their car or pickup truck. We should be concerned as we would for any family member in need.

Our God-given task is rather than point the accusing finger at anyone is to uplift, nurture and pray for those who are part of our lives as well as for people in our communities.

We are concerned for one another because we are all members of the one body, which is Christ. Therefore, we are one family of God. We don't need to worry where something is parked or not parked. Let God do the worrying. The fact that we are all His should be enough. There are good and bad gossip and gossips. Be a good gossip. That way we don't have to worry where the pickup is parked. God's blessings to you all!



HELPING THE HOSPITAL raise funds for equipment are members of the North Runnels Hospital Auxiliary, Martha Pinkerton and Melanie Wade (left) and Theresa Patterson (second from right) as they serve baked potatoes to Coach Bryan Green and Pat Parker (right) at a fundraiser supper on January 28.

Women & Heart Health Program set for Wednesday, February 12

February is Heart Month and there is no better time to become informed about heart issues than right now. On Wednesday, February 12, at 10:30 a.m., a Women and Heart Health Program will be held in the Winters Housing Authority Meeting Room at 300 North Grant Street.

Noemi Samaniego, Health Education & Rural Outreach Specialist with Texas Cooperative Extension, will address all women interested in promoting their heart health.

The program will educate

women about their heart disease risk factors and empower them to take control of their own health. Becoming informed about the impact of diet and exercise is a step in the right direction toward being heart savvy.

This free-of-charge program is being sponsored by Texas Cooperative Extension and the Better Living for Texans program in Runnels County. For further information, call the County Extension Office at 365-5042.

Country Evening Gardeners hear of merits on rainwater harvesting

Billy Kniffen, Menard County Extension Agent, presented a program on Rainwater Harvesting to the Country Evening Gardeners and their guests on Tuesday, January 14, 2003.

Mr. Kniffen presented a slide presentation showing how to collect rainwater. He showed the many methods used to collect rainwater, whether it is to water animals in the pasture where no water is available or to water the landscape in your yard.

Mr. Kniffen showed ways to store the water, from buckets to catch the runoff from

your roof to water your plants or to large tanks to catch the runoff from a larger building. He explained how to use this valuable water, from a drip system to water your landscaping to supplying water to animals where there is no water supply.

This is a very interesting program. Mr. Kniffen stated more information could be found on Rainwater Collection at www.rainwatercollection.com.

The next meeting will be February 11 at 6:00 p.m. at Bali Ha'i Restaurant. The program will be on turf grasses and will be presented by Randall Conner of Winters.

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Monday, Feb. 10: Lasagna, corn, taco salad, green beans, and cobbler.

Tuesday, Feb. 11: Chicken & gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, hot roll, and apple crisp.

Wednesday, Feb. 12: Swiss steak, cornbread salad, peas, bread, and fruit.

Thursday, Feb. 13: Reuben sandwich, chips, pear salad, pickles, and cookies.

Friday, Feb. 14: Chicken salad, macaroni salad, broccoli salad, pink Jello salad, and blueberry cheesecake.

Meals are served at 11:30 a.m. daily. Anyone who does not take the meals regularly are asked to reserve a lunch by contacting the Activity Center at 754-4205 by 10 a.m.

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WHAT'S HAPPENING ?

- Feb. 7- 11:30 a.m., Senior Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center 7:30 p.m., Cowboys for Christ, Drasco
- Feb. 8- 8 p.m.—Midnight, Valentine's Dance, Winters Country Club
- Feb. 9- Attend the church of your choice.
- Feb. 10- 8:30 a.m. — 3 p.m., Book Fair, Winters Elementary Library 11:30 a.m., Senior Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center 2:30 p.m., Retired Teachers, FUMC, Ballinger 7 p.m., VFW & Auxiliary, Post Home 7:30 p.m., School Board Meeting
- Feb. 11- 8:30 a.m. — 3 p.m., Book Fair, Winters Elementary Library 11:30 a.m., Senior Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center 10:00 a.m., Commissioner's Court, Courthouse, Ballinger Noon, Lions Club, SCAC 5:30-6:30 p.m., Book Fair Family Night, Elementary Library 7 p.m., WVFD Business Meeting, Fire Station 7 p.m., AA, FUMC 7 p.m., Literary & Service Club 7 p.m., Woman's Club 7:30 p.m., Elm Creek Water Control District, SCAC
- Feb. 12- 7 a.m., Industrial Board, Windmill Enterprises Office 8:30 a.m. — 3 p.m., Book Fair, Winters Elementary Library 10:30 a.m., Women & Heart Health Program, WHA 11:30 a.m., Senior Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center 5:30 p.m., NRH Auxiliary Meeting, North Runnels Hospital
- Feb. 13- 8:30 a.m. — 3 p.m., Book Fair, Winters Elementary Library 9 a.m. & 7 p.m., Glacier King and Queen Coronation 11:30 a.m., Senior Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center 6:30 - 7:30 p.m., Parenting Workshop, Elementary Library

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2. Baseball Hall-of-Famer Rogers Hornsby was born near Winters in 1896.
3. Winters has over 700 manufacturing jobs in a community of 3000. The primary products are air conditioning vents and vent pipe, pickup toolboxes, feed products, and millwright equipment.
4. In 1910, Winters was the largest cotton shipping point in the United States.
5. The manufacturing companies in Runnels County together are the largest users of rolled steel in Texas.
6. The Z. I. Hale Museum has the only agricultural museum in the central West Texas Region and houses the first patented cotton picker in the United States.
7. There are over a million square feet (23 acres) of manufacturing and warehouse space under roof in Winters.
8. The Z. I. Hale Museum houses the second largest collection of pressed glassware pitchers in the United States.
9. Winters is served by over 20 trucking companies with over 17,000 trucks a year in and out of Winters.
10. The Winters Blizzards were State AA Semi-finalists in football in 2002.

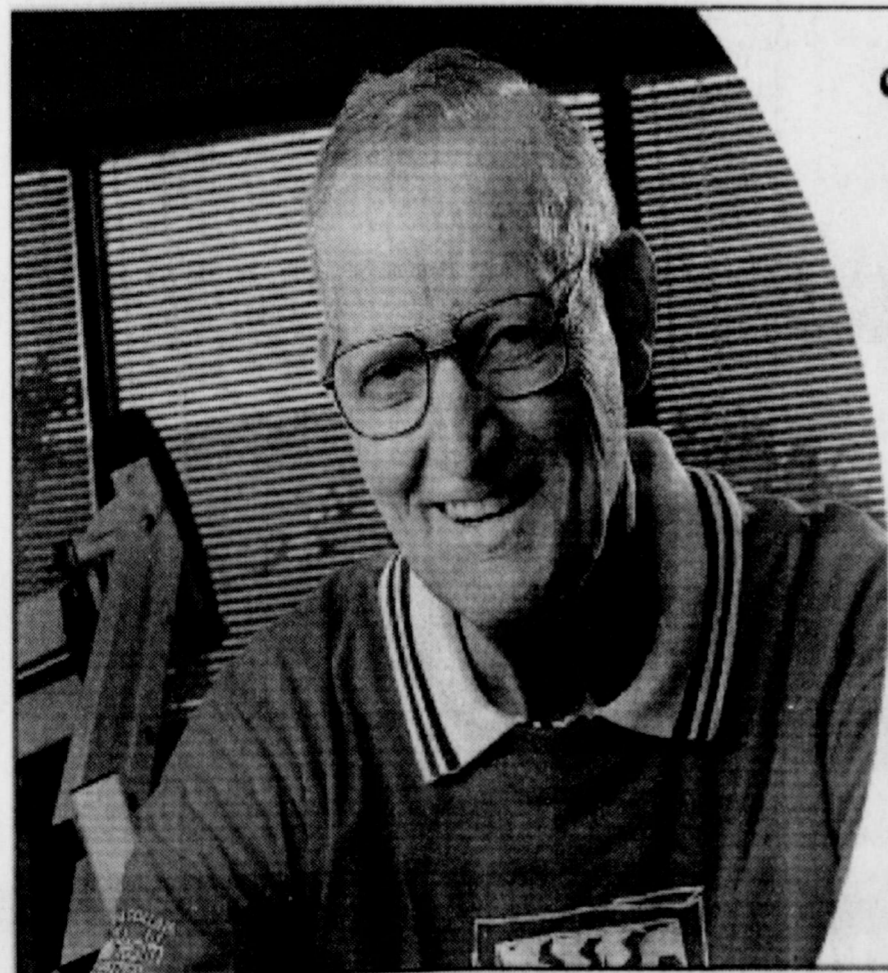
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—Area youth eligible to enter—

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If this sounds exciting to you and you are at least 16 years of age and will be no more than 18 years of age on March 1 and are a full-time student enrolled in a high school within the Coleman County service area, you have the opportunity to win an all-expense-paid trip to Washington, D.C., June 12-24. The high schools in the Coleman County Electric service area include Coleman, Santa Anna, Panther Creek, Novice, Winters, Ballinger and Miles.

To enter the competition, students must type an 800-1000 word essay on the subject, "Why were electric co-ops formed and what did it do for rural America?"

The deadline for submitting entry forms is March 18 and the deadline for submitting essays is April 5. Judging will be on April 9.

If you are interested in entering this year's Youth Tour essay contest, please contact Tony Williams at Coleman County Electric Cooperative, P.O. Box 860, 3300 North Highway 84, Coleman, TX 76834, (915) 625-2128 or 1-800-560-2128. You can also e-mail at: tony@colemancountyelectcoop.org.

JUNIOR HIGH, continued

we are required to teach." He further explained that to help alleviate the problem, the school will try to utilize print outs to make resource packages for the students and parents in an effort to cover what is necessary for that particular class.

According to Hale, some parents also complained they were not receiving sufficient progress reports. Hale said although a substantial expense for the school, progress reports will now be sent every three weeks instead of every six weeks.

The subject of a mentoring program was also addressed at the meeting.

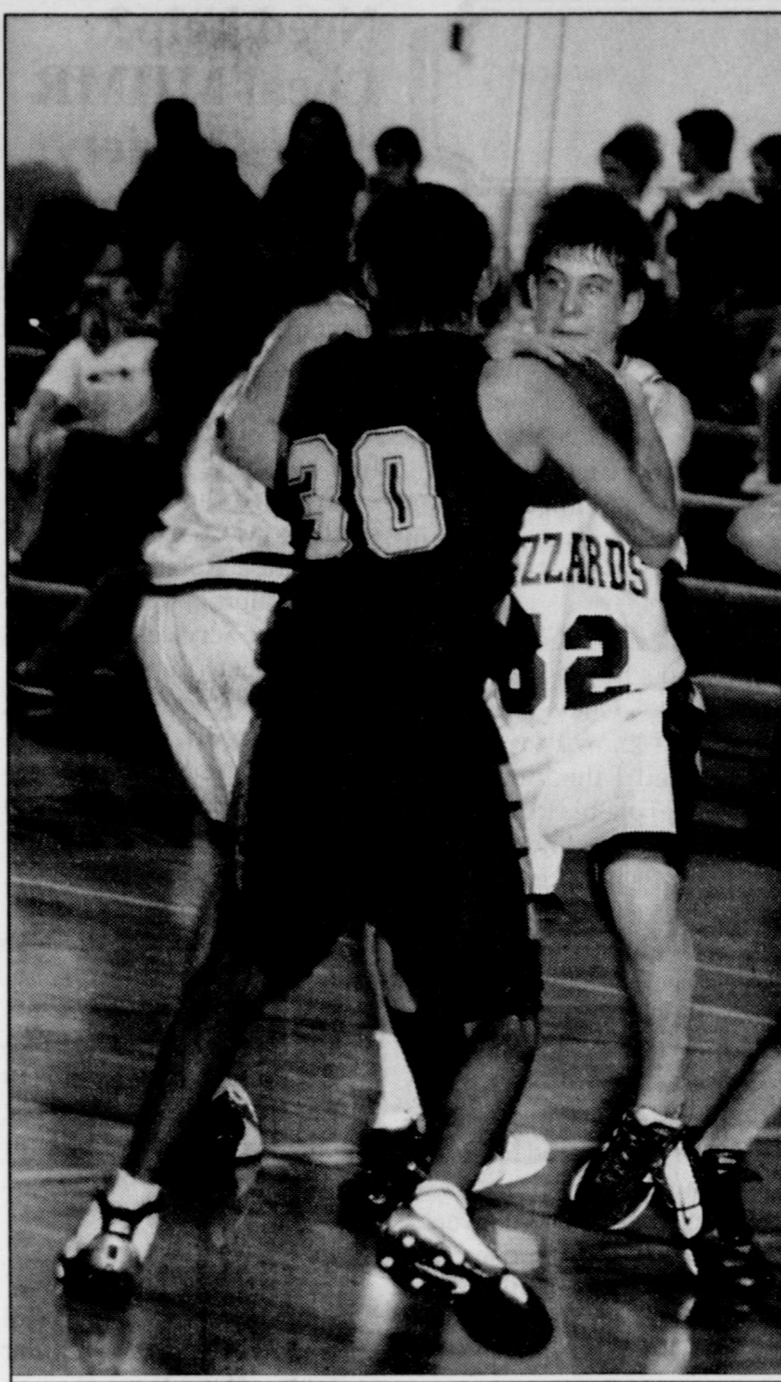
"We are working on this (mentoring program)," said Hale. "We also believe mentoring can be a very good aid, but we also know how im-

portant it is to get the right person for the right student."

Persons attending the special meeting were given A Student Guide of Testing Requirements for High School Graduation as well as a summary of the TEKS — the new curriculum adopted by the State Board of Education for all Texas schools.

"Our teachers have intensified their curriculum to better prepare the students for the TAKS," Clack said. "These tests are more difficult than testing has ever been — and our kids won't pass certain grade levels if they don't pass these exams. Our teachers are feeling the pressure to have the students ready."

Clack reminds parents they are welcome to stop by his office any time to discuss these issues.



L. J. NITSCH #52, along with teammate Wacey Cason, wrestles the ball away from the San Saba player during Junior Varsity Blizzard action. Both the varsity and junior varsity teams will end their regular season competition on Tuesday, Feb. 11, against Goldthwaite in Blizzard gym after meeting the Bangs Dragons at Winters on Friday, Feb. 7.

2003 Project Graduation selling carnations for Valentine's Day delivery

Project Graduation 2003 will be selling carnations to be delivered on the WISD campuses Valentine's Day, Friday, February 14.

The group will deliver either a red or white carnation with a card and envelope for \$2.50 each. Deliveries will be made to all three schools, elementary, junior high, and high school on Valentine's Day.

Elementary students received an order form in their Tuesday folders on February 4. Secondary students may pick up order forms and envelopes in their respective offices.

All orders must be received no later than Monday, February 10. For more information contact Kim Jackson at 754-5032 or 754-4339 or Rhonda Neal at 754-5574.

All proceeds will benefit the 2003 Project Graduation, a drug free, all-night celebration on graduation night.

BLIZZARD ACTIVITIES

Feb. 6-13, 2003

Thursday, February 6
4:30PM, Softball Scrim.
@ Sweetwater

Friday & Saturday,
February 7-8
Tennis @ Colorado City

Monday-Friday
February 10-14
Book Fair, Elementary
Library

Tuesday, February 11
5:30-6:30 PM, Book Fair
Family Night, Winters
Elementary Library

Thursday, February 13
9 AM & 7PM, Glacier King
& Queen Coronation &
Class Honors, WHS Au-
ditorium
Softball @ Sweetwater

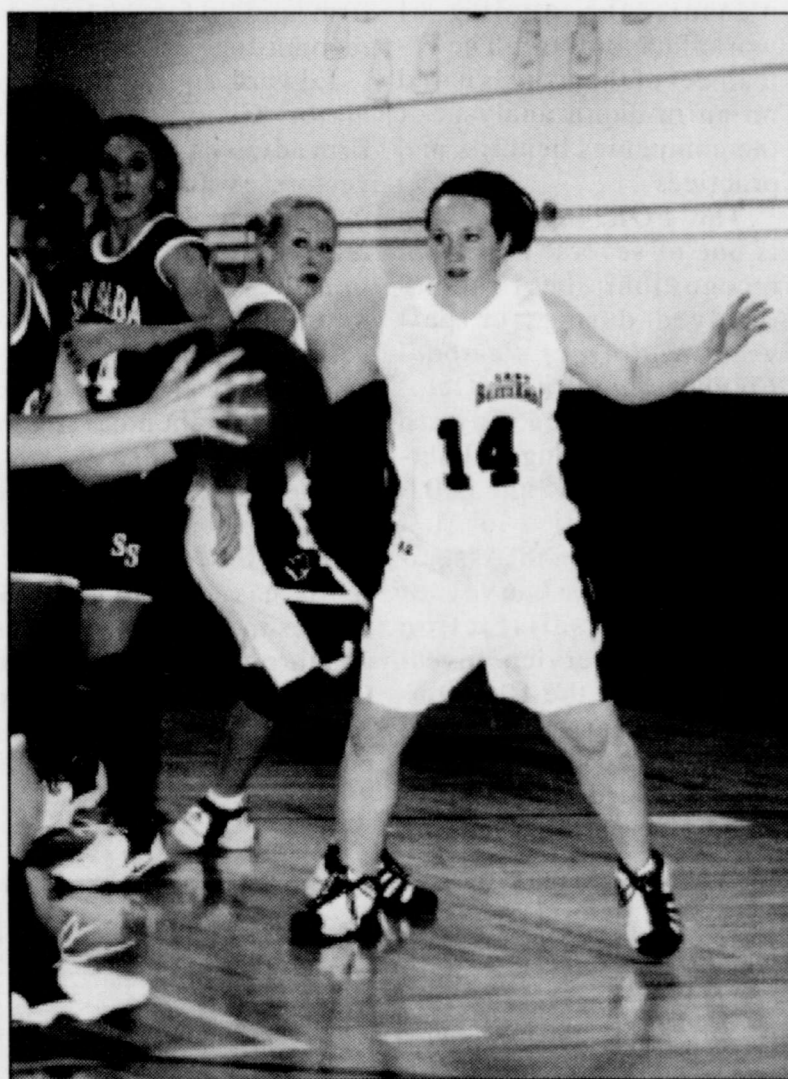


photo by Jean Boles

GESSICA BEAR #14, of the Varsity Lady Blizzards, cuts off the San Saba drive as Jena Bahlman blocks out her tall opponent. The Lady Blizzards finished regular season play on Tuesday, February 4, against Coleman. Results of that game were not available at presstime.

Registration deadline for next ACT exam is March 7

College-bound high school students can take the ACT Assessment on April 12, 2003, the next nationwide test date. The postmark registration deadline is March 7. There is also a late registration postmark deadline on March 21 (an additional fee is required for late registration).

ACT scores are accepted by virtually all colleges and universities in the nation, including all Ivy League schools. The test fee is \$25 (\$28 in Florida). Colleges use ACT scores,

along with a student's high school GPA, the type of college-prep courses taken, and other information to help determine admissions and the appropriate course placement for new students.

The ACT Assessment is an achievement test in English, reading, math, and science. Students who have already taken the ACT can take it again and try for a higher score. Juniors can use their scores to examine academic weaknesses, take courses to correct those

weaknesses and retake the exam as seniors. Students who take the exam more than once can report only their highest composite score to prospective colleges if they choose.

To learn more about the ACT Assessment, including registration forms and test locations, contact your local high school counselor or go to the ACT website <www.act.org>, which also offers useful tips, sample tests, and the opportunity to order inexpensive test prep materials.

Wells graduates TTU; Davis and Geistmann on Dean's List

Alison Paige Wells, daughter of Jim and Mary Wilkerson of Winters and Howard and Rebecca Wells of El Paso, was among the 1,500 students awarded degrees during fall 2002 commencement ceremonies at Texas Tech University on December 14, 2002. Alison received a bachelor of arts in English.

Tech students Jennifer Marie Davis, senior, and Amy Lynn Geistmann, sophomore, made the Dean's List in fall 2002. Students must complete at least 12 qualifying course hours during a semester with a grade point average of 3.5 to 3.9.

Jennifer is majoring in multidisciplinary studies and is the daughter of Jack Davis and Teresa Davis of Winters. Amy is majoring in microbiology and is the daughter of Doris Geistmann of Winters.

Matthew Angel earns academic honors at Blinn

Matthew Angel was named a Distinguished Student at Blinn College for the 2002 fall semester on its Bryan campus.

The college recognizes those students who take a minimum of 12 college credit hours and earn a grade point average of 3.25 to 3.74 as Distinguished Students.

Matthew is the son of Monte and Lea Angel of Winters.

Norton on OBU Honor Roll

Stephanie Elizabeth Norton was named to the President's Honor Roll for the 2002 fall semester at Oklahoma Baptist University.

To be listed, students must maintain a 3.70 grade point average with no grade below a "B".

Miss Norton is majoring in piano pedagogy and is the daughter of Don and Janet Norton of Winters.

Financial Aid Workshop

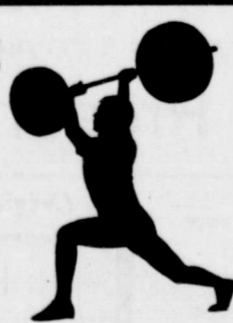
—ATTENTION—
Parents

Wednesday, February 5
7 pm • WHS Auditorium

Info about FASFA, college deadlines, aid application process, & more. One or more scholarships will be awarded this evening.

WHS Powerlifting 2003 Schedule

Feb. 1—Cisco
Feb. 8—Big Lake
Feb. 22—Eastland



2003 Blizzard Golf Schedule

Feb. 24	Hawley	Boys/Girls
March 4	Robert Lee	Boys
March 5	Merkel	Girls
March 10	Merkel	Boys
March 19	Robert Lee	Girls
March 25	San Saba*	Girls
March 26	Coleman*	Boys
April 1	Maxwell (Abilene)*	Girls
April 2	Goldthwaite*	Boys
April 9	Stephenville*	Boys/Girls

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Law & Order

Blessed Daze

by Jean Boles

Baring it all to fly

For folks who like to travel light, I've got just the vacation plan for you. That is, if you're not inhibited in the least. I recently read in *USA Today* about "the first nude airline flight," which takes off from Miami International Airport on May 3, headed for Cancun, Mexico. Although the article says the pilots and flight attendants will be clothed, passengers will "enjoy their flight, clothes-free" once the plane reaches cruising altitude. The story reports the \$499 round-trip fare includes a towel to sit on (thank the good Lord!). But I see a very large batch of problems a whole lot bigger than what a simple towel will cover. First of all, is this plane EVER going to be used for anything other than naked trips? Specifically, for those of us who prefer to travel fully dressed? Call me silly, but I have more than a teeny problem sitting in a seat where Mr. Nudity has been lounging. I mean, I can't even use the pillow and blanket provided on a normal flight. —and those were covered in plastic. So how am I supposed to relax and get comfy knowing some of me is resting right where some naked fellow has been lollygagging? That's scary! And while I've always been obedient to buckle my lap belt when ordered, I'm afraid I'd break out in a sweat and feign amnesia just thinking about being the next passenger to "buckle up" after the naked flight. My eyes start to water when I imagine everyone trying to take off their clothes at the same time. I don't know — maybe their plane is a ton bigger than the ones I've flown on. Because I do know how close I've had to be to somebody who puts something in the overhead compartment or stands next to my seat when they're waiting in line for the bathroom. Just the thought of that could make me lose my appetite for that delicious mys-

tery airline food. Speaking of food, I'll bet extra care is taken when serving hot coffee. (That McDonald's lady didn't have anything on these naked flyers). And what happens when somebody drops a peanut in their seat. Oooooo — never mind. Several years ago, there was published a book titled, "*Fear of Flying*." I never read the book but I know I've sure got a new (and I think definitely justifiable) phobia to add to my list involving airline travel. Guess I should look on the bright side (if I have to look at all). Naked passengers would have a heck of a time concealing weapons or bombs — or anything else for that matter. So you've still got time to book your flight. And besides, you won't even need to do any shopping for the perfect vacation outfits because the week-long stay is at (surprise, surprise) a resort for nudists. I wonder how you leave a tip at this kind of resort?

Need help? Local MHMR offers variety of services

Valerie Ullman Avery, M.Ed., with the Texas Department of Mental Health Mental Retardation (MHMR) reminds citizens of services available through MHMR, including the following: Crisis Hotline, Mobile Crisis Response, Crisis Screening, Medication Related Services, Skills Training, Respite, Juvenile Justice Services, Symptom Management Training, Assessment, Service Coordination, Family Support, Family Training, Supported Housing, In-Home and Family Support Program and Counseling Services. According to Avery, access to inpatient services are also available where clinically indicated. The Runnels County Mental Health Center is located at 126 State Street in Winters. Phone 915-754-5591. 24-hour crisis hotline 1-800-375-4357.

Police Beat

The following are cases from the Winters Police Department. Some cases may still be under investigation. Information, reported through Crimestoppers leading to the close of any case, could result in up to a \$1,000 reward. The following information has been obtained from reports and or incidents investigated by the Winters Police Department during the week of January 27 through February 3, 2003. These are just a few reports received each week by members of the Winters Police Department. Winters Police Officers: • were contacted by Taylor County to serve a warrant on an individual on a Theft by Check charge. Officers were sent to the suspect's residence at 403 E. Broadway. After advisement, the suspect was placed under arrest and transported to the Runnels County Jail. • were contacted by the City of Winters Water Department in regard to stolen items. The complainant advised that an individual who had been working at the Water Plant sometime last week, performing community service, had been questioning a city employee about a BB gun. A few days later, the employee noticed that the BB gun was missing. The suspect could not be located for questioning; however, did arrive at the Winters Police Department the following day on his own will. The suspect confessed that he had taken one of two items in question. He was given until 5:00 p.m. to return the item. No charges were pressed. • were dispatched to 210N. Melwood to serve a Taylor County warrant. The suspect was located and magistered by Judge Hamilton, then transported to Runnels County Jail. • were dispatched to 309 Bluebonnet. Officers were met by the complainant who was already speaking to a Deputy from the Sheriff's Office. The complainant advised that he had seen an older model white Chevrolet pickup driving recklessly west on Bluebonnet Street. The officers and deputy made contact with said vehicle. An open can of beer was found in the passenger's left pant pocket. A female individual was asked to take custody of the driver, but refused. The driver was cited for open container and subsequently arrested for Public Intoxication for endangering the public and himself. He was transported to Runnels County Jail.

Public Notice

Elm Creek Water Control District will meet in regular session on Tuesday, February 11, 2003, at 7:30 p.m. at the Senior Citizens Activity Center, 600 Wood, Winters, Texas.

Runnels County Crimestoppers offers a cash reward for information which leads to the grand jury indictment or conviction of offenders and the caller does not have to give his or her name. To give a Crimestoppers tip, call your local law enforcement agency at: Winters Police Department—754-4121 Ballinger Police Department—365-3591 Sheriff's Department—365-2121

Official Records

County Court Dispositions
Irene J. Simpson vs. Jose Humberto Madrid, request for temporary protective order granted
Nathan Patrick Helsner, theft, pleaded nolo contendere, sentenced to 60 days in county jail, assessed \$236 court costs
Nathan Patrick Helsner, theft, case dismissed, convicted in another case
Tony Holmes, theft by check, pleaded nolo contendere, fined \$100, assessed \$211 court costs, \$404.26 restitution, \$205 hot check fees
Tony Holmes, theft by check, case dismissed, convicted in another case
Tony Diaz, making alcohol available to a minor, case dismissed, defendant completed community service

Criminal Cases Filed January 24
Jose Luis Aragon, filed on three counts: for driving while intoxicated, and two for resisting transportation
January 27
Robert Bruce Causey, filed for criminal trespass
January 28
Benjamin Matthew Hays, filed for possession of marijuana
Eric Paul McDuffee, filed for driving while intoxicated
Marriage Licenses Filed January 31
Joseph Frank Havlak and Velma Lee Giles

District Court Divorce Cases Filed January 24
Patricia Kay Pecor vs. Bernie Howard Pecor
January 27
Modesto A. Salinas vs. Sandra Bratcher Salinas
January 30
Garry Lynn Thompson vs. Sheila Ann Thompson

Justice of the Peace Precinct I Felony Cases Filed January 27
Ray Jewell Lee Lopez, filed for assault against a peace officer
Criminal Cases Filed January 18
Hoyt Watson, filed for criminal trespass, agricultural land
Michael L. Wilson, filed for criminal trespass, agricultural land
Richard R. Cain, filed for criminal trespass, agricultural land
January 26
Robert Bernard Heathcott, filed for minor in possession, detectable amount of alcohol
January 30
Michael Conway, filed for theft by check
Julia K. Box, filed for theft by check
Naomi Lynn Arthur, filed for theft by check

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For the second consecutive year, the financial-services firm Edward Jones received the No. 1 ranking by *Fortune* magazine in its annual listing of the "100 Best Companies to Work For" in America. The ranking appears in the magazine's January 20 edition, available on newsstands January 13 and at www.fortune.com on January 7. In naming Edward Jones to the No. 1 spot for the second consecutive year, *Fortune's* editors cite the firm's profit-sharing program and significant employee ownership (25 percent of associates are owners). "With no layoffs this past year, it has 'highly credible management that stays in constant touch with staff' coupled with 'fantastic training,' on which it spends three percent of payroll and an average of 149 hours per employee per year," according to the magazine. "Making it to the top of such a distinguished list is quite an accomplishment," said John Bachmann, managing partner of Edward Jones. "We are especially proud of this achievement

because it is, in large part, the result of how associates view Edward Jones. Except for our clients, there is no group whose approval matters more." The *FORTUNE* "100 Best Companies to Work For" ranking is employee-driven, with two-thirds of the scoring based upon how randomly-selected employees respond to an anonymous survey designed to measure the quality of workplace culture. The remainder of the score is based on an in-depth analysis of the companies benefits and practices. The *FORTUNE* ranking is one of several important recognitions the firm has received during the past year. *Kiplingers Personal Finance Magazine* in October 2002 ranked Edward Jones No. 1 among full-service brokers. In June 2002, Edward Jones tied for first in J.D. Power and Associates' first-ever survey of customer satisfaction among full-service investors. And for the 10th consecutive year, Registered Representative magazine rated Edward Jones No. 1 among the nation's leading brokerages in its anonymous survey of the firms' own brokers. Late last month, Edward Jones was ranked No. 4 in *Report on Business magazine's* annual "50 Best Companies to Work for In Canada." The ranking considers anonymous responses from associates as well as a survey of leadership and human resources practices. This was the first time the firm applied for the Canada recognition. Edward Jones, the only major financial-services firm advising individual investors exclusively, traces its roots to 1871 and currently serves nearly six million clients. The firm offers its clients a variety of investments, including certificates of deposit, taxable and non-taxable bonds, stocks and mutual funds. The largest firm in the nation in terms of branch offices, Edward Jones currently has more than 8,800 offices in the United States and through its affiliates in Canada and the United Kingdom. Plans call for expansion to 10,000 offices in 2003.

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- exerted effort
- earned by a "menu mamma" (2 wds.)
- leafy relief from the TX sun (2 wds.)
- Pepper or Red Duke
- TXism: "got _____ of arrows in his quiver" (capable)
- TX band: "Little Joe _____ Familia"
- co-writer of TX state song: William _____
- short distance golf club
- this Sanford wrote "Rawhide Texas" (init.)
- 1st TX newspaper: "_____ de Texas"
- TXism: "looked in every _____ and cranney"
- TX CSA soldier?
- TXism: "hide in a lettuce patch" (rookie)
- lead & tin alloy
- in Jasper Co. on hwy. 96
- Gov. Ann (init.)

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- TXism: "vaya con _____"
- TX fed. 5th Cir. judge: _____ Garza
- TXism: "blue (fast cold front)"
- AIDS vaccine tested in TX: "Vaxc- _____"
- Santa _____ TX
- TX state tree
- Dr. Pepper can
- beefsteak
- TXism: "_____ of killer"
- Astro or Ranger wood
- golf peg
- TXism: "_____ a Fellow"
- nickname of TX prisoner Carrasco who led longest siege in history
- TX Henson novel: "Painted Dresses: A _____"
- nickname of TX prisoner Carrasco who led longest siege in history
- TX Henley's group
- this Gould owned the Texas & Pacific Railroad (init.)
- fancy wheel
- unit of TX land
- Pecos is seat of this county
- sauna adjective
- 1st TXn to win Heisman: TCU's David O' _____
- actor Holbrook
- UT grad actor Wallace
- TXism: "just a _____ bucket"
- TXism: "that'll _____ your butter" (exciting)
- Franch name
- Fort Worth Univ.
- WWII German sub
- TXism: "poor as a church _____"

TEXAS CROSSWORD
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Solutions for this puzzle appear in this issue.

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5:05 AM "Texas in the Morning" from the Texas State Network
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2003 Glacier King & Queen Coronation set for Thursday, February 13



**Guy Slimp and Lydia Rocha
Seniors**

photo by Jean Boles

The *Glacier* staff will hold their annual King and Queen Coronation on Thursday, February 13. Presentation of candidates will be held at 9 a.m. in the WHS Auditorium. Evening ceremonies will begin at 7 p.m. in the auditorium. Class honors will also be announced.

Freshman Candidates

Erica Lujano and James Vasquez are freshman candidates.

Erica Lujano, 14, is the daughter of Doug and Amy Wheat and Fidel and Vanesa Lujano. She serves as a student council representative and plays basketball and tennis for the JV Lady Blizzards. Erica participates in UIL news writing and, in addition to playing basketball and tennis, likes to talk to friends on the computer. She is a member of the First Baptist Church youth group. Erica plans to pursue a doctorate degree.

James Vasquez is the 14-year-old son of Nato and Elena Vasquez. After graduation, he plans to join the military to become a heavy maintenance mechanic, then attend college. His hobbies include playing football, listening to music, hanging out with friends, and lifting weights.

Sophomore Candidates

Claudia Llanas and Jeremy Mendoza are sophomore candidates.

Claudia Llanas, 15, is the daughter of Martin and Maria Ortiz. She is honored to have received a math award as well as being listed on the "A" honor roll. She enjoys reading, and reads in Spanish every month for Mount Carmel Catholic Church. Other pastimes include listening to music and hanging out with friends. Her plans are to become a teacher or bilingual secretary.

Jeremy Mendoza is the son of George and Susy Mendoza. He is 16 years old and has played football for the junior varsity and varsity teams, as well as 7-on-7 football. He has also played basketball, varsity tennis, and golf.

Jeremy is a member of the student council, serves as a cast member in the One Act Play, and participates in UIL events. He is privileged to have served as a class officer and to be listed on the honor roll. He is a member of the Mount Carmel Catholic Church.

Jeremy enjoys listening to music, playing the guitar, hanging out with friends, and cruising in the Blazer. He plans to attend college where he will study in the medical field.

Junior Candidates

Pearl Guerrero and Tim Fenwick are junior candidates.

Pearl Guerrero, 16, is the daughter of Marcus and Rachel Guerrero. Her extra-curricular

activities include UIL, the Small Schools Academic Challenge, and band where she is serving as drum major and has received solo and ensemble awards playing the flute. Pearl has also been awarded for her piano playing and plays once a month at the nursing home. She is a member of Somebody Cares Ministries. She enjoys reading and hanging out with friends, and would like to become a registered nurse.

Tim Fenwick, 16, is the son of Gordon and Regina Fenwick. He has been very active in athletics — playing football and basketball three years, running track and cross-country his freshman and sophomore years, playing baseball two years and tennis one year. In addition to Tim's affiliation with tennis camp, he coaches and referees Little Dribblers. He is currently active in UIL.

Tim is a member of the National Honor Society and the Church of Christ. Honors include being named Freshman Class Favorite, Sophomore Highest Class Average, and District Tennis Champion. He likes to play sports and hang out with his friends and plans to pursue a sports medicine career.

Senior Candidates

Lydia Rocha and Guy Slimp are the senior candidates.

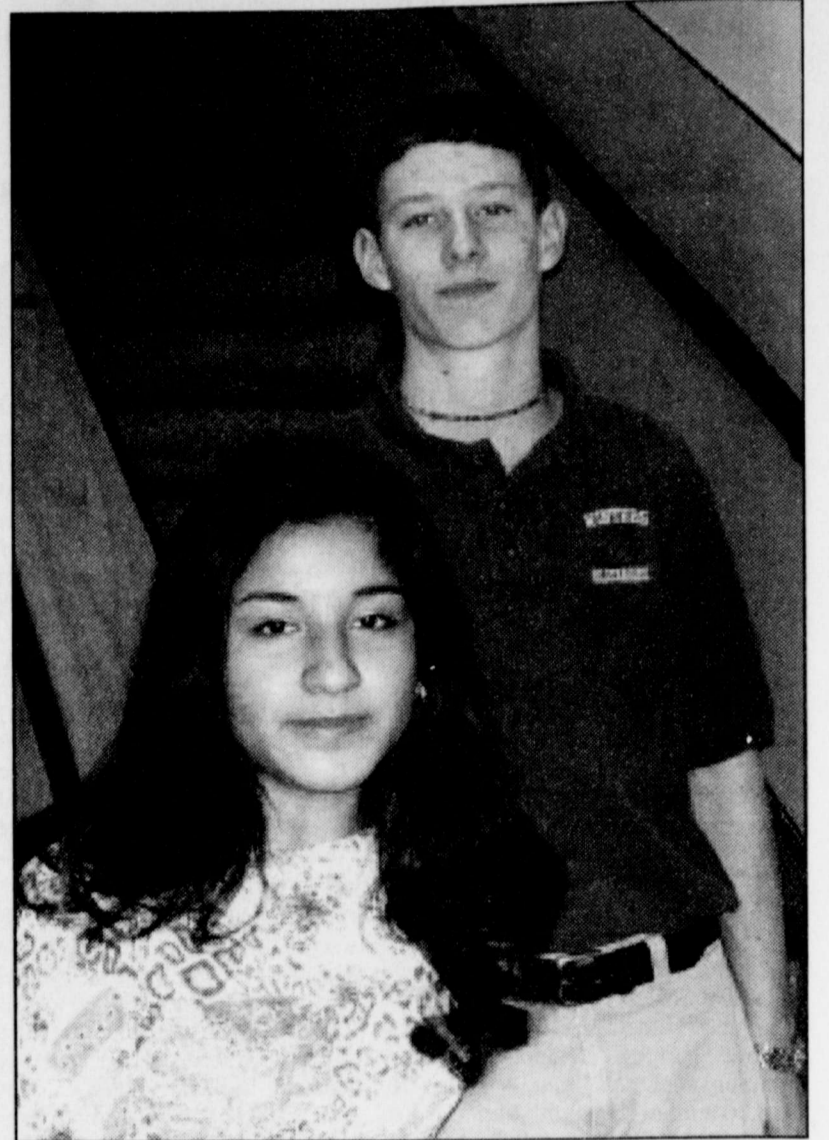
Lydia Rocha is 18 and the daughter of Pantaleon Jr. and Mary Rocha. She served as basketball and track manager her freshman and sophomore years, then Blizzard mascot her junior and senior years. She has participated in UIL debate and calculator and is a member of the student council and the National Honor Society.

Lydia was a Homecoming Queen nominee and is the second runner-up for this year's Miss Sno Queen. In her spare time, she likes to dance, read, listen to music, and hang out with friends. Lydia is a member of St. John's Lutheran Church and a volunteer for the Adopt a Highway program. She will attend Angelo State University to study pre-med.

Guy Slimp, 18, is the son of Mary and Ken Slimp. He has been an active member of the football, basketball, baseball, track, powerlifting, and golf teams at Winters High School. Guy has also participated in One Act Play.

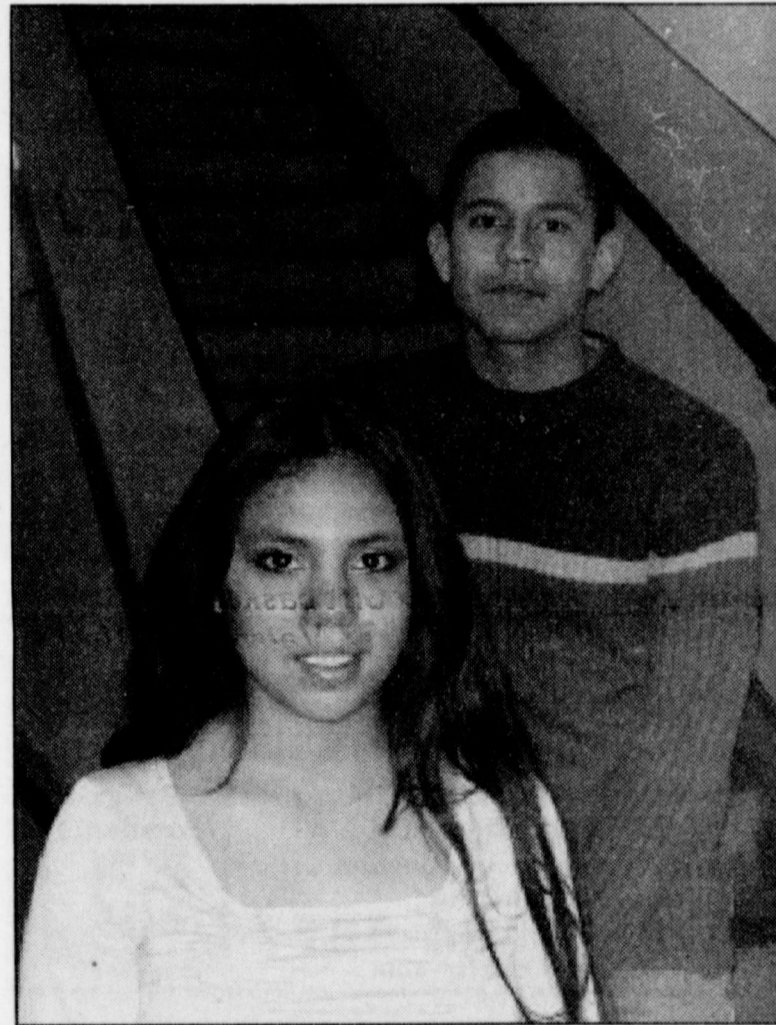
He served as class president his freshman and sophomore years. His honors at WHS include membership in the National Honor Society and being named Freshman Class Favorite. He was named First Team All-District Linebacker, All Big Country Linebacker, and All-State Academic Honorable Mention.

His hobbies include playing the guitar and hunting. Guy plans to attend Texas A&M University and become a member of the Corps of Cadets.



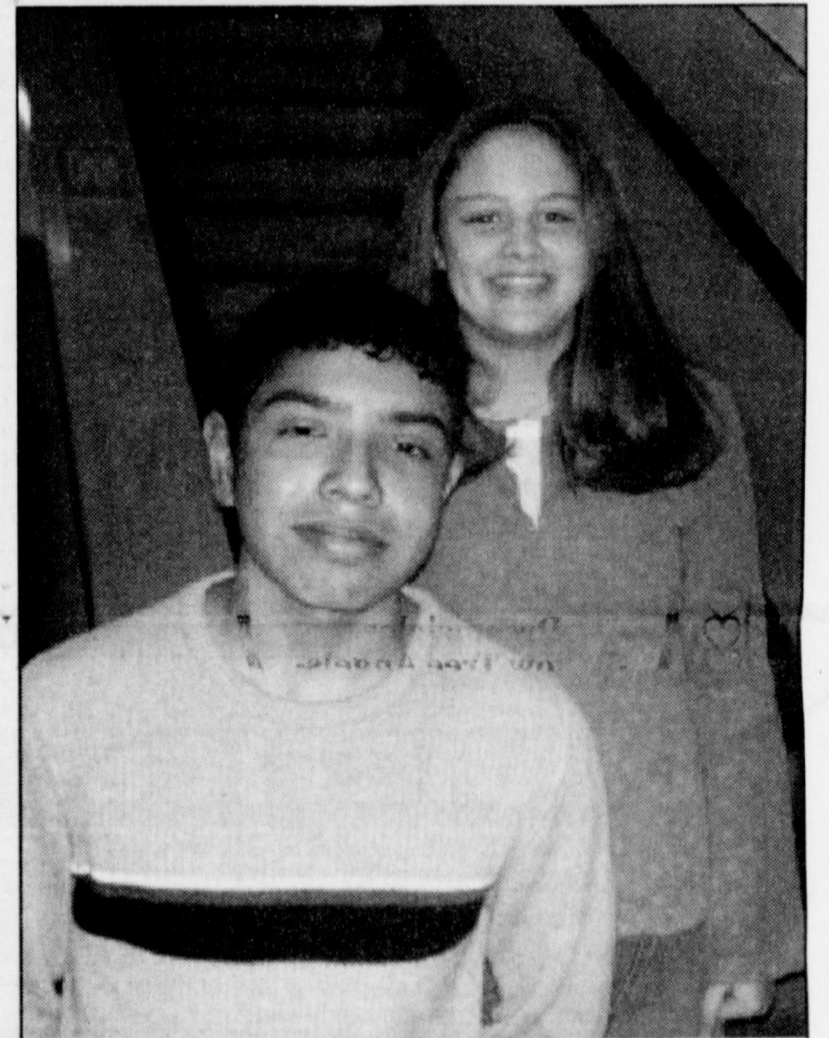
**Pearl Guerrero and Tim Fenwick
Juniors**

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Amen

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Outdoors

Water remains a priority

by Senator Robert Duncan

There is an old saying about being a Texan: you know you're from Texas when you stop expecting the sight of a bridge to mean water is near. There was a time we could laugh at that one, but the reality facing Texas and its water needs make that line seem like a solemn prediction instead of a trite expression.

After a dry spell hit the Texas economy for \$4 billion in 1996, we found several deficiencies in our state's water planning—There was no drought plan, we practiced little conservation, and no viable statewide water plan existed. During that fateful year, 80 percent of the recommended water resources had already been developed and yet our state's population was predicted to double by the year 2030.

Unless changes were made, Texas' major urban areas would be 15 percent short of daily water needs and a loss of \$40 billion could be expected in the state economy. Most new water sources take up to 25 years to develop, and Texas had little time to waste.

In 1997 and 2001, we passed Senate Bills 1 and 2—the most comprehensive reforms to water management and planning in Texas history. The measures shifted water planning from the state level to the local level. This was designed to drive local participations control, and buy-in to the regional water planning process. The impact has been clear: people now talk about natural resources and communities understand water is a priority.

Securing Texas' water supply, improving its infrastruc-

ture, and promoting its conservation are among the issues demanding the most strict attention from lawmakers. A heightened emphasis on water issues—increased public participation, education, and awareness—now flows throughout the state.

Within the next 50 years, almost 900 Texas cities will have to either reduce their demand for water or develop new sources of it. We must balance the water needs of rural and urban areas and follow the planning process we created. Rural and urban Texas have a reciprocal relationship in which the success of one benefits the other.

Rural Texas will be forced to reckon with depleted groundwater resources and an increase of those resources by urban areas. At the current rate of usage, parts of West Texas could fall short of irrigation needs by an estimated 856,000 acre-feet per year. That would reverberate across the state's economy through the loss of thousands of jobs and millions of dollars.

If the water needs of our urban neighbors are met through investment in strategies such as conservation, reuse, desalination, and brush control, the pressure on groundwater in aquifers could be relieved.

It is vital that groundwater conservation districts continue to provide local control of groundwater; and it is of equal importance that these districts be supported and funded locally.

Texans have to stick together and think both progressively

and pragmatically about water issues. To provide more public input and attention to water issues, we created the Texas Water Advisory Councils a 13-member group of legislators, elected officials, agency leaders and public members. This council, which I am honored to chair, guides state water policy initiatives and is developing recommendations for the Legislature.

Water is a multifaceted issue, and several of its levels will arise during this session, including: conservation, desalination, reuse, infrastructure improvement, marketing, environmental and in-stream flows, condemnation of surface water rights, border water disputes, long-term financing strategies to help communities pay for water projects and protection of our state's rivers.

Water will be a salient concern for this and every future Legislature. Texas regulations, laws and institutions must evolve to keep pace with—and at times, even encourage new developments in technology. Texans must increase their understanding of the complex issues involved in maintaining our natural resources so they may continue to sustain the state and its economies.

Among the most precious of our resources, water is critical to all of Texas. Our state has policy challenges ahead and overcoming them will require diplomatic resolve, judicious policies and responsive institutions. Water is like blood, not oil. This resource sustains more than livelihoods—it maintains life.

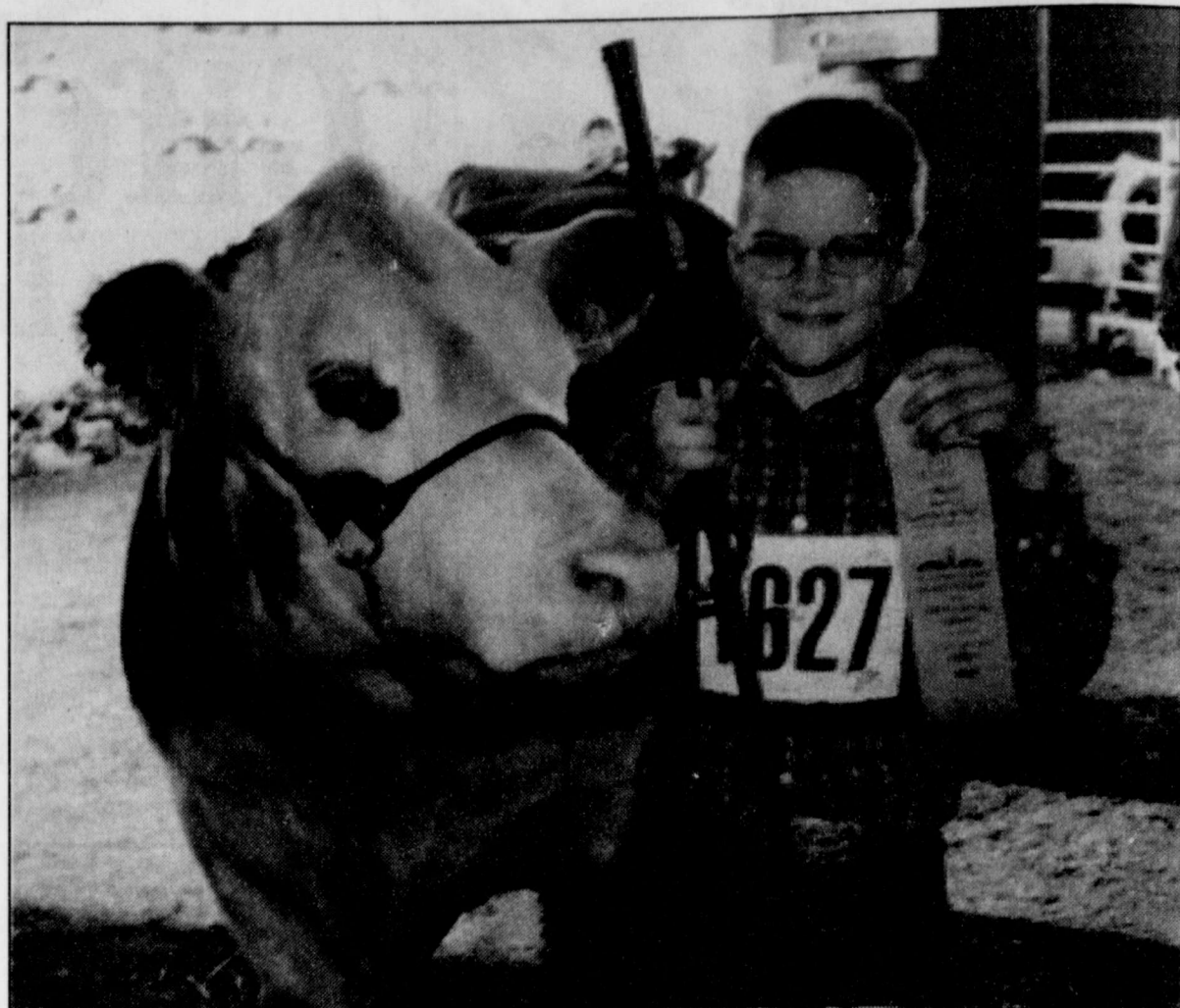


photo by Deb Pritchard

DALTON SHACKELFORD, 11, a sixth grader at Winters Elementary, exhibited this fifth place heavyweight Polled Hereford steer at the Southwestern Exposition and Livestock Show at Ft. Worth last week. "T-Bone" weighed in at 1296 lbs. and was sold in the Premium Sale on Saturday. Dalton is a member of the Winters FFA and the son of Roy and Ann Shackelford.

Runnels County Trapper Fund seeking donations to maintain Protection Program

by Marty Gibbs, Runnels County CEA-FCS

The Runnels County Trapper Fund is currently seeking donations for the 2003 year to maintain the Livestock and Wildlife Protection Program. The program is designed to assist landowners and livestock producers in predator management. Predator control is vital to wildlife and livestock managers when coyotes, bobcats, fox and other predators become too numerous and aggressive on wildlife and domestic animals.

Each year, the county livestock and wildlife protection committee works with the County Commissioners Court

to raise \$21,600 to fund this program. The Commissioners Court funds half of this program annually while donations from ranchers, businesses and landowners fund the remaining \$10,800. Drought, declining sheep numbers and the current economic trend has made this fundraising effort difficult and the future of this program is in question.

Runnels County Trapper Joe Chestnut has made significant strides in assisting landowners and livestock producers with predator management. Producers needing assistance should contact Mr. Chestnut at (915) 786-2064.

Persons interested in contributing to the program are asked to give 30 cents per head on sheep and goats and 10 cents per acre for landowners and cattle producers. However, any contribution would be appreciated. Donations can be mailed to the Runnels County Extension Office, P.O. Box 658, Ballinger, TX 76821 or dropped off at the Extension Office located at 600 Strong Ave in Ballinger. For further information, contact the Extension Office at (915) 365-2219.



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STILL LYING AROUND is an abundance of old signs such as this one along Main Street in Winters. Replacement of signs has been a statewide initiative to upgrade to break-away mounts to adhere to new safety standards established by TxDOT. According to the San Angelo TxDOT office, replacing and collecting signs were contracted to Texas Commercial Fence, Inc., of Burnet, Texas, which was supposed to collect the old signs within 2-3 weeks. The project began in Winters in August, 2002.

NWS offering storm spotter training

Are you interested in storms or becoming a storm spotter? Then you might want to attend one of several SKYWARN classes hosted by the National Weather Service (NWS).

SKYWARN storm spotters are volunteers trained by the NWS to "identify features that could lead to a tornado."

In addition, these men and women provide valuable real time information to the NWS on all severe weather phenomena like tornadoes, hail and wind storms, and flooding. This information is used to protect citizens from the hazards associated with severe weather.

Classes will be as follows:
 • San Angelo, Sat., Feb. 8, 9-2
 Trinity Lutheran Church
 • Coleman, Monday, Feb. 10, 6:30 p.m., Courthouse
 • Robert Lee, Tuesday, Feb. 11, 7:00 p.m., Courthouse
 • Brownwood, Sat., Feb. 22, 9:00 a.m., Howard Payne Univ.

- Abilene, Sat., March 1, 9:00 a.m., Abilene Christian University
- Ballinger, Thursday, March 27, 7:30 p.m., City Fire Station.

SKYWARN members include amateur radio operators, local law enforcement, firemen, media personnel, and ordinary citizens from all walks

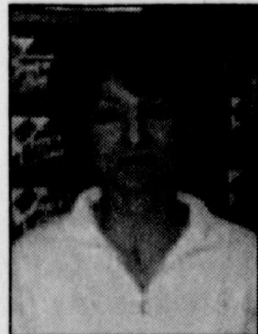
of life. For information go to www.srh.noaa.gov/sjt and click on 2003 SKYWARN Training Schedule at the top of the home page. Or you may contact Hector Guerrero at 915-944-3030 for more information.

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