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NEWS

Pearls of Wisdom

Your children learn more of your faith during the bad times than they do during the good times.

—Anonymous

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National FFA Week

Winters High School is home to the oldest chartered FFA chapter in the State of Texas—72 years. Local FFA officers are celebrating National FFA Week, February 16-22.

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Council hears report on waste disposal

Burned house still waiting to be demolished

by Jean Boles, editor

In a special meeting of the Winters City Council Monday evening, council members heard a report from Ron Dennis, Environmental Investigator with the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.

Council members have struggled with the demolition and disposal of property at 205 N. Main. The house, belonging to Oscar and Lynn Medina, burned last year but the City has been unable to clear the lot due to disposal regulations. According to City Manager Aref Hassan, letters and calls to Mr. Medina have gone unanswered.

Mr. Dennis reminded the Council that the Winters landfill is permanently closed; therefore, any dumping at that site is prohibited. He recommended the City contract with BFI Waste Systems for proper

disposal of materials. According to Hassan, this action will be a significant expense to the City so the Council is looking at other alternatives. No action was taken by the Council.

Dennis also told the Council that owners of local caliche pits "will be tasked with removal of old shingles and fined for illegal dumping."

Other action on agenda items is as follows:

- Dottie Loudermilk was appointed judge for the May 3 election. Council members, with the opposition of Jimmy Butler, voted to pay election officials \$7.75 per hour.

- Salaries for the office of the mayor and other elected officers were kept at \$100 and \$50, respectively, for each regular monthly meeting.

- Security State Bank was approved as the City's bank

depository. Alderman Mike Meyer abstained from voting.

- Jose G. and Julia Sanchez property described in Exhibit A was approved to be annexed.

- Approval was given to employ David Franklin as Animal Control Officer.

- Cancelled the regular Council meeting scheduled for February 24, 2003.

- Dr. Hassan reported the initial grant application for the Joe Kozelsky Sports Complex has been approved by the Texas Parks and Wildlife, and the next steps will be addressed for securing funds.

Present for the February 17 meeting were Aldermen Tommy Russell, Mike Meyer, Steve Esquivel, Jimmy Butler and Hank Bourdo; City Attorney Kenneth Slimp, Mayor Dawson McGuffin, and City Manager Aref Hassan.

She's gonna be a part of it...New York, New York!

Winters resident Virgie Wade wins trip for two to Grammy Awards

by Deb Pritchard, assistant editor

"Start speakin' the news, I'm leavin' today. I want to be a part of it—New York, New York.

These vagabond shoes—are longing to stray, right through the very heart of it—New York, New York.

I want to wake up in a city that doesn't sleep—and find I'm King of the Hill, Top of the Heap!

These little town blues, are melting away. I'll make a brand new start of it, in ole New York.

If I can make it there, I'll make it anywhere. It's up to you New York, New York..."

Sing it Virgie! The good Lord willin' and the creek don't rise (and the blizzard stops on the east coast)...she may very well be—singing that is. At the very least, her vagabond shoes

will be strayin' to the very heart of it—New York, New York, compliments of KTAB-TV a



CBS affiliate in Abilene.

Virgie Wade of Winters will mingle among the greatest stars of the music world at 7 p.m. (central time) this Sunday

evening at the 45th Grammy Award ceremony in New York City, New York. Wade won the all-expense paid trip after being selected a finalist and ultimately the prize winning name drawn by KTAB officials on Tuesday, February 11.

Her prize includes two round-trip airplane tickets from DFW to Laguardia International Airport, hotel accommodations, a dining certificate, tickets to the Grammy Awards, PLUS the celebrity after-party sponsored by CBS following the Grammy's.

It seems a few weeks back, Virgie mentioned to her daughter Dana Wade that she always

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Commissioners approve agreement with Tom Green & Schleicher counties for indigent defense system

Runnels County Commissioners unanimously approved entering into an interlocal agreement with Tom Green and Schleicher counties for an indigent defense system.

Approval was given at the special meeting of Commissioners Court Monday morning. County Auditor Darlene Smith introduced Stan Liles, Tom Green County Auditor to

explain the system to the Court. Liles told Commissioners a grant of \$42,280 was awarded for indigent defense for the 51st and 119th District Courts. \$36,000 of the grant is to be used for equipment for the Video Teleconference System and \$6,480 will be used for telephone service lines from outlying counties.

Liles said the purpose of the grant was to improve indigent defense systems in rural counties. "This system will allow inmates to converse with their attorneys in San Angelo, saving trip costs to Ballinger that must be reimbursed by the counties. The system could reduce jail time for inmates and could further reduce the costs for Runnels County," Liles said.

The system would cost Runnels County nothing for the first year, according to Liles.

In other business:

- Approval was given for Brett Mikeska to bore under Hancock Street in the town of Wingate to lay an electric line.

- The bond of Darlene Smith, County Auditor was approved.

- Country Treasurer Margarette Smith's quarterly investment report was accepted and approved.

- Two resolutions pertaining the emergency water service grant were approved by the Court.

- A resolution in support of

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Glacier Royalty—



(photo by Deb Pritchard)

WHS SENIORS Lydia Rocha and Guy Slimp were selected 2002-03 Glacier King & Queen by the student body last Thursday. They were crowned in ceremonies at the WHS Auditorium on February 13. Lydia is the 18-year-old daughter of Pantaleon, Jr. and Mary Rocha. Guy, 18, is the son of Ken and Mary Slimp.

Filing begins for City, Hospital, School & Water District elections

Candidates began filing this week for local elections scheduled for Friday, May 3, 2003.

Local officials on the City Council, WISD School Board, North Runnels Hospital District, and Lipan-Kickapoo Water Conservation District are listed below. Positions available on this year's ballots along with who currently holds the office include the following:

City Council
Mayor — Dawson McGuffin
Place #1 — Hank Bourdo
Place #3 — Tommy Russell
Winters ISD School Board
SMD 3—Cheryl Bryan*
SMD 4—Bob Prewit

North Runnels Hospital
At Large—Randall Sneed
At Large—Doug Wheat
At Large—Charlie Brown
Lipan-Kickapoo WCD
Runnels—Billy Don Davis
Runnels—Billy Halfmann

* has filed for re-election

City Council candidates will file at City Hall and School Board candidates at the WISD Administration office. Filing deadline for these entities is Wednesday, March 19.

Candidates for North Runnels Hospital Board of Trustees may file at the hospital until Wednesday, April 2, 2003 at 5 p.m.

Lipan-Kickapoo WCD candidates may contact the office in Vancourt at (915) 469-3988.

Project Grad 2003 hosting chicken fried steak dinner

Parents of the Senior Class of 2003 will be hosting a chicken fried steak dinner Sunday, Feb. 23, 2003, at the school cafeteria from 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

The meal will consist of chicken fried steak, green beans, mashed potatoes, homemade rolls and desserts, and tea.

Cost is \$6 per plate. Take-outs are available. For deliveries, call Teresa Davis 754-5422, Kim Jackson 754-4339, or Cheryl Sneed 767-3977.

All proceeds go toward Project Graduation 2003.

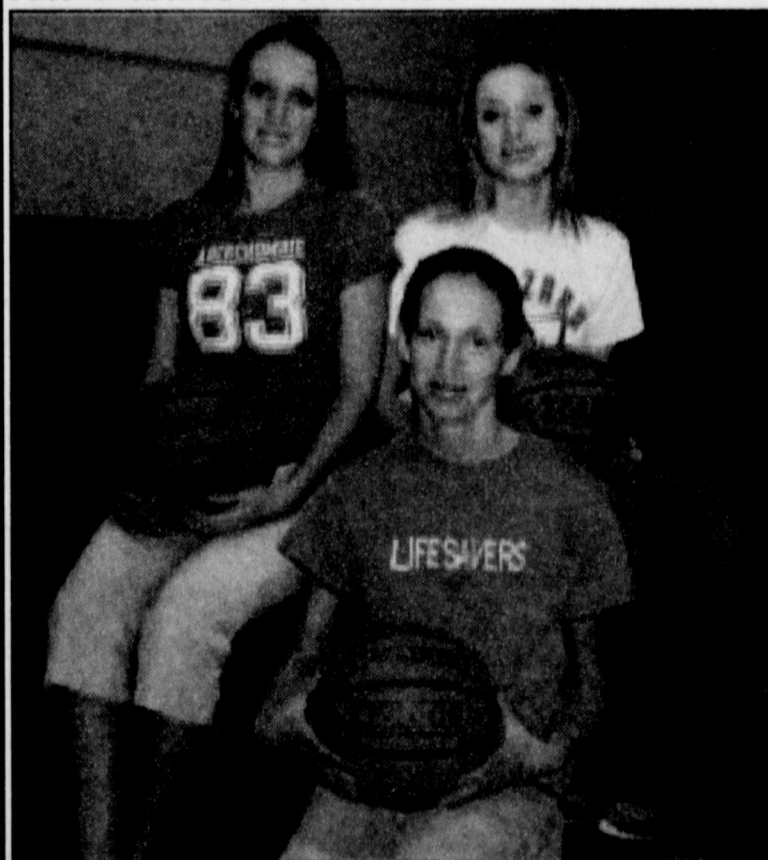
Youth baseball and softball registration Friday night

Winters Community Baseball will hold their youth baseball and softball sign-ups for the 2003 season tomorrow night, Friday, February 21, from 6 to 8 p.m. at the school cafeteria. This is a critical registration meeting and necessary for directors to determine the size of this year's program.

Parents must come equipped with birth certificates and social security cards for each child they register. A copy machine will be available to make copies of these documents. Cost will be \$25 per child for T-ball, \$35 per child for ages 12 and under, and \$40 per child for ages 13 and over.

Tryouts will be held on Saturday, March 1.

All-District honorees



(photo by Deb Pritchard)

THESE LADY BLIZZARDS have been selected to the 9-2A All-District Basketball Team. Laci Walker (front) was named Offensive Player of the Year. The 5'8" senior averaged 20.2 points per game and had 76 assists, 151 rebounds and 142 steals for the season. Kemari Hale (left) and Stacey Sneed, also seniors, were named First Team All-District. Kemari averaged 11.5 ppg and had 56 assists, 150 rebounds and 61 steals. Stacey had 47 assists, 101 rebounds, and 60 steals. She averaged 10.3 ppg.

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Editorial

Oil Bidness

by Reg Boles © 2003



While there is a lot of talk about deep-water discoveries and high-tech developments in remote parts of the world, the land-rig market in the U.S. is experiencing a real sea-change that will increase productivity and lower costs for operators.

These changes will greatly reduce rig-up and rig-down time, improve drilling rates, and reduce chances of injury for roughnecks.

A new generation of rigs designed for wells up to 15,000 feet deep are leading the way, by bringing more horsepower, hydraulic capacity, and utility to everyday field development activity. The rigs use a combination of design, metallurgy, and operational methodology to reduce rig move-time from an average of 6 days to 3 days. The core of the new design is the top-drive system integrated into the mast, which means that there is no extra set-up time for the drilling-drive system. Once the rig is set up and the mast is raised, the set up is complete.

You see, a conventional drive system, which is stand-alone on a typical rig, requires a number of connections to hydraulic, electric, and control systems. The new built-in system eliminates all of that headache. Plus, many operators claim that the top-drive system is just plain better at preventing sticking and other situations that slow down drilling.

The driller is able to maintain better control of the drill string in two ways. The drawworks is more precise and better-powered. This allows the driller to influence the drill string with more than just a hand on the break. Plus, he or she can utilize the computer system installed on the rig that integrates all the input a driller normally gets at his post (penetration rate, weight on bit, etc.) into one indicator that allows the driller to make better and faster decisions. With the tweak of a joystick, the driller can alter the rotary speed, the weight, and wellbore differentials.

And, good for the drillers, he or she can do all this from a climate-controlled cabin minimizing distractions.

The benefits are numerous. Bits last longer, penetration

rates improve, rig time on-site and down-time/move-time are all reduced, and the driller is in a better mood.

But, let's not forget safety. The newer rigs include blow-out preventer (BOP) control that is well beyond the capabilities of one person with a calculator and weight chart. Electronics allow pre-testing and optimization of the BOP's, not to mention that the new systems are in one single unit. The BOP can be moved in and moved out in one step, which saves time and provides a much safer environment for the installers.

The new rigs have been designed to eliminate manual pipe tongs, spinning chains, and other really dangerous stuff. New torque devices allow pipe connections to be made without exposing fingers to danger and in half the time of conventional methods.

All in all, these improvements also make the life of a roughneck much better, improving employee retention and providing the hands some exposure to new techniques and training.

Not all land rigs have been outfitted as described here; however, as new rigs come into operation, this generation of drilling rigs will take a step into the 21st century after 50 years of very little change.

HIGHLIGHTS OF AREA DRILLING ACTIVITY COMPLETIONS

Concho County

Sedona Oil & Gas Corp. has completed the J. Nichols #3A in the Jacoby Field (3 miles SE of Live Oak) at an initial rate of 7 BOPD & 70 BWPD in the Fry (perms 1876-80). Loc. is EL & RR Sur. No. 143, A-1039.

STAKINGS

Taylor County

R.L. Adkins Corp. has staked the Wagstaff #2 as a Wildcat, 26 miles N of Winters (Depth 4999). Loc. is 1377 FNL & 330 FWL of Sec. 20, Blk. 1, SPRR Sur. A-654.

Ice Well Services, Inc. has staked the Shaffer -C- #16 in the Sears Field, 7 miles NW of Bradshaw (Depth 2975). Loc. is 2096 FNL & 2119 FWL of Sec. 155, Blk. 64, H&TC Sur. A-156.

Letters to the Editor

City administrator responds to anonymous letter

Asks for people's help to provide better results

Dear Editor:

The Preamble of the Texas Constitution indicates that government officials are the servants of the people, not the masters of the people.

Life, safety, and security of the public are primary services provided by the City. Our police officers on duty have to stay awake for the taxpayers, who pay their salaries, to sleep safe and secure. My job is to watch the police department do its jobs as required. The Mayor and Council are watching me for my performances.

It is the right of the constituents to expect this from us. This is the way our democracy and check-and-balance system work. With all its fallacies, our system is still number one in the world. This is more true at the local level. In most countries, local government is just a name.

I received an anonymous letter from a concerned citizen expecting more from our police chief and new police officers. The writer wants the Mayor, the Council, and me to look into the matter and make sure the chief and officers do a better job.

The writer is "troubled about our teenagers in Winters. There are young girls from 15-19 years old, all minors, that are going to beer parties at the home of guys that are 21 and older." Minors' sexual activities and drugs are also mentioned in this letter.

We thank the writer for his/her letter. I shared a copy of it with the Police Chief, and we seriously discussed it. Other copies were shared and discussed with the City Attorney

and the Mayor. I will share more copies with the Council, too.

We appreciate letters like this; however, we wish it was more specific. One of the Police Chief's concerns was that people talk and write letters, but don't get specific. If the police department knew the names and addresses, it would help a lot more. Another concern of the Chief was the co-operation of the parents and adults who provide such opportunities for minors. He told me that a minor's sexual activity is a moral situation. The parents and adults should not allow it in their premises; when they do notice it, they should call the police.

The bottom line is that we are definitely the servants of the people. Safety and security of the public are duties that we must handle by the rule of law and in an orderly fashion. We serve under a system of democracy. Democracy is a Greek word, meaning **government of the people, by the people, for the people.** So whichever way we look at it, for a better result, cooperation of the people is essential.

We have only one officer per shift to provide safety and security for approximately 1,200 houses and 100 businesses. One officer at a time cannot patrol each house to see what it going on. We must be helped by the people to be able to serve better.

Aref Hassan

City Manager/Secretary/
Fire Marshal

A true American, a true Texan

I'm writing this about our City Administrator Aref! I've been reading the things that he puts in the paper, and I know him personally too.

I just want to say, "Aref, you a true American and a true Texan! Welcome to Texas, partner!"

I feel like sometimes you think people don't accept you here in Winters or America. I do! You are more American and Texan than a lot of people I know who are supposed to be natural born Americans or Tex-

ans. Being an American is a matter of the heart, and it sounds like your heart is just right to be one (an American).

I, for one, don't care if somebody is different from me, they still can be my neighbor or brother or sister. I was watching some cows in a field one day, and they were all different colors and sizes, but it didn't bother them. They just kept on being cows!

Keep up the good work and may God bless you!

Terry Loehman

An open invitation

I would like to get rid of all the trash along highway 83, south of Winters, and extend an open invitation to anyone who would like to join me in completing this effort.

I will spend about an hour each day picking up trash. Sunday School classes, coffee drinkers, any clubs or organizations, and those looking for exercise may come and join in or simply do it on your own.

The City will furnish trash bags for collection. The collected trash can be taken to the City dumpster behind City Hall for disposal.

Our city will look better because of our efforts. God bless you.

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Obituaries

Nona Lee Burns

WINTERS—Nona Lee Burns, 86, died Saturday, February 15, 2003 at a local nursing home.

She was born November 21, 1916 in Hico, Texas. She married J.L. Burns on June 25, 1932 in Chickasha, Oklahoma. They later lived in Wichita Falls and Throckmorton and moved to Winters in 1949. She was a homemaker and for several years helped her husband as custodian of the Winters Country Club.

She was preceded in death by her husband, J.L. and one son, Jerry.

Survivors include her sons, Kenneth Burns and Jimmy Burns, both of Odessa and Jack Burns of Winters; her daughter, Paula Patton of Winters; one brother, Milton Chaney of Oregon and several grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

Graveside services were held Monday, February 17, at Lakeview Cemetery with Terry Loehman officiating. Burial followed under the direction of Winters Funeral Home.

Erna May Marks

WEATHERFORD—Erna May Marks, 97, formerly of Winters, passed away Tuesday, February 11, 2003 in Campbell Memorial Hospital.

She was born January 2, 1906 in Mexia and grew up there. She married Ernest Marks on December 24, 1931 in Winters. She was a homemaker and a member of Church of God.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Ernest. Survivors include her sons, Jerry Marks of Clyde and Robert Marks of Abilene; her daughters, Ernestine Chipps and Wanda Dendy, both of Weatherford; her stepson, Don Marks of Winters; her stepdaughter, Mozelle Pridgen of Warsaw, North Carolina; two sisters, Fannie Lou Carter of Amarillo and Lillian Edison of Albuquerque, New Mexico; two half sisters, Sue Warren of Fort Worth and Arlene Ragan of Odessa; six grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Graveside services were held Thursday, February 13, at Northview Cemetery with Reverend Ted Gray officiating. Burial followed under the direction of Winters Funeral Home.

Wallace F. Fenwick

BALLINGER—Wallace F. Fenwick, 64, died, Wednesday, February 12, 2003 at his residence.

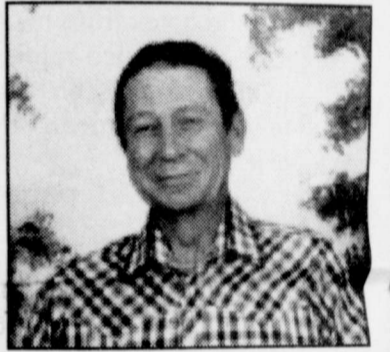
He was born November 24, 1938 in Ballinger to Edward Fenwick and Carrie Herridge Fenwick.

He was married to Bonnie Ainsworth on October 11, 1958 in Ballinger. He was a retired truck driver.

Survivors include his wife, Bonnie of Ballinger; his mother, Carrie of Stephenville; his daughter, Tina Williams of Las Vegas, Nevada; one brother, Darrell Fenwick of Ballinger; three sisters, Chris Kamenzind of Houston, Barbara Garrett of Eastland and Paula Reicher of Stephenville; and two grandchildren.

A memorial services was held Saturday, February 15, in the Rains-Seale Chapel with Mike Andress, Chaplain of Hospice of San Angelo, officiating.

The family requests that memorials be made to Hospice of San Angelo.



Rosendo G. Saucedo

BALLINGER—Rosendo G. Saucedo, 94, died Monday, February 10, 2003 at his residence.

He was born March 1, 1908 in Del Rio, Texas to Margarito Saucedo and Luisa Garcia. He married Luisa Rodriguez. He was a laborer and a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Luisa and one son, Adolfo Saucedo.

Survivors include his sons, Severiano (S.R.) Saucedo of Ballinger, Domingo Saucedo of San Angelo and Greg Saucedo of Denton; his daughter, Petra Saucedo of Ballinger; 16 grandchildren; 34 great-grandchildren; two special nieces and several other nieces, nephews and cousins.

Services were held Thursday, February 13, at St. Mary's Catholic Church with Father Hugh Wade officiating. Burial followed in the Latin-American Cemetery in Ballinger under the direction of Rains-Seale Funeral Home.

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Community

Local man plans crepe myrtle project along Hwy. 83

by Jean Boles, editor



GEORGE BEARD shows a stake marking the water line available to care for 64 crepe myrtle shrubs he and neighbors hope to plant along Hwy. 83 and Parklane.

With more water available than in recent years, and an ongoing need to make Winters more attractive, one local resident is spearheading a beautification program for his neighborhood and visitors traveling to and from Winters.

George Beard, who has lived at 206 Parklane since 1961, is hoping to raise enough public awareness and funds to be able to buy approximately 64 red and pink crepe myrtle shrubs to be planted along the area between Hwy. 83 and Parklane at the north end of Winters. This area is also on the Texas Forts Trail.

Beard said although the area belongs to the City of Winters, he and a handful of neighbors have kept the area mowed and

trash-free for many years.

Beard began his "home work" on this project back in October when City Manager Aref Hassan asked Beard to get estimates for the price of the shrubs and to canvass the neighborhood about the wishes of its residents.

Beard also contacted the Texas Department of Transportation for determination of the state and city property lines. Water lines were located along the proposed planting sites.

He addressed members of the Winters City Council on January 27, asking for their input and support.

The Council thanked Beard for his presentation but said they could not justify spending funds on this project at this time. Council members agreed that the project would indeed enhance the area and encouraged Beard to pursue other avenues of raising money needed for the plants.

Beard immediately went to

work to raise funds, mailing around 100 letters to businesses and individuals, and personally visited the 75 residents of the Parkview subdivision.

While some funds have been donated and others pledged, Beard is looking to other community residents or anyone interested in improving this heavily travelled area.

Beard says the crepe myrtles use very little water and will withstand temperatures ranging from very cold to very hot. He and his neighbors will oversee planting and watering the shrubs after city employees haul in some top soil for mixing with current soil and dig the holes.

Anyone wishing to help with this project is asked to contact Beard at 754-4596, or send donations to Aref Hassan, City Manager, at 310 S. Main in Winters 79567.

Recommended planting times are late February or early March.

Pastor's Points

My father, an ordained minister for over 55 years, left me all his study books and sermon notes when he passed away some five years ago. As we are considering our church budget for this year, a clipping found in one of his books caught my eye. I don't know the original author, but the thoughts expressed are timeless.

"How to Avoid Church Expenses"

Let each member come dressed warm enough to withstand the cold weather, and we can eliminate the fuel bill.

Let each member bring his own fan, and eliminate air conditioning.

Let each member bring his own broom and mop, and eliminate the custodian.

Let each member wear a raincoat, and it won't matter if the roof leaks.

Let each member bring a jug of water, and there will be no need for a water bill.

Let each member bring a candle, and we'll turn off the lights.

Let each member take turns organizing materials, bookkeeping, visiting members, taking charge of the service, doing the preaching, etc., then we can eliminate the expense of the offices of the pastor, youth pastor, music minister, and secretary.

Let each member take a year off to go as a missionary at his own expense, and we will do away with all the missionary expenses.

And surely each member will be willing to purchase a small tent for his Sunday School class... then we won't have to have any building programs.

Aren't you glad we can trust Our Heavenly Father, and as Paul said to the Philippians, "My God shall supply all your needs according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus."

—Robert M. Jones, Pastor at Assembly of God Church

Editor's Note: This column features a different Winters minister each week in no particular order. Comments may or may not reflect the opinions or views of *The Winters Enterprise*. Last week's article was written by Pastor Terry Loehman.

Social Security Rep. in Winters on Feb. 24

Garland Gregg, representative for the San Angelo Social Security Office, has scheduled his February visit to Winters. He will be at the Winters Housing Project Office on Monday, Feb. 24, between 9:30 a.m. and 0:30 a.m.

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

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

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Feb. 24 through Feb. 28

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Tuesday, Feb. 25: Roast & gravy, potatoes & carrots, peas, hot roll, cake.

Wednesday, Feb. 26: Meatloaf, mashed potatoes, green beans, bread, cobbler.

Thursday, Feb. 27: Chicken Pot Pie, beets, fruit salad, crackers, cookies.

Friday, Feb. 28: Hamburger, French fries, pea salad, pickles & onions, dessert.

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.



Mr. and Mrs. Justin Meyer

Ashley Hofstad, Justin Meyer exchange wedding vows

The parents of Ashley Hofstad and Justin Meyer are proud to announce the marriage of their children. The bride's mother is Kristi Saunders of San Angelo. The groom's parents are Mike and Frances Meyer of Winters.

The wedding was held Saturday, January 25, 2003, at 11:00 a.m. in the home of Rick and Linda Dry in Winters with Reverend Barry Taylor officiating.

Following their honeymoon in San Antonio, the couple returned to San Angelo where they reside.

Ashley is attending Howard College, studying psychology, and is employed at the Crossroads Restaurant. Justin is also attending Howard College, majoring in criminal justice, and is employed by San Angelo National Bank.

The Norton Lions Club

will host its annual

Chili Supper

Saturday, Feb. 22, 2003

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Norton Lions Chili Supper, Saturday, February 22

The Norton Lions Club will host its annual Chili Supper on Saturday, Feb. 22, from 5:30-7:00 p.m. at the Norton Community Center.

Price is \$4 per person for all you can eat. Desserts extra. Carryouts are available.

Proceeds will be used for upkeep of the Norton Community Center.

Support group forming to benefit nursing home —Next meeting March 4—

Family and friends of the Winters Senior Citizens Nursing Home met February 4 at the home to identify whether there is an interest/need for such a support group.

Lou Jones of the West Central Texas Council of Governments Area Agency on Aging was guest speaker and provided beneficial information to attendees. Emotional support, answers to important questions, help with problems, etc. are topics for which this type of group can help.

The next meeting is Tuesday, March 4, at 4:30 p.m. at the Senior Citizens Nursing Home. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

Ruth SS Class enjoys play

On Friday, Feb. 7, twenty-one members and guests of the Ruth Sunday School Class of the First Baptist Church enjoyed dinner and a play in Abilene.

"Joyful Noise" by Tim Slover was enacted at ACU's theatre.

Thanks to Bryan Webb for driving the bus.

WHAT'S HAPPENING ?

Feb. 20-11:30 a.m., Senior Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center 5:30-6:30 p.m., Parenting Workshop, Elementary Library 6:30 p.m., Contractor's Awareness Program, San Angelo Women's Service League

Feb. 21-11:30 a.m., Sr. Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center 6-8 p.m., Baseball/Softball Registration, School Cafeteria 7-10:30 p.m., Mother-Daughter Retreat, Beltway Park Baptist Church, Abilene

7:30 p.m., Cowboys for Christ, Drasco

Feb. 22-9 a.m.- 7 p.m., Mother-Daughter Retreat, Abilene

5:30-7 p.m., Norton Lions Club Chili Supper

8 p.m., Winters Squares, Community Center

Feb. 23-11 a.m.-1 p.m. Project Graduation Chicken Fried Steak Dinner, School Cafeteria

Feb. 24-9:30-10:30 a.m., SS Rep, Winters Housing Authority

11:30 a.m., Sr. Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center

7 p.m., Wingate Masonic Lodge

Info, San Angelo

Feb. 25-11 a.m. Late start, TAKS testing, exempt WHS Seniors only

11:30 a.m., Sr. Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center

Noon, Lions Club, Sr. Citizens Activity Center

7 p.m., AA, First United Methodist Church

7 p.m., WVFD Auxiliary

4th Grade TAKS Writing Test

Feb. 26-7 a.m., Industrial Board, Windmill Enterprise Office

11:30 a.m., Sr. Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center

Feb. 27-11:30 a.m., Sr. Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center

5 p.m., Hale Museum Board of Directors, Rock Hotel

5:30-6:30 p.m., Parenting Workshop, Elem. Library



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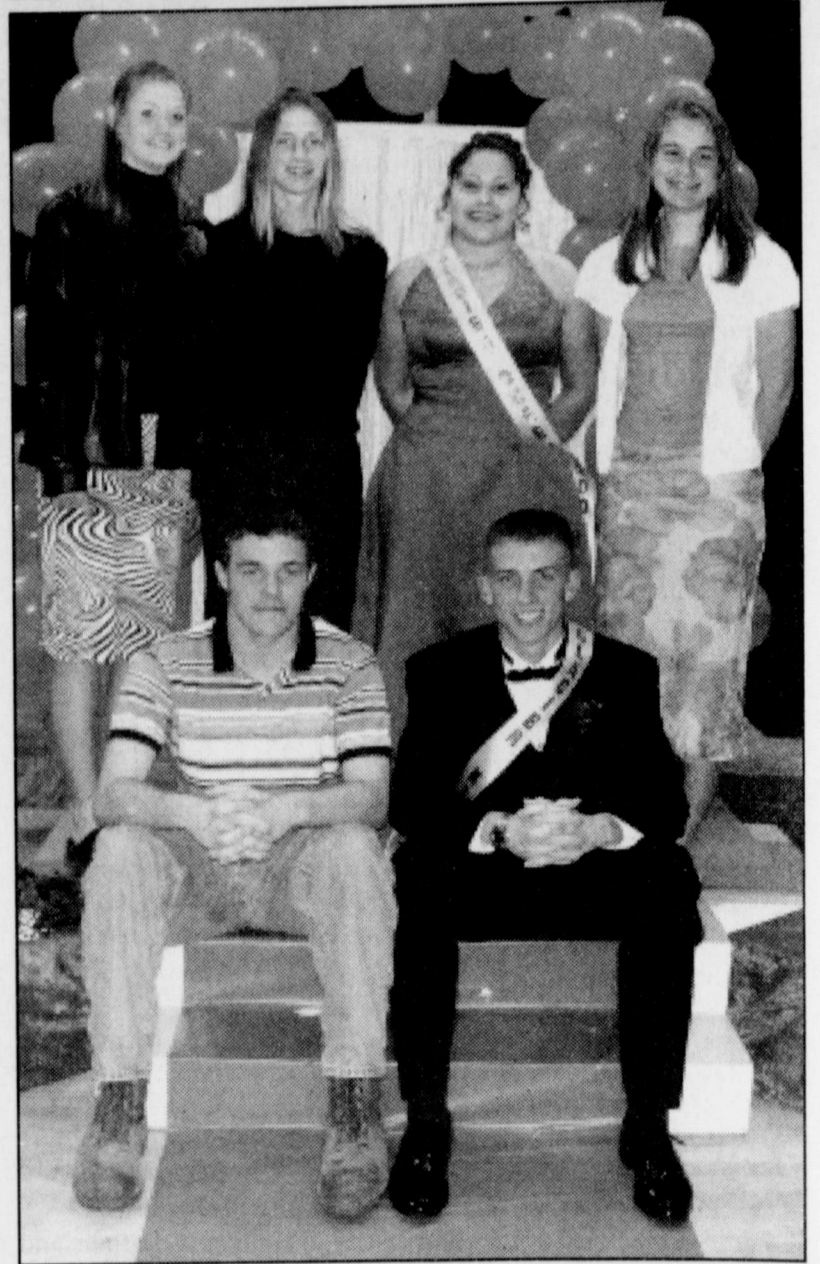
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SENIOR HONORS—



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THESE WHS SENIORS were recognized by their classmates on February 13 with the following honors: (back, l-r) Stacey Sneed, Friendliest; Laci Walker, Most Athletic; Lydia Rocha, Most School Spirited; Stacey Walden, Most Likely to Succeed; (front) Shane Colburn, Most Likely to Succeed and Most Athletic; and Guy Slimp, Most School Spirited and Friendliest.

High school schedules late starts on TAKS testing days

Winters High School Principal David Hale has announced late starts for high school students only during TAKS testing dates. Hale says students who are exempt from the TAKS on certain days, should not arrive at school until 11 a.m.

Only students exempt in the following grade levels on the specified date may start at 11 a.m.:

- Tuesday, February 25—Seniors only
- Tuesday, April 29—Freshmen, Sophomores & Seniors
- Wednesday, April 30—Freshmen, Juniors & Seniors
- Thursday, May 1—Seniors only
- Friday, May 2—Freshmen & Seniors

CAFETERIA MENU

Feb. 24-28

Subject to change*

Breakfast

- Monday-Feb. 24
Pancake Puppies
Juice
- Tuesday-Feb. 25
Blueberry Muffins
Cereal
Juice
- Wednesday-Feb. 26
Pop Tarts
Cereal
Juice
- Thursday-Feb. 27
Donuts
Cereal
Juice
- Friday-Jan. 28
Biscuits & Sausage
Juice

Lunch

- Monday-Feb. 24
Spaghetti w/Meat Sauce
Tossed Salad
Green Beans
Garlic Bread
Monster Cookies
- Tuesday-Feb. 25
Fried Chicken
Gravy
Mashed Potatoes
Broccoli w/Cheese
Hot Roll
Chocolate Pudding
- Wednesday-Feb. 26
Tacos w/Lettuce & Cheese
Spanish Rice
Refried Beans
Hot Sauce
Apple Cake
- Thursday-Feb. 27
BBQ on Bun
Potato Chips
Pickles & Onions
Peaches
Cookie
- Friday-Feb. 28
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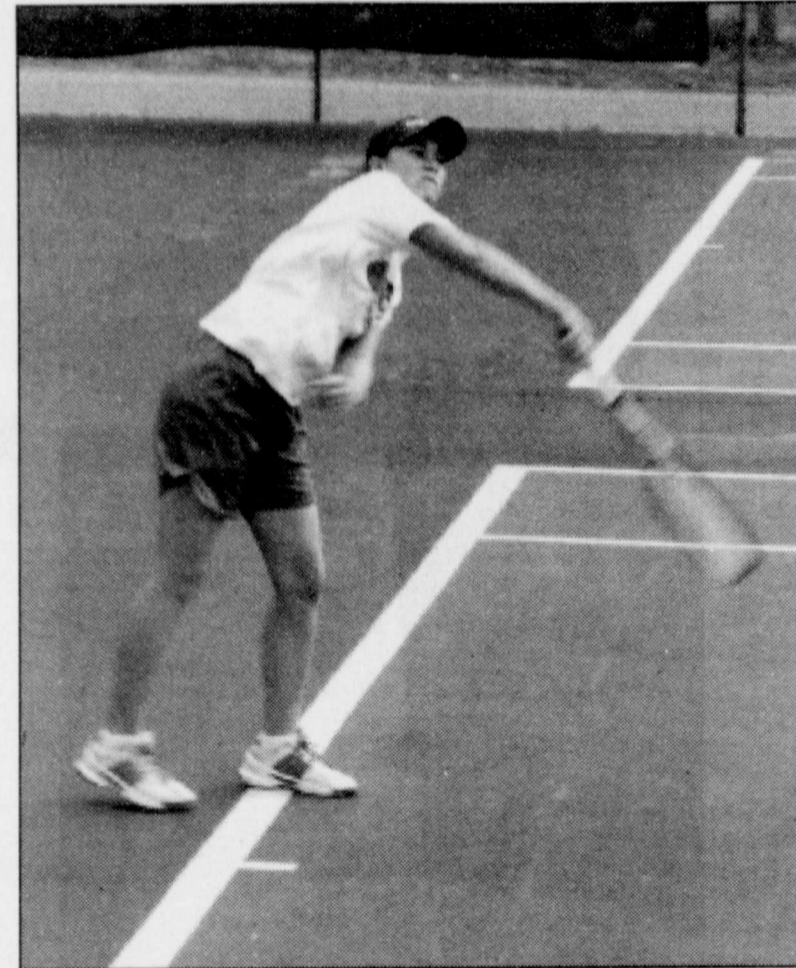
Lady Blizzards win Sweetwater Invitational Softball Tournament

The WHS Lady Blizzard Softball team took the team championship and first place honors in the Sweetwater Invitational Softball Tournament last Thursday and Saturday. Winters won eight games and lost two to capture the title.

Strong pitching performances by sophomore Amber Green and junior Jackie Ledbetter allowed just 21 hits in 10 games. The Lady Blizzards were hot at the plate collecting 103 hits and scoring 107 runs compared to their opponents' 32 runs in the tourney.

The Ladies played four games last Thursday in the first day of the tournament, and finished six more on Saturday.

"The final game started at 9 p.m. with the temperature at 35°," said Coach Ed Poehls.



(photo by Deb Pritchard)

WHS SENIOR Stacey Walden serves in singles action during the Blizzards Invitational Tennis Tournament hosted by Winters last Friday. Walden won four sets and lost one in the round-robin, informal meet.

Softball Scoreboard

Team: Lady Blizzards
Coach: Edward Poehls, Becky Airhart
Date & place of game:
Feb. 13, 2003—Sweetwater Tourn.#1
Opponent: SA Lakeview JV
Winning pitcher: Amber Green
Losing pitcher:
Winning catcher: Rachel Davis
Losing catcher:

	Runs	Hits	Errors
WINTERS	6	6	0
OPPONENT	3	2	1

Team: Lady Blizzards
Coach: Edward Poehls, Becky Airhart
Date & place of game:
Feb. 13, 2003—Sweetwater Tourn.#4
Opponent: Stamford
Winning pitcher:
Losing pitcher: Jackie Ledbetter
Winning catcher:
Losing catcher: Amber Green

	Runs	Hits	Errors
WINTERS	0	1	1
OPPONENT	6	3	0

Team: Lady Blizzards
Coach: Edward Poehls, Becky Airhart
Date & place of game:
Feb. 13, 2003—Sweetwater Tourn.#2
Opponent: Lorraine
Winning pitcher: Jackie Ledbetter
Losing pitcher:
Winning catcher: Amber Green
Losing catcher:

	Runs	Hits	Errors
WINTERS	16	11	1
OPPONENT	0	2	3

Team: Lady Blizzards
Coach: Edward Poehls, Becky Airhart
Date & place of game:
Feb. 15, 2003—Sweetwater Tourn.#5
Opponent: Lorraine
Winning pitcher: Jackie Ledbetter
Losing pitcher:
Winning catcher: Jennifer Hagle
Losing catcher:

	Runs	Hits	Errors
WINTERS	14	9	0
OPPONENT	0	0	3

Team: Lady Blizzards
Coach: Edward Poehls, Becky Airhart
Date & place of game:
Feb. 13, 2003—Sweetwater Tourn.#3
Opponent: Seminole
Winning pitcher: Amber Green
Losing pitcher:
Winning catcher: Rachel Davis
Losing catcher:

	Runs	Hits	Errors
WINTERS	12	9	1
OPPONENT	0	3	4

Team: Lady Blizzards
Coach: Edward Poehls, Becky Airhart
Date & place of game:
Feb. 15, 2003—Sweetwater Tourn.#6
Opponent: SA Central JV
Winning pitcher:
Losing pitcher: Amber Green
Winning catcher: Jennifer Hagle
Losing catcher:

	Runs	Hits	Errors
WINTERS	2	2	8
OPPONENT	8	2	1

Team: Lady Blizzards
Coach: Edward Poehls, Becky Airhart
Date & place of game:
Feb. 15, 2003—Sweetwater Tourn.#7
Opponent:
Winning pitcher: Amber Green
Losing pitcher:
Winning catcher: Rachel Davis
Losing catcher:

	Runs	Hits	Errors
WINTERS	13	10	2
OPPONENT	0	0	1

Team: Lady Blizzards
Coach: Edward Poehls, Becky Airhart
Date & place of game:
Feb. 15, 2003—Sweetwater Tourn.#8
Opponent: SA Lakeview JV
Winning pitcher: Amber Green
Losing pitcher:
Winning catcher: Rachel Davis
Losing catcher:

	Runs	Hits	Errors
WINTERS	14	13	4
OPPONENT	4	3	0

Team: Lady Blizzards
Coach: Edward Poehls, Becky Airhart
Date & place of game:
Feb. 15, 2003—Sweetwater Tourn.#9
Opponent: SA Central JV
Winning pitcher: Green/Ledbetter
Losing pitcher:
Winning catcher: Rachel Davis
Losing catcher:

	Runs	Hits	Errors
WINTERS	10	14	4
OPPONENT	3	0	0

Team: Lady Blizzards
Coach: Edward Poehls, Becky Airhart
Date & place of game:
Feb. 13, 2003—Sweetwater Tourn.#10
Opponent: SA Central JV
Winning pitcher: Jackie Ledbetter
Losing pitcher:
Winning catcher: Rachel Davis
Losing catcher:

	Runs	Hits	Errors
WINTERS	20	18	1
OPPONENT	8	6	1

Basketball Hoopla

Team: Varsity Boys Coach: Zach Boxell
Opponent: Coleman Date: Feb. 14, 2003
Place: Abilene High School-Tiebreaker game

POINTS SCORED EACH QUARTER				
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WINTERS	12	13	6	11
OPPONENT	16	9	16	56

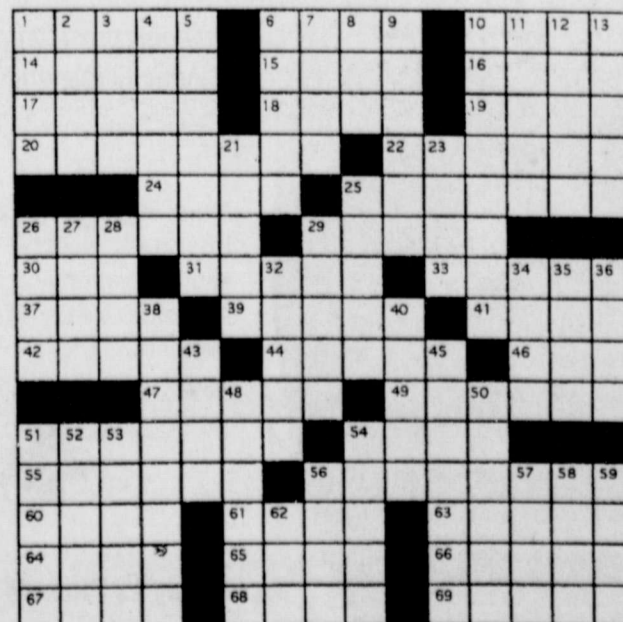
Free throws made:
Player's Name Points Rebounds Steals Assists
Tim Fenwick 2
Guy Slimp 0
Shane Colburn* 10
Max Harrison 9
Rusty Jackson 11
Brian Pritchard 6
Yal Gibbs 4
Michael Liggins 0
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Blizzards close season with loss to Coleman Bluecats



(photo by Jean Boles)

SHANE COLBURN, a 6'1" senior forward for the Varsity Blizzards, brings the ball down court during district play against Goldthwaite.

by Jean Boles

Close but no cigar. This was the case with the Varsity Blizzard basketball team as they met the Coleman Bluecats last Friday night for a possible playoff spot as the third place team in District 9-2A. The Blizzards battled the Bluecats but a cold third quarter proved to be too much to overcome in the 56-42 loss.

"I'm really proud of our team," said Coach Zach Boxell, who, in his third season as head coach at Winters, brought the Blizzards one game closer to the playoffs than in the past two years.

"We had a short season due to the football playoffs but I thought we pulled together and looked good at times," said Boxell. "Even though we played one game longer than in the past, we still fell short. I thought we'd get over that hump this year so I was disappointed in that respect."

The Blizzards ended the season with an 8-11 record overall and 5-6 in district play.

Leading the Blizzards were seniors Rusty Jackson, Shane Colburn, Brian

Pritchard, Yul Gibbs and Guy Slimp. Of his five seniors Boxell said, "I've enjoyed having them. I've had Rusty and Shane on varsity all three years I've been here, and Yul and Brian for the past two (years). Guy Slimp also added to our team as a first year varsity player."

Boxell continued, "I wanted to make the playoffs for them, too. Part of my disappointment is for them (seniors) not being in the basketball playoffs."

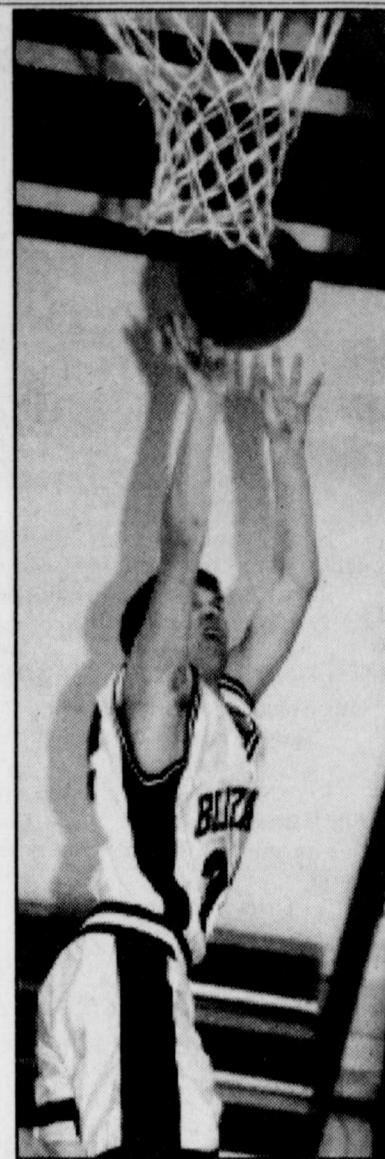
Top scorer for the Blizzards was Rusty Jackson, who averaged 12.9 points per game. He also average 6.7 rebounds.

Shane Colburn added 9.8 points with 4.7 rebounds, 1.4 steals and 2.7 steals per game.

Yul Gibbs contributed 9.7 points per game and 7.2 rebounds, 1.4 steals, and 1.6 assists.

Brian Pritchard averaged 7.0 points per game, 4.2 rebounds, 1.3 steals and 4.2 assists.

Other members of the 2002-03 Varsity Blizzards were Guy Slimp, Tim Fenwick, Max Harrison, Benjie Valles and Michael Liggins.



(photo by Jean Boles)

AARON COLBURN, WHS freshman, goes to the board for the Junior Varsity Blizzards.

Local students named to ACU 2002 fall Dean's Honor Roll

The following local residents were named to the Dean's Honor Roll at Abilene Christian University for the fall 2002 semester:

- Misty Melton, Winters

• Jonathan Nault, Wingate
• Lori Bredemeyer, Winters.
To make the Dean's Honor Roll, a student must obtain a grade point average of 3.5 or better for the semester.

4-H Club makes Valentine cards for local nursing home residents

by Colby Pritchard, reporter

The Winters 4-H Club held their monthly meeting on Monday, January 27, 2003 at the Catholic Church Fellowship Hall. Recognition was given to those who exhibited animals at recent stock shows. In addition, members were advised by Patricia Hohensee, Runnels County CEA-FCS, of upcoming events and 4-H opportunities.

Following the conclusion of the business meeting, 4-Hers enjoyed crafts and games including Bingo, clay pot decorating, and making Valentine cards for local nursing home residents.

The club will not meet in February due to the extensive stock showing schedule. Winters 4-H will hold their next meeting on Monday, March 24.

Thursday's Parenting Class to meet at 5:30 p.m. tonight

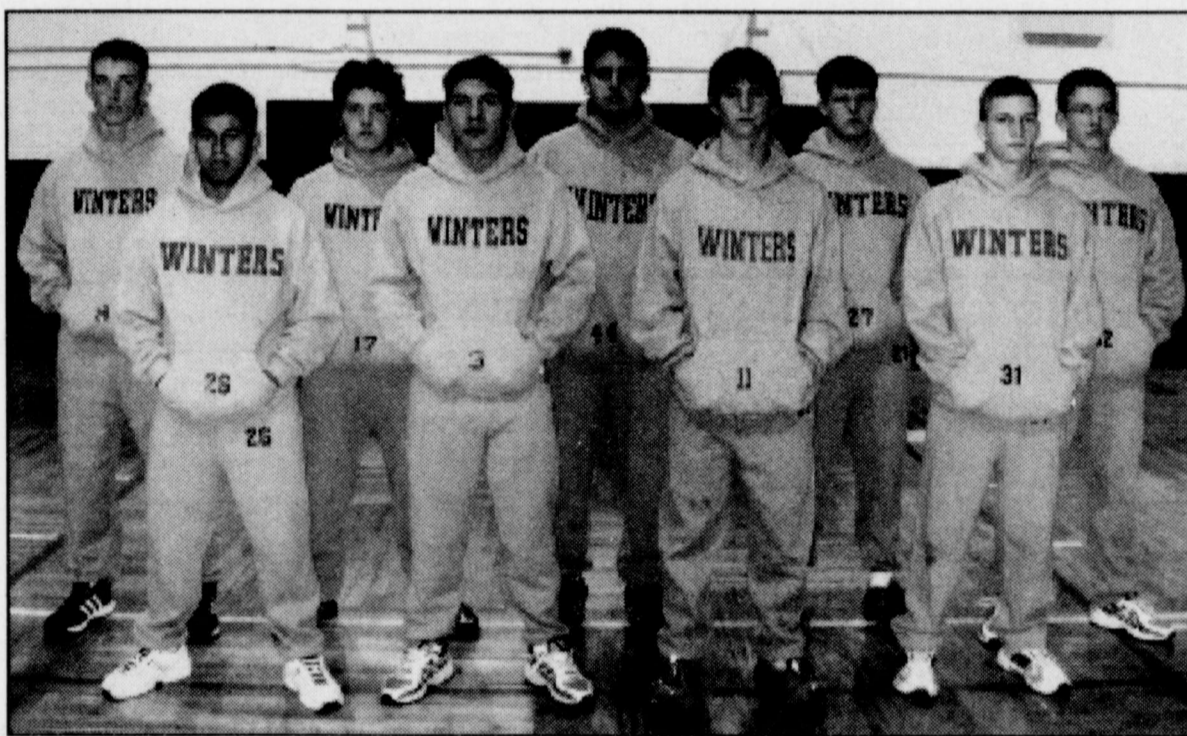
"Children and the Internet. What you can do to protect from the unseen stranger in your home" is the third class in the series to be held Thursday, February 20, 5:30-6:30 p.m.

This class addresses the concerns of many parents in allowing their children to use the Internet. Many children are spending time on the Internet unmonitored. Discussion will be held on different areas of concern including the World Wide Web, E-mail, Instant Messaging, and Chat Rooms.

This will be a great chance to learn more about the dangers and opportunities the Internet allows our children.

Childcare will be provided.

Back the Blizzards & Lady Blizzards!



(photo by Deb Pritchard)

THE WHS POWERLIFTING TEAM will end their season on Saturday at the Eastland Invitational Meet. Team members are (l-r) Guy Slimp, Jose Vega, Will Ahrens, Josh Cavanaugh, Jacob Bridgeman, Jared Airhart, Matt Tekell, Randy Jackson, and Cody Pritchard.

BLIZZARD ACTIVITIES

Feb. 20-27, 2003

<p>Friday, February 21 Softball Tourney @ Sweetwater</p> <p>Friday & Saturday, Feb. 21 & 22 Tennis @ Forsan Cancelled</p> <p>Saturday, February 22 One-Act Play Festival, Tuscola Softball @ Sweetwater Powerlifting @ Eastland 11AM, JV Baseball vs. Hamlin, DH, H</p> <p>Sunday, February 23 11AM-1PM, Project Grad Meal, Cafeteria</p>	<p>Monday, February 24 Boys/Girls Golf @ Hawley</p> <p>Tuesday, February 25 TAKS Testing, Last Start for Exempt Seniors Only 4th Grade TAKS Writing Tests 4PM, Varsity Baseball vs. Hamlin, H</p> <p>Thursday, February 27 Track @ Roscoe</p> <p>Thursday-Saturday, Feb. 27-Mar. 1 TBA, Varsity Baseball vs. Sweetwater, T</p>
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Thomas Joseph Weaver, possession of marijuana, pleaded nolo contendere, sentenced to six months in county jail, probated to one year, fined \$700, assessed \$236 court costs, and 40 hours community service

Criminal Cases Filed February 6

Gil Levi Pena, filed for failure to identify

February 7

Robert Correa, Jr., filed for evading detention

Fernando Falcon, filed for evading detention

Jacob Falcon, filed for evading detention

Henry Gonzalez, filed for evading detention

February 12

Carrie April Wolfe, filed for possession of marijuana

Marriage Licenses Filed February 11

Billy J. Gray and Billie Reagan Jones

Robert Danyal Kelly, Jr., and Margarita Luna Villarreal

Dennis James Griffin and Ruth L. Rainey

District Court Divorce Cases Filed February 10

Carmen Maria Reyes vs. Jose Jesus Reyes

Civil Cases Filed February 10

Bill Calcote dba Calcote Dirt Con-

tracting vs. DBO Oil, Inc., account

Justice of the Peace Precinct 1 Felony Cases Filed February 4

Gil Levi Pena, filed for delivery of a controlled substance

Michael James Shaffer, filed for delivery of a controlled substance

Harry Fermin Reyna, Jr., filed for delivery of a controlled substance

Reyna Alan Bennett, filed for delivery of a controlled substance

February 6

Lance Edward Goodwin, filed for impersonating a public servant

Small Claims Cases Filed February 10

Knox Oil Field Supply, Inc., vs. Jim Harmon, Flamingo Oil & Gas, suit for oil field supplies and pump repair

Criminal Cases Filed January 31

Samuel Medina, filed on two cases of failure to attend school

February 10

Alma DeLuna, filed for theft by check

Judge Richard Hamilton attends JP seminar

Judge Richard Hamilton of Winters was certified at the recent Justice of the Peace Forty Hour Seminar held January 26-31, 2003, in Austin. The seminar was sponsored by the Texas Justice Court Training Center, a division of Southwest Texas

State University, with offices in Austin.

The seminar is the second of three held for newly-elected Justice of the Peaces so they can fulfill their Continuing Judicial Education Requirements of "obtaining eight (80) hours

of training within one year of taking office" as set forth in Article 27.005 of the Texas Government Code.

The seminar addressed topics such as Judicial Ethics, Civil and Criminal Jurisdiction and Venue, Truancy, Juvenile Law, Magistrate Duties, Search Warrants, Rules of Evidence, Mock Trial, Magistrate Emergency Protective Orders, Contempt, Inquests, and Media Relations.

obtain money orders for the amount of the warrants.

observed a person operating a vehicle that was known to have a suspended license. The officer made contact with the driver and checked again with Runnels County dispatch on the suspension. The check showed that Matthew Shane Zachary of Winters had a SR suspension on his license. Zachary was arrested and taken to Runnels County Jail.

responded to a gas drive off at Skinny's Convenience Store. The unknown person fueled his vehicle with five dollars of unleaded and failed to pay. The officers watched the in-store video but were unable to get an accurate identification on the person or the vehicle. The vehicle appeared to be a light tan colored, older model Ford pulling a trailer with a boat. Officers were unable to locate any vehicle matching that description.

were called to the 500 block of Vancil Street about a disturbance. Officers located a male subject in the 400 block of Rogers Street believed to be involved. He had apparently been drinking and was a danger to himself and others. Officers detained the subject and returned to the 500 block of Vancil to meet with the witness. The witness stated that the male subject, Otis Liggins, had been outside the residence and was banging on the witness' car. The witness did not want to press charges. Liggins was released to a competent adult and issued a citation for Public Intoxication.

Winters Police Department—754-4121
Ballinger Police Department—365-3591
Sheriff's Department—365-2121

Public Notice

ELECTION ORDER & NOTICE, THE STATE OF TEXAS, COUNTY OF RUNNELS

On this the 17th day of February, 2003, the Board of Directors of North Runnels Hospital District convened in regular session, open to the public, with the following members present to wit: Chairman Randall Sneed, Vice-Chairman Charles Brown, Secretary Doug Wheat, and Directors Jack Davis, Jr., Roger Kruse, and Dawn Killough, constituting a quorum, and among other proceedings had by said Board of Directors was the following:

WHEREAS, the term of office of three (3) directors will expire on the first Saturday in May, 2003, said Saturday, May 3, 2003, 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 6, 2003, for the purpose of electing to the Board of Directors of said Hospital District three (3) 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, and at the Wingate Lions Club building in Wingate, Texas.

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 FEBRUARY 18, 2003, UNTIL APRIL 2, 2003, FROM 9:00 A.M. UNTIL 4:00 P.M.

4. Teresa Davis is hereby appointed clerk for early voting, and Shelly Sudduth and Elaine Thomas 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, April 7, 2003, at 9:00 a.m. and ending on Friday, April 18, 2003, 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, Charles Brown, Roger Kruse, Jack Davis, Jr., and Dawn Killough; and the following voted NO: none.

by Randall Sneed, Chairman
Board of Directors
14-8(1tc)

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- El Paso's first woman mayor Suzy world peace organ.
- TXism: "he sleeps fast" (active)
- sweet laters
- Campe, TX
- Pras, "ike" who was born in Denison (init.)
- "regtime" Joplin who was TX-born
- Texans can carry it concealed legally
- Port TX
- Rockport has largest live in TX
- Dallas sports card co.; Pro
- TX grad academic cap: board
- TX Oatmeal Festival race: Thon
- TXism: "gave him a of his own medicine"
- cattle breed introduced in TX in 1895
- Jimmy coached here after Dallas
- TXism: "parental plague"
- this Texan co-wrote "Urban Cowboy"
- Laredo
- Moses, Joshua and
- exotic antelope or TX energy co.
- apple variety from the TX Hill Country
- Houston astronaut Carter who died in John Tower crash

DOWN

- TX rancher Chuck Norris film based on a Bible phrase
- in Angeline Nat. Forest on hwy. 69
- TXism: "up and juice" (coffee)
- TX Tarzan Ely, et al.
- Dallas people-moving company
- TX Hagman was Capt. Nelson in TV
- TX-Mex mafia: "El"
- San Antonio shoe company
- what you can't use to buy TX lottery ticket (2 wds.)
- ex-SMU pres. Kenneth
- TXism: "could walk under a turtle wearin' gallon hat" (short)
- Grand Prairie exhibit: Ripley's Believe It
- TXism: "write slow cause he can't fast"
- USS Texas supported Omaha Beach on
- shoe of choice for many TX athletes
- arrest an outlaw
- TXism: "it'll do — pinch"
- TXism: "table graze"
- TXism: "gave him a of his own medicine"
- TX rancher Chuck Norris film based on a Bible phrase
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- what you can't use to buy TX lottery ticket (2 wds.)
- this Premier directed TX Tierney
- TXism: "enjoyed about all I can stand"
- TXism: "I can dance to that" (agree)
- film studio of TX Ginger Rogers
- DFW arrival guess
- ex-Aggie Stocum this Brando heads for TX in "The Chase" (init.)
- TXism: "it's root hog die"
- rodents
- TXism: "cream rises to" (quality)
- TXism: "gentle as a horse on go-round"
- Alamo's Travis drew a line "the dirt"
- Rangers league
- Gov. Ferguson
- TXism: "tall hog pie ala
- Midland FM radio
- TX Pride's "My Eyes Can Only See As You"
- Michael Irvin ran this on the gridiron
- Houston's Barbera Land metal mixture
- TX Relays is a track
- former mate
- TXism: "run it — a lawyer"
- birth state of TX
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Solutions for this puzzle appear in this issue.

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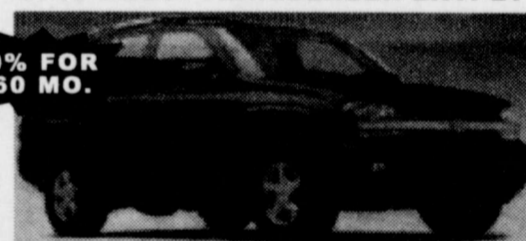
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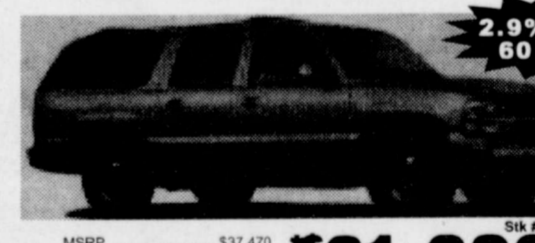
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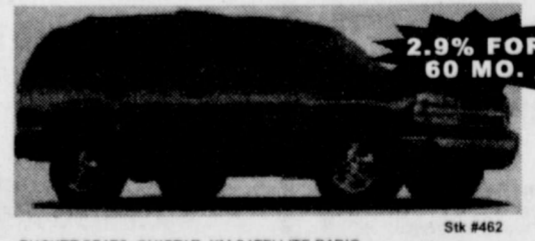
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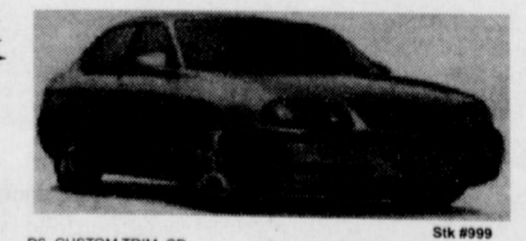
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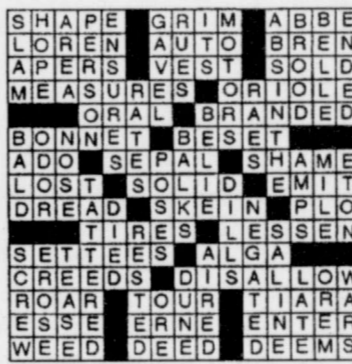
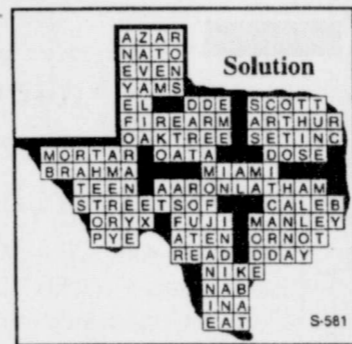
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Outdoors

Oldest FFA Chapter in Texas—



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WINTERS HIGH SCHOOL is proud to be home to the oldest chartered FFA Chapter in the State of Texas. The WHS charter was initiated in 1930. These 2002-03 WHS officers and their chapter are celebrating National FFA Week, February 16-22. Officers are (l-r) a Treasurer Jessica Pritchard, Sentinel John Heathcott, Vice-President Magean Schwartz, Secretary Tina Perrie, Reporter Wacey Cason, and President Cody Pritchard. Winters FFA advisor is Roy Shackelford.

COMMISSIONERS, continued

West Central Texas Weather Modification Association was approved unanimously. County Judge Marilyn Egan told Commissioners the state funds for the program had been frozen and without them, "we (the counties) will be unable to continue the program."

•Approval was given for placing used equipment in the Wingate Lions Club auction to be held April 5.

In a meeting held on Tuesday, February 11, commissioners heard a petition to close a portion of County Road 278 between Farm Road 2111 and State Highway 158 in Precinct 4. The petition was met with some opposition.

Wilburn Pullin had spearheaded a petition to close the road, but Lester, Ralph and Alton Schaefer expressed their opposition to the closure at the regular meeting of Runnels County Commissioners. The Schaefers said closing the road would cause a safety concern for farm equipment turning off Highway 158 if the county road was closed. "We use that little road all the time to avoid that safety hazard," Ralph Schaefer told the Court.

County Attorney Stuart Holden, quoting from state statutes, said a class 1 or class 2 road could only be closed by commissioners court if the road had not been used in three years. Commissioner Ricky Strube said he didn't know what class the road fell under.

Holden explained a class

1 or 2 road had to be 40 feet wide with 16 feet or more barrow ditches.

No action was taken and the matter was tabled until the road class could be determined.

Commissioners approved entering into professional services contracts with Tim F. Glendening & Associates for administration of grant funds for the emergency pipeline for the City of Ballinger and with Hibbs & Todd Engineers for engineering on the project.

Approval was given for a contract between the County and Winters Public Library whereby Runnels County will provide \$3,150 in funding for the library in 2003.

Other agenda items and action taken included:

•A letter of agreement was approved between the County and Abilene Regional Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse.

•A resolution approving and adopting amended IRS section 125 Pre-tax Premium Plan (cafeteria plan) for the county was adopted.

•The date of the March regular Commissioners Court meeting was changed from Tuesday, March 11 to Monday March 10 due to the trial on the contested Commissioner Precinct 2 race scheduled for March 11.

Commissioner Skipper Wheelless was in Austin attending to legislative business as a state officer in the County Judges and Commissioners Association of Texas.

Concho Valley Cotton Conference set for March 25

The Texas Cooperative Extension's Concho Valley Cotton Conference will be held from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Tuesday, March 25, 2003, in the San Angelo Convention Center.

Topics will include: herbicide resistance, weed management, weather modification, and conservation tillage cropping systems.

The Southern Rolling Plains Cotton Growers Association will conduct their annual meeting in conjunction with the conference.

To preregister call (915) 365-5212, 365-2219 or 659-6522. Registration after March 21 is \$10 per person.

Belk among directors to serve MCA

The Mohair Council of America held its Annual Membership Meeting January 22 & 23 in San Angelo. Highlighted at this year's meeting were the newest floor covering products being marketed throughout the country under the Christoval Carpet label.

Glen Fisher of Sonora reported on the final rules and regulations of the new wool and mohair marketing loan program. Fisher has worked closely with USDA in developing the regulations since the Farm Bill was passed last year.

The ten districts of the Mohair Council conducted caucuses to select district representatives for 2003. One of those elected to fill the at-large director position was Allen Belk of Winters.

The Texas Mohair Producers Board held its Winter Meeting in conjunction with the MCA Annual Membership Meeting.

My thoughts exactly...

by Deb Pritchard, assistant editor

The whole stock showing process is about family. A great deal of "QFT—Quality Family Time" is spent on a stock show project. From the time the kids select an animal to the time they put it on the truck for sale—we've had lots and lots of good time spent together ...not to mention the not so good times.

Three of the kids have calf scrambled to fund their heifer projects. From Abilene, to Ft. Worth, to San Antonio, to Houston, and back to San Angelo—they chased 400 lbs. calves all over show rings across Texas.

They've been drug in the dirt, trampled in the chest, and ripped more pairs of jeans than I care to count. The rest of the family remained faithful and encouraging in the stands screaming our support and hollaring with glee as they accomplished the feat of catching a calf or being named a "Hard Luck" recipient. The results were well worth the struggles—thousands of dollars in purchase certificates and eventually a small herd of Short-horn cattle to show for their efforts.

And last but certainly not least—there's the intimate, special moments a stock showing family shares. Memories, that no matter how old we get, we'll cherish forever. I would never trade the look on any of my children's faces when they get their animal in the ring and get it presented and find me or dad in the crowd to give us a grin that stretches from ear to ear.

Whether it's the six-year-old

who's just proud to finally be in the show ring like his big brothers, or the older sisters whose heifers got slapped on the rump for Grand or Reserve Grand Champion honors. The feeling of your heart racing when it's down to one of your children and the rest of the field for the big award...the top honor. Many a tear of joy have been shed by the kids, grandparents, Mom, AND Dad!

Just like I can never forget the delight of my wide-eyed children, whether they were 3-years-old or 16, when our first litter of show pigs were born or a heifer they raised gave birth for the first time. To watch them, watching with total awe, as an animal gives birth to another little life is an incredible experience. To see them immediately take ownership and pride—to find significance in this miracle is priceless.

There is nothing more precious than watching a small child take full responsibility for bottle feeding a calf whose momma won't let him nurse. Or see our first grader giggling with glee while holding a "bundle of high energy baby goat" in his lap—while it eagerly sucks its milk supplement from an ole coke bottle.

But, as in anything, it's not all been sugar coated. I don't forget the times that we didn't work with the animals the way we should have and they (and the kids) were all over the show ring. The times we pouted because we didn't win showmanship, and the times we cried in frustration because we just

wanted to win...and once again we didn't.

Just as much an impact as the births...so have been the deaths. The young show lamb that died in my arms on the kitchen floor with all the kids gathered around me—all of us crying as it took its last breath...the calf that was stillborn as we anxiously watched the birth...the goat found lying stiff in the pen by its five-year-old owner.

The tears streaming down our young boys' faces as they led their show calf one final time...to the "truck"... only to stand sobbing uncontrollably with their head buried in the calf's side trying to hold on not wanting to say goodbye...while dad and I waited just a few feet away crying just the same.

When we have all seven kids at home on the same weekend or holiday, we spend a good deal of time sitting in our living room reminiscing. And guess what over half the tales are often about? We've had at least one child stock showing for more than 23 consecutive years. Our oldest has never missed a Winters Stock Show in those 23 years.

If they're willing, we've got at least another eleven years ahead of us. The younger ones are enjoying the moment—the older ones will tell you they wouldn't trade the experience for the world.

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NEW YORK, continued

dreamed of someday visiting New York City. When Dana saw the Grammy Awards trip opportunity mentioned on KTAB, she signed her mom up! Virgie had been notified she was a finalist, but it wasn't until Jay Barton, KTAB Director of Operations, phoned her a week ago Tuesday with the big news, that she realized she was a winner.

"He said, 'Virgie you're the winner,'" said Wade. "I said yea right. And he said, 'No Virgie—you really are!' I said, 'Oh my Heavens!'"

Her partner on this great expedition for two? Who else but the one who got her to the dance, her daughter, Dana. Their plane is scheduled to depart Abilene early Saturday morning to catch an adjoining flight in Dallas with arrival in New York City around 3 p.m. (eastern time).

The rest of the day and most of Sunday should be her's and Dana's to see as much of the Big Apple as they possibly can. "I'd like to see the Statue of Liberty, and Rockefeller Center, and of course the World Trade Center Memorial—I want to see as much as I can...it'll be just like the Beverly Hillbillies!" she laughs.

When asked what she'll wear to the Grammy's so everyone in Winters will know what to look for, she said she'll have on a lacy black shell (top) and either black Palazzo pants or a long skirt. "If it's cold—I may wear both!" she quips. "But you'll be able to see me—no one else has hair this tall!"

Though her immediate concern this week has been the bliz-

zard conditions on the east coast, she is very aware of the heightened security due to a terrorist alert. "I'm concerned, but you can't live your life being in fear all the time. My Daddy always said, 'What-ever's gonna happen, is gonna happen.'

"If we went on what ifs...we wouldn't go anywhere now would we? This is a once in lifetime deal for me. I'll never be chosen again. I've spent the last 14-1/2 years helping with my husband Elwood (who suffered a stroke and is disabled) and Mother and Daddy (until their death). So I'm not gonna feel guilty (about this opportunity.)"

As for KTAB-TV, "We're so happy to send another winner to the Grammy's—this is one of the most exciting and enjoyable

events we work with each year, and to have someone from the Big Country at the big show is a treat," said Barton. Though a lack of available manpower won't allow for them to cover the event, Barton acknowledges, "Honestly, everyone here at the station would love to go—this is a prize that makes a memory forever. It's a good feeling to know that through KTAB, we can do something exciting for someone else."

Virgie has promised to take lots of pictures and to share her experience once she returns to her "little town blues"...Winters, Texas. But for just a little while, she's "gonna wake up in a city that doesn't sleep...right through the very heart of it—New York, New York!"

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