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Pearls of Wisdom

Encouraging your children to become unique, productive individuals is a more worthy occupation than hanging around with supposedly important people.

Pastor's **Points**

Pastor Barry Taylor reminds everyone how important it is to tell your loved ones how you feel now since you never know whether you will have another chance.

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WHS U.I.L. teams take top honors

Winters High School Journalism and Math teams placed first at the Bangs Invitational UIL Academic Meet. District 9-2A academic competition is set for March 24 & 27 at Coleman. Go Blizzards!

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Winters Track Meet results

The Breezes and Blizzard relays were held last weekend at the Winters Track Field. Complete listing of results published

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Oncor to support the **Amber Alert Program**

Oncor (TXU) has announced plans to participate in the Amber Alert Program. The state-wide program was implemented to locate abducted children through use of the news media and early notification to the public. page 6

National Agriculture Week

Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs has announced that March 16-22, 2003, will be recognized as National Agriculture Week to honor farmers, ranchers, and many other agricultural professionals.

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A sign of the times —



(photo by Jean Boles)

A HOST OF VOLUNTEERS and avid track and field fans concentrate on their timing duties for another race during the Blizzard Relays last Saturday. On hand were (bottom row, l-r) Kody McCuistion, Coach Bryan Green, WHS Principal David Hale, Michael Mostad, Jerry Sims, Jan Sims, Puny Whittenburn, Gary Bear, Zanny Slimp, Paige Sanders and Chelsy Lipsey. Standing on platform are Larry Walker, Deb Pritchard and Lanny Bahlman. Approximately 65 volunteers worked the meet at the Winters Track Complex. Meet results are listed on page 5.

Commissioners approve purchase of pump; accept Abilene's agreement on reimbursement for damage

sioners, at their regular meet- tank set, and pump house built. ing on Monday, voted to purwater well drilled on City propcently.

run for two or three days to be sure it will keep up the 20-25 gallons per minute flow as it eliminate the water hauling. tested. Following that test, a

slab will be poured, pressure

The well was drilled to prochase and set a pump in the vide water for the trees on the courthouse square. For the past erty in Southeast Ballinger re- several summers, Commissioners have had to haul water to Commissioners decided to the courthouse to keep the trees set the pump and let the well alive. A water line from the well to the courthouse will provide water for the trees and

In other business, Commis-

sioners voted to accept a Letter Agreement from the City of Abilene providing reimbursement of \$4,680 Precinct 1 spent on replacing cattle guards damaged by trucks of the contractor for the Ivie-Abilene pipeline. An additional \$10,000 will be placed in escrow for Precinct 1 to rebuild and repair

damaged county roads. See COMMISSIONERS,

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(photo by Jean Boles)

DANNY PRADO, (seated center), was honored with a farewell reception on March 6 by co-workers at the Runnels County Mental Health Center in Winters. Prado, who has been with the Center for the past ten years, is taking a new position in social work at a facility in Ballinger. Honoring Prado were (seated) Davis Wilson, Center Program Manager, and Rita Harless, Care Manager; and (standing, left to right) Cookie Van Zandt, Clerk, Jan Jordan, Case Work Assistant, Elma Bernal, Rehabilitation Provider, Lisa Nitsch, Service Coordinator, and Brandy Craft, Rehabilitation Provider.

Prado leaving Runnels County Mental Health Center in Winters

by Jean Boles, editor

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Prado, has been with Run-

Danny Prado, who was a nels County MHC for the past lom, Prado worked diligently driving force in obtaining the ten years. During that time, he in securing the building and Winters last year, has resigned ing child and adolescent pro- the present facility located on grams, served as the county's primary mental health profes- office building. sional, and served in many ca-He was honored with a re- pacities including case manag- Hotline for West Texas Cenception given by his co-work- er, Center program manager ters for MHMR is 1-800-375ers on Thursday, March 6, at and crisis response. Along with 4357. For services, contact the Randall Conner and Keith Col-

State Street, site of the old post

The Mental Health Crisis Mental Health Center in Winters at 754-5591.

Commissioner vote voided; new election Tues., April 8

by Jean Boles, editor

In an unprecedented case, the outcome of the County Commissioner, Precinct 2 race has fallen back in the hands of the voters.

On Tuesday, March 11, in the 119th District Court, Judge Joe Connally ruled the election of November 5, 2002, to be void.

A new election will be held Tuesday, April 8, 2003, with early voting from March 24 through April 4, 2003.

This action stems from a suit filed by Freddie Grohman who challenged incumbent Keith Collom for the position of Commissioner in Precinct 2. Unofficial results on election night had Collom defeating Grohman by five votes. Following the canvass of votes by County Clerk Elesa Ocker the morning of November 6, Collom had defeated Grohman by three votes, 336-333.

Grohman filed a request and paid a fee for a recount which See ELECTION, page 8



(photo by Jean Boles)

SCOTTY DANIEL, retired Air Force fighter pilot and pilot for Braniff Airlines, speaks to the Winters Lions Club on March 4 regarding U.S. wind energy potential and his wind farm at Rotan.

Winters High School One Act Play to perform for the public

Members of the Winters High School One Act Play will be holding a town performance of this year's play entitled The Cave Cat on Wednesday, March 19, 2003, at 8:30 p.m. in the high school auditorium.

The Cave Cat, by Ford Ainsworth, is a drama concerning the struggle of youth to surmount the established conventions of a society which divides all cats into three rigidly maintained

The Winters High School One Act Play members and director Dottie Loudermilk cordially invite the public to attend.

On Thursday, March 20, the one act play cast will travel to Brownwood for the U.I.L. performance scheduled at 2:00 p.m.

Youth baseball/softball tryouts scheduled for Monday & Tuesday

Winters Community Base- day for the Midget Division tryouts on Monday and Tues- Freshmen Division (ages 10, day evening, March 17 & 18. 11 & 12) at 6:30 p.m., and the ball diamonds in Winters 15) at 7:30 p.m. City Park.

will begin at 5:30 p.m. Mon-

ball will hold boys and girls (ages 7, 8 & 9) followed by All tryouts will take place at Junior Division (ages 13, 14 &

Girls' softball tryouts will Baseball tryouts for boys begin at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday See TRYOUTS, page 8

Thursday, March 20-

Winters Elementary Select Choir to perform Spring Musical

The Winters Elementary Select Choir will perform their new Mental Health Center in has been responsible for build- overseeing the renovation for Spring Musical on Thursday, March 20. The program will begin at 7 p.m. in the WHS Auditorium.

This year's presentation is a collection of two-part harmony and descants including a variety of songs from fun rock -n-roll to classical folk. The group, under the direction of Fran Kidwell who is assisted by Sherry Kurtz, will be well choreographed and include a delightful encore which the students will sign as they

As always, admission is free and the community is graciously invited to attend.

Editorial

Obituaries

Elizabeth Leona Balusek Walther

ROWENA- Elizabeth Leona Balusek Walther, 82, died Wednesday, March 5, 2003, in Ballinger of leukemia.

She was born August 11, 1920, in Taylor, Texas, to Willie Ben Balusek and Vera Mucha Balusek Palla. She grew up in the Taylor area and attended the Turkey Creek School and Taylor High School. She was baptized and confirmed in the Czech-Moravian Brethren Church of Taylor.

She married Edwin A. Walther on July 8, 1936, and moved to Rowena in 1937. Mrs. Walther worked as a bookkeeper in her husband's business, F & M Garage in Rowena, then as a waitress in local steak houses, a clerk and postmaster in Rowena until her retirement in 1984.

Elizabeth Walther was prominent in the revival of the SPJST Lodge #49 of Rowena where she served as lodge president for over 20 years. She was a charter member of the Czech Heritage Society of Texas Concho Valley Chapter. She was a longtime member of the Zoar United Church of Christ in Rowena, where she served as church council president for a time.

She was preceded in death by her father, a casualty of WWI; her mother; her husband; one son, Edwin Jr.; one brother, Harry Palla; one sister, Willie Mae Pokorny; and one brother-in-law, Vernon Kruse.

Survivors include one daughter and son-in-law, Beverly and James Teplicek of Rowena; two sons and daughters-in-law, Wallace and Celeta Walther of Quanah and Mary Lou Walther of Lockhart; twelve grandchildren; twenty-one great-grandchildren; two sisters, Viola Kruse of Taylor and Dorothy and Frank Mikulencak of Taylor; one brother-in-law, Ben Pokorny of Taylor; and two sisters-in-law, Shirley Palla of Irving and Olga Walther of Taylor.

Funeral services were held Friday, March 7, at 9 a.m. at the Zoar United Church of Christ in Rowena. Burial followed in the Rowena Protestant Cemetery. The Reverend Glenn Dittmer of St. John's Lutheran Church of Winters presided.

Funeral services were under direction of the Rains-Seale Funeral Home of Ballinger.

Nephews served as pallbearers. Honorary pallbearers included Tim Newirth, Bruce Havlak, and Dan Marcek.

The family requests memorial donations be made to the SPJST Scholarship Fund, the Zoar United Church of Christ,

Hospice of San Angelo or the charity of your choice. The family would like to thank the nurses and staff of Hospice of San Angelo and Heritage Oaks Estate of Ballinger for their excellent, professional, and personal care during the months of their mother's illness. They would also like to thank her many friends for their calls and visits during this time, especially her

Ruth Clark Holland

devoted friend, Lula Marcek, for her constant help and support.

BROOKSHIRE-Ruth Clark Holland, 99, died Monday, March 3, 2003, in the Bronte Health and Rehab Center.

She was born in Rising Star on October 4, 1903, to Jim and Addie Toombs Clark. She, her brother, and their parents came to the Brookshire Community in a covered wagon in 1909.

On May 20, 1922, she and Herbert Holland snuck over to the Concho County Courthouse in Paint Rock to get married. After the ceremony, they both went back to their own homes. It was 30 days before they told anyone about the marriage.

Mrs. Holland lived in the Brookshire Community almost all her life. She was a homemaker, a rancher and a member of the Tennyson Baptist Church. She wrote articles for the Bronte, Miles, and Ballinger papers entitled "The Brookshire Browsings."

She was preceded in death by her husband, Herbert, on March 30, 1996; her parents; a son H.J. "Red" Holland; a granddaughter, Vicki Holland Canfil; and one brother, Homer Clark.

Survivors include two grandsons and granddaughters-in-law, Cap and Dianne Holland and Tony and Debbie Holland; one daughter-in-law, Mary Holland of San Angelo; four great-grandsons; five great-grandaughters; four great-great-grandchildren; and four nieces.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Thursday, March 6, at Tennyson Baptist Church. Burial followed in the Mt. Victory Cemetery in the Brookshire Community.

The family requests that memorials be made to the Tennyson Baptist Church or a favorite charity.

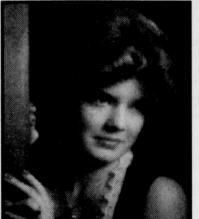
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Kelly Anne Czupryk



PORTLAND, OREGON-Kelly Anne Czupryk, 41, died Thursday, February 20, 2003, in Portland, Oregon.

Kelly was born on April 15, 1961, in Abilene to Linda Rozmen and Dale Lee. She married Peter Czupryk in Portland in July of 1989.

Survivors include her husband, Peter Czupryk of Portland, Oregon; one daughter Crystal Neilson of Pocatello, Idaho; one son, Cory Neilson

of Portland, Oregon; her mother and stepfather, Linda and Dennis Rozmen of Winters; her father and stepmother, Dale and Shirley Lee of Portland, Oregon; two sisters, Robin Winn of Fort Worth and Venus Lee of Pocatello, Idaho; one brother, Brian Lee of Birmingham, Alabama; one stepbrother; and numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, stepsisters.

Kelly was loved by everyone who knew her. She will be missed and never be forgotten.

Funeral services were held in Portland, Oregon at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, February 25, at St. Ann's Catholic Church. Burial followed in the Willemette Cemetery in Portland.

Funeral arrangements were under direction of the Bateman/ Carroll Funeral Home of Portland, Oregon.

Ann Salge Kraatz

LOCKHART-Ann Salge Kraatz, 76, formerly of Winters, passed away Thursday, March 6, 2003.

Ann was born on February 9, 1927, in Winters, to Rudolph and Lottie (Jonas) Salge.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Leroy R. Kraatz; a son, Tommy Lee Kraatz; and a brother, Otto Salge. Survivors include two sons, Leroy R. Kraatz, Jr. and Robert Wayne Kraatz; three daughters, Carol Sue Balser, Patricia Ann Davidson, and Katherine Mary Lindsey; ten grandchildren; and

seven great-grandchildren. Funeral services were held on Sunday, March 9, at 2 p.m. in

the McCurdy Memorial Chapel. Funeral arrangements were under direction of the McCurdy Funeral Home in Lockhart.

Enter His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise. Give thanks to Him and praise his name. Psalm 100:4



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L.A. Sargent

WINTERS-L.A. Sargent, 82, died Saturday, March 8, 2003, at the V.A. Medical Center in Big Spring.

L.A. was born on December 14, 1920, in Baird to James Oscar and Lavona Frances Stroope Sargent and was raised in Callahan County. He married Willie Adams on September 7, 1940, in Rocksprings. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army infantry serving during World War II.

Mr. Sargent was an oilfield worker from 1946 until retirement in 1984, moving to Winters in 1971. He was a member of the Ballinger Masonic Lodge and a member of the First Baptist Church in Winters. He was preceded in death by his parents, James Oscar

Sargent and Lavona Frances Stroope Sargent; five sisters, Jewell O'Dell, Ruby O'Dell, Betty Mansell, Ozella Neff, and Frances Dorries; two brothers, James Oscar Sargent, Jr. and Charlie Sargent; one grandson, Andy New; and one greatgrandson, Shane Bennett. Survivors include his wife of 62 years, Willie Sargent of

Winters; two sons, Alvin Ray Sargent of Tuscola and John Oscar Sargent and wife Ann of Abilene; two daughters, Etta Hargrove of Stamford and Betty Sargent of Merkel; one sister. Lorene Beasely of Hamby; twelve grandchildren; thirty greatgrandchildren; and thirteen great-great grandchildren.

Family visitation was Monday, March 10, at 6 p.m. at the Winters Funeral Home.

Services were held at 2:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 11, at the First Baptist Church of Winters with Reverend Barry Taylor officiating. Graveside masonic services were held with burial in the Lakeview Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Wesley Bennett, James New, Billy New, Richard New, Loyd Sargent, and John Bubba Sargent. Honorary pallbearers were John Vann, Farron Morton, Mark Wheeler, and Gabriel Flores.

Funeral services were under direction of the Winters Funeral Home.

First Baptist Church to host financial management seminar

The First Baptist Church of adults and youth will have Sunday, March 16. Terry Austin, fi- the morning service message. nancial consultant with the Texas, will speak on principles dress questions. of financial freedom.

Evangelism rally March 26

Runnels Baptist Association will meet for an evangelism rally on Wednesday, March 26, at First Baptist Church in Ballinger.

The executive board and W.M.U. will not meet. No meal will be served.

The rally will begin at 7:00 p.m. Morris Johnson, mission/ evangelism director, is in charge of the program.

The public is invited.

New support group holds first meeting

The newly formed Serve our Seniors Support Group met Tuesday, March 4, 2003, at Senior Citizens Nursing Home in Winters. Eight people attended with many new ideas brought before the group.

Lou Jones presented videos on communication and how it can be a big help in a nursing home environment.

One topic discussed was how to involve other area groups either as a community service project or to help with other activities at the nursing home on an ongoing basis.

The next meeting for the SSSG is scheduled for Tuesday, April 8, 2003 at Senior Citizens Nursing Home. The public is encouraged to attend. For more information you may contact margie Wheeler in the evening at (915) 554-7415.

Winters will host a financial day School as a group with Mr. management seminar on Sun- Austin, who will then deliver

Following a noon meal in Baptist General Convention of Jones Hall, Mr. Austin will ad-

Church members and non-The seminar begins at 9:30 church members are welcome a.m. in the sanctuary when all to attend any or all sessions. This seminar will provide important information for people of every age and income level. Hands-on worksheets will be provided for a family budget, net worth, living expenses, and debt elimination.

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from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. at the

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green beans, hot rolls, and your

choice of peach or cherry cob-

with carry-out plates available.

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For more information or to

The price is \$5.00 per plate,

The menu will include chick-

host meal

Winters ISD Cafeteria.

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.

Just to say "I love you"

by Pastor Barry Taylor, First Baptist Church of Winters

His name was Watson. He had been a member of our church in Mcloud for about a year when he was diagnosed with inoperable cancer. With a very supportive wife and family he had managed to face the reality with both strength and dignity. After many hours of prayer and discussion, they had decided to give his body to medical science after his death in order that others might be helped in the future.

I was with Watson and June on the day he was to go to the hospital for the final time. When he got me alone he said, "Preacher, I want to ask two favors of you." "Certainly", I said, "What can I do to help?" He said, "First, I want you to preach my memorial service, and don't make it mushy or sad. I have lived a good life and God has blessed me in many ways." My only answer was a shallow, "Sure Watson, whatever you want, we'll do." He then made a second request. "I want you to do one more thing. I want you to tell my children that I love them." Once again I said, "Sure, I promise that I will tell them just what

That was a Monday afternoon when we all left their home. Watson and June went to Shreveport to the hospital, and I went back home. On Saturday morning about 5:00 a.m., the phone rang and it was the hospital telling me of the passing of Watson. As I drove the five miles to let June know of his death (Watson had not wanted her to be alone when she got the news) I strangely remembered his request, "Tell my children that I love them."

We set the memorial service for Wednesday. The church was full. Watson had many friends in both Shreveport and Texas. His wife June, along with their three children, Scott, Debra, and Mary Ellen, were all sitting on the front pew as we remembered the lfie of Watson Hodges. We did as he and the family requested. There were many songs of praise, thanksgiving, and celebration, and even though Watson was gone, he seemed to be with us in the service.

As I came to the conclusion of the service, I looked at his childrenremembering the final request-"tell my children I love them" - and said to them, "Your father had one last request, he wanted me to tell you that he loved you very much." As those words came from my mouth, I could see the looks of pain, confusion, and wonder on their faces. My thought would be that they would affirm this his last request, with joy and delight, but I did not know that during their entire lives - Watson had never told his children, "I love you."

There are three lessons I took from that experience. First, I told myself if that were to ever happen again, I would say to the person making the request, "They would much rather hear it from you," and they would. Second, I understand that things are not a substitute for hearing of our parents love. While Watson was a good man and a great provider, and a dear friend, there comes a time when his children needed to hear the words, "I love you very much. The first indication of the worth of our lives comes from our parents. While we are certain of our love for them, they are not as assured and as confident as we believe. Third, these three words are not much of an investment, they don't even take long to speak, but have the potential to reap more lasting blessings than all of the trips to the mall we can make.

No revenge is more honorable than the one not taken.

NOTICE OF GAS RATE **INCREASE REQUEST**

TXU Gas Distribution (the "Company"), in accordance with the Gas Utility Regulatory Act, hereby gives notice of its intent to implement a new schedule of rates for natural gas service to be charged to all residential, commercial and industrial customers in the unincorporated areas in the vicinity of the West Region Distribution System ("Environs Customers"). The West Region Distribution System includes the following cities: Abilene, Albany, Alvarado, Anson, Avoca, Baird, Ballinger, Bangs, Benjamin, Blackwell, Blanket, Blum, Bronte, Brownwood, Buffalo Gap, Carbon, Carlsbad, Cisco, Cleburne, Clyde, Coleman, Colorado City, Comanche, Covington, DeLeon, Desdemona, Dublin, Early, Eastland, Glen Rose, Godley, Gordon, Goree, Gorman, Granbury, Hamlin, Haskell, Hawley, Hermleigh, Hillsboro, Impact, Itasca, Joshua, Keene, Knox City, Lawn, Lipan, Loraine, Lueders, May, McCaulley, Meridian, Merkel, Miles, Moran, Morgan, Munday, Novice, O'Brien, Olden, Osceola, Ovalo, Putnam, Ranger, Red Springs, Rhineland, Rio Vista, Robert Lee, Roby, Rochester, Roscoe, Rotan, Rowena, Rule, San Angelo, Santa Anna, Santo, Seymour, Snyder, Stamford, Stephenville, Strawn, Sweetwater, Sylvester, Talpa, Throckmorton, Trent, Truscott, Tuscola, Tye, Valera, Vera, Weinert, Whitney, Wingate, and Winters.

The proposed revisions to the respective rate schedules will impact Residential Service, Commercial Service, Industrial Sales, Industrial Transportation, Rate Adjustment Provisions (Gas Cost Adjustment, Tax Adjustment, and Surcharges), and Miscellaneous Service Charges (Connection Charge, Read for Change Charge, Returned Check Charges, Delinquent Notification Charge, Main Line Extension Rate, Excess Flow Valve Charge, and Certain Stand-by Gas Generators). The proposed new schedule of rates will also eliminate the Rate Schedule for Public Schools-N and Commercial Contract Public Schools Rate.

The proposed rates are expected to produce a \$357,845 or a 10.27 percent increase in the Company's annual revenues from residential, commercial and industrial environs customers in the West Region Distribution System. The proposed change will affect 3,494 residential, 475 commercial customers and 18 industrial customers. The proposed change may constitute a "major" change as that term is defined by Section 104.101 of the Texas Utilities Code. The proposed changes will have differing impacts on individual residential and commercial customers, depending on consumption and current applicable rate schedules. A residential customer receiving a bill for 6 Mcf will see a bill of approximately \$50.93, which would constitute a change ranging from a decrease of \$6.93 to an increase of approximately \$7.60 per month. A commercial customer receiving a bill for 30 Mcf will see a change ranging from a 14.71% decrease to a 15.39% increase. Information on the change in any specific area can be obtained from TXU Gas

Distribution. A complete copy of the Statement of Intent, filed with the Railroad Commission of Texas on January 31, 2003 is available for inspection in the Company business office located at 1601 Bryan St., Dallas, Texas 75201. Persons with questions or who want information about this filing, or a copy, may contact TXU Gas Distribution at 1-800-460-3030. Any affected persons may file written comments or protest concerning the proposed change in environs rates by March 21, 2003, with Docket Services Section of the Legal Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 12967, Austin, Texas 78711-2967.

World Day of Prayer—



(photo by Jennifer Riffe)

THE ANNUAL WORLD DAY OF PRAYER was held in Winters on Friday, March 7, 2003 at Mt. Carmel Catholic Church. This year's theme was "Holy Spirit: Fill Us". Many people attended the gathering that featured a noon meal, a slide show, a speech by Jo Tucker (center), and a prayer service. World Day of Prayer (WDP) is an international event that unites women and men 179 countries in prayer. Throughout the day, from the first sunrise to the last sunset, prayers follow the sun's path around the globe. This year's services held special empasis on Lebanon and the Christian work being performed in that country.

Gilbert & I want to thank of

praying for him during his hos-

pital stay and as he is still re-

covering at home. He is much

Thank you for your prayers,

A special thank you to those

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We love you,

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WHAT'S HAPPENING Mar. 14- 11:30 a.m., Senior Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center 7:30 p.m., Cowboys for Christ, Drasco

Mar. 15-8:30 a.m., Track Meet, Roby Mar. 16-9:30 a.m., Financial Management Seminar Begins, First Baptist Church

National Agriculture Week begins Mar. 17

> WISD Classes Resume, Beginning of 4th Nine Weeks 11:30 a.m., Senior Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center 4 p.m., JV Baseball vs. Grape Creek, Winters Baseball Field 5:30 p.m., Boys Baseball Tryouts, Winters City Park

6:30 p.m., School Board Meeting Mar. 18-11:30 a.m., Senior Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center Noon, Lions Club, SCAC

4 p.m., Varsity Baseball at Coleman

4:30 p.m., Varsity Softball at Sonora 4:30 p.m., Library Board, Winters Public Library

Girls Softball Tryouts. 5:30 p.m., CIA Board/House Captain, Bear Home

7 p.m., WVFD Drill, Fire Station

7 p.m., AA, FUMC 7 p.m., Band Boosters, Band Hall

7:30 p.m., Eastern Star Mar. 19-7 a.m., Industrial Board, Windmill Enterprises Office

9 a.m. - 4 p.m., WIC, Winters Housing Authority 11:30 a.m., Senior Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center 8:30 p.m., One Act Play Dress Rehearsal, WHS Auditorium

Mar. 20-District U.I.L. One Act Play, Brownwood 11:30 a.m., Senior Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center 7 p.m., Elementary Select Choir, WHS Auditorium

7 p.m., Women's Service League

In Appreciation

Card of Thanks Card of Thanks

We would like to thank all of the friends and family who all our friends who have been attended the service, sent flowers, and cards, and supported us with your visits and calls.

Thank you to Pastor Ditt- improved, but still not up to mer for a beautiful service, to par. Mike Meyer and Linda Dry for their compassionate care, and the ladies of the First United home, cards, calls, food, and Methodist Church for the won- your sincere offer of help. derful lunch and a time of fellowship for the family of Katie who came out and kept the

G.W., Helen, Ralph & their families

Card of Thanks

"This is my commandment times like this we are reminded that ye love one another as I how important you are to us. have loved you." John 15:12

We would like to thank everyone who has done just that. We know we have not lost another family member, but moved him to a much better location. We will all be reunited, but some just go earlier to

prepare for the celebration! Thanks again for all the love and kindness.

The family of Winford Reel

What lies behind us and what lies before us are small matters compared to what lies within us.

-Ralph Waldo Emerson

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Swiss steak, parslied potatoes, peas, cornbread, and apple crisp. Thursday, March 20: Ham

& cheese sandwich, soup, chips, fruit salad, and pecan Friday, March 21: Tator

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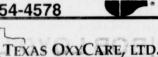
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Wednesday-Mar. 19

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Juice & Milk

Thursday-Mar. 20

Breakfast Pockets

Juice & Milk Friday-Mar. 21

Donuts

Cereal

Juice & Milk

Lunch

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Pears

Tuesday-Mar. 18

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Journalism students of Winters High School participated in the Cooper Cougar Classic in Abilene on Saturday, March 1, 2003.

Cooper Cougar

Classic results

Results are as follows: **EDITORIAL WRITING** Briana Parramore, 1st FEATURE WRITING Leah Bredemeyer, 3rd Lacey Meyer, 5th HEADLINE WRITING Lacey Meyer, 2nd Stephanie Parsons, 6th **NEWS WRITING** Stephanie Parsons, 3rd LITERARY CRITICISM Briana Parramore, 4th Stefanie Davis, 6th.

Harry & Mary **Holt Scholarship** to be awarded

The Harry and Mary Clark Holt Scholarship will be awarded to a graduating senior or a person who has just completed their freshman year in college.

An applicant may receive this scholarship only one time. Applicants must be or have been a member of 4-H, FFA, or FCCLA and reside in the Big Country. The Big Country is defined as the following counties: Brown, Concho, Irion, Mitchell, Shackelford, Taylor, Callahan, Eastland, Jones, Nolan, Stephens, Thockmorton, Coleman, Fisher, Kent, Runnels, Sterling, Tom Green, Coke, Haskell, Mc-Culloch, Scurry, Stonewall,

Preference will be given to students who plan to pursue an ag journalism major. Applicants must have a 75 or better overall grade point average. A copy of high school and/or college transcript is required.

The selection committee will consist of one member of the Holt Family, a media representative, and an educator.

Applications are due in the Taylor County Extension Office no later than April 1, 2003.

Please mail completed applications to:

Kit Horne Taylor County CEA 4-H & Youth Development 1982 Lytle Way Abilene, Texas 79602.

Golf team opens at Robert Lee

The Winters High School golf team competed at the Robert Lee Invitational on Tuesday March 4 to open the season. Winters totaled 447 team points. The Blizzards will play the first of three district matches at Coleman on Wednesday, March 26.

WHS results from the Robert Lee match were as follows: Shane Colburn, 93; Cody Pritchard, 103; Matthew Gray, 125; and Jared Airhart, 126.

Softball Scoreboard

Team: Lady Blizzards Coach: Edward Poehls, Becky Airhart Date & place of game:

March 4, 2003-Winters Opponent: Wall Winning pitcher: Amber Green

osing pitcher: Winning catcher: Rachel Davis Losing catcher:

	Runs	Hits	Errors
WINTERS	15	14	1
OPPONENT	1	4	4

Team: Lady Bl	izzards
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Date & place of	of game:
March 4, 2003-	-Winters
Opponent: Lal	keview Varsity
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Winning pitcher: Amber Green Losing pitcher: Winning catcher: Rachel Davis

Losing catcher:				
	Runs	Hits	Errors	
WINTERS	3	6	1	
OPPONENT	2	4	2	

Baseball Scoreboard

Team: Blizzards Coach: Jamie Seago Date & place of game: March 4, 2003-Wall Opponent: Wall Winning pitcher: Losing pitcher: Scott Bryan Winning catcher: Losing catcher:

Runs Hits Errors 3 OPPONENT 5

Team: Blizzards Coach: Jamie Seago Date & place of game: March 1, 2003-Sweetwater Tourn. Opponent: Slaton Winning pitcher: Losing pitcher: Scott Bryan

Winning catcher: Losing catcher: Runs Hits Errors WINTERS 3

Coach: Jamie Seago Date & place of game: Feb. 28, 2003-Sweetwater Tourn. **Opponent:** Sweetwater Winning pitcher: osing pitcher: Max Harrison Winning catcher: osing catcher: WINTERS

Team: Blizzards

Runs Hits Errors OPPONENT 13

Team: Blizzards Coach: Jamie Seago Date & place of game: March 1, 2003-Sweetwater Tourn. Opponent: Post Winning pitcher: Losing pitcher: Shane Colburn

Winning catcher: Losing catcher: Runs Hits Errors WINTERS

UIL Academic Team Champions—



THE WHS JOURNALISM TEAM placed first in the Bangs Invitational UIL Academic Meet in late February and has been extremely competitive in several practice meets for the past month and a half. The team will compete in UIL District 9-2A competition at Coleman on March 24 & 27. Earning medals in previous meets are (I-r) Stephanie Parsons, Briana Parramore, Leah Bredemeyer, Erica Lujano, Lacey Meyer, and Rachel Davis. Advisor to the group is Cindy Davis.



(photo by Deb Pritchard)

THE WHS MATH TEAM placed first in the Bangs Invitational UIL Academic Meet in late February. The team will compete in UIL District 9-2A competition at Coleman on March 24 & 27. Members of the WHS Math Team are (I-r) Jacob Bridgeman, Brandon Davis, Brian Pritchard (placed fifth in number sense), Shane Colburn, and Jared Airhart(Math Manager and Calculator Carrier). Advisor to the group is Ral Dees.

Winters ISD receives Diamond Award for safety in workplace and claims savings for district

Manager, was recognized by the West Texas Educational Insurance Association for success in implementing safety programs designed to prevent employee injuries in the workat the Annual Appreciation Luncheon in Austin, Texas.

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Mr. Jimmy Butler, Business through lower cost to the ing the safest possible workschools. Winters ISD, one of more

than 423 participating schools, received the Diamond Award for savings to the district of \$54,406.00 with a loss ratio of place. Awards were presented 2% of the funds reserved for possible claims expenses during the 2001/2002 year.

by Claims Administrative Ser-tive Vice President of CAS, describing the program, exspecializes in safety proce- plained, "Taxpayers will be gratified to know the results of reduce workplace injuries. The participating in the CAS safety workers' compensation pro- program—reduction of injugram has assisted Texas ries and money saved—have Schools in avoiding over raised the bar for all Texas 11,523 employee injuries since schools for reduction of work

Winters ISD, represented by over \$135 million dollars number one priority is providplace for district employees while keeping costs at a mini-

Mr. Barry Jones, CEO/ President of CAS, explained, "Our insurance programs were created to offer the safest working conditions and the lowest cost for Texas school districts, Mr. Wesley Slade, Execu- creating savings of tax dollars while providing safer work environments for employees. Twelve years of success for this program is proof of the district's and CAS' commitment to providing Texas Schools with the safest working environment for school employees and the lowest cost

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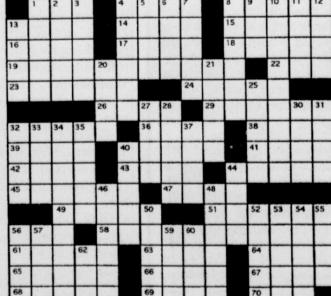
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Seventh grade girls take first place in Winters track meet

Winters seventh grade girl Breezes took overall top honors at the Winters Track Meet last Friday night.

The seventh grade boys, and eighth grade girls and boys all placed fifth overall.

The Blizzard Relays were held Saturday, March 8, with the JV girls placing fourth and the JV boys second. Varsity girls came in sixth and the varsity boys walked away with second place overall.

Last weekend's individual event results are as follows:

JV LADY BLIZZARDS

Shot Put 4th, Kendra Esquivel, 21' 5.75"

LADY BLIZZARDS

Discus 1st, Gessica Bear, 96' 9" 5th, Erica Buckelew, 73' 6" **High Jump** 1st, Laci Walker, 4' 10" Long Jump

6th, Ashly Santoya, 14' 4.5" **Shot Put** 5th, Kemari Hale, 27' 6" 6th, Gessica Bear, 27' 5.5" **Triple Jump**

6th, Laci Walker, 28' 10" 3200 M Run 6th, Briana Parramore, 13:53 800 M Run 6th, Kari Walker

100 M Hurdles 1st, Laci Walker, 15.56 300 M Hurdles 2nd, Laci Walker, 48.18 1600 M Run 4th, Briana Parramore, 6:20.17

JV BLIZZARDS

High Jump 1st, Pete Griffin, 5'4" Long Jump 3rd, Michael Liggins, 18' 3.25" **Pole Vault** 4th, Jonathan Meyer, 8'6" **Shot Put**

2nd, Jacob Bridgeman, 41'4" **Triple Jump** 1st, Michael Liggins, 38'1" 400 M Relay

3rd, (Pete Griffin, Francisco Perez, Randy Jackson, Michael Liggins), 48:40

800 M Run 5th, Jose Cruz, 2:28.26 100 M Dash 2nd, Michael Liggins, 11.94 3rd Josh Cavanaugh 12 21 5th, Randy Jackson, 12.23 800 M Relay

3rd, (Josh Cavanaugh, Francisco Perez, Cody Pritchard, Jacob Young),

400 M Dash 5th, James Vasquez, 1:01.13 300 M Hurdles 4th, Marcus Tubbs, 54.20 200 M Dash 3rd, Pete Griffin, 25.69

5th, Jacob Young, 26.42

1600 M Relay 2nd, (Jose Cruz, Michael Liggins, James Vasquez, Shawn Kraatz),

BLIZZARDS

Discus 1st, Rusty Jackson, 136' 11" **High Jump** 4th, David Scates, 5'6" Long Jump 4th, Yul Gibbs, 19'6.5" **Shot Put** 2nd, Rusty Jackson, 49' 11.75" 3rd, Jerry Hord, 44' 5" **Triple Jump** 2nd, Eric Lopez, 40' 8.5" 3rd, Yul Gibbs, 40' 4.5" 4th, Benji Valles, 39' 11.5"

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400 M Relay 2nd, (Eric Lopez, Benji Valles, Yul Gibbs, David Scates), 46.78

800 M Run 6th, Jose Hernandez, 2:15.89 110 M Hurdles 1st, Eric Lopez, 15.30

100 M Dash 5th, David Scates, 11.71 800 M Relay

2nd, (Eric Lopez, David Scates, Rusty Jackson, Yul Gibbs), 1:34.64 400 M Dash 2nd, Guy Slimp, 54.00

200 M Dash 1st, Yul Gibbs, 23.14 1600 M Run 5th, Jose Hernandez, 5:15.73

7th GRADE LADY **BREEZES**

Discus

Shot Put

400 M Relay

3rd, 1:01.82

800 M Run

100 M Dash

800 M Relay

1st, 2:07.78

400 M Dash

300 M Hurdles

200 M Dash

1600 M Run

1600 M Relay

8th GRADE LADY

5th, Ashley Laird, 12' 10.5"

2nd, 5:08.46

BREEZES

Long Jump

100 M Hurdles

4th, Lillian Garcia, 3:02.61

1st, Shelby Walker, 20.42

6th, Natalie Rangel, 15.92

1st, Kyli Knight, 1:12.99

6th, Susan Sneed, 1:19.86

1st, Cassie Mendoza, 58.34

2nd, Shelby Walker, 1:02.25

2nd, Cassandra Perez, 7:05.50

3rd, Asenette Vasquez, 7:06.85

5th, Christina Guerrero, 8:07.39

1st, Araceli Flores, 30.50

2nd, Cassie Mendoza, 20.44

High Jump 2nd, Andrew Blackerby, 4' 8" Long Jump 3rd, Alex Harrison, 15' 5" **Shot Put** 1st, Kevin Cook, 33' 2.75" **Triple Jump** 1st, Addison Bergman, 62'8" 5th, Tory Burns, 29' 3.5" 5th, Erica Roman, 53'9" 400 M Relay **High Jump** 1st, Shelby Walker, 4'4" 3rd, 57.62 110 M Hurdles Long Jump 1st, Kyli Knight, 13' 4.75" 5th, Andrew Blackerby, 22.61 100 M Dash 3rd, Alex Harrison, 13.13 4th, Katy Kitchen, 21' 8.25" 800 M Relay **Triple Jump** 2nd, 1:58.33 1st, Shelby Walker, 29' 1.75" 200 M Dash 3rd, Cassie Mendoza, 25' 11.5" 5th, Tory Burns, 29.36 4th, Susan Sneed, 25' 7.75" 1600 M Relay 2400 M Run 3rd, 4:44.92 4th, Cassandra Perez, 11:46 6th, Christina Guerrero, 15:06

8th GRADE BREEZES

5th, Ashley Laird, 26' 3.5"

5th, Ashley Laird, 23.22

5th, Ashley Gann, 15.26

6th, Yesenia Flores, 1:30.09

7th GRADE BREEZES

4th, Kevin Cook, 76' 4"

6th, Tad Martin, 68' 2"

3rd, Patricia Carrillo

4th, Ashley Gann

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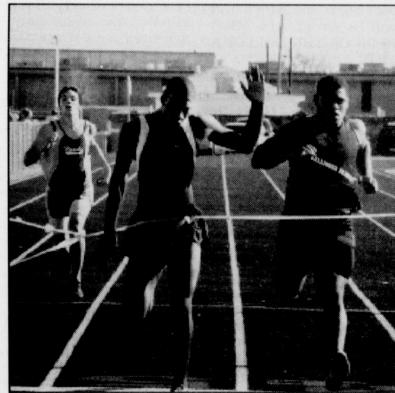
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(photo by Jean Boles)

YUL GIBBS, WHS senior, edges out the Ballinger runner for a first place win in the 200 meter dash with a time of 23.14. Teams from nine schools participated in the annual Blizzard Relays last Saturday.

More track pictures to be published next week.





ANDREW BLACKERBY, Winters 7th grader, takes a 2nd place win with a leap of 4'8" during the Breezes Track Meet on Friday afternoon.



RACHEL DAVIS takes a big cut at the pitch during varsity softball action for the Lady Blizzards. Winters will play Grape Creek at Winters on March 17 at 4:00 p.m.

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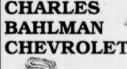
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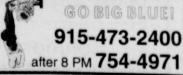
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Felony Cases Filed

February 20

possession of marijuana

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session of marijuana

Randall Thomas Aguirre, filed for

Kara Nicole Horton, filed for pos

February 21

March 3

March 7

Small Claims Cases Filed

March 6

Criminal Cases Filed

February 14

John R. Nitsch, filed for minor in

Samuel J. Herridge, filed for mi-

Gilbert Cervantes, Jr., filed for

Alex Ochoa, Jr., filed for open

Joana Lee Tamez, filed on two

Wade Scott Halfmann, filed for

counts: for open container, alcoholic

beverage, and for public intoxication

failure to report accident immediately

February 17 Eva Ruiz, filed for theft by check

February 22

February 25

ure to report accident immediately

Alford A. Flanagan, filed for no

Kristie Ratliff Culp, filed for fail-

failure to report accident immediately

February 15

container, alcoholic beverage

Havlak, refund on hunting lease

Johnny Kosarek vs. Richard

James Herbert Palmer, filed for

John Sanford Thralls, filed for fail-

JaceTanner Wade, filed for inter-

Official Records

County Court Dispositions

Macarias Reyna, possession of marijuana, case dismissed, defendant convicted in another case

Pauline Sherman, theft by check, pleaded nolo contendre, fined \$100.15, plus \$211 court costs, \$105.85 restitution, and \$50 hot check fees

Criminal Cases Filed March 4

Eric Ryan Hale, filed on two counts: for driving while intoxicated and for possession of marijuana

March 5 Kimberly Aguirre, filed for posssession of marijuana Antonio Lee Cabrera, filed for possession of marijuana

Joshua David Gibbs, filed for possession of marijuana Eli Pele Hernandez, filed for pos-

Marriage Licenses Filed March 3

session of marijuana

Brian Dale Campbell and Stefani Michelle Martin

District Court Divorce Cases Filed March 3

Richard S. Sanchez vs. Cynthia Sanchez Elisha Nicole Westerman vs. Wil-

liam McArthur Westerman March 6

Teresa Marie Mireles vs. Steven Michael Mireles

Divorces Granted February 28

Billy Glenn Calcote and Linda Lue Calcote

Civil Cases Filed March 5

Mac Oil Field Company, Inc., vs. BJ Oil Company, a Texas Operating Company, account

Newspaper Fact

Recycling plays an imporant role in the industry. In 2000, Texas newspapers purchased 46% recycled content in newsprint or 153,999 tons. Nationwide, 71% of all old newspapers were recycled in 2000.

Source: Texas Press Association

Oncor (TXU) takes active role in Amber Alert Network

Oncor (TXU) is taking a leadership role in the statewide Amber Alert Network. The Network is the centerpiece of a state strategy to immediately notify the new media and public about child abductions in an effort to identify the child's location and potential abduc-

Oncor has agreed to relay all alerts to field employees, along with any information available, such as the description of the alleged abductor, vehicle description or other information. In the event an Oncor employee identifies a child, adult, or vehicle fitting the Amber Alert description, the employee will immediately call a special telephone number and provide authorities with as much information as the employee can

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Police Beat

The following information has been obtained from reports and or incidents investigated by the Winters Police Department during the week of March 3, 2003 through March 9, 2003. These are just a few reports received each week by members of the Winters Police Depart-

· Officers were called to the 500 block of Bowen for a report of criminal mischief. The victim stated that a Winters female had thrown items at his vehicle while he was parked at her residence. The officers spoke with the female Suzanna Bullock. She had stated that the victim had stolen eigarettes out of her dresser drawer and refused to give them back. Bullock stated she did throw something at the victim's vehicle but missed and hit another vehicle parked close by. This report has been forwarded to a prosecuting authority for review.

 Officers were called to the 1000 block of Concho on a report of a stabbing victim. Upon arrival the officers spoke with the victim who refused to identify the person that had stabbed him. Officers went to the victim's residence in the 900 block of Rogers and spoke with his wife. Christina M. Medina, an eighteen-year-old Winters female, stated she and her common law husband (victim) had been arguing. Medina said he was assaulting her and she grabbed a knife and started swinging it. Medina cooperated fully with the officers. She was arrested for aggravated assault with a deadly weapon. Other charges are pending on second party involved.

 Officers received a call that a juvenile female approximately three years of age was wandering alone in the 300 block of Redtner. When officers arrived the juvenile's grandfather had just driven up. Howard Holt stated he had been looking for the girl for a few minutes after she walked out of his unfenced yard in the 200 block of Charles. Officers have forwarded reports to the proper agencies.

· While on traffic patrol officers stopped a vehicle for speeding and discovered the driver to have two outstanding warrants. The warrants were from Bexar County charging Gary Fred Stirman for Violation of a Protective Order. Stirman, a 48-year-old Abilene male, was taken to Runnels County Jail to await transport to Bexar County.

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• Officers were called to the 1000 block of West Dale for a fight in progress. Upon arrival officers spoke with Veronica Flores, a 17-yearold Winters female, and Amalia Villarreal, an 18-year-old Winters female. The two females stated the other had started the fight over an unknown male subject. Both females had visible injuries. They were both arrested for Disorderly Conduct-Fighting in Public, and transported to Runnels County Jail.

· Officers were approached by a citizen that was working on roperty in the 300 block of Tinkle. The citizen claimed that Benny Renfro, a 26-year-old Winters male, had been making obscene gestures towards him. The citizen did not wish to press charges but to have the officer speak to Renfro about his actions. The officer knew of outstanding warrants for Benny Renfro and was familiar with the subject. The officer located Renfro in the 300 block of Tinkle and arrested him for five outstanding warrants for Failure to Appear-Surety Withdrawals. He was taken to Runnels County Jail.

 Officers were called to the track meet at the Winters Track Field for a report of an assault. The juvenile victim stated he did not know the person that assaulted him but would recognize him. Officers spoke with witnesses and several leads are being followed up on at this time.

 Officers were called to the 200 block of Laurel Drive for a theft. Officers were told by the victim he had heard noises outside. When he looked he saw three males in a light colored truck driving away with his yard swing. The victim was unable to get a better look at the vehicle because they drove around the corner as he tried to get outside. The swing is described as having a green canopy with green sitting area. eads are being followed up on at this time.

 Officers received notice from Palo Pinto that a subject living in the 100 block of W. Pierce had a warrant for Motion to Revoke-Criminal Trespass. Officers located Janet Prescott, a 24-year-old female of Winters. She was arrested and taken to Runnels County Jail.

· Officers were contacted to meet a possible assault victim in the 400 block of Tinkle. Officers spoke with the reporting victim and advised him to stay at that residence for the night and not return home because he was highly intoxicated. Officers later saw the victim Sergio Martin walking down Grant Street and arrested him for Public Intoxication.

 Officers received a report of an assault victim in the 200 block of Grant. The victim stated that her common law husband, Sergio Martin, had assaulted her and stated he was going to hurt her. The victim came to report the crime after her husband had already been arrested on different charges. Officers took pictures of her injuries and have filed the report with prosecuting authorities.

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its 26th Annual Membership Meeting Monday, March 24, 2003 at 7:00 p.m. in the Winters Community Center, lo- meeting. Presently serving as cated at 114 Novice Rd., Winters, Texas.

Freddy W. Jansa, filed for no hunt- dit will be presented by Harold Lynn Billups, Ted Ahrens, and Shelburne, CPA. Also, the ballots for the three Directors will be counted and revealed. The Director's terms for Gary Bryan, Dennis McBeth, and at this meeting.

Seeking re-election are in- MEETING. cumbents, Dennis McBeth and Raymond Lindsey. The other candidates for election are Jack Burton, Cal Waters, Alpheus Hill, and Rick McClure.

Gary Bryan will not seek reelection. Gary has served on NRWSC Board since 1988. The board of Directors, employees and members of the Corporation would like to ex-

The North Runnels Water press their appreciation to Supply Corporation will hold Gary, for his outstanding contributions to the water system.

New officers for the year will be elected at the annual officers are Lanny England, President, Gary Bryan, Vice Included on the agenda is a President, and Dennis McBeth, program on Cross Connections Secretary/Treasurer. The by William White, with Tx. present Directors are Ed Rural Water Association. The Bredemeyer, Duane Geist-2003 Financial Statement Au- mann, Raymond Lindsey, Jerry Chambliss

There will be a drawing for door prizes and refreshments will be served. ALL MEM-BERS OF THE CORPORA-Raymond Lindsey will expire TION ARE URGED TO AT-TEND THIS ANNUAL

(14-11 2tc)

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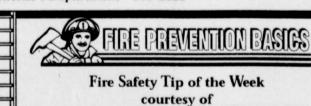
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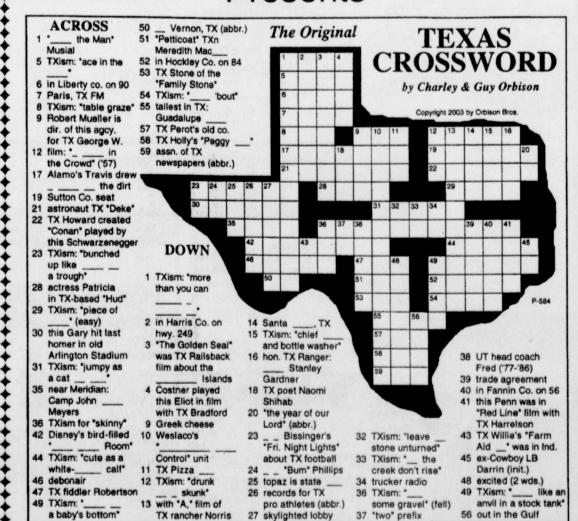
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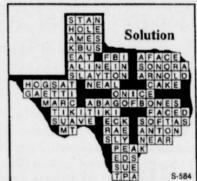
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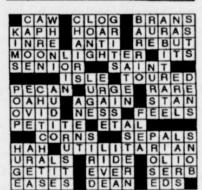
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tion need to be prepared to re-

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ously reported.

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Outdoors



BLOOMS AND BUDS are abounding around the area, thanks to spring-like temperatures which have reached the low 80's. A spokesman for the National Weather Service in San Angelo says another freeze is unlikely but with crazy Texas weather, is always possible.

National Agriculture Week to salute Texas' agricultural legacy

March 16 to 22 is National Agriculture Week in Texas.

growing and harvesting of food and fiber and ends with almost everything we eat, wear, and use," Combs said. "This week we honor the hard work and dedication of Texas farmers, ranchers, and many other agriculture professionals in our state's food and fiber industry. These are the people who ensure that we have an abundant, reliable and affordable supply of food, natural fiber, horticultural, forestry, and other agricultural products."

Combs kicked off National Agriculture Week in Texas by signing a proclamation and presenting a display at the state capitol that recoginzes more major role in health and nutri-The display is a tribute to the preservation of the environ-

Susan Combs announced that Friday, March 21, she will wrap up National Agriculture Week by honoring more than food and fiber, prepare and "Agriculture starts with the 130 of those families during the 28th Annual Family Land Heritage Ceremony.

> granted our agricultural abundance, which is why it is important that we recognize the rich legacy that makes this all possible," Combs said. "These Higginbotham's are the people who have worked hard to build Texas agriculture into the second farmers and ranchers whose stewardship ensures a substantial resource base for future

"Texas agriculture plays a than two centuries of Texas tion as well as in our water conagriculture and the families servation, rural economic dethat are a part of that history. velopment, global trade, and Texas' farm and ranch families ment," Combs said. "National who for generations have Agriculture Week gives us a helped to cultivate the state's chance to recognize the people

Agriculture Commissioner rich agricultural heritage. On who consistently enrich our

"It is easy for us to take for agriculture heritage and should take pride in that legacy."

Open house at March 17

The Winters Chamber of largest industry in Texas. It is Commerce invites the public to important that everyone is an Open House at Higginbothaware of their reliance upon am's on Monday, March 17, from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

> This "after hours" event is also a special invitation to business owners and employees who might otherwise have difficulty finding time to shop during regular working hours.

and cookies will be served. Door prizes will be given but you must be present to win.



lives in so many ways. "Whether you produce the deliver the finished products, or consume them," Combs said, "you are a part of Texas'

revealed 341-337 votes, still in race." favor of Collom.

when they arrived at their pollnew redistricting boundary lines between Precincts 2 and 3 affected the outcome of the elec-

Committee Chairman for the

Runnels County Farm Service

Agency (FSA), reminds area

farmers and ranchers to make

an appointment to sign up for

the Direct and Counter-Cycli-

cal Program (DCP). The dead-

line to apply for DCP is April

legislation and no extensions

complex in nature," said Lange.

'Maximizing benefits received

from these programs will re-

quire producers to organize and

crastinating and offers the fol-

ELECTION, continued

offices," he said.

"The new farm legislation is

or exceptions will be made.

According to Runnels County Tax Assessor-Collector Robin Burgess, on November 5, 23 voters were shown in the wrong precinct. Burgess said her office, "immediately corrected the error and sent new lists to the voting boxes, instructing voting

paid a fee for a recount which officials to let those people vote took place on Nov. 15, which in the Commissioner Precinct 2

Sign-up for Direct and Counter-Cyclical Program

Deadline is April 1, 2003

Dwaine Lange, County lowing advice for preparing for have dropped, added, pur-

a visit to FSA. If a producer is

planning to update bases and

yields, Lange encourages us-

ing the Base and Yield Ana-

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at:<http://www.fsa.usda.gov/

toric data and enables them to

make educated decisions about

producers will be required to

provide all production records

for 1998-2000. For cash leased

the lease agreement if avail-

Additionally, producers who

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1,2003. This date is outlined in ers in evaluating a farm's his-

plan ahead before visiting our land, FSA requires a copy of

Lange commented that sign able and proof of lease pay-

up for DCP is averaging at least ment. If no written lease agreeone hour per farm. He encour- ment is provided, the land-

ages producers to avoid pro- owner must sign for zero shares.

requires pre-planning before visiting FSA office

However, Grohman claims Grohman said voters told him that several voters had already they had not been allowed to been turned away from the pollvote for Commissioner, Prec. 2, ing place due to the error. The County Clerk's office detering place, and he believed the mined 13 of 23 voters voted in the wrong precinct and the other ten of the registered voters either didn't vote or voted in the correct precinct.

> Grohman filed a "contested election" suit against Collom on Dec. 18, 2002

Following Tuesday's ruling, Grohman said, "We got to the truth and did what I wanted which was allow the voters to have

with that." Judge Connally declared "there was no malfeasance by the candidates or officials. Robin Burgess was not furnished accurate information (about voting precincts)."

Collom replied, "We can live

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COMMISSIONERS, continued

The Chamber directors will county's salary grievance com- Marilyn Egan, County Auditor be on hand to greet guests. Punch mittee were appointed. Those Darlene Smith, and County evening for ages 8 & under and appointed were Linda Treasurer Margarette Smith as 6:30 p.m. for ages 12 & under. Bruchmiller, Ballinger; Jodi Busenlehner, Rowena; Ron nity Development Program sion will be notified by phone Edington, Ballinger; Stacy Granzin, Miles; Roger Kruse, Winters; Robert Owens, Win-Donna Smith, Winters; and Nancy Spill, Winters.

Other business and action fund at a cost of \$305.40. taken included:

to be held in Rowena on April

Nine members of the thorizing County Judge signatories for Texas Commu- Girls in the 10 & under divi-Contract (Ivie Water Line Grant).

 approval was given for ters; Patti Robinson, Norton; County Clerk Elesa Ocker to paid by tryouts. A league officpurchase plat book envelopes er will be available to take fees from the County Clerk RMO at the tryouts.

· approved placing used Judge Marilyn Egan, County equipment in a public auction Auditor Darlene Smith, and to line up and organize each County Treasurer Margarette age division. All players should Smith were present for come prepared with ball gloves

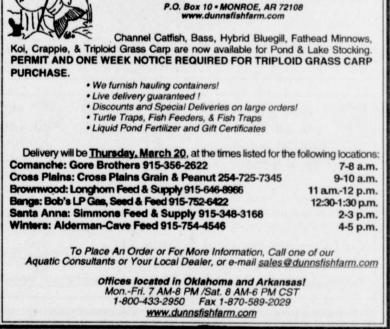
Dan Killough, D.C.

TRYOUTS, continued

if there are enough girls signed up for more than one team.

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