

# The Winters Enterprise

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## NEWS at a glance

### Pearls of Wisdom

A good exercise for the heart is to bend down and help another up.

—Anonymous

### SPECIAL ELECTION

for

**Runnels County Commissioner, Precinct 2**

**Tuesday, April 8**

Voting Precinct No. 2:  
Runnels County Appraisal District Office, 406 Hutchings, Ballinger.  
• Voting Precinct No. 3:  
Winters Housing Authority 300 North Grant, Winters.

**7am-7pm**

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### Students advance to Regional

WHS advances two teams & eleven individuals to Regional UIL academic competition at Stephenville

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### Military salute!

Visit the display of deployed military personnel information at WHS.

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Commissioner's race brings endorsements from local citizens.

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### City-wide clean up campaign begins

BFI and City of Winters join forces to promote cleaning the community.

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## God Bless America...Land that we love!



(photo by Deb Pritchard)

**PATRIOTIC IN SONG**—The Winters Elementary Select Choir recently performed for the community including several patriotic and peace inspiring selections. The talented group of fifth and sixth graders will share their love for fellow man and human kind with schools throughout the Big Country with performances scheduled over the next several weeks. The youngsters are under the direction of Fran Kidwell and Sherry Kurtz.

## Winters 4-H to host "Operation Shoebox" Monday night at FBC

The Winters 4-H Club will sponsor a community-wide "Operation Shoebox" on Monday evening, April 7, at Jones Fellowship Hall in the First Baptist Church. The event to assist families in preparing military care packages will begin at 7 p.m.

Recent statements in newspapers, on the radio, and on television have indicated that "Operation Shoebox" should be halted at this time. However,

this is for organizations and people who are sending packages to "Any Soldier USA." Due to the anonymous nature of these packages they are backing up at military posts due to the need to search them for possible bio-chemical hazards.

Packages which originate from family members are being shipped as usual since the military is familiar with their origin. Coordinators of the local

"Operation Shoebox" are not collecting addresses of area deployed for security reasons. Therefore, parents, grandparents, and other family members who have deployed relatives overseas are asked to attend this event and bring the most current addresses for their particular military personnel. This project will only be successful if families participate by bringing current addresses. Packages will not be shipped to local de-

ployed military unless a family member is present to fill out the customs declaration form for the postal service.

The initial response has been overwhelming and the club is encouraging local citizens to be a part of this care package campaign for deployed military members affiliated with the Winters community. The club asks that citizens contribute items from the

See SHOEBOX, pg. 8

**DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME**  
2:00 AM  
SUNDAY, APRIL 6



**SPRING FORWARD**

Turn clocks forward one hour.

## City-wide clean-up April 5-12

The City of Winters and Browning-Ferris Industries (BFI) will work in conjunction again this year to conduct "spring cleaning" week, April 5-12.

Now is the time to rid your property of unwanted items without any additional charge. Residents should have items at curbside on their regular trash collection day during this week.

BFI will not accept hazardous chemicals (including oil, gas, paint, and/or their containers), batteries, tires, and long or heavy metal objects such as re-bar and engines.

Appliances and air conditioning units will be accepted, but must be drained of all freon. A tag must be attached to appliances stating that all hazardous materials have been removed. If no tag is present, the appliances will not be picked up.

Also for use this week will be large dumpsters in the Family Dollar Parking Lot and in the lot directly north of the Scout Hut.

BFI reminds everyone that this service is provided for residential customers. No construction sites will be eligible for the service.

BFI trucks will collect at designated sites during Christmas in April, Saturday, April 12.

## A group effort—



**COMMUNITY AND COUNTY LEADERS** met at Potbellies Restaurant last week to share upcoming events and discuss concerns facing the Winters community. Area representatives addressed a variety of issues in an effort to combine resources and knowledge. Those attending included (clockwise, l-r) Thurman Self, County Commissioner, Pct. 3; Runnels County Judge Marilyn Egan, WISD Superintendent Danny Clack; City Manager Aref Hassan; Mayor Dawson McGuffin, Wes Hays, Winters Municipal Airport representative; Charles Bahlman, president of the Winters Area Business and Industrial Corporation; Randall Conner, Director of Economic Development; City Council Alderman Hank Bourdo; Maudella Reeves, director of Outreach Services; and Rick Rickards, North Runnels Hospital Administrator. Also attending but not pictured were: Reverend Barry Taylor, president of the Winters Ministerial Alliance; Jim Lineycomb, WABIC representative; Deb Pritchard, Christmas In April president, and Pastor Jim Hanson.

(photo by Deb Pritchard)

## Council addresses shrub project, pit bulls, new police officer

by Jean Boles, editor

"I feel like Emmitt Smith of the Dallas Cowboys. I tried the right side but didn't get through so I'm trying the left side," said George Beard as he addressed the Winters City Council Monday evening during their regular session.

Beard, who lives at 206

Parklane, has worked on a project since March, 1999, when he received a letter from City Manager Aref Hassan stating, "One suggestion to improve our town's appearance is to plant some trees in between your street and Main Street."

Another letter from Hassan

to Beard dated October 31, 2002, said, "If, in fact, we had full support and appreciation (from other residents), this time we will undertake our project. We hope you spearhead the idea toward reality with our joint effort."

Beard began his homework

on this project last October when Hassan asked him 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. See CITY COUNCIL, pg. 10

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# Editorial

## Oil Bidness

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In a conversation the other day with a non-industry friend, I realized how uninformed people are about the state of our consumption and use of oil and gas in this country. While understandable, it may be wise to know a bit more about it.

The conversation between my friend and I had shifted to how gasoline prices had not gone down even though the newspaper was reporting that prices had fallen on the futures market in recent days. My friend was complaining, and, I have to admit, I was wondering why prices hadn't fallen, too.

The answer to that question was more of a local market question, as we found out traveling to some of our kids' sports activities not too far away. Prices had in fact fallen by a dime per gallon or more in some places but not budged in others. Supply and demand, market inelasticity in a high-demand market, and other more subtle reasons were at the bottom of this phenomenon.

But, it got us to talking and my friend had no idea of the magnitude of consumption of energy products in this country. So, let me share with you some of the facts of how we gobble up oil and its products. It will give you some perspective, I think, on how important (like it or not) petroleum is to our economy, our daily lives, and to our security.

On a typical day, the United States consumes more than 20 million barrels of petroleum. About 45 percent of that (9 million barrels) is burned as gasoline for cars and SUV's. Another 4 million barrels per day is burned in trucks and other diesel-powered engines, pumps, etc.

Even in a depressed travel environment, 1.5 million barrels per day is burned as jet fuel for commercial airlines. (This does not include the fuel burned in the military.) Almost a million barrels is burned as heating oil for homes, camping fuel, clean-burning portable generators, etc.

Finally, about 5 million barrels of petroleum is consumed every day making plastics, motor oil, grease, lubricants, and other non-fuel products.

Where does it all come from?

Well, just under 6 million barrels is produced out of oil wells right here in the USA. Another 2 million barrels is produced from processing natural gas liquids and such.

About a million barrels is produced from storage, refinery plant gain (means the plant makes more volume than it brings in from some high-quality crude oil), and other "unaccounted for" sources.

That leaves about 11 million barrels to come from imports (that's about 55 percent of consumption). Of that, a significant amount (about 4 million barrels) comes from Venezuela, Canada, and Mexico, but we still rely on the Middle East for more than 10 percent of our daily consumption. Saudi Arabia is the single largest source at 1.5 million barrels per day.

With the uncertainty in Venezuela, the Middle East, and Africa (all OPEC members), the United States is always at significant risk to have a substantial supply disruption. So, when there is unrest in Nigeria or Venezuela, as there has been recently, crude buyers get nervous. When they get nervous, prices go up.

This is important to consider when concern arises about gasoline prices or other petroleum products. Our energy supply is not a simple tank from which we can open or close a spigot when needed. It is, in fact, a huge consumption process going on every day, and it requires a huge infrastructure to support. One little blip somewhere and havoc can ensue.

Compare it to your personal budget. Assume you have very little savings and you spend everything you make. Further, assume you have to settle up your bills every day, not once a month. At the end of each day, you must pay bills, reconcile where you will get tomorrow's supply of money, and get that money to everybody that you owe immediately. If a bill is unpaid, you are shut down and can't eat or stay in your house.

Oh yeah, your daily bills and income are about half a billion dollars every day.

Although this may closely resemble some of our households more than we would care to admit (except for the "billion" part), I think you can see the pressure the system operates under every day in this example.

Back to business next time.

### HIGHLIGHTS OF AREA DRILLING ACTIVITY

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SANDY OSWALT was honored as the City of Winters Employee of the Quarter, for the first quarter of 2003, at the city staff meeting held on Wednesday, March 26, 2003. Sandy has been with the City of Winters since June 2002 serving as Administrative Assistant. Sandy was presented a proclamation by Mayor Dawson McGuffin.

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## Obituaries

### Cleo Brown

WINTERS—Cleo Brown, 81, died Friday, March 29, 2003, in a Ballinger nursing home.

She was born on August 2, 1921, in Wilmeth and lived in the Winters area most of her life. She married George Brown on October 12, 1940, in Winters.

Mrs. Brown worked for Wallace Murray Corporation, Dry Manufacturing Division, as a receptionist for more than 20 years. She was a Methodist.

She was preceded in death by one son, Ronnie Wayne Brown.

Survivors include her husband, George Brown of Winters; two sons, Dan Brown of Kilgore and Neil Brown of Abilene; one daughter, Janell Shoemaker of Abilene; two brothers, Bobby Drake of Richmond and J.P. Drake of Winters; seven grandchildren; and twelve great-grandchildren.

The family will receive friends at 11:30 a.m., Saturday, April 5, in the fellowship hall of the First United Methodist Church of Winters. Memorial graveside services will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, April 5, at Fairview Cemetery in Winters with Reverend Georgia Orr officiating. Funeral arrangements were directed by Winters Funeral Home.

Memorials may be made to the National Parkinson's Foundation, Inc., 1501 North West 9th Ave, Miami, Florida 33136-1494.

### Kenneth Carol Barton

ROYSE CITY—Kenneth Carol Barton, 69, died Tuesday, March 25, 2003, in a Dallas hospital.

He was born July 27, 1933, in Odessa, and grew up there. He married Joyce Howard on February 14, 1956, in Odessa, and they moved to Dallas. He served in the United States Army during the Korean War serving as a paratrooper.

Mr. Barton was a police officer for the City of Dallas from 1965 until his retirement in 1980.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Joyce Howard Barton, in 1984.

Survivors include one son, Rocky Barton of Royse City; one daughter, Theresa Torres of Ballinger; one sister, Doris Crockett of Greenville; five grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Graveside services were held at 2:30 p.m. on Friday, March 28, at Shep Cemetery with Mark Edge officiating. Funeral arrangements were under the direction of Winters Funeral Home.

### Tony Garcia Cabrera

BALLINGER—Tony Garcia Cabrera, 52, died Friday, March 28, 2003, in San Angelo.

He was born on February 24, 1951, in Rotan to Genaro and Teresa Garcia Cabrera.

He was preceded in death by his father, Genaro Cabrera, and two brothers, Sofonias and Ruben Cabrera.

Survivors include four sons, Tony Cabrera, Jr. of Winters, Gregory Cabrera, Fernando Cabrera, and Alexander Cabrera, all of Ballinger; one daughter, Sarah Kay Cabrera of Hobbs, New Mexico; his mother, Teresa Cabrera of Ballinger; two brothers, Daniel Cabrera of San Angelo and Genaro Cabrera of Lubbock; six sisters, Stella Nombiano, Cynthia Martinez, and Alice Molina, all of Ballinger, Frances Saldana of Seminole, Josie Rodriguez of Fort Worth, and Nancy Nixon of Florida.

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# Community

## Pastor's Points

**Editor's Note:** This 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*.

### God and Winters

by Terry Loehman, New Beginnings Church

People of Winters, you know who you are! I see you every day! You can't hide. I see you going from one blue tower to the other blue tower. Your faces are familiar, your hands and feet are busy.

Some of you are driving, some of you are walking, some of you are doing neither one. I see happy faces on sad people and sad faces on happy people. I can't tell the difference!

We look at people on the outward appearance, while God looks at people on the inward appearance! There are only two beings that truly know what's going on on the inside of you, and that's you and God!

Like I said, we're all so very busy with our everyday stuff that I really wonder how many of us really and truly take time each day to thank God and just talk to Him?

You know, that's really all prayer is. It's just talking to God. It can be done out loud or silent, just as long as it's done! People tend to complicate everything, even something as simple as communicating with our supreme maker.

You know, "God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, so that whoever believes in Him, should not die, but have everlasting life." All He wants from us is to love Him back that we receive the gift of His only begotten Son and believe in Him and live forever! Sounds like a fair deal to me!

People of Winters, you ARE Winters! It's not the streets and buildings that make up a town, it's the people. Without people, they would only be streets and buildings. Look around you, who do you see? How can you improve your town by improving how you're treating the other people that make up your town?

There is not one person in Winters, Texas, that deserves to be treated unfairly! We're not all the same for a reason. God is no respecter of persons and he's watching each and every one of us to see if we are a respecter of persons. "What God has cleansed, that call not thou common" (Acts 10:15).

Take a little time today and every day to acknowledge God in everything you're doing! It'll make your day go a whole lot better. Also take a little time to make someone else's day a little better. It's not being a sissy, or a nerd, or a dork, or a religious nut, or anything like that.

Quite frankly it's being what God made you for, to love Him with all your heart, mind, soul, and strength, and your neighbor as yourself!



(photo by Jean Boles)

**BRENDA BURTON**, President of the Winters Lions Club, welcomes **Virgil Polocsek**, Lions Club Governor of District 2-1A from Sonora. Mr. Polocsek is a longtime member of the Lions, has served in numerous positions, and attended International conventions in Phoenix, Denver, and Osaka, Japan. He also helped organize All State Bands for Texas. He presented a program to the Winters club on Tuesday, March 25.

### Winters Library schedules several activities in celebration of National Library Week, April 6-12

Next week is National Library Week, a time to celebrate at the Winters Public Library and rediscover all that our nation's libraries and librarians have to offer.

Libraries are part of the American dream, whether you're checking out the latest bestseller, researching your college term paper, getting homework help, or using the Internet, the library has the resources and staff to help you find what you're looking for.

This year, the Winters Public Library joins the American Library Association and libraries across the country in encouraging users to learn more about the exciting range of new and traditional resources available.

The Winters Public Library will host a free e-mail class where the public may create their own free, private, e-mail box that may be accessed from the library's computers. This class will be held April 7, 2003 at 1 p.m.

A sign-up form for the Summer Reading Program will be sent home with all elementary students.

A computer orientation class will be held to familiarize participants with the different software programs available on the library computers and will explain how these programs can benefit the user. For more information on this class please contact the Winters Public Li-

brary at 754-4251.

The Library will host an evening presentation by Garland Richards on "The Restoration of Fort Chadbourne" on Tuesday, April 8, 2003, at 6:00 p.m. and is open to the public. The library is also asking other

### Still need volunteers— Christmas In April workday set for Saturday, April 12

Christmas in April North Runnels Inc. has set Saturday, April 12, as the 2003 workday. Plans are underway to improve three homes. House captains this year are Johnny Pritchard and Gary Bear, Craig Gehrels, and Rudy Lara.

One house scheduled for repairs will require a very ambitious roofing project and some electrical work. The other two homes will require carpentry and plumbing skills.

The CIA Board of Directors and CIA House Captains are actively seeking volunteers to help with this year's workday. The number of volunteers has been down over the past two years, and the board earnestly requests that those who volunteered in year's past renew their involvement in 2003. New volunteers are always welcomed.

Anyone wishing to volunteer to work on a home may contact Pritchard at 754-5243, Bear at 754-4625, Gehrels at 754-4818 or 754-5231, and Lara at 754-1058 or 754-5727, or simply join the crews at 7:30 a.m. on April 12 for breakfast at the WISD cafeteria. Volunteers are also needed to deliver snacks and lunch to the sites, as well as prepare breakfast and supper for the workers and their families. Anyone wishing to volunteer for these responsibilities may contact Deb Pritchard at 754-4958 or 754-5243.

Any business or individual wishing to donate food items for the meals may also contact Deb Pritchard. Area churches are being asked to furnish sandwiches and baked goods for the lunch and snack wagons. Monetary donations are needed in order to buy supplies necessary to repair this year's homes. No gift is too large or too small and will go directly towards repairing a home. Those businesses, organizations, and individuals who faithfully donate to Christmas In April are reminded that now is the time to make those contributions. Donations may be sent to:

Christmas In April  
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Christmas in April is a national organization whose purpose is to provide free home improvement to ensure continued health and safety, to low income, elderly, or handicapped individuals.

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**Monday, April 7:** Goulash, beets, hominy, cornbread, and apricots.

**Tuesday, April 8:** Roast & gravy, mashed potatoes, peas & carrots, hot rolls, and banana pudding.

**Wednesday, April 9:** Chicken spaghetti, green beans, tossed salad, garlic bread, and cake.

**Thursday, April 10:** Tator tot casserole, cabbage, blackeyed peas, cornbread, and cookies.

**Friday, April 11:** Hamburger, chips, fruit salad, pickles & onion, and 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.*

### WHAT'S HAPPENING ?

- April 4- WISD, End of the 5th Six Week Period  
11:30 a.m., Senior Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center  
4 p.m., Blizzard Baseball vs. Coleman, Winters Baseball Field  
4:30 p.m., Lady Blizzard Softball vs. Jim Ned, Winters Field  
7 p.m., Cowboys for Christ, Drasco
- April 5- 325 AREA CODE BEGINS FOR WINTERS  
Jr. High District Track Meet, Jim Ned  
District Tennis Meet, San Saba  
Wingate Lions Club Farm Sale
- April 6- 2 a.m., DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS, TURN CLOCKS FORWARD 1 HOUR.  
Attend the church of your choice.
- April 7- 9 a.m., Ministerial Alliance, WISD Administration Office  
11:30 a.m., Senior Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center  
4 p.m., JV Blizzard Baseball vs. Bangs, Winters Baseball Field  
4:30 p.m., Lady Blizzard Softball vs. Coleman, Winters Field  
7 p.m., Military Care Package Night, Winters First Baptist Church  
7:30 p.m., Ballinger Masonic Lodge
- April 8 - 7 a.m.-7 p.m. Special Election, Runnels County Commissioner Pct. 2  
District Track Meet, Coleman  
10 a.m., Commissioner's Court, Courthouse, Ballinger  
11:30 a.m., Senior Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center  
Noon, Lions Club, Senior Citizens Activity Center  
3:30-5:30 p.m., Runnels Co. Extension Office Open House  
7 p.m., Winters Fire Department Business Meeting  
7 p.m., AA, FUMC  
7 p.m., Literary & Service Club  
7 p.m., Woman's Club  
7:30 p.m., Elm Creek Water Control District Meeting, SCAC
- April 9- 7 a.m., Industrial Board, Windmill Enterprises Office  
Blizzard District Golf, Stephenville  
11:30 a.m., Senior Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center  
Noon, Tx. Midwest Network Lunch, Pappas, Ballinger  
5:30 p.m., North Runnels Hospital Auxiliary, NRH  
6:30 p.m., Disaster Preparedness Workshop, WISD Admin. Office
- April 10- WISD School Holiday  
District Track Meet, Coleman  
TBA, Winters Country Club Board Meeting  
11:30 a.m., Senior Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center

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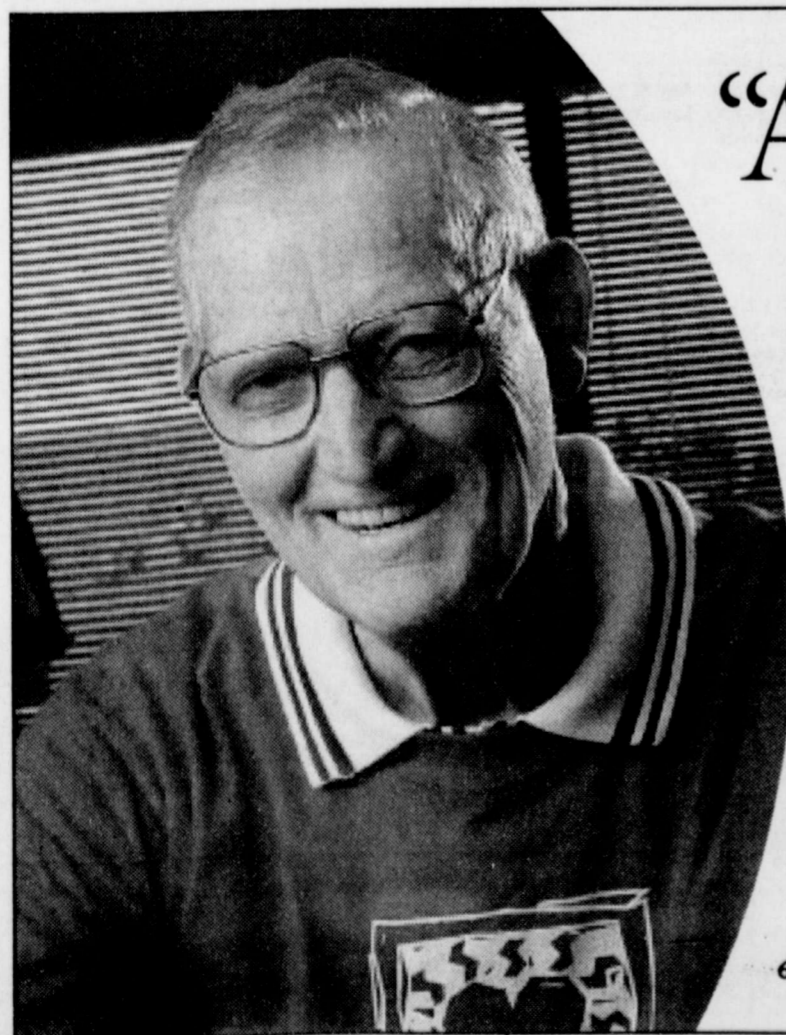
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# School

## Winters PIPsters place at festival



WINTERS PIPs participants placed recently at the annual festival held at Abilene Christian University. Those competing were (front, l-r) Christopher Gerhart, Jimmy John Ripley, Bryce Mikeska, (back) Riley Ripley, Braden Mikeska, and Jordan Busher.

Six Winters youth competed and placed in the PIPs (Players In Progress) Festival held at Abilene Christian University on March 8 and 9. Nearly 700 youth participated in the event. This year's theme was "Go Light Your WORLD" with Texas, Oklahoma, and New York represented in 2003.

Placing for Winters were:  
**Christopher Gerhart**  
 1st - Between the leg pass  
 3rd - Drop Pass  
 2nd-Obstacle Speed Dribble  
 2nd - Two Ball Dribble

**Bryce Mikeska**  
 3rd - Drop Pass  
 1st - Obstacle Speed Dribble  
 2nd - Backwards Dribble

**Jimmy John Ripley**  
 3rd - Drop Pass

**Riley Ripley**  
 2nd - Backward Dribble  
 2nd-Obstacle Speed Dribble  
 3rd - Drop Pass

**Jordan Busher**  
 2nd- Obstacle speed Dribble  
 6th - Two Ball Dribble  
 1st - Drop Pass

**Braden Mikeska**  
 2nd - PIP Shots  
 4th- Obstacle Speed Dribble  
 2nd - Between the Leg Pass

## WHS advances two teams, eleven individuals to regional UIL meet

Winters High School has advanced two UIL academic teams and eleven individuals to regional competition in Stephenville on Saturday, April 12.

Both the Mathematics Number Sense team and Literary Criticism team will advance as well as two individuals in two journalism events.

Brian Pritchard placed first in Number Sense while teammate Brandon Davis finished in fifth place. Tim Fenwick and alternate Shane Colburn will join Pritchard and Davis in team competition at regionals.

Briana Parramore placed first and Stefanie Davis, second to sweep top honors in

Literary Criticism. They will be joined by teammates Rachel Davis, Veronica Flores, and alternate April Leverett in team competition at Stephenville.

Stephanie Parsons placed first in Headline Writing and second in News Writing to advance to regionals while Lacey Meyer placed second in editorial writing and third in feature writing to make the trip to Stephenville.

Leah Bredemeyer placed fourth in Headline Writing and fifth in Feature Writing for Winters.

WHS UIL coordinator is Debbie Bible. Cindy Davis advises the Literary Criticism and Journalism teams and Ral Dees coaches the Math team.

## Softball Scoreboard

**Team:** Lady Blizzards  
**Coach:** Edward Poehls, Becky Airhart  
**Date & place of game:**  
 March 25, 2003-Winters  
**Opponent:** Eldorado  
**Winning pitcher:** Amber Green  
**Losing pitcher:**  
**Winning catcher:** Rachel Davis  
**Losing catcher:**

	Runs	Hits	Errors
WINTERS	18	16	3
OPPONENT	3	6	5

**Team:** Lady Blizzards  
**Coach:** Edward Poehls, Becky Airhart  
**Date & place of game:**  
 March 28, 2003-Winters  
**Opponent:** Bangs  
**Winning pitcher:**  
**Losing pitcher:** Amber Green  
**Winning catcher:**  
**Losing catcher:** Rachel Davis

	Runs	Hits	Errors
WINTERS	7	7	5
OPPONENT	12	10	2

**Turn clocks forward one hour**

**DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME**

**2:00 AM**

**SUNDAY, APRIL 6**

**Spring forward into summer!!!**

## JV boys win Pioneer Relays, all Blizzards place

Winters JV Blizzard team took the team championships at the Pioneer Relays in Cross Plains last weekend while the Blizzards place third, just two points out of second. The Lady Blizzards finished fifth in the meet.

According to Blizzard Coach Bryan Green, all of the JV and varsity boys who competed in the meet placed in at least one event.

The seventh grade Lady Breezes placed third at the Junior Dragon Relays in Bangs last Friday night with 102 points.

The Breezes will travel to Jim Ned on Saturday for the District 9-2A Meet.

The WHS teams travel to Anson on Thursday to compete in the Tiger Relays. Field events and the 3200M Run will begin at 4 p.m. Another round of field events will begin at 4:40 p.m. and 5:20 p.m. All field events are finals with four attempts in each. Running finals will begin at 6 p.m.

Last weekend's individual event results are as follows:

### LADY BLIZZARDS

**Discus**  
 2nd, Gessica Bear, 99' 1.5" (personal best)

**High Jump**  
 2nd (tie), Laci Walker, 5'

**Sprint Relay (400 M)**  
 6th, Winters (Tina Perrie, Stacey Sneed, Erica Buckalew, Jena Bahlman)

**100 M Hurdles**  
 1st, Laci Walker, 15.88

**800 M Relay**  
 2nd, Winters (Buckalew, Sneed, Bahlman, Walker)

**300 M Hurdles**  
 1st, Laci Walker, 50.31

**1600 M Relay**  
 6th, Winters (Jessica Pritchard, Kindy Walker, Katy Wilkerson, Tina Perrie)

### JV BLIZZARDS

**High Jump**  
 2nd, Pete Griffin, 5'4"

**Long Jump**  
 5th, Michael Liggins, 16' 6.75"

**Pole Vault**  
 1st, Jonathan Meyer, 8'6"

**Shot Put**  
 1st, Jacob Bridgeman, 37' 11"

**Triple Jump**  
 6th, Cody Pritchard, 33' 6"

**3200 M Run**  
 2nd, Jonathan Meyer, 12:42.22

### 400 M Relay

1st, Winters (Luke Hale, Frank Perez, Pete Griffin, Randy Jackson), 49:41

### 800 M Run

4th, Jose Cruz, 2:28.14

### 100 M Dash

1st, Randy Jackson, 12.16

### 800 M Relay

1st, Winters (Pete Griffin, Frank Perez, Cody Pritchard, Randy Jackson), 1:43.71

### 400 M Dash

3rd, Shawn Kraatz, 60:03

4th, James Vasquez, 62:07

5th, Luke Hale, 65:57

### 300 M Hurdles

1st, Jonathan Meyer, 49:41

3rd, Marcus Tubbs, 52:31

### 200 M Dash

1st, Pete Griffin, 25.41

5th, Cody Pritchard, 26.32

### 1600 M Run

3rd, Jonathan Meyer, 5:39:06

### 1600 M Relay

1st, (Frank Perez, Michael Liggins, James Vasquez, Shawn Kraatz), 4:02

### BLIZZARDS

**Discus**  
 2nd, Rusty Jackson, 141' 11"

**Long Jump**  
 4th, Yul Gibbs, 19' 6.5"

**Triple Jump**  
 1st, Yul Gibbs, 41' 2"

4th, Beni Valles, 39' 4"

**800 M Run**  
 4th, Jose Hernandez, 2:17.41

**100 M Dash**  
 4th, David Scates, 11.74

**800 M Relay**  
 1st, Winters (Benjie Valles, Guy Slimp, David Scates, Yul Gibbs), 1:36.06

**400 M Dash**  
 4th, Guy Slimp, 55:34

**200 M Dash**  
 2nd, Yul Gibbs, 23.75

**1600 M Relay**  
 6th, Winters (Jose Hernandez, David Scates, Guy Slimp, Benjie Valles)

### 7th GRADE LADY BREEZES

**Discus**  
 1st, Addison Bergman, 62' 9"

5th, Katy Kitchen, 48' 10"

**High Jump**  
 1st, Shelby Walker, 4' 4"

5th, Cassie Mendoza, 3' 10"

**Shot Put**  
 5th, Katy Kitchen, 24' 6.25"

**Triple Jump**  
 1st, Shelby Walker, 28' 4.25"

5th, Susan Sneed, 22' 8.5"

6th, Cassie Mendoza, 22' 4.5"

**400 M Relay**  
 3rd, Winters (Lillian Garcia, Christina Marentes, Susan Sneed, Laura Armendariz) 60.37

**800 M Run**  
 6th, Lillian Garcia, 3:03

**100 M Hurdles**  
 1st, Shelby Walker, 18:55

4th, Cassie Mendoza, 20.06

### 800 M Relay

3rd, Winters (Araceli Flores, Christina Marentes, Shelby Walker, Kyli Knight) 2:08.67

### 400 M Dash

2nd, Kyli Knight, 71:88

### 300 M Hurdles

3rd, Cassie Mendoza, 59.94

5th, Shelby Walker, 62.30

### 1600 M Relay

3rd, Winters (Araceli Flores, Lillian Garcia, Laura Armendariz, Kyli Knight) 4:58

### 7th GRADE BREEZES

**Shot Put**  
 4th, Kevin Cook

**Triple Jump**  
 3rd, Tory Burns

5th, Wiley Guy

**400 M Relay**  
 4th, Winters (Wiley Guy, Tad Martin, Tory Burns, Roy McBeth)

**100 M Dash**  
 4th, Alex Harrison

**800 M Relay**  
 3rd, Winters (Cortez, Burns, Harrison, Guy)

**200 M Dash**  
 5th, Tad martin

**1600 M Relay**  
 3rd, Winters (Cortez, Burns, Harrison, Guy)

### 8th GRADE BREEZES

**Discus**  
 5th, Ty Cason

**Long Jump**  
 6th, Jose Moreno

**Triple Jump**  
 3rd, Jose Moreno

**High Jump**  
 6th, Zach Herridge

**2400 M Run**, 8:35

**400 M Relay**  
 5th, Winters (Moreno, Vega, Aragon, Ramirez)

**110 M Hurdles**  
 6th, Luke England

**800 M Run**  
 5th, Allan Green

**800 M Relay**  
 3rd, Winters (Moreno, England,

Vega, Aragon)

**300 M Hurdles**  
 6th, Zach Herridge

**1600 M Run**  
 2nd, Javier Rodriguez

**1600 M Relay**  
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# School

## 2003 Lady Blizzard Softball—



MEMBERS OF THE LADY BLIZZARD SOFTBALL TEAM are (kneeling, l-r) Jekka Barron, Kinsey Airhart, Gessica Bear, Jackie Ledbetter, Tacarra Belk, Amber Green, Kelly Bearden, Grace Martinez; (standing) Assistant Coach Becky Airhart, Kendra Esquivel, Briana Parramore, Ashly Santoya, Kat Hatler, Jennifer Hagle, Rachel Davis, Della LaBédelle, and Head Coach Ed Poehls. Not pictured are Marci Paschal, Jessica Meyer, and managers Kayla Hagle, Daisy Mendoza, Ana Diaz, and Vickie Santoya. (photo by Deb Pritchard)

## Blizzards finish first round of District 9-2A golf

### Round 2 in Goldthwaite

The WHS Golf team competed in the first round of District 9-2A action last week in Coleman.

The Blizzards played in Goldthwaite Wednesday in Round 2 of the three-match competition.

Winters will travel to Stephenville for the third and final district match next Wednesday.

Results from Coleman were as follows:

Shane Colburn, 96; Cody Pritchard, 113; Aaron Cook, 120; Jared Airhart, 121; and Shawn Kraatz, 123.



THE 2003 BLIZZARD GOLF TEAM includes (l-r) Aaron Cook, Cody Pritchard, Shane Colburn, Jared Airhart, Shawn Kraatz, and Coach Chuck Lipsey. (photo by Deb Pritchard)



Please keep our local military personnel serving in the Persian Gulf & West Pacific and their families in your prayers.

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- Tony Agüero, U.S. Army
- Lt. Lance Brown, U.S. Marines
- Travis Calcote, U.S. Navy
- Spec. Simon Camacho, U.S. Army
- Spec. Coy Chapman, U.S. Army
- Christopher Foster, U.S. Army
- Cpl. Cody (O'Dell) Jones, U.S. Marines
- Seaman Josh Lincycomb, U.S. Navy
- Artemio Lopez, U.S. Army
- Pfc. Michael Luna, U.S. Army
- Zeke Martinez, U.S. Army
- Specialist Joe Ortiz, U.S. Army
- Capt. David Pafford, U.S. Air Force
- Capt. Russell Parramore, U.S. Air Force
- Ensign Josh Puda, U.S. Navy
- Ensign Mari Puda, U.S. Navy
- E-1 Juan Santos, U.S. Army
- Sgt. Kelly Spill, U.S. Army
- Sgt. Corey Spill, U.S. Army
- LCLP Abraham Vasquez, U.S. Marine

## WHS invites community to view display honoring local military

The community is invited to visit Winters High School to view the display cases in the front lobby across from the office. Melissa Gerhart's Multi-Media class has decorated the boards with patriotic accents, and honors military personnel with ties to the Winters community by displaying photos and information of each.

The board is continually expanding as the school receives names and pictures of the area's military.

## Texas Cooperative Extension to host open house at new offices

The public is invited to attend an open house on Tuesday, April 8, 2003 at the new location for the Texas Cooperative Extension—Runnels County Office located at 608 Sealy Avenue in Ballinger. Come see the new facilities and enjoy refreshments from 3:30-5:30 p.m. The new office is an effort of the Runnels County Commissioner's Court to provide an up-to-date facility for extension educational activities in 4-H and youth development, family and consumer services, and agriculture.

During 2002, the Commissioner's Court acquired the

NAPA/Harrison Auto Parts building that is one block south of the courthouse square, off of Hwy 83 S. The extension office occupies half of the building which contains office spaces, storage, and a meeting room.

The open house will be an excellent opportunity for the public to visit the new facilities and to learn more about the extension program in Runnels County. Programs of Texas Cooperative Extension are open to all people without regard to race, color, sex, disability, religion, age, or national origin. For more information, call the office at 365-2219.

## Blizzards State Semi-Finalist football plaques now available

Winters Blizzards State Semi-Finalist football plaques are now available and on sale for \$30 each.

Each plaque includes a full color team picture along with the names of players and coaches, this year's team record, and team trophies won.

Plaques may be seen and purchased at Hatler Insurance, 108 S. Main, or the Winters High School office.

Orders may also be placed with Kim Jackson at 754-5032 or Teresa Davis at 754-4553 or 754-5422.

## Elementary G/T nominations accepted now through April 21

Nominations are now being accepted for the Winters Elementary Gifted/Talented program, grades 1-5. If you believe your child might benefit from a gifted/talented program, your nomination is welcomed.

Nomination and parent-permission-for-testing forms may be obtained at the Elementary Principal's office during normal working hours, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

All forms must be completed and returned to your child's homeroom teacher by April 21, 2003.

## CAFETERIA MENU

April 7 through April 11

Subject to change\*

### Breakfast

- Monday-April 7  
Pancake Puppies  
Juice
- Tuesday-April 8  
Blueberry Muffins  
Cereal  
Juice
- Wednesday-April 9  
Cinnamon Rolls  
Cereal  
Juice
- Thursday-April 10  
School Holiday
- Friday-April 11  
Pigs in a Blanket  
Cereal  
Juice

### Lunch

- Monday-April 7  
Corn dogs  
French Fries  
Pork & Beans  
Peaches  
Monster Cookies
- Tuesday-April 8  
Chicken Fried Steak  
Mashed Potatoes  
Broccoli with Cheese  
Rolls  
Jello with Cream
- Wednesday-April 9  
Cheeseburger  
Chips  
Lettuce, Tomato, & Pickles  
Fruit  
Cookie
- Thursday-April 10  
School Holiday
- Friday-April 11  
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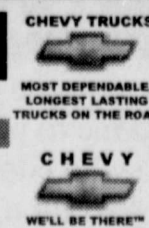
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# Life

## SHOEBOX, continued

attached list to be included in the packages.

Local students are writing letters and drawing pictures to be included in the boxes. Winters 4-H Club members would also like for the community to participate in assembling the packages for shipping overseas.

Supplies for the care packages may be taken to area churches, Winters High School Media Center, Winters Elementary Library, Senior Citizens Activity Center, and *The Winters Enterprise* office. The 4-H Club anticipates, at this time, preparing 15-20 care packages for area deployed. Numbers may grow as news of the project spreads throughout the area.

Packages will only be shoe box sized, as currently required by the military. The following is a list of suggested food items to contribute for the packages are: Instant coffee, powdered hot chocolate mix, powdered Gatorade, pre-sweetened Kool-Aid, tea bags, Slim Jims, beef jerky, summer sausage, crackers and Easy Cheese, single serving Pringles or other chips, candy (that won't melt), Little Debbie Snack cakes, bubble gum/gum (NO Icebreakers), and Rice Krispie Treats.

Also are: small, individual cereal boxes, granola bars, power bars, cereal bars, dried fruit, Chex mix, single serving soups (add hot water), single serving tuna, spices (onion powder, garlic powder, spice-all, etc.), single serving instant oatmeal or grits, Pop Tarts, salsa, marshmallows, condiment packets (restaurant sized salad dressings, ketchup, mustard, relish, mayonnaise, salt, and pepper).

Suggested nonfood items are: baby wipes, stick-ups (air fragrances), lip balm, travel size personal items (disposable razors, toothbrushes, toothpaste, tissues, shampoo, shower gel, sunscreen, Q-Tips, feminine hygiene products) antibacterial hand gel, batteries (AA, D cell) stationary, envelopes, prepaid phone cards, playing cards, travel games, disposable cameras, books, magazines, DVDs or videos, and miniature sized game balls (footballs, basketballs, etc.).

**DO NOT** contribute: anything including alcohol/liquor, nudity or pornography, tobacco products, pork, pressurized items (shaving cream, etc.), chocolates (they will melt), homemade treats (as it is uncertain how long the packages will take to transport now that war has broken out), or any kind of artwork or postage with religious or secular symbols.

## Letters to the Editor

### Runnels Co. Precinct 2 foreman encourages citizens to vote for the experienced candidate

To the people of voting Precinct 2 and 3,

My name is Larry Calcote. I am the foreman for Runnels County Precinct 2, road and bridge department. I have been employed with Runnels County for nearly seven years. I am writing this letter in support of Keith Collom. He is running for re-election for Commissioner of Precinct 2. If re-elected, this will be his third term in office.

Keith's office is located in the Precinct 2 barn, at 801 Trinity Street in Winters. This is where we discuss work agendas each day. I've seen his job and can attest to how complicated and stressful it can be. A lot of people think that a commissioner's main job is to tend to rural roads. This is just one part of their job. Commissioners have to administrate over all county business, including a budget of millions of dollars. Keith does this very well.

Since I work in the road and bridge department, I'd like to tell you what Keith has done in this area. Precinct 2 has 200 miles of road to maintain, also, a number of bridges. We, also, do our own maintenance of our equipment, pave roads for cities and schools, maintain county buildings (tax office, aging center, etc.), help the city haul off debris, haul equipment for the city, and many other odd jobs. One such extra job recently included remodeling the old post office building for MHMR. It takes good equipment and facilities to do all of these jobs. Over the last eight years, Keith has worked hard to acquire good equipment for us to do the jobs.

The point is, Keith has acquired all of our equipment and upgraded our facilities a little at a time and most importantly, within the budget each year. In fact, he has turned money back every year. Just as in any business, it makes sense to put money in good equipment that does the job with little down time. The alternative is to spend the same amount of money or more to patch old equipment and lose productivity. It has taken eight years for us to get to a point where we can haul 2 1/2 times more per man, process road material to a better quality, repair almost anything in our barn, train every employee, improve safety in the work place and expand our capabilities. It would be a shame to stop Keith's progress just when he is at a point to see the benefits of all he has worked for!

We haven't gotten where we are today by trying to spend money, we have gotten here by trying to save money, as evidenced by our budget record each year.

Precinct 2 has a talented and hard working crew. Let's keep them on the job by voting for Keith Collom for Commissioner Precinct 2 Runnels County on April 8, 2003. *Sincerely, Larry Calcote*

To the Citizens of Runnels County:

I would like to tell why I believe Keith Collom should remain the commissioner of Prec. 2. I have personally known Keith since I first worked with him at Robinson Chevrolet while I was still in high school. I was also an employee of his from 1995 to 1998 as foreman of Prec. 2 and witnessed first-hand the many duties and responsibilities the commissioner has. Many people believe the commissioner's main job is the maintenance of our county roads. This is only a small fraction of the day-to-day duties. While I worked for Prec. 2, county road upkeep was primarily left up to the foreman. The other aspects of the job that many do not realize are taking care of all the county's business including balancing the county's budget, not to mention the commissioner's own precinct budget, and making other critical decisions that affect each citizen of Runnels County.

And always, at the end of the county's fiscal year, Prec. 2 was left with a black balance. *Sincerely, Mike Calcote*

## VOTE KEITH COLLOM RUNNELS COUNTY COMMISSIONER PRECINCT 2 APRIL 8, 2003

Where? In Winters, Voting Precinct #3  
at The Housing Authority, 300 N. Grant Street

Elect the person who can BEST represent YOU in Runnels County Commissioners Court decisions. Elect one who can analyze and make the best possible decisions on YOUR behalf, always considering ALL aspects, including the budget. Leadership, management, and experience are of utmost importance.

Keith Collom has demonstrated these qualities for 8 years as your Commissioner.

Keith's skilled crew has a combined total of 100+ years of experience. The entire crew lives in the City of Winters. They keep 200 miles of your NE Runnels County roads in repair. They save Runnels County thousands of dollars each year by repairing their own equipment. Runnels County needs to keep this skilled crew.

The most significant responsibility of your Commissioner is his participation in Commissioners' Court. The Court is made up of the four County Commissioners and the County Judge. The four Commissioners are responsible for budgeting millions of your tax dollars for the different departments. Budgets must be prepared and presented to Commissioners Court for approval.

It is your duty to elect a commissioner who has the necessary experience and managerial skills to do his job effectively.

In order to be an effective participant in the Court, your Commissioner needs to be articulate and intelligent. He needs to prepare and present tax and expense budgets. Background in computers, budget preparation, accounting and law is needed. Your elected Commissioner must be capable of working with the other Commissioners and the County Judge.

As such, your commissioner must:

1. Have business experience.
2. Have leadership and management skills.
3. Administer large budgets.

Keith Collom has demonstrated his leadership skills during the eight years or so that he has represented Runnels County in the West Central Texas Council of Governments (WCTCOG). He served on the Board of Directors, Executive Committee, Secretary-treasurer before being elected to his current position as 2nd Vice President of the WCTCOG.

WCTCOG members come from county and city governments, school districts, hospital districts, etc. To have an officer in WCTCOG at the 2nd Vice President's level, is a real honor for Keith Collom, and is extremely beneficial to Runnels County and the City of Winters.

Runnels County and the City of Winters need Keith Collom's leadership and management skills in the WCTCOG; Runnels County needs him in Commissioner's Court; and Precinct 2 needs him and his crew to keep our NE Runnels County roads in repair.

Keith Collom is the only candidate who has the necessary skills and experience to be an effective commissioner. Your vote for Keith Collom as your commissioner, Precinct 2, will be appreciated!

Political ad paid for by A.J. & Jessie Collom 2700 C.R. 154, Talpa, Texas 76882

## Town Crier



Anna Grace Evans

Greg and Sarah Evans of Midlothian are proud to announce the arrival of Miss Anna Grace Evans. Anna was born on Friday, March 14, 2003, at 2:48 p.m. in Baylor Medical Center of Waxahachie. She weighed 8 lbs., 1 oz. and was 19-1/2 inches in length.

Anna's maternal grandparents are Will and Cindy Robinson of Midlothian. Paternal grandparents are David and Nancy Evans of Winters.

## Ladies golf, mixed scrambles begin at Country Club

The Ladies Golf Association will be starting on April 8 and continue each Tuesday at 5:45. A complete schedule will be posted later.

Wednesday night mixed

scramble will start on April 9 at 5:30.

A complete tournament schedule will be posted at the club and sent out to all members.

# I NEED YOUR VOTE! RE-ELECT KEITH COLLOM



Voter

Precinct 3

Special Election  
Tuesday April 8th

at the Winters  
Housing Authority  
300 N. Grant Street  
from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Vote for the  
candidate you want  
to represent you.

Vote for the candidate  
with the business  
management  
experience and  
training to manage a  
"business" with a multi  
million dollar a year  
budget.

Please take the time to  
go back to the polls  
and vote again!

### \*\*\* Please take the time to vote again \*\*\*

I am asking for your vote and support in the special election on April 8th. Following the law suit filed by my opponent, a new election was ordered to ensure that every person eligible to vote has the opportunity to vote. In the November election, 12 persons that were eligible to vote, voted in the wrong precinct, due to a redistricting mistake. Please take the time to vote again.

- \* Runnels County Commissioner Precinct 2 since January 1995.
- \* Over 250 hours of continuing education for county commissioners.
- \* Certificate holder in the curriculum 2000 program, an advanced level of continued education designed specifically for commissioners' court members.
- \* Almost 17 years experience working for local government, 8 1/2 of those years as a peace officer in Winters and Runnels County.
- \* Almost 15 years experience as a supervisor for Runnels County and the City of Winters.
- \* I have stayed in budget each of my 8 years in office.
- \* I have had funds left over every year.
- \* My precinct has more money in reserves now than when I took office.
- \* I have utilized government discounts, federal surplus property programs, and state surplus property programs in locating good buys for my precinct, for the other three precincts, and for the City of Winters. The city and the county have saved your tax dollars because of my diligence.
- \* Much of the upgraded equipment my opponent has been so critical of Precinct 2 having, was purchased for less money than the older, more outdated equipment was sold for. This was accomplished by utilizing state and federal surplus property programs. These are functions that require the use and familiarity with computers and the internet. That is why when one of the other county precincts or the City of Winters needs a specific piece of heavy equipment, they frequently call on me to try to locate a good used piece of equipment at a reduced price. For example, in one day recently, I saved Precinct 4 Commissioner Strube between \$8,500 and \$10,000 on one purchase of one piece of equipment.

Absentee voting underway at the County Clerk's Office in the courthouse from 8:30 a.m. to 12 Noon and from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m., through April 4th.

Special Election: April 8th, at the Winters Housing Authority, 300 N. Grant St., from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.



Precinct 2

Commissioner  
Needed

1. Experience preferred.
2. Must participate effectively in Commissioner's Court.
3. Must be able to prepare and present complex budgets.
4. Computer knowledge and experience a plus.
5. Must be able to communicate effectively.
6. Must have strong business skills.
7. Must have experience as a supervisor.
8. Must possess leadership & management skills.
9. Must be capable of administering large budgets.

RE-ELECT YOUR  
EXPERIENCED  
COMMISSIONER

RE-ELECT  
KEITH COLLOM

# VOTE FOR THE QUALIFIED CANDIDATE RE-ELECT KEITH COLLOM

I would like to thank everyone who spoke up on my behalf, passed out cards, made phone calls, hung posters, allowed me to place posters in their businesses, allowed me to put signs up on their property, and those who so generously provided me with kind words of wisdom and support. Also, thanks to those who contributed to my re-election, whether large or small it meant a lot to me and I appreciate it. I apologize to those who asked for a sign to be placed in their yard and didn't get one, I just didn't have enough signs to go around. *Thank You, Keith Collom*

Political advertisement paid by Keith Collom, 155 C.R. 156, Winters, Texas 79567



# WHAT DOES YOUR PROPERTY SAY ABOUT YOU?

## Join The Improvement Movement



### City-Wide Clean-Up Begins April 5



*Compliments of the City of Winters and BFI*

Put all your Spring Clean-up items by the curb to be picked up.  
Reminder: There will be big dumpsters in the Family Dollar Parking Lot & in the lot directly north of the Scout Hut.  
Dumpsters available from Saturday, April 5, until Monday, April 14.

**PLEASE COMPLY WITH RULES: DO NOT STACK TRASH & DEBRIS AROUND DUMPSTERS.**



Keep grass mowed



Get rid of unsightly weeds

Weeds 12 inches tall and over are cause for correction of violation at owner's expense.



Give house and business a new coat of paint and make repairs



Pick up all trash & debris

Cut and stack limbs to be chipped by the City



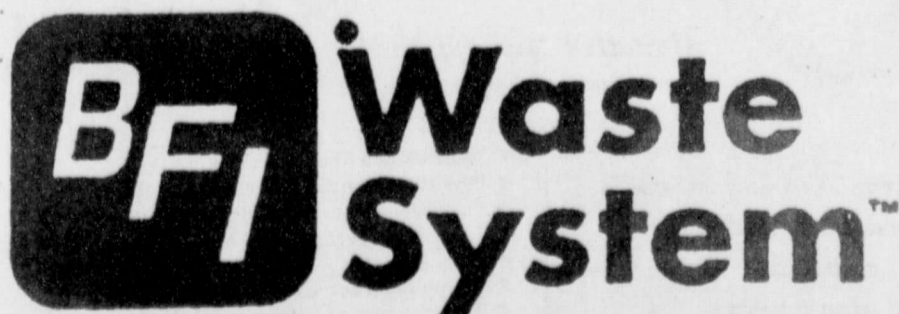
Dispose of junk cars

(Vehicles not having a current inspection sticker and license plate)

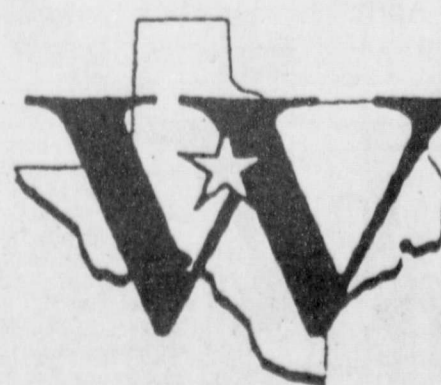


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# Law & Order

## Official Records

### County Court Dispositions

Robert G. Green, possession of marijuana, case dismissed, defendant completed informal pretrial diversion

Robert Bradley Vanzandt, driving while license invalid, pleaded nolo contendere, fined \$100, plus \$211 court costs

Robert Bradley Vanzandt, hunting from a vehicle, pleaded nolo contendere, fined \$100, plus \$211 court costs

### District Court Divorce Cases Filed

March 25

Stephanie Turner vs. Russell Turner

March 27

Shelly Ann Brooker vs. Paul C. Brooker II  
Harold Dwain Horton vs. Karen Michelle Horton

## Precinct 2— Runnels County Commissioner Special Election Tuesday, April 8

Early voting will continue through April 4, 2003, at the Runnels County Clerk's office, for the April 8, 2003, Special Election for Runnels County Commissioner, Precinct No. 2. Voting hours are 8:30 a.m.—Noon and 1 p.m. — 5 p.m.

Voting locations for Election Day, April 8, 2003 are as follows:

- **Voting Precinct No. 2:** Runnels County Appraisal District Office, 406 Hutchings, Ballinger.

- **Voting Precinct No. 3:** Housing Authority Building, 300 North Grant, Winters.

Polls will be open from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m.

For further information, please contact the Runnels County Clerk's Office at 365-2720.

## Runnels Co. Democratic Chair Lonnie Rankin resigns

Lonnie M. Rankin of Miles, who has been the Runnels County Democratic Chairman for the past two Democratic primaries, has resigned his post.

In his statement he stated, "It has been a pleasure to serve the people of Runnels County in this post, but now it is time for some younger person to assume these duties."

"My resignation at this time allows the Executive Committee time to find a capable replacement."

Mr. Rankin expresses his thanks for all who have helped to make this job easier.

## Please VOTE

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## Police Beat

The following are cases from the Winters Police Department. Some cases may still be under investigation. Information, reported through Crimestoppers leading to the close of any case, could result in up to a \$1,000 reward.

The following information has been obtained from reports and or incidents investigated by the Winters Police Department during the week of March 24, 2003, through March 30, 2003. These are just a few reports received each week by members of the Winters Police Department. Winters Police officers:

- were contacted to take a statement from a Winters female claiming someone had scratched her vehicle while it was parked at Dry's Manufacturing. The victim stated that she had parked her vehicle close to the doors during work and noticed the scratches to the rear fender upon leaving work. The victim stated that she parked in a different spot the following day and when she returned to her car after work she noticed the rear spoiler and the trunk lid. This case is still under investigation.

- met with a resident in the 1000 block of Cryer. The victim stated that her ice chest had been stolen. The victim informed the officers that she had loaned the ice chest to her sister the day before and it had been returned. The victim stated she remembered seeing the ice chest on the porch and had placed rocks on it so it would not blow away. The ice chest is round and is white with red lettering reading "Budweiser." This is still under investigation.

- were called on the morning of March 27, 2003, by a homeowner asking for a close patrol of his residence. He stated that he had asked a resident to leave two days prior and he was afraid she would break into the house while no one was around. The same afternoon officers responded to 911 hang-up calls. The dispatcher stated that when she called the number back, no one would speak but she could hear breathing. Officers responded to the 600 block of West Dale to investigate. Officers could hear music playing loudly in the back bedroom and had the dispatcher contact the owner at work to ask for permission to enter the residence. Officers broke open the door and searched the residence. Upon searching the attic area, officers located nineteen-year-old Lindsey Bentrup hiding in the attic. Officers placed her under arrest and waited for the owner to arrive from Ballinger. The owner checked the house and found \$13.50 in collector's quarters missing. Officers had searched the female and recovered some of the quarters in her possession. Lindsey Bentrup was arrested for Burglary of a Habitation with Intent to Commit Theft.

- went to the 200 block of State Street on a call of a broken car window. Upon arrival officers were shown glass that was broken out of a Ford SUV rear passenger window. There were no indications of what might have been used to break the window and no items were missing from the vehicle. This is being investigated as Criminal Mischief.

- were called to the 500 block of N. Rogers for unwanted persons at a residence. Officers spoke with the caller. He advised that 20-year-old Kayla Hubach and 20-year-old Briana Collins were banging and kicking at his front

door. Officers followed the caller to the end of his porch and observed the two females coming around the back of the house. The females stated that they were there to retrieve a cell phone they had loaned to another resident and that the phone had been thrown into the backyard. Officers could smell a strong odor of alcohol coming from the females' person and breath. Both females stated that they had been drinking alcohol. The two females were arrested for minor in consumption.

- were called to look for a missing juvenile from the 100 block of Grant. Officers were informed that the juvenile may be riding with 17-year-old Reynaldo Torres Jr. or may have been at a residence on East Parsonage. Officers went to the residence on E. Parsonage and were exiting the patrol cars when Reynaldo Torres Jr. passed by with two unknown occupants. Officers pulled the vehicle over and made contact with the occupants. Officers could smell a strong odor of alcohol coming from the breath and person of Reynaldo Torres, Jr. He stated that he had been drinking and there was alcohol in the vehicle. He showed the officers the alcohol in the trunk of the vehicle. When he was asked if there was any alcohol in the inside of the car, he stated that there were two bottles in the front seat. One bottle was empty and the other quart size bottle was 1/4 full. When Torres was showing the officers the bottles in the front seat, the officers noticed, in plain view, a usable amount of marijuana, in a plastic bag, and rolling papers inside the handle of the driver's door. Torres was offered a portable breath test to determine if there was a detectable amount of alcohol in his system. The portable breath test reading showed Torres' alcohol level to be above the legal limit allowed in Texas. Torres was then arrested for Driving While Intoxicated-Open Container and Possession of Marijuana under two ounces.

## FIRE PREVENTION BASICS

Fire Safety Tip of the Week  
courtesy of

The Winters Volunteer Fire Department  
It's grass mowing time again!  
Remember, when filling mowers and other yard tools with gas, always shut down the motor and be careful about spills. Always replace caps before starting the engine.

## April is Child Abuse Prevention Month



DON'T WALK AWAY

www.itsuptoyou.org

## Don't Walk Away

Every 11 seconds a child in America is abused. Don't walk away—it's up to you to prevent child abuse. To report suspected child abuse or neglect, call 1-800-252-5400.

Being a parent isn't easy. If you feel overwhelmed, reach out for help. Ask a family member or neighbor for support. Check local resources for parenting services.

Hundreds of Texas children are in need of caring foster or adoptive parents. Don't walk away—consider becoming a foster or adoptive parent. Call 1-800-233-3405.

It's hard to watch a child being mistreated by a parent out of control. Don't walk away. Strike up a casual conversation with the adult to direct attention away from the child.

If you see a child in a dangerous situation—Don't walk away. Offer assistance. For instance, if you see a child left unattended in a grocery cart, stand by the child until the parent returns.

Educate yourself about abuse and neglect, visit [www.itsuptoyou.org](http://www.itsuptoyou.org)

If you see a child being bullied, report it to school officials or the child's parents.

Pregnant? Don't drink. It's up to you to keep your baby safe.

If you suspect a child or youth is abusing drugs or alcohol, contact your local Council on Drugs and Alcohol Abuse for assistance in intervention and treatment. Don't Walk Away!

If you know of a situation involving domestic violence, Don't Walk Away. Call 1-800-799-7233.

This message presented by Runnels County Children's Protective Services Board.

Support someone who will support you!

✓ VOTE Tuesday, April 8

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**ACROSS**

- 1 what TXns do best
- 5 graduation gown
- 6 TXism: "chew \_\_\_ awhile"
- 7 TX-based hotel chain: \_\_\_ Quinta
- 8 ex-Cowboy Renfro dressed in jeans
- 9 weather maker "El \_\_\_"
- 16 Rangers manager Bobby (1985-92)
- 19 TXism: "hard as putting up \_\_\_ a windstorm"
- 21 famed Aggie coach \_\_\_ Bible
- 22 ex-Cowboy CB Walters
- 27 TXism: "\_\_\_ together like chili and pepper"
- 28 Travis Tritt's \_\_\_ Quarter (Call Someone Who Cares)"
- 29 breakfast food
- 30 TX-filmed "The \_\_\_ Heaven"
- 32 he starred with TX Zellweger in "Jerry Maguire" (init.)
- 33 govt. medical help
- 36 this Heche was in "Wag the Dog" with TX Willie
- 37 TXism: "chompin' at the \_\_\_"
- 38 the best
- 39 longtime Valley congressman
- 41 Garza
- 41 TXism: "it ain't in cement"
- 42 TXism: "trapped like \_\_\_ possum"
- 45 ex-Cowboy Dorsett
- 46 TXism: "\_\_\_ tight he squeaks when he walks"
- 47 TX Ginger Rogers mother
- 48 TXism: "got the short \_\_\_ of the stick"
- 49 visor
- 52 \_\_\_ bomb
- 53 TXism: "\_\_\_ it in the bud"
- 54 birth mo. of TX Dan Rather
- 55 TXism: "Quarter Hat" with TX Ginger
- 12 Mavs were this for for first 14 games in '02-'03 season
- 13 Brer Rabbit met up with \_\_\_ baby
- 14 TXism: "hook, \_\_\_ and sinker"
- 15 TXism: "he couldn't drive a \_\_\_ snow bank"
- 16 many TXns fought in \_\_\_ nam
- 17 meanly
- 18 bet to pick the 1st & 2nd horse at Lone Star Park
- 20 TXism: "horny \_\_\_"
- 22 actress Colbert of "Texas Lady" (init.)
- 23 TXism: "\_\_\_ blazes a wide trail" (big)
- 24 TXism: "casts an \_\_\_ and a leg"
- 25 coral ridges
- 26 "L" of LPGA
- 28 wild goose sound
- 31 OK town
- 34 Clint of "Space Cowboys" with TX Tommy Lee (init.)
- 35 TXism: loud \_\_\_ hungry call"
- 37 Big \_\_\_ Nat. Park
- 40 "now you've gone and \_\_\_ it"
- 43 "king" so. of the border
- 44 Mrs. Roosevelt
- 50 TXism for "get going" (2 wds.)
- 51 TX WWII hero Audie (init.)

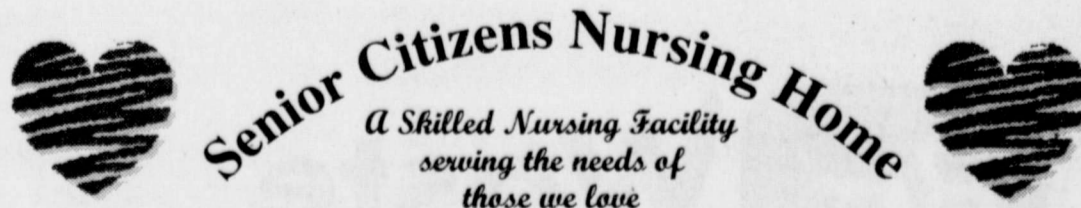
**DOWN**

- 1 sis's sib
- 2 TX Tarzan Ely
- 3 Taylor Co. seat
- 4 "whoopie ti yi yo, \_\_\_"
- 8 TXism: "got less than the widow's \_\_\_" (broke)
- 9 TXism: "more than you \_\_\_"
- 10 Rangers league (abbr.)
- 11 dir. to Houston from Dallas

Solutions for this puzzle appear in this issue.

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Classified Ads  
5 p.m. Monday

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**LONESTARSTATES** located on Hwy 83 north of downtown Winters. Beautiful 2BR with 2 Bath duplexes at affordable rates. Call **Joyce at 754-3331 today!** Ask about our move-in specials. **13-13(tfc)**

**MILLER STORAGE**—For all your storage needs—small, medium, and large units available. 754-5401 or 365-1655. **12-31(tfc)**

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**ONE BEDROOM, PARTIALLY FURNISHED** house for rent. Fenced yard, carport, good neighborhood. 602 Wood Street. 754-4981. Price negotiable for dependable, long-term individual. **14-10(tfc)**

### Help Wanted

**PRODUCTION WORKERS NEEDED** for all shifts, must be able to work some overtime. Also accepting applications for general labor positions. Come by 119 N. Broadway, Ballinger, or call 365-8880. **14-14(tfc)**

### Lost & Found



**COME HOME HANK!!!** Lost dog, near Winters Lake area. Male cowdog. Black & grey with white spot on chest. Answers to Hank. **REWARD-754-4609.** **14-13(5tp)**

You can work miracles—by donating blood! It's safe, it's simple, and it saves lives. Call United Blood Services Today and make your appointment to donate. The number is 653-1307. **Save a life—donate blood.** **14-13(nc)**

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**103S. PENNYLANE**—Brick, 3BR/2 BA, CH/A, basement, waterwell, storage shed, adjacent corner lot, and fenced backyard. 754-4981 after 5:30 p.m. **13-38(tfc)**

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### Public Notice

Elm Creek Water Control District will meet in regular session on Tuesday, April 8, 2003, at 7:30 p.m. at the Senior Citizens Activity Center, 600 Wood, Winters, Texas.

### Public Notice

Attention residents of Runnels County, Central Texas Opportunities, Inc. will be holding a public meeting to elect a board member to represent the low-income population. Meeting will be held at 601 W. Pierce in Winters, Tx on April 10, 2003 at 3:30 p.m. Qualification for board members: resident of county and want to represent low-income population on Central Texas Opportunities, Inc. Board of Directors. If you have any questions please call Central Texas Opportunities, Inc. at (800) 625-4167.

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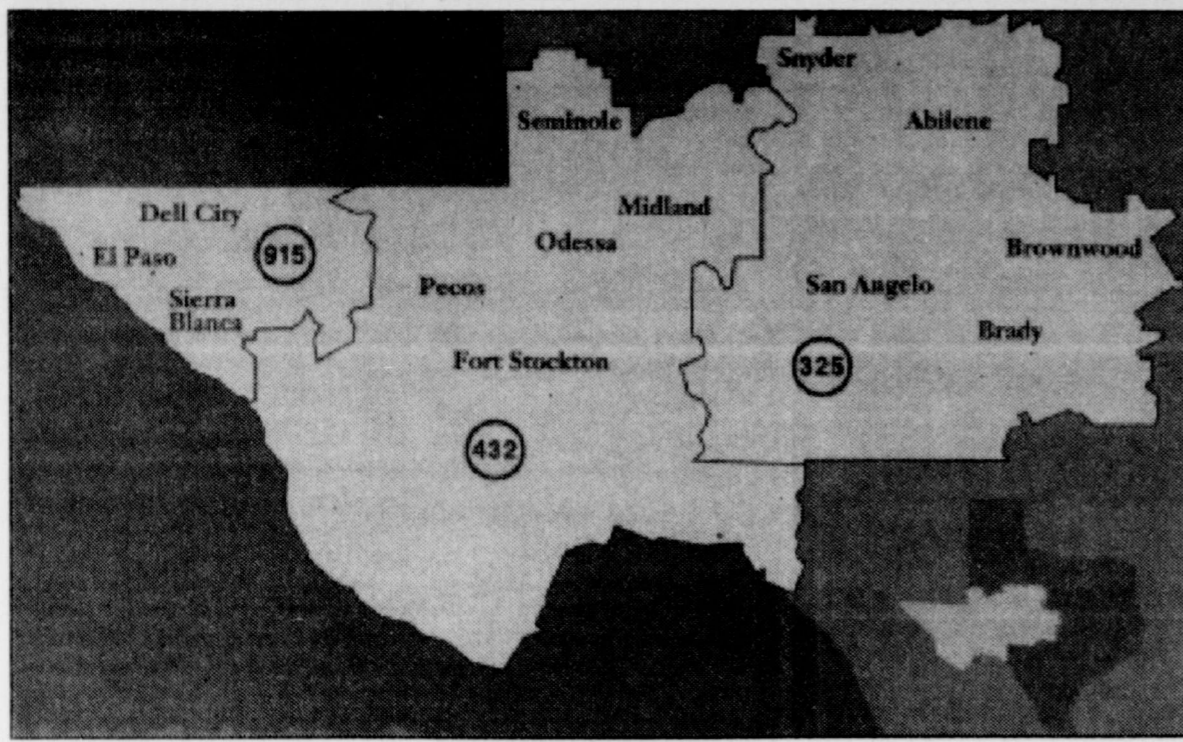
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# Outdoors



**NEW AREA CODES** go into affect April 5, 2003, with permissive dialing using either the 915 area code or one of the new ones. Winters is located in the new 325 area code, with 432 the new area code for the central section. The Public Utility Commission issued an order in February, 2002, that divided the 915 area code into three individual area code regions. The commission designated the El Paso area to retain the 915 area code because of its concentrated population, extensive bilingual network and well-developed international commerce.

## CITY COUNCIL, continued

tation for determination of the state and city property lines. Water lines were located along the proposed planting sites.

He addressed members of the City Council on January 27, asking for their input and support. At that time, the Council agreed that the project would enhance the area but said they could not justify spending funds on this project. They encouraged Beard to pursue avenues of raising money needed for the plants.

In the meeting of March 31, Beard reported to the Council that enough money has been raised to purchase 64 shrubs and he believes he can get more donations to cover the expense of buying good top soil.

Beard said Hassan called him on March 28, 2003, and said Beard needs the approval of Texas Department of Transportation. Written approval had not been received by Monday's meeting.

Alderman Hank Bourdo said he is in favor of the project but is concerned about watering the trees. "You're (Beard) asking citizens to give up some of their water,"

he is in favor of the project but is concerned about watering the trees. "You're (Beard) asking citizens to give up some of their water,"

Beard reminded the Council that crepe myrtles use very little water and further said, "This area would be handled just like the property on City Hall, the park and other areas that the city waters."

With some frustration, Beard said, "You men (the Council) are in a position to make a decision and support it."

Council members said a study will be done by the City on the cost of a water meter and a sprinkler system for future consideration at next month's meeting.

Winters resident Jeremiah Cortez made a presentation to the Council on his request for a dog kennel large enough to maintain fifteen pit bull dogs. Cortez, who lives at 701 W. Parsonage, says he now has twelve pit bulls, and wants to raise more as a business venture but is hesitant to build a privacy fence, runs, and other things necessary for his business if the Council denies his request.

Council decided to direct Hassan and City Attorney Ken Slimp to study this kennel issue in other cities such as Abilene and San Angelo. The Council voted to give Cortez an extended permit to allow him to keep the twelve dogs at the present time.

In other action, the Council approved the following:

- the employment of Jack Burns in the Cemetery Maintenance Department until the end of this fiscal year,
- the Water Plant House Agreement for Jack Davis, Jr.,
- the employment of Mary Morales as Police Officer, and John and Wendy Kraatz part-time Animal Control Officers,
- the Emergency Management Program ordinance,
- the joint resolution establishing an interjurisdictional Emergency Management Program,
- the ordinance cancelling the May 3, 2003, election,
- the resolution approving the second five-year loan with First

## Runnels County Rumors

from the United States Department of Agriculture, Agricultural Stabilization & Conservation Service

### DCP—Time is running out!

Did you know we are issuing advance payments for DCP? Did you also know that April 1 is the final date to update your crop bases and yields? Producers who did not participate in the seven-year Production Flexibility Contract (PFC) must make their bases and yield selection by April 1 in order to participate in this new program. Former PFC participants are eligible for DCP because their farm already has a base and yield established. By April 1, those farmers must decide if they want to update their base and yields or use their PFC base and yields.

There are no set-asides and no acreage restrictions. So make your decisions about your bases and yields, sign your DCP contract and receive your advance payment.

### Counter-Cyclical Yield Updates

Landowners who:

- have been unable to obtain verifiable production records and
- landowners who fed a portion of, or all of their production during any of the years 1998–2001,

now have the option to request actual grain yields on similar farm be used by the County Committee to establish their Counter-cyclical yields under the DCP. A request must be submitted to the County Committee if you want to take advantage of these new options.

### Crop Disaster Program

Approximately \$3.1 billion is available for a number of different disaster programs. The bulk of the funds will be used for crop losses with some going for livestock, tobacco, cottonseed, etc. Crop disaster program rules have not been finalized yet, but we do know the procedure will be similar to previous disaster programs. We know producers will have a choice of receiving payments for the 2001 or 2002 crops (but not both), and the payment rates will be less than previous crop loss payments. Payments will be issued to producers for losses in excess of 35% at:

- 50% of the established price to producers who had crop insurance or Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) coverage;
- 50% of the established price to producers for which crop insurance or NAP was not available; and
- 45% of the established price to producers who did not obtain crop insurance or NAP.

Payments are limited to \$80,000.

All sign-up dates have not been announced. However, sign-up for Livestock Compensation Program (LCP) began April 1, 2003.

### Expanded LCP Provisions—Disaster Assistance

LCP sign-up began on April 1 and is scheduled to end early June 2003.

This is an opportunity to sign-up in LCP if you missed the first enrollment period.

To be eligible for LCP assistance, a producer's livestock operation headquarters must be physically located in a county with a qualifying disaster designation. Eligible livestock are cattle, sheep, goats, and buffalo, as well as catfish. Counties named as contiguous counties are not eligible for the program. LCP payments will be based on losses per head or number of eligible livestock and catfish.

For current disaster program information log on to FSA's disaster website at: <http://disaster.fsa.usda.gov/default.asp> (Please note, "www" is not part of the address.)

### '03 Wool & Mohair Production

Are you preparing to shear your livestock? Will you sell, trade, give away, or process your 2003 fiber immediately after shearing? If so, stop in the office and apply for an LDP. Request to sign a CCC-709 form. You will receive the LDP rate in effect on the day your receipt indicates you transferred control or processed your fiber.

March 30, 2003

To the Voters:

We feel that the voters of Runnels County need to know that we have asked Keith Collom to fix or clean the ditches on county road 209, 208, and 341 in our area (Dale Community) since he has been in office. We have even gone so far as to go to Commissioners' Court where we were allowed to speak during the public opinion section of a meeting. We have asked Keith Collom in Commissioners' Court in front of his peers to clean the ditches. We were told that since he is an elected office, the Commissioners' Court has no control over what he does or does not do.

On Oct. 18, 2002, we were blessed in the Dale Community to receive 6.8" of rain from 8 a.m. until 12:20 p.m. The house that we live in was built by Mr. A. J. Pheffer in 1921. It is pier and beam. It came very close to being ruined by flood waters. The flood level around the house was 1/2 inch from coming in. It wasn't the water that fell here on the farm that put the house in grave danger. It was the water coming down county road 208. A phone call was made to Keith Collom but to no avail, so an urgent message was left regarding the concern for our home. Keith Collom finally arrives but was not too concerned regarding our home or our neighbors' properties. He said that if it started raining again he might send someone out. After the house is under water is too late. When he made this conditional offer for help, water was running off county road 208 onto the property where our home stands. We had to call Bill Calcote and Mike Calcote to come out here and cut a low water crossing in our private road (which we later had to pay to have repaired) to defer the flood water from the house. We shudder to imagine what would have happened to our home if we had been out of town. We would have lost our home.

We farm 553 acres directly south of our home. This 553 acres is bordered by county roads 341, 209, and 352. We have asked Keith Collom to clean ditches on county road 341, 208, and 209 since he has been in office. In 1996 we had cotton on this land. In June of that year, we were blessed with a big rain. This farm takes runoff water from county road 208, 209, and 341. Our cotton was in the 4-leaf stage that June. We had to pump water off this land for 7 days—continuously day and night. Keith Collom was notified of the situation. Cotton will drown. An acre of cotton seed cost \$16-\$35 — and then multiply that by 553 acres. Cotton is expensive to replant. Our cotton grew resulting in a crop to harvest. A good thing happened that fall. We were blessed with another big rain. Guess what. We took runoff water again. Our cotton was flooded. We could not strip the cotton until the ground was frozen. Our cotton set for weeks in the field waiting for the ground to freeze. We had to wait for the ground to freeze so that the equipment would not disappear into a sea of mud.

We have spent over \$40,000 building berms to stop the flood waters and repairing terraces around this farm. We have still asked that the ditches on county roads 208, 209, and 341 in this area be cleaned.

Some of you are wondering how this flooding concerns you. It is easy to be a nimbly (not in my backyard). If you are a taxpayer, it should concern you. One day it may be your field, crop, or home.

Also, a political advertisement was in this past *Winters Enterprise* stating who Keith Collom has working for him. We commend these men. It also read, "Runnels County needs to keep this skilled crew. That will probably happen only if Keith Collom is re-elected Commissioner, Precinct 2." We would like to ask what happened to the crew of 5 men that worked for the county when Keith Collom started the job?

Our county has not contained cost of county government. County government cost should be about 35% less than 15 years ago due to the incomes of area businesses being at least 50% less.

As of today, county roads adjacent to our property are still the same. The ditches need to be fixed. Trees need to be trimmed on county road 208 and 341. Where there are trees adjacent to the road, two vehicles cannot meet without the car next to the trees being damaged.

Most of the bridges in the county are load (weight) limited. Some limits are so low that a pickup should not pass. Many weight limits are so low that farm equipment, harvest equipment, and oil field equipment cannot pass. At times some county roads become impassable to most vehicles due to mud.

Farm, ranch, land, home, and oil taxes pay the bulk of county revenues. County tax money needs to be redirected. Keith Collom has had 8 years to change some of these problems.

We urge the voters in Runnels County to get out and do your job—VOTE.

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