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NEWS

Pearls of Wisdom

It's frustrating when you know all the answers and nobody bothers to ask you the questions.

—Unknown

Field for fireworks

Local residents David and Brenda Grohman are once again offering the use of a plowed field near their home for a July 4 fireworks display.

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It's not too late...



...to sign up for the WIN-TEX Summer Basketball Camp set for June 30-July 3, 2003. Hosted in the Winters High School Gym by WHS coaches, anyone interested in registering their child may contact Deb Whittenburg at 754-4470 or Zach Boxell at 754-2157.

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Celebration of marriage, engagements & town criers

One local couple will celebrate their Golden Wedding anniversary this weekend, while two others announce their engagements, and an aunt announces the arrival of her brand new nephew.

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Letter to the Editor

Ministerial Alliance asks, once again, that area organizations consider scheduling fund-raising meals on any day other than Sunday in an effort to strengthen Winter's community.

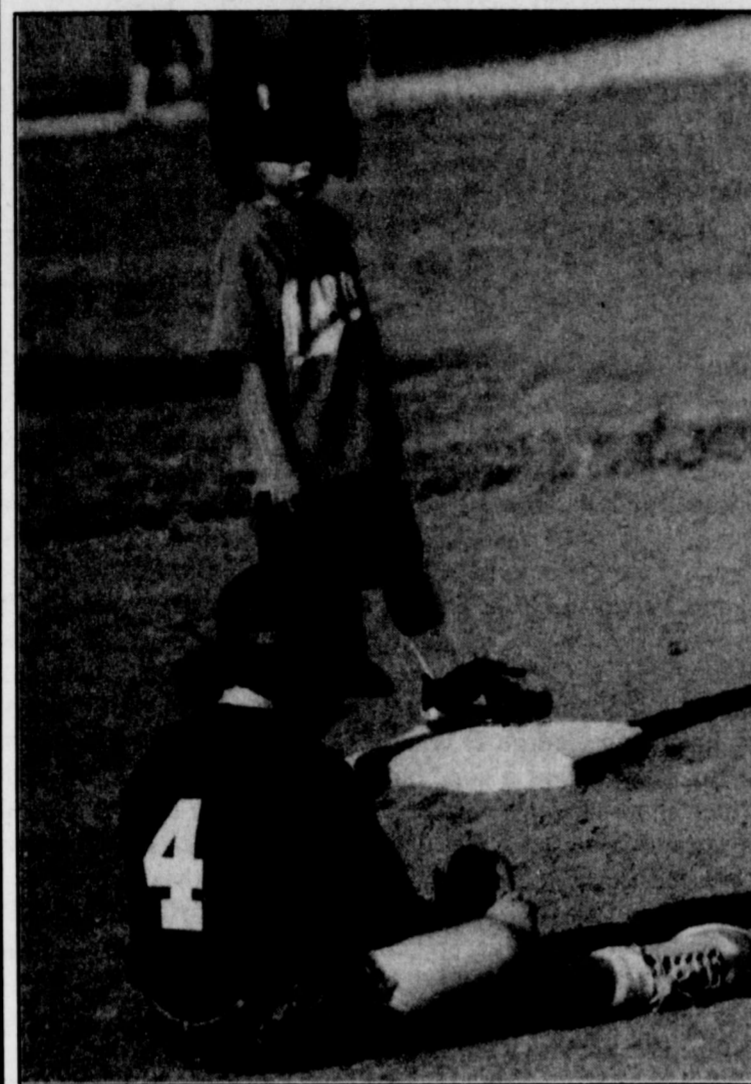
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Baseball at its finest —



(photo by Jean Boles)

KEEPING THINGS IN PERSPECTIVE are Bailee Busher #4 as she 'plays' second base and checks out the infield dirt situation while Logan Reyna waits on second base. The five-year-olds enjoyed the t-ball game for about the first thirty minutes then were ready for refreshments, oblivious to winning or losing. No corked bats were needed for the always entertaining youngsters.

Tourism Roundup in Abilene

by Randall Conner, Director of Economic Development

Many people in Texas and elsewhere are looking for a West Texas experience in the wide-open spaces. Some of the greatest economic development opportunities in this region are in developing tourism and recreational enterprises that cater to these folks.

If you have a business or if you have an interest in developing a tourism/recreational enterprise (including a part-time venture), please consider attending the Tourism Roundup in Abilene on Tuesday, June 24. Activities begin at 9:00 a.m. and last until 4:00 p.m. at the Ambassador Suites behind the Mall of Abilene.

Several from the Winters area have expressed an interest in expanding hunting opportunities, opening antique/craft stores, and developing nature and cultural tourism.

Commissioners attend budget workshops, tend to business items

At Tuesday's Runnels County Commissioners Court special meeting, commissioners agreed to advertise and place several pieces of surplus equipment in a public auction to be held in Abilene July 26.

Commissioners also approved submitting an ADCR No Plan Change Notice and Rate Acknowledgement for 2004 saying there would be no changes in the county's retirement plan for 2004.

Commissioners also voted to enter into a letter of agree-

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Some of these ideas include hunters camps (deer, turkey, dove, quail, and wild hogs), fishing and boating facilities, camping sites, ranching heritage (working ranches, bunkhouse facilities, horseback riding, 4-wheeler, and dirt bike trails, nature trails, campfire events, barbecues, farm heritage (livestock, gardens, old farmsteads), wildflowers, historical sites, bird watching, wildlife photography, bed and breakfasts, and RV facilities. Other ideas include antique and craft shows, tractor pulls, car shows, gun and knife shows, sports tournaments, and fishing tournaments.

There will also be a Winters Area Tourism/Recreational meeting on Tuesday, July 1, at 5:00 p.m. at The Rock Hotel Heritage Center for interested individuals who have ideas for development of new enterprises in this area.

Reservations for the Tourism Roundup in Abilene can be made by calling the Winters Area Business and Industrial Corporation at 754-4542 or e-mail <rconner@winters-texas.us>.

Fourth Annual Relay for Life this weekend at Winters Track Complex

Over \$30,000 raised by Runnels County for American Cancer Society

by Deb Pritchard, assistant editor

The biggest event of the summer is finally here, just in time to kick off the warm and sunny season. The Fourth Annual Winters/Runnels County Relay For Life starts tomorrow night with the setup of campsites beginning at 5 p.m. at the Winters Track Complex. (In the event of rain, ALL activities will be held at the yellow activity building.)

Community members from throughout Winters, Ballinger, and Runnels County will join together for a night of fun and fellowship to benefit the American Cancer Society. Over 15 teams have registered for this year's event.

Registration and luminary sales begin at 5:30 p.m. Team captains are asked to have their team entry fee of \$50 and teams packets organized and ready to turn in at this time. T-shirts will be handed out at registration.

At 6:45 p.m., a Relay Community Picnic will be shared. Free grilled hamburgers with all the fixings, as well as papergoods will be provided. To fill the picnic tables, each team is asked to bring enough chips and desserts to feed their team. Drinks have been donated, however, teams may want to bring iced tea and lemonade to share.

The relay will begin at 8 p.m. with a Survivor's Lap and opening ceremonies. A Survivor's Reception will be held immediately following the first lap. Each team will place at least one walker on the track beginning on lap 2.

All walking will cease at 10 p.m. and the lights at the track will be turned off for a Candlelight Ceremony. In an emotional tribute, luminaries purchased in honor of a cancer sur-

vivor or in memory of one who has lost the battle to cancer will be the only light on the track. Luminaries will be sold for \$5 each until 9:30 p.m.

Special music and a guest speaker will be featured, followed by the reading of the names for whom the luminaries were purchased. Walkers will return to the track following the solemn ceremony.

Special entertainment is planned throughout the night. A host or organized Kid's Activities is planned including a Swim Party at Winters City Pool following the Opening Ceremonies. The supervised swim is for school aged children. Parents with toddlers may bring their children to swim, but must remain with them at all times. Children are reminded to bring their swimsuits and beach towels.

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Child abuse/neglect in Runnels County climbs in 2002

Volunteers needed for child safety programs and victim assistance

"We have a serious problem here."

—Sheriff Bill Baird on Crime in Runnels County

Runnels County gained 34 more children in its 2002 population than it had in 2001, according to figures from the Texas Department of Protective and Regulatory Services. Cases of child abuse/neglect increased by 32 during that same period. Meanwhile, violent crime in Runnels County was up 30 percent. The county continues to have one of the highest per capita child abuse rates in Texas.

Sheriff Bill Baird says he does not know exactly why Runnels County continues to have such a bad record on crime, particularly child abuse. "We have a serious problem here," he said. But one way to stop the trend, says Sheriff Baird, is to get involved in new prevention and assistance programs. The Sheriff said Runnels County can benefit from the services of the regional Crime Victim Crisis Center, which recently expanded here.

Sheriff Baird said he encourages volunteers to get in touch with CVCC to participate in assisting victims and presenting safety programs to students.

CVCC staff members presented the WHO ("We Help Ourselves") program to all Ballinger Elementary classes in April. Programs for Ballinger Junior High and High School and students in Winters ISD are planned for this fall.

CVCC is a non-profit organization serving crime victims in Abilene and the surrounding areas since 1977. Its services are free of charge.

Runnels County residents who are interested in volunteer training should contact CVCC as soon as possible for an application and schedules for the next training sessions. Call Linda Walker at 325-677-7895.

Local doctor receives reprimand from state medical board

Editor's note: The following article is reprinted with permission from The Abilene Reporter-News, Brian Bethel, ARN staff writer, as it appeared on June 14, 2003.

The Texas State Board of Medical Examiners reprimanded Dr. Jerry Wayne Biddix of Winters for telling a patient he had a terminal illness when he did not.

The board cited Biddix for "failure to practice medicine consistent with public health and welfare" in a recent report

of disciplinary actions. The board's report, issued June 6, said Biddix diagnosed a patient with a terminal condition and told him he had only six months to live.

Six months later, after the patient had been admitted to Hospice of the Big Country, Biddix released him from hos-

pice care after it became apparent his case was not terminal.

The report states that Biddix "made the suspected diagnosis without the proper documentation of medical support, including chest x-ray and tissue testing."

A state board spokeswoman said details, such as when the incident occurred, beyond what was in the report could not be disclosed. However, another state board report about Biddix details a case from 1999 that appears to describe the events.

Biddix does not deny many of the details of the agreed order, but disagrees with the board's interpretation of them.

"I suspected that the patient had a terminal condition, and I wrote a four-page letter concerning my evaluation that was then sent to Hospice of the Big Country," he said. "In the letter, I told the hospice nurses my opinion and asked that they make the final decision as to whether or not the patient should be admitted" to hospice.

At the time, Biddix was the hospice's medical director, although he said he "never claimed to be the final authority" on who was admitted to

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MORE RAIN fell last week with most of the city receiving as much as two inches on Tuesday and Friday, and four inches over those days just east of town. Total rainfall for June is about seven inches. City Manager Aref Hassan said the old Winters Lake as well as Elm Creek Reservoir are full.

(photo by Deb Pritchard)

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Editorial

Oil Bidness

by Reg Boles © 2003



Much noise is being made, of late, regarding a shortage of natural gas. How bad is it, really?

It depends upon whom you ask and whether you are talking about west Texas, the United States, or the world.

If you look at the world situation, there is abundant discovered supply. There is so much natural gas that it is worthless in some remote regions. This is the same problem we have discussed before, where gas is a special product that isn't easy to transport great distances. Suffice it to say that gas is a regional product, although that is changing.

If you talk to someone about the U.S. natural gas supply situation, things look differently. This is due, in part, to the regional nature of natural gas, where we consume the fuel in great quantities but we are falling behind in our capability to deliver it. Despite great volumes of natural gas in other parts of the world, we can't get it here on demand (although people are working on changing this in the future).

Right now, we are importing gas from Canada and Mexico where we can through cross-border pipelines. We are also trying to tie-in deep-water fields offshore Texas and Louisiana as fast we can. But, with growth in gas-generated electricity, increased home demand, and even higher demand in the fertilizer and plastics industry, domestic supply just can't keep up.

As a result, U.S. spot prices are over \$6 per thousand cubic feet (MCF). Compare this to \$3.50 early last year, and less than \$2 not too long ago.

The U.S. government is sounding the alarm bell, although much of the main-

stream media is ignoring the issue. While many foreign newspapers blared that a natural gas shortage was about to swamp the U.S. market, local papers and news shows reported on the latest reality television show. The public is judged not to care enough about this issue.

But, just wait until local electricity prices go up 50% this summer-somebody will care and everyone will point a finger of blame at the big-bad oil and gas business. But, I digress.

Despite all of this demand and higher spot prices, many smaller operators in this area don't see the prices much above \$2 per MCF. While there are those that get the higher prices, long-term contracts, unfavorable contract restrictions, and lack of outlets from leases that produce small volumes of gas conspire to hold prices down in the field for many operators.

So, ironically, while everyone is screaming for more supply, the incentive to produce more is dampened in many cases by low field prices on casinghead gas (gas produced in pumping oil wells) and other sources of small but collectively significant volumes.

What to do? Unfortunately, I don't have the magic solution. But, as usual, I have some advice. If you are an operator getting a low price, ask questions of your buyer. Talk to competitors and seek alternative outlets for sale. The demand is out there, and the prices should be higher based on market conditions.

By seeking a higher price, you will help yourself, increase your incentive to produce more gas, and help the country, as well. Isn't capitalism great?

Obituaries

Charlotte Wella Walker Welch

ABILENE—Charlotte Wella Walker Welch, 49, died Wednesday, June 4, 2003, at Hendrick Medical Center in Abilene.

She was born May 24, 1954, in San Bernardino, California, to Gorge Thomas and Marie Pester Walker. After living in various locations during her childhood, including California, Nebraska, England, Australia, Georgia, South Carolina, and New Jersey, the family ultimately established their permanent home in Abilene in 1968.

She graduated from Cooper High School in 1972, and from McMurry College in 1976. She was an elementary teacher for the Hamby Independent School District when she met Hubert Welch, Jr.

They were married December 9, 1978 in Tuscola. She left teaching after the 1982-83 school year to devote her time to the couple's two children, Rachel and Ryan. In 1986 she began work as a Medical Secretary for Abilene Home Health Professional Care where she remained an employee until February, 2003.

Mrs. Welch was active in the Alta Vista and Jefferson Middle School PTAs during her children's school years, and served as team Mom for various soccer teams through the years. She was an avid recreational walker and also loved to do cross-stitch work, entering many of her works at the West Texas Fair each year.

She was a member of Aldersgate United Methodist Church, and had taught Sunday School and Vacation Bible School at various times.

In mid-2000 she was diagnosed with Lou Gehrig's Disease, whose later stage complications ultimately claimed her life.

She was preceded in death by her father George T. Walker. She is survived by her husband, Hubert and a son, James Ryan, both of the home; a daughter, Rachel Marie Keesee and husband, Justin, and her darling granddaughter, Rylee Elizabeth Keesee, all of Abilene; her mother, Marie Walker of Abilene; three brothers, Robin Walker and wife Ava, and son Thomas of Abilene, Wesley Walker and wife Donise, and children Lindsay, Brittany, and Christian of Flower Mound, and Brian Walker and wife Letty of Houston; two sisters, Gretchen Herman and husband Jimmy (Slim) and children Jeffy, Aron, Josh, and Jacob of Abilene, and Marlene Hogan and husband John, and children Cole, Lauren, and Chance of Winters.

Others survivors include: three aunts, Barbara Beck of Lancaster, Gerda Lawson of British Columbia, Canada, and Mary Sue Westbrook of DeQueen, Arkansas.

Family visitation was Thursday, June 5, from 6 to 8 p.m. Funeral services were held Friday, June 6, at 4 p.m. in the Elliott-Hamil Chapel of Faith in Abilene. Burial followed in the Elliott-Hamil Garden of Memories.

Pallbearers were Rex May, Allan Wright, Dick Delay, Terry Ellis, Bill McBain, and Mark Crotsley. Honorary pallbearers will be Albert Burson, Jack Chapman, and Dan Laughter.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that memorials in Charlotte's name be made to MDA, Inc., 8111 LBJ Freeway, #1095, Dallas, Texas 75251 where they will be directed to ALS research and treatment.

Patsy L. Hogan

CLYDE—Patsy L. Hogan, 64, died Thursday, June 5, 2003. She was born on August 25, 1938, near Drasco in southern Taylor County to G.W. and Clois Scott. She attended school in Bradshaw, then transferred to Winters. After graduating from Winters High School in 1956, she attended Mary Hardin Baylor College.

She married Winford Hogan on July 4, 1958 in Winters. They moved to Clyde from Putnam in 1960. She was a loving wife, mother, and friend to all who knew her.

She was active in many civic and charitable organizations including the First Baptist Church, Clyde Goodfellows, and Clyde Study Club. The Kiwanis Club of Clyde honored her service by awarding her the 1994-95 Community Service Award. She worked in the Clyde Independent School District as a teacher's aide and substitute teacher.

She was preceded in death by her mother Clois Scott and a brother, Rickey Scott.

She is survived by her husband, Winford "Coach" Hogan of Clyde; four sons and their families, Mark and Lydia Hogan, and Jessica, Joshua, and Jordan of San Antonio; Mike and Natalie Hogan, and Lillian, Natalie, Joshua, and Renee of West Point, New York; Melvin and Robin Hogan and Katherine and Sarah of San Antonio; and Mason and Susan Hogan, and Will and Caroline of St. Louis, Missouri; her father, G.W. Scott, Jr. of Winters; brothers, George Scott of Eldorado, and Sam Scott of Hamlin; and sister, Carolyn Tidmore of Houston.

Services were held on Monday, June 9, at 10 a.m. at the First Baptist church in Clyde with Dr. Toby Henson officiating. Graveside services were held at 2 p.m. at the Wingate Cemetery under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home of Clyde.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Clyde Goodfellows or The Gideons.

Did you know?—In 1910, after the Abilene Southern Railroad came to town, Winters was the largest cotton shipping point in the United States.

Edna Rios Cortez

WINTERS—Edna Rios Cortez, 71, died Wednesday, June 11, 2003, in San Angelo Community Hospital.

She was born April 6, 1932, in San Angelo and grew up there. She married Felix Cortez on June 19, 1951 in San Angelo and they moved to Winters in 1953. She was a homemaker and a member of Mt. Carmel Catholic Church.

She is survived by her husband, Felix Cortez of Winters; four sons and a daughter, Daniel Cortez, Milton Cortez, Eddie Cortez, and Betty Joan Martinez and husband Demetrio Martinez, Jr. of Winters, and Felix Cortez, Jr. and his wife Estella of Abilene; 16 grandchildren; and 22 great-grandchildren.



Rosary was held at 7 p.m. on Friday, June 13 at the Winters Funeral Home Chapel. Mass was held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, June 14 at Mt. Carmel Catholic Church in Winters with Father Obioma D. Obi officiating. Burial followed in Lakeview Cemetery under the direction of the Winters Funeral Home.

Pallbearers were Paul Trevino, Jose Antonio Sanchez, Emilio Martinez, Barney Valles, Anthony Hubbard, Phillip Cortez, Eddie Cortez, Jr., and Justin Cole Soto.

A million times we've needed you, a million times we've cried. If love could have saved you, you never would have died. In life we loved you dearly, in death we love you still. In our hearts you hold a special place, no one else will fill. It broke our hearts to lose you, but you didn't go alone. Part of us went with you, the day God took you home. Love you always, MoMo. Love, Felix, kids, grandkids, and great-grandkids.

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ment with West Central Texas Council of Governments relating to developing a jurisdictional Mitigation Action Plan which is required by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). County Judge Marilyn Egan explained the action was required by the federal Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 and that FEMA was assisting at no cost to the county in developing the plan.

Commissioners recessed before entering into a budget workshop for the next fiscal year.

The Court met most of the day on Monday in a budget workshop.

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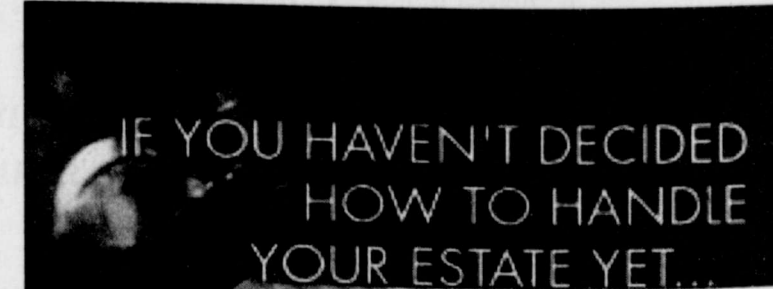
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Community

Pastor's Points

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

Summertime and the living is easy

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

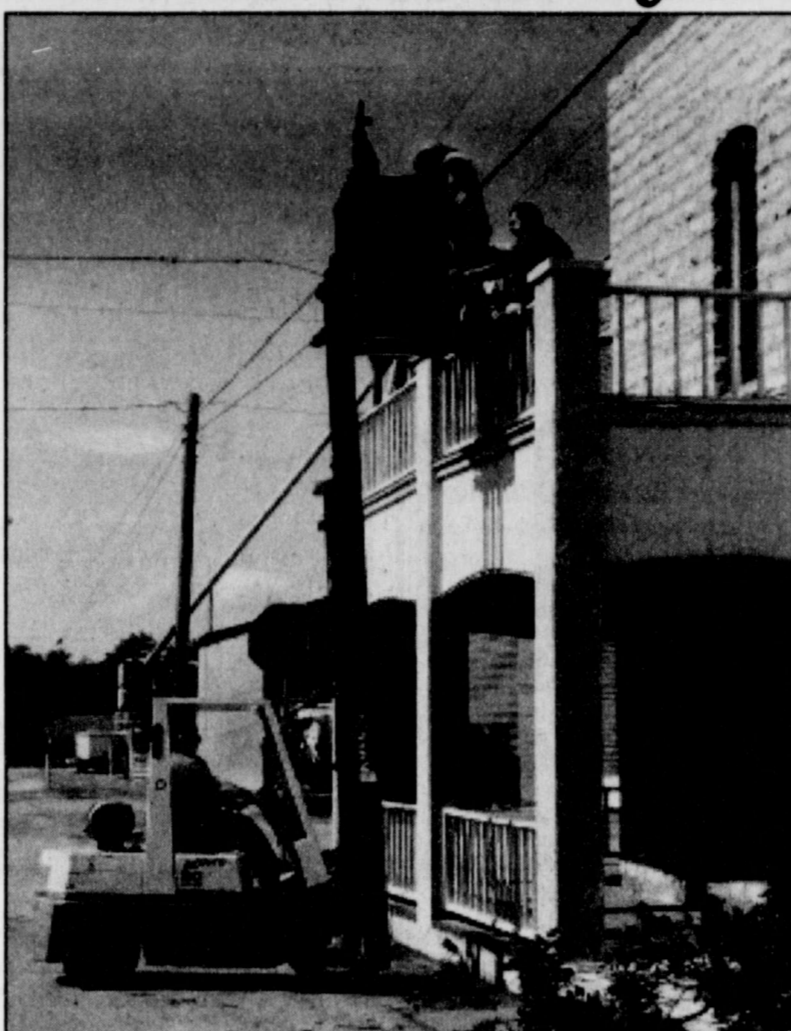
A fond memory of many who grew up in farming communities throughout the country and even us city dwellers (Chicago) was one of a mother, or grandmother in my case, baking homemade bread for the family.

I remember going to my grandmother's house in the colder months of the year and smelling the baking bread several blocks away, and I just knew that Grandma was baking bread for our visit. This always occurred except during the summer months when Grandma would not bake bread. It wasn't until many years later that I finally knew why she did this. Grandma would always put the dough on the radiator in the kitchen to rise. In the summer it was just plain to hot to do that, so no bread. You must remember this was during the days when most homes did not have air conditioning; it was too costly for private homes.

But no bread also meant summer was different from the rest of the year. We took a break from the routine of the rest of the year.

"Unfortunately, some folks think that is also the time to take a break from regular corporate worship, too. Partly as a result of that practice, many congregations cut back worship services and discontinue programs of ministry during the summer. Sometimes, the liturgy itself is even reduced to a bare minimum during the summer. But any such practices that suggest that summer renewal doesn't need spiritual input are unfortunate. Precisely because summertime is an opportune time for renewal, refreshment, and relaxation, the church can and should provide a spiritual context.

"Yes, the rhythms of life may vary in this season. But in the same way that we continue with habits such as dinner, so we all still need spiritual feeding. Summertime, the long, green post-Pentecost season, can be a period of growth within the church — a time for corporate, as well as individual renewal." (From *Sundays and Seasons*, copyright 2002 Augsburg Fortress.)



(photo by Jean Boles)

EASY DOES IT as Jim Lincycumb uses a forklift to raise a heavy dresser over the balcony railing of the Rock Hotel to the waiting arms of Raul Ramirez (in hat) and Randall Conner with help from Dan Killough, Roj Ramirez and Shawn Kraatz (behind dresser). The dresser was moved from the Museum to the J.N. Winters Room at the Hotel.

Country Club News

by Brenda Clough,
Ladies Golf Association President

The ladies hosted a spouse/guest scramble for Tuesday play followed by dinner. Winning team was Jerry B. and Beth Whitlow and Dickie and Brenda Clough. Rick Dry won closest to the pin.

Wednesday scramble winning team was Bill Hall, Van Spill, Armando Tamez, and Ann Tamez. Closest to the pin was Van Spill.

Ladies play each Tuesday at 5:45 p.m. and Wednesday scrambles begin at 5:30 p.m. An ABC Best Ball Tournament is scheduled for July 4 with tee-off time at 10 a.m., followed by a covered dish luncheon. Everyone is encouraged to come out and play.

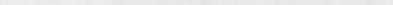
A Heartfelt Thank You

I'd like to say a very large thank you to all the fine folks of Winters for the best experience of my Postal career. After 42 plus years of working for Uncle Sam, it's time to do something else (like sleep in till 7:00 a.m.).

You're getting a great guy, Von Byrd, one of your own, as Postmaster. I've known Von about 20 years and know you couldn't get a better man. I also know he'll be in great hands with the best Postal guys and gals I've ever had the pleasure to work with.

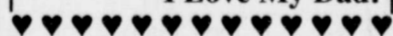
You're very fortunate to have these dedicated folks serving you. And always remember, you can't buy stamps cheaper anywhere else than you can at the Winters P.O.! Thanks again!

John C. Frock



Dear Dad,
I like how you help me with my bike. Because that's what Dads should do. And you're just like a friend to me. I'll tell you things and you can help me with them. I'll always love you. Never ever forget that. OK.

Love,
Kelsea Parker
I Love My Dad!



Social Security Representative in Winters on Monday, June 23

Garland Gregg, representative for the San Angelo Social Security Office, has scheduled his June visit to Winters. He will be at the Winters Housing Project Office on Monday, June 23, between 9:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

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

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

If desired, write to the office at P.O. Box 3808, San Angelo, Texas 76902.

Second Baptist Church to host Old Time Gospel revival

An Old Time Gospel Revival will be at the Second Baptist Church, 801 Trinity, in Winters, from Sunday, June 22, through Sunday, June 29.

Sunday morning services will begin at 10:45, Sunday evening services are at 6 p.m. Weekday services begin at 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, June 28, will be Youth Day. A hot dog lunch will be at 11:00 a.m. with fun

and games until 3:00 p.m. The Saturday night service will have a special emphasis on youth.

Evangelist will be Brother Jeff Gore, "cowboy minister."

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Monday, June 23: Mexican Cornbread, pinto beans, cole slaw, crackers, blonde brownies

Tuesday, June 24: Steak & gravy, mashed potatoes, corn, hot rolls, Jell-O Cake

Wednesday, June 25: Chicken salad, tuna salad, broccoli salad, Jell-O salad, blueberry cheesecake

Thursday, June 26: Ham & Cheese sandwich, soup, chips, fruit salad, cookies

Friday, June 27: Spaghetti w/meat sauce, green beans, tossed salad, garlic bread, 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.

WHS Class of '93 reunion

The Winters High School Class of 1993 is planning their 10-year reunion for Saturday, August 30, at the Winters Community Center.

Interested classmates should contact Susan (Leady) Jacob at 902 CR 385, Winters, TX 79567, 325-754-4379 OR Sara Jackson at P.O. Box 574, Veribest, TX 76886, 325-655-7927 or <saraannjackson@yahoo.com>.

WHAT'S HAPPENING ?

June 19-11:30 a.m., Sr. Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center

6-7 p.m., Ladies Swim Night, Winters City Pool

6-8:30 p.m., VBS, First United Methodist Church

June 20-11:30 a.m., Sr. Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center

5:30 p.m., Cowboy Camp Meeting Chuckwagon & Flag-Raising Ceremony, George Havens Campground

5:30 p.m., Relay for Life Kick-Off

6-8:30 p.m., VBS, First United Methodist Church

6:45 p.m., Relay for Life Picnic

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

8 p.m., Cowboy Camp Meeting (nightly through June 29), George Havens Campground

June 21-Relay for Life

8 p.m., Cowboy Camp Meeting, George Havens Campground

First Day of Summer

June 22-10:45 a.m., Old Time Gospel Revival, Second Baptist Church

6 p.m., Old Time Gospel Revival, Second Baptist Church

June 23-9:30-10:30 a.m., SS Rep, Winters Housing Authority

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

7 p.m., Old Time Gospel Revival, Second Baptist Church

8 p.m., Wingate Masonic Lodge

INFO, San Angelo

June 24-9 a.m.-4 p.m., Tourism Roundup, Ambassador Suites, Abilene

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

Noon, Lions Club, Sr. Citizens Activity Center

6-7 p.m., Ladies Swim, City Pool

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

7 p.m., WVFD Auxiliary

7 p.m., Old Time Gospel Revival, Second Baptist Church

June 25-7 a.m., Industrial Board, Windmill Enterprise Office

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

7 p.m., Old Time Gospel Revival, Second Baptist Church

June 26-11:30 a.m., Sr. Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center

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

6-7 p.m., Ladies Swim, City Pool

7 p.m., Old Time Gospel Revival, Second Baptist Church

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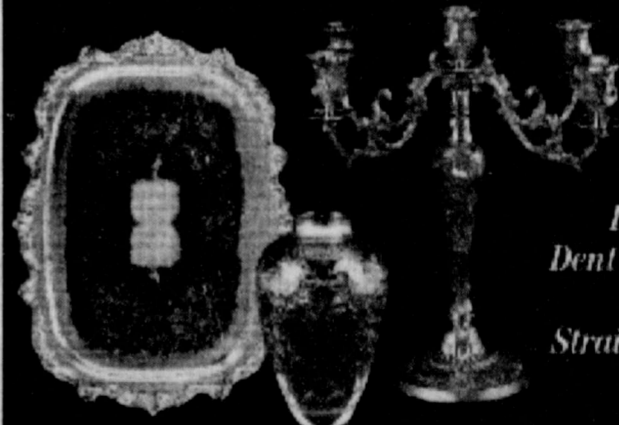
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RELAY, continued

In addition, a variety of activities have been planned for the ladies to keep them busy throughout the night. As always, tournaments of horse-shoes, washers, and volleyball are also planned. Several group activities have been scheduled throughout the evening.

A Snack Attack Mexicale is set for midnight featuring homemade hot sauce, con queso, chips, tortillas, and cinnamon chips for everyone.

The final lap will take place at 5 a.m. Homemade cinnamon rolls will be served for breakfast at 5:15 a.m. followed by Closing Ceremonies.

Donations are being taken for chances on raffle prizes to be given away every hour of the relay. Some prizes include tickets to Six Flags-AstroWorld, SeaWorld, the musical TEXAS in Palo Duro Canyon, Texas Rangers baseball tickets, \$50 worth of gas from Bob Loyd L.P. Gas, a variety of gifts from professional

sports teams, and the State Capitol, plus much more. A few teams will raffle individual items in an effort to raise team entry fees, including a Makita Drill Set and Trip to Hunt, Texas to name a few.

Donations will be taken for chances throughout the night. Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5 and 12 for \$10.

Winters and Runnels County has raised over \$30,000 the past three years for the American Cancer Society as a result of their annual Relay for Life.

The entire community is encouraged to participate in this fund-raising event. Anyone not affiliated with a team may still join any and all of the activities. Though the facilities will be fogged late Friday afternoon, participants are reminded to bring plenty of mosquito repellent. Bring your lawnchairs and enjoy the festivities.

2003 Fourth Annual



Schedule of Events

Friday & Saturday, June 20-21

Winters Track Complex
(Yellow Building in the event of rain)

5 p.m. Campsite set-up at Winters Track
5:30 p.m. Registration/Luminary Sales begin
6:45 p.m. Relay Community Picnic
8 p.m. Opening Ceremonies/Survivor's Lap
Survivor's Reception under the tent
Music & Tournaments begin
All teams represented on the track
8:30 p.m. Kid's Swim-City Pool
9 p.m. Raffle Drawing begins (prize/hour)
10 p.m. Candlelight Ceremony (walking ceases)
11:30 p.m. Drawing for Makita Drill Set & Trip to Hunt, Texas
Midnight Snack Attack Mexicale
1 a.m. Volleyball Tournament begins
5 a.m. Final Lap (everyone on track)
5:15 a.m. Breakfast/Closing Ceremonies

**Bring lawn chairs & insect repellent

Feel the Chill tennis camp —



(photo by Jean Boles)

BRYANT MIKESKA prepares to hit the ball under the watchful eye of tennis coach David Acevedo during the annual Feel the Chill Summer Tennis Camp. Also shown are (l-r) Jennifer Moore, Stephen Goetz and Addison Bergman. Coach Acevedo had 32 players in the weeklong camp held at the Winters school courts.

Two locals earn degrees from Texas Tech University

Two Winters residents were among 1,900 students earning degrees and graduating from Texas Tech University in ceremonies held in the United Spirit Arena on Saturday, May 17, 2003.

Jamie Michelle Sims received her Master of Science degree in Interdisciplinary Studies. While at Tech, she studied Management Information Systems, Computer Science, and Communications Studies. She is currently employed by Texas Tech University. She is the daughter of Jerry and Jan Sims of Winters.

John Arthur Biddix received his Bachelor of Science degree in Restaurant, Hotel, Institutional Management. He is the son of Dr. Jerry and Judy Biddix.

BIDDIX, continued

the program.

Biddix is no longer the hospice program's medical director, although the aforementioned incident apparently did not play into his departure.

Rather, the hospice felt a medical director who lived in Abilene and had local hospital privileges would best meet patient's needs, said David Hooker, Hospice of the Big Country's executive director. Regarding the case that has brought the reprimand, Biddix said he viewed a chest x-ray for the patient that led to his diagnosis. He said he was confident in his diagnosis and felt tissue testing "wasn't warranted" in the patient's case.

"Once you admit a patient to hospice, all diagnostic work generally ceases," he said.

As part of his reprimand, Biddix will be monitored by a physician who will examine his medical and billing records for at least 30 patients every three months. The assigned monitor will document any perceived deficiencies or recommendations to improve Biddix's practice of medicine.

The observation is slated to run two years. Biddix said he can request the order be rescinded after a year.

"I don't think it's a bad thing," Biddix said of the monitoring, "especially if it means I might access some training and expertise that might not have normally been available to me. I'm also hoping that I can learn exactly what the board wants in my medical records so that we can remove those complaints."

Jill Wiggins, a Texas Board of Medical Examiners spokeswoman, said the monitoring is

a "somewhat new approach for us, but we believe it is an excellent method of resolving these issues."

Biddix has had previous difficulties with the board, most of which involve the physician's record-keeping.

His file also includes complaints from twelve patients that resulted in the board forbidding Biddix to perform surgeries in 1988 and the doctor losing privileges at two East Texas hospitals. The accusations also put his license to practice medicine in a probationary status. The board restored his license to full status in 1991.

Biddix received his medical training at Wake Forest University in North Carolina in 1974, and received his license to practice medicine in Texas a year later.

Editor's Note: Biddix, 55, said he has been practicing in

Winters since 1991. Rick Rickard, Administrator of North Runnels Hospital, said he has had no personal contact with Dr. Biddix other than a very brief meeting in 1991 when Rickard worked in another city.

"I've only talked to the man for about five minutes long ago so I have no first-hand knowledge of his situation," Rickard told Jean Boles, editor of The Winters Enterprise.

Rickard went on to say that Biddix, who has private practice in Winters, has had no connection with North Runnels Hospital for several years except for out-patient care and laboratory services but no in-patient or emergency room affiliation.

Of the recent reprimand, Biddix said, "That (Reporter-News) story fairly well sums it up. I have nothing to add or change."

IT'S NOT TOO LATE!!!!

There are still some openings left for the WIN-TEX Basketball Camp set for June 30-July 3, 2003.

Contact Deb Whittenburg at 754-4470 OR Zach Boxell at 754-2157.

NOTICE OF GAS RATE INCREASE REQUEST

TXU Gas Company (the "Company"), in accordance with the Gas Utility Regulatory Act as set forth in the Texas Utilities Code, hereby gives notice of its intent to implement a new schedule of rates for natural gas service to be charged to all of the customers served by the Company in the incorporated municipalities and unincorporated areas in the Company's statewide gas utility system (the "System"). The proposed revisions to the respective rate schedules will impact all classes of service and all fees and charges presently being assessed by the Company on its transmission and distribution systems. As of the filing date of the Company's Statement of Intent to change rates, the proposed rates are expected to approximately produce a \$69,524,311 or a 7.24 percent increase in the Company's annual revenues from customers in the System. The proposed change will affect approximately 1,344,030 residential, 125,603 commercial, and 1,441 industrial sales and transportation customers in the System. The proposed change constitutes 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 customers, depending on consumption and current applicable rate schedules. The proposed changes in rates will not become effective for environs customers until similar changes have become effective within the nearest incorporated city or town. A residential customer receiving a bill for 6 Mcf will see a bill of approximately \$41.69, which would constitute an average increase of approximately \$3.59 per month or a 9.4% increase. A commercial customer receiving a bill for 30 Mcf will see a bill of approximately \$173.04, which would constitute an average increase of approximately \$13.91 per month or a 8.7% increase. The effect of the proposed changes to rates and services for industrial sales and transportation customers, which may be significant for individual customers, will vary depending on type of service and consumption. The proposed change would constitute an increase of \$0.00 or a 0% increase in annual revenues to the Company for industrial sales and transportation customers. A complete copy of the Statement of Intent, filed with the Railroad Commission of Texas and all of the System cities and towns on May 23, 2003, is available for inspection in the Company business office located at 1601 Bryan St., Dallas, Texas 75201. Persons with specific area questions or who want information about this filing may contact TXU Gas Company at 1-800-460-3030. Any affected persons located inside of the city limits of a municipality served by the Company may file written comments or protest concerning the proposed change in rates with their respective municipality. Any affected persons located outside of the city limits of a municipality served by the Company may file written comments or protest concerning the proposed change in rates with Docket Services Section of the Legal Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 12967, Austin, Texas 78711-2967, but have a limited time to do so. Pursuant to the Rules of the Railroad Commission of Texas, Title 16 of the Texas Administrative Code Section 7.230, any affected persons may file written comments or a protest concerning the proposed change in the environs rates with the Docket Services Section of the Railroad Commission of Texas, at any time within 30 days following the date on which the change would or has become effective. The Company is proposing to have these proposed rates become effective on June 27, 2003.

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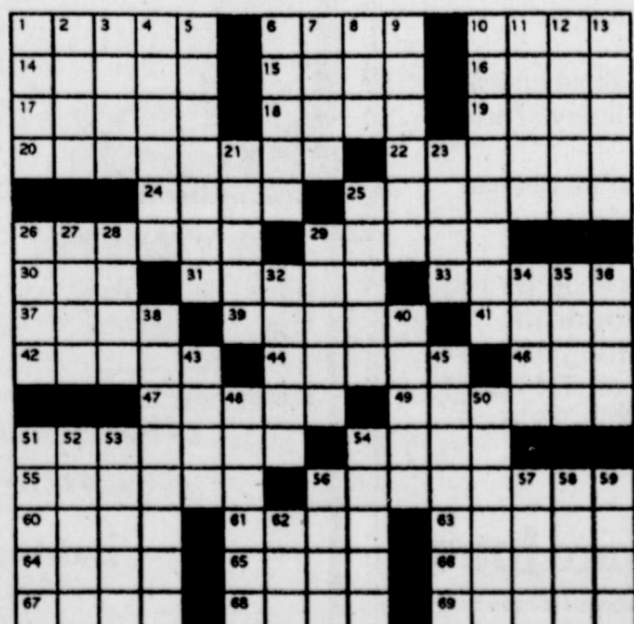
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ACROSS

1. Cleansers
6. Show approval
10. Flow forth
14. Rye grower's bane
15. 100 centesimos
16. German article
17. Smelly
18. Uncommon person
19. Pro's foe
20. Chief
22. Spring event
24. Irk
25. Leaders of a newscasting team
26. Removed by rubbing
29. Foreword, for short
30. Scouting term
31. Judges
33. Sesame Street character
37. Dill herb
39. Defiled
41. Projecting piece
42. Did the lawn
44. Calligrapher's stroke
46. Comrade
47. Russian workers' group
49. Capital city
51. Direction indicator
54. Speak incoherently
55. Cold period
56. Aversion
60. Back part
61. Jefferson, for short
63. More unfriendly
64. Contraction
65. Fair
66. California mission founder
67. Mayberry's sheriff
68. Tranquil place
69. River flowing from Staffordshire

DOWN

1. One who lacked freedom
2. Cookie
3. Ripener
4. Fireplace rods
5. Blocked, in a frustrating way
6. Word with by or up
7. Residue
8. Live
9. Pop
10. Beach
11. Multicolored animal
12. Stage direction
13. Low dams
21. More mature
23. Land division
25. Goose genus
26. Cheese-producing town
27. City near Lake Tahoe
28. Over
29. Incite
32. Loosens
34. City near San Francisco
35. Name for 6 Russian rulers
36. Slimy
38. Event for a little girl and her dolls
40. Radio knobs
43. Tow
45. Orchestra member
48. Fly
50. Alcoholic drink; slang
51. Around
52. Oregon's neighbor
53. My Shadow
54. Word before Peter and after Paul
56. Amount to be swallowed
57. Address for a king
58. Shorebird
59. He was: Lat.
62. Coal scuttie



CAFETERIA MENU

June 23 through June 27

Subject to change

Breakfast

(served 7:30-8 a.m.)

Monday-June 23

Cereal

Juice

Tuesday-June 24

Donut

Juice

Wednesday-June 25

Cereal

Juice

Thursday-June 26

Banana Nut Muffin

Juice

Friday-June 27

Cereal

Juice

Lunch

(served Noon-1 p.m.)

Monday-June 23

Nachos

Mixed Fruit

Corn

Ice Cream

Tuesday-June 24

Spaghetti w/Meat Sauce

Tossed Salad

Green Beans

Garlic Bread

Chocolate Cake

Wednesday-June 25

Comdog

French Fries

Mixed Fruit

Banana Pudding

Thursday-June 26

BBQ on Bun

Chips

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Cobbler

Friday-June 27

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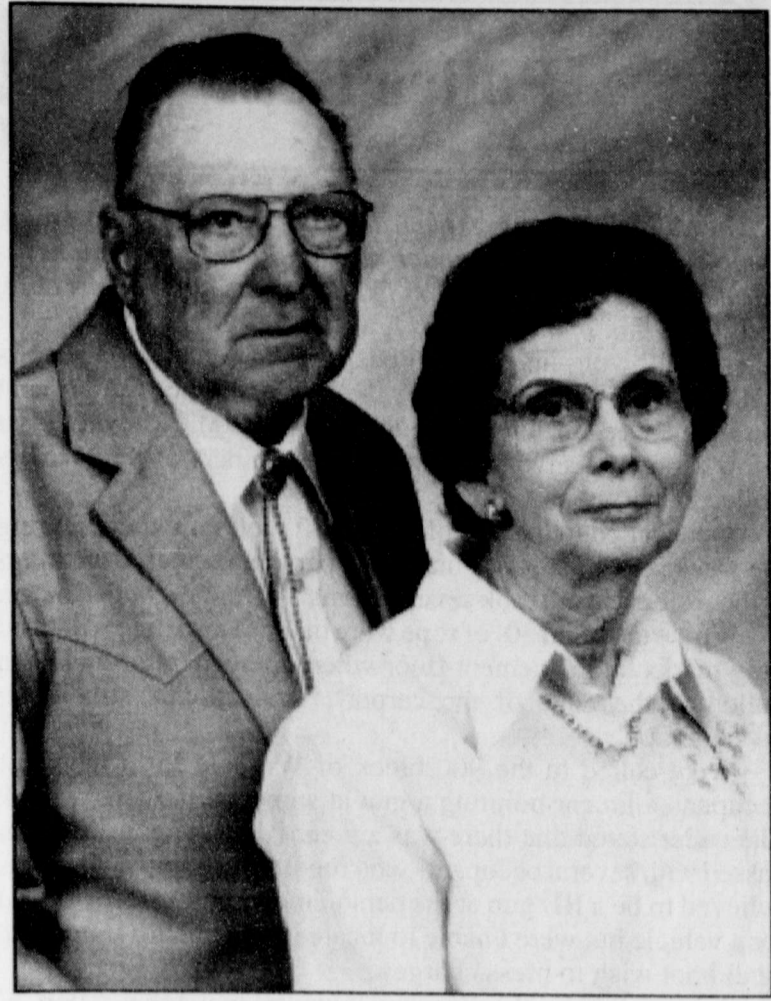
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RC and Mary Kurtz to celebrate Golden Wedding Anniversary

RC and Mary Kurtz will celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary in the Fellowship Center of St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Winters on Sunday June 22, 2003, from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. The reception will be hosted by their children and grandchildren. Everyone is invited to join them in this time of memories and fun. Your good wishes instead of gifts are desired.

RC was born in the Eaglebranch Community, southeast of Winters to Raymond and Hilda Deike Kurtz. His parents decided to give him a name of initials only and decided on RC. On being told that he needed a second name they decided that Junior would be a good second name never realizing the trouble he would have in trying to get others to accept it that way for the rest of his life.

He attended the Eaglebranch School in the early grades and then the Winters Public Schools. He entered the United States Army in August, 1951 and was sent to Korea in April 1952 where he served on the front until May 1953. He has been a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars for 50 years and has held offices in the local and district organizations.

For many years he helped put up the U.S. Flags in downtown Winters and is still active in seeing that the flags are flown at the cemeteries on special days.

Mary Elizabeth Gerhart Kurtz was born in the Harmony Community, east of Winters, on the same farm her father was born. Later she and her parents Walter and Alvina Belitz Gerhart moved to the joining farm. She attended the first grade in the Harmony School and then attended and graduated from the Winters Public School. She has been a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Ladies Auxiliary for 35 years and has held offices in the local and district organizations.

Her favorite projects are working with the youth emphasizing Americanism and Patriotism. She was the Director/Teacher, for the St. John's Lutheran Preschool for 15 years She teaches Sunday School, helps with Big Country Lutheran Church Camp, is active in the Women of the ELCA locally and at conference. She has been a member of the North Texas - North Louisi-

ana Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America Board. She has been employed in Winters as bookkeeper, Community Action Director, Headstart Teacher, and substitute teacher for the Winters Schools.

They are both life long members of St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church and members of the Z.I. Hale Museum, where they helped with the memorial bricks and the "Veterans Room" in The Rock Hotel. They were also very active in starting the "Memorial to Veterans" on the Runnels County Courthouse lawn. They are past members of the Winters Riding Club.

RC and Mary were acquaintances all their life but did not have much in common until they started dating in high school on and off. They were engaged on August 7, 1951 and RC entered the service August 14, a week later, and was stationed in California, followed by Virginia, and then sent overseas.

During this time they only saw each other when he got to come home on the way to a new assignment about 4 weeks in all. He returned home on Mother's Day and they were married a month later on June 21, 1953 in St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church followed by a Garden Reception at her parents home.

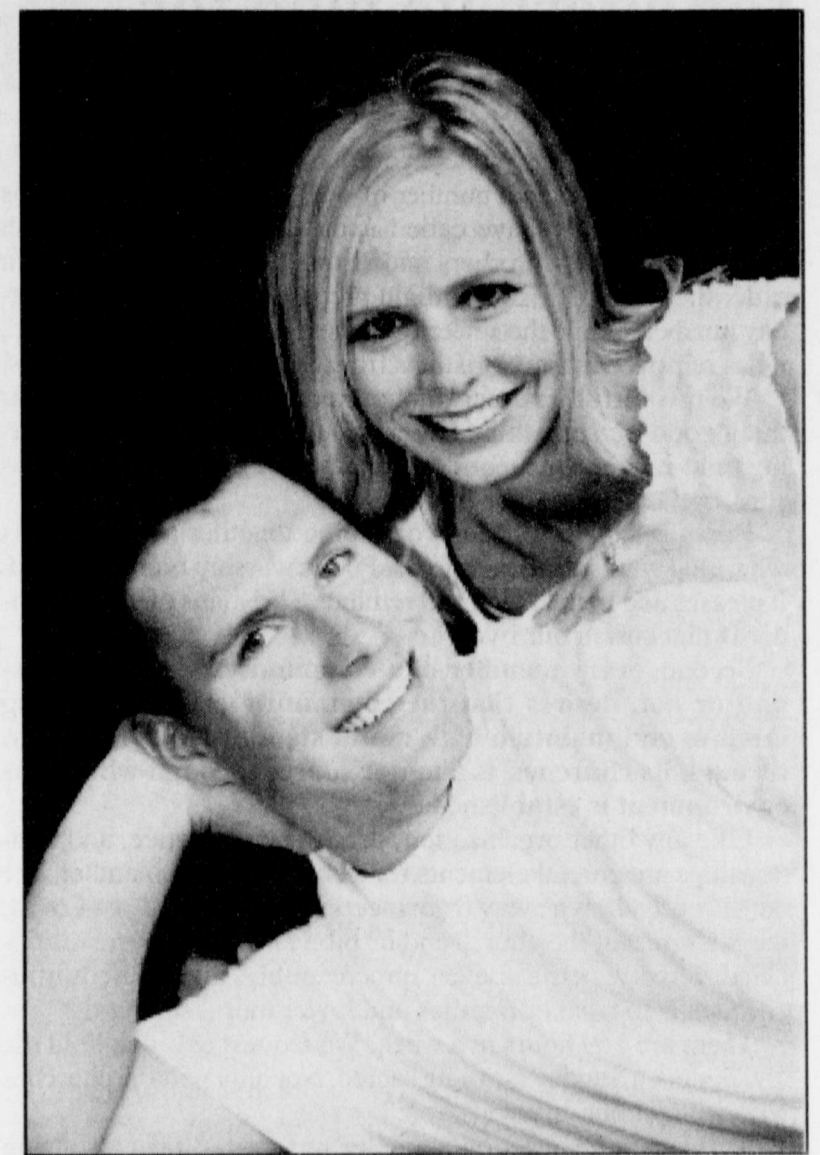
For their 25th Anniversary, Mary took her wedding dress out of storage and wore it to a reception and dance they gave, to finish the dream. Through the years they have ranched and farmed in the Winters Area.

Their marriage has been blessed with two sons and daughters-in-law, Randall and Janice Kurtz and Darrell and Sherry Kurtz, and their wonderful grandchildren Keegan, Camille, and Caitlin Kurtz and Carrie and Isaac Ramos, as well as one of their greatest joys and sorrows, their first born grandchild Brenton Kurtz, deceased.

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—James Autry

Engagements

Shoemaker, Guy engaged



Zane Guy & Melinda Shoemaker

Ronnie and Irene Shoemaker of Hamlin announce the engagement and upcoming marriage of their daughter, Melinda Shoemaker, to Zane Guy of Brownwood.

The prospective bridegroom is the son of J.B. Jr. and Kay Guy of Winters.

Both Melinda and Zane currently teach and coach at Brownwood High School.

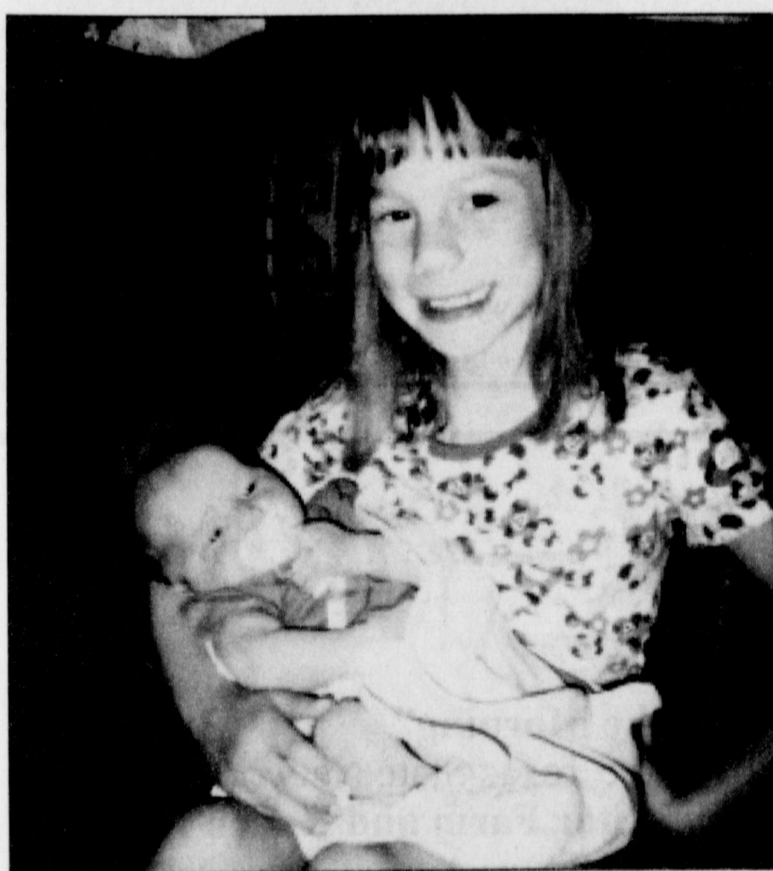
The couple will exchange vows at 3:00 p.m. Saturday, July 12, 2003, at the Elks Arts Center in Abilene.

Evans, Harris to marry

Mr. and Mrs. David Evans and Mr. and Mrs. Bryan Schubert are pleased to announce the engagement and approaching marriage of Walter Dean Evans and Emily Jo Harris.

The wedding will be Saturday, July 12, 2003, at the Putnam City United Methodist Church in Oklahoma City.

Town Crier



Darren Cole Lewallen & Kara Lynn Heathcott

Kara Lynn Heathcott, 7, of Winters, is pleased to announce the arrival of her new nephew, Darren Cole Lewallen. Proud

parents are Ashley and Amy Lewallen of San Angelo.

Darren was born on Monday, June 2, 2003, at 6:45 p.m. at Community Medical Center in San Angelo. He weighed 8 lbs. 5 ozs. and was 21 inches long.

He is welcomed home by maternal grandparents, Denny and Barbara Heathcott of Winters, and paternal grandparents, Carey and Teri Balentine of San Angelo, and Lynn and Kim Lewallen of Wall.

Maternal great-grandparents are Bernie and Beatrice Michalewicz of Olfen. Paternal great-grandparents are June Pierce of San Angelo, Maybelle Lewallen of Eden, Ernie and Joyce Higdon of Eldorado, and the late Rose Lorfing of Lowake.

Also welcoming Darren home are uncles John and Robby Heathcott of Winters, Denver Lewallen of Wall, and Shane Lewallen, wife Misty and son Tyler of San Angelo.

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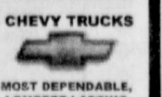
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Law & Order

Letter to the Editor

Ministerial Alliance asks for alternate plan for Sunday fundraiser meals

To our friends of the Winters community:

Through the years a number of well-meaning organizations in this community have called upon Christians to relinquish meeting with their brothers and sisters. They have done so in order that these Christians might prepare meals to sell for Sunday lunches. While the sincerity of these efforts is unquestioned, it has removed many Christians from Sunday worship services.

We respectfully request that our community give up something good for something better. Would you consider not hosting fund-raising luncheons on Sunday? We ask this for two reasons.

First, as stated, we feel worshipping together as a church is what God wants Christians to do. Public worship is commanded. It pleases and honors God and reminds Christians of God's standards that enrich our lives.

Second, every member of a community, whether Christian or not, desires that the community consist of strong families and maintain high moral standards. Christianity, through its churches, is a major source through which this environment is established.

Like any other organization, persistence, practice, and relationships are crucial elements for a church. When members are consistently drawn away from meeting with the body of Christ, the influence of the church and its biblical teachings are diminished. Slowly, perhaps even imperceptibly, this diluted influence leads to weaker families and lower moral standards.

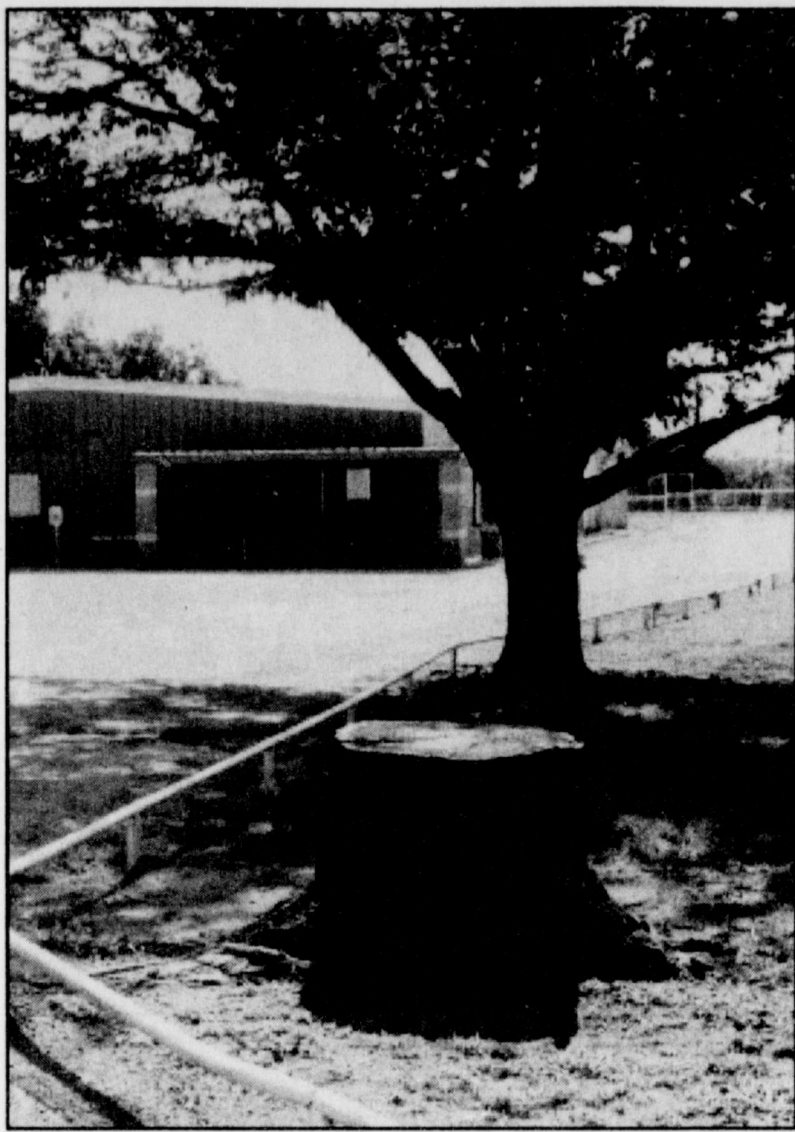
There are 169 hours in a week. We request that you hold the few hours on Sunday morning sacred. Not only will the churches win, we feel our city wins, too.

At this point a question logically surfaces — if fund-raising luncheons are not held on Sundays, when can we hold them? May we suggest Saturday evenings? Saturday evening fundraisers would bring people together for an important social occasion. Saturday evening fund-raisers coupled with Sunday morning worship would offer opportunities for the people of Winters to be brought together twice in a one-week period in activities that transcend our own individual lives. Would this not make Winters a stronger community? Not to mention that, in a sense, we would be returning to the rich tradition of years past. Remember when everyone came to town on Saturday and attended their houses of worship on Sunday? If you are not part of a church, might we encourage you to find a church home?

We do not believe that the status quo is as good as it gets. Our town can be an even better place. Why not the best? Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

The North Runnels County Ministerial Alliance



DROUGHT AND DISEASE were responsible for the loss of five large trees in the Winters City Park. City maintenance crews recently chopped down the affected trees; however, the park is still shaded by more than a dozen remaining trees. Winters and much of the surrounding area suffered severe drought conditions until last summer when rain finally came, but too late for some trees. (photo by Jean Boles)

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 June 9 through June 15, 2003. These are just a few reports received each week by members of the Winters Police Department. Officers:

- were called to the 300 block of E. Truett for a theft. During the weekend of June 5-8, unknown person(s) entered a carport at the residence and took several items. A Homelight generator, a new blue tarp, and 30' of rope were taken. The officers noticed drag marks on the cement floor where the generator had been pulled to the edge of the carport. This case is still under investigation.

- were called to the 900 block of W. Dale for a report of occupants of a car pointing a gun at someone mowing a yard. The caller stated that there was a green Volkswagen Jetta that passed with several occupants who reportedly pointed what was believed to be a BB gun at the person mowing. Officers looked for a vehicle but were unable to locate it. The victim stated that he did not wish to press charges.

- were called to the Winters Laundry mat for a report of criminal mischief. Upon arrival, officers spoke with the owner of the business. He stated that sometime between 8:30 p.m. June 10 and 7:00 a.m. on June 11 someone had shot two windows in the business. The owner showed the officers lead from the bullets that had gone through the windows and were found on the floor. The lead is believed to be that of a .22 caliber pellet. The owner showed the officers other pellet holes she had found earlier in the week. These were located in the bathroom door. Officers are still investigating.

- served warrants: Joe Paxton Adams, Tom Green County/ Theft by Check

Official Records

County Court Dispositions

Curtis McCreight, hindering a secured creditor, pleaded nolo contendere, fined \$100, plus \$211 court costs and \$475.22 restitution

Randy Bryan, theft by check, pleaded nolo contendere, fined \$79.81, plus \$211 court costs, \$306.19 restitution and \$10 hot check fee

Criminal Cases Filed June 11

Bill Parker, filed for theft of service

Melissa Chantel Galloway, filed for driving while intoxicated

Billy Dan Lain, filed on two counts: for driving while intoxicated, and for false identification as a peace officer

Gregory Casey, filed for theft by check

Marriage Licenses Filed June 6

Steven James Gray, Jr., and Donna Elaine Speckels

June 9

Charles Clarence Kirk and Pamela Yvonne DeBellis

District Court Civil Cases Filed June 11

Jo Dee Meyer vs. Timothy Irwin Meyer, temporary injunctive Mueller, Inc., vs. Professional Builders, Inc., and Eve Babineaux, Inc., account

June 12

State of Texas vs. \$5,106 in U.S. currency, notice of seizure and intended forfeiture

Divorces Granted June 9

Michael Robert Camelin and Pamela Ann Camelin

June 12

Blake Edward O'Dell and Susan Teri O'Dell

Donald Allan Hart and Deborah Kay Hart

Justice of the Peace Precinct 1

Felony Cases Filed June 12

Michael Brandon Crawford, filed for forgery by passing

Civil Cases Filed June 11

Texas DPS vs. Annie Perez, driving license suspension, affirmative finding for state, 12 months probated

Criminal Cases Filed June 8

Mandi Sanders, filed for no fishing license

Legal Notices

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

To the Public and Maggie Ortiz, and Brandy Sheppard, Pursuant to Section 59.044 of the Texas Property Code, notice is hereby given of public sale of the contents of units W-31, W-42, and W-57, respectively, of the storage facility located at the northeast corner of North Main and Novice Road in Winters, TX. The contents of the units will be sold to satisfy a contractual landlord's lien. The sale will be conducted no sooner than July 4, 2003. 14-25(2tc)

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ACROSS

- TXism: "tall dog in the _____" (leader)
- "those" so. of the border
- TXism: "_____boose" (jail)
- Bowie's Alamo bed (2 wds.)
- TXism: "couldn't find hide _____ hair of him"
- Valley citrus drink
- TXism: "does a cat _____ climbing gear?" (yes)
- TX runner Larrieu Smith
- TX Johnny Horton's "North to _____"
- sign the back of a check
- TX Part of "Frazier"
- Hurricane Carla caused 31 _____ in TX ('61)
- Vega h.s. is class _____
- TX Robin Wright's husband Sean
- TX Ronna Reeves tune: "_____ But I'm Getting There"
- TX actress Prentiss designer I. _____
- Dallas City Hall
- TXism: "couldn't fight his way out _____"
- Chevy pickup
- TX Sam the Sham & The Pharaohs "The _____"
- Musical _____

DOWN

- Groves, TX event (2 wds.)
- TXism: "rough _____ cob"
- San Antonio TX station
- 4,840 sq. yds. of TX land
- TXism: "_____ a coyote with a rubber chicken"
- wide boot size
- Ranger reliever in '93 & '94, Carpenter
- "_____ diaz" (good day)
- Informed
- "Don't use that _____ of voice with me!"
- TXism: "_____ that like an armadillo needs an interstate"
- TX Jeannie C.'s "Harper Valley _____"
- TXism: "it don't _____ up"
- TX Vikki Carr album "_____ Hombrs"
- loud noise
- TX Chester Nimitz naval rank (abbr.)
- TXism: "take a look _____"
- 12 ugly old woman
- TXism: "best I ever wrapped _____" (delicious)
- Sunny _____, TX
- sports cable net.
- TXism: "_____ to" (similar)
- Dallas restaurants are _____-smoking
- TXism: "bat _____ eyelash" (blink)
- Mav's "Nelly" (init.)
- Siecke State Forest
- "money makers"
- TXism: "keyboard wrangler"
- Glen Rose dinosaur track is 38' _____ toe
- Alpine h.s. class
- TXism: "pushing _____ bluebonnets" (dead)
- historic TX ranch
- TXism: "don't give _____ a hoot _____ a holler"
- TXism: "no brag, just _____"
- TXism: "just _____ in the bucket"
- TX-based film "The Untamed _____"
- TX actress Gwynne cattle prod
- Dallas "West _____"
- This Tex will be 12th in "Ring of Honor" (init.)
- facing the Gulf partially
- TX Mac Davis' "Baby Don't Get Hooked _____"

Solutions for this puzzle appear in this issue.

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GENERAL SITUATION

Weather conditions have certainly changed during the past week. It's gone from hot 100° plus days to cool wet conditions. The entire Concho Valley is in much better shape moisture wise than we were a week ago.

With the much needed rainfall, also comes some unwanted wind and hail which severely damaged corn, grain sorghum and seedling cotton in some areas. Making replant decisions is generally tough.

Decisions should be based on objective evaluations of the remaining stand, stand uniformity, condition of the surviving plants and the costs associated with replanting. Skippy stands are usually the primary considerations in the replant decision.

SCOUTING PROGRAM

Scouts have been hired and cotton fields are currently being located. If you are interested in having one of your cotton fields scouted and have not contacted your gin manager, you should do that now.

The information collected will be available at your local gin as well as daily telephone updates and weekly newsletters. We have an excellent group of scouts and techs hired and they are as follows: Casey Laird, Russell Pelzel,

Jamie Buxkemper, Meagan Minzenmayer, Zane Denton, Jeffrey Jordan and Janett Dankworth.

COTTON

Thrips damage is evident in most fields. Even Cruiser® treated seed is showing signs of thrips damage. The 25-28 day protection window is not holding up this year. Expect these products to start fizzling out 10 to 14 days after plants emerge. Application rate, soil moisture, thrips intensity and numbers are some of the factors that impact residual length. It is easy to spot when the insecticide performance begins to play out by keeping track of the plant physical condition related to thrips numbers.

As protection fizzles, visual leaf damage should increase along with a rise in thrips numbers. Poor growing conditions accentuate thrips injury. Cotton begins to out-grow thrips once it reaches the 4th-5th true leaf stage.

REPLANT DECISIONS

Decisions regarding replanting should be based on objective evaluations of the remaining stand. In making replant decisions, the first rule is not to make the final judgement on the extent of damage to the crop too quickly.

Cotton has a tremendous capacity to recover from adversities.

Consequently, it is usually best to delay the final stand evaluation until after the crop is exposed to 2 or 3 days of good growing conditions. In the meantime, it is important to protect the crop from further damage with timely tillage operations.

Tilling crusted fields will minimize wind and sand damage, improve aeration, and hasten warming and drying of the soil that in turn will slow development of seedling disease populations.

To determine after-damage plant populations, count and record the number of plants that are showing signs of recovery in a predetermined length of row. Make several counts at random locations in the field. As a general rule, if 2 or more reasonably health plants remain per foot in 38 to 40 inch rows and there aren't too many long skips, the stand is adequate for optimum lint production.

In dealing with the evaluation of hail damage, it is frequently recommended that if 2 or more plants per foot of row survive and if there are not too many long skips, the stand is still good enough for optimum lint production. Under good growing conditions, the plants on either side of a 2 to 3 foot skip can compensate for the missing plants with little or no loss in yield.

STAND UNIFORMITY

Plant spacing uniformity is a critical consideration in replant decisions. Poor spacing uniformity, or skips, may cause significant yield reductions even though the average number of plants per acre is adequate for optimum production. Yields tend to decline in proportion to the area without plants when skips exceeding 3-feet in length are on adjacent rows.

CROP CONDITIONS

Damage resulting from hail events and wind and sand injury can be considered acute. Although such damage may be severe, it is usually of short duration and growing conditions are apt to return to normal in a relatively short period. Evaluation of acutely damaged crops can be relatively straight forward, especially if normal growing conditions prevail after the injury.

Cotton has a tremendous capacity to recover from adverse situations. After an assessment has been made of the existing crop and there is some doubt about whether or not to replant, it is usually best not to replant.

GRAIN SORGHUM, CORN LEAF AREAS

Grain sorghum and corn does not need all of the leaf surface area that it produces. Grain sorghum and corn fields may look ugly and ragged and still be capable of producing an almost normal corn crop.

Even shredded and broken leaves are capable of some photosynthesis if they are still connected to the main plant. A strong healthy root system, good soil moisture, and favorable, sunny weather are most important to a rapid recovery.

Hail damage to small plants can be almost insignificant when the plant is less than 6 inches in height. At this early growth stage, the growing point is still protected beneath the soil surface. Small plants may be broken-over or partially shredded or may experience the loss of almost all of its above ground growth.

In spite of what appears to be a total loss, small plants that are firmly anchored and receive favorable growing conditions will immediately begin to push new leaves. The chances for recovery are quite good. Expect a 9 to 15 percent yield reduction if the entire top is lost.

Hail often strikes the plants at an angle and will damage one side of the plant more than the other. Bruises or lesions develop on sides of knee-high plant. After 4 to 5 days have lapsed since the hail storm, inspect the surviving plants. Some of these plants should be split open to see at what height and condition the growing point is found.

If the growing tip is black or brown, the damage is severe and the plant may soon die. Undamaged growing points will be pushing new leaves. Often, if the growing point is not damaged or bruised, the plant will recover.

What sometimes occurs is that a damaged stand is a future target for disease, insects, and harvesting problems. Lodging may be greater if stalks were damaged by hail.

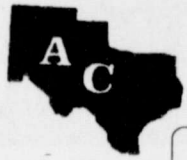
Scraping up some summer cash —



(photo by Jean Boles)

BENJIE VALLES (left) and TIM FENWICK (right), upcoming seniors at WHS, get some quality time in the sunshine as they scrape away old paint before Gordon Fenwick applies a new coat on the visitors' stadium seats. Gordon, Maintenance Supervisor for Winters ISD, said he and his crew have already painted the 'home' side. A handrail was added down the center of the 'home' stands and a railing installed around the entrance to the pressbox.

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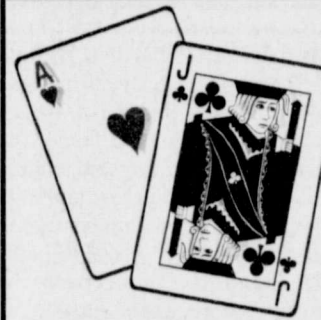
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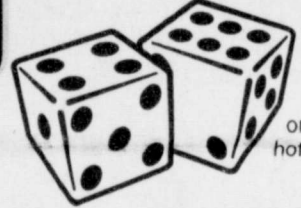
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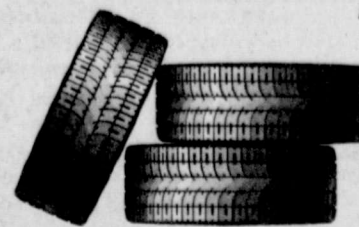
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