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Pearls of Wisdom

You can do everything else right as a parent, but if you don't begin with loving God, you're going to fail.

Letters to the Editor

One writer expresses his gratitude for local doctor, Jerry Biddix, while another remembers writing for *The Winters Enterprise*.

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Doug Wheat honored for service to NRH

Doug Wheat was presented a plaque at Monday night's North Runnels Hospital Board meeting for his term of service.

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Class of '57

The Winters High School Class of 1957 celebrated their 46th reunion at Elm Creek Reservoir.

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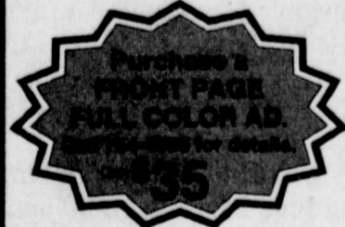
2003 Stock Show Gala

The Runnels County Junior Livestock Show Association will host a Gala on Saturday, August 9, 2003. The event will include a steak dinner, Vegas style casino, and dance.

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July 4th Deadlines

Due to the approaching July 4th holiday, deadlines have been rescheduled. *The Winters Enterprise* asks that all news stories and ad copy be turned into the office by 4 p.m. on Thursday, July 3.



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So happy to be here —



CANCER SURVIVORS Toby Virden, Mandie England and Mary Lynn Presley celebrate with Dr. Anton Melnyk (second from left) following the Candlelight Ceremony, at the fourth annual Relay for Life on June 20-21. From a reading of honorariums and memorials Friday evening, Dr. Melnyk, an oncologist with the Texas Cancer Center in Abilene, recognized 23 names of patients he has treated from this area. (photo by Jean Boles)

Contico lays off 22 workers due to slow sales

by Jean Boles, editor

Contico, formerly known as John's International, in Winters, has felt the effects of the slumping economy. On Monday, June 16, the manufacturing company laid off 22 employees and sent the remaining workforce home early in an effort to rebound from slow sales.

"We hope the layoff is temporary," says Robin Lowe, Plant Manager, who said the layoff is a result of slowness of the general economy. This, he says, has affected his company's customers who are consequently not ordering at the same rate as in the past.

"We've got a good customer base such as Home Depot, a national retailer whose business is a little soft right now but, hopefully, will come back strong," said Lowe. "We just had to find a way to reduce our inventory level."

Lowe says, however, that he is encouraged about the outlook

of his business and the economy in general.

"We're treating this layoff as temporary because we believe this thing will turn around," he said. "We just don't know how soon that will be but we're confident the market will get better and we can get all these folks back to work."

The toolbox business was started more than thirty years ago by the Dry family of Winters and was known as John's International until Contico bought it in 1985. The company produces aluminum and steel toolboxes for vehicle and personal use and has about 108 employees at this time, according to Lowe.

Contico closed Wednesday, June 25, through Friday, June 27, for inventory. The following week, production will be for four days, then back to five days, Lowe reports.

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— Robin Lowe, Plant Mgr.

Ballinger fireworks display is Saturday at City Lake Park

Ballinger's 14th Annual Fireworks Display and free watermelon feed will be held at the City Lake Park on Saturday, June 28, 2003.

The event is sponsored by the Ballinger Chamber of Commerce. The Chamber officials will be on hand to sell barbecue burgers, chips and soft drinks beginning at 5:30 p.m., followed by the serving of free watermelon slices at 8:00 p.m.

The firework display will be one of the largest Ballinger has seen, with some of the largest shells available. The display is planned to begin promptly at 9:25 p.m. and last approximately 25 minutes. In the event of inclement weather, an alternate date of Sunday, June 29th, at the same time and place has been set.

Please bring lawn chairs or blankets, mesquite repellent and join your neighbors and friends in an evening of fun.

For more information, you may contact the Ballinger Chamber of Commerce at (915) 365-2333 or 365-5611.

Pool will close for July 4 holiday

Troylene Lincycumb, manager of the Winters swimming pool, reminds swimmers the pool will be CLOSED July 4, for the Independence Day holiday, and will re-open on Saturday, July 5, 2003 at 1 p.m.

Fourth Relay for Life raises over \$10,000 for American Cancer Society

by Deb Pritchard, assistant editor

Nearly 300 Runnels County residents raised over \$10,000 to benefit the American Cancer Society during the Fourth Annual Relay for Life held at the Winters Track Complex last Friday and Saturday, June 20-21, 2003.

Twelve teams from Winters and Ballinger lined the interior of the track with festive campsites. The Silver Dollars, representing First National Bank of Ballinger, raised the most money as a team, nearly \$1,200 and walked the second most laps during the evening.

The Do-Wah-Dittys from Ballinger won the Best Campsite competition with a 1950s theme complete with jukebox, cars, and soda fountain. They also walked the most laps during the evening. Wal-Mart of Ballinger won second Best Campsite with their tropical theme and decor. Selkirk of Winters was named third best campsite.

The Pearl Snaps, a team of teenagers from Winters, raised the most money by a youth team and won second place in the volleyball tournament. The Patriotic

Cowboys of Winters (average age 50) won the volleyball tournament for the second consecutive year.

Hunting for a Cure, a teen team from Ballinger, raised the second largest amount of money by a youth team and placed third in the volleyball tournament.

The 2008 Girls State Basketball Champion team and the Renegades, a youth boy's team, were chosen best youth group for the Relay.

Other teams participating included The Wild Bunch from Ballinger, the Church of Christ of Winters, more Patriotic Cowboys, and Security State Bank.

A Survivor's Lap kicked off the event with special music and words of inspiration followed by nearly 35 survivors and care-givers taking the ceremonial first lap.

At 10:15 p.m., the lights of the track were turned off for a solemn candlelight ceremony honoring those who have survived cancer and remembering those who have lost the battle. Dr. Anton Melnyk, Abilene oncologist, was the guest speaker. (More Relay photos by Jean Boles found on page 8.)

Monica Martinez last seen May 30—

Police searching for missing girl

The Winters Police Department needs your help in trying to locate a missing juvenile, Monica Martinez. Born June 28, 1986, she is almost 17 years old. She is a Hispanic female, weighs 115 lbs. and is 5 ft. tall. She has brown eyes and dark brown hair. She has a discoloration on her neck.

Monica was last seen wearing a black t-shirt, blue denim jeans and white K-Swiss tennis shoes.

She is believed to have left town with a friend on May 30, 2003, on their way to Del Rio, Texas. Winters Police Department entered Monica into the Missing Persons Information

Center on May 31, 2003, when her family reported her missing and also contacted the



Del Rio Police Department.

Winters law enforcement officers have spoken with several friends, none of whom

have seen or heard from her.

According to Winters Police Officers, friends say Monica was to leave for an art school on Sunday, June 22, and was reported to have been excited about this and "not miss going for any reason."

If anyone has any information about Monica's whereabouts or have heard from her, please contact the Winters Police Department at 325-754-4121, or by e-mail at www.winterspd.com; you can leave information on the Winters Police Department information submission form, referring to case #03-05-033.

Winters area tourism/recreational meeting set July 1

There will be a meeting of local individuals who are interested in developing tourism/recreational businesses in this area. The group will meet on Tuesday, July 1, at 5:00 p.m.

at The Rock Hotel.

If you are involved or have an interest in developing hunting, nature tourism, antiques, crafts, or any other similar en-

terprise, you are encouraged to attend.

There will be resource people available to give ideas and to help develop your plans.

Von Byrd new Winters Postmaster

by Jean Boles, editor

Effective June 23, Von Byrd is the new Postmaster at the Winters Post Office. Byrd is replacing John Frock, who is retiring.

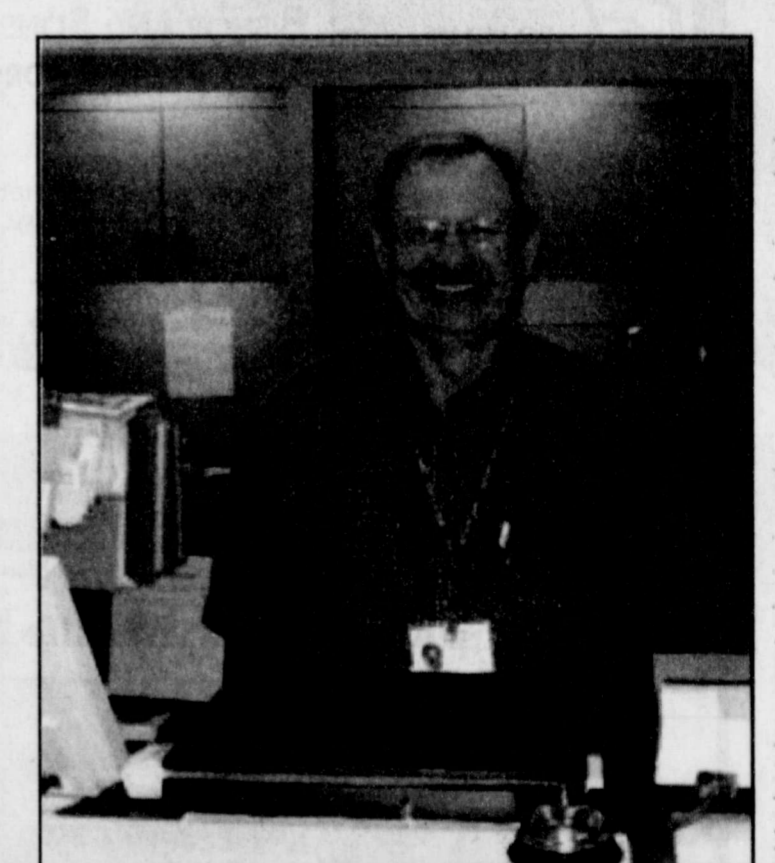
Byrd, a 1971 graduate of Winters High School, returned to Winters from Anson, where he has been Postmaster for the past six years.

He began his postal career while attending McMurry University in Abilene. After graduation, he worked full-time in the Abilene post office in a variety of departments until 1997, when he transferred to Anson for his first Postmaster position.

"I was happy in Anson and have mixed feelings about leaving," said Byrd. "But I'm also really excited about being back in Winters. This is an attractive facility and I have good people to work with here."

Having grown up in Winters, Byrd says he's always thought in the back of his mind that he'd like to be the Postmaster here.

"I'm really looking forward to meeting new people and becoming reacquainted with old



(photo by Jean Boles)

VON BYRD, a 1971 graduate of Winters High School, has returned to Winters as the new Postmaster. Byrd began his duties at the local facility on Monday, June 23, 2003.

friends," Byrd said. "Also, I'm only four years from retirement and would like to finish my career here."

He and his wife, the former Phyllis Grissom, have two grown

children, Jennifer of Houston, and Jeff of Abilene. For the time being, the Byrds will continue to live in Abilene where Phyllis works as a secretary at Jane Long Elementary School.

The City of Winters welcomes tourists. Visit our lake parks.

Editorial

Oil Bidness

by Reg Boles © 2003



If you are an operator in the oil and gas business in Texas, you have heard by now that the newest controversial bonding rules for plugging liability have been dealt a serious setback. Earlier this month, a state judge ruled that the "good-guy" provision of the new bonding rule was invalid.

What does this all mean?

I am not a lawyer nor a snappy dresser, but I have some insight to share on this topic.

First, what really has happened in this ruling?

It turns out that the so-called "good-guy" provision (where an exemption from the new bonding requirements could be granted) is the only aspect of the new rules dealt with in the state court's ruling. The judge declared this narrow part of the Railroad Commission (RRC) rules illegal.

This declaration is really just based on a technicality. The ideas behind the plugging rules and the bonding provisions are not treated by the ruling. The ruling is the result of several parties' lawsuit taking the position that the application of the good-guy provision was unfair and illegal. The judge did not rule on the fairness of the rule or its application in any fashion. She, instead, ruled that the RRC had not followed state law in assessing the economic impact of applying the rule.

There is a law on the books in Texas that says any new rule applied statewide by a state agency must be assessed for economic impact before it is applied. Such a review was not completed by the RRC, at least not to the detail the judge required. It turns out the RRC just generally set some parameters for its impact and called it good. The judge wants them to gather detailed information

from operators to see just how impactful the new rules will be.

The implications: the RRC will have to assess the economic impact of the rules to invoke them. Technically, that is all that is required, according to the ruling, to put the good-guy provision in to play. However, the RRC is talking about rewriting the bonding rules, anyway.

This re-write is likely to alter the way the qualification for such a provision is handled. Currently, plugging bonds are considered to be widely available to all operators (even small ones) but that is disputable. Also, hearings are required for all exceptions and that is a king-sized hassle for the smaller operators. But, the biggest issues are the so-called "reasonable cost" level for bonds, currently set at 12.5% of the face value, and the requirement that any well shut-in for 36 months or longer requires an individual well bond (back-breaker for a "poor boy" operator).

It is true that the lawsuit and the subsequent ruling has stopped the new bonding requirements from going into full implementation, but the actual ruling does not address the specifics that worry operators in Texas. And, any changes are likely to help but there is no guarantee they will go the way the operators want them.

Either way, the cost to taxpayers will go up, as the RRC will have to spend the time and money to gather economic-impact information to satisfy the court's ruling. But, if the operators are happy with the re-written bonding rules, the lawsuit might be dropped and the technicality that put a halt to the rules will be moot (that's as lawyerly as it gets).

Keep your eye on these developments.

Letters to the Editor

Resident appreciates local doctor

Dear Editor:

I saw in our paper yesterday the article on our Dr. Jerry Biddix. If his crime is not being able to tell when, to the day, a person is going to meet God, then he is not the first to make that miscue.

Does this community remember Mr. Pee Wee Hope? In the late 1950's, I went to Jobe's Blacksmith Shop and we were talking about how the doctor had given him just a week or two. I remember it had rained a lot and a group of farmers were there getting some part repaired, and talking about how sad it was, because he had kids at home to help raise and things to do.

Well, he did the things that needed to be done and lived about forty more years.

We are a fortunate town to have a doctor like Dr. Jerry Biddix among us; his honor and humor is the "right stuff."

Coy McNeill
Winters, Texas

Subscriber recounts days of reporting from Crews & ship

Dear Editor:

I have renewed my subscriptions and several thoughts went through my mind. In my senior year, 1937-38, at Crews High School, I was the unofficial reporter for the school. I recall that our boys' team lost a game to some other school — maybe Norton — and I wrote that we were really going to "work them over" when we met them again. The *Enterprise* did not publish my article and I learned a lesson — report the news and let a bunch of other stuff alone.

I continued to report after that week and did some reporting in college. I guess my most memorable reporting came when I was in the Marine Corps and wrote the news on board a ship that went south of the equator and back to Anguar Island near the better-known battle of Peleliu.

Sincerely,
Elvin Mathis
Abilene, Texas

Obituaries

Eugene E. Prewit

WINTERS—Eugene E. Prewit, 81, died Monday, June 23, 2003, at Hendrick Medical Center in Abilene.

He was born November 4, 1921, in Stamford and grew up there. He served during World War II with the Navy Fourth Special Seabees Division. He married Doris Tillman on March 31, 1946, in Stamford, and they moved to Winters in 1967.

Mr. Prewit worked for Halliburton Oil Company for several years and also farmed. He was a 50-year Mason with Lodge #853 in Stamford and a member of St. John's Lutheran Church in Winters.

Survivors include his wife, Doris Prewit of Winters; two sons, Carl Prewit of Portland and Bob Prewit of Winters; two brothers, Bobby Prewit of Silver City, New Mexico, and Jimmy Prewit of West Columbia, Texas; one stepbrother, Lige Wayne Prewit of Breckenridge; four sisters, Jane Lloyd of Graham, Sue Rutherford of Midland, Faye Stubbs of San Angelo, and Verna Davis of Big Spring; one stepdaughter, Karen Counts of Roby; eight grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Services were at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, June 25, at St. John's Lutheran Church in Winters with Reverend Glenn Dittmer officiating. Burial was in Lakeview Cemetery in Winters, directed by Winters Funeral Home.

Memorials may be made to St. John's Lutheran Church in Winters.

Terry Larkin

BIG SPRING—Terry Larkin, 51, formerly of Winters, died Tuesday, June 17, 2003, at his home.

He was born April 10, 1952, in Roby. He lived in Abilene from 1977 until 2001, when he moved to Big Spring.

Mr. Larkin was a retired truck driver, having driven for Ute Trucking of Plainview, and he also drove a mail truck from Dallas to El Paso. He was a member of the Shiloh House of Praise in Big Spring.

He was preceded in death by his parents, James and Rosie Burleson; one daughter, Rosa Larkin; one brother, James Lee Burleson; two sisters, Gloria Inez Burleson and Bobbie Jean Jefferson.

Survivors include four daughters, Mary Jane Hamilton of Tulsa, Oklahoma, Doris Johnson, Faye Johnson, and Terri Larkin, all of Winters; five brothers, Isaiah Edwards of Odessa, Billy Burleson and Carl Burleson of Big Spring, and Robert Burleson and Zachary Burleson of Abilene; three sisters, Joy Ann Hagan of Atlanta, Georgia, Rosemary Barnes of Lubbock, and Betty Burleson of Abilene; two stepdaughters, Tasha Larkin and LaTonya Larkin; and one stepson, Mark Larkin.

Funeral services were at 11:00 a.m. Friday, June 20, at Shiloh House of Praise in Big Spring with Elder Holston Banks officiating. Graveside services were at 4:00 p.m. Friday, June 20, at Hamlin Memorial Cemetery in Hamlin.

Jettie Fuller Faubion

SAN ANGELO—Jettie Fuller Faubion, 91, of San Angelo, formerly of Ballinger, died Monday, June 16, 2003 at a San Angelo nursing home.

She was born March 27, 1912 in Crews to John Jackson and Kate Avants Fuller.

She married Roy E. Gamble, who preceded her in death. She later married Lonnie Aubrey Faubion.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Lonnie Aubrey Faubion; her parents; two sisters, Marie Torkelson and Rena Compton; and two brothers, Welby Fuller and Jack Fuller.

Survivors include her brother, J.C. (Jake) Fuller and wife Dorothy; her stepchildren, Noble Faubion and Aubrey Faubion, both of Ballinger, Lavinia Webb of Dallas, Nelda Thomason of Maverick, and Elnita Tackett of Odessa; and a host of nieces, nephews and friends.

Services were held Wednesday, June 18, in the Rains-Seale Funeral Chapel. Burial followed in Evergreen Cemetery under the direction of Rains-Seale Funeral Home.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to a favorite charity.

Robert William Alexander

BALLINGER—Robert William Alexander, 72, died Friday, June 13, 2003, at a local nursing home in Ballinger.

He was born September 23, 1930, in Buffalo, Iowa, to John and Rosa Alexander. He retired in 1971 from the U.S. Air Force, after 20 years of service, serving in the Korean War during his enlistment.

Mr. Alexander was a retired truck driver for Alderman-Cave Feeds in Winters.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 29 years, Lenora Conway Alexander; four brothers; and one sister.

Survivors include his stepson, Tom Conway and wife Bobbie of Abernathy; one niece, Vivian Downer; and one nephew, Tim Downer of Warner Robins, Georgia.

Memorial services were scheduled for a later date at Dallas-Fort Worth National Cemetery.

Library offers Story Time on Sat.

The Winters Public Library will be hosting Story Time each Saturday morning, beginning June 28, from 10:30 until 11:15. All ages are welcome.

The Library is located at 120 Main Street and is open Monday through Thursday from noon until 6 p.m. and Saturdays 10 a.m. until noon.

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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*.

Accepting differences in your fellow man

by Lola Scott, Associate Pastor, Somebody Cares Ministries

Mother's Day and Father's Day have come and gone. I often ask the Lord to tell my parents things I wish I could tell them. You see, they made a good difference in me.

Were they perfect? No. Did they make mistakes? Yes.

God let me become a parent so I could realize what a challenge parenting can be. The older I become, the more I appreciate the values and morals my parents instilled in me by their examples. They were honest, hard-working, committed to each other until death parted them. To my Daddy, his word was his name. He once told me "my name was who I was" when anyone heard it spoken. When people heard my name, they heard my family's name. I should never do anything to dishonor my name. One time I borrowed an onion and my Dad had me take back two. He said if I planned well, I would not need to borrow.

My Daddy's father was German. His mother was a Chickashaw Indian. Her skin was very dark. Her silk-like hair hung long down her back. I'm sure the presence of my grandparents in public turned heads.

When I was 4 years old, my Daddy had been sent home from World War II. I was standing on the front porch with my Uncle Claude, who was an alcoholic. As some black children were passing by, Uncle Claude told me to speak bad things to them. When I did, my Daddy overheard me. He came outside and spanked me and said I should accept people for who they are and never talk bad about them. As he walked back inside, I stuck my tongue out at him. I saw him grin. He had made an impression upon me that has stayed with me.

When I entered elementary school, half of my classmates were Jewish. Back then we were taught the Bible in school. When the Gentile kids studied the Bible, our Jewish classmates attended Jewish classes. Jewish triplets — Beverly, Shirley, and Irwin Hodes — were three of my special classmates. We differed in religion but it wasn't a problem between us.

My mother was the "preacher" in our home. We were never allowed to speak lightly of God's name. Mama said "gosh" and "golly" were names people substituted for God's name. She said using these euphemisms was to show disrespect for God's name. "Darn" was the same as saying the curse word "damn." I found what she said was true as I looked up these three words in Webster's Dictionary.

My Daddy was of the Church of Christ faith. My mother was Baptist. My Daddy let her raise us in the Baptist Church. Every summer I attended Vacation Bible School at the Baptist Church, Church of Christ and Church of God. The Kool-Aid and cookies tasted good at each church.

Accepting each other for who we are doesn't mean we lose sight of who we are as individuals. We can disagree and not be disagreeable. We benefit by learning about each others' cultures. All cultures are our heritage here in America.



DOUG WHEAT (right) was honored with a plaque Monday evening presented by Randall Sneed, president of the Board of Directors of North Runnels Hospital. Wheat has concluded three years as a director, serving as secretary the past two years. Included in the presentation was a can of Red Flash, a soft drink that Wheat would get from the machine at the hospital, regardless of which other soft drink he selected.

(photo by Jean Boles)

Card of Thanks

Our family would like to thank everyone who was there for us during the time when we lost our loved one, Edna Cortez, wife, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother.

We deeply appreciate Father OB for a wonderful service at the Catholic Church, Enrique Martinez and Danny Martinez for their services at the Winters Funeral Home. Also Raul Ortega, Gilda Moreno, Josie Lugo, Carmen Villarreal, Joe Reyna, Joe Reyna Jr., and Juan Reyna for singing such beautiful songs.

We would very much like to thank Mike Meyer and his employees at the Winters Funeral Home. They are all so wonderful and caring. Also to everyone who sent and brought flowers, cards, food and for everyone's prayers including all church families who prayed for our family.

Thank you and God bless you all.

Sincerely,

Felix Cortez Sr., Betty Martinez, Danny Cortez, Felix Cortez Jr., Milton Cortez, Eddie Cortez, grandchildren & great-grandchildren



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Tuesday, July 1: Mexican casserole, pinto beans, lettuce & tomatoes, chips & hot sauce, and brownie.

Wednesday, July 2: Liver & onions, scalloped potatoes, greens, cornbread, and rice pudding.

Thursday, July 3: Hamburger, chips, pea salad, pickles & onions, and cookies.

Friday, July 4: Closed for holiday.

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.

A pessimist has no motor; an optimist has no brakes.
—Anonymous

Country Club News

by Brenda Clough,
Ladies Golf Association
President

Tuesday was regular play for the ladies. Winning team was Sharon Kennedy, Janice Merrill, Beth Whitlow, and Tina Smith.

Wednesday winning team was Mel Kennedy, Sharon Kennedy, Alfred Yates, Robin Lowe, and Aref Hassan. Greg Tamez won closest to the pin.

The Ladies Golf Association hosted a spouse/guest tournament on Sunday, followed by a hamburger supper. Winning team was Sherry and Gil Gilmore, Tena and Martin Martinez, and Janice and Johnny Merrill. Sherry Gilmore (Happy Gilmore) won closest to the pin on the ladies' hole, and Hank Bourdo won on the men's hole. A special thanks to Dickie Clough and Hank Bourdo for grilling the burgers.

The next special tournament is scheduled for July 4th. Scramble will begin at 10:00 a.m. followed by a covered dish luncheon. The public is invited to attend.

Winters player mentioned in Ft. Worth paper Rogers Hornsby part of exhibit at Austin museum

by Jean Boles, editor

For anyone who thinks Winters is just another spot in the road somewhere in Texas, our little town continues to make the news around the state and sometime the nation.

A *Winters Enterprise* subscriber and former classmate of mine, Carla Davis Woolley of Ft. Worth, recently sent me a clipping from the *Ft. Worth Star-Telegram* dated June 8, 2003. An article written by Art Chapman tells of the *Play Ball! Texas Baseball* exhibit now on display at the Bob Bullock Texas State History Museum in Austin.

Among Chapman's information of baseball history, heroes and heroines is included a snippet regarding the legendary baseball Hall of Famer Rogers Hornsby who was born in Winters in 1896.

Chapman mentions Winters as "among the Texas towns that once hosted professional baseball."

The colorful Hornsby still holds the record of the highest single season all-time batting average of .424 in 1924. An impressive Hornsby display is currently in the works right here at our very own Rock Hotel in Winters under the direction of Kay Colburn and Judy Biddix.

The display in Austin runs through January 4, 2004.

WHAT'S HAPPENING ?

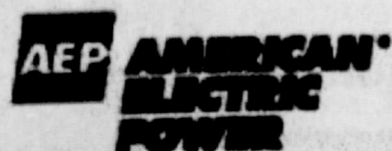
- June 26- 11:30 a.m., Sr. Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center
5 p.m., Hale Museum Board of Directors, Rock Hotel
6-7 p.m., Ladies Swim Night, City Pool
7 p.m., Old Time Gospel Revival, Second Baptist Church
- June 27- 11:30 a.m., Sr. Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center
7 p.m., Old Time Gospel Revival, Second Baptist Church
7:30 p.m., Cowboys for Christ, Drasco
First Baptist Church Youth Evangelism Conference, San Antonio
- June 28- 11 a.m., Youth Day Hot Dog Lunch, Second Baptist Church
5:30 p.m., BBQ Burgers Available, Ballinger Lake
8 p.m., FREE Watermelon Slices, Ballinger Lake
9:25 p.m., Fireworks Display, Ballinger Lake
First Baptist Church Youth Evangelism Conference, San Antonio
- June 29- 10:45 a.m. & 6 p.m., Old Time Gospel Revival, Second Baptist Church
- June 30- 11:30 a.m., Sr. Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center
1-6 p.m., Basketball Camp, Winters Gym
6 p.m., City Council, City Hall
- July 1- 11:30 a.m., Sr. Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center
Noon, Lions Club, Sr. Citizens Activity Center
1-6 p.m., Basketball Camp, Winters Gym
5 p.m., Tourism/Recreational Meeting, Rock Hotel
6-7 p.m., Ladies Swim Night, City Pool
7 p.m., AA, First United Methodist Church
7 p.m., American Legion, Post Home
7 p.m., WVFD, Fire Station
- July 2- 7 a.m., Industrial Board, Windmill Enterprise Office
11:30 a.m., Sr. Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center
1-6 p.m., Basketball Camp, Winters Gym
- July 3- 10 a.m.-Noon & 1:30-3 p.m., Immunization Clinic, Texas Dept. of Health
11:30 a.m., Sr. Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center
1-6 p.m., Basketball Camp, Winters Gym
6 p.m., Chamber Directors, Chamber Office
6-7 p.m., Ladies Swim Night, City Pool

9:15 a.m. Wednesday



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THE WINTERS HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1957 met for their 46th reunion Saturday, June 21, 2003, at the Elm Creek Lake Pavilion. Members attending were (seated, l to r) Esther Shipplack Matus, Pat Wilkerson Watkins, Beverly Lawson Andrae, Noleta James Rice, Janice McCaughan Merrifield, (front, standing) Darlene McWright Smith, Billy Simpson, Pat Owen Simpson, Jimmie Hope, Sandy Lowe Hoppe, Janice Frick Pruser, Ann Frierson Bryan, EvaLeta Wright Smith, John Johnson, Ginger White Helm, Billy Bridwell, Sylvia Schroeder Ritchie, Carolyn Gerhart Roach, (back) Donald Roach, Johnny Pope, Jerry Strickland, Billy Jacob, Weldon Andrae, Raymond Lindsey, Dwayne Williams, O.J. Murray, Jimmy Roberts, Marvin Gerhart, Bud Busher, Darrell Compton, and Jackie Bahlman. Not pictured is Judy Dietz Harrison.

Locals' grandson graduates as salutatorian from area high school

Plans to attend Baylor University in Fall 2003

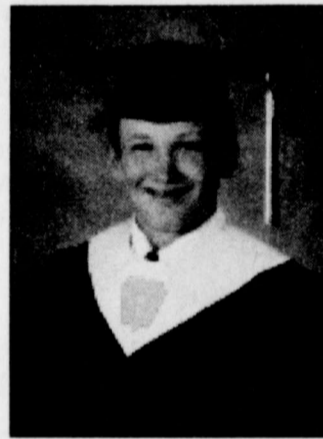
Thomas Mark Bowden, son of Gene and Laura Bowden of Eden and formerly of Winters, graduated from Eden High School on Friday, May 30, 2003.

Along with being class salutatorian with a GPA of 96.982, Mark's accomplishments include National Honor Roll, two-year All-American scholar, "E" Award, National Youth

Leadership participant, Daughters of the American Revolution citizenship award, and numerous other scholarships.

Mark will attend Baylor University this coming fall where he will major in History.

Paternal grandparents are Lue Bowden of California and the late Leonard Bowden. Maternal grandparents are Jimmy and Lillie Taylor of Winters.



Mark Bowden

Holder graduates TTU summa cum laude

Kenneth Norbert Holder graduated summa cum laude with a Bachelor of Science degree in Cell and Molecular Biology from Texas Tech University in Lubbock on Saturday, May 17, 2003.

His parents, Richard and Janice Holder of San Angelo, and aunts and uncle, Judy and Mark Gully of Sweetwater, Nancy Killam of Irving, June Baird of Ballinger, and Peggie Stacy of Midland attended the graduation. Proud grandparents of the graduate are Robert and Adeline Holder of Winters and Norbert and Lucille Halfmann of Eola.

Kenneth will begin medical school in August at the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center in Lubbock.

GED classes to begin in Winters

Summer GED classes will be held during the month of July in Winters.

Classes will be Monday and Wednesday from 6-9 p.m. at the Winters I.S.D. Distance Learning Lab (formerly Susan Conner's piano studio next to the old band hall).

Contact Cheryl Holt at 365-3586 for more information.

Clendenen on Dean's List at South Plains College

Quentin Clendenen has been named to the Dean's Honor List for the Spring 2003 semester at South Plains College in Levelland.

Students named to the Dean's Honor List must maintain a minimum 3.25 GPA while carrying at least 12 semester hours with no failing grades.

Quentin is the son of Dr. Walter and Connie Clendenen of Novice.

Local ACU students on Dean's Honor Roll

Three local students have been named to the Dean's Honor Roll at Abilene Christian University for the Spring 2003 semester.

They are Jonathan Nault of Wingate, and Lori Bredemeyer and Misty Melton, both of Winters. Jonathan is working toward a Bachelor of Science degree in agricultural business; Lori, a Bachelor of Arts degree in journalism; and Misty, a Bachelor of Arts degree in integrated marketing communication.

To make the Dean's Honor Roll, a student must complete at least 12 semester hours and earn a 3.45 or higher grade point average.

On honor lists at TTU

Janabeth Bryan Cannon, Jennifer Davis, Stacy McMinn, Eric Tekell, and Kenny Whittenburg, all from Winters, have been named to honor lists at Texas Tech University for the Spring 2003 semester.

Named to the President's List were Jennifer and Kenny. Jennifer is a senior, majoring in multidisciplinary studies; Kenny is also a senior and is studying exercise and sport sciences.

Janabeth, Stacy, and Eric made the Dean's List. Janabeth and Stacy are seniors, majoring in early childhood and public relations, respectively. Eric is a junior who is studying mathematics.

To be on the President's List or the Dean's List, a student must have taken 12 quality hours during the semester and maintained either a 4.0 or a 3.5-3.9 GPA, respectively.

CAFETERIA MENU

June 30 through July 4

Subject to change

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

Monday-June 30

Cinnamon Roll
Juice

Tuesday-July 1

Cereal
Juice

Wednesday-July 2

Biscuit & Sausage
Juice

Thursday-July 3

Cereal
Juice

Friday-July 4

School Holiday

Lunch

(served Noon-1 p.m.)

Monday-June 30

Frito Pie
Fruit Salad

Tossed Salad
Banana Nut Cake

Tuesday-July 1

Chalupa
Spanish Rice

Corn
Hot Sauce

Peaches
Blonde Brownie

Wednesday-July 2

Chicken Spaghetti
Tossed Salad

Peas/Carrots
Garlic Bread

Dessert

Thursday-July 3

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Friday-July 4

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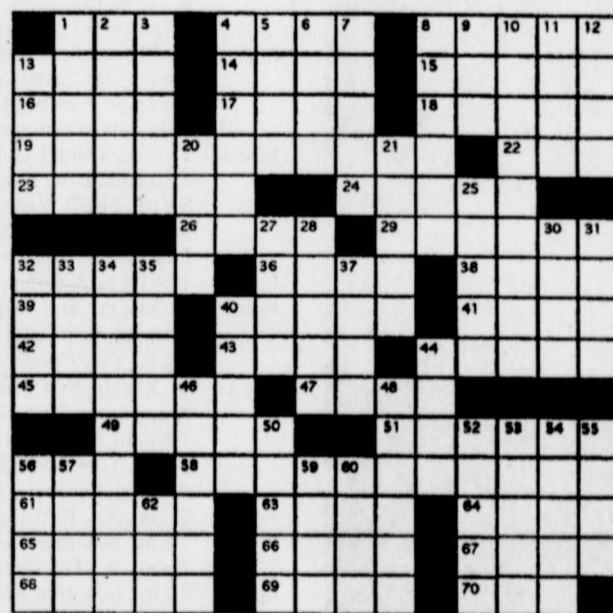
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ACROSS

1. College degrees, for short
4. Defensive rockets; abbr.
8. Assassinated president
13. Powder
14. Tide
15. Lift with effort
17. Laugh-In comedian
19. One who spends kronas
18. Hanging tapestry
19. Leading candidate
22. Suffix for near or dear
23. Seed shells
24. Terror
26. Vertical pole
29. Fleeples
32. Dated
36. Moves more slowly than expected
38. Shapes
39. In the past
40. Donny's sister
41. Actress Hayworth
42. Alphabetic sequence
43. Elec. units
44. Put off
45. Entrance
47. Tarry
49. Components
51. Tranquillize
56. Month before été
58. Disaster
61. Essence
63. Anger
64. Foreign currency
65. up; in a row
66. See 61 Across
67. Hostels
68. One of the senses
69. Flea collar wearers
70. Grow gray

DOWN

1. Wilkes' follower
2. Voices
3. Skunk's weapon
4. With 52 Down, ship that made the news in 1956
5. Sultor
6. Educator Horace
7. Use up
8. Apportioned
9. Of flying; prof.
10. Bold, reckless person
11. Gardner and others
12. Student's challenge
13. 1st president to pitch a ball to open a baseball season
20. Domesticated
21. Obliterate
25. Think the world of
27. Shut angrily
28. Waterproof sheets
30. -lat
31. Massacre
32. Splendor
33. Part of A.D.
34. Poisonous creatures
35. Nose dividers
37. Meaning
40. Country whose capital is Valletta
44. Hue changer
46. Word with video or penny
48. Flowers
50. Sharpener
52. See 4 Down
53. Mocking
54. Scottish clan chief
55. Sea denizens
56. Beer ingredient
57. Musical number
59. Adjutant
60. Part of a pay phone
62. Encountered



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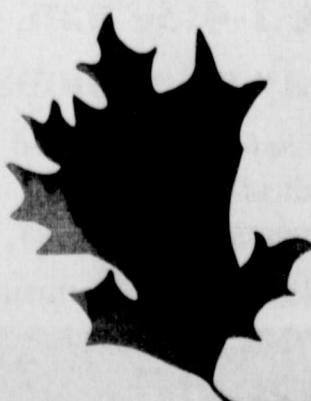
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Doris Geistmann and Aref Hassan exchange wedding vows May 24



Mr. and Mrs. Aref Hassan

Doris Waldrop Geistmann and Aref Hassan were married May 24, 2003, at the Winters Community Center.

Terry Loehman, pastor of New Beginnings Church, officiated the ceremony.

Matron of honor was Sharan Tolley of Winters. Bridesmaids were Amy Geistmann, daughter of the bride, of Lubbock, and Jessie Waldrop of Winters. Best man was Mayor Dawson McGuffin of Winters.

Groomsmen were James Spill of Winters and David Waldrop, brother of the bride, of Richmond, Texas. Ushers were Dustin Shiller of Lubbock and Brian Tolley of Winters.

Amanda Collom of Midland

registered guests. Attending the bride's table were Shelia Paschal, Saffron Gibbs, and Sandy Oswald of Winters. Pat McGuffin served the groom's cake.

Photographers were Mike Neal, Noelisa Loehman, and Rayshea Garcia. Music was provided by Brian Tolley of Winters.

Doris is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alvis Waldrop of Winters. She is employed by the Winters Family Clinic. Aref is the city manager/secretary/fire marshal of Winters.

After a wedding trip to London and Scotland, the couple will reside "happily thereafter" in Winters.

Engagement

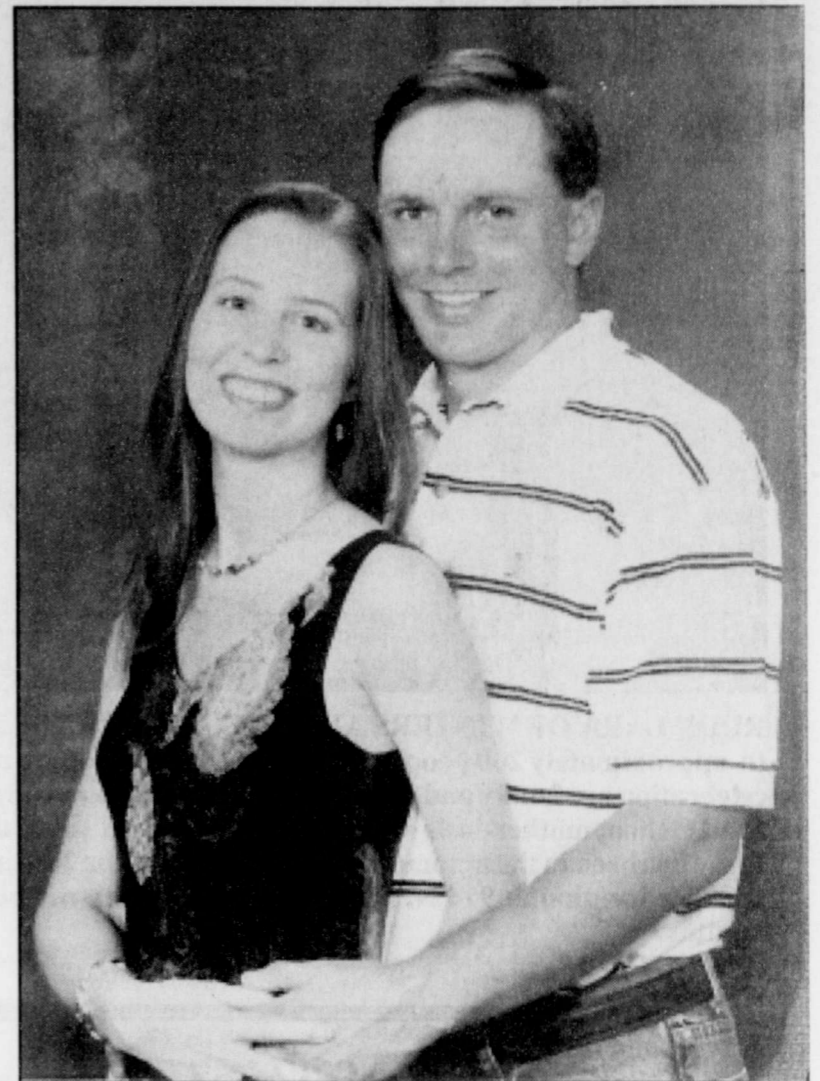
Pelzel and Grohman to wed August 2

Richard and Gaye Pelzel of Miles are pleased to announce the engagement and upcoming marriage of their daughter, Julie Dale, to Joshua David Grohman, son of David and Brenda Grohman of Winters and Deborah Brock of Decatur.

The bride-elect is a 1997 graduate of Miles High School and received a bachelors and masters degree in business administration with an emphasis in accounting from Angelo State University in 2001. She is an accountant at Condley and Company, L.L.P. in Abilene.

The prospective bridegroom is a 1996 graduate of Winters High School and is currently employed by Abilene Sales in Abilene.

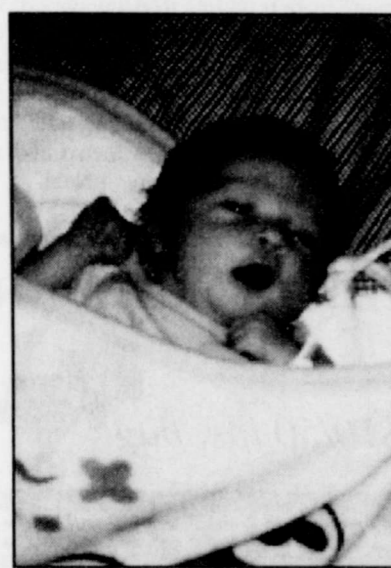
The wedding will take place on August 2, 2003, at 4 o'clock in the afternoon at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Rowena.



Julie Pelzel & Josh Grohman

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Skyla Sharee Camacho



U.S. Army SPC Simon Camacho and wife Stefanie are proud to announce the birth of

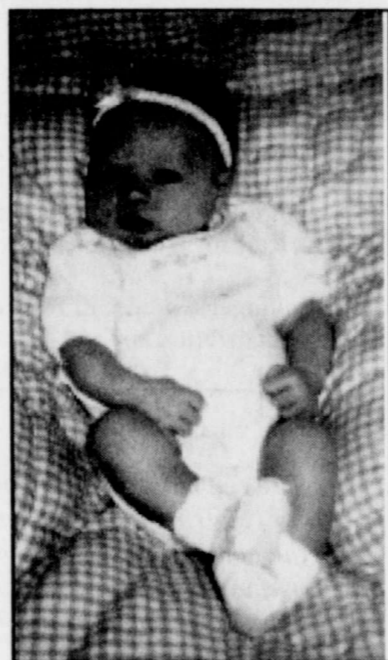
their daughter, Skyla Sharee Camacho.

Skyla Sharee was born at 1:36 p.m. on Monday, May 26, 2003, in Heidelberg, Germany. She weighed 7 lbs., 14.2 oz. and was 20-1/2 inches long.

Maternal grandparents are Wesley and Karen McGallian of Wingate. Maternal great-grandparents are Therin and Nila Osborne of Crews and Sue Campbell of Austin.

Paternal great-grandparents are Simon and Herminia Mata of Ballinger.

SPC Camacho is stationed in Baghdad with Operation Iraqi Freedom, and Stefanie is in Heidelberg.



Laken Erin Green

Bryan and Julie Green of Winters are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter, Laken Erin Green. She is welcomed home by her big brother, Kade.

Laken was born at 11:26 a.m. Thursday, June 12, 2003, at Abilene Regional Medical Center and weighed 6 lbs., 14 oz. and was 19-3/4 inches long.

Maternal grandparents are Gene and Jeanie Wheat of Winters. Maternal great-grandmother is Louise Seals of Winters.

Paternal grandparents are Willie and Brenda Green of Winters. Paternal great-grandmother is Ora Green of Winters.

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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.

Este es un aviso para informar a los clientes de TXU Gas Company (la "Compañía") que la Compañía está solicitando un aumento en la tarifa de gas. Este aumento afectará a todos los consumidores de gas de la Compañía en el estado de Texas. Si usted tiene alguna pregunta con respecto a este aumento, por favor llame a TXU Gas Company al 1-800-460-3030.

Museum elects new officers and directors

At the annual meeting of the membership of the Z.I. Hale Museum held on Wednesday, June 11, 2003, at The Rock Hotel, Dan Killough was re-elected as president of the organization. Other officers include Wanda Brewer, vice-president; Phyllis Boles, secretary; Jane Bourdo, assistant secretary; Randall Conner, treasurer; Charlie Poe and Edna England, historians; Alton O'Neal Jr., curator; and Bobby Mayo and Anthony Lange, assistant curators. Genevieve Spill serves as mu-

seum manager. A mail-in ballot from members selects the board of directors. Board members will be Kay Colburn, Dan Killough, Nina Hale, Juanita Brede-meyer, Bobby Mayo, Phyllis Boles, Theresa Patterson, Judy Biddix, and Jane Bourdo.

Advisory directors elected for the 2002-2003 year include Marlene Smith, Alton O'Neal Jr., Garland Richards, Gwen Andrae, Donna Smith, Hank Bourdo, Naomi Gerhart, Charlie Poe, Dub

Davis, Wanda Brewer, Anthony Lange, Margaret Pruser, Mary Kurtz, and Genevieve Spill.

A financial report was made and \$7,010 has been raised during the membership and donation drive so far this year. There are 78 lifetime members (\$125), 17 business members (\$40), and 258 family members (\$15) for a total membership of 353. The average dues and donation is \$45.52. Dues and donations can be sent to Z.I. Hale Museum, P.O. Box 211, Winters, TX 79567.

Grohmans offer field for fireworks

Once again, David and Brenda Grohman are offering the use of a **play area** near their home for anyone wishing to shoot fireworks on July 4.

The field is located just west of the Grohman's home on Loop 438 East, on the south side of the old Crews highway just past the Bluff

Creek bridge.

The Grohman house, located south of the water treatment plant, is out of the Winters city limits. The fireworks activity has been approved by City officials and the Winters Volunteer Fire Department, according to Brenda Grohman.

The Winters Police Department reminds residents that fireworks are **NOT ALLOWED** within the city limits in accordance with city code ordinances.

This off-limits property includes the school bus barn parking lot which is within the city limits. Violators may be fined up to \$500.

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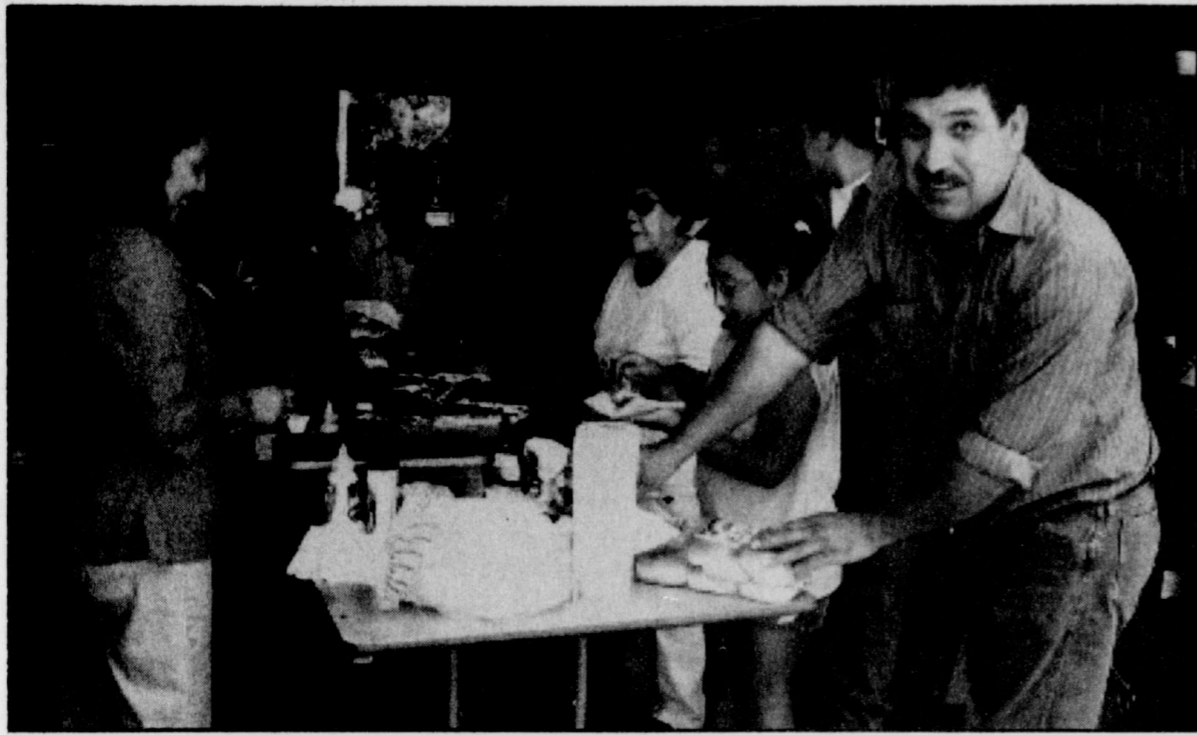
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RUDY LARA OF WINTERS AUTO TECH & TIRE SERVICE (far right) served as host to approximately 200 people during his Grand Opening on Friday, June 20. Joining in the celebration are family and employees (from left) Mary Cortez, Alice Palmertree, wife Eloisa, Raul Ochoa, mother-in-law Mary Cortez, Manuel Lara, daughter Sarah, and Isaias Lara. Rudy has been in the automotive service business for 20 years, the last 3 years self-employed. His new location at 914 N. Main has been serving the public for the past one and a half months. (photo by Deb Pritchard)

Quarterly sales decrease 29.6%

As reported May 19, 2003, by the office of State Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn, gross sales for Runnels County decreased 29.6 percent for the fourth quarter of 2002 as compared to the same reporting period in 2001.

Sales for the fourth quarter of 2002 totaled \$58,212,696 as compared to \$82,717,076 for the same period in 2001.

Use tax purchases include \$36,617 while \$12,411,865 is subject to state sales and use tax.

For the fourth quarter, there were 418 reporting outlets in Runnels County in 2002 and 446 in 2001.

Police Beat

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

The following information comes from Winters Police Department reports received and/or investigated during the week of June 9, 2003, through June 15, 2003. These are just a few of the reports received each week by members of the Winters Police Department. Winters Police Officers:

- were called to the 300 block of Arlington for a burglary of a habitation. The victim stated that she returned home and noticed a board had been removed from a broken window. The victim stated that only two VHS movies were missing. Officers are attempting to locate the suspect for questioning.

- received a report that occupants in a white Chevrolet car were pulling a dog on a leash with the car. Officers stopped a vehicle matching the description. The occupants told officers that they had been trying to exercise the dog by walking it alongside the car. Officers told the occupants that they could not exercise a dog with a motorized vehicle. Witness statements say that the dog was being dragged and was fighting against the leash. Anthony Cole Torres and Jesse Flores were arrested for cruelty to animals.

- were called to the 600 block of N. Rogers in reference to a minor disturbance. The female victim stated when she stepped onto the porch a male struck her in the face. The female said she and the male had begun yelling at each other and the police were called. There was bruising under the female's left eye. The officers advised the male that he was under arrest. The male ran into the house and locked himself in a bathroom. His mother was able to talk him out and he was arrested for evading arrest and assault.

- were contacted about a missing pit bull puppy. The owner stated that he had returned to his house around 8:30 p.m. to find the puppy missing. Someone had come by the house looking for the owner but left again because he was not at home. The owner of the puppy contacted the person he bought it from and they went looking for the dog together. A witness told them that the dog had been sold for \$25. The witness sent them to where the dog had been purchased. The male who purchased the dog for \$25 gave it back to the rightful owner. He also told officers who had sold the dog to him. This case has been forwarded to the County Attorney.

- were called to the south Wes-T-Go for a welfare concern. The officers were told that a white '90's model car that dropped a woman off at the store. The female said that she and her husband were traveling to Brownwood. She said they got into an argument and he pulled the vehicle over and got out. The man identified as Kenneth Neal began throwing the female's clothes and personal items out of the car. She then got out and was trying to gather her things when Kenneth got back into the car drove off. The female stated that several of her things were damaged and broken when he threw them out of the car. Criminal mischief charges have been filed against Kenneth Neal.

Legal Notices

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Bids should be submitted by July 15, 2003, to: Ballinger Co-op Gin Company, 300 Hutchins Ave., Ballinger, TX 76821, 325/365-3507.

Interested persons may come by or call for a copy of the contract.

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Official Records

County Court Dispositions

Ronald Jose Rodriguez, cruelty to an animal, pleaded nolo contendere, fined \$50, plus \$211 court costs, \$530 restitution

Prissy Tarrango, theft by check, pleaded nolo contendere, fined \$100, plus \$211 court costs, \$216.20 restitution, \$65 hot check fees

Criminal Cases Filed

June 17

Kelly Hubach Greer, filed for promotion of prostitution

June 18

Vaughn Craig Gehrels II, filed for theft

June 19

Lloyd Martinez, filed for assault

Marriage Licenses Filed

June 16

Theodore Battle, Jr., and Betty Kay Roberson

Brent Garret Jacob and Brandi Michelle Gray

District Court Civil Cases Filed

June 13

First State Bank of Paint Rock vs. Betty Lorene Lawson, deceased, the unknown administrator of the estate of Betty Lorene Lawson, deceased, Henry B. Lawson, Leah Smith and Lori Lawson, and the unknown heirs of Betty Lorene Lawson, foreclosure

June 20

In re: order for foreclosure concerning Ed E. Odom and Barbara A. Odom and 411 Ave. B, Ballinger,

Texas 76821, and Bank One, National Association, as trustee, foreclosure application

Divorce Cases Filed

June 16

Gary Lynn Thomas vs. Janet Isabel Thomas

June 17

Rafail Suarez vs. Mary Michele Suarez

June 18

Arnold Trevino Cavazos vs. Eneledia Rodriguez Cavazos

Justice of the Peace Precinct 1 Felony Cases Filed

June 18

Michael Will Eldred, filed for unauthorized use of a motor vehicle

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- certain retrievers
- TXism: "he's bricks shy of a load"
- in '02 Astros put up memorial plaque for this pitcher Darryl
- "bien" (good)
- TXism: "you stirred up"
- TX Tarzan Ely
- Austin bridge is home to over _____ bats
- nurse (abbr.)
- TXism: "dull as week-old _____ pop"
- this Miami RB Larry played in Super Bowl Bowl VII in Houston
- in Guadalupe Co. on hwy. 78
- Spurs enthusiasts
- your own horn"
- this Linda was Sue Ellen Ewing on "Dallas" (init.)
- TXism: "chaw _____" (ponder)
- cotton weevil
- droop
- TX Sandra Brown novel: "_____ in Heaven"
- TXism: "_____ loop man" (good roper)
- Hereford is the "Town Without a Tooth"
- TXism: "go _____" (Sunday)

DOWN

- body of water in Clay & Archer Cos.
- TXism: "jumped like _____ a hook"
- Bell Co. seat
- Gov. Houston refused to _____ allegiance to CSA
- TXism: "nary a soul" (2 wds.)
- TXism: "tie up the loose _____"
- TXns drink it load
- kids in a family
- Sam Houston's last wife Margaret
- TXism: "have a _____" (take a drink)
- a fact
- TXism: "I'll make your hair stand on _____"
- this Arden was in film "San Antonio Rose"
- fish
- a guard
- western theme singer Frankie
- TXism: "whipper snapper"
- TXism: "bought a pig _____ poke"
- noted TX agriculture supporter: Mary _____ West
- Waco-born comedian Martin (init.)
- this TX Miller is noted for her men's print neckties
- "the sun" south of the border
- TXism: "one-armed bandit" (_____ machine)
- TXism: "_____ horn" (amateur)
- northern neighbor
- constantly complained
- it's okay to crumble these into TX chili
- Bee or Lee (abbr.)
- this agcy. monitors the TX southern border (abbr.)
- Denton truck co.: Peter _____
- this TX Annette is Martha Kent on TV's "Smallville"
- TX Rangers
- deceases
- ex-Cowboy Dorsett
- TX Buck Owens old show: "_____ Haw"
- Gulf shrimp
- frontier
- heart stimulant
- Russian workers cooperative a work by TX Larry McMurry
- of cotton
- eat supper
- TXism: "couldn't _____ egg under a sitting hen" (dumb)
- Houston's Indian wife

The Original

TEXAS CROSSWORD

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Solutions for this puzzle appear in this issue.

Coleman County Electric Cooperative Meeting of Members Bylaws

ARTICLE II Meeting of Members

SECTION 1. ANNUAL MEETING. The annual meeting of members shall be held at such time, during the month of July as the Board of Directors may direct and such meeting shall be held at such place in the Cooperative service area, as shall be designated in the notice of the meeting for the purpose of electing directors, passing upon reports covering the previous fiscal year and transacting such other business as may come before the meeting. If the election of directors shall not be held on the day designated herein for any annual meeting, or at any adjournment thereof, the Board of Directors shall cause the election to be held at a special meeting of the members as soon thereafter as conveniently maybe. Failure to hold the annual meeting at the designated time shall not work a forfeiture or dissolution of the cooperative.

SECTION 2. SPECIAL MEETINGS. Special meetings of the members may be called by the President, by the Board of Directors, or by a majority thereof or upon a written request signed by at least ten per centum (10%) of all members and it shall thereupon be the duty of the Secretary to cause notice of such meeting to be given as hereinafter provided. Special meetings of the members may be held at any place within the County of Coleman in the State of Texas specified in the notice of the special meeting, or elsewhere within the area served by the cooperative as may be designated by the Board of Directors.

SECTION 3. NOTICE OF MEMBERS' MEETING. Written or printed notice stating the place, day and hour of the meeting and, in case of a special meeting, the purpose or purposes for which the meeting is called, shall be delivered not less than ten (10) days nor more than twenty (20) days before the date of the meeting, either personally or by mail, by or at the direction of the Secretary, or by the persons calling the meeting, to each member; provided, however, that with respect to all meetings at which directors are to be elected such notice shall be so delivered not less than ten (10) days nor more than fourteen (14) days before the date of the meeting. If mailed, such notice shall be deemed to be delivered when deposited in the United States mail, addressed to the member at his address as it appears on the records of the cooperative, with postage thereon prepaid. The failure of any member to receive notice of an annual or special meeting of the members shall not invalidate any action which may be taken by the members of any such meeting.

SECTION 4. QUORUM. As long as the total number of members does not exceed one thousand (1,000) at least fifteen per centum (15%) of the total number present in person shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at all meetings of the members. In case the total number of members shall exceed one thousand (1,000) then at least one hundred fifty (150) of the members present shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at all meetings of the members. If less than a quorum is present at any meeting, a majority of those present in person may adjourn the meeting from time to time without further notice.

SECTION 5. VOTING. Each member shall be entitled to one (1) vote and no more upon each matter submitted to a vote at a meeting of the members. At all meetings of the members at which a quorum is present all questions shall be decided by a vote of a majority of the members voting thereon in person or by mail, except as otherwise provided by law, the articles of incorporation of the cooperative, or these bylaws. If a husband and wife hold a joint membership they shall jointly be entitled to one (1) vote and no more upon each matter submitted to a vote at a meeting of the members.

SECTION 6. VOTING BY MAIL. In addition to the method of voting for directors of the Cooperative as provided by the existing bylaws and by a member being present and voting in person, each member shall be and is hereby permitted to vote by mail for directors of this association. At the time notices of members' meetings are given as provided by Article II of these bylaws, and with a notice of members' annual meeting, or any postponement thereof, there shall be sent to each member either personally or by mail a ballot which shall contain the names of all members who have been nominated as candidates for directors with a statement of the number to be elected and with appropriate instructions to the member to vote for such members; EACH MEMBER SHALL BE INSTRUCTED AFTER VOTING FOR THE DIRECTOR CANDIDATES TO PUT YOUR BALLOT IN THE ENCLOSED BUSINESS REPLY POSTAGE-PAID WHITE ENVELOPE. SIGN YOUR NAME IN THE PLACE INDICATED ON THE FACE OF THE RETURN ENVELOPE. THE MEMBER'S SIGNATURE IS ESSENTIAL. IT IS PART OF THE VALIDATION PROCESS OF THE BALLOT. IF THE ENVELOPE IS NOT SIGNED ON THE OUTSIDE, IT WILL NOT BE COUNTED. MAIL TO THE COOPERATIVE OFFICE PRIOR TO THE DATE OF SAID MEETING. Said ballots when so received shall be retained and placed in a locked ballot box until the date of the members' meeting at which time shall be delivered to the inspectors of Election and counted together with the votes cast in person at such members' meeting. The Directors who receive a plurality of the vote shall be elected. Drawing by lot shall resolve, when necessary, any tie votes.

SECTION 7. ORDER OF BUSINESS. The order of business at the annual meeting of the members, and so far as possible at all other meetings of the members, shall be essentially as follows:

- Report the existence of a quorum.
- Reading of the notice of the meeting and proof of the due publication of mailing thereof, or the waiver or waivers of notice of the meeting, as the case may be.
- Reading of unapproved minutes of previous meetings of the members and the taking of necessary action thereon.
- Presentation and consideration of, and acting upon, reports of officers, directors and committees.
- Election of directors.
- Unfinished business.
- New business.
- Adjournments.

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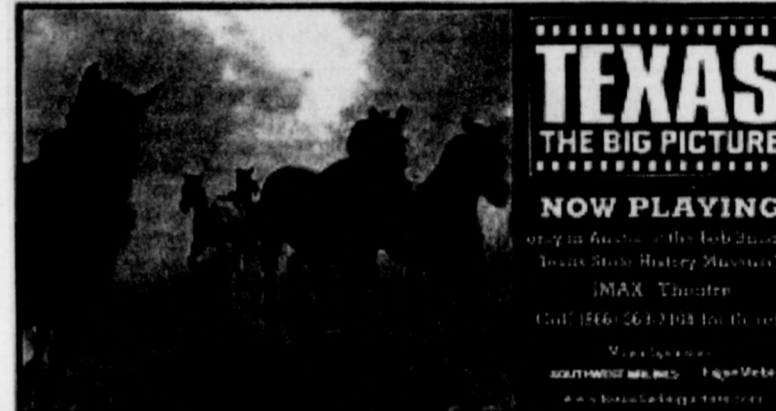
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LOCAL RELAY FOR LIFE event chairpersons were (front, l-r) Deb Whittenburg, Aime Kirk, Mandie England, Kayleen Bergman, Kelly Lipsey, Shanna Bear, Deb Pritchard, (back) Jennifer King, Rhonda Cook, Amy Wheat, Donna Guy, Sherry Kurtz, Belinda Schwartz, and Sandy Mesey. Not pictured is Barbara Heathcott.

Fourth Annual Runnels County Relay for Life to benefit the American Cancer Society

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June 20-21, 2003



ENTERTAINING THE CROWD during the community-wide picnic were Dana & Jerry Chambliss (above right) with (l-r) Richard Chambliss, Kody McCuistion, Roy McBeth, and Trenton Grohman.



PLACING SAND (left photo) in luminary bags were (l-r) Brenda, Brooklynn, and Wendall Anderson, Missy Calcote, and Deb Whittenburg.



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Stock Show exhibitors to benefit from August event

Runnels County Gala—Steak, Vegas Casino & Dance

Local residents will want to mark their calendars for an upcoming event to benefit Runnels County Junior Livestock Show Exhibitors.

The County Stock Show Association will host the First Annual Runnels County Gala on Saturday, August 9, 2003 at St. Joseph's Catholic Church Parish Hall in Rowena. The event will be held from 6 p.m. to midnight.

All four communities, Winters Ballinger, Rowena, and Miles, will help host the county-wide affair. Only 500 tickets will be sold for the evening of fun. Couples tickets are \$75/pair and individual tickets are priced at \$40 each.

Those attending will enjoy a grilled steak dinner including a 10 oz. steak, seasoned new potatoes, tossed salad, bread, and dessert, two hours of Las Vegas style Casino Night, followed by a dance. A large number of prizes will be given away including a grand prize at the end of the night—a 4 day/3 night trip for two to Las Vegas, Nevada. The trip includes round-trip airfare from Midland, transfers, and hotel accommodations.

Tickets are on sale now and may be purchased at: either First American Bank location, Ballinger or Winters; Citizens State Bank in Miles; the Runnels County Extension Office; or from any RCJLSA board member. All proceeds from the Gala will be used to purchase animal projects during the 2004 Runnels County Stock Show Premium Sale.

For more information contact the Extension Office at 365-2219.

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CDP available to producers with qualifying crop losses in 2001-2002

Texas producers can expect to receive financial assistance for crop losses through the Crop Disaster Program (CDP), launched by the U.S. Department of Agriculture on Friday, June 6, 2003. According to Dwaine Lange, County Committee Chairman for the Runnels County Farm Service Agency (FSA), CDP is available to producers with qualifying crop losses for the 2001 or 2002 crop years.

"We (Farm Service Agency) recognize the hardships caused by the drought and believe this program will allow farmers and ranchers to regain some of their lost income," said Lange.

Crop disaster payments for 2001 and 2002 production and quality losses will be calculated similar to the 2000 CDP. Eligible producers with greater than 35 percent loss will receive payment at 50 percent of the established price if the crop was covered by crop insurance or the noninsured crop disaster assistance program (NAP) or if coverage was not available. Payments will be based on 45 percent of the established price for crops that could have been insured or covered by NAP, but were not.

"CDP payments will be limited to \$80,000 per producer and/or entity, but funding for the program is unlimited," said Lange. "Although no sign-up deadline has been announced, we are striving to implement this program in a timely fashion in order to effectively benefit the producer."

Lange encourages producers to begin organizing relevant crop loss documentation and contact the Runnels County FSA Office to schedule an appointment to discuss program eligibility and the application process.

For more information regarding CDP and other disaster assistance, contact the Runnels County FSA office at (325)365-5757 or visit the USDA Web sites at <http://www.usda.gov> and <http://disaster.fsa.usda.gov>.

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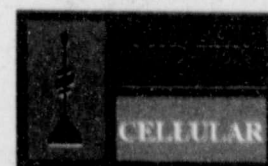
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