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People forget how fast you did a job — but they remember how well you did it!

—Anonymous

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"Day of Remembrance and Patriotic Celebration" tonight at Blizzard Stadium

Winters residents and members of the surrounding area will have the opportunity to attend the "Day of Remembrance and Patriotic Celebration" tonight, September 11, hosted by the Winters Ministerial Alliance.

The special event will be held at Blizzard Stadium at 7:30 p.m., following the junior high football games.

Music will be provided by the students from the Winters Elementary School and the Winters High School Band. Elementary students should gather at the flagpole by 7:20 p.m.

Featured speaker will be U.S. Air Force Capt. Russell Parramore, a 1993 graduate of Winters High School and the son of Robert and Rhea Parramore.

Capt. Parramore, a C-130 pilot, has participated in Operation Enduring Freedom while stationed at Prince Sultan Air Force Base in Saudi Arabia, and Operation Iraqi Freedom, stationed in the Middle East.

Names of current military personnel who have ties with Winters will be read by WHS Student Council members.

There is no charge for this patriotic program. In case of inclement weather, the celebration will be in the auditorium.



THIS GROUP OF DOVE HUNTERS traveled from the Dallas-Ft. Worth area to participate in the first annual Winters Dove Fest on Saturday. More than 500 hunters and guests attended the gathering at the Winters Community Center. Approximately \$11,000 was raised which will give next year's event a good head start. (photo by Jean Boles)

And the lucky winner is . . .



KAY SHARPES accepts her Ruger M77 .243 rifle from Alan Cooper of the Winters Dove Fest Committee. The gun was one of six raffled at Saturday's exciting event.

Winters Dove Fest "huge success" More than 500 attend first annual event

by Jean Boles, editor

"This has been the best event of this kind that I've attended and I've been to a lot," said one out-of-town exhibitor of the first annual Winters Dove Fest.

More than 500 hunters and guests attended the event last Saturday at the Winters Community Center. Event sponsors were Diamond D Ranch, Security State Bank and Alderman-Cave Feeds. Hosting the Dove Fest were the Winters Area Business and Industrial Corporation, the Winters Area Chamber of Commerce, the 4-H Club, the Blizzard Cheer-

leaders, the Winters Lions Club, and the Winters Dove Fest Committee.

A fajita meal was served, door prizes given away, musical entertainment was pro-

vided by the Bluff Creek Ramblers and Sons of Thunder, while event goers strolled by exhibits of wildlife and related subjects.

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Ballinger man charged with murder

contributed by Roeneal Boles, editor of The Ballinger Ledger

Ballinger Police Chief J.C. Gore said on Monday he had filed murder charges against David Wayne Franklin, 26, of Ballinger.

Franklin is suspected of causing the death of Trisha Leigh Hovorak, 28, who was found dead in her home at 2006 Hutchins on Friday, September 5.

Gore said he was dispatched to the home at 12:50 p.m. on Friday where Hovorak's father had found her in the bedroom of the home. The body was sent to Lubbock for an autopsy, but Gore would not release preliminary results of the autopsy, saying it may be used as evidence in the case.

Franklin and Hovorak were the parents of a two-month-old child which was located at the home of Franklin's cousin in Fannin County. The child is now in custody of Hovorak's family.

Franklin was arrested in Newton, Kansas, on Saturday and held on a revocation of probation warrant. He was on probation for aggravated assault with a deadly weapon. Runnels County Sheriff Bill Baird and Sgt. Steve Gray of the Ballinger Police Department traveled to Newton to interrogate Franklin, who waived extradition, and was brought back to Ballinger over the weekend. Chief Gore said, "We obtained enough evidence through the interrogation to file murder charges on Franklin."

Ballinger Police Department obtained a search warrant and searched the premises on Monday for additional evidence.

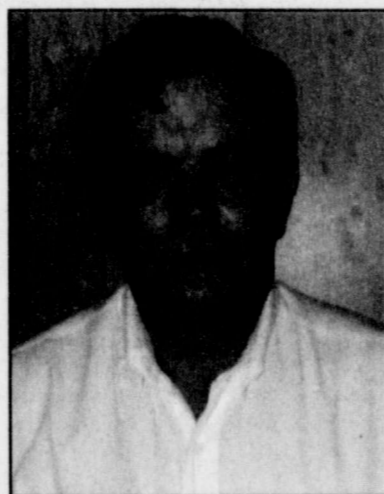
Hovorak's funeral and burial were also on Monday.

Williamson new Chief of Police

Keith Williamson, age 49, is the new Chief of Police for the City of Winters, effective September 15, 2003.

Williamson has 20 years of law enforcement experience and comes to Winters from Stamford where he was serving as the Chief Deputy of Jones County. He had previously served as the Foreman Supervisor Experienced Chief of Police at Waelder.

He holds an Advanced Peace Officer Certificate and is a licensed jailer. He received his law enforcement training in basic and firearms instruction at Southwest State University in San Marcos, his



hometown.

Chief Williamson says that his main goal is to operate a professional department serv-

ing the citizens of Winters. "I know that we are now short-staffed, but I am looking forward to expanding and I am happy to be here in Winters," says Williamson.

He and wife Sandra, a bookkeeper and certified jailer, have two sons: Justin, age 20, and Warren, 18. Both are currently attending college in the northeast Texas area. The Chief enjoys yard work and hunting with his sons.

The Williamsons hope to be moved to Winters within the next couple of weeks and are looking forward to making Winters their home.

Commissioners set county tax rate

contributed by Roeneal Boles, editor of The Ballinger Ledger

Prior to setting the 2003 tax rate, Runnels County Commissioners Court heard from taxpayer Joyce Bomar Smith at their meeting on Tuesday morning.

Mrs. Smith said she had been to the Runnels County Appraisal District and they had sent her to the Court to lodge her protest for increasing taxes. Smith said her family owned land in eastern Runnels County near Talpa and the taxes on the land had tripled in the last few years. She said, "I realize you all have a job to do, but it seems

everyone is passing the buck from one to the other. Someone needs to give retirees and others who are on a fixed income a break!"

Commissioner Ricky Strube answered Mrs. Smith with an outline of increased costs to the county. "We had a \$51,000 increase in health insurance premiums for employees, \$65,000 increase in workman's compensation insurance premiums, with a total increase in insurance premiums for the county of \$123,000 for the coming year.

"We (Commissioners Court) tried real hard to cut down on operating costs in each department—each commissioner took a \$5,000 cut in their road and bridge fund," Strube said.

Commissioners approved the 2003 tax appraisal roll of \$343,065,060 for the county. That compares to a valuation of \$326,623,120 for 2002.

Following that, the Court approved a total tax rate for Runnels County of \$.08469 for the 2003-2004 fiscal year.

See COMMISSIONERS, pg. 8

School board hires one

by Jean Boles, editor

With somewhat of a short agenda Monday evening, members of the Winters ISD Board of Trustees approved hiring Mandy Mostad as teacher for the 2003-04 school year, subject to assignment, at

state base plus local stipends. Trustees also presented Media Honor Roll Awards to Deb Pritchard, former assistant editor of *The Winters Enterprise*, and Jean Boles, current editor. See ?, pg. ?



JAMES VASQUEZ heads up field during Blizzard Junior Varsity action against the Cross Plains Buffaloes. Winters won the contest 18-8. (photo courtesy of Mike Neal)

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Woman's Club to host Chicken Spaghetti Dinner

The Winters Woman's Club will host their annual Chicken Spaghetti Dinner on Friday, September 12, from 5-7:30 p.m. at the school cafeteria prior to the Winters vs. Mason football game.

The menu consists of chicken spaghetti, green beans, Texas toast, salad and dessert. Cost is \$3 for children 12 & under and \$6 for adults. Carryouts are available.

Proceeds benefit civic projects.

Editorial

Oil Bidness

by Reg Boles © 2003



Often taken for granted, the well service industry is finally getting a bit more attention, lately.

As development activity has increased due to favorable prices, those operators trying to optimize their current production are more active in trying to make the most of what they have. In this effort, some real problems in the well service business have come to light.

First, so many service companies have disappeared over the last 10-15 years, that operators have to travel upwards of a hundred miles to find a service company in some instances. In a mature area like the oil field around here, there used to be a service rig or two every 20 miles or so. Now, a rig may have to travel upwards of 3 hours just to get to the well that needs pulling.

Secondly, once the rig arrives, there is real concern that the equipment may not be up to the task. The nation's service rig fleet is old, thin, and poorly maintained.

Consider that the number of rigs has decreased 60 percent since 1988 to just over 3000 rigs. There are almost 900,000 active wells and more if you include temporarily shut-in wells. That is one rig for every 300 wells, and that makes for some wear and tear on any equipment when it has to be utilized to maintain that many wells.

The average rig is over 20 years old, and few new rigs have been manufactured during the 1990s or after 2000. There may have been 50 new rigs built in the U.S. since 1986, and many of those have ended up in Russia or other corners of the world. Chances are, if you call out a service rig (once you find one) it will arrive needing paint, looking like it had been dragged through a river bottom.

Due to the boom-and-bust cycle of the oil and gas business and the service sector in particular, little has been invested in the equipment. "Just get it running," has been the watchword of the well service business over the last decade, and for good reason.

It takes more than 10 years, at current rig rates, to pay back a new service rig at nearly a million dollars each.

Much to the credit of well service companies, they have been holding things together pretty well. But, considering the importance of the well ser-

vice fleet (every well needs one at one time or another), something has to give.

Some larger service companies are totally overhauling their fleets at significant, albeit lower than a new build, cost. At the bottom line, these companies say they are saving money on maintenance costs, which pays for these overhauls. The economics work, but it works better with a large rig fleet.

If you are a single-rig service company, taking a rig out of service for any reason is a potentially fatal blow.

Such hard facts may lead to more industry consolidation, and it will likely lead to higher rig rates. Eventually, the cost of equipment replacement must be factored into the rates being charged. The market will see to that.

HIGHLIGHTS OF AREA DRILLING ACTIVITY

COMPLETIONS

Concho County

Daubert Operating, LLC has completed the Osburn #1 in the Osburn Field (6 miles SE of Eden) at an initial rate of 18 BOPD & 4 BWPD in the Palo Pinto (perms 2142-2180). Loc. is Sec. 110, Blk. 72, T&NO Sur.

DBO Oil, Inc. has completed the M. Nutt #1044 in the Mozelle Nutt Field (8 miles W of Eden) at an initial rate of 7 BOPD & 9 BWPD in the Strawn (perms 3664-70). Loc. is Sec. 44, Blk. 9, H&TC Sur.

The Pickens Co. has completed the Vera #6 in the West Millersview Field (4 miles W of Millersview) at an initial rate of 58 BOPD & 6 BWPD in the Cross Cut Sand (perms 2759-71). Loc. is Sec. 126, Blk. 72, T&NO Sur.

STAKINGS

Callahan County

Miles Moore, Inc. has staked the Texaco -315- #2 in the Callahan County Regular Field, 3 miles S of Putnam (Depth 1000). Loc. is 150 PNL & 150 FWL of Sec. 315, SPRR Sur., A-371.

Kelly is home!

Welcome Home ice cream supper planned Sept. 20

According to family members, Kelly Bearden has come home and is doing very well. She will be in physical therapy three times a week for a long time but the outlook is optimistic.

Family and friends are hosting a Welcome Home ice cream party on Sept. 20 from 3-5 p.m. at the Wingate Baptist Church. Well-wishers are asked to bring smiles and hugs, and ice cream if possible.

Letters to the Editor

Police Chief McGonagill says goodbye to Winters

Dear Editor;

I am writing this letter to the citizens of Winters, TX as I finish out my last days as Chief of Police for the Winters Police Department. I have thought for some time now about what message I wanted to leave for the Citizens of Winters.

I have found great enlightenment during my time here in Winters. I have seen the best side of people, and the worst side of people. I have become indifferent towards my police work over the last year or so, and though I find that very bothersome, I am unable to revitalize my attitude toward the work that I used to love.

I have a great sense of duty to the people that I serve, to my officers, and to my superiors. I have always strived to do the absolute best job possible in all situations. Winters has had an effect on me that I can't seem to get around. I have found great acceptance from many, and a great deal of rejection from others. I know that not everyone likes police officers, and that is a God given right. I have tried my best to build a stronger relationship with the community, as well as provide my officers with a safe work environment, better equipment, and better pay. Unfortunately, all to no avail. It seems that everything has had to be an unequal compromise, I get

a little, but must give up so much more.

Each officer must face, in his or her career, the times when tough decisions must be made. It is in these times that each officer needs help from those who the officer desires to serve better. The citizens must know that we are not supermen, but just men with a desire to become supermen. We cannot do everything for everyone, cannot be in every place at all times, and cannot always stifle crime in a single moment. We need the help of the people, by giving support, whether verbal, physical, emotional, or otherwise. We need for victims of crime to pursue charges, follow up on cases, and stand strong beside us. We need witnesses to come forward. We need patience from each person as we try to figure out what steps to take to best complete the task at hand.

I hope that the community will accept the new Chief of Police with open minds and open hearts. I hope that the community will show great patience as he adjusts to this new environment, and that help will be offered and given freely. I received so many smiles and warm greetings when I began here, and it truly helped to alleviate the nervousness of starting a new job. I appreciate all that this city has done for me, and all that I am

taking away with me from this place. I believe that Winters has the potential to be something great, a place where people not only want to live, but want to retire, raise their children, and progress into new generations. The most important part of that process is "progress." Progress must be accepted, desired, and pursued. It is the only way to improve on ourselves as individuals, and on our community as a whole.

Progress as a community begins at the heart of the community, at the city level, with the officials who each of you elect into office. Remember that these men and women are there to serve your best interest. Be patient with them, as

they have the weight of a city on them, but also make your wishes known, and make sure that they are fulfilling your desires, but be understanding when what they choose may not fit exactly what you want. They are forced to look into the future, and sometimes must make decisions now based on what you will need in the future.

I want to thank the City of Winters and its citizens for all that they have given to me, the police department, and my officers. I wish you well, both now and in the future.

Sincerely,

Brian McGonagill
Brian McGonagill
Chief WPD

Obituaries

Myrtle Maybell Wright

MENARD—Myrtle Maybell Wright, 91, passed away Tuesday, August 26, 2003, in San Angelo, Texas.

She was born November 5, 1911, in Leon County, Texas, to July Frida and Fay "Pitchford" Parker. She married Barney Wright on March 25, 1941, in Menard.

Mrs. Wright was a homemaker and member of First Baptist Church. She was a member of Home Demonstration Club and was active with the Girl Scouts.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Barney; two daughters, Joye Pritchard and Hyla McNutt; one son, Roy E. Parker; and one brother, Melvin Parker.

Survivors include her daughter, Melvena Gerhart and husband Marvin of Winters; her son, Jack Wright of Ballinger; daughter-in-law, Pat Parker of Ballinger; son-in-law, Dale McNutt of Comanche; one sister, Nerine Zumwalt of Kerrville; ten grandchildren, Sherri Mikeska, Scott Gerhart, Keith Gerhart, Cindy Ferguson, Terry McNutt, Jason McNutt, Parker Wright, Mike Pritchard, Tim Pritchard, and Chad Pritchard; and numerous great-grandchildren. She also loved the Neel children as grandchildren.

Services were Friday, August 29, at First Baptist Church with Ferris Akins and Steve Tompkins officiating. Burial followed in the Rest Haven Cemetery under the direction of Heritage Funeral Home.

Trisha Leigh Hovorak

BALLINGER—Trisha Leigh Hovorak, 28, passed away Friday, September 5, 2003.

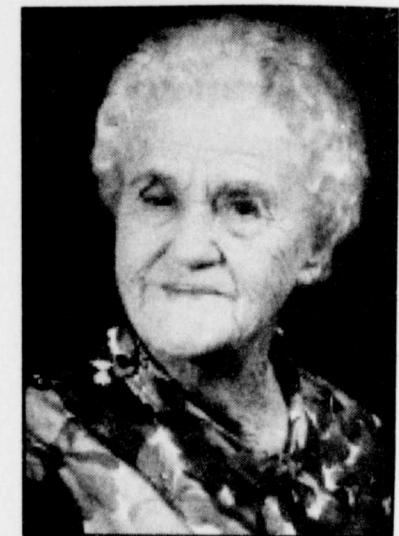
She was born May 9, 1975, in Abilene, Texas, to Jerry and Martha Teters Hovorak.

Trisha graduated from Ballinger High School in 1994 and was very active in the Concho County 4-H Club.

Survivors include one son, Jacob Lynn Hovorak of Ballinger; her parents, Jerry and Martha Hovorak of Paint Rock; a special aunt, Gayle Hovorak of San Angelo; five uncles, Kirk Hovorak and wife Cheryl of San Angelo, Ron Hovorak of Portland, Oregon, H.L. Teters and wife Joyce of Grape Creek, J.B. Teters of Ballinger, and Robert Teters and wife Jarene of Midland; a special friend, Jennifer Flores; and cousins, Dora, Missy, Kenny, Terri, Randi Lyn, Jon, Kevin, Adrienne, Brian, and Alexia.

Family visitation was from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. Sunday, September 7, at Rains-Seale Funeral Home in Ballinger. Funeral services were at 10:00 a.m. Monday, September 8, at the Avenue B Church of Christ in Ballinger with Reverend Gary Reeves and Deacon Leroy Beach co-officiating. Burial was in the Protestant Cemetery in Rowena, directed by Rains-Seale Funeral Home.

Memorials may be made to the Battered Women's Shelter in San Angelo or a favorite charity.



Dove Fest coordinator extends thanks for successful event

Dear Editor:

I wish to offer a big "THANKS" and "JOB WELL DONE" to the many volunteers who made the September 6 "Winters Dove Fest" such a successful event.

The community teamwork from members of the Winters Area Business and Industrial Corporation, the Winters Area Chamber of Commerce, the 4-H Club, the Blizzard Cheerleaders, the Winters Lions Club, the fine musical entertainment groups, and many other individuals who just came to lend support was ver inspiring.

This event was just a small example of how great the quality of life is for citizens of Winters, Texas.

Respectfully,
Danny Clack

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at the
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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*.

How firm a foundation

A short while ago my family experienced a loss. In talking with one of the young daughters, I shared with her how fortunate we were that we had inherited the strength of a supportive family from our ancestors. We come from a family that is very close and one that is always there to support each other in times of trouble.

In this world today there are many times we face situations and wonder just who we can depend on. Gas prices go up, the stock market goes down, and the rain does not come. But life goes on.

One of the world's tallest towers stands in Toronto, Ontario, Canada. Fifty-two tons of earth and shale were removed from fifty feet into the ground for laying the concrete foundation to support the tower. Today a rapid elevator takes visitors up to the observation decks to enjoy the beautiful view.

We, too, need a good foundation for facing life each day. As we pray and spend time with our Heavenly Father, we are strengthening our spiritual foundation — our support base for life. When we feel we are hanging on the edge or suspended in mid-air, we can take courage in knowing He is holding us firmly in the palm of His hand. A foundation built on Jesus Christ is strong and sure. We can always depend on Him to not crumble or let us fall.

WHAT'S HAPPENING ?

- Sept. 11- 11:30 a.m., Sr. Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center
Winters Country Club meeting, Winters Country Club
7:30 p.m., Remembrance & Patriotic Celebration, Blizzard Stadium
5 & 6:30 p.m., Jr. High vs. Mason, Here
6:30 p.m., JV vs. Mason, There
- Sept. 12- 11:30 a.m., Sr. Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center
5-7:30 p.m., Woman's Club Spaghetti Supper, School Cafeteria
7:30 p.m., Cowboys for Christ, Drasco
7:30 p.m., Blizzards vs. Mason, Here
Co-ed Softball Tournament
- Sept. 13- 7 A.M.-7 P.M., CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT ELECTION
2 p.m., John McAdoo Memorial Golf Tournament, Winters Country Club
6:30 p.m., WHS Class of '73, North Main church of Christ
Co-ed Softball Tournament
- Sept. 15- 11:30 a.m., Sr. Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center
- Sept. 16- 9 a.m., Cotton Tour, Meet at Courthouse in Ballinger
11:30 a.m., Sr. Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center
Noon, Lions Club, Sr. Citizens Activity Center
4:30 p.m., Library Board, Winters Public Library
6:30 p.m., Girl Scout Parent Meeting, Scout Hut
7 p.m., WVFD, Fire Station
7 p.m., AA, First United Methodist Church
7 p.m., Athletic Boosters, Blizzard Field
7:30 p.m., Eastern Star
Women's Service League
Secondary School Pictures
BKB Pizza Night Fundraiser
- Sept. 17- 7 a.m., Industrial Board, Windmill Enterprises Office
7 a.m., "See You at the Pole," Winters High School Flag Pole
9 a.m.-4 p.m., WIC, Winters Housing Authority
11:30 a.m., Sr. Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center
- Sept. 18- 11:30 a.m., Sr. Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center
5 & 6:30 p.m., Jr. High vs. Wall, There
6:30 p.m., JV vs. Wall, Here



JUST IN THE NICK OF TIME . . . Theresa Patterson (seated right) persuades James Brown to buy a raffle ticket as he enters the Winters Dove Fest Saturday. Brown was one of six lucky gun winners at the well-attended event.

Country Club News

by Brenda Clough, Ladies Golf Association President

Ladies met on Tuesday for regular play. Winning team was Sharon Kennedy, Mary Ellen Moore, Janice Merrill, and Tina Smith.

Wednesday night tournament winners were Bill Hall, Dawson McGuffin, Jim Ventress, Hank Bourdo, and Craig Gehrels. Bill Hall made a hole in one on hole #5 and also won closest to the pin on hole #6! Congratulations, Bill!

An ABC scramble was held on Sunday afternoon. Winning team was Connie Mac Gibbs,

Howard Reid, Aref Hassan, and Van Spill.

The annual John McAdoo Memorial Tournament will be held this Saturday, September 13. Tee time will be at 2:00 p.m., and play will be an ABC best ball format. A BBQ dinner and dance will be held following the tournament. Entry fee will be by donations.

John was a very avid golfer and strived to contribute to the success of the club.

You may call the Country Club at 754-4679 for more details. The public is invited to attend.

Flu shot clinic coming Sept. 24

A flu shot clinic will be conducted Wednesday, Sept. 24, 2003, at the Winters Senior Citizens Activity Center.

Immunizations will be given from 9:00 to 11:30 a.m.

There is no charge to those receiving Medicare (please bring card as proof of eligibility). The general public will pay a fee of \$15 per person.

Please use the east door (side) entrance.

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Developing the Winters Workforce

by Randall Conner,
Director of Economic Development

Third in a series of 6 articles

The West Central Texas Workforce Center offers many opportunities for job training and skills improvement for businesses and employees in this area.

Businesses which need specialized training to improve the skill levels of employees can develop a program of training through the Workforce Center. The Center partners with Texas State Technical College, Western Texas College, and other colleges to develop the needed training, and, by joining forces, this training can be provided at less cost than the business can do alone. The training can often be conducted at the business location and at hours which are convenient for the business and employees.

Some areas of possible training can be for welders, heavy-equipment operators, machine operators, and computer applications, but training programs can be developed for almost any area of skill improvement, even in very technical areas.

A series of workshops are available at the Workforce Center for employees and job seekers who need to improve job-retention skills or for advanced skills. Some of these include basic keyboarding, effective communication, time management, problem solving and decision making, teamwork, and win-win-win cus-

tommer relations (building good relationships between employer, customer, and employee).

Self-directed program opportunities in beginner, intermediate, and advanced level computer training are available at the Workforce Center for employees to upgrade their computer skills.

The West Texas Workforce Center is developing a series of distance learning centers throughout the 19 county area served by the Center. These interactive, state-of-the-art computerized sites can provide training, in communities such as Winters, from instructors located almost anywhere in the world and in subject areas of training which are needed locally. We hope to have one of these learning centers located in Winters by early 2004. Training can be conducted for hospital and medical personnel, firefighters, teachers, as well as safety training, pesticide training for farmers and ranchers, and many other workers.

If you need job training of any kind, contact the West Central Texas Workforce Center at 400 Oak Street in Abilene or call 325-795-4200 or e-mail <workforce@workforcesystem.org>. There is a lot of information available on their website <www.workforcesystem.org>.

Senior Citizens Activity Center Menu

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Sept. 15 through Sept. 19
Subject to change

Monday, Sept. 15: Burrito, rice, lettuce & tomatoes, chips & hot sauce, and peanut butter bar.

Tuesday, Sept. 16: Tator tot casserole, corn, carrot & raisin salad, bread, and fruit.

Wednesday, Sept. 17: Chicken salad, tuna salad, broccoli salad, Jello salad, and fruit.

Thursday, Sept. 18: Chicken pot pie, beets, fruit salad, crackers, and kolaches.

Friday, Sept. 19: Sausage, black-eyed peas, tomatoes & macaroni, cornbread, and dessert.

Meals are served at 11:30 a.m. daily. Anyone who does not take the meals regularly are asked to reserve a lunch by contacting the Activity Center at 754-4205 by 10 a.m.

In Appreciation

Card of Thanks

We would like to express our appreciation to the Winters community for the concern shown for Puny during his surgery.

Everyone has been so nice. The prayers, cards, calls, flowers, balloons, food, and support from you make us realize even more what this town is about.

Thanks so much.

Sincerely,

Puny, Deb, Cody, & Kenny Whittenburg

Card of Thanks

We would like to thank everyone for the cards, flowers, phone calls, and the visits at the funeral home in Abilene in the death of Oren.

Thank you,

Bill, Carmela, and Brendan Polston

Two Great Reasons to Rush into DQ!

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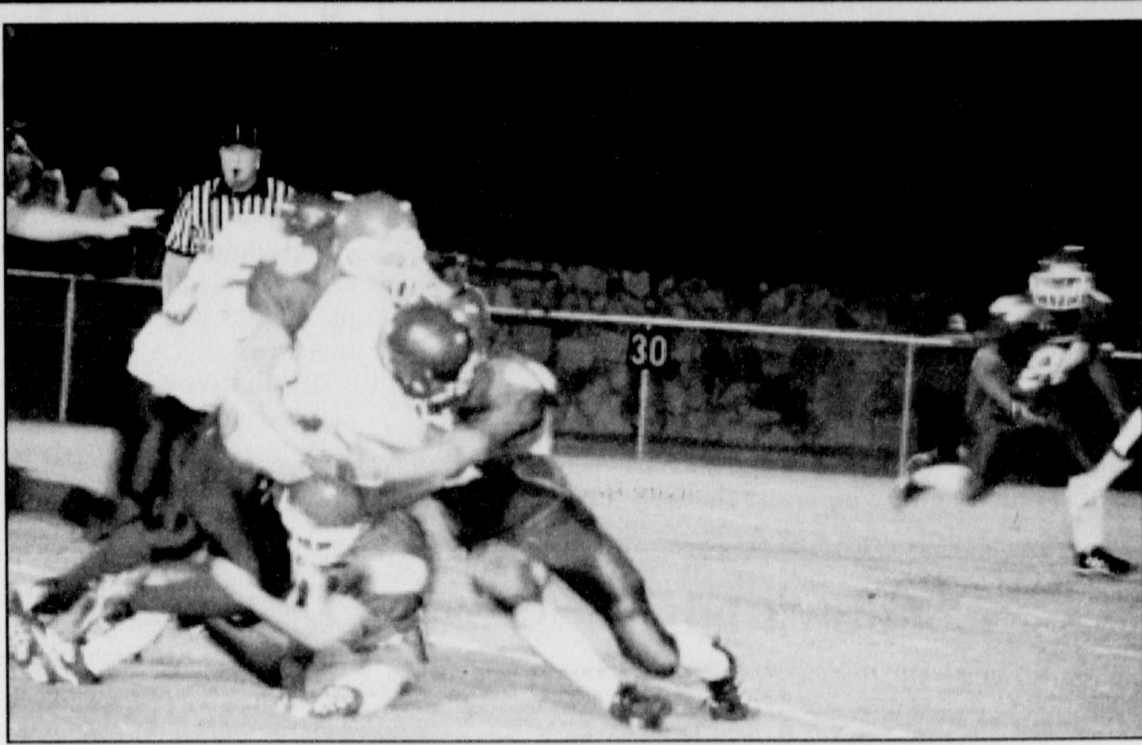
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School

Winters to play Mason Friday at 7:30

Blizzards come up short in contest with Buffaloes



BRINGING DOWN A BUFFALO during varsity against Mason Friday night are Pete Griffin #10, Matthew Tekell #60 and John Heathcott #42. (photo by Jean Boles)

the Blizzards facing 4th and goal from the 12. Fourth down was not productive as Court Pike was stopped for no gain. Both offenses exchanged niceties as fumbles, interceptions and punts plagued both teams. The first half ended effectively as Tim Fenwick came up with a diving interception at the Blizzard 29 yard line and the teams went to the locker rooms with Cross Plains 7, Winters 0.

The Blizzards received the second half kickoff and set up at their own 33 yard line but punted after a 3 and out. Cross Plains picked up a couple of first downs and turned the ball over on downs at the Winters 34 yard line. After picking up a first down, a Valles aerial was intercepted and returned to the Blizzard 7 yard line. The Big Blue defense made it tough on Cross Plains but on 4th and 6 from the 5, the Buffaloes increased the lead with a pass completion. The extra point was good and the lead was extended to 14-0 with 1:48 left in the third quarter.

The Blizzards took over at their own 29 yard line. Pike picked up 7 on first down and apparently covered the remaining 64 yards on second down. But a holding penalty and an unsportsmanlike penalty ruined the celebration and the Blizzards faced a 2 and 27. The third quarter ended with

Cross Plains holding a 14-0 lead. On 4th and 23, the Blizzards punted. The Winters defense forced a 3 and out, and gave the Blizzard offense the ball at their own 14 yard line.

Here the Valles-Fenwick show commenced as the Blizzards drove 86 yards on ten plays. Valles and Fenwick hooked up on completions of 17, 3, 11 and 18 yards. This, combined with the running of Pike, placed the ball at the Cross Plains 12 yard line with a first and 10. Valles covered the distance and with 7:27 left in the contest, his extra point kick trimmed the Cross Plains lead to 14-7.

The Buffaloes set up at their own 31 yard line after the kickoff and the Blizzards forced another 3 and out. The punt was bobbled and Cross Plains recovered the loose ball at the Blizzard 48 yard line. Seven plays later, Cross Plains upped their lead 21-7 with a fine touchdown run with 3:19 left to play.

The Blizzards took over at their own 16 and picked up three first downs only to turn the ball over on downs at the Cross Plains 44.

The Buffaloes took a knee to run out the clock with the 21-7 victory.

The Blizzards will meet the Punchers of Mason at Blizzard Stadium. Kickoff for this game is at 7:30 Friday evening.

Blizzards vs. Punchers
Friday, Sept. 11 Blizzard Stadium
Kickoff 7:30 p.m.

by Charles Murphy, Sports Writer for The Winters Enterprise

Sometimes things are not as they appear.

Friday night it appeared the Blizzard defense was going to handle the Cross Plains offense as they netted a total of 2 yards on their first 8 plays. But this was not the case as the Buffaloes took over on the Blizzard 44 yard line with their second possession of the night. The

ninth play of the night covered the 44 yards as the Cross Plains receiver snagged a pass from the quarterback with 6:44 left in the first quarter. The extra point try was good for a 7-0 Buffalo lead.

Michael Liggins electrified the crowd with a 33 yard return on the ensuing kickoff. Setting up at their own 41 yard

line, the Blizzard offense put together a 15 play drive only to turn the ball over on downs at the Buffalo 12 yard line.

Highlights of the drive included a keeper by Benjie Valles on 4th and 4 for 16 yards and a completion from Valles to Tim Fenwick for 16 to the Cross Plains 7 yard line.

The first quarter ended with

STATISTICAL SUMMARY

	Winters	C. Plains
First downs	12	7
Rushing yards	20-184	38-85
Passing yards	56	69
Total yards	240	154
Comp-Att-Int	5-14-1	3-10-0
Punts-Ave.	4-32	3-38
Fumbles-lost	1-1	1-0
Penalties-yards	8-70	7-55

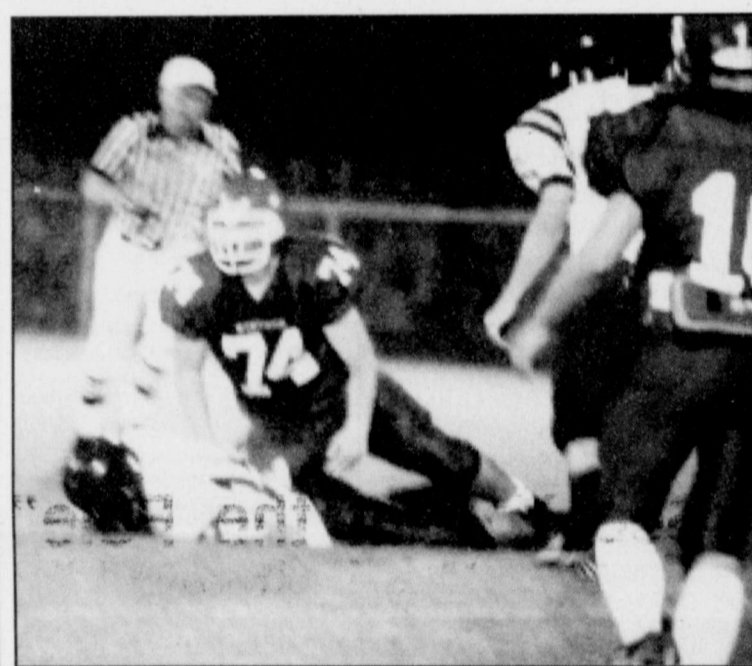
SCORING SUMMARY

By Quarters

Winters	0, 0, 7, 0	— 7
Menard	7, 0, 7, 7	— 21

INDIVIDUAL STATS

Rushing: Winters: Valles 6-82; Michael Liggins 3-4, Court Pike 9-58, Frank Perez 2-4
Passing: Benjie Valles 5-14-1-56 yds.
Receiving: Liggins 1-4, Tim Fenwick 3-26, Jeremy Mendoza 1-18.



MATTHEW COOK #74 of the Varsity Blizzards gives the Mason ball carrier a face plant on the quarterback sack. (photo by Jean Boles)

Blizzard JV takes 18-8 win over Cross Plains

The Winters Blizzard Junior Varsity football team defeated Cross Plains JV last Thursday night 18-8.

The Blizzard defense was outstanding, making big plays at just the right times.

Outstanding defensive players include Charlie Dillard, Jose Cruz, Juan Hernandez, Don Davis and L. J. Nitsch.

On offense the Blizzards were equally out-

standing, scoring touchdowns on the ground as well as in the air.

Offensive leaders were Allan Green at quarterback and James Vasquez at fullback. The offensive line came through late in the game, helping secure the victory.

The Blizzards, who are now 2-0 for the season, meet the Punchers at Mason tonight with kickoff at 6:30 p.m.



JV BLIZZARDS Randy Jackson #81, Jonathan Meyer #50 and Juan Hernandez #21 close in on the Mason runner during Thursday night's play. (photo courtesy of Mike Neal)

Directions to Mason Field

Football fans traveling to Mason in support of the Winters teams may find the following information useful.

From Brady stay on Highway 87 to Mason. In Mason, you will curve around the courthouse, go 2 1/2 miles, then turn left off of Highway 87 to the city park. The football stadium sits to the right side of the city park.

As a final reminder, of course, if all else fails: Look for the high stadium lights.



JULIAN PEREZ of the 8th grade gets ready to wrap up the Mason runner as #75 Roy Kendrick closes in. (photo by Mike Neal)

8th grade sneaks past Cross Plains 8-0

The 8th grade Breezes opened their 2003 season with an 8-0 win during a semi-scrimmage at Cross Plains last Thursday.

With ten seconds left to play, Alex Harrison scampered from five yards out for the six points, then Tory Burns added two more on the extra point try.

Coach David Wood said, "Our players seemed to pick up the new offense easily. The defense held Cross Plains on their end of the field for most of the first half. I'm proud of the way we played."

Thursday, September 11, the 7th grade will scrimmage against Mason at 5 p.m. followed by the 8th grade in regulation play.

2003 Varsity Football Schedule

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME	SCORE
Aug. 29	Menard	T	8:00	3-49
Sept. 5	Cross Plains	H	8:00	7-21
Sept. 12	Mason	H	7:30	
Sept. 19	Wall	T	8:00	
Sept. 26	Robert Lee	T	8:00	
Oct. 3	OPEN			
Oct. 10	Bangs▲	T	7:30	
Oct. 17	Goldthwaite▲	T	7:30	
Oct. 24	San Saba▲	H	7:30	
Oct. 31	Jim Ned▲	T	7:30	
Nov. 7	Coleman▲	H	7:30	

★ Homecoming ▲ District Games

2003 Jr. Varsity Football Schedule

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME	SCORE
Aug. 28	Menard	H	6:30	12-0
Sept. 4	Cross Plains	T	6:30	18-8
Sept. 11	Mason	T	6:30	
Sept. 18	Wall	H	6:30	
Sept. 25	Robert Lee	TBA	TBA	
Oct. 2	OPEN			
Oct. 9		H	6:00	
Oct. 16		H	6:00	
Oct. 23★	San Saba★▲	T	6:00	
Oct. 30		H	6:00	
Nov. 6	Coleman▲	T	6:00	

★ Homecoming ▲ District Games

2003 Jr. High Football Schedule

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME	SCORE
Sept. 4	Cross Plains	T	5 - 8th only	
Sept. 11	Mason	H	5 & 6:30	
Sept. 18	Wall	T	5 & 6:30	
Sept. 25	Robert Lee	H	8 & TBA	
Oct. 2	OPEN			
Oct. 9	Bangs▲	T	5 & 6:30	
Oct. 16	Goldthwaite▲	T	5 & 6:30	
Oct. 23	San Saba▲	H	5 & 6:30	
Oct. 30	Jim Ned▲	T	5 & 6:30	
Nov. 6	Coleman▲	H	5 & 6:30	

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Winters Cross Country teams among 296 runners at Carlsbad



LADY BLIZZARD Cross Country runners included (center, l-r) Ashley Laird, Briana Parramore, Kari Walker, Macy Hopson, and Jessica Meyers. Shown in back are Vanessa Perez and Amy Kraatz. (photo courtesy of Deb Pritchard)

Winters Cross Country teams competed in the Water Valley Meet at Carlsbad on Saturday, September 6.

Medalists included Jose Hernandez in the varsity boys division and Jessica Barker taking second in the junior high division. There were 296 runners in the competition.

Individual times:

Varsity Boys (3 miles)

Jose Hernandez (18th) 19:16
Javier Rodriguez - injured
Jonathan Meyer 21:18
Ismael Aragon 21:29

Juan Hernandez 21:37
Bryce Wilkerson 21:50
Shawn Kraatz 24:38
Luke Hale 25:25
Anthony Ramirez 29:30
Varsity Girls (2 miles)
Macy Hopson 16:32
Briana Parramore 16:37
Kari Walker 16:51
Vanessa Perez 16:55
Jessica Meyer 18:39
Ashley Laird 18:57
Amy Kraatz 20:32
Jr. High Boys (1.5 miles)
Michael Perez (37th) 9:57
Richard Perez 10:11
Corey Fenwick 10:22
Kevin Bredemeyer 11:02
Colby Pritchard 11:13
Jr. High Girls (1.5 miles)
Jessica Barker (2nd) 10:09
Celiha Jackson II:55
Elena Valdez 13:50
Natalie Rangel 14:03
Brittany Woffenden 14:10
Sarah Rodriguez 14:20

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JUNIOR HIGH BREEZES CROSS COUNTRY TEAM competed Saturday at the Water Valley meet at Carlsbad. Left to right are Richard Perez, Corey Fenwick, Kevin Bredemeyer, Colby Pritchard and Michael Perez. These runners are all 7th grade students at Winters. (photo courtesy of Deb Pritchard)

Senior parents reminded of Oct. 1 photo deadline

Senior parents are reminded that the deadline for sending your senior ad is October 1, and are accepted on a first-come, first-serve basis, according to Jessica Pritchard, Senior Editor of the 2004 yearbook.

Prices for ads are as follows:
full page \$115 (includes pictures, message and art)
half page \$65 (includes 2-4 pictures, message and art)
quarter page \$45 (includes 2 pictures, message and small art)

eight page \$24 (includes small pictures and message)

Also, casual pictures for the senior pages will be due December 1.

For more information, please call Mrs. Sharon Rice at Winters High School 754-5516 or Jessica Pritchard at 754-2053.

Junior and high school photos will be taken Sept. 16

Winters junior high and senior high students are reminded that school photos will be taken on Tuesday, September 16, by Lifetouch School Portraits.

Registration deadline Sept. 19 for October ACT Test

College-bound can register at school or on Internet

College-bound high school students who want to take the ACT Assessment on the October 25 national test date should register by the postmark deadline of September 19, 2003. The late registration deadline is October 3 (an additional fee is required for late registration). Students can get registration materials from their school counselor or register online at <www.act.org>.

ACT scores are accepted by virtually all colleges in the nation, including all Ivy League schools. The test is given in all 50 states. The test fee is \$26 (\$29 in Florida). A student's ACT scores are considered by colleges for admissions and course placement, along with several other important factors including high school GPA, college prep courses taken in

high school, extracurricular activities, personal background, and other information.

The ACT is an achievement test that includes four parts: English, reading, mathematics, and science. The ACT is not an aptitude test, but is based on the curriculum taught in high school and what colleges expect students to know when they begin their first year at college.

Students are urged to take sample tests before the test date to become familiar with the format. Free sample tests are available from high school counselors and sample questions can be found on ACT'S website. The website also offers inexpensive practice tests and a CD-ROM that gives students an instant test score and study tips.

"See You at the Pole" meeting Wed., Sept. 17

The annual "See You at the Pole" celebration will be Wednesday, September 17, at 7:00 a.m. at the flag pole in front of Winters High School.

Students and adults will join together to pray for their schools and country in the nationwide gathering.

This year, prior to the "Pole" meeting, a breakfast will be served from 6:30-7:00 a.m. in front of the high school, provided by the First Baptist Church.

Everyone is invited to breakfast and the "Pole" prayer service. For more information call Gary Bear at 754-4526 or the Winters High School at 754-5516.

The First Baptist Church will also provide transportation to a "Saw You at the Pole" rally in Coleman on Wednesday evening. Any interested youth should gather at FBC at 5:30.

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Co-ed softball tourney scheduled Sept. 12-13

A co-ed softball tournament benefiting YMCA youth football and cheerleading will be Friday evening, September 12, and Saturday, September 13.

For further information, contact Bob Lindley at 754-4746 or 754-4959.

2003 Fearless Football Forecasters	Last Week					Overall				
Mason at Winters	Winters	Winters	Winters	Winters	Winters	7-3	6-4	9-1	7-3	6-4
Jim Ned at Eastland	Jim Ned	Jim Ned	Jim Ned	Jim Ned	Jim Ned					
Goldthwaite at Cisco	Cisco	Cisco	Cisco	Cisco	Cisco					
Hawley at Cross Plains	Cross Plains	Cross Plains	Cross Plains	Cross Plains	Cross Plains					
Midland Greenwood at Sweetwater	Midland	Midland	Midland	Midland	Midland					
Merkel at Ballinger	Merkel	Merkel	Merkel	Merkel	Merkel					
Odessa Permian at Brownwood	Odessa	Odessa	Odessa	Odessa	Odessa					
Clyde at Stamford	Clyde	Clyde	Clyde	Clyde	Clyde					
Early at DeLeon	Early	Early	Early	Early	Early					
Hamlin at Baird	Hamlin	Hamlin	Hamlin	Hamlin	Hamlin					

Brilla Magee	René Woffenden	George Mostad	Randall Conner	Mike Neal
Winters	Winters	Winters	Winters	Winters
Jim Ned	Jim Ned	Jim Ned	Jim Ned	Jim Ned
Cisco	Cisco	Cisco	Cisco	Cisco
Cross Plains	Cross Plains	Cross Plains	Cross Plains	Cross Plains
Midland	Midland	Midland	Midland	Midland
Ballinger	Ballinger	Ballinger	Ballinger	Ballinger
Brownwood	Brownwood	Brownwood	Brownwood	Brownwood
Stamford	Stamford	Stamford	Stamford	Stamford
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Baird	Baird	Baird	Baird	Baird

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Wednesday-Sept. 17
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Thursday-Sept. 18
Banana Nut Muffin
Cereal
Juice
Friday-Sept. 19
Pancake Puppies
Juice

Lunch
Monday-Sept. 15
Chili Dog
French Fries
Corn
Moo Bar
Tuesday-Sept. 16
Roast & Gravy
Mashed Potatoes
Fried Okra
Hot Roll
Jello Cake
Wednesday-Sept. 17
Chalupa w/Lettuce & Tomatoes
Cole Slaw
Spanish Rice
Brownie
Thursday-Sept. 18
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Anita Wood honored as fifty year member of Eastern Star

Mrs. Anita Wood was honored by Winters Chapter #80 Order of the Eastern Star at their meeting on Tuesday evening, August 19, 2003. Worthy Matron Glenda McNeill read the history of Mrs. Wood's years in the Order and presented her with a 50-year pin as well as a lovely certificate attesting to those years signed by the Worthy Grand Matron of the State of Texas.

Reunion Time

WHS Class of '63 planning to gather at 2003 Homecoming

The 1963 graduating class of Winters High School will hold their 40th class reunion in conjunction with Homecoming on October 24-25, 2003. Plans are for the Alumni to attend the homecoming football game and then meet in the old gym for on-going reunion activities after the game. Activities are planned for Saturday afternoon and evening, concluding with a dinner at Dean's Shed Restaurant & Catering in Wingate. The classes of 1962 and 1964 are especially invited to join the festivities, as are any other interested parties.



WHO IS THIS MASKED MAN? It's Danny Clack, aka Tortilla King, as he helps serve over 500 hungry guests at the Winters Dove Fest Saturday. Clack was one of the coordinators of the big event. (By the way, Danny used tongs to serve the tortillas).

DOVE FEST, continued

Emcees were Toby Virden of KRUN Radio in Ballinger and Kody McCuistion, a WHS freshman.

Highlighting the event were the raffle drawings for six guns. Winners were James Brown of Winters, Kay Sharpes, Pete Gray, Wes Hays and James Brown, all of Winters; Zach Luiz of Rockwall; and Pat Lange of Rowena.

According to Randall Conner, Event Coordinator, 50% of registered guests were from Winters, 36% came from outside Runnels County, and several from out-of-state.

Almost a hundred workers helped make the event a huge success and a fun fest for everyone involved.

Girl Scout Parent Meeting Tues., Sept. 16

Melissa Rodriguez is asking all interested parents and volunteers to attend a Girl Scout Parent Meeting on Tuesday, September 16, at 6:30 p.m. at the Scout Hut on Main Street. This will be an organizational meeting and is important for the implementation of the scouting program in Winters.

Ruth Sunday School class enjoys evening with Christian friends

The Ruth Sunday School Class of the First Baptist Church met Sept. 2 in the home of J.P. and Mary Beth Drake to enjoy an evening with Christian friends.

Class members each brought a delicious dish to share and voted to do a "taste of class" for their monthly meetings. Sue Hukill read e-mail "food for thought."

Emily Pendergrass, a special guest, read from the book of Romans. Nancy Foreman was also a special guest.

Members attending were Sue Hukill, Linda Rozmen, Pat Wood, Mary Beth Drake, Judy Harrison, Thelma Taylor, Bobbie Sue Jackson, marcie Webb, Ruth Cooper, and Betty Gray.

Class of '73 to plan thirty year reunion

A planning meeting for the thirty year reunion of the Winters Class of 1973 is set for Saturday, September 13, at 6:30 p.m. The meeting will be in the Winters North Main Church of Christ Fellowship Hall. Anyone interested in the reunion is invited to attend. Please bring any information you may have about classmates (eg. addresses, e-mail addresses, phone numbers, etc.) If you have information or want to help but are unable to attend the meeting, please contact Landa Walker Grohman at 502 CR 361, Winters, Texas 79567 or e-mail <landa.zoe@hotmail.com> or contact Lea Mostad Angel at 325-754-4963.

Twenty-three attend 44th Drasco Reunion

Twenty-three people attended the 44th Drasco Reunion on Sept. 2, Labor Day, 2003. The reunion was held at the former Drasco Baptist Church. Charles Mitchell of Pecos led the opening prayer and welcomed all. Roy Davis, son of Red Davis, led the singing of "He Keeps Me Singing."

"Down at the Cross," "Love Lifted Me," "In the Garden," and "Blessed Assurance." Billie Mitchell, wife of the late Horace Mitchell, and Lawana Martin, daughter of the late Horace Mitchell, sang a duet, "Because He Lives." Names and a brief history were recited by attendees. The oldest person in attendance was Red Davis of Odessa, and the youngest person was Brandon, grandson of Earnest Dixon Toney of Waco. Clifford Lewis of Amarillo traveled the farthest.

Afton Davis, wife of Red Davis, and Lois Scott, sister of G.W. Scott, had both passed away during the year.

Members voted to keep the same officers: Charles Mitchell, president; Billie Mitchell, vice-president; Lawana Martin, secretary/treasurer.

The next reunion will be Labor Day 2004, as approved by votes of attendees.

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Life

Pageant to be held October 5 at Winters High School Auditorium— Runnels Area Our Little Miss seeking contestants ages 0-17

The Runnels Area Our Little Miss Beauty Pageant is being held once again in the Winters-Ballinger area. The competition will be held Sunday, October 5, 2003, at the Winters High School Auditorium.

Registration will begin at 1:00 with the competition starting at 2:00.

All girls between the ages of 0-17 are invited to compete. The girls will compete in interview, sportswear, and party dress. No talent is required.

The dream of becoming "Our Little Miss" has become a reality to thousands of little girls since the year 1962. Now, at 41 years, the child personified by the perky little silhouette with the flipped-up hair has developed a personality of her own. Not a fairy tale character or a myth, "Our Little Miss" is more a symbol of hope for the future of children everywhere.

As Morley Safer said on CBS 60 Minutes, "The parents consider Universal Pageant System, World Youth Federation/Our Little Miss to be the most prestigious of all children's pageants." Now

with third-generation children as contestants, Our Little Miss is truly a name that has endured.

Competitions of all kinds are as American as apple pie. Nonetheless, the manner in which they are handled varies greatly. With World Youth Federation, there is a soft touch, where discussions of coping with winning and losing, and with joys and disappointments are all an integral part of the program. From the rowdy parents' talent show (both silly and serious) to the exchange of souvenir and Secret Pal gifts between contestants from all over the world, "Our Little Miss" truly encourages family participation and comradeship. The true award is in the experience alone.

World Youth Federation's philosophy is that by giving children an outlet to express themselves and their talents, they are presented with growth and development aspects for personality, communication, discipline, memory training, and grooming habits.

Because parents play an important role when a child is in any competition, the family relationship is enhanced, espe-

cially that of the mother and daughter. Our scholarship competition does not condone stage parenting; the child must truly want to be a participant, enabling the fascination and glamour of the State and World events to become an educationally exciting family affair.

Our Little Miss is not just a beauty pageant. World Youth Federation/Our Little Miss is committed to raising money for the less fortunate children. Each year they host a fund-raising event called "540,000 Pennies of Hope" with the proceeds going to a charity that is decided upon by the board of directors. The girls are asked to bring their pennies to donate.

Last year over \$4,000 was raised for St. Jude's Hospital and one of its patients, Matthew Haggerty. Matthew was diagnosed with Hodgkin's disease and is now under going treatment at St. Jude's. Hopefully, thorough modern technology and prayer Matthew will beat this terrible disease.

If you would like more information on entering the Runnels Area Our Little Miss Pageant, please call Glenda Matthews at 325-677-0881 or email her at <gmatthews@cox.net>.

Glover, Kidd joined in marriage



Mr. and Mrs. Joshua Jackson Kidd

Sarah Jane Glover and Joshua Jackson Kidd were joined in marriage Saturday, March 15, 2003, at the historic Baker Building in Lubbock. Their Sunday School teacher, Craig Langford of Lubbock, officiated. Dining and dancing immediately followed the ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Gary and Carol Glover of Olney. She is the granddaughter of Edwin and Frances Key of Olney and George and Billye Glover of Crockett.

The groom is the son of Mitchell and Karen Kidd of Abilene. Grandparents of the

groom are the late Johnnie and Flossie Kidd of Peacock and Dale and Doris Eubanks of Winters.

The maid of honor was Kate Glover, sister of the bride, of Olney. The bridesmaids were Hannah Deal and Sabrina Turner, both of Lubbock.

The best man was Jarod Allred of Lubbock. Groomsmen were Jared Kidd, brother of the groom, of Abilene, and Justin Williams of Abilene.

The ceremony music was performed by a brass quintet comprised of friends of the couple from the Texas Tech University Symphonic Winds. A jazz combo from Lubbock provided the reception music.

The bride is a 1999 graduate of Olney High School and a May 2003 graduate of Texas Tech University with a degree in mathematics. She is employed by Actuaries and Associates in Lubbock.

The groom is a 1999 graduate of Abilene High School and will graduate December 2003 from Texas Tech University with a degree in music education. He is employed as assistant band director in Crosbyton.

After a honeymoon trip to Las Vegas, Nevada, the couple resides in Lubbock.

SCHOOL BOARD, continued

for "fair and balanced reporting, providing valuable information to the community about public schools, their students, parents, and patrons." The Media Honor Roll is a statewide award in association with the Texas Association of School Boards.

Brilla Magee, Elementary Principal, reported enrollment of 367 students as of September 8.

She also reported on the "Make It, Take It" project being sponsored by the Blizzard Kid Backers, the "upcoming WHO" program, and the "Fast Forward" computer program currently being used in grades kindergarten through junior high. She reminded board members that Winters will host the elementary UIL meet on November 10 & 11.

David Hale, Secondary School Principal, gave enrollment figures of 110 students in 7th and 8th grades and 196 in grades 9 through 12. He said tutorials are available on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays for any student.

Superintendent Danny Clack presented a transportation analysis to board members regarding the status of all WISD buses and other vehicles for future replacement consideration. He told board members he is expecting membership in the high school band to reach 125 students next year, which will require more bus miles.

Clack also presented comparison figures of the number of students served in the school lunch room over the past three years. Clack had high praise for Janet Cason, Cafeteria Supervisor, who has increased participation from 67% to 84% since the 2000-01 school year.

Present for the September 8 meeting were trustees Allen Andrae, Jerry Sims, Larry Walker, Manuel Vera, Shelia Paschal, Cheryl Bryan and Bob Prewit; Business Manager Jimmy Butler, Superintendent Clack, Athletic Director Brett Barrick, and Principals Magee, Hale and David Evans.

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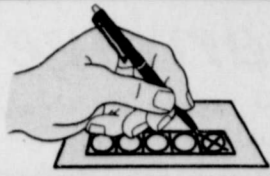
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RUNNELS COUNTY VOTING LOCATIONS September 13th Election — 7 AM - 7 PM

- VOTING PRECINCT 1 — Ballinger
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608 Strong Ave. (behind Courthouse)
- VOTING PRECINCT 2 — Ballinger
Runnels Co. Appraisal District Office
406 Hutchings
- VOTING PRECINCT 3 — Winters
Housing Authority Building
300 N. Grant
- VOTING PRECINCT 4 — Winters
Runnels County Tax Branch Office
143 W. Dale
- VOTING PRECINCT 5 — Wingate
Lions Club Building
108 Smithson Street
- VOTING PRECINCT 6 — Norton
Community Center
215 Holloway Avenue
- VOTING PRECINCT 7 — Ballinger
Community Center
200 Crosson Avenue
- VOTING PRECINCT 8 — Ballinger
City Hall
7th & Railroad Avenue
- VOTING PRECINCT 9 — Miles
City Hall
110 Robinson Street
- VOTING PRECINCT 10 — Rowena
Fire Station
504 Mary Street

Polls open 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.—

Constitutional Amendment Election this Saturday

Polls will be open Saturday, September 13, from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. for the Constitutional Amendment Election. The County Clerk's Office and the Voter Registrar's Office will be open on Election Day from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. Anyone needing voter information may contact the County Clerk's Office at 365-2720 or the Voter Registrar's Office at 365-2339. Sample ballots are available at the Tax Branch Office in Winters and at the County Clerk's Office in Ballinger.

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PUBLIC NOTICE
The City Council will hold a Public Hearing on the Fiscal Year 2003-2004 Budget, Monday, September 29, 2003, at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 310 South Main Street, Winters, Texas. The public is encouraged to attend. **14-37(1tc)**

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 are calls investigated by the Winters Police Department during the week of August 31, 2003, through Sept. 7, 2003. Officers:

- were called to the 400 block of S. Melwood for a criminal mischief call. The victim said that sometime in the previous night the tires on his truck has been slashed. He stated that he believed it happened while he was at a party and the truck had been left unattended. The victim stated that the person who slashed the tires might have been one of the party-goers who was not invited to go to a second location. This case has been forwarded to the County Attorney.
- were called to the parking lot at Dry Manufacturer for a hit and run. The victim stated that sometime between her 10 a.m. break and lunch, persons unknown to her had backed into her vehicle damaging the driver's door so that it would not open. Officers found red paint transfer and attempted to locate nay vehicl in the parking lot that might have damage.
- were called to the 100 block of Magnolia for a family disturbance. Officers spoke with both parties involved. The female stated that the male had choked her and pushed her into a recliner four times; a witness also gave a statement to this. The male stated that the female had also been hitting him. Both individuals had visible injuries. Mark Murphree and Denise Stuart were arrested for assault.
- were contacted by a subject who stated several days earlier he had been parked at the Family Dollar Store, and, while inside, persons unknown to him entered his vehicle and took a Nokia cell phone.
- were called tot he 600 block of Armbrecht for a theft report. The victim stated that a person known to him had taken a car dolly from his property. The dolly had been loaned to this subject at one time, and he had returned it, but was not told he could take it the second time. The victim believed that the subject had moved and that he would not be able to retrieve his property. Officers were later contacted by the victim who stated he had located the subject and the car dolly. The subject stated that he had borrowed the dolly a second time without asking. The subject said that when he used it the second time he had damaged it and was repairing it before he returned it. The property was returned. No charges are being filed at this time.
- were called to a reckless driver report. Upon stopping the vehicle, officers observed the driver to possibly be intoxicated. Upon asking the driver to perform field sobriety tasks, officers determined that the driver was too intoxicated to drive. Upon arriving at Runnels County Jail, the driver was asked to perform a breathalyzer. The subject agreed and the breath test read .224. The legal limit in the state of Texas is .08. Dustin Guevara was charged with driving while intoxicated first offense.
- served warrant: Edith Maddox Rogers – Motion to Revoke Probation/DWI Second Offense.

Official Records

County Court Dispositions

Michael James Shaffer, possession of marijuana, pleaded nolo contendere, sentenced to six months in county jail, probated to one year, fined \$500, plus \$236 court costs, assigned 40 hours community service

Thomas Edward Jarvis, driving while intoxicated (subsequent offense), pleaded nolo contendere, sentenced to six months in county jail, probated to one year, fined \$500, plus \$251 court costs, assigned 60 hours community service

Jenny Potts, theft by check, pleaded nolo contendere, fined \$100, plus \$211 court costs, \$326.44 restitution, \$100 hot check fees

Jose Salbas Falcon, driving while intoxicated, case dismissed, defendant convicted in another case

Tami J. Lusty, theft by check, pleaded nolo contendere, fined \$100, plus \$211 court costs, \$669.96 restitution, \$120 hot check fees

Jose Salbas Falcon, driving while

intoxicated, pleaded nolo contendere, sentenced to six months in county jail, probated to one year, fined \$500, plus \$236 court costs, assigned 32 hours community service

Otis Ray Liggins, terroristic threat, pleaded nolo contendere, sentenced to 30 days in county jail, assigned \$236 court costs

Otis Ray Liggins, criminal mischief, pleaded nolo contendere, sentenced to 30 days in county jail, assessed \$236 court costs and \$50 restitution

Israel Fuentes, driving while license suspended, case dismissed, defendant convicted in another case

William C. Adair, Jr., theft by check, case dismissed, defendant paid restitution and hot check fees

Marcus Lee Manley, burglary of a vehicle, case dismissed, defendant convicted in another case

Sergio Arnoldo Marin, assault, case dismissed, insufficient evidence

Criminal Cases Filed
August 28

Scott Brentin Stansberry, filed for failure to identify
August 29
Jessie Martinez Garcia, filed for violation of a protective order
September 3
Edward Jay Odom, filed for interference with an emergency telephone call
Marriage Licenses Filed
September 29
Andrew Scott Hernandez and Ashley Dora Vasquez

District Court Civil Cases Filed
September 4
Charles Webb and wife Stella Webb vs. Arben Oil, Inc., damages
September 5
Deere and Company vs. Mike Briley, account

Justice of the Peace Precinct 1 Felony Cases Filed
September 2

Joe Samuel Lopez, filed for burglary of a building
Richard Alan Ashcroft, filed for burglary of a building
September 3
Gloria Lynne Spencer, filed for unauthorized use of a motor vehicle
Edward Jay Odom, filed for theft of a firearm
Criminal Cases Filed
September 2
Samuel Turner, filed for unplugged shotgun
Joshua B. Johnson, filed for unplugged shotgun
Jonathan W. Evans, filed for failure to produce hunter safety certificate

COMMISSIONERS, cont'd

Martha Arosemena, with GrantWorks of Austin, presented the draft planning study for the Colonia Area of Rowena to the group. She pointed out this plan, if approved by the Court, would be submitted to the State for approval and would be used in applying for future grants for the area.

In other business:
• Commissioners approved a contract for the use of a sheriff's car in the City of Miles for an off-duty sheriff's deputy to provide security for the town.
• Approved the request of Precinct 1 Justice of the Peace Greg Lange to purchase a new computer monitor with \$491.97 of court technology funds.

• A continuation bond certificate for Veterans Service Office J. B. McGuire was approved.
• A contract between the county and FSC Disclosure Services, a division of First Southwest Company, was approved. Cost of the contract, which contracts with FSC to provide county financial information for county bond rating, will cost the county \$2500 per year. County Judge Marilyn Egan said the cost had increased from \$1,500 per year for the first five years of the contract to the \$2,500 for this new five-year contract.
• Adopted a resolution in support of the implementation of an effective accident prevention plan.

• Commissioners voted to submit a request to the Texas Department of Public Safety for locating a weights and measures trooper in Runnels County.
• Approval was given for a health insurance plan and drug prescription card plan through the Texas Association of Counties for the period November 1, 2003 to October 31, 2004.
• Approved a dispatch agreement with the City of Winters at a cost to the City of \$20,374 for the year.
• Designated the second Tuesday of each month as the regular meeting time of the Court.
• Commissioner Skipper Wheelless was not present for the meeting due to a death in the family.

NOTICE OF REQUIREMENT TO COMPLY WITH THE SUBDIVISION SERVICE EXTENSION POLICY OF NORTH RUNNELS WATER SUPPLY CORP.

Pursuant to Chapter 13.2502 of the Texas Water Code, North Runnels Water Supply Corporation hereby gives notice that any person who subdivides land by dividing any lot, tract, or parcel of land, within the service area of North Runnels Water Supply Corporation, Certificate of Convenience and Necessity No. 11128, in Runnels and South Taylor Counties, into two or more lots or sites for the purpose of sale or development, whether immediate or future, including re-subdivision of land for which a plat has been filed and recorded or requests more than two water connections on a single contiguous tract of land must comply with service extension policy (the "Subdivision Policy") contained in North Runnels Water Supply Corporation's tariff.

North Runnels Water Supply Corporation is not required to extend retail water service to a service applicant in a subdivision where the developer of the subdivision has failed to comply with the Subdivision Policy.

Applicable elements of the Subdivision Policy include:

- Evaluation by North Runnels Water Supply Corporation of the impact a proposed subdivision service extension will make on North Runnels Water Supply Corporation's water supply and payment of the costs for this evaluation;
- Payment of reasonable costs or fees by the developer for providing water supply capacity;
- Payment of fees for reserving water supply capacity;
- Forfeiture of reserved water supply capacity for failure to pay applicable fees;
- Payment of costs of any improvements to North Runnels Water Supply Corporation's system that are necessary to provide the water;
- Construction according to design approved by North Runnels Water Supply Corporation and dedication by the developer of water within the subdivision following inspection.

North Runnels Water Supply Corporation's tariff and a map showing North Runnels Water Supply Corporation's service area may be reviewed at North Runnels Water Supply Corporation's offices, at 1020 N. Main, Winters, Tx; the tariff and service area map also are filed of record at the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality in Austin, Texas and may be reviewed by contacting the TCEQ, c/o Utility Rates and Services Section, Water Utilities Division, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711.

NOTICE

of Vote on Tax Rate

The North Runnels County Hospital District conducted a public hearing on a proposal to increase the total tax revenues of the North Runnels County Hospital District from properties on the tax roll in the preceding year by zero (0) percent on August 18, 2003, at 7 p.m. The North Runnels Hospital Board of Directors is scheduled to vote on the tax rate that will result in that tax increase at a public meeting to be held on September 22, 2003, at 7 p.m. at North Runnels Hospital.

Outdoors



(photo by Jean Boles)

MAKING WINTERS MORE BEAUTIFUL are Mike Neal and Wanda Brewer as they plant mums in the large containers on the parking lot of Lawrence Bros. IGA Supermarket. The workers, along with other members of the Winters Beautification Committee, planted flowers last week in several key areas along Main Street as one of their many projects. The Committee will host a community meeting on Sept. 20 at the Rock Hotel.

Ag Talk

by Congressman Charles Stenholm

CONSERVATION RESERVE PROGRAM

The USDA has announced that it will accept 2 million acres of the nation's most environmentally sensitive land into the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP).

In addition, another 2.5 million acres will be reserved for special uses within CRP. The average rental rate in the latest sign-up is \$56.53 per acre.

During the CRP selection process, the USDA considers environmental factors, known as the Environmental Benefits Index (EBI), to rank land for CRP designation.

These five factors are: soil erosion, water quality, enduring benefits, air quality, and wildlife.

During the May 5 to June 13, 2003, sign-up, USDA received just over 71,000 offers for enrollment, and accepted almost 39,000.

Offers accepted under this sign-up may become effective either on October 1, 2003, or October 2, 2004, whichever the producer chooses.

FEDERAL APPEALS COURT RECONSIDERING

BEEF CHECK-OFF

You may recall that in July, a federal appeals court ruled that it is illegal to force U.S. ranchers to pay a \$1-per head fee on their cattle to support the marketing campaign, "Beef: It's What's for Dinner."

This case originated when three South Dakota ranchers sued the USDA and the Cattlemen's Beef Promotion and Research Board, arguing that they should not be forced to pay for a message with which they did not agree.

In their case, they argued that the mandatory program promoted beef in general, not just U.S.-raised beef.

At that time, the appeals court agreed with them and said that by making producers pay for ads with which they did not agree, the government was interfering with the right of private speech.

Because of a request of the U.S. Justice Department and some Nebraska cattlemen, the federal appeals court is now reconsidering its ruling that the beef check-off program is unconstitutional. Stay tuned for further developments here.

LOW-RISK BEEF IMPORTS FROM CANADA

After one isolated case of mad cow disease was discovered in Alberta last May, Canadian imports of live cattle and beef products were halted.

The USDA is now expecting to issue import permits for a select group. This permitting system is geared toward low-risk beef products imported from Canada.

The USDA is also working on a rule that will allow live cattle under 30 months to be imported, along with other low-risk products. Cattle imports of 30 months and beyond will be a separate issue.

As a result, the National Pork Producers Council is encouraging USDA to implement an enhanced nation-wide animal identification system.

Because of the problems caused in Canada by a single case of mad cow disease, awareness has peaked about the potential health risks associated with livestock production. As a result, the National Pork Producers Council is encouraging USDA to implement an enhanced nation-wide animal identification system.

CATTLE IN FEEDLOTS AT FOUR-YEAR LOW

As a result of the ban on Canadian cattle and strong domestic demand for beef, profitable cattle prices have caused U.S. feedlots to sell lots of cattle.

In fact, fed cattle supplies may be the lowest in four years. Livestock analysts expect the monthly U.S. cattle-on-feed report to show a larger-than-year-earlier increase in July marketings.

That should offset the expected fifth month of larger-than-year ago placements, and keep feedlot supplies about six percent under last year.

FARM BANKRUPTCY LAW EXTENDED

President Bush has signed legislation that extends special bankruptcy provisions for farmers for an additional six months.

Under this special provision, family farmers filing for bankruptcy are able to protect their land and equipment from creditors, while pulling themselves out of debt.

HEART-HEALTHY PEANUTS

And finally, there are two new kinds of peanuts that can help keep hearts in good shape, and these may be on the market by next year.

These particular peanuts are high in oleic acid, a type of unsaturated fat that raises levels of good cholesterol to prevent arteries from clogging, and also lowers the bad cholesterol that damages the heart.

These new peanuts were developed by researchers at the Agriculture Department and Texas A&M University, and may start showing up on grocery shelves next year.

Extension News & Views

by Steve Byrns, Communications Specialist

Local IPM Extension Agent receives multiple honors

Richard Minzenmayer, Texas Cooperative Extension Integrated Pest Management (IPM) Agent for Runnels and Tom Green Counties, has recently been honored by his peers with several prestigious awards.

He was recognized with the Distinguished Service Award by the Texas County Agricultural Agents Association (TCAAA) at their annual meeting in Corpus Christi and by the National Association of County Agricultural Agents (NACAA) at their annual meeting in Green Bay, Wisconsin.

Minzenmayer, along with co-workers John Begnaud and Marvin Ensor, Tom Green County Extension horticulturist and agricultural Extension agent, respectively, also won first place for their Result Demonstration Handbook. The handbook reports results from their outstanding applied research and demonstration program conducted to evaluate and demonstrate new agricultural technology.

The Distinguished Service Awards were presented by the agent's peers for outstanding professional growth, program effectiveness, leadership ability, loyalty to Extension work, and for civic and community involvement.

Another honor, the Texas Cooperative Extension Specialists Association Award for County Extension Agents in the Specialty Category, will be presented during the November Entomology Science Conference at Texas A&M University. It recognizes county Extension agents who have developed outstanding Extension educational programs using Extension specialist support in a team effort.

"There is no one more deserving of recognition for the work he has done than Rick Minzenmayer," said Dr. Tom Fuchs, State IPM coordinator for Texas A&M University based at San Angelo. "Rick is



cate, for his expertise in crop and animal production and conservation tillage programs. He has also been a guiding force in the success of the Boll Weevil Eradication Program in the Southern Rolling Plains.

Minzenmayer began his Extension career in 1985 as Extension IPM agent for Midland, Martin, and Howard Counties. He's been in his current position based in Ballinger since 1987.

His achievements have not gone unnoticed by the agribusiness community or his peers. In 1991 the Texas Pest Management Association recognized Minzenmayer with its "Outstanding Extension Agent-Integrated Pest Management Award"; in 1995 he received the Governor's Team Award for Environmental Excellence in Agriculture; and more recently, the Excellence in IPM Programming Award from the Texas Pest Management Association and USDA.

Minzenmayer, his wife, Mary, and their daughter, Meagan, live on a stock farm near here. Their son, Josh, and his wife, Kim, live in the Dallas/Ft. Worth area.

a true agricultural professional who works with colleagues from across the state and nation to evaluate and implement new technology for the benefit of Southern Rolling Plains producers and to assist producers with management decisions. The scientific credibility of the work that he does is well recognized by both industry and academic professionals."

Minzenmayer holds a B.S. degree in entomology from Texas Tech University at Lubbock and a M.S. degree in animal science from Angelo State University at San Angelo. He is known as a strong IPM advo-

Runnels County Cotton Tour Tuesday, Sept. 16

The Runnels County Crops Committee will sponsor a Cotton Tour on Tuesday, September 16, beginning at 9:00 a.m. Participants should meet at the Runnels County Courthouse at 9:00 a.m. to travel to the first tour stop.

A tour of applied research plots in cotton will include cotton variety trials and harvest aid chemical studies. A Department of Public Safety officer will present a program on the laws regulating hauling of chemicals and farm equipment.

The tour will conclude at the SPJST Hall in Rowena for a noon meal.

Participants will receive two hours of CEUs with one hour in laws and regs.

For more information, contact the Extension office at (325) 365-2219 or (325) 365-5212.

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Online payment calculator to assist producers

The Agricultural and Food Policy Center at Texas A&M University, in cooperation with Cotton Inc., is offering a Web-based government payment calculator for producers.

Currently, the 2002 farm bill provides eligible producers with direct and counter-cyclical payments for cotton, feed grains, and food grains. The direct payment is paid in two installments and counter-cyclical payments are paid in three installments.

Depending on the crops grown, the calculator projects direct and counter-cyclical payments based on producers' data. It also estimates monthly payments a farmer will likely receive for each year of the farm bill. Estimated monthly payments are presented by crop and by farm unit.

Producers can access the calculator by selecting the Government Payment Calculator option on the AFPC home page at <www.afpc.tamu.edu>.

Through a series of Web pages, producers can enter their base acres and payment yields for each crop on each farm unit. The calculator uses their data to estimate annual and monthly direct and counter-cyclical prices for 2003-2007. Three different types of reports can be requested and printed, providing a gross summary or detailed reports by farm unit and crop.

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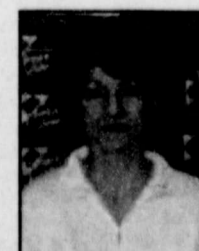
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