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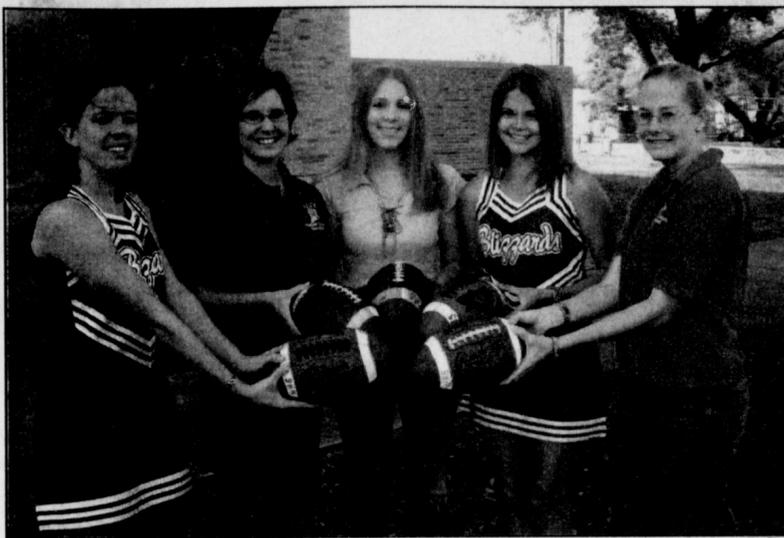
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### Blizzard Football Sweetheart Candidates



(photo by Jean Boles)

ONE OF THESE YOUNG LADIES will be crowned 2003 Blizzard Football Sweetheart in ceremonies at 7:00 p.m., prior to Friday's game against Coleman. Candidates are (l-r) Katy Wilkerson, Tina Perrie, Suzanne Jones, Macy Hopson and Kari Walker. Band Sweetheart and Band Beau will be announced during halftime activities.

### Blizzard Football Sweetheart and Band Royalty to be named Friday night

Five WHS students have been nominated as candidates for Blizzard Football Sweetheart. Kari Walker, Suzanne Jones, Macy Hopson, Tina Perrie and Katy Wilkerson will be presented in ceremonies at 7 p.m. Friday evening with the winner to be crowned by last year's Sweetheart, Stacey Sneed. (Profiles of each candidate may be found on

page 8). Band Sweetheart and Beau will be presented during the band's performance at halftime. Beginning at 5 p.m. Friday, parent/player photographs will be taken at Blizzard Stadium.

This photo session is sponsored by the Blizzard Athletic Booster Club.

The Blizzards will meet the Coleman Bluecats in their final game of the 2003 season. Kick-off will be at 7:30 p.m.

### Business Forum today at Rock Hotel

The Winters Area Business and Industrial Corporation will sponsor a Winters Business Forum today, Thursday, at noon, at the Rock Hotel Heritage Center.

Judy Wilhelm, director of the Abilene Small Business Development Center, will talk about how the SBDC can help businesses grow. She plans to have a substantial amount of information to share with the Winters business community.

The Winters Business Forum will provide resource personnel each month to assist Winters area businesses.

Call Randall Conner at 754-4542 for more information.

### Help needed for Winters Relief Fund project

Volunteers are needed to help the Winters Ministerial Alliance conduct its annual Thanksgiving fund drive for the Winters Relief Fund.

All funds collected go to help the needy in our area with utilities, medicine, and special needs.

Letters will be mailed to prospective donors.

Volunteers are needed to stuff envelopes on Monday, Nov. 10 at 10 a.m. at St. John's Lutheran Church.

### WISD offers Parent Consultation Night Nov. 19

Call for appointment between 8-10 p.m.

by Jean Boles, editor

Do you have an idea to improve your child's school performance or well-being while in the care of WISD? Now you have the opportunity to make that idea known.

In an on-going effort to improve parent involvement in students' activities and classes, WISD Superintendent Danny Clack has announced an upcoming "Parent Consultation Night."

Wednesday, November 19, from 8 p.m. to 10 p.m., has been designated as the first evening set aside for parents and guardians of WISD students to meet with any teacher, counselor or administrator. Parents/guardians should call the school administration office at 754-5574 for make an

appointment. This appointment will ensure the presence of the appropriate member of the faculty or administration. Not all members will be present; only those whose presence is requested will be available for the meeting.

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Members of the DEIC hope this evening consultation schedule will be advantageous for parents and guardians who are unable to leave work to meet with school authorities.

"We're hoping that parents will take advantage of this opportunity to get more involved in their children's lives and in what goes on at school," said Clack. "We're looking forward to improving relations with all community members, which will in turn help our students."

The second Parent Consultation Night is scheduled for Wednesday, December 17, from 8:00 to 10:00 p.m. Depending on the participation from parents, additional consultation dates will be scheduled.

Call WISD 754-5574 for more information.

*"Research shows the more involvement parents have with their kids, the higher the test scores, the better their attendance, and an all-around increased benefit."*

Mary Wilkerson, WISD Counselor



MADISON STEWART is all dolled up in her kissing booth costume which won first place at the Halloween Carnival Saturday night. More photos and a list of winners will be published in next week's Enterprise. (photo by Randall Boles)

Good Luck WHS runners at Regional Cross-Country Sat., Nov. 8 at Arlington



(photo by Jean Boles)

SIXTH GRADERS OF WINTERS ELEMENTARY celebrated Red Ribbon Week by wearing red on Wednesday. Other themes included Cover-Up, Sock It To Drugs, Team Up Against Drugs, and We're B.A.D. (Blizzards Against Drugs). A magician presented a magic show with a drug-free theme to conclude the weeklong campaign.

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BLIZZARDS

# Editorial

## Oil Bidness

by Reg Boles © 2003



— Not available this week —

### Rogers Hornsby Exhibit now open

The Rogers Hornsby Exhibit is now open at the Z. I. Hale Museum.

Located in The Rock Hotel, this display features memorabilia of the Baseball Hall-of-Famer who was born in Winters in 1896.

Copies of news articles from the archives of the Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, New York are displayed and give the visitor an insight into the career of this extraordinary baseball player. His season batting average of .424 in 1924 still stands in the record books.

The Z. I. Hale Museum, including the main museum, The Rock Hotel, and the Gus Prus-

er Agricultural Exhibit, is open from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. on Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays.

For more information call the Winters Area Business and Industrial Corporation at 325-754-4542.

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### Lions Club to meet at WISD Administration office Tuesday

Due the Veteran's Day holiday on November 11, members of the Winters Lions Club will meet at noon in the WISD Administration office instead of the Senior Citizens Activity Center.

Lions Club members are asked to bring a sack lunch. Drinks will be provided.

Visitors are always welcome to attend any Lions Club meeting.

The November 11 program will be presented by members of the Winters High School UIL participants.

## Letter to the Editor

### Best Halloween Carnival ever!

Dear Editor,

If anyone in town missed the Winters Athletic Booster Club's annual Halloween Carnival last Saturday, they missed a treat indeed. Everyone involved is to be commended.

This year's event was one of the largest carnivals in the last 12 to 15 years. There were 14 booths to entertain anyone's fancy, young and old alike. It was exciting to have the Chamber of Commerce join in this year's event by sponsoring a booth and the Halloween Costume Contest. The Blizzard Kid Backers also contributed by sponsoring two booths. Two different families even added to the fun—one sponsored three action packed booths while the other added to the carnival atmosphere by giving away goldfish at their ring toss! As always, the Cakewalk was a huge success and Kiddie Bingo pleased many little ones.

Perhaps one of the nicest additions to the event, though, were the student-sponsored booths. The National Honor Society, with some decorative support from the Fireman's Auxiliary, created a very popular Haunted House. The WHS Student Council volunteered at two fun booths while junior class members and their parents sponsored three more booths, including a jail where many of the football coaches spent their evening. Project Graduation, seniors and their parents, provided a wide variety of tasty concessions. The varsity football players hauled tables, chairs, prizes, and decorations at 9 a.m. on Saturday, which was a tremendous help to the Booster Club. The coaches and their wives helped with clean-up.

It was extremely gratifying to once again see our high school youth involved with the carnival and spending time with their family and friends. Many students assisted the very young children with encouraging words and deeds. It was nice to see all of the parent involvement, many working side by side with their own teens.

Bingo was a sight to see. Loads and loads of great prizes donated by local merchants and the Booster Club were given away until 11:30 p.m. The diehard players had their seats staked out by 7 p.m. and not only was every seat at the Bingo table filled all night long, well over half the night saw a second row of chairs lining the perimeter of the event. Twice as many people played bingo as in years past.

By 7:15 p.m., carnival goers were parking in vacant fields near the schools because the parking lots were full. The revelers filled the Yellow Building to capacity for hours before a few thinned out when most booth prizes had run out near 10 p.m. From children to teens to parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles, to hunters and just others looking for a good time, it was certainly one of the best attended events in recent Winters history.

My hat goes off to the teens and parents who participated in this worthwhile event. Thank you to all who supported the carnival with their patronage and attendance. It just goes to show that this community can enjoy good, clean, family fun when everyone joins in the effort.

Sincerely,  
*Deb Pritchard*

## Obituaries

### Pat Pritchard



WINTERS — Pat Pritchard, 81, passed away Monday, October 27, 2003, at the Senior Citizens Retirement Center in Winters.

He was born August 11, 1922, in Rogers, Texas, to Elmer and Willie Belle Holly Pritchard. He came to Wingate in 1928 with his family. He attended Mazeland School in Wilmeth and graduated from Wingate High School. Upon graduation, Pat served in the Navy. He is a veteran of World War II. He married Maxine

Heathcott on December 31, 1940, in Ballinger. They farmed in the Wingate area for over 50 years before moving to Winters in 2000.

Mr. Pritchard served as Runnels County Commissioner Precinct 3 for 19 years. He also served as President of West Central Council of Governments for two years, on the Board of Trustees for Wingate Schools, and on the Board of Directors for the Security State Bank in Wingate. He served his community for several years as Future Farmers of America (FFA) leader, 4-H leader, and Little League coach, taking his team to the state finals in 1966.

Survivors include his wife of 62 years, Maxine Pritchard of Winters; his children, Pat Pritchard Jr. and wife Doris of Clyde, Andi Gerhart of San Angelo, Mary Lynn Presley and husband Ronald, Joe Pritchard and wife Donna of Wingate, and Martha Haire of Frisco; one brother, Jack Pritchard and wife Lucille of Wingate; nineteen grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; numerous nieces and nephews; and many friends and extended family.

Visitation was from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Tuesday, October 28, at the United Methodist Church in Winters. Graveside services followed at 2:30 p.m. at the Wingate Cemetery, directed by Girdner-Brown Funeral Home of Abilene.

### Leroy Ripley

FORT STOCKTON—Leroy Ripley, 65, formerly of Winters, passed away Sunday, November 2, 2003, at Fort Stockton.

He was born April 2, 1938, in Winthrop, Arkansas. He had moved from Winters to Fort Stockton in 1991.

Mr. Ripley was a construction worker and a Baptist. He was preceded in death by two sisters, Reba Ripley in 1969 and Connie Mills in 1977; and one son, Lonnie Ripley in 1962.

Survivors include three sons, Larry Ripley of San Angelo, Ronny Ripley of Junction, and Jimmy John Ripley of Winters; two brothers, Johnny Ripley of Alpine and Roger Ripley of Fort Stockton; six sisters, Betty Reed of Sanderson, Jackie Pittillo of Fort Stockton, Patty Crawford of Tow, Joyce Kerbow of Lago Vista, Sandra Claver of Pineville, Missouri, and Kathy Agans of San Antonio; and six grandchildren.

Services were at 2:00 p.m. Wednesday, November 5, at the First Baptist Church of Alpine. Burial followed in the Elm Grove Cemetery in Alpine, directed by Fort Stockton Funeral Home.

### E. Maloy Bryant

ABILENE—E. Maloy Bryant, 62, passed away Wednesday, October 22, 2003, in an Abilene hospital.

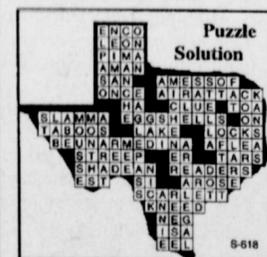
He was born November 9, 1940, to Bernice Damron Bryant and Connie Maloy Bryant in Winters. He graduated from Ballinger High School in 1959, remaining a loyal Bearcat supporter throughout his life. He married Patricia Wood on September 15, 1962, in Crews.

Mr. Bryant was a member of the Ballinger Masonic Lodge. He was preceded in death by his parents and sister, Georgia Wilson Steel.

Survivors include his wife, Patricia Bryant of Abilene; two sons, Douglas Bryant and wife Michele and Robert Bryant, all of Abilene; two brothers, Jack Bryant and wife Gail of San Angelo and Tommy Bryant and wife Sherry of Robert Lee; one stepbrother, Rex Cook of Ballinger, two stepsisters, Sharon Dankworth of Phoenix, Arizona, and Connie Bean of Fredonia; his stepmother, Margaret Bryant of Ballinger; his mother-in-law, Doris Wood of Crews; four grandchildren, Douglas Bryant of Abilene, Autumn Bryant of Anson, and Bryannah Bryant and Kaytlyne Bryant, both of Abilene; an aunt, Joyce Arnold of San Angelo; an uncle, Dennis Damron of Brownwood; two sisters-in-law, Bobby Calcote and husband Larry of Winters and Frances Hord and husband John of Winters.

Family visitation was from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. Saturday, October 25, at Rains-Seale Funeral Home in Ballinger. Graveside funeral service was at 2:00 p.m., Sunday, October 26, at Old Runnels Cemetery in Ballinger with Ferris Akins officiating. Rains-Seale Funeral Home directed arrangements.

The family would like to express their gratitude to the Hospice Unit at Hendrick Hospital and to Dr. Hirsch and his staff for all their care and compassion shown to Maloy during his illness.



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— Helen Keller

### Raffle tickets still available from Lions Club for \$500

The Winters Lions Club is selling tickets for a \$500 Gift Certificate which can be used at any business in Winters.

Cost is \$5.00 per ticket and tickets are available from any Lions Club member, *The Winters Enterprise*, Bedford-Norman Insurance, or Winters Area Business and Industrial Corporation.

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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*.

### Where Moses went wrong — and what that teaches us about God

by Mark Edge, Pastor, North Main church of Christ

Why did God banish Moses from the Promise Land (Numbers 20: 1-13)? Scholars and Bible students have asked that question for three millennia. No one has reached an answer that satisfies. God banishing Moses has typically been explained in one of three big ways. First, God shut out Moses because of disobedience. Moses struck the rock instead of speaking to it as God had instructed. The second explanation is that Moses identified himself with the Almighty: "... must we bring you water out of this rock?" A third explanation offered is that Moses had a history of losing his temper and that God had finally had enough.

God's actions anger some who feel God is treating Moses in a heavy-handed way. I beg to differ. Although Moses was a great man, he was human. As Dr. John Willis has so ably demonstrated in his writings, Moses did not always accept the will of God without question. In Exodus 3 and 4, Moses five times questioned God's selection of a leader. So much so that in Exodus 4:14, we read that the anger of the Lord burned against Moses. God finally relented in allowing Aaron to serve as his spokesman. Later in Exodus 4, Moses had so angered God that God wanted to kill him. Evidently, Moses' wife, Zipporah, thought quickly and pacified God's anger sufficiently for God to spare him. And as previously mentioned, Moses did have a history of blowing his top. He did murder an Egyptian; he also got so mad at the Hebrews that he shattered the ten commandments — written by God's very finger. So in Numbers 20, it was not as if God had no reason to discipline Moses.

But there is a deeper religious teaching here. Entering the Promise Land was not a right of the people — it was a gift. No one deserved to enter the Promise Land, not even Moses. This story reemphasizes the grace of God. God doesn't make bargains. Over and over he told his people that they were entering a land that he was giving them. So it is with eternal life and God. Eternity with God as a gift. Don't let this story scare you. You may be thinking, God can take away eternity with him on a whim. He can, and we deserve it, but that is not why he offered eternal life I might remind you, Moses did not lose eternal life with God, he lost Canaan. (Remember who was present at Jesus' transfiguration?)

A second teaching is this. The work on earth is God's — not ours. If anyone deserved the chance to say "my work," it was Moses. This may sound cruel, but God uses us, we are his instruments, and then we die. His work goes on. God uses others. While we dare not USE people (we are not God), God can use people and do the right thing. We are, after all, his creation.



VERIZON SERVICEMEN have been spotted all over town working on the landlines for telephone service to the area. (photo by Jean Boles)

### Runnels Baptist Association to host Foreign Mission Banquet

The Runnels Baptist Association will host a Foreign Mission Banquet on Monday, November 17, 2003, at First Baptist Church, Winters.

The banquet will begin at 6:30 p.m. The Executive Board and the W.M.U. will not meet. Kent Parks, foreign missionary to the Southeast Asia area, will be the guest speaker. The public is invited to attend.

### Ministerial Alliance to provide food baskets for Thanksgiving

The Winters Ministerial Alliance will provide Thanksgiving baskets this year to those who will not enjoy a nice Thanksgiving meal due to income restrictions.

The baskets are intended to feed those, at the beginning of the holidays, who would not ordinarily be able to have a Thanksgiving celebration. Limit one basket per family, and baskets can only be picked up by or delivered to the family named in the application.

A family does not have to utilize the Food Pantry in order to be eligible for a basket.

Applications may be made by returning the application form below to the Winters Outreach Center or by mailing it

to: P.O. Box 211, Winters, Texas 79567. Applications may also be picked up at the Food Pantry, 141 N. Church Street.

Applications MUST be received by November 19 to ensure a basket can be reserved for your family. NO APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED ON THE DAY OF DISTRIBUTION, NOVEMBER 25.

Baskets may be picked up at the Food Pantry on Tuesday, November 25, from noon to 1:00 p.m. Baskets will be delivered on Tuesday, November 25, ONLY from 2:00 to 3:00 p.m. NO EXCEPTIONS. Please have someone at your home to receive your basket.

### Country Club News

by Brenda Clough, Ladies Golf Association President

An ABC scramble was held Sunday afternoon. First place winning team was Rick Dry, Sherry Gilmore, Herman Baker, and Hank Bourdo. Second place winning team was Gil Gilmore, Bill Hall, Louis DeLaCruz, and Sharon Kennedy.

Sharon Kennedy's name was omitted last week. She won closest to the pin on ladies day.

The ladies will continue to play on Sunday afternoons as the weather permits. The club will also continue to have the ABC scrambles on the first Sunday of each month at 1:30 p.m. as weather permits.

Tickets are still available for the fish fry dinner to be held on November 15 from 5-7 p.m. Tickets may be purchased at the club or from any board member for \$6.00 adults and children under 10 eat free. You may call the country club for additional information at 754-4679.

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**Wednesday, Nov. 12:** Meatball casserole, mashed potatoes, green beans, hot roll, and cake.

**Thursday, Nov. 13:** Goulash, beets, fruit salad, cornbread, and cookies.

**Friday, Nov. 14:** Hamburger, French fries, pea salad, pickles & onions, 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.

### Historical Commission to meet Sat.

The Runnels County Historical Commission will meet Saturday, Nov. 8, at 11:00 a.m. at the Lone Star Estates' office, Winters, Texas.

Attend and learn a little local history.

### Outreach Center helps 67 families in September

In September, the Winters Food Pantry served 61 families, 159 people, with three new families.

The Relief Fund helped 6 families for \$363.00, three for utilities, one for medicine, and two for special needs.

### Winters Diabetes Seminar

Monday, Nov. 17

- First Step to Diabetes Management
- Diabetes Medicines
- Health Checkups

Wednesday, Nov. 19

- What Nutrition Labels Tell a Diabetic
- Understanding Food Measurements
- Diabetes and Exercise
- Eating Healthy When Eating Out

Friday, Nov. 21

- Dietary Treatment of Diabetes
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- Managing Your Blood Sugar

One-time \$15 registration fee covers all 3 days, seminar materials, snacks. Call Patricia Hohensee at Texas Cooperative Extension-Runnels County at 365-5042 or North Runnels Clinic at 754-1317 to register or for more information. Registration closes at NOON on Friday, Nov. 14.

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11:30 a.m., Sr. Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center  
Noon, WABIC Business Forum, Rock Hotel  
5 & 6:30 p.m., Jr. High vs. Coleman, Blizzard Stadium  
6 p.m., JV vs. Coleman, There  
6 p.m., Chamber Directors, Chamber Office  
Nov. 7- 11:30 a.m., Sr. Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center  
5 p.m., Photos for Parent Night, Blizzard Stadium  
7 p.m., Football Sweetheart Coronation, Blizzard Stadium  
7:30 p.m., Varsity vs. Coleman, Blizzard Stadium  
Halftime, Band Beau and Sweetheart Coronation  
7:30 p.m., Cowboys for Christ, Drasco  
Nov. 8- Regional Cross-Country Competition, Arlington  
11 a.m., Runnels County Historical Commission, Lone Star Estates  
6-9 p.m., Novice VFD Chili/Stew Supper, Novice School Cafeteria  
College Days, Angelo State University, San Angelo  
Aggieland Saturday, Texas A&M University, College Station  
Nov. 9- 81st Annual St. Joseph Fall Festival, Rowena  
Nov. 10- 10 a.m., Commissioners Court, Courthouse, Ballinger  
10 a.m., Winters Relief Fund Volunteer Work, Lutheran Church  
11:30 a.m., Sr. Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center  
12:15 P.M., EARLY OUT AT WINTERS ELEMENTARY  
DUE TO UIL CONTESTS  
7 p.m., VFW & Auxiliary, Post Home  
7:30 p.m., School Board, WISD Administration Bldg.  
Nov. 11- No Sr. Citizens Meal - Closed for Holiday  
12:15 P.M., EARLY OUT AT WINTERS ELEMENTARY  
DUE TO UIL CONTESTS  
4-5 p.m., Reading Hour, Winters Public Library  
7 p.m., AA, First United Methodist Church  
7 p.m., Athletic Boosters, Blizzard Stadium  
7:30 p.m., Elm Creek Water Control, Sr. Citizens Activity Center  
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Nov. 12- 7 a.m., Industrial Board, Windmill Enterprises Office  
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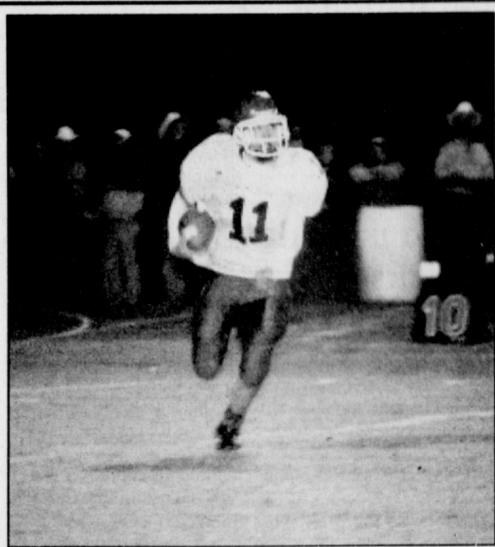
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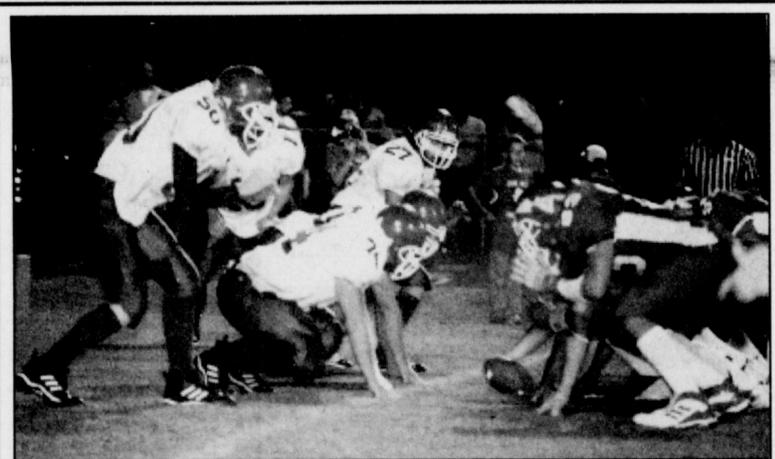


(photo by Jean Boles)

**REGIONAL CROSS-COUNTRY RUNNERS** take a lap at the track field to begin a practice session about 8 p.m. last week in preparation for their regional meet in Arlington on Nov. 8. Most of these athletes are involved in basketball and football so their cross country practices come later in the evenings. Left to right are Jose Hernandez, Bryce Wilkerson, Anthony Ramirez, Briana Parramore, Juan Hernandez, Jonathan Meyer, Ismael Aragon and Javier Rodriguez. The runners are coached by Deb Whittenburg. Briana runs at 12:05 p.m. and the boys run at 12:35 p.m. on Saturday.



**ERIC LOPEZ** tucks the ball and rambles downfield for an exciting kickoff return against the Indians.  
 (photo by Randall Boles)



**THE BLIZZARD DEFENSE** got a real workout Friday night against the tough Jim Ned Indians. Wacey Cason #50, Aaron Cook #74, Pete Griffin #10, and Max Harrison #27 are among the Blizzard "D". Cason had one sack for the evening.  
 (photo by Randall Boles)



**ROY MCBETH #84** checks his spot during 8th grade action for the Winters Breezes.  
 (photo by Randall Boles)

**Blizzards vs. Bluecats**  
 Friday, Nov. 7 Blizzard Stadium  
 Kickoff 7:30 p.m.  
 Blizzard Football Sweetheart ceremony 7:00 p.m.  
 Band Sweetheart & Band Beau crowned during halftime

## Blizzards fall to Indians in lopsided district contest

by Charles Murphy, sports writer for *The Winters Enterprise*

The Blizzards traveled to Tuscola on Halloween night only to find no treats and the only tricks seemed to backfire as Winters took it on the chin 75-0.

Winters won the toss and deferred to the second half. Jim Ned received and set up at their own 20. Four plays later, they scored on a 75 yard quarterback scramble. The extra point was good and with only 45 seconds gone, led 7-0.

After the ensuing kickoff, the Blizzard offense set up at their own 21 yard line. Three plays later, facing 4th and 7, Aaron Colburn punted. The punt set the Indians up at their own 45. Three plays later, after a

## Cross-country runners — a special kind of athlete

by Jean Boles, editor

Running in the dark with only the sounds of their feet landing step after step, mile after mile, and their hearts pounding, cross-country runners possess a unique dedication and a love for a somewhat lonely sport.

With few fans yelling support, cross-country runners must find their drive "within," and settle for setting personal goals.

Coach Deb Whittenburg says her cross-country runners know what it takes to be successful in this sport.

"These kids are just amazing," she says. "People don't realize how hard it is (cross-country) unless they're there. And all these kids have good character, they're respectful and I admire them. They're very competitive — they're always trying to beat someone else's time or even their own."

Coach Whittenburg tells how many of her team participate in band, football, cheerleading and then run 5 to 6 cross-country miles — all in the same day. "And some of these kids play miles on Friday nights, then get up bright and early to run in a meet on Saturday mornings." She adds, "That's dedication!"

Coach Whittenburg will take her runners to the regional cross-country meet Saturday, Nov. 8, in Arlington. The Winters High School team consists of Jose Hernandez, Juan Hernandez, Ismael Aragon, Bryce Wilkerson, Jonathan Meyer, Javier Rodriguez, Anthony Ramirez and Briana Parramore.

sack by Wacey Cason, Jim Ned faced 4th and 5. Electing to go for it, an apparent completion was broken up by Eric Lopez. The Blizzards took over at midfield.

An illegal procedure penalty and a mishap in the backfield left the Blizzards facing 2nd and 24. Benjie Valles found Tim Fenwick for 19, five yards short of a first down. Lopez gained only one yard and left a 4th and 4 situation. Lining up to go for it, the Blizzards quick-kicked.

The Indians dominated the rest of the first half and led 49-0 at halftime as the Blizzard offense posed no threat.

Highlights of the second quarter included kickoff returns by Eric Lopez and a sack by John Heathcott.

Winters received the second half kickoff and set up at their own 21. First, second and third downs left the Blizzards facing 4th and 21. Colburn was forced to punt again, setting the Indians up at the Winters 32 yard line.

The first play from scrim-

mage set the tone for the second half as the Indians scored on a 32 yard pass. Eric Lopez blocked the extra point and Jim Ned took a commanding 55-0 lead.

Fumbles, interceptions and penalties tied the hands of the Blizzard offense for the remainder of the third and fourth quarters as the Indians put up twenty more points on a Blizzard team that showed no signs of giving up.

It should be remembered that the character of a team and each individual on that team is not always determined by the final outcome but by the journey. Football, as well as life, will bring adversity. How we face and deal with that adversity will determine how the journey is covered. It is easy to show character in the good times; not so when things are going badly.

The Blizzards will face the Coleman Bluecats this Friday for their final game of the 2003 season. Kickoff will be at 7:30 with ceremonies at 7:00 p.m. to crown the Blizzard Football Sweetheart.

### 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	5-36
Sept. 19	Wall	T	8:00	0-47
Sept. 26	Robert Lee	T	8:00	49-7
Oct. 3	OPEN			
Oct. 10	Bangs▲	T	7:30	6-49
Oct. 17	Goldthwaite▲	T	7:30	0-32
Oct. 24★	San Saba▲	H	7:30	7-15
Oct. 31	Jim Ned▲	T	7:30	0-75
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	rained out
Sept. 18	Wall	H	6:30	not available
Sept. 25	Albany	T	6:30	0-59
Oct. 2	OPEN			
Oct. 9	Bangs▲	H	6:00	rained out
Oct. 16	Goldthwaite▲	H	6:00	0-36
Oct. 23★	San Saba▲	T	6:00	14-32
Oct. 30	Jim Ned▲	H	6:00	6-54
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	8-0
Sept. 11	Mason	H	5 & 6:30	7TH 28 5-27
Sept. 18	Wall	T	5 & 6:30	8TH 8-27 0-24
Sept. 25	Robert Lee	H	5 & 6:30	9TH 9-24 0-28
Oct. 2	OPEN			
Oct. 9	Bangs▲	T	5 & 6:30	rained out
Oct. 16	Goldthwaite▲	T	5 & 6:30	unavailable
Oct. 23	San Saba▲	H	5 & 6:30	32-28 6-22
Oct. 30	Jim Ned▲	T	5 & 6:30	0-22 0-36
Nov. 6	Coleman▲	H	5 & 6:30	

▲ District Games

### District 9-2A

#### Season Standings

Team	W	L	T	W	L	T
Jim Ned	4	0	0	9	0	0
Bangs	3	1	0	5	4	0
San Saba	3	1	0	5	4	0
Goldthwaite	2	2	0	4	5	0
Coleman	0	4	0	2	7	0
Winters	0	4	0	1	7	0

### STATISTICAL SUMMARY

	Winters	Jim Ned
First downs	2	26
Rushing yards	27(-1)	23-261
Passing yards	29	266
Total yards	28	266
Comp-Att-Int	4-15-4	17-27-0
Punts-Ave.	8-30	1-17
Fumbles-lost	3-2	4-0

### SCORING SUMMARY

By Quarters	Winters	Jim Ned
1st	0	0
2nd	0	0
3rd	0	0
4th	14	35
Total	14	35

### INDIVIDUAL STATS

Passing: Benjie Valles 4-15-4 for 29 yards.  
 Receiving: Frank Perez 3-12  
 Rushing: Cody Pritchard 2-2, Aaron Colburn 1-2

Birthday girl is Raquel Rios.

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WINTERS BASKETBALL SCHEDULE 2003-2004

DATE	DAY	OPPONENT	TIME	7G	7B	8G	8B	FR	JVG	JVB	VG	VB	SITE
11	Tues.	Wall Scrimmage	tba						G		G		There
Nov.15	Sat.	Hawley	10:00a						G		G		Home
Nov.15	Sat.	SA Central & Lakeview	10:00a									B	Cent.
Nov.17	Mon.	Bangs	5:00	G									Home
		Bangs	5:00		B		B	B					There
Nov.18	Tues.	Baird	tba						G		G		There
Nov.20-22	Th-Sat	Eula Tournament	Tba						G	B			There
Nov.21	Fri.	Forsan	4:00						G	B	G	B	There
Nov.24	Mon.	Stamford	4:00						G	B	G	B	Home
	Mon.	Goldthwaite	5:00	G		G							Home
		Goldthwaite	5:00		B		B	B					There
Nov.25	Tues.	Eula	tba						G	B	G	B	There
Dec.1	Mon.	San Saba	5:00	G		G							There
		San Saba	5:00		B		B	B					Home
Dec.2	Tues.	Irion County	5:00						G	B	G	B	There
Dec.4-6	Th-Sat	Ballinger Tournament	tba								G	B	There
Dec.4-6	Th-Sat	Hawley JV Tourn.	tba						G	B			There
Dec.8	Mon.	Jim Ned	5:00	G		G							Home
		Jim Ned	5:00		B		B	B					There
Dec.9	Tues.	Hanlin	4:00						G	B	G	B	There
Dec.11-13	Th-Sat	Miles Tournament	tba								G	B	There
Dec.15	Mon.	Panther Creek	4:00						G	B	G	B	Home
	Mon.	Coleman	5:00	G		G							There
		Coleman	5:00		B		B						Home
Dec.19	Fri.	Bronte	4:00						G	B	G	B	There
Dec.29-31	M-W	Eula Tournament	tba								G	B	There
Jan.2	Fri.	S.A. Lakeview	1:00						G	B	G	B	Home
Jan.6	Tues.	Verbest	4:00						G	B	G	B	Home
		Angele Home School	5:15							B			Home
Jan.8-10	Th-Sat	Wall Tournament	tba	G	B	G	B						There
Jan.9	Fri.	*Bangs	5:00						G		G		There
		Ballinger	6:00							B			There
Jan.12	Mon.	Bangs	5:00	G		G							There
		Bangs	5:00		B		B	B					Home
Jan.13	Tues.	*Goldthwaite	4:00						G	B	G	B	There
Jan.15-17		Blackwell Tournament	Tba	G	B								There
Jan.15-17		Roscoe Tournament	Tba			G	B						There
Jan.16	Fri.	*San Saba	4:00						G	B	G	B	Home
Jan.19	Mon.	Goldthwaite	5:00	G		G							There
		Goldthwaite	5:00		B		B	B					Home
Jan.20	Tues.	*Jim Ned	4:00						G	B	G	B	There
Jan.23	Fri.	*Coleman	4:00						G	B	G	B	Home
Jan.26	Mon.	San Saba	5:00	G		G							Home
		San Saba	5:00		B		B	B					There
Jan.27	Tues.	*Bangs	4:00						G	B	G	B	Home
Jan.30	Fri.	*Goldthwaite	4:00						G	B	G	B	Home
Feb.2	Mon.	Jim Ned	5:00	G		G							There
		Jim Ned	5:00		B		B	B					Home
Feb.3	Tues.	*San Saba	4:00						G	B	G	B	There
Feb.6	Fri.	*Jim Ned	4:00						G	B	G	B	Home
Feb.9	Mon.	Coleman	5:00	G		G							Home
		Coleman	5:00		B		B	B					There
Feb.10	Tues.	*Coleman	4:00						G	B	G	B	There
Feb.13	Fri.	*Bangs	5:00							B			There



MAEGAN SCHWARTZ, WHS senior, uses a steady hand to paint Blizzards on the sidewalks surrounding the high school as part of a National Honor Society project.

## Students of the Month

Each month the junior high teachers select students from the 7th and 8th grades to be Boy and Girl of the Month. These selections are made on the basis of academics, leadership, and citizenship.

Julie England has been selected as "Girl of the Month" for October, 2003. She is the daughter of Mandie and Lanny England.

Julie, 12, is in the seventh grade and enjoys math, science, reading, writing and band.

As a hobby, she likes reading, basketball, singing, playing piano and computer.

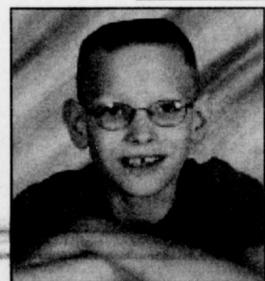
Her duties are to clean her room, wash dishes and clothes, practice music and UIL, and keep up her grades.

She most admires her mom and dad.

Her goals include being valedictorian of her class, donating 10-15" of her hair to Locks of Love, being selected to sing in the SWACD Honors Choir (which includes seven states).



Julie England  
October  
Girl of the Month



Matthew Doty  
October  
Boy of the Month

Matthew Doty has been cho-

sen as the "Boy of the Month" for October, 2003. He is the son of Kenneth and Mildred Doty.

Matthew, 12, is in the seventh grade and enjoys keyboarding and reading.

His hobbies are coloring, cooking, and working puzzles.

Favorite pastimes are playing the on the computer, playing video games, doing creative writing.

His duties include cleaning his bedroom, taking out the trash, and cooking. He most admires his Grandpa John.

## Correction

The names submitted by Winters High School failed to list a student on the recently published Secondary Honor Roll.

Raquel Rios, senior, is on the "A" Honor Roll for the first nine week semester.

Winters High School apologizes for the omission.



WHS 'PHIL-HARMONIC' JAZZ BAND members include (front row, l-r) Bryce Wilkerson-percussion/bass guitar, Justin Fenwick-percussion, Heather Waldrop-keyboard, and Anthony Ramirez-alto saxophone. Middle row (l-r) are Jonathan Meyer-trumpet, Ashley Gann-clarinet, Don Davis-percussion, and Kody McCuiston-tenor saxophone. Back row (l-r) Marcus Rodriguez-baritone, Band Director Phil Mooney, Francis Reyes-trombone, Luke Hale-trumpet, and Chance Hogan-trumpet. Not pictured is Michael Liggins-percussion.

## Directions to Bluecat Stadium at Coleman

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

On Highway 153 East at Coleman, you may turn right onto Fifth Avenue. You go approximately 8 blocks (counted from the left), then turn left onto Sixth Street.

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Overall	60-40	56-44	71-29	68-32	69-31

Coleman at Winters	Winters Bangs				
Goldthwaite at Bangs	Jim Ned				
Jim Ned at San Saba	Cisco	Cisco	Cisco	Cisco	Cisco
Anson at Cisco	Ballinger	Wylie	Ballinger	Ballinger	Wylie
Ballinger at Wylie	Brady	Brady	Brady	Brady	Brady
Brady at Early	Clyde	Clyde	Clyde	Clyde	Clyde
Comanche at Clyde	Abilene High				
O. Permian at Abilene Hi.	Bronte	Bronte	Bronte	Bronte	Bronte
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Miles at Roscoe					

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Green Beans  
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# Life

## The 'write stuff' — from America to England for 71 years

by Jean Boles, editor

In this day of computers with instant messaging and e-mail, perhaps few writers take pleasure in putting pen to paper the old-fashioned way.

Such is the case for Elvin Mathis who was born in the Crews area and now resides in Abilene.

What started as a schoolboy hobby, Mathis and his transatlantic pen pal have weathered births, deaths, and the usual happenings of daily living for the past 71 years.

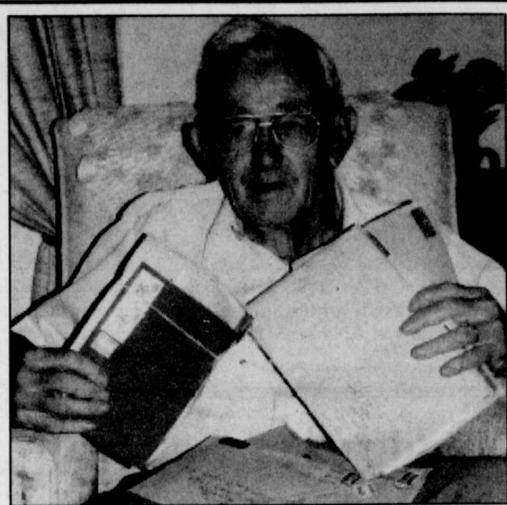
When Mathis was about 11 years old and living in the Crews area, he saw a list of boys' pen pal names listed in a Methodist newsletter, *The Epworth League Haversack*. After giving great thought to the name he chose, he selected Mark Watson — after his cousin Mark Mathis and a Dr. Watson whom Elvin thought delivered him and his twin brother, Melvin.

He sent his first letter on June 24, 1932, with a stamp costing three cents, and wondered if he'd ever receive a reply.

"A letter took at least a month to get back since the mail travelled by ship back then," said Mathis.

Across the ocean, another 11-year-old boy was busy playing football when his sister told him he had received a letter from America.

"A (young) boy would



ELVIN MATHIS shows a few of the more than 400 letters he's received from his transatlantic pen pal over the past 71 years. (photo by Jean Boles)

rather kick a ball around than write a letter, but I did anyway and we have kept in touch ever since." Mr. Watson said in an interview published in his local newspaper.

Mr. Watson and his wife visited Mr. Mathis, a retired history teacher, and his wife, Edith, at their home in Abilene in September, 1982 — the 50th anniversary of their friendship. The visit lasted three weeks and is the only time they've seen each other.

Mrs. Mathis died April 3, 2001 — Mr. and Mrs. Watson's

58th wedding anniversary. Mathis and Watson still write each other, usually about five times a year, and visit by phone occasionally. Mathis said a letter from Abilene to England now costs him 77¢ and takes just a few days to arrive.

He said he has about 400 letters from his penpal. "We write about almost everything — except politics — we don't get too involved in that subject," he added with a grin.

Mathis said of their special friendship, "It's been wonder-

ful. We've shared so much of our lives over the past 71 years. They're just like family to me."

Elvin Mathis was born November 17, 1920, a little over a month before his pen pal. Mathis graduated valedictorian of his class of eight students from Crews High School in 1938. He served in the Marine Corps and then

settled into a teaching, coaching, education administration profession until his retirement in 1985. He and his wife were parents of one daughter, Mary, who died in 1970 at the age of 23, from diabetes complications.

Elvin Mathis continues to make his home in Abilene and fills his days with hand-carving everything from horses to preachers to firefighters to sing-

ing pecans out of basswood. His carvings have been sent to friends, family and children in nine states, Bosnia and, —of course — a special pen pal in England.

Editor's note: Sara Wallis of the *Newcastle Evening Chronicle* and Jade Jackson of the *Abilene Reporter-News* contributed to this story.



THE 1938 7TH GRADE CLASS at Crews School included (front, l-r) Elvin Mathis, Melvin Mathis, Carl Brown, Obed Fuller, Jesse Ray Klutts, J.W. Bates, and Carl Faubion. Middle row, l-r, are Josilon Stacy, LaVerne Jones, Norene Rainwater, Eunice Damron, Alta Mae Schwartz, and Willie B Martin. Back row, l-r, are Ruth Lucas, Cleo Elms, Miss Smith, Maxine Bradley, and Earlelan Payne. (photo courtesy of Elvin Mathis)

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- 1 TX Humble Oil became this co.
- 2 De TX type of cotton
- 3 TXism: "\_\_\_ to walk the river with"
- 4 \_\_\_ Augustine, TX
- 5 TXism for "many" (3 wds.)
- 6 TXism: "went to the well \_\_\_ too often"
- 7 TX George W.'s primary strategy in early part of Iraq war (2 wds.)
- 8 TX Wills: "Ah \_\_\_ take it away Leon"
- 9 TC hint
- 10 TXism: "he could sell sheep shears \_\_\_ cattleman"
- 11 "B3 UH BB team: "Phi \_\_\_ Jamma"
- 12 brittle exteriors (2 wds.)
- 13 TXism: "raised \_\_\_ concrete" (city boy)
- 14 "no-noes"
- 15 Jackson, TX TXism: "big crop of \_\_\_" (hair)
- 16 TXism: "he'd \_\_\_ battle of wits" (stupid)
- 17 TXism: "wouldn't hurt \_\_\_" (gentle)
- 18 Myrtle of Dallas-filmed "Silkwood"
- 19 TX "Dixie Chicks" tune: "Let \_\_\_ Flip"
- 20 TXism: "got-\_\_\_" (stringed instruments)
- 21 TXism: "big enough to \_\_\_" (elephant)
- 22 book consumers
- 23 appraisal (abbr.)
- 24 'yes' so. of the border
- 25 TXism: "came out smelling like \_\_\_"
- 26 TX Keyes was "Suellen," sister of this O'Hara
- 27 legs bent inward: "knock-\_\_\_"
- 28 battery post (abbr.)
- 29 TX Sly hit: "Everybody \_\_\_ Sta-\_\_\_"
- 30 Gulf swimmer
- 31 TXism: "\_\_\_ chance" (no way)
- 32 Maverick Co. seat
- 33 pressure
- 34 state of the other Abilene
- 35 Dublin, TX celebrates \_\_\_ Patrick's Day
- 36 science practice
- 37 2-down was named after "Honest \_\_\_"
- 38 chilled dessert
- 39 Houston was married to his 1st wife for three \_\_\_
- 40 TX Linda Darnell character in film "Second Chance"
- 41 \_\_\_ River
- 42 Lamesa pronunciation: "Luh-\_\_\_-suh"
- 43 Legal Aid of TX provides \_\_\_ services
- 44 "Bum" is a \_\_\_ name for TX Oail
- 45 TXism: "mad as \_\_\_-eyed cow"
- 46 TXism: "\_\_\_ the 's' and cross the 't'"
- 47 this Blanton was 1st woman to run for office in TX
- 48 Lubbock's Air Force Base

**DOWN**

- 1 westernmost city
- 2 Marcus' pardner
- 3 county named for Indians
- 4 TXism: "fits like ugly \_\_\_ ape"
- 5 Junction h.s. class
- 6 "Texas" writer James A. \_\_\_
- 7 \_\_\_ Stanley Gardner
- 8 an apostle
- 9 "\_\_\_ Dallas" was directed by TX King Vidor
- 10 Cowboys' sudden death" (abbr.)
- 11 move about with little purpose
- 12 glide on Lake Lewisville
- 13 talc is \_\_\_ mineral in TX
- 14 TX Linda Darnell character in film "Second Chance"

Solutions for this puzzle appear in this issue.

# Life

## Town Criers

And they joined our family two by two...



### Grace McKee & Ethan Andrew Derrick

Emma Katherine Derrick, 18 months old, is excited to announce the arrival of her twin brother and sister on Wednesday, August 20, 2003.

Grace McKee was born at 10:36 p.m.. She weighed 4 lbs., 15 oz. and was 19.25 inches long. Ethan Andrew was born at 10:38 p.m., weighing in at 4 lbs., 12 oz. and measuring 18.5 inches in length. The twins were born at Tripler Army Medical Center in Honolulu, Hawaii.

Proud parents are Jason and Carmen Derrick of Honolulu, Hawaii.

Maternal grandparents are Dr. and Mrs. Ted of Buford, South Carolina. Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Charles Derrick of Cedar Park, Texas.

Maternal great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Bill Clark of Scotland Neck, North Carolina, and Mr. and Mrs. Manuel Rocha of Gloucester, Massachusetts.

Paternal great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Wes Hays of Novice and Mr. Charles B. Derrick of Dallas.

### Now accepting registrations

## Extension Service offering diabetes seminar at Winters

Almost 16 million Americans have diabetes. Approximately 6 percent of Runnels County's population are among those who are diagnosed with the disease. Because diabetes is a lifetime disease that adversely affects many aspects of one's life, a person's greatest weapon in the fight against diabetes is knowledge.

To help area diabetics be better prepared to take charge of their disease, a three-part seminar is scheduled for Nov. 17, 19, and 21.

The Runnels County Family and Consumer Science Committee, along with local health care providers and professionals, will conduct a Do Well, Be Well With Diabetes seminar at

the North Runnels Home Health Office meeting room at 106 N. Main in Winters. Each class will be from 8:30 a.m. until noon on each of three days, with breaks provided.

Monday, Nov. 17 —  
• First Step to Diabetes Management

• Diabetes Medicines by Amy Fischer RPh, Walmart Pharmacist  
• Health Checkups by Marilyn Simpson, R.N., Abilene Diagnostic Clinic  
• Foot Care by Sue Edwards, retired RN, Abilene

Wednesday, Nov. 19  
• What Nutrition Labels Tell a Diabetic

• Understanding Food Measurements by Peggy Owen, R.D.  
• Diabetes and Exercise by Kay Shoemaker, Cardiac & Wellness Center, Ballinger Memorial Hospital  
• Eating Healthy When Eating Out



LONGTIME FRIENDS AND CLASSMATES of the Winters High School Class of 1953 are (front, l-r) Dollie Virden Post, Norma Crownover Dorsett, Jean Parramore Teal, Nita McElroy Hammons, Bette Mapes Bowman, Joe Bryan, Winford Hogan, (second row) Wendell Dorsett, Martha Phillips O'Dell, Doris Hale Bryan, Virginia Gideon Black, Ketta London Casey, Garner Young, Harvey Hantsche, Dennis Dunnam, (third row) Ben Colburn, Jerry Dobbins, Benny Mayo, Sara Hollingshead Deffenbaugh, Bobby Holland, Bobby Lawson, Milton Gerhart, Sam Russell, Dalvin Awalt, (back) Luther Minzenmayer, Archie Nelson, Bob Hatcher, Alpheus "Red" Hill, W.T. Colburn, Bill Buchanan, and Quentin Stanley. Not pictured are Buddy Hall and Hollis Dean. (photo by Jean Boles)

## WHS Class of '53 gathers for 50-year reunion

contributed by Virginia Black

The Winters High School Class of 1953 met for their 50th reunion Saturday, Oct. 24, 2003, at the Winters school cafeteria.

Thirty-three class members along with several spouses and friends enjoyed a day of

visiting and reminiscing. The noon meal was catered by Dean's Shed with Hollis Dean, who is also a class member.

An impressive memorial program was given for the five classmates who have passed away over the years. These in-

cluded Mary L. Bishop, Frank

Milliff, Julia Pruette, Jeanette Swanner Hodges, and Adalene Williams Stathem. Some

spouses of classmates were also remembered. A poem written by Norma Crownover Dorsett was read at the end of

the program.

A song was written and sung by classmate Benny Mayo about all class members and what they have done over the past 50 years.

It was decided the class would meet again in 2006.

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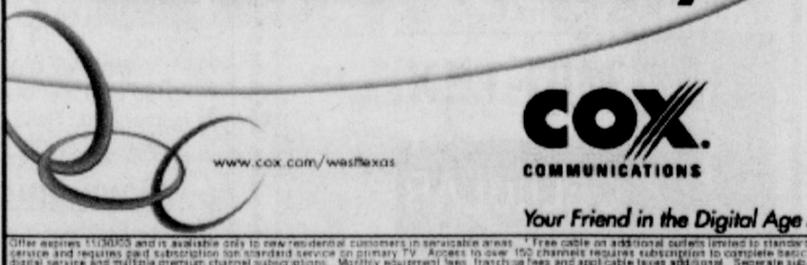


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• One-Diabetes Diet - No Longer the Only Option, by Marka Molsinger, R.D., L.D., Hendrick Medical Center  
• Managing Your Blood Sugar by Donna Goble, Hendrick Medical Center

Registration is limited to the first 25 persons. There is a one-time \$15 registration fee that will cover the 3-day class, seminar materials and mid-morning snacks.

For further information or to pre-register, call Patricia Hohensee at Texas Cooperative Extension at 365-5042 or mail to 608 Sealy Ave, Suite A, Ballinger, Tx. 76821. Or you may register by calling the North Runnels Clinic at 754-1317. Checks can be made payable to Runnels County 4-H HE Fund.

Registration will close at NOON on Friday, November 14.

If paying the registration fee is prohibitive, call the Extension Office at 365-5042.

Because effective diabetes education is comprehensive, participants are asked to attend all three sessions. This is an excellent opportunity to learn from respected educators in the area.

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### Retired Teachers donate books

The Runnels County Retired Teachers Association met Monday, October 13, at the Beefmaster Restaurant in Ballinger.

After a delicious lunch, President Lynda Gottschalk welcomed the members. The members were reminded of the upcoming Fall Conference in Rochelle on October 20th.

The nominating committee for next year's slate of officers is Jo Ann Patterson-Rose, Judy Lusby, Marthiel Russell, Lynda Gottschalk and Joyce Krause.

The group voted to buy books to donate to eleven preschoolers (4 yr. olds) in Miles.

The current membership for Runnels County Retired Teachers Association is 67. All retired school personnel in Runnels County are encouraged to join.

# Life



**Laurie Ann Miller, age 7, aka Statue of Liberty, goes forward to accept her first place certificate in the costume contest of the Fall Festival and Halloween Carnival. The event was sponsored by the Blizzard Athletic Booster Club and was attended by approximately three times as many children and adults as in the past.** (photo courtesy of Mike Neal)

## Football Sweetheart Candidate profiles —

**Macy Hopson**  
Macy Hopson is the 17-year-old daughter of Shannon Hamilton and Jay Hopson. She participates in cross-country, basketball, cheerleading, and student council. She is a member of the National Honor Society and serves as this year's Corresponding Secretary. Macy enjoys cheerleading, basketball, running, and being outdoors. She plans to attend college after graduation.

**Suzanne Jones**  
Suzanne Jones is the 17-year-old daughter of Randy and Linda Jones. Her freshman year, Suzanne ran varsity track. She was a member of the basketball team for three years and the Blizzard Band for two years, and was chosen as Class Favorite her sophomore year. Her hobbies include playing basketball and co-ed softball, drawing, spending time with friends and her boyfriend, and shopping. She attends the Assembly of God Church. Suzanne plans to attend Howard College in San Angelo where she will study to become a physical therapist.

**Christina Perrie**  
Christina RayAnn Perrie is the 16-year-old daughter of Allen and D'Ann Perrie. She serves as secretary of both the Student Council and Future Farmers of America and the manager of the boys basketball and baseball teams. Christina participates in track, tennis, and softball. She is a member of the First Baptist Church Youth Group. Upon high school graduation, Christina plans to attend Texas State University in San Marcos to major in Communications.

**Katy Wilkerson**  
Katy Nicole Wilkerson is the daughter of Jim and Mary Wilkerson. She is a junior, vice-president of the Student Council, class secretary/treasurer, varsity cheerleader, basketball manager, and a member of the National Honor Society and The Glacier staff. She was a cross-country regional qualifier her freshman and sophomore years. Katy is actively involved in the community having served as a team captain for Relay for Life. She is a member of the First United Methodist Church Youth

Group, and enjoys eating, sleeping, reading, spending time with friends, and watching movies.

**Kari Lynn Walker**  
Kari Lynn Walker is the 18-year-old daughter of Bill and Lue Walker. She has participated in the one act play, cross-country, track, and basketball throughout her high school years. She is a member of the student council, serving as parliamentarian her junior year and president this year, and is also a past member of National Honor Society. Kari participated four years in UIL Persuasive Speaking and was a regional qualifier her freshman year. She also participated this year in Editorial Writing and Headlines. She was named to the All Star Cast of the one act play her sophomore year, and was a regional qualifier in cross-country her sophomore and junior years. Kari enjoys reading and visiting with friends. She is a member of the Wingate Church of Christ, and plans to attend the University of North Texas to major in Broadcast Journalism.

## Novice Firemen set Nov. 8 date for chili/stew supper

Members of the Novice Volunteer Fire Department have made final plans for their popular, annual chili/stew supper. This year's meal will be held Saturday, November 8, from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. in the Novice school cafeteria.

Menu items of homemade chili and stew will be offered along with beans, cornbread, desserts, drinks, and all the 'fixins.' Costs will be \$5.00 per adult and \$2.00 per child age 12 and under.

Pint to-go containers will cost \$2.00 To-go meals will cost the same as dine-ins.

The donated prize for the 2002-2003 chili/stew supper is a very nice propane barbecue grill. Chances are available now from Novice firemen and will be available at the supper at a cost of \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00. The winner need not be present to win and the drawing will be held near the close of the evening.

A cake auction will be conducted every 15 minutes during the supper. A popular event, the cake auction is always a lot of fun for all, especially the excited bidders. Excellent cooks of Novice provide a great variety of tempting, homemade sweets for the auction.

All hunters in the area are welcome to attend the supper. Many area residents and absentee land owners consider this supper as a reminder to make donations to assure immediate help in case of fire at Novice. Contributions are always sincerely appreciated.

## St. Joseph's Catholic Church to host Fall Festival November 9

What began as a celebration of Armistice in 1922, has since evolved into a tradition that spans 81 years. Members of St. Joseph Catholic Church, Rowena, continue the tradition by hosting their 81st Annual Fall Festival on Sunday, November 9, 2003, at St. Joseph Hall and surrounding grounds.

The theme of this year's festival is "All Creatures Great and Small — The Lord God Made Them All."

A flag-raising ceremony will take place at 10:30 a.m. in front of St. Joseph School to begin the day's activities. Members of Rowena VFW Post 9196 will conduct the ceremony.

The noon meal will feature turkey, dressing, and the famous Rowena German-style sausage with all the trimmings. Serving will be from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Prices are \$6.00 for adults; \$3.00 for children and \$6.00 for all plates-to-go.

Plates-to-go will feature a drive-through window as well as a walk-up window. Sausage will be sold by the pound, cooked or uncooked, and can be bought at both the drive-through and walk-up windows and the Sausage House.

Sausage sandwiches will be sold for \$2.00 beginning at 4:30 p.m. and end when the auction is completed.

Handicapped parking and seating will be available.

A Country Store featuring handmade items, plants and baked goods will be open throughout the day. Children's games, bingo and entertainment begin at 11:45 a.m. and continue until 3:45 p.m.

An auction of cotton and merchandise begins at 1:30 p.m. inside the Parish Hall and will end when all merchandise is sold.

Tickets are being sold for two drawings; the first takes place at 4:00 p.m. and features handmade sampler quilt, two afghans and a doily. The second drawing will take place during the auction. Prizes include a 27" Sanyo flat screen TV, Fuji digital camera and a Craftsman 50-piece socket set.

Tickets for these items may be purchased from any parishioner or on the day of the festival.

Mass for festival workers will be held Saturday, November 8 at 5 p.m. in St. Joseph Church.

The people of St. Joseph Parish and the Community of Rowena invite everyone to join them as "the tradition lives on" — a celebration of thanksgiving to God for home, family and country.

### Mark your calendar —

- Winters Arts & Crafts Show, Sat., November 22
- Winters Christmas Parade, Sno-Queen & Sno-Flake Contest, Sat., December 20

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## NRH Auxiliary to host reception for local doctors

North Runnels Auxiliary will host a community-wide reception for Dr. Ajoy Chhabra and Dr. Sarah Endicott on Sunday, Nov. 16, from 2-4 p.m. at North Runnels Hospital. The doctors have been in Winters for more than a year, and the Auxiliary would like to show their appreciation.

Anyone wanting to help with the reception or bring cookies is asked to call Bettye Pinkerton at 754-4488, Theresa Patterson at 754-4029, or Shelia Paschal at 723-2697.

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The application is due by November 14, 2003.

Please visit the web site <[www.thecb.state.tx.us/SAMC/Minigrants/](http://www.thecb.state.tx.us/SAMC/Minigrants/)> for:

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- 5) more information.

**Just for fun — Families are like fudge... mostly sweet, with a few nuts.**

# Life

## A New Veterans Day Tradition

by John Brieden, National Commander of the American Legion

We all know that Nov. 11 is Veterans Day. We know that Veterans Day pays tribute to men and women who sacrificed for freedom in the U.S. armed forces. We know that democracy flourishes the world over because of the sacrifice of America's veterans. We know that Veterans Day originates from the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month in 1918 when World War I ended.

Our nation prides its veterans with a holiday, with the construction of moving memorials, and with a solemn final tribute: placement upon their coffins of a U.S. Flag. Our state and federal governments set aside pristine expanses of hallowed ground in which America's veterans rest in eternal peace. Yet, as pro-veteran as the United States of America is, there are aspects of the relationship between our grateful nation and its veterans that most Americans probably do not know.

Did you know that, pending the enactment of key legislation, military retirees who suffer from disabilities related to their military service are taxed a dollar of their retired pay for every dollar they receive in disability compensation? If their disability compensation exceeds their retired pay, then they must forfeit their retired pay in order to collect disability. Yet retirees from federal civilian service who have disabilities stemming from military service are not taxed in this manner.

Did you know that since the Berlin Wall was dismantled, signaling America's victory in the Cold War, the U.S. armed forces have experienced a one-third cut in the active-duty force and a 300 percent increase in deployments? The growing mismatch between deployments and the total force has resulted in the repeated long-term deployment of National Guard units, precluding them from performing homeland-security duties and other functions for which the nation's governors might need them. Cracks in Reserve retention show the wear and tear on over-deployed Reservists, most of whom lose money during activation because their civilian jobs pay substantially more than Uncle Sam, and most corporations do not pay the difference, which would stabilize the citizen-soldiers' take-home pay during many months of activation.

Did you know that on a given night, about a quarter-million veterans are homeless: lacking both permanent shelter and hope? One-third of adult homeless men and nearly one-quarter of all homeless

adults are veterans. Clearly, programs must be strengthened that provide medical, rehabilitative, and employment assistance to those who served.

Did you know that an estimated 164,000 veterans in the lowest of the Department of Veterans Affairs' eight priority treatment groups have been suspended from enrolling for health care at VA since January 17? Did you know that before VA simply stopped veterans from entering the system, within which they are entitled by law to seek treatment, there were more than 200,000 veterans waiting from six months to two years to receive an initial primary-care appointment at VA? The American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Disabled American Veterans, and other veterans service organizations are still fighting for a law that would fund VA health care on a mandatory rather than a discretionary basis, just like Social Security and Medicare, so that the funding rises with the increased demand for treatment. The war on terror will only make this situation worse, as U.S. forces in Iraq average 40 wounded troops per week, and a rising number of recently medically retired troops seek treatment at VA.

Did you know that as the war on terror and other military commitments to vital U.S. interests create a new generation of potential users of the VA system, more VA hospitals are cited to be closed than to be built? The American Legion is participating in VA's realignment process to ensure that services are not curtailed where they are sorely needed.

Did you know that, until last month, when wounded troops departed military hospitals, they received a bill for their meals — \$8.10 a day? That was a lot of money to the more junior personnel who had been hospitalized for weeks or months, not to mention a ridiculous price to pay by someone who already paid a price for his or her country. Thank goodness Congress got around to legislation aimed at correcting that problem. But short-term relief from hospital-food billing for our wounded troops still must be made permanent.

Did you know that thousands of Guard and Reserve personnel are counting on the enactment of legislation that will provide them health insurance to replace the employer-paid coverage that their families lost when they were called up for months — in many cases for more than a year — to fight the war on terror? Contrary to traditional public perception, Guard and Reserve personnel are not "weekend warriors." They are an integral part of the

total force, activated for months, even years, nearly every time they are called up. If they can answer their nation's call as active-duty troops do, then they should have access to the active-duty force's health care program, known as Tricare.

What does this all mean? It means the time has come to introduce a new Veterans Day tradition to the existing one.

Be a part of the Veterans Day commemorative events in your area. Take your children, if possible. Your presence says "thank you for your service" to veterans and to their families. These events are a part of our nation's existing annual holiday tradition.

Further, if you appreciate the sacrifices of those who stood, and those who still stand, in harm's way, then please consider starting another holiday tradition. This new tradition boils down to two simple civic duties: Save this column until next year's election campaign. Insist the candidates address, indeed embrace, the policies that you know in your heart are right and just.

### Fall "College Days" offers sampling of ASU life to prospective students

Angelo State University will host its fall "College Days" program on Saturday, Nov. 8, to give prospective college students a taste, both figuratively and literally, of campus life at ASU.

In addition to sampling the various academic and extracurricular programs available at the university, students and their families will also be treated to a free lunch and will be offered complimentary tickets to ASU's 2 p.m. football game against Texas A&M-Commerce in San Angelo Stadium and the Rambelles' 7 p.m. volleyball game against Tarleton State in the Junell Center/Stephens Arena.

Activities will begin at 9:30 a.m. with check-in at the C.J. "Red" Davidson Conference

Center in the Houston Harte University Center at 1910 Rosemont. The program will begin at 10 a.m. in the Davidson Center with a welcome by ASU President James Hindman. Tours of campus will then be conducted, including a stop at the Food Service Center for the complimentary lunch.

After lunch students and their families will return to the Davidson Conference Center for the ASU Expo, where information will be available on academic programs, student organizations, extracurricular activities, financial aid, Carr Academic Scholarships, residence halls, and other areas of interest to prospective students and their parents.

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### Aggieland Saturday, Nov. 8— Open House at Texas A&M University for prospective undergraduate students

Aggieland Saturday, Texas A&M University's premiere open house event, will be held from 9:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. on Saturday, November 8, 2003, in Reed Arena. This program continues to be the only university-wide open house specifically designed for prospective undergraduate students.

Participants will enjoy entertainment from student organizations and can attend information sessions and browse numerous resource tables concerning academic programs, admissions, financial aid, and student services. Participants will also have the opportunity to take a campus tour and to visit the George Bush Presidential Library and Museum,

the Corps Museum in the Sam Houston Sanders' Corps of Cadets Center, the Texas A&M Sports Museum, and the Student Recreation Center.

Please note that the George Bush Presidential Library and Museum charges an admission fee. For information on the George Bush Presidential Library and Museum including the admission fee and hours of operation, visit <http://bushlibrary.tamu.edu>.

For additional information concerning Aggieland Saturday, please visit <http://www.tamu.edu/aggieland> or contact the Prospective Student Center by telephone at (979) 458-0427.

## In Appreciation

### Card of Thanks

The Literary and Service Club would like to say thank you to all those who volunteered their time to help to make this year's turkey dinner a huge success. We especially want to thank those of you who came with big appetites. Without you, we could not make this project possible.

All proceeds from this function will be filtered back into your community through our club projects.

It is our hope that you enjoyed the food and the fellowship. We further hope that next year, you return with your appetites intact for another wonderful plate of turkey and dressing served by none other than your Literary and Service Club members.

Literary & Service Club

### Dunstan gives heartfelt thanks

As many of you may have read in this newspaper, on September 23 I had the misfortune of falling off the roof of my house and sustaining life threatening injury. I was in Hendricks Hospital for a little over 3 weeks, coming home October 15. I am now optimistic of a full recovery. During this time, the pain of my injury has been quenched by an overwhelming flood of love and generosity shown by the people of Winters, many whom I had never met before. These words are to try and achieve the unachievable. That is, to thank all of you for your acts, words, thoughts, and prayers during this time.

I wish most to thank the Almighty Creator for the gift of life, a gift I have been in awe of all my days on this earth. I am undeservedly blessed by His grace.

I hesitate to begin to name all those who have had such a significant part in sustaining my spirit and life with your kindness and love. I fear leaving someone's gift seemingly unrecognized. To all who have thought of or prayed for my well being, thank you.

I especially wish to thank my neighbors Felix and Sofie Gonzales whose innate goodness and quick thinking may be the reason I am able to write this today. They saw that I had been injured and rendered unconscious and they called 911.

During the trip to the hospital, an angel rode with me in the back of the ambulance. Her name was Linda Davison, and she took care of me.

My neighbors Horace and Jean Brown immediately stepped in to help with my house and belongings. Betty Henson acted for me by contacting TLC Kennels and having my dogs, Blue and Skinny, picked up so they would be cared for. Jeff and Karen Mills and Dave and Nancy Evans went to the kennel of their own initiative and took Blue and Skinny into their personal care. During the time I was in the hospital and since I've been home, I have been helped, called, and visited by many people including Jeff and Karen Mills, Rhonda and Mike Neal, Horace and Jean Brown, Anthony and Judy Rusk, Betty Henson, Rich Lee, John and Ann Walker, Charles and Wanda Brewer, Rhea Parramore, Raymond Lindsey, and Ken Sneed. Anthony and Judy brought me home and seem to do something every day to help. M.L. Dobbins has been an example in Christian giving. Your help, calls, and visits left my burden lighter and my spirit stronger.

The community as a whole united to help complete unfinished work on my house. *The Winters Enterprise* allowed its pages to be used to call together volunteers for a work day at my home to lighten my load. On that day and at other times, Hank Boudro, Charles Brewer, Horace Brown, Danny Clack, Randall Connor, M.L. Dobbins, Phillip Esquivel, Felix Gonzales, Freddy Grohman, Jim Hatler, Bill Hall, Jim Lincycumb, Mike Neal, Anthony Rusk, Paul Tharp, and Dwayne Williams have pitched in with a helping hand. Hatler Roofing provided a truck to haul away trash, and The Ministerial Alliance contributed to have it dumped. Alan Cooper provided and operated a front end loader to help with trash removal. Wanda Brewer made sure the guys were taken care of by bringing refreshments. Your labors and gifts have eased my anxieties.

I pray that all of you will accept my sincerest gratitude. The greatest gift you have given to me and to others in this community is your example of selfless giving. I wish to carry away from this experience a heightened sense of loyalty and love for the people I live amongst. And I pray that God blesses you, not for what you have given to me, but for what you have shown yourselves to be.

Donald F. Dunstan

### “What is a Veteran?”

He is a man who looks the world in the eye. He is a man who feels an extra heart-tug when the flag goes by. He is a man who steps a little faster when he hears the beat of a military band.

He is a Veteran.  
He comes in all assorted sizes and shapes. He's a big man, he's a small man... he's a tall man.

He is the "Doughboy" of World War I... the "G.I." of World War II... He is a man who's seen Korean skies, fought the cold and silent battle of uneasy Berlin... and braved the booby traps and ambushes in the Ia Drang Valley in Vietnam.

He is a Veteran.  
He is a Sailor... Soldier... Marine.  
He is a Flyer... Seabee... Coast Guard.  
He is Artillery... Infantry... Medic... Aviation Machinist Mate... Armored and Ordnance.

He is a Veteran.  
He has the quiet dignity of a man who knows the pride of freedom... He has the clear eyes of a man who respects himself.

He is courage living on Main Street. He is patriotism mowing the lawn on Saturday afternoon. He is good citizenship with a smile on his face.

He is a Veteran.  
He is Republican, Democrat, Independent... He is mechanic, farmer, banker... He is Catholic, Protestant, Jew... He is rich and poor and in-between.

He is a Veteran.  
He is a man who loves peace because he knows the price tag of war.  
He is a member of history's most exclusive fraternity. He knows that war is ninety percent boredom and ten percent sheer terror.

He's been there.  
He's a Veteran.

He likes the majesty of America's mountains... the tranquility of America's valleys. He likes the bustle of America's cities and friendliness of America's Main Streets.

He likes the sound of America's children playing on the American playgrounds. He likes to see the flag go by... He feels a bit sad when he hears the sound of an American bugler playing "Taps."

He is a citizen soldier... Peacetime leader... He's the first to volunteer in time of trouble... and the last to come home.  
He's a Veteran.

He is proud of his American past... alert to his American present... confident of his American future.

He likes the legend of America's great... the Washingtons... the Jeffersons... the Abraham Lincolns... the Roosevelts... the Robert E. Lees... the Stonewall Jacksons... the Pattons... the Eisenhowers... the MacArthurs... the Nimitzs... and all the proud patriots who have marched through America's history books.

He has bivouacked at Valley Forge... charged the hill at Gettysburg... stormed the sands at Guadalcanal... swarmed ashore at Omaha Beach... advanced on Pork Chop Hill and fought in the bunker complex in War Zone "C" in Southeast Asia. He parachuted into Grenada. He stood watch in Berlin. He fought in the streets of Panama and served in the Middle East in support of "Operation Desert Shield."

He is a Veteran.  
In the very rear of his secret heart there is always a tinge of sorrow, a souvenir of sadness for lost and departed comrades.

No matter how gray his temples grow or how many inches he adds to his middle-aged waist, he always walks with distinctive pride that isn't given to lesser men.

He is America with an honorable discharge... He is Democracy with a Good Conduct Medal lost in the darkness of his keepsake box... He is freedom with a Purple Heart.

He is a first class fighting man with quiet walk and sentimental grin.  
He is America's most honorable citizen.  
He is a Veteran.

# Happy 18<sup>th</sup> Birthday Nov. 7

Love always,  
Mom,  
Grandma,  
& Bubba



Friday this gal turns eighteen  
Wearing blue & white for sure this night.

On the field she'll be seen  
A Blizzard with spirit — that's right!

Send her wishes for a day that's keen  
And make her smile a big pearly white.



Identity of birthday girl is found elsewhere in this issue.

Opening 9 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 15

# Something Special

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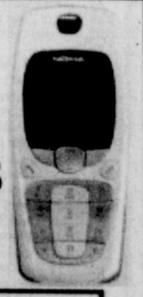
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# Law & Order

## 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 October 27, 2003, through November 2, 2003. Officers:

- filed a report of Burglary in the 600 block of West Pierce Street.
- arrested a subject out of county on Assault warrant. Assault occurred in Winters.
- investigated a vehicle accident at North Main and Novice Road. No injuries were reported.
- filed a Criminal Mischief report. Suspect(s) allegedly caused damage throughout town with eggs and paintball gun(s).
- filed two reports of separate incidences of Burglary of a Motor Vehicle.
- filed a report of a vehicle accident on South Main Street.
- arrested two subjects on outstanding warrants from Winters Municipal Court for unpaid fines.

## Official Records

### County Court Dispositions

Brenda Marie Burton vs. Tommy Dwight Burton, at appellant's request, application for protective order dismissed

Soine Fisher, theft by check, pleaded no contest, fined \$100, plus \$211 court costs, \$38.37 restitution, \$70 hot check fees

Nicolas Mata vs. Jesse Hernandez, application for protective order approved temporarily

### Criminal Cases Filed

October 22

Richard Fuentes, filed for failure to identify

Meredith Jean Martin, filed for illegal dumping

Clarissa J. Overby, filed for theft by check

Jose Isavel Quiroga, filed for driving while intoxicated

Mathew Shane Zachery, filed for illegal dumping

October 28

Cynthia Marie Rhodes, filed for assault

### Marriage Licenses Filed

October 28

Anthony Eugene Horton and Amanda Renee Jones

October 29

Rumaldo Jalomo, Jr., and Norma Linda Sanchez

October 30

Jose Belen Ramirez and Annie Mendez Robledo

### District Court Civil Cases Filed

October 27

Rolling Plains Well Service, Inc., and Perry's Pump Service, Inc., vs. Thomas K. Payne Petroleum, Inc., dba TKP Petroleum, Inc., account

October 30

Bank of America, NA, vs. Terry S. Flores, account

## Public Notice

Elm Creek Water Control District will meet in regular session on Tuesday, November 11, 2003, at 7:30 p.m. at the Senior Citizens Activity Center, 600 Wood, Winters, Texas.

### PUBLIC HEARING WINTERS INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NOVEMBER 10, 2003, 6:15 PM

The Winters Independent School District will hold a hearing for public questions and comments concerning the Superior Achievement Rating that the district received under Texas' new Schools FIRST financial accountability rating system.

The regular monthly meeting of the Winters I.S.D. Board of Trustees will follow this hearing. 14-44(2tc)

### BID NOTICE

The City of Winters is accepting sealed bids on a 1996 Chevrolet 4-door passenger car 2G1WL52M7T117456, 1995 Chevrolet 4-door passenger car 1G1BL52PXR180165, and 1991 Chevrolet 4-door passenger car 1G1BL5378MR127501 to be sold as is.

Bids will be accepted at City Hall, 310 S. Main, Winters, Texas 79567, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Bid deadline is 2:00 p.m. Wednesday, November 19, 2003, at which time bids will be opened.

Bids will be reviewed and awarded by the City Council at their regular meeting on Monday, November 24, 2003, at 6:00 p.m.

The City reserves the right to accept and/or reject any or all bids. 14-45(2tc)

## Unclaimed Property Fund hits \$1 billion

13 Winters residents, one business among those on list—

More than 142,000 unclaimed property owners who have lost track of \$71 million in cash and other valuable assets might have found their names in Texas newspapers on Sunday, October 19, when

Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn published the annual Unclaimed Property List.

"This is unclaimed property owned by Texans that has been reported to the state within the

last year alone," Strayhorn said. "When you add up the money that remains unclaimed from previous years, the unclaimed property fund has now reached an incredible \$1 billion. That's money that rightfully belongs to hardworking Texans."

Winters names on the list are: **Mary J. Black, Emery D. Colburn, Clifford Cade Garza, Patsy B. Grohman, Hair Post, Eddie J. Hasty, Garcia Homer, Yung Lee, Essie E. Smith, Lillie Taylor, Gloria C. Torres, Marvin Traylor, Ronald M. Walker and W.T. Wilson.**

Strayhorn urges Texans to visit her website, <www.window.state.tx.us/up>. The site contains the names of unclaimed property owners on this year's list and from previous years. The online database also includes unclaimed property owners who have less than \$100 in unclaimed property, whose names are not published on the newspaper list.

## Legal Notices

### NOTICE OF SALE

THE STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF RUNNELS

BY VIRTUE OF AN ORDER OF SALE

DATED November 3, 2003, and issued pursuant to judgment decrees of the District Court of **Runnels County, Texas**, by the Clerk of said Court on said date and to me directed and delivered as Sheriff of said Court, I have on November 3, 2003, seized, levied upon, and will on the first Tuesday in December, 2003, the same being the 2nd day of said month at the Courthouse door of said County, in the City of Ballinger, between the hours of 10:00 o'clock A.M. and 4:00 o'clock P.M. on said day, proceed to sell for cash to the highest bidder all of the right, title, and interest of the defendants in such suit in and to the following described real estate levied upon as the property of said defendants, the same lying and being situated in the County of Runnels and the State of Texas, to-wit:

CAUSE NO. STYLING OF CASE AND PROPERTY DESCRIPTION

3791 Winters Independent School District, City of Winters, and The County of Runnels, Texas vs. Masedonia Silva AKA Masedonio Silva, Estefana Silva (In Rem Only), Masedonia Silva, Jr., Individually & as an Heir to the Estate of Masedonio Silva (In Rem Only), Andres Silva, Individually & as an Heir to the Estate of Masedonia Silva (In Rem Only), Santiago Silva, Individually & as an Heir to the Estate of Masedonio Silva (In Rem Only), Florinda Silva, Individually & as an Heir to the Estate of Masedonio Silva (In Rem Only), Pablo Silva, Individually & as an Heir to the Estate of Masedonio Silva (In Rem Only), Rudy Silva Jalomo AKA Rudy Jalomo, Jr., Individually & as an Heir to the Estate of Masedonio Silva (In Rem Only), Christina Jalomo, Individually & as an Heir to the Estate of Masedonio Silva (In Rem Only), Freddie Silva Jalomo AKA Freddie Jalomo, Individually & as an Heir to the Estate of Masedonio Silva (In Rem Only), Marcos Jalomo, a minor, whose parent and legal guardian is Masedonio Silva (In Rem Only), and Anita Silva Martinez AKA Anita Martinez, Individually & as an Heir to the Estate of Masedonio Silva (In Rem Only)

A 90 feet by 220 feet tract of land in Abstract 193, D. Floyd Survey No. 518, Runnels County, Texas (Volume 495, Pages 492, 494, and 496 of the Deed Records, Runnels County, Texas)

House and Improvements only on a 90 feet by 220 feet tract of land in Abstract 104, D. Floyd Survey No. 518, Runnels County, Texas

4084 Winters Independent School District and The County of Runnels, Texas vs. Manuel Herrera AKA Manual Herrera and Maria Hernandez

Lot 3, Block 14, Southside Addition to the City of Winters, Runnels County, Texas (Volume 70, Page 211 of the Deed Records, Runnels County, Texas)

4096 Winters Independent School District, City of Winters, and The County of Runnels, Texas vs. Trinidad Castor and Maria Castor (In Rem Only)

Lots 14, 15, and 16, Block 5, Reeves Addition to the City of Winters, Runnels County, Texas (Volume 124, Page 428 of the Official Public Records, Runnels County, Texas)

4131 Winters Independent School District and The County of Runnels, Texas vs. L.D. Smith, Roy Shipman, Individually and as Shareholders of Shipman & Company, a dissolved Texas corporation, Lienholder (In Rem Only), The Unknown Shareholders of Shipman & Company, a dissolved Texas corporation and M.E. Donica

The North 3 feet of Lot 3, Block 1, Cathey Addition to the Town of Wingate, Runnels County, Texas (Volume 53, Page 458 of the Official Public Records, Runnels County, Texas)

Lot 4, Block 1, Cathey Addition to the Town of Wingate, Runnels County, Texas (Volume 53, Page 458 of the Official Public Records, Runnels County, Texas)

4132 Winters Independent School District and The County of Runnels, Texas vs. Woodie McArthur

1.0 acre, more or less, out of the E. Smith Survey, Abstract 1138, Block 51, Runnels County, Texas (Volume 249, Page 420 of the Deed Records, Runnels County, Texas)

4133 Winters Independent School District, City of Winters, and The County of Runnels, Texas vs. Beatrice Quintero and Miguel Aragon

Lot 10, Block 1 of the Vancil Addition to the City of Winters, Runnels County, Texas (Volume 112, Page 518 of the Deed Records, Runnels County, Texas)

4136 The County of Runnels, Texas, Winters Independent School District, and The City of Winters vs. Stephen Briley, Mincy Briley, and Security State Bank, Wingate, Lienholder (In Rem Only)

Lot 8, Block 9, Southside Addition to the City of Winters, Runnels County, Texas (Volume 47, Page 585 of the Deed Records, Runnels County, Texas)

Lots 1 and 2, Block 1, Meeks Addition to the City of Winters, Runnels County, Texas (Volume 199, Page 236 of the Deed Records, Runnels County, Texas)

4138 Winters Independent School District, City of Winters, and The County of Runnels, Texas vs. Rita Stephenson McMorris, Arch John Hood, Barry Logan, Randy I. Logan, Greg Logan, Jennifer Monet Martin, Carl Hood, Rex Hood, Fred Mike Hood, and Teresa Peirson

All of Lots 5 and 6, Burton Place Addition to the City of Winters, Runnels County, Texas (Volume 234, Page 179 of the Deed Records and Volume 81, Page 482 of the Probate Records, Runnels County, Texas)

4163 City of Winters, Winters Independent School District, and The County of Runnels, Texas vs. La Ross Sheppard (In Rem Only), Sim Odell Sheppard (In Rem Only), and Edna Johnson (In Rem Only)

Lot 8 and the West 26 feet of Lot 9, Block 1, Westmoreland Addition to the City of Winters, Runnels County, Texas (Volume 364, Page 274 of the Deed Records, Runnels County, Texas)

4167 Winters Independent School District, City of Winters, and The County of Runnels, Texas vs. Elma Flores

Lot 8, Block 27, College Heights Addition to the City of Winters, Runnels County, Texas (Volume 205, Page 682 of the Official Public Records, Runnels County, Texas)

4172 Winters Independent School District and The County of Runnels, Texas vs. O.A. Beck, S.P. Beck, E.F. Beck, Gertie Beck, J.W. Wood, J.C. Wood, M.L. Wood, and The Unknown Heirs to the Estate of J.J. Wood, deceased

The West one-half of Lot One AKA Block 1, Moore Addition AKA Moorehead's Addition to the Town of Crews, Runnels County, Texas (Volume 45, Page 1 of the Map and Plat Records, Runnels County, Texas)

Lots 1 and 3, Block B, Trout Addition to the Town of Crews, Runnels County, Texas (Volume 132, Page 505 of the Deed Records, Runnels County, Texas)

or upon the written request of said defendants or their attorney, a sufficient portion thereof to satisfy said judgment for delinquent property taxes and accrued penalties and interest and costs of suit and sale; subject, however, to the right of redemption, the defendants or any person having an interest therein, to redeem the said property, or their interest therein, within the period of time and in the manner provided by law, and subject to any other and further rights to which the defendants or anyone interested therein may be entitled, under the provisions of law. Said sale to be made by me to satisfy the judgment for delinquent property taxes and accrued penalties and interest rendered in the above styled and numbered cause, together with interest thereon and costs of suit and sale, and the proceeds of said sale to be applied to the satisfaction thereof, and the remainder, if any, to be applied as the law directs.

DATED November 3, 2003, at Ballinger, Texas.

By **William Baird** SHERIFF, Runnels County, Texas

**Dottie Routh** DEPUTY

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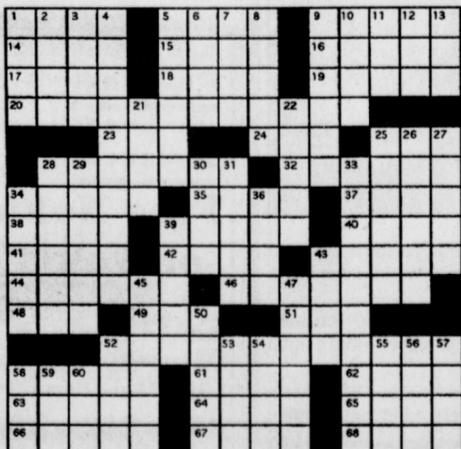
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### ACROSS

- Meek one
- Crossed the pool
- One lacking freedom
- I cannot tell
- At ; relaxed
- Morning coffee accompaniment
- Mid-month date
- Miner's entrance
- Church events
- Polluted
- Common contraction
- Green spot
- Recipe direction
- Taught
- Slow musical passage
- Use skillfully
- Son of Zeus and Hera
- Handed over
- Jai
- Show the validity of
- Roman road
- Time for a new season: abbr.
- Healing plant
- Suffices for prank & pun
- on; swindled
- Shaped beforehand
- Armenia, once: abbr.
- Gun owners' org.
- Large receptacle
- Detailed lists
- Fruit
- Walk laboriously
- Store window sign
- Highway patrolman's device
- Bowling alley division
- Famous ship that sailed from Spain to America
- Oafs
- Spud buds
- out; escape slowly, as a liquid

### DOWN

- Secular
- Ray
- Manner
- Barbarianism
- Naval personnel
- African landscape feature
- D David
- Gold or aluminum
- Jam
- off; temporarily idle
- To the point
- Roman five
- Pauser's utterances
- Like a go-getter
- Kid
- Hard stones
- Distract
- Industrious people
- Roof installers
- Grim one
- Viscount's superior
- Lose firmness
- To-dos
- Social insects
- Word with how or when
- Father
- Beat it!
- Joins
- Gets away from
- Abundant
- John in Novokuznetsk
- Now me down to...
- Region
- Son of a TV sheriff
- Island bird
- Easy task: slang
- United group: abbr.
- Vientiane resident
- Ceremonial phrase



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### Real Estate

**FOR SALE BY OWNER**—302 Laurel Drive. 3 BR/2 BTH. C/H/A, fireplace, dining room, and large living area. Good neighborhood. Call 903-364-5432. **14-26(tfc)**

**LARGE CORNER LOT**, shop, carport, single garage, 3 BR & 1-1/2 bath, utility, stove, 300 E. Pierce, \$25,000. *Owner may finance.* Contact Melinda Meyers for appt. 754-4209. **14-31(tfc)**

**306 LAUREL DRIVE** for sale. 3 bedroom, 2 bath, large den, carport, 2 storage sheds, fenced backyard, CH/A. 325-754-5192 or 754-4273. **14-42(tfc)**

**BRICK HOME** for sale, 3,035 sq. ft., 2-car garage, storm windows, metal roof, sprinkler system, 3 BR/2 & 1/2 bath, formal living/dining, breakfast room w/built-in hutch, den w/built-in bookcases, office w/built-in computer desk, lots of closets, large sunroom w/Jen-Air cooktop, Jacuzzi tub in master, gas logs, tile & carpet, laundry room, double ovens & warming oven, lg. brick storage building & workshop, 5 ft. cement block fence around property. \$110,000. Call 325-754-1830 or 325-660-7631.

### Lost & Found

**LOST: Black, female chihuahua.** Answers to "Pretty." If found, please call 754-5456. **14-45(1tp)**

### Employment

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**Runnels County.** Historic Ranger Peak. This 77-acre property on FM 382 is loaded with rustic beauty, including a mountaintop that gives a panoramic view of the Content area. It has an abundant cover of oaks, mesquite, and cedar providing excellent wildlife habitat. Several potential home sites located on property. County water is available. \$885,500.

**Runnels County.** 120 acres. Part of the Ranger Peak Ranch. Deer, turkey, and quail have found a home in the oaks, mesquite, and cedar. County water and electricity are available. A great place to unwind and relax. \$138,000.

**Runnels County.** 767 acres 1 mile south of Winters. 629 acres of crop land and 138 acres of pasture.

**Runnels County.** 158 acres approximately 4 miles NE of Norton on CR 272. 105 acres of cultivation with the balance in pasture. Valley Creek cuts thru the corner. The ranch has community water, electricity, and telephone. It would make a good stock farm with a barn and pens. Deer, turkey, hogs, and dove. \$94,000.

**Runnels County.** 4.9 acres in Miles, Texas. City street frontage with electricity, gas, water, and telephone. \$28,000.

**Runnels County.** 165.3 acres approximately 9 miles NW of Miles, Texas. 105.1 acres of farmland with 56 acres under pivot irrigation. Pasture has native grasses and mesquite. 2 wildlife plots attract deer, turkey, dove, and quail. 3 water wells and community water. \$231,000.

**Taylor County.** 138.4 acres 3 miles west of Bradshaw on FM 1086. Deer, turkey, quail, and dove to hunt. 115.3 acres of cultivation with the balance in heavy brush pasture. 3 tanks stocked with channel cat and brim. \$625/acre. Cabin included.

**Taylor County.** 511 acres. This is a good stock farm with approximately 250 acres of cultivation. 5 stock tanks to water cattle. Wildlife includes deer, turkey, quail, hogs, and dove. \$500/acre.

**Coleman County.** 61.8 acres in the Silver Valley area. Some cultivation, with the balance in oak and mesquite pasture. County water and electricity are available. \$795/acre.

**Coleman County.** 159 acres in Goldsboro. This ranch has approximately 70 acres of cultivation and remainder of ranch in heavy brush. There are 5 stock tanks, 2 livestock sheds, and working pens. A small, extra nice cabin to stay in when hunting deer, turkey, quail, and dove. \$1,200/acre.

**Coleman County.** 228 acres near Hord's Creek. 3 BR - 2 B modular home that's in great shape. 3 water wells, 5 stock tanks, 2 barns, shop, several sheds, and lots of storage. Excellent deer, turkey, and hogs. \$300,000.

**Coleman County.** 560 acres near Goldsboro. This ranch has excellent wildlife cover, and enough wheat land to draw the deer. Pipe pens, 4 tanks, good fences. Everything you need for a stock farm operation. Can be divided. \$825/acre.

# Outdoors



**THIS GROUP OF RUNNELS COUNTY FIFTH GRADERS, along with Concho County fifth graders, are eagerly awaiting their time to make the rounds of all the stations during the "Natural Resource Day" recently held at Paint Rock.** (courtesy photo)

## One hundred seventy-four 5th graders learn at "Natural Resource Day"

The Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS), the Runnels Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD), and the Concho Soil and Water Conservation District held the 12th annual outdoor classroom on October 9 at the Paint Rock Show Barn. The intended site was the Painted Rocks at Paint Rock, but due to the unexpected rain, the site was changed.

One hundred seventy-four (174) fifth graders and their teachers from all over Runnels and Concho counties had a wonderful time and enjoyed a variety of topics that were demonstrated.

Demonstrations included farm animal safety, sheep shearing, grasses and range, erosion, crop production, wildlife calls, Indian Pictographs, and water quality.

Instruction for the students was provided by Marty Gibbs and Michael Palmer, Texas Cooperative Extension Agents; Scott King, Principal at Ballinger Elementary School; Allan Lange, Lipan Kickapoo Water District; Brad Teplicek, NRCS District Conservationist; Ronnie Vanicek, NRCS District Conservationist, Fred Wilde, RSWCD District Board Member; Ed Bredemeyer, RSWCD District Board Mem-

ber; Kathy Saunders, NRCS Soil Conservationist; and Charles Frerich, NRCS Civil Engineer Technician. Helping behind the scenes on set up and scheduling were Ebony Brown, NRCS Soil Conservationist; Delton Atwood, Concho SWCD Technician; and Kay Mansell, Runnels SWCD Technician.

"With the changing times, the importance of teaching children about the environment around them make the Runnels Soil and Water Conservation District and the Natural Resources Conservation Service proud to participate in the conservation education of our young people," says Mansell on behalf of the agencies.

## 4-H'ers collect canned goods

by Colby Pritchard, reporter

The Winters 4-H Club met on Monday, October 27, at the Catholic Church Fellowship Hall. Members canvassed the community for canned goods as their monthly community service project. One hundred canned goods and staples were collected for the Winters Food Pantry.

The club discussed several business items including the possibility of adopting a window in downtown Winters as part of the community's beautification program. Discussion

and action on the matter was tabled until the November meeting.

Club members received raffle tickets to sell for an 8-10 lb. Smoked Thanksgiving Turkey. Tickets are 50¢ each and may be purchased by any club member. All proceeds from the raffle will be used to purchase Christmas gifts for nursing home residents. The drawing will be held at the November meeting on Monday, November 24, just in time for Thanksgiving.

## Extension News & Views

### Heart Healthy Pecan Recipe Contest to pay \$1,000 to Grand Champion

The Texas Pecan Board recently announced its Heart Healthy Recipe contest. It is part of a statewide effort by the Pecan Board to raise public awareness of the health benefits of the Texas Pecan Nut.

The Texas Pecan Board's mandate is the task of research and development of the Texas Pecan crop and of marketing the nuts. The program is similar to what the beef industry did with the Beef Check-off program.

As a part of this marketing effort, the Texas State Legislature has named the pecan as the "official health nut for the state of Texas." According to Mike Adams, President of the Texas Pecan Board, "The

recipe contest is open to anyone who wishes to participate."

"What we hope to do is get people thinking about new and exciting ways to use Texas Pecans in everyday cooking," said Adams.

"The contest will be divided into four categories which include Main Entrée, Vegetable Side Dish or Salads, Breads and Desserts, and Specialty Dishes, which would be anything that didn't fit into another category," said Adams.

The contest will culminate on December 5 and 6, 2003, at the first annual Texas Pecan Festival, to be held in Brownwood/Early. Teams of judges will select winners in each category, and then the top winners

from each division will compete for the grand prize.

First place in each division will receive a \$500 prize and the overall Grand Champion will receive an additional \$1,000 prize and the Reserve Grand Champion will receive an additional \$500 prize. Each division will pay down ten places, for a total of \$7,000 in prize money offered.

Contestants are encouraged to bring completed dishes to the competition, but preparation areas will be available to anyone who needs to prepare their dish immediately prior to judging. Full contest rules and entry forms are available on the Texas Pecan Board web site at <www.texaspecans.org>.

## Pest Management News

by Rick Minzenmayer, IPM-Agent, Runnels & Tom Green counties

**SMALL GRAIN**-Wheat really looks good right now with the exception of having some armyworm infestations.

Grubworms have been a problem primarily in those fields which were planted to wheat the past several years. Those bare spots in the field were probably the result of grubworm feeding. Usually you can see dead plants and the ground disturbed by armadillos, etc., in those spots where grubs have been feeding.

If leaf feeding is noticeable, then it is a strong possibility that armyworms are causing the damage.

Greenbug numbers are very sporadic and natural enemies seem to be keeping them in check in most situations. Greenbug damage is present in some fields, but actual greenbug numbers are lower than 2-3 weeks ago.

Most of the armyworms being found this week are 3 to 7 days old and about a quarter of an inch long. As these larvae get larger, damage will be-

come much more evident.

Regular inspection of small grain fields is strongly advised. When scouting the fields, look on the ground as well as the lower parts of the plant.

Control measures are recommended when four to five larvae per square foot are found in combination with seedling stand loss or with foliage loss on older plants.

Seven® and Lannate® are approved for armyworm control on wheat and have a 0 and 10 day grazing interval, respectively. Lorsban® is also labeled for wheat and may be the best choice because of the fact it controls both the greenbugs and armyworms. It has a 14 day grazing interval. From what I have looked at, Lorsban® is doing an excellent job.

paraquat mix will greatly enhance the dessication process.

Some questions have been asked about dropping some leaves and opening up the plant canopy to speed up maturity. That's a fallacy. We cannot speed up the maturing process of those upper bolls. Mother Nature does this for us. Dropping leaves on an immature crop will actually delay it even more.

Our average freeze date is November 11-12 and daytime temperatures are in the 80s right now so take advantage of the warm temperatures and let the crop mature. Now as we approach colder temperatures and a possible freeze, this recommendation could change. It may be to your advantage to apply a boll opener at that time.

Bottom line is, we have a lot of variability in crop maturity and each field has to be evaluated and treatments may vary depending on variety, crop maturity, percent open bolls, amount of juvenile growth, etc. Give me a call if you need help or have any questions.

### REMINDER:

Applications for the 2003 Family Land Heritage Program are due November 15 AND are available through county judges. TDA's website at [www.agr.state.tx.us](http://www.agr.state.tx.us) or by contacting Family Land Heritage Coordinator Melissa Blair, Texas Department of Agriculture, P. O. Box 12847, Austin, Texas 78711 or (512) 463-2631.



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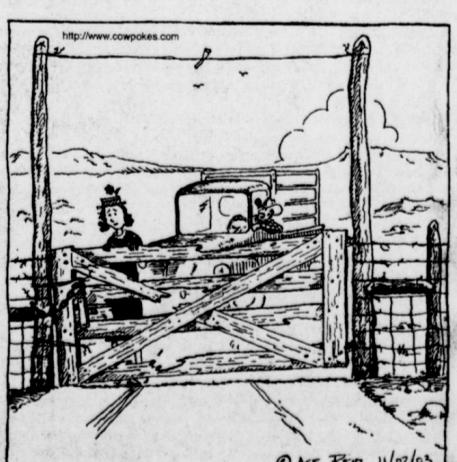


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