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A kind and compassionate act is often its own reward.

—William J. Bennett

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School board accepts resignations, buys buses

by Jean Boles, editor

During the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Winters ISD Monday evening, resignations were accepted from three teachers, approval was given to purchase two new school buses, and trustees heard a presentation from Superintendent Danny Clark regarding the possible implementation of a student drug testing program.

Present for the December 8 meeting were trustees Allen Andrae, Jerry Sims, Manuel Vera, Shelia Paschal, Cheryl Bryan and Bob Prewit.

Resignations were accepted from Susan Mostad, Cindy Cathey and Troylene Lincycomb, effective December 19, 2003.

Mrs. Mostad has taught for more than 32 years with almost 25 of them at Winters ISD. Mrs. Cathey has 32 years of teaching with 31 at Winters. Mrs. Lincycomb has taught for 19 years at Winters and 10 at Quannah ISD. These teachers say they plan to participate in the retire/rehire program.

Trustees voted unanimously to purchase two 72-passenger buses at a cost of \$53,695.00 each from Blue Star Bus Sales, Ltd. in Lubbock. Delivery is expected to be in 10-20 days after receipt of the order. The cost will be financed by the Capital Acquisition Program for five years.

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LEXY ZACHARY, age 18 months, picked Bryan Webb's name as winner of the \$500 raffled by the Winters Lions Club on December 2. At left is Danny Clack, president of the Lions Club, and Keith Martin, Lexy's grandfather. Funds raised in the raffle will be used for community projects including providing eye care for students.

(photo by Jean Boles)

Winters Business Forum December 18

Are you looking for ways to improve your business efficiency, or are you interested in starting a new business? Then your answers may be waiting right around the corner.

The Winters Area Business and Industrial Corporation will be hosting the second Business Forum at noon on December 18 at the Rock Hotel.

Guest speaker will be Judy Wilhelm, director of the Abilene Small Business Development Center. She will discuss "Exploring New Business Ideas."

The Business Forum will provide resource personnel each month to assist Winters area business owners. There is no charge for the forum and everyone is welcome to attend.

Please call 754-4542 or e-mail rconner@winters-texas.us to make reservations for pizza or you may bring your own brown bag lunch.

FBC choir to praise with "Everlasting Light" on Sunday

The congregation of First Baptist Church of Winters invites everyone to the choir's Christmas musical presentation on Sunday, December 14, at 10:45 a.m.

The Adult Choir, under the direction of Ken Williams, will present "Everlasting Light," based on a Christmas musical by Claire Cloniger and Mark Hayes, with additional songs by Amy Grant and Pepper Choplin.

Handbells will also be a part of the music in the service.

Soloists include Shanna

Bear and Don Norton. Accompanists are Lillian Cooper, organist, and Susan Conner, pianist. Actors are Jon Kullen Busher and Kevin Busher as Baby Jesus and Joseph.

Pastor Barry Taylor will conclude the service.

Second graders to present musical Tuesday

Special band to lead Christmas carols

The second grade class of Winters Elementary School invites everyone to their holiday program, "Christmas at the OK Corral" on Tuesday, December 16.

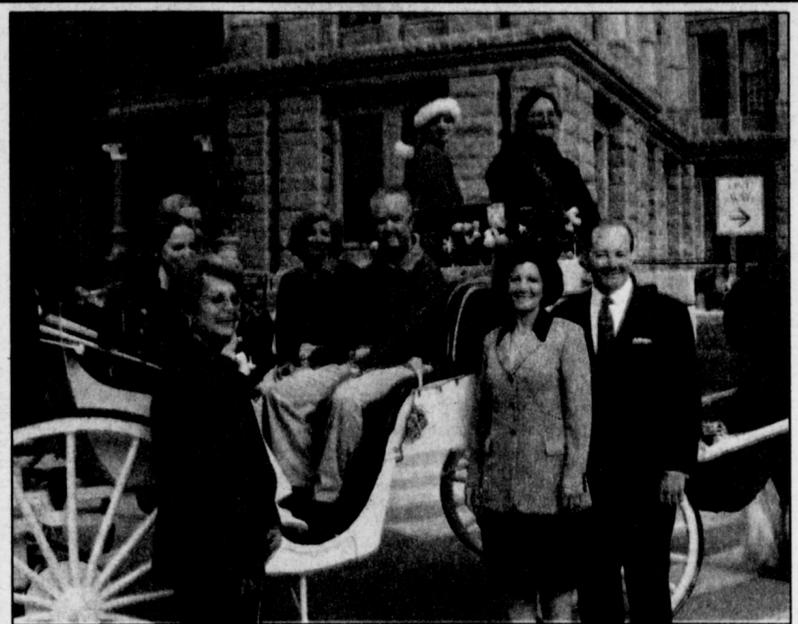
The delightful production will feature "Bubble Gum Bart," a no-good villain. But never fear, because the Candy Cane Kid will save the day!

As a special treat, the Elm Valley Community Church Praise Band will provide caroling music, preceding the students' program. The community is invited to come and sing Christmas carols beginning at 6:00 p.m.

This praise band performed for the Coleman County Electric Co-Op this past summer and was a huge success, according to Winters Elementary music teacher Fran Kidwell.

Violinist Reggie Wrinkle will accompany Mrs. Kidwell as the audience sings "Silent Night" and "O' Holy Night."

Mark your calendar to attend this heartwarming presentation guaranteed to lift your spirits for the coming holidays.



SECRETARY GEOFF CONNOR (far right) and Mrs. Nadine Craddick, wife of House Speaker Tom Craddick, welcome the Jones family to the Capitol. The Jones family owns Spring Creek Farms in Magnolia, Texas, where the three Christmas trees were grown. The trees were delivered via horse-drawn carriage. (courtesy photo)

Secretary of State Connor kicks-off holiday season, welcomes Capitol Christmas trees

On behalf of Texas Governor Rick Perry, Secretary of State Geoff Connor joined other state officials at the south steps of the Texas Capitol to accept delivery of the Capitol Christmas trees.

The Texas Christmas Tree Growers Association and Spring Creek Growers, a family owned business in southwest Montgomery County, delivered the three Virginia

pine trees via horse-drawn carriage on the morning of December 1.

"The arrival of the Christmas trees marks the official start of the holiday season here at the Capitol," Secretary Connor said. "These trees are Texas born and raised and will bring some holiday cheer to the Capitol grounds."

Secretary Connor, a native of Winters, is Texas' 104th

Secretary of State. Secretary Connor previously served with the Agriculture Department, the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, as well as Deputy General Counsel to Governor William P. Clements, Jr.

Before coming to the Secretary of State's office, Connor was an attorney with the firm of Akin Gump.

Deadline Dec. 16 for Christmas baskets

The Winters Ministerial Alliance will provide Christmas Baskets this year much like they did at Thanksgiving.

The baskets are available to families who will not enjoy a nice Christmas meal due to health or income restrictions.

These will be provided through the Winters Outreach Center at 117 N. Church. A family does not have to utilize the Food Pantry in order to be eligible.

Applications may be made by returning the application form (on page 7) to the Winters Outreach Center, Monday-Friday, 9-11 a.m., or mailing it to Winters Ministerial Alliance, P.O. Box 211, Winters, TX, 79367. Deadline for application is Tuesday, December 16.

The baskets must be picked up from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 19.

Parade entries due Dec. 15 Christmas parade, Sno Queen and Sno Flake contests coming Dec. 20

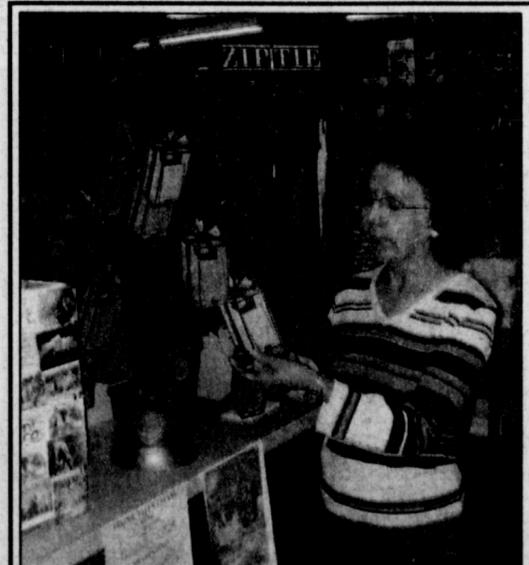
The Winters Area Chamber of Commerce reminds everyone to plan to participate in the annual parade and contests for Miss Sno Queen and Little Miss Sno Flake on Saturday, December 20.

The parade will begin at 10 a.m. with several divisions including cars, bicycles, riding clubs, off-road vehicles, and floats. Queen and Sno Flake candidates will also be presented during the parade. Anyone can participate in the parade but entries to be judged must be registered at the Chamber no later than Monday, December 15.

Chamber Secretary Julie Frierson says, "We'll also have representatives of the Winters Volunteer Fire Department and the Winters High School Band, and a special appearance by Santa Claus, of course."

Mrs. Frierson said invitations have been sent to all former Sno Queens to attend this year's celebration. Sno Queens who are unable to attend are asked to please return their updated information sheets to the Chamber of Commerce.

For more information, contact the Chamber at 754-5210.



JUST WAITING for some help from Santa are names of residents of the Senior Citizens Nursing Home which are being arranged by Yolanda Cavazos of Heidenheimer's. Names and gift ideas to make their Christmas a little brighter are also available at Family Dollar and Dollar General Stores. (photo by Jean Boles)

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Editorial

Oil Bidness

by Reg Boles © 2003



I know we have discussed on several occasions about the poor state of affairs in countries around the world where oil is produced, especially compared to the greatest country on earth. It seems the situation has also caught the attention of some social commentators.

In a recent article in a prominent newspaper, a number of commentators had a few ideas about the subject and are sure they can solve the problem. But, before we get to the proposed solutions, let's review the situation.

Interestingly, many countries around the world which are rich in petroleum resources turn out also to be some of the poorest and most downtrodden. Nigeria, Angola, Indonesia, and India come to mind.

Why is that? The main reason is old-fashioned corruption. The countries named above have taken in hundreds of BILLIONS of dollars in oil and gas revenue and many have nothing to show for it but rampant poverty and very little hope for its citizens. That money went somewhere, and most of it went right into the pockets of the corrupt leaders of each of the countries.

Just as we talked about a few months ago, this corruption sets up strange situations where millions of dollars are made by well-paid workers who eat hearty meals just a few miles offshore from millions who have no jobs and will go hungry every day. While there may be reasons for this, it can't help but trouble anyone remotely caring for their fellow man.

As such, I can't blame those who purport to have a solution for this problem. I certainly am not sure how this problem can be solved. However, as you will soon understand, I don't think the ideas currently being circu-

lated have even one foot in the real world.

The so-called solution to which I refer can be roughly described as follows: oil companies should not give their money to people who are corrupt.

While that sounds good in your kids' social studies book, it will have a hard time working practically. And, there is actual experience to support my position of skepticism.

If oil companies are to be made responsible for not giving their money to corrupt leaders, there are only two ways to make that happen: (1) withhold money until corrupt leaders are no longer corrupt or are replaced by others not corrupt OR (2) choose not to invest in countries where leaders are corrupt. Beside the fact that certifying a leader as corrupt is problematic at best, these oil companies do not operate in a vacuum.

If a certain company chooses not to invest or even temporarily withholds investment, a competitor will likely step right in. Look no further than the current international sanctions imposed on Libya, for instance. There, every U.S.-based company is shut out while the French, Germans, and others take over the properties that U.S. companies once owned.

It takes more than the oil company deciding not to invest to solve this problem. Rich oil companies are an easy target, I admit, but it isn't that simple. Those aforementioned social commentators will have to think a bit longer on this grand problem before they can really save the world, I am afraid.

HIGHLIGHTS OF AREA DRILLING ACTIVITY

Not Available This Week

Letters to the Editor

Chamber of Commerce appreciations decorations

Dear Editor:

On behalf of the Winters Area Chamber of Commerce I would like to thank the City of Winters for enhancing the Christmas spirit in our community with the Main Street Christmas decorations. Many of the businesses have begun decorating as well.

We encourage all businesses and residents to put out your favorite decorations and make our town shine!

Sincerely,

Julie Frierson, Secretary
Winters Area Chamber of Commerce

City Manager extends invitation to Council meetings

Dear Citizens:

On Thursday, Nov. 13, 2003, Mayor McGuffin, Councilmen Mike Meyer and Hank Bourdo, and I put on our Blizzard Blue city uniforms and went to the West Central Texas Council of Governments annual meeting at the Abilene Civic Center. We enjoyed a delicious meal, and rubbed shoulders and shook hands with local and state dignitaries. We learned, visited, and networked. At the end of the meeting, it was brought to my attention that inviting the school students to our council meetings would be prudent. I remember that Winters students used to come to our council meetings but have recently not come.

On the way back to Winters, I was reminded that our government is the government of the people. We have an open government, including open records and open meetings. This is the reason we post the agenda of the council meeting on the front door of the council chambers at least 72 hours prior to the meeting. The agenda is an invitation for the public to attend the meetings. The Council meets once a month on the last Monday of the month at 6:00 p.m. unless otherwise noted.

I believe it would be educational for students to come to council meetings. I have extended a special invitation to our school superintendent for any students or faculty to come to City Hall at any time to learn about their government.

My door is open for anyone who has a question or request for any open record.

Sincerely,

Aref Hassan,
Winters City Manager

Editor's note: The December meeting of the Winters City Council will be on Monday, December 22, at 6:00 p.m. due to the Christmas holidays.

Obituaries

William D. "Dub" Shores

SAN ANTONIO—William D. "Dub" Shores, 70, passed away Wednesday, December 3, 2003.

Mr. Shores was called to ministry at Southside Baptist Church, Winters, and pastored Texas churches in Brownwood, Zapata, and Sandia for a total of 23 years.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Loraine Shores.

Survivors include two sons, Dexton D. Shores and wife Debbie of San Antonio and Del Shores of Sherman Oaks, California; two sisters, Hortense "Shorty" Coats and Jeanie Salyers; five grandchildren, David, Daniel, Melissa, Rebecca, and Caroline.

Funeral services were at 10:30 a.m., Saturday December 6, at Northwest Park Baptist Church in San Antonio.

Memorials may be made to Northwest Park Baptist Church Building Fund or Rio Grande River Ministry, both in San Antonio.

Juanita "Nieta" Forgey

TYLER—Juanita "Nieta" Forgey, 73, formerly of Ballinger, passed away Tuesday, December 2, 2003, in a Tyler hospital.

She was born on August 29, 1930, in Ballinger to Alton C. Bryan and Alma Newsom Bryan. She married Martin Luther Forgey, Jr. on July 17, 1951, in Ballinger.

Mrs. Forgey was a homemaker and a member of the First United Methodist Church in Ballinger.

Survivors include her husband, M.L. Forgey, Jr. of Tyler; one daughter, Debra Chamberland of Tyler; three sons, Randall Forgey of Flagstaff, Arizona, Steven Forgey of Houston, and Michael Forgey of Lockhart; two grandchildren, Stephanie and Alan Chamberland; and one brother, Alton Bryan of Ballinger.

Family visitation was from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Friday, December 5, at Rains-Seale Funeral Home in Ballinger. Funeral services were at 2:00 p.m. Saturday, December 6, at Rains-Seale Funeral Home Chapel with Max Pratt officiating. Burial followed in Evergreen Cemetery in Ballinger, directed by Rains-Seale Funeral Home.

Feliciano (Felix) Galindo

CAMPWOOD—Feliciano (Felix) Galindo, 85, formerly of Rowena, passed away at 12:47 p.m. Friday, December 5, 2003, at Uvalde, Texas.

He was born on July 9, 1918, in Mexico to Leo Galindo and Theofola Esquivel Galindo. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II.

Mr. Galindo was a ranch hand for many years.

Survivors include a niece, Teresa Lopez.

Services were at 10:00 a.m. Monday, December 8, at Rains-Seale Funeral Home Chapel in Ballinger. Interment was in St. Joseph Catholic Church in Rowena, directed by Rains-Seale Funeral Home.

In Appreciation

Card of Thanks

The entire Colburn family extends our sincere appreciation to the vocal group of Monte Angel, Randall Boles, and Jim Lincycumb for their performance at our Dad's 80th birthday party held at the Bronte nursing home.

Our Dad really enjoys gospel music and the songs were a real treat for him. As I looked around the room that day, I realized just how much this break from the routine meant to all the patients of the home. When you see those smiles and the interaction of the patients, it makes you truly realize how fortunate we are for our health and our loved ones. It also makes you realize how grate-

ful we should be for people like Monte, Randall, and Jim who give of their time and talents and ask for nothing in return.

Most of us, around the holiday season, are so busy and wrapped up in our own events that we do not have time to even think about others, much less spend time making other people's day a little brighter. Not only did these three gentlemen take time out of their busy schedules to make my Dad's 80th birthday a success, but I know they also had two other engagements the same day.

God Bless from the entire Colburn family and may your holidays be as bright as you have made others.

Blessed Daze

by Jean Boles

1 - 2 - 3, Shop — 1 - 2 - 3, Shop

Soooo, how's the Christmas shopping coming along? All done (ha, ha, ha, hee, hee)?

I know this can really be a stressful time, not only mentally but physically as well.

As I've fought my way through the barbarian crowds, I've had a few ideas that might make all this "fun" gift selection a little easier AND get in a little physical fitness work-

out to jump-start that New Year's resolution.

We'd have to start with the proper attire — loose-fitting clothes that you never care about wearing again. Something that looks good with chili spilled down the front from trying to eat a hotdog while balancing packages, an overloaded purse, and some rowdy kids.

Shoes need to be super-orthopedic. The kind that you could walk a hundred miles in. Shoes that have some sort of bumper guard around them for all the times you get stepped on or run over with shopping carts. And the color would need to coordinate with tread marks.

Now that we have the right outfit, our workout training could begin.

First, the warm-up. Inhale slowly as you try to maintain composure while watching someone else sneak into your parking space you've waited ten minutes to get.

Gradually unclench your fists and jaw muscles as you

hear your car door being dented by the person getting out of his car next to yours.

Hold your head high and walk briskly through the parking lot, avoiding being run over by the poor, glassy-eyed lady driving the suburban with seven screaming kids in tow. No doubt her "considerate" husband stayed home to babysit the goldfish.

Next, squat down slowly as you try to realign the wheels of your "possessed" cart. It will probably be necessary to repeat this exercise every ten feet, so pace yourself.

Be sure to land on the heel of your foot each time you must jump over every 2-year-old who has strategically placed himself on the floor while having a flailing temper tantrum because he can't have everything in sight.

Whittle away that waistline every time you reach over, not only your own cart, but the cart of the lady who's blocked the toy aisle for 45 minutes.

Be sure to keep your back straight as you lift the bicycle/tricycle/stereo/drum set or any other wonderful gift weighing at least 96 pounds. (Isn't it amazing how all those helpful salespeople who hovered over you like flypaper back in July are nowhere to be found?)

Now that you've made it back to the safety of your car, take a few deep breaths and exhale slowly. Count to 62, 'cause that's how many gifts you still need to buy.

Refreshing, isn't it.

Guess we should remember that if we're shopping that means we've got some money to spend on folks we care about.

Yup, we're truly blessed — and maybe losing a pound or two along the way!

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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*.

Angels

by Lola Scott, Associate Pastor, Somebody Cares Ministries

While shopping for Christmas gifts, I purchased two angel pins. I began thinking of the many things we can learn about angels from the Bible. What do you know about angels? May I share with you, from God's Word, some questions and comments about angels?

Their origin

How many angels exist?

Are angels like people?

What do angels do?

Do people become angels when they die?

How many times and why did angels appear to people?

Are there good and bad angels?

Guardian angels

Have we ever entertained angels unaware?

Before Jesus created the earth, He created innumerable angels (Job 38:4-7; Ps. 148:2-5; Colossians 1:16-17; Luke 2:13; Heb. 12:22). Angels are intelligent, heavenly beings with spirit bodies. They can appear visible or be invisible (Heb. 13:2; Ps. 104:4; Sam. 14:20, 19:27; Mt. 24:36; Eph. 3:10). They have hands, feet, faces, etc. like us (Gen. 18:2, 4, 8; 19:1-22; Judg. 13:6). Angels have personal souls with emotions, appetites, desires, pride, anger, etc. (Luke 15:1-10; Gen. 6:1-4, 18:8; Ezek. 28:17; 1 Pet. 1:12; 1 Tim. 3:6). Because angels are created beings, people do not become angels when they die. We are God's unique, special creation.

Angels travel at inconceivable speed (Ezek. 1; Rev. 8:13; 19:1), speak languages (1 Cor. 13:1), receive those who die into heaven (Luke 16:22), witness confessions (Luke 15:8-9), bring answers to prayer (Dan. 9:21-23, 10:12-13; Acts 10), direct preachers (Acts 8:26, 27:23), lead sinners to gospel workers (Acts 10:3), sing and praise and worship God (Luke 2:13; Ps. 103:20, 148:2; Rev. 5:11).

Angels appeared to people of the Bible 104 times. You will be blessed to read the Bible to learn why. Angels are subject to God (Matt. 22:30), interested in earthly affairs (Luke 9:26, 15:7-10; 1 Tim. 5:21; 1 Pet. 1:12). Angels are being taught wisdom by the church (Eph. 3:10; 1 Cor. 4:9). They desire to look into the things of Salvation (1 Pet. 1:10-12), observe us (1 Cor. 4:9), wear clothes (John 20:12), minister to saints (1 Kings 19:5-7; Dan. 6:22; Matt. 4:11; Acts 10; Heb. 1:14). Angels have been proven (1 Tim. 5:21; Job 4:18).

Children are very special to Jesus. God expects us to not offend a child. Their angels behold God's face. All of us have guardian angels that protect us (Ps. 34:7, 91:11; Acts 12:7-10).

Angels can sin (Ezek. 28:11-19; Isa. 14:12-15; Matt. 24:41; Rev. 12:7-12). Lucifer, known as Satan in the Bible, was the angel created to lead the praise and worship of God. He had been the anointed cherub, perfectly beautiful until her pridefully became jealous of God. He led a third of the angels to rebel against God (Rev. 12:4). The angels who rebelled with Satan are bad angels. Two-thirds of the angels created by Christ are faithful to God. These angels bind Satan (Rev. 20), guard the abyss (Rev. 9:1, 20:1-3), regather Israel to their homeland (Mt. 24:31), help each individual (Mt. 18:10), etc.

Angels stand before God in heaven (2 Chron. 18:18; Rev. 12:12, 13:6), minister before God (Rev. 8:2, 14:15-19), will accompany Christ to earth (Matt. 16:27, 25:31; 2 Thess. 1:7-10) when He comes again.

Of the many things I could share with you about angels, these are a few. In closing, let us remember we are not to worship angels (Colossians 2:18). Christ is better than angels. As Creator, Saviour, and our soon coming King, may we keep Christ in our Christmas, and in our daily lives.

Source of this teaching: *Dake's Annotated Reference Bible*

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- Dec. 11-11:30 a.m., Sr. Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center
- Winters Country Club Meet
- CEU Course, A&M Center, San Angelo
- Dec. 12-11:30 a.m., Sr. Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center
- 7:30 p.m., Cowboys for Christ, Drasco
- Rangeland Restoration Course,
- First United Methodist Church Hall, Coleman
- Dec. 14-6:45 p.m., Hayride & Caroling,
- First United Methodist Church Youth Building
- Dec. 15-11:30 a.m., Sr. Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center
- 6:30 p.m., Ministerial Alliance Christmas Party,
- St. John's Lutheran Church
- Dec. 16-11:30 a.m., Sr. Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center
- Noon, Lions Club, Sr. Citizens Activity Center
- 6 p.m., Second Grade Musical, WHS Auditorium
- 7 p.m., AA, First United Methodist Church
- 7 p.m., Athletic Boosters, Blizzard Field
- 7 p.m., WVFD, Fire Station
- 7:30 p.m. Eastern Star
- Dec. 17-7 a.m., Industrial Board, Windmill Enterprises Office
- 9 a.m.-4 p.m., WIC, Winters Housing Authority
- 11:30 a.m., Sr. Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center
- Producers/Homeowners Course,
- Taylor County Extension Office, Abilene
- Salute to American Workforce, Abilene
- Dec. 18-11:30 a.m., Sr. Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center
- Noon, Business Forum, Rock Hotel
- 5 p.m., Christmas Party, Sr. Citizens Nursing Home
- Christmas Gift Delivery for Needy Children in Community
- Dec. 19-8 a.m., Christmas Baskets Put Together, Outreach Center
- 11:30 a.m., Sr. Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center
- Noon-5 p.m., Christmas Basket Pickup, Outreach Center
- 7:30 p.m., Cowboys for Christ, Drasco



SHOPPERS GALORE filled Higginbotham's for the annual Ladies Night Out on December 1. Door prizes, baked goods, and refreshments were enjoyed by a large crowd who selected Christmas gifts and decorations at the store at 205 N. Main. (photo by Jean Boles)

Country Club News

by Brenda Clough, Ladies Golf Association President

The monthly scramble was held on Sunday afternoon. Winning team was Connie Gibbs, Gil Gilmore, and Sherry Gilmore. Gil also won closest to the pin.

The club is accepting reservations for the New Year's Eve dance. Tickets will be \$3.00 each or \$5.00 per couple. You may call the country club at 754-4679. The public is invited.

You know you live in a small town if:

Your idea of a traffic jam is ten cars waiting to pass a tractor on the highway.

WISD Fitness Center sets holiday hours for community

Holiday hours for the WISD Fitness Center will be as follows:

- Mon., Dec. 22, 6-8 p.m.
- Tues., Dec. 23, 6-8 p.m.
- Wed., Dec. 24, closed
- Thurs., Dec. 25, closed
- Fri., Dec. 26, 6-8 p.m.
- Mon., Dec. 29, 6-8 p.m.
- Tues., Dec. 30, 6-8 p.m.
- Wed., Dec. 31, closed
- Thurs., Jan. 1, closed
- Fri., Jan. 2, 6-8 p.m.

This will be the schedule, provided folks sign up to be the "Trainer" on duty. If no trainer signs up, the center will be closed. The trainer is an individual who has been trained by another trainer and taken the Certification exam on line at winters.texas.liftamerica.net

For more information, call Winters ISD 754-5574.

Senior Citizens Nursing Home News

by Billie Ruth Bishop, Activities Director

Christmas party Dec. 18

Plans are underway for the Christmas season. As has been our custom in years past, we will have names of the residents (with sizes and gift suggestions) displayed on Christmas trees in Heidenheimer's, Family Dollar, and Dollar General stores downtown. We urge you to go by and select a name or two or more of residents in our nursing home. We appreciate these businesses for supporting us at this time.

Our annual Christmas party this year is December 18, beginning at 5:00 p.m. The family dinner will be served at 5:30. We would appreciate

any gifts to be received no later than December 16 so that they may be under the tree prior to the day of the party.

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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.

Immunization Clinic set Monday, Jan. 5

Not on regularly scheduled 1st Thursday

The Winters office of the Texas Department of Health has scheduled their January Immunization Clinic. As a change from the usual schedule, the clinic will be held on the first Monday of the month instead of the first Thursday, since that Thursday is Jan. 1.

The clinic will be held Monday, Jan. 5, 2004, from 10:00 a.m. to noon and 1:30 to 3:00 p.m. at the Professional Building, Suite 108, on the Grant Street entry.

For more information, call 754-4945 between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and noon Monday-Friday.



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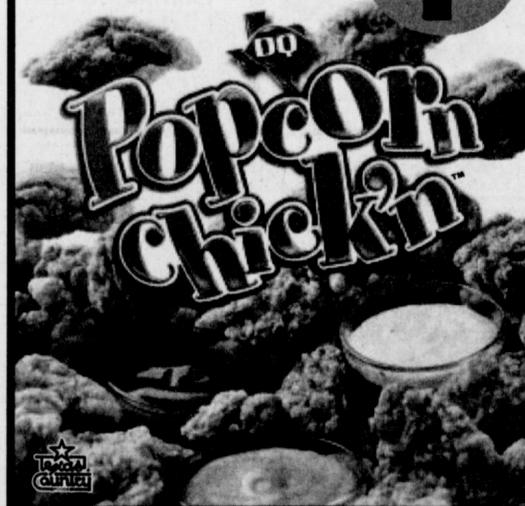
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School

Winters Jr. High students place at 2003 UIL Academic Meet

7th graders win third place, 8th graders fourth overall

Winters 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students recently participated in the 2003 Jr. High UIL Academic Meet. The two-part meet was November 18 at Brady and November 20 at San Saba.

Twenty-six children from Winters ISD placed; seventh graders took third overall and eighth graders fourth overall.

UIL sponsors were Troylene Lincycumb, 6th grade; Becky Airhart, Cheryl Kruse, Mary Slimp, Kerry Huddleston, Matt Odom, Deb Pritchard, and Marta Hollowell, 7th and 8th grades.

Results:

6TH GRADE

Maps, Graphs, & Charts
Kathleen Mills, 4th
Mathematics
Josh Lujano, 1st
Coltyn Pritchard, 4th, tie
Hayden Bergman, 4th, tie
Music Memory
Sybil Bridgeman, 2nd, Team
Tia Davis, 2nd, Team
Kevin Jackson, 2nd, Team

Number Sense

Josh Lujano, 2nd
Ready Writing
Jacie Frierson, 1st

7TH GRADE

Calculator
Colby Pritchard, 5th
Dictionary Skills
Julie England, 4th
Editorial Writing
Dalton Shackelford, 4th
Camille Kruse, 5th
Listening Skills
Krystal Perry, 1st
Raphael Galloway, 3rd
Maps, Graphs, & Charts
Corey Fenwick, 2nd
Kevin Bredemeyer, 3rd
Julie England, 4th
Mathematics
Corey Fenwick, 1st
Number Sense
Camille Kruse, 4th
Corey Fenwick, 5th
Oral Reading
Camille Kruse, 5th
Ready Writing
Camille Kruse, 7th

Brittany Woffenden, 8th
Sandy Esquivel, 10th
Science
Brian Ozbirn, 1st
Kevin Bredemeyer, 4th
Spelling
Sandy Esquivel, 6th

8TH GRADE

Calculator
Juanita Simpson, 4th
Wiley Guy, 6th
Dictionary Skills
Susan Sneed, 3rd
Editorial Writing
Alex Harrison, 4th
Listening
Brian Ozbirn, 5th
Maps, Graphs, & Charts
Susan Sneed, 1st
Shelby Walker, 5th
Cassi Mendoza, 6th
Number Sense
Susan Sneed, 2nd
Shelby Walker, 6th
Ready Writing
Susan Sneed, 8th
Science
Addison Bergman, 4th



JESSICA PRITCHARD (right) of Winters receives the Lone Star FFA Degree from the Texas FFA President. The degree, which is the highest Future Farmers of America degree awarded in Texas, was presented July 2003 at the 75th annual State FFA Convention in Houston. In order to receive the degree, the FFA member must show proficiency in an enterprise. Jessica's project was her Southdown Show Sheep. She has been a member of the Winters FFA for four years. (courtesy photo)

Registration deadline for next ACT test is Jan. 2

The next national test date for the ACT Assessment is February 7, 2004. College-bound students should register by the January 2 postmark deadline. Late registration postmark deadline is January 16 (an additional fee is required for late registration).

Students can register online at www.act.org or they can get a registration packet from their high school guidance counselor and register by mail. The website also has sample test questions and a link to a free financial aid calculator.

ACT scores are accepted by virtually all colleges and universities in the nation. The test fee is \$26 (\$29 in Florida). Colleges use ACT scores, along with a

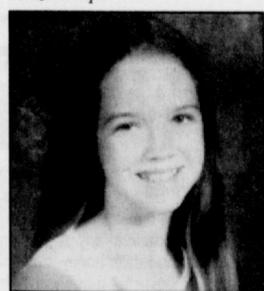
student's high school GPA and other information to help determine admissions and the appropriate course placement for new students.

The ACT Assessment is curriculum-based, designed to measure a student's academic achievement. There are four sections to the exam: English, reading, math, and science.

Students who have already taken the ACT can retest and try for a higher score. Juniors often use their scores to examine academic weaknesses, take courses or tutoring to correct those weaknesses, and retest as seniors. Students who test more than once can choose which scores to report to prospective colleges.

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.



Camille Kruse
November
Girl of the Month

Champion, and making the "A" Honor Roll. As a hobby, she likes to work with her show animals, play softball, and run and shoot hoops. Camille likes to read and go 4-wheeling at the farm as a pastime.

Her duties are to feed, wash, and work her show animals, and keep her room clean.

Camille most admires her aunt Jenna because she became a vet at a young age and saves animals' lives everyday.

Her goal is to exhibit a Grand Champion steer at the dome in Houston.

Kevin Bredemeyer has been chosen as the "Boy of the Month" for November 2003. He is the son of Malcolm and Sharen Bredemeyer.

Kevin, 12, is in the seventh grade and enjoys science and social studies.

He is honored to have made all "A"s on his report card and to have placed third in UIL Maps, Graphs, and Charts and fourth in UIL Science.

His hobbies are hunting, hiking, fishing, camping, swimming, and wakeboarding. Favorite pastimes are hunting, playing games with his friends, and being outdoors.

His duties include feeding the cats, picking up his clothes, and being a role model for his sister and brother.

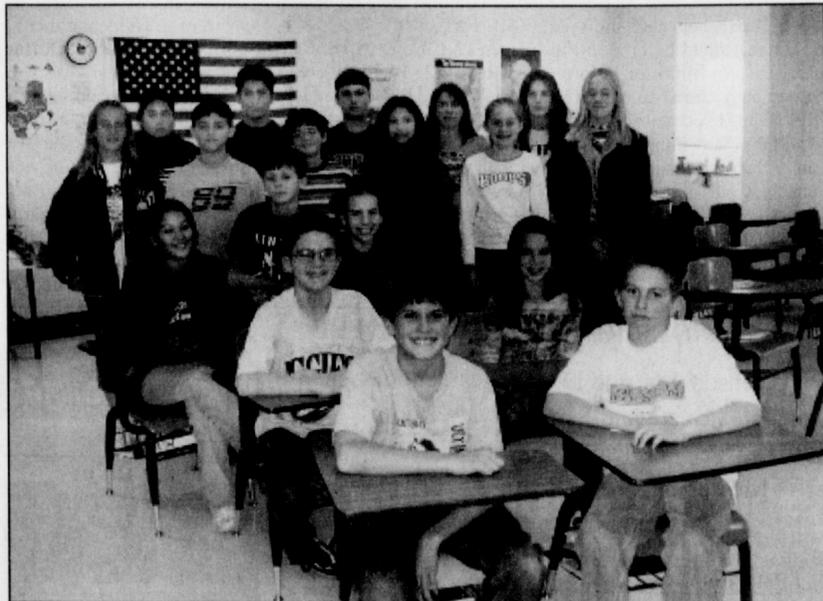
His goal is to graduate high school as his class valedictorian. He most admires his parents.



Kevin Bredemeyer
November
Boy of the Month



SIXTH GRADE 2003 ACADEMIC UIL WINNERS are (standing, l-r) Tia Davis, Sybil Bridgeman, Jacie Frierson, Kathleen Mills, (sitting) Josh Lujano, Hayden Bergman, Coltyn Pritchard, and Kevin Jackson. (photo by Jean Boles)



JR. HIGH 2003 ACADEMIC UIL WINNERS are (standing, l-r) Krystal Perry, Sandy Esquivel, Raphael Galloway, Alex Harrison, Brian Ozbirn, Wiley Guy, Cassi Mendoza, Juanita Simpson, Julie England, Shelby Walker, Susan Sneed, (sitting, back) Brittany Woffenden, Corey Fenwick, Addison Bergman, (sitting, middle) Dalton Shackelford, Camille Kruse, (sitting, front) Kevin Bredemeyer, and Colby Pritchard. (photo by Jean Boles)

Carr Academic Scholarships available

Carr Academic Scholarships are still available to students planning to attend Angelo State University in San Angelo.

Generally students with financial need who rank in the top 15% of their class and have a

minimum ACT score of 25 or a SAT1 score of 1140 compete favorably for these scholarships.

Contact the ASU admissions office at 942-2185 for more information, or go by the high school counselor's office and pick up a brochure.

Planning to attend Texas A&M University?

The Department of Student Financial Aid at Texas A&M University would like to ask that high school seniors complete the Incoming Freshman Scholarship application. The application must be completed on-line and is available at <http://scholarships.tamu.edu>.

The deadline for scholarships from the Department of Student Financial Aid is December 18, 2003.

Please also take a moment to note that A&M's annual financial aid fair, "Destination: Education, Funding Your Future," is scheduled for Saturday, February 7, 2004, at Post Oak Mall in College Station.

For more information, please visit <http://financial.aid.tamu.edu/news.asp>.

Concho Valley Phi Delta Kappa to award scholarships

The Concho Valley Texas Chapter of Phi Delta Kappa International (the professional fraternity for Education) will be awarding two \$250 scholarships to area high school seniors entering the field of education.

If you are interested or have questions, please contact Charles Murphy at Winters High School, 754-5516, or Anne A. Reeb, SCISD AEP/DAEP Center director, at anne.reeb@netxj.net.

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2003-2004 Jr. Varsity Blizzards



TEAM MEMBERS are (l-r) Anthony Ramirez #52, Don Davis #35, Mark Scates #25, Marcus Tubbs #45, Jimmy Grissam #24, Jordan Sanchez #55, David Scates #14, Bryant Mikeska #52, Allan Green #15, Bryce Wilkerson #32, Luke England # 23, Justin Fenwick #5, and Kael Denton #50 (not pictured). Coach is Todd Harrison.

(photo by Jean Boles)

Basketball Hoopla



REMINDER: Photos and information needed for 'Wall of Honor'

Winters ISD is planning a 'Wall of Honor' for any athlete who earned first team all-district (or higher) honors in any athletic event.

The 'Wall' will include 8x10 photos, framed in black, with the athlete's name and honors, and will be displayed in the foyer of the gymnasium.

Photos are needed of past outstanding athletes, along with verification of honors. If an athlete earned first-team all-district honors in more than one sport, the athlete may choose which photo will be displayed.

While only one photo will be hung, all honors in other all-district sports will be listed.

Black and white or color photos will be accepted at *The Winters Enterprise* or the WISD Administration office. Pictures will be enlarged or reduced for the 8x10 frames. If the photo is mailed, a self-addressed, stamped envelope must be included for returning the picture.

While there is no charge to participate in the display, donations are needed to help defray costs.

Anyone willing to donate may do so at the administration office at 603 Heights, Winters, Texas 79567, or the high school office.

Basketball '03

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Dec. 15—Coleman, 5 p.m., There, 7G, 8G
Dec. 15—Coleman, 5 p.m., Here, 7B, 8B

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JVG Junior Varsity Girls JVB Junior Varsity Boys
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Team: 8th Boys Coach: David Wood
Opponent: San Saba Date: 12-04-03
Place: Winters

POINTS SCORED EACH QUARTER						
	1	2	3	4	OT	TOT
WINTERS	4	2	9	9		28
OPPONENT	7	5	15	16		43

Free throws made: 2 of 8 for 25%

Player's Name	Points	Rebounds	Steals	Assists
Garnett Nitsch	8			
Tad Martin	0			
Julian Perez	2			
Justin Medina	1			
Tory Burns	8			
Chris Liddell	1			
Alex Harrison	8			

*Denotes High Point Individual for Winters
Coach's Comments:

Team: JV Boys Coach: Todd Harrison
Opponent: Iron County Date: 12-02-03
Place: Iron County

POINTS SCORED EACH QUARTER						
	1	2	3	4	OT	TOT
WINTERS	2	7	0	10		19
OPPONENT	13	13	8	6		40

Free throws made: 2 of 8 for 25%

Player's Name	Points	Rebounds	Steals	Assists
Corey Fenwick	2			
Marcus Tubbs	2			
David Scates*	8			
Allan Green	2			
Don Davis	2			
Jordan Sanchez	3			

*Denotes High Point Individual for Winters
Coach's Comments: One of the best things we did in this game was shoot free throws, and that could be very important if we are ever in a close game.

Team: JV Boys Coach: Todd Harrison
Opponent: Hawley Date: 12-04-03
Place: Hawley Tournament

POINTS SCORED EACH QUARTER						
	1	2	3	4	OT	TOT
WINTERS	2	5	5	5		17
OPPONENT	16	6	9	16		47

Free throws made: 3 of 4 for 75%

Player's Name	Points	Rebounds	Steals	Assists
Corey Fenwick	3			
Jordan Sanchez	2			
David Scates*	11			
Allan Green	1			

*Denotes High Point Individual for Winters

Team: JV Boys Coach: Todd Harrison
Opponent: Eula Date: 12-05-03
Place: Hawley Tournament

POINTS SCORED EACH QUARTER						
	1	2	3	4	OT	TOT
WINTERS	4	3	2	5		14
OPPONENT	12	12	4	18		47

Free throws made: 1 of 13 for 7%

Player's Name	Points	Rebounds	Steals	Assists
Marcus Tubbs	1			
David Scates*	4			
Allan Green	3			
Luke England	2			
Jordan Sanchez*	4			

*Denotes High Point Individual for Winters

Team: JV Boys Coach: Todd Harrison
Opponent: Baird Date: 12-06-03
Place: Hawley Tournament

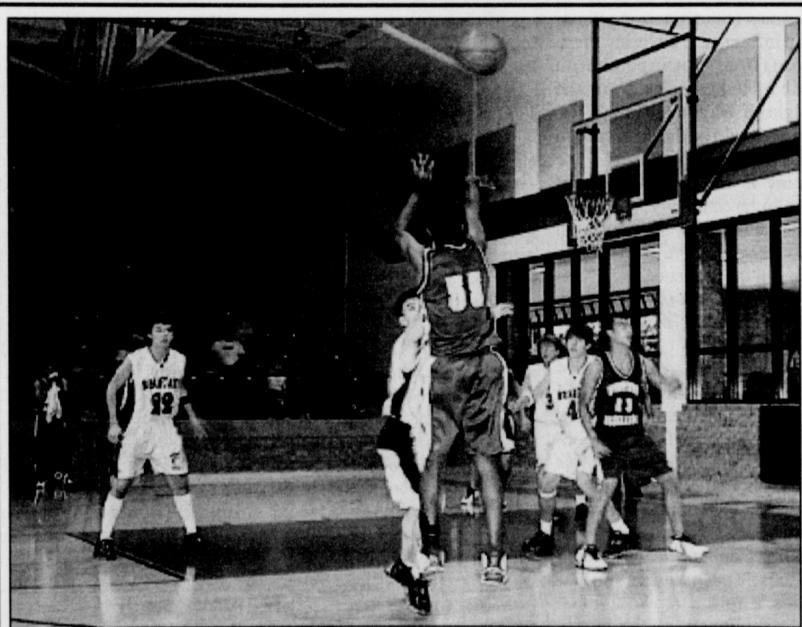
POINTS SCORED EACH QUARTER						
	1	2	3	4	OT	TOT
WINTERS	4	9	3	13		29
OPPONENT	10	6	10	9		37

Free throws made: 3 of 13 for 23%

Player's Name	Points	Rebounds	Steals	Assists
Jordan Sanchez	4			
Marcus Tubbs	3			
David Scates*	12			
Allan Green	2			
Luke England	6			
Don Davis	2			

*Denotes High Point Individual for Winters
Coach's Comments: If we could have made our free throws, we had a chance to win the ball game.

All youth invited for Hayride & Caroling Sunday, Dec. 14 6:45 p.m. Meet at Methodist Youth Building



MICHAEL LIGGINS #55 shoots for two points while Max Harrison #23 waits under the goal in varsity action on Dec. 4 against the Ballinger Bearcats. The Winters Blizzards were defeated 65-29.

(photo courtesy of The Ballinger Ledger)

CLOSED for the Winter Holidays

The Winters I.S.D. Business and Tax Office will be closed December 22 thru January 2 for the holidays.

Tax payments may be mailed to:
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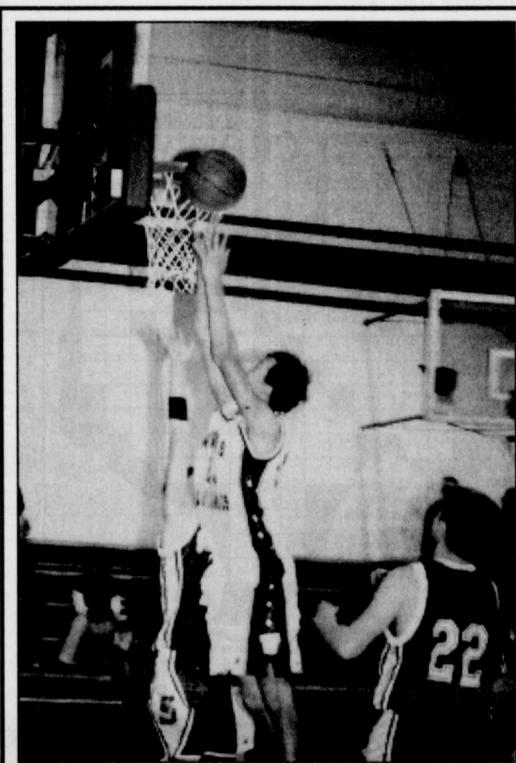
Use the "AFTER HOURS PAYMENTS" Drop Slot at the front door. Receipts will be mailed to any payments dropped at this location.

The office will re-open Tuesday, January 5, 2004.

WHS asks for donated golf equipment

Monica Barrick, WHS golf coach, is asking anyone who might be willing to donate golf equipment to contact the WHS office at 754-5516.

Golf clubs, bags, shoes, balls, etc. are desperately needed for the schools teams of boys and girls. Winters teams will be competing in UIL district competition in the spring.



MAX HARRISON goes up for the shot during Varsity Blizzard play against Stamford. (photo by Jean Boles)

Life

M.L. and Odessa Dobbins to celebrate 70th anniversary



1933



2003

M. L. and Odessa Dobbins of Winters will celebrate their 70th wedding anniversary with a come-and-go reception at the First United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall in Winters on Saturday, December 20, 2003, from 2-4 p.m.

Hosting the event will be the couple's children: Jerry and Melba Dobbins of Irving, Marthelia and Allen Sikes of Arizona, David and Marc Dobbins of Junction, and Wayne and Carolyn Dobbins of Sundown.

The couple was married December 16, 1933, by the Reverend Seymour in the parlor of the parsonage of First United Methodist Church of Winters.

Milas Lee Dobbins was born May 28, 1914, in the Drasco community. He recalls sharing the services every other Sunday with members of the Drasco Baptist Church due to the limited availability of preachers. "We'd go to Crow's tank for baptism services," he said. "The Baptists would 'dunk' and we'd 'sprinkle' all in the same water.

He received his diploma from Drasco High School and has lived in Runnels County all his life. He was a member of the Runnels County Farm Bureau for 15 years, serving as president for four years. Mr. Dobbins was named Outstand-

ing Conservation Farmer of the Year in 1958. He and his wife farmed 52 years before retiring in 1986.

Mr. and Mrs. Dobbins became members of the First United Methodist Church of Winters after the Drasco Methodist Church merged with the Winters church in 1962. At FUMC, He has served on several committees and taught the Friendly Fellows Sunday School Class for many years.

Mrs. Dobbins was born Odessa Carwile on October 16, 1915, in Gorman, coming to Runnels County in 1922. She is a homemaker and was involved in the United Methodist Women's organization for several years. She was District Officer for ten years, serving as District President for four years and a delegate to the Women's Annual Conference in Oklahoma and Arkansas. She was also a teacher for the Friendly Ladies Sunday School Class for many years.

She graduated from Winters High School in 1933; her oldest son, Jerry, graduated from WHS in 1953, and her youngest graduated from WHS in 1963. All three were students of Mrs. Pearl Jackson, long-time teacher at Winters schools.

They have nine grandchildren: Marlene and Malinda Sikes, Bruce, Doug, Chris, Kit,

and Joni Dobbins, and Deborah and Jennifer Sanders. Eleven great-grandchildren include Scott, Turner, McClain, and Jordan Lee Dobbins, Sydnee and Kenadee Brown, Jason Sharp, Jessica and Samantha Allen, Dylan Sikes, and Kate Hayes.

The couple attribute their 70 years of marriage to the fact that "we've always tried to fill our commitment we took when we got married," she says.

"We vowed to take care of each other in good times and bad," he adds, "and we still take care of each other."

On giving advice to young couples contemplating marriage, Mrs. Dobbins says, "It's

very important to keep your vows and do what you promised when you married. And then when you get children, grandchildren, and even great-grandchildren, you need to be a good role model."

Mr. Dobbins offers, "Always be honest, pay your debts as you go along, work hard and work together."

Although they planned to travel extensively after retirement, some health problems have limited those dreams.

"But we still have things to do and a lot of offer," says Mrs. Dobbins.

The couple requests that no gifts be given for their anniversary.



Ballinger Carnegie Library hosting annual Christmas Home Tour on Sunday

The Carnegie Library of Ballinger is hosting the annual Christmas Home Tour on Sunday, December 14, from 3:00 to 7:00 p.m. Seven homes and one business location will be featured on this year's tour.

Locations and a brief description are as follows:

• **Dan and Karey Morelock** at 1006 Avenue B

The original site was a farm house, later torn down to build

a Presbyterian Church. Of special interest are the massive fireplace, real brick floors, hand-hued wood beams and flooring and other custom touches throughout the exterior and interior.

• **The Turner Home** at 800 N. 9th Street

The home has a formal foyer, living room, dining room, eat-in kitchen, sunroom, four bedrooms and two baths.

It has its original foundation from 1904, shiplap interior walls and hardwood floors. The home still contains 27 hand-blown glass windows and one stained glass window. The most prized possession in the home is an 1899 reed pump organ which is played daily.

• **Vintage Star B&B** at 2001 9th Street

Built in 1906, the home was moved from 803 8th street to its present location in 2002, and features tiny details blended with homey, comfortable furniture. Of special interest is "The Bunkhouse" room with metal and cedar bedposts and cowboy accents.

• **Danny and Carolyn Slaughter Home** at 811 Live Oak

Featuring four bedrooms, five baths, a large kitchen, breakfast area, formal living/

dining room, the personal touches of this couple can be seen throughout. Heirloom furniture dots the floor plan.

• **The Cottage Outback** behind 602 Broadway

This little white house with the big front porch was built a hundred years ago and is now a bed and breakfast owned by Stan and Gayle Bickel. The cottage can be reached by turning on Field Street off Broadway.

• **Jim and Frances Chapman Home**, four miles north off Hwy. 83

The original structure was a dairy farm, built circa 1935, and now features a strong Mexican influence. The living room opens from a rustic porch with Indian lodge poles from the Big Horn Mountains in Wyoming used for the front porch and back porch railings. The home is four miles north of Ballinger on Hwy. 83. Turn east on CR 330, then north on the private drive with a big wreath on the fence.

• **Alan and Marilyn Halfmann home** at 901 FM 2133

Located on a ranch 1 1/4 miles out of Ballinger on FM 2133, this home is decorated with a western flair and features traditional antiques throughout the house. The spacious living room, dining room, and kitchen have aspen wood ceilings enhanced with cedar beams. The living room features a rock fireplace which runs the length of the family room.

• **The Thorpe Building** at 709 Hutchins

This two-story, native rock building was built in 1890, and then restored to its original state by Richard and Karen Thorpe of Winters. Beautiful pressed tin ceiling tiles and restored hardwood floors are now home for the Happy Harvest Gift Co. offering holiday gift and decor.

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SCHOOL, continued

Repairs to the school track and tennis courts was tabled Monday night. According to reports received by Superintendent Danny Clack, the Winters track is usable for the upcoming season. Winters will host the district track meet this coming spring.

In other business, Superintendent Clack reported on the status of the Winters ISD Food Service Department which served a record-breaking 114,804 meals last school year.

"After Abilene, San Angelo and Grape Creek, Winters is among the largest in food service and this makes us (WISD) money," said Clack. "Janet Cason and her staff serve very good food. They work very hard and do a lot that other schools won't or can't do. I'm very proud of our food service."

Principal Brilla Magee reported a decline in elementary school enrollment to 374 on December 8. Enrollment in the secondary schools have dropped to 303, according to Principal David Hale.

Although no action was taken during Monday night's meeting, trustees reviewed and discussed the recommendations offered by the DEIC (a community-member organization) to implement a student drug testing program.

Superintendent Clack told board members the DEIC recommendations are structured similar to those of the Hawley

ISD student drug testing program.

Clack told trustees and audience members that Hawley schools have a contract with Hendrick Medical Center in Abilene for 250 tests over a 10 month period. Each test costs the school district \$25, and tests for drugs and alcohol. In addition to the cost for the drug testing, a charge for counseling services will also be considered in the program at approximately \$50 per hour with a minimum of 3 hours.

"This is probably going to be a three-month process to implement a program at WISD," said Clack. "We'll need public hearings, legal counsel and certainly heavy parental involvement."

After reviewing Hawley's program, Trustee Jerry Sims said, "I'd like to see it (WISD policy) have a little more teeth than what Hawley has."

Clack answered, "I think it's (Hawley) more of a policy to identify the problem rather than focus on punishment. We want to get the attention and involvement of parents and counselors without costing the school district any more than necessary."

Winters ISD currently uses drug dogs for random visits and, according to Principal Hale, this has been quite effective. "We have some very, very good drug dogs this year," he said, "and they have found something (drugs or alcohol) every visit."

Board members also heard a report from Athletic Director Bret Barrick.

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- 1 Lone Star Park wagar (2 wds.)
- 5 TXism: "keeps his polished" (good)
- 6 Jackson Co. seat
- 7 Bentzen State Park groove-billed birds
- 8 investment real estate (2 wds.)
- 19 TXism: "got left feet" (bad dancer)
- 20 Sam Houston's post-baptismal statement: "Lord have _____ fish"
- 21 TXism: "guilty _____ sin"
- 22 ex-Ranger Petralii good TX chili requires a proper blend of _____
- 24 TXism for "guys"
- 29 Garza Co. seat
- 30 breeding horse
- 31 this Dallasite Stills sang with Crosby, Nash & Young (init.)
- 32 TXism: "short as _____ memory"
- 34 TXism: "I don't want to hear a _____ out of you"
- 35 some TXns use it for long distance
- 36 Duval Co. seat
- 37 TXism: "_____ shed" (bar)
- 38 TXism: "your barn _____ is open" (unzipped fly)
- 39 UNT mascot
- 40 Sam Houston State mascots: Bear _____
- 41 film: "_____ for Texas"

DOWN

- 1 TXism: "got _____ Texas" (kind)
- 2 Houston-made film: "The _____ Bears"
- 3 climatological phenomenon that brings heavy rains to south TX (2 wds.)
- 4 Texas _____
- 9 TXism: "_____ of" (great quantity)
- 10 how TXns say "loaned"
- 11 Oilier or Cowboy
- 12 _____ Cola
- 13 _____ Creek, TX infield fly hit by an Astro or Ranger
- 14 Oklahoma town
- 16 govt. agency that handled property from S&L scandal
- 42 film: "The Texas Chainsaw _____"
- 44 So. _____ Island
- 45 Astro position between 2nd and 3rd (abbr.)
- 46 book loaner
- 48 SW Houston suburb
- 49 TX Waddington won the case of _____ v. Wade
- 50 TXism: "brains _____ box" (computer)
- 51 newspaper classifieds
- 52 TX singer Stuckey
- 17 this determines who wins on Friday night (2 wds.)
- 18 polite affirmative response (2 wds.)
- 22 TXism: "Sunday _____ meetin' clothes"
- 24 _____ la la ...
- 25 TX Parol's old co.
- 26 Houston's last wife Margaret cars with 2 riders can use a Dallas HOV _____
- 28 TX Carolyn Jones was Morticia on "The _____ Family" calls a beeper
- 30 TXism: "_____ like a bat without radar" (poor eyesight)
- 33 slipperly Gulf fish this "Easy Rider" actor bought custom boots from TX bootmaker Charlie Dunn
- 35 grieve for the dead
- 37 TX Robert Howard created character Conan the _____
- 38 TXlam for "gadget"
- 40 Amarillo TV station
- 41 TXism: "turn about is _____ play"
- 43 TXns Dexter, Freeman, Neiman and Del Greco _____ and con
- 44 _____ and con
- 47 "It's either _____ or a famine"

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Holiday electrical safety tips

To help keep your home and family safe this holiday season, WTU Retail Energy offers the following tips for properly preparing and using electrical decorations both inside and outdoors.

Home

- Install smoke detectors or, if you already have them, install new batteries and test them.

- Install at least one carbon monoxide detector in your home. "Have an operable fire extinguisher readily available.

- Carefully inspect each electrical decoration. Cracked or frayed sockets, loose or bare wires and loose connections may cause a serious shock or start a fire.

- Follow the use and care instructions included with your electrical decorations.

- Do not climb ladders, work in high places or put up electrical decorations when you are alone - avoid injury by decorating with friends or family.

Christmas Tree

- Keep tree away from floor heaters, fireplaces, or other heat sources and make sure it does not block any exits.

- Never use candles as tree ornaments, even on artificial trees.

- Do not use electrical ornaments or light strings on artificial trees with metallic leaves or branch coverings. This could create an electrical shock.

- Use miniature lights, which have cool-burning bulbs.

Lights

- Use only UL-listed lights, and no more than three strands linked together.

- Examine your old light strings each year, discarding

worn ones.

- Review the original package for light strings to verify proper wattage and voltage.

- Use a power strip to avoid overloading wall outlets and extension cords and to protect your decorations from electrical surges.

- Fasten the bulbs securely and point the sockets down to avoid moisture build up.

- Unplug light strings before replacing bulbs.

- Turn off the Christmas lights and all other electrical decorations when you sleep and when you leave your home. Consider using a timer to automatically turn on and off your electrical decorations according to your schedule.

Outdoor Decorating

- Before using any light strings, animated displays, or other electrical decorations outdoors make sure the product is approved by a nationally recognized certification organization and marked "for outdoor use."

- Never use indoor extension cords outside.

- Keep outdoor electrical connectors above ground and out of puddles.

- Make sure trees decorated with lights are not touching power lines.

- When connecting light strands, wrap a plastic bag around connections and tie ends with teflon tape.

- Do not staple or nail through light strings or electrical/extension cords. You could damage the wire or insulation, which could lead to an electrical shock or fire.

- Do not decorate after dark when it is difficult to see electrical cords and easier to pierce one while hanging light strands.

Honor a loved one—



BY MAKING A \$10 DONATION TO HENDRICK HOSPICE of Abilene, a memorial dove with the name of your chosen one will be placed on this Christmas tree at Bahlman Jewelers. Pictured are Brenda Martinez, Hospice nurse; Cheryl Bryan and JoAnn Hirtzel, store employees; and Peggy Shepherd, Hospice social worker. Not pictured is Hospice Director David Stephenson and Lanny Bahlman, store owner. Hendrick Hospice serves the Winters area and focuses on offering quality life care for terminal patients. All proceeds benefit Hospice patients without insurance and those who are indigent. Please stop by Bahlman Jewelers, 106 S. Main, anytime between now and December 24, to make a donation and place your dove on the tree. (photo by Susan Ripple)

Sheriff's Office sponsoring annual Toys for Tots

The Runnels County Sheriff's Department is sponsoring their annual Toys for Tots to benefit needy children in Runnels County.

Please bring any new, unwrapped toy or a cash donation to the sheriff's office located at 612 Strong Avenue in Ballinger or contact the sheriff's office and arrangements will be made for your donation to be picked up. Donations will be accepted anytime until Christmas.

This annual toy drive is not-for-profit and any cash donations are used to purchase toys at local stores for local children.

The sheriff's department attempts to make sure that each child receives at least one large toy and one small toy for Christmas, and more if the toys are available.

To request a child be placed on the Toys for Tots list, contact the sheriff's office with the age, sex, and address of the child. Requests will be accepted until Christmas this year.

For more information, please contact Dottie Routh or Sheriff Bill Baird at (325) 365-2121.

Please help make Christmas a joyous event for all Runnels County children.

WMA taking donations for Christmas baskets

The Winters Ministerial Alliance will be distributing Christmas baskets to the needy of the Winters community.

The cost of this project will be \$1,800-\$2,000 for about 120 baskets.

If you would like to donate to the Christmas basket project, please send donations to Winters Ministerial Alliance, P.O. Box 211, Winters, TX 79567, or donate through your church.

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Natural gas bills could increase this winter, TXU Gas cautions

The cost to keep warm this winter could be higher than last year if natural gas prices increase across the nation. The price of natural gas depends on the balance between supply and demand, which can be affected by the severity of the weather and economic activity, according to energy experts.

To ensure customers are not caught by surprise, TXU Gas is sending out a notice in its November gas bills. Also included in this notice are energy-saving 'recommendations' and information about TXU Average Billing, a free service that makes bills more predictable every month.

"Providing reliable service

at a reasonable cost is our commitment to our customers," said Shelley Burnett, TXU Gas manager.

Natural gas prices, just as with any other commodity, are subject to supply and demand. Over the past few years, we as a nation have not seen a significant increase in our supply as demand has increased, Burnett said.

TXU Gas manages the cost of natural gas through a mix of long-term contracts, purchases on the spot market, and places natural gas in storage for use during peak winter days. "This minimizes the impact of price changes on our customers and ensures that we have an ample

supply of natural gas," Burnett said.

A customer's bill is based primarily on how much gas is used and the cost to purchase the gas.

Burnett said that TXU Gas customers can take control over their winter gas bills by lowering their thermostats, having their furnaces and other appliances checked for operating efficiency, and considering TXU Average Billing, which spreads the higher winter bills over 12 months.

TXU Gas customers can sign up for TXU Average Billing by calling 1-800-460-3030. Customers can find more tips on how to save money on their gas bill by visiting www.txugas.com.

TXU Gas manages the delivery of natural gas to approximately 1.5 million residential, commercial, and industrial customers in Texas. Supplies of natural gas are purchased from non-affiliated companies through a bid process. TXU Gas does not markup the cost of gas paid to suppliers. The actual cost of gas is reflected in the Gas Cost Adjustment item on the bill.

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Law & Order

Animal Control Officer to enforce City Code on rabies control

Animal Control Officer Lillian Grissam reminds residents of regulations of the Winters Code of Ordinances pertaining to rabies control. She strongly urges all residents to have their pets vaccinated.

Rabies Vaccinations

Every owner of a dog or cat shall have such animal vaccinated against rabies at four (4) months of age and annually thereafter. If moving to the city from outside city limits, the owner shall comply within thirty (30) days after moving.

If the animal has inflicted a bite on any person or animal within the last ten (10) days, the owner of said dog or cat shall report such fact to the veterinarian, and no rabies vaccine shall be administered until after the 10-day observation period.

Proof of Vaccination. A certificate of vaccination, kept by the owner, shall include:

- the name, address, and phone number of the owner of

the vaccinated dog or cat,

- the date of vaccination,
- the type of rabies vaccine used,
- the year and number of the rabies tag,
- the breed, age, color, and sex of the vaccinated dog or cat.

It is unlawful for any person own owns or harbors a vaccinated dog or cat to fail or refuse to exhibit his copy of the certificate of vaccination upon demand by the police, the animal control officer, or any other person charged with the enforcement of the Code.

Rabies Tags

Concurrent with the certificate of vaccination, the owner shall cause to be attached to said vaccinated dog or cat a metal tag, serially numbered to correspond with the vaccination certificate number and bearing the year of issuance and the name of the city and state. Such tag shall be worn at all times. In the event of loss,

the owner shall obtain a duplicate tag.

Harboring of Unvaccinated Animals

It is unlawful for any person to harbor any dog or cat which has not been vaccinated against rabies or which cannot be identified as having a current vaccination certificate.

Animal Bites

Any person having knowledge that an animal has bitten a human shall immediately report the incident to the police, city health authority, animal control officer, or the Texas Dept. of Health. Every physician or other medical practitioner who treats a person for such bites shall within twelve (12) hours report such treatment, giving the name, age, sex, and precise location of the bitten persons and such other information as may be required by the appropriate authority.

Any veterinarian or person who suspects rabies shall immediately report the related

incident, stating where such animal may be found. If a known or suspected rabid animal bites or attacks a domestic animal, such incident shall also be reported.

Any dog or cat which has bitten a person shall be confined for ten (10) days from the date of the bite. Confinement shall be in the city animal shelter or a veterinary hospital of the owner's choice. Such confinement is at the owner's expense. Refusal to produce said dog or cat is in violation subject to police and court action — each day constitutes a separate and individual offense. If a vaccinated dog or cat is bitten by a rabid animal, the bitten dog or cat shall be confined for three (3) months. If the bitten animal is not vaccinated, the quarantine period is six (6) months.

Editor's note: The above information is from the Winters Code of Ordinances, Chapter 2, Animal Control. For more details, contact the Winters Police Dept. at 754-4121 or City Hall at 754-4424.

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 November 31, 2003, through December 7, 2003. Officers:

- filed a report of Assault. The case is still under investigation.
- filed a report of Assault. The complainant declined to press criminal charges at this time.
- filed a report of Cruelty to Animals. The case is still under investigation.
- filed a report of Assault. The case was sent to the County Attorney for review.
- investigated an accident in the 300 block of South Main Street where a truck struck a light pole. No injuries were reported.

Official Records

County Court Dispositions

David Roman, theft, pleaded nolo contendere, sentenced to six months in county jail, probated to one year, fined \$500, plus \$236 court costs, assigned 40 hours community service

Jonathon Martin Escobar, making alcohol available to a minor, case dismissed, defendant convicted in another case

Richard Arnold Manriquez, driving while license invalid, case dismissed, defendant convicted in another case

Jessie Martinez Garcia, three separate counts of violation of a protective order, three cases dismissed, defendant convicted in another case

Criminal Cases Filed

November 26
Jose Torres Escamilla, Winters, filed for possession of a prohibited weapon

Vaughn Gehrels, Winters, filed for possession of marijuana

Joe Lee Taylor, Winters, filed for assault

December 1

Kenneth Plumley, Jr., Ballinger, filed for illegal dumping

Donna Plumley, Ballinger, filed for illegal dumping

December 2

David Tucker Ferguson, Ballinger, filed for theft

Jonathan Terrell Smith, Ballinger, filed for theft

Lillie Ashley, Fort Worth, filed for theft by check

Carma L. Brandon, San Angelo, filed for theft by check

Tonia Brown, Bangs, filed for theft by check

Ricky L. Garrett, Midland, filed for theft by check

Milton C. Herridge, Ballinger, filed for theft by check

Vickie John, Winters, filed for theft by check

Cattie Storey, Millersview, filed for theft by check

Marriage Licenses Filed

December 1

Preston A. Gobble and Margaret Meadows Kirk

District Court Divorces Granted

November 10

Edward Jay Odom and Christy Michelle Odom

December 4

Lyndon Joe Ivey and Betsy Kay Ivey

Divorces Cases Filed

December 2

Earl Brown vs. Margaret Brown

Larry Rodriguez vs. Sally Jalomo Rodriguez

Civil Cases Filed

November 26

Lana McQueen Thompson vs. Douglas Lee Phillips, trespass try title suit

December 4

Mueller, Inc., vs. Rich Henrich, dba Henrich Construction, account for theft by check

Coleman County Electric Cooperative joins Golden Spread family

Coleman County Electric Cooperative (CCEC), based in Coleman, has joined Golden Spread Electric Cooperative, a generation and transmission cooperative now owned by 16 electric distribution cooperatives.

Tahoka; Southwest Texas Electric Cooperative, headquartered in Eldorado; and Taylor Electric Cooperative, headquartered in Merkel.

Based in Amarillo, Golden Spread is a consumer-owned public utility organized in 1984

handle and the Texas South Plains. The new member co-ops serve counties in West Texas and the Edwards Plateau region.

"I am confident that joining Golden Spread Electric Cooperative will help stabilize our power costs in the uncertain times ahead," said Roland Witt, CCEC General Manager. "The mission of member-owned cooperatives is to provide the best service at the most reasonable cost available."

Robert W. Bryant, President and General Manager of Golden Spread Electric Cooperative, said, "We are pleased that Coleman County Electric Cooperative has joined our innovative and growing network of member-owned electric providers.

"Golden Spread is dedicated to providing solutions for generating and delivering electric power for area distribution cooperatives. We provide crucial flexibility and a smart hedge against future energy variables in a volatile industry," Bryant said.

CCEC, organized in 1937, has approximately 8,156 meters serving customers in Coleman, Rannels, Tom Green, Callahan, Brown, Taylor, Coke and Concho counties. The co-op has 3,775 miles of energized line.

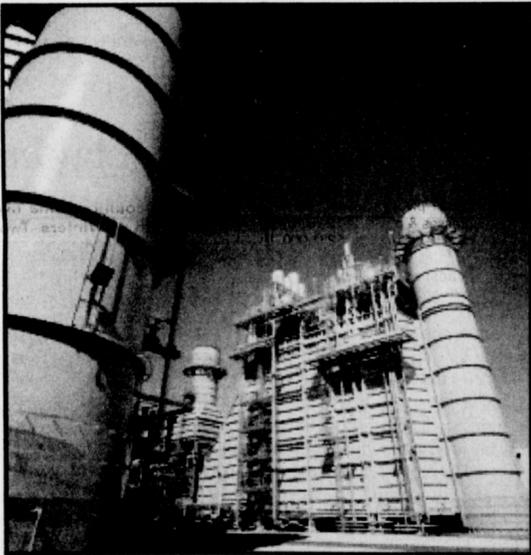
CCEC will assign its existing wholesale power contract to Golden Spread. As soon as

all required contractual and regulatory approvals can be obtained. Golden Spread will begin meeting the wholesale power requirements for CCEC and the other four new cooperatives.

Golden Spread and its 16 member system serve approximately 184,000 meters in 80 counties. Their combined loads exceed 1,000 megawatts and they operate 68,400 miles of energized line. Total annual revenues are more than \$300 million.

Golden Spread generates a portion of its members' electricity needs and purchases the balance from other wholesalers. Golden Spread also sells energy to other utilities when its power supply resources are not needed to serve member system loads.

Golden Spread owns 50 percent of Mustang Station, a state-of-the-art generating facility located near Denver City. Mustang Station burns natural gas in two large gas turbine generators to produce 300 megawatts of power. Exhaust heat from the gas turbines is converted to steam to power a third generator with no additional fuel cost. The combined output of Mustang Station is 480 megawatts.



GOLDEN SPREAD ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE'S MUSTANG STATION generating plant, outside of Denver City, now serves 16 distribution cooperatives. (courtesy photo)

New members of the alliance in addition to CCEC are Concho Valley Electric Cooperative, headquartered in San Angelo; Lyntegar Electric Cooperative, headquartered in

to provide low cost, reliable electric service for 11 rural distribution cooperatives. The original member cooperatives are located in the Texas Panhandle, the Oklahoma Pan-

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Secretary of State Geoff Connor urges Texas corporations, business entities: "Beat the Holiday Rush, File Early, File Online"

Texas Secretary of State Geoff Connor called on Texas corporations and other business entities to "beat the holiday rush" and be aware of end-of-year filing deadlines and requirements.

"Individuals and companies planning to form, merge, convert or dissolve a corporate entity by the end of the year need to keep certain deadlines in mind," Secretary Connor said. "The appropriate documents must be received and accepted in the Secretary of State's Office by no later than 5 p.m. local time on December 31, 2003."

The Secretary of State's Office provides a variety of options for submitting or requesting business entity filing information: in person, by phone, by fax and online through its SOSDirect service.

"Our corporations section sees an increase in activity this time of the year with some filings doubling or tripling from volume in November," Connor noted. "Businesses should know that an increasing number of their filings, searches, and order requests can actually

be conducted online through SOSDirect."

The SOSDirect service can be accessed via the Secretary of State's homepage at <http://www.sos.state.tx.us>. In addition to conducting online searches and orders for business entity and UCC documentation, SOSDirect users can also file name reservations, articles of incorporation, articles of organization, certificates of limited partnership, certificates of authority, changes or registered agent/office, assumed names, dissolutions, and withdrawals.

SOSDirect services can be accessed 24 hours a day, seven days a week with instant access to historical records and turnaround times of same day on certificates and next business day on filings.

Some of the more common end of year filings, including dissolutions and withdrawals, require a certificate of account status from the Comptroller of Public Accounts (toll free 1-800-252-1381) to be submitted with the articles of dissolution or application for certificate of

withdrawal when corporations file with the Secretary of State. Secretary Connor urges business owners to plan ahead and ensure that paperwork if submitted well in advance of the December 31 deadline for end of year filings.

Additional information regarding filing requirements, fees and options is available online through a new web page posted by the Secretary of State at <http://www.sos.state.tx.us/corp/dissolution.shtml>.

Secretary Connor is Texas' 104th Secretary of State. Secretary Connor previously served with the Agriculture Department, the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, as well as Deputy General Counsel to Governor William P. Clements, Jr. Before coming to the Secretary of State's office, Connor was an attorney with the firm of Akin Gump. He holds a BA in international studies from Texas State University at San Marcos and a law degree from the University of Texas Law School. The Secretary is a native of Rannels County.

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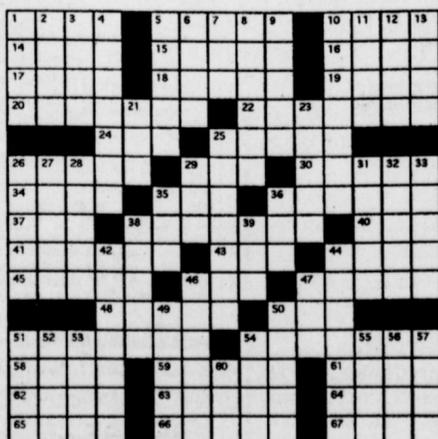
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- Bars
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- Lyrical
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- High rating
- Measure
- Floman magistrate
- Increase
- Genevieve, et al.
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- Nelson

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Runnels. 767 acres 1 mile south of Winters. 629 acres of crop land & 138 acres of pasture.
Runnels. 165.3 acres. 105.1 acres of farmland w/56 acres under center pivot irrigation. Native grasses & mesquite. 2 wildlife plots. 3 water wells. \$231,000.
Taylor. 138.4 acres west of Bradshaw. 115.3 acres of cultivation w/balance in heavy brush pasture. 3 tanks stocked w/channel cat and brim. \$625/acre. Cabin included.
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507 N. Main—3B/1-1/2B, new paint, garage, carport.
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Outdoors

That's a bunch of bologna!

In El Paso the last week in November, border agents landed a "meaty bust," recapturing 756 pounds of bologna which was arranged into the shape of a car seat and covered with blankets in a man's truck.

Eighty-one rolls of Mexican bologna were seized at the Paso Del Norte bridge by U.S. Customs and Border Protection officers.

Roger Maier, customs spokesperson, said he was appalled as he pondered how long these products had gone without proper handling.

According to the report, children were sitting atop the illegal bologna before it was discovered.

The agency will pursue civil penalties against the driver of the truck.

The bologna goes for about \$1 a roll in Juarez, Mexico; however, when it is sold to customers in the U.S., it can sell for \$5 to \$10 a roll.



Youth's First Buck

DILLION LINDLEY, age 10, shot his first buck Sunday, November 23, 2003, at the Collins Ranch, east of Winters. The buck sported an 8-point rack. Dillion is the son of Bob and Christy Lindley of Winters.

(courtesy photo)

World stocks tight despite larger U.S. crop

World cotton stocks are fairly tight despite an unexpected surge of a 620,000 bale increase in the USDA estimate of the U.S. crop during October. The market responded with December 1, 2003, futures reaching a new high of 71.54 cents per pound on October 10, 2003.

Evidently the market is concerned that the crop in China will likely decline below the USDA's estimate of 25.5 million bales, the same as in September. Reports suggest late season wet, cold weather has reduced the crop by a million or two bales in the last month. Therefore, China buyers are expected to purchase a considerable 1.5 to 2.0 million bales from the U.S. during the 2003/2004 season. By October, they had purchased a little more than 100,000 bales.

With December futures already above 70 cents, futures prices for March, May, and July may reach the high 70-cent level this season. That would be higher than expected before reports surfaced, indicating a much reduced crop in China compared to projected use of 30.4 million bales.

The USDA projections raised the U.S. crop to 620,000 bales mainly because of im-

proved yields in the Delta. A 17.56-million bale U.S. crop compares to 16.94 last season, the largest since 20.30 million in 2001/02. Severe weather had reduced this year's crop mostly in Texas by at least 1.5 million bales from potential production.

Domestic mill use slipped another 200,000 bales to 6.4 million, down from 11.4 in 1997 and the lowest since 5.4 million in 1984. With the downsizing of the U.S. textile industry, U.S. cotton growers have the capacity to exceed fiber production needed for U.S. mills and exports by a large margin.

The result of possible too much cotton production compared to offtake indicates volatile prices as worldwide weather conditions and the foreign cotton industry and trade policies change. Tight cotton supplies this season could be replaced with plentiful supplies next fall.

Skillful price risk management strategies become extremely important for both producers and mill buyers. Fortunately, call and put cotton options are readily available for a premium.

Producers need to be considering pricing this season's

crop now as well as buying out-of-the money put options on December 1, '04. Reasonable price insurance against a 10-to15-cent per pound price drop a year from now is available. A 60-cent December 1 '04 strike for around 100 points provides a year's worth of protection against a lower price. If price stays stable or goes higher, the market and farm program will provide reasonable returns above option costs.

For the 12-month crop season August 2003 through July 2004 the counter cyclical payment (CCP) is expected to be around half of the maximum 13.73 cents per pound. The CCP is the difference between the 52-cent loan value and 72.4-cent target minus the 6.67-cent direct payment (52.00¢ minus 65.73¢ = 13.73¢).

The producer needs to prepare a marketing plan that includes hedging strategies using options to offset potential price changes. Producers, who bought 58-cent to 60-cent December 1 '03 calls for around two cents sometime before September 1, are now benefitting from enhanced income beyond farm program payments.

Twenty-nine entertainers featured at RodeoHouston™

With the holidays approaching, RodeoHouston fans have a new holiday shopping opportunity — tickets to one of 20 performances in Reliant Stadium featuring superstar musical entertainment and thrilling rodeo action. Tickets went on sale Nov. 22.

Twenty-nine diverse entertainers make up the RodeoHouston lineup — a list of prolific and acclaimed entertainers who together have garnered numerous music industry honors, including 97 Country Music Association awards, 87 Academy of Country Music awards, and 49 Grammy awards.

Since spring break for almost every school in Texas — kindergarten through college — coincides with the 2004 Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo™, a special lineup of entertainers will be featured March 15-19 and the Show's carnival will have an early opening at 2 p.m. each day that week.

The lineup of music industry stars currently scheduled to perform at the 72nd Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo from March 2 to 21 includes:

- Tuesday, March 2
John Mayer
- Wednesday, March 3
George Strait
- Thursday, March 4
Wynonna
- Friday, March 5
Black Heritage Day
Bow Wow and B2K
- Saturday, March 6
Martina McBride
- Sunday, March 7
Reba McEntire
- Monday, March 8
Enrique Iglesias
- Tuesday, March 9
Alan Jackson
- Wednesday, March 10
Vince Gill and Amy Grant
- Thursday, March 11
Clay Walker
- Friday, March 12
Dwight Yoakam, Buck Owens, and Marty Stuart with Connie Smith
- Saturday, March 13
Randy Travis
- Sunday, March 14
Go Tejano Day
Bronco 'El Gigante de America' and Jennifer Peña
- Monday, March 15
Spring Break Stampede
Robert Earl Keen and Dierks Bentley
- Tuesday, March 16
Spring Break Stampede
Kelly Clarkson, and Nick Lachey & Jessica Simpson

- Wednesday, March 17
Spring Break Stampede
Kenny Chesney
- Thursday, March 18
Spring Break Stampede
Beyoncé
- Friday, March 19
Spring Break Stampede
Miller Lite presents
Pat Green
- Saturday, March 20
RodeoHouston Finals
Brooks & Dunn
- Sunday, March 21
Xtreme Bulls
Willie Nelson.

All weekday performances begin at 7 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday performances begin at 4 p.m. Each performance begins with the grand entry, rodeo events, and the calf scramble, and ends with the concert entertainer.

Rodeo tickets are \$16, plus a Ticketmaster convenience charge, and are available at all Ticketmaster outlets including Foley's, Fiesta, FYE and Warehouse Music locations. Tickets will be sold on the Internet at ticketmaster.com. Tickets may be charged by phone at 713.629.3700.

Ticketmaster also will be selling carnival value packs by phone through Wednesday, Feb. 11. This approximate \$20-value pack may be purchased for only \$10.

Because of the nature of the event, there will be no restriction on backpacks, purses and other bags, but for increased security, everyone entering Reliant Park, and/or their possessions, may be subject to search. Anyone refusing to be searched will be denied access. No alcohol, guns, or knives will be allowed to be brought onto the grounds, and food and drink may not be carried in to Reliant Stadium.

RodeoHouston fans have 20 performances to choose from — each featuring some of the top rodeo athletes in the world

competing in PRCA/Pro Rodeo action, the heartwarming calf scramble, exciting chuck wagon races and, to top it all off, the superstar concerts. In what has become the world's largest rodeo, only the top 60 cowboys and cowgirls in the world are invited to compete in RodeoHouston's seven ProRodeo and WPRA events — bareback bronc riding, barrel racing, bull riding, saddle bronc riding, steer wrestling, team roping, and tie-down roping. Following three preliminary rounds, the RodeoHouston finals will be on Saturday, March 20.

For those who can't get enough of one of rodeo's favorites — bull riding — PRCA Xtreme Bulls at RodeoHouston promises thrills and excitement on Sunday, March 21. This special presentation of only bull riding features 30 contestants, with 15 advancing to the evening's second round. In addition to the exciting 45 rides, the performance will include the calf scramble, grand entry, and concert by Willie Nelson.

The 2004 Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo opens at Reliant Park with the World's Championship Bar-B-Que Contest, Feb. 26-28, and Go Texan Weekend events on Feb. 28-29. The Rodeo and Parade and ConocoPhillips Rodeo Run will be held in downtown Houston Saturday, Feb. 28.

All daily attractions at Reliant Park open at 4 p.m. on Tuesday, March 2, and conclude on Sunday, March 21.

For additional information regarding the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo, the Show's Web site is available 24 hours a day at www.rodeo-houston.com or www.hlsr.com.

Rangeland restoration, prescribed burn workshops offered

A rangeland restoration and management workshop is scheduled for Jan. 8-10 at the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station near Sonora.

Basic information on rangeland ecology, plant identification, grazing strategies, and other topics will be covered. The workshop will provide information to help participants develop strategies and meet resource goals. Participants will tour the Experiment Station to observe the effects of grazing and burning treatments first hand.

A rangeland burning basic class will be Feb. 19-21. Fire characteristics, dangers, benefits, and burn planning will be part of the educational pro-

gram. Habitat manipulation with burning will be discussed.

All the workshops will be held at the Sonora Station. Participants will observe a wide variety of rangelands either depleted or covered by unwanted brush, areas that are in the process of being restored, and rangeland that has been restored by fire and management. Most of the workshops will be spent in the field learning and observing in small groups.

Space is limited and available on a first-come, first-serve basis.

For more information, go to the web at <http://rangeweb.tamu.edu/arm> or phone (979) 845-5580.

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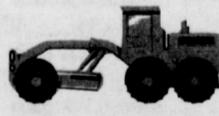
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