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Educator's career A+!

Ruben Cantu-Rodriguez
Winters Enterprise

WINTERS, Texas.- After thirty-four years as a teacher, coach, principal, and maternal figure the life of Susan Sharp will take on a new complexion as she retires from education and returns to her home in Early. For the last four years Sharp has driven back and forth from Early to Winters to perform her duties as principal at the high school. Beginning May 3, Mrs. Sharp will no longer be traveling everyday from Early to work in the WISD and will be sorely missed by students who have gone to her office as a place of refuge and guidance.



Susan Sharp, a 34-year educator, is retiring from Winters High School, a position she held for the last 4 years.

with a degree in... education.

Farewell is not easy, reveals the educator, as she remembers the many students and parents from so many years in education. "That is tough," she says.

Sharp is satisfied with her career achievements, and proud that she was a part of the transition status of Winters High School as they passed from acceptable to recognized. Although the acceptable rating isn't a negative, the recognized status is a great achievement for students, teachers and parents. Winters High School was named one of Texas Top 100 schools, and was recognized by Texas Monthly magazine.

Success is not necessarily the biggest accomplishments but it is some of the smaller ones that give the greatest feeling of satisfaction, such as the students who were the first ones in their families to ever graduate from high school.

"Graduation from high school is something that can never be taken away, and the young person realizes that education is something that benefits his or her family."

Susan Sharp will officially retire on the 3rd, but she still wants to stay in contact with education. She may be working on a part time basis as a TEA monitor.

"I am evaluating the possibility, that way I won't be completely out of education. It would be fun just because I would still have contact with the schools and could refuse a particular assignment if it were something I didn't want to do."

For now, this educator has a lot of things to do around her house, including some yard work, planting flowers, and remodeling her bathroom.

Mayfest renewed and reloaded

Linda Arispe
Winters Enterprise

WINTERS, Texas.- An early rain and adverse forecast didn't stop the Chamber of Commerce and Winters citizens from having a great Mayfest last Saturday, May 1, and enjoying this unique opportunity for food, music and fun.

Chamber members and volunteers started early to set up the booths. By 7 a.m. workers were setting up chairs, food and everything needed for this festival. The townspeople banded together to ensure that the day was set aside for all who were willing to venture out on the overcast day to have a break in the every day life routine.

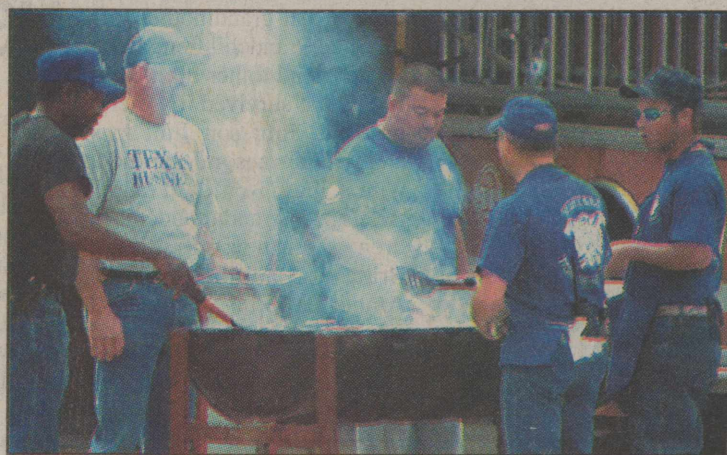
The big change for the annual event was that it was not held at the City Park but scattered throughout downtown. Participating merchants had tables and games set up outside their businesses. The entertainment portion occurred between the Winters Public Library and Alderman Cave offices with several bands performing including some young local talent.

This was the first year in many that Mayfest did not include the highly anticipated coed softball tournament, due to the high cost of security and rental of the baseball field.

Live music performed at the A-C Nutrition parking lot all day.

Kody Sims, Callahan Divide and some others gave the festival a country taste with some light rock, old country and everyone's favorite Texas Country. Sno-Royalty 2010 assisted with the games.

Funnel cakes and corn dogs mixed with vendors, metal art and purses all combined together made of Mayfest 2010 a great celebration. Volunteer firemen were a hit with their famous burgers, fries and tea. Visitors also enjoyed with the cake-walk, bingo and arts and crafts show.



This booth was on fire. Winters Volunteer Fire Department turned on the heat with hamburgers, French fries and iced tea.



Callahan Divide, a Texas Country Music band out of Abilene, volunteered for Mayfest and offered a great show.



Kody Sims, Texas Country Music Artist, interviewed by KRUN hosts Dawn Funk and Toby Virden.



Miss Teen Runnels County, Jennifer Pritchard; Sno-Princes, Katie Reyes, and Sno-Flake, Macie Gerhart, last Saturday at the Mayfest.

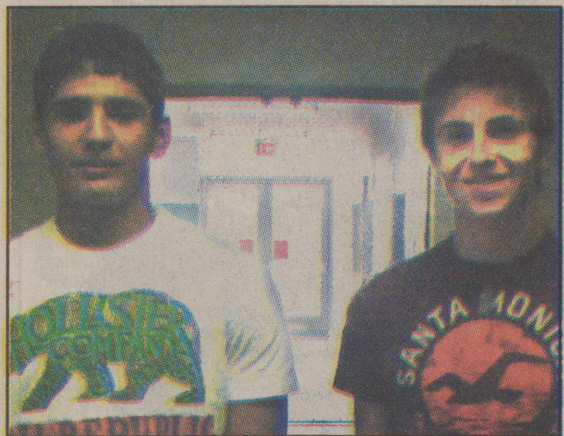


First shift of the Junior High School cheerleaders. The young ladies worked hard on their booth.

Outstanding achievement

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Staff Report

WINTERS, Texas.- Two Winters High School Students received the "Texas Student Achievement Award" from the Texas ACT Council for their performance on the PLAN (the Pre-ACT) Assessment. According to Winters High School Principal Susan Sharp, "these students are on target to meet or exceed ACT's College Readiness Benchmarks by graduation. ACT's College Readiness Benchmarks are empirically-based and identify the level of



Cristian Sandoval and Harrison Roberts received the "Texas Student Achievement Award" from the Texas ACT Council.

achievement necessary in English, math, reading, and science to have a successful college freshman experience."

The students receiving this recognition from the Texas ACT Council are: Harrison Roberts and Cristian Sandoval, both outstanding and talented WHS sophomores. Harrison is the son of Suzanne and Tony Rougas. Cristian is the son of Sylvia and Ascencio Sandoval.

The Texas ACT Council is made up of secondary and postsecondary educators who advise ACT, Inc. on the utilization of ACT Programs and services in Texas schools and colleges. ACT, Inc. is the not-for-profit organization that provides assessment, research, information, and program management services in broad areas of education and workforce development and the publisher of the ACT Assessment. The ACT Assessment is the college admissions test that is accepted by all colleges nationwide.

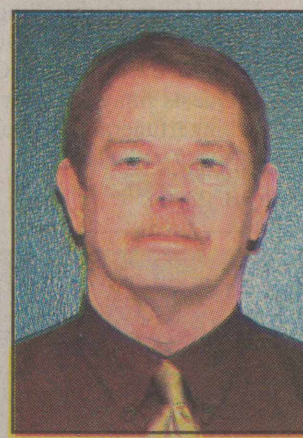
According to Karen Pennell, ACT Assistant Vice-president and Southwest Regional manager, "The Texas ACT Council recognizes those students who are making significant strides to prepare themselves for college by taking rigorous courses and meeting the PLAN (pre-ACT) College Readiness Benchmarks. We also want to recognize that the student PLAN achievement is the result of a strong commitment by Winters High School teachers, staff, administrators and parents to increase college readiness for all students."

Perry Putman new WHS principal

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Staff Report

WINTERS, Texas.- This Monday, May 3, Perry Putman started a new assignment, as the new Winters High School Principal, taking over the office Susan Sharp held for the past four years.

Putman brings six years of administrative experience to Winters High School. He was the assistant principal for three years and the principal for the past three years at 2A Grape Creek High School. He has taught and coached football at the 1A level and taught World History and English at the 5A level. His educational experiences across the secondary spectrum give him a broad understanding of educational issues. He firmly believes that the sole function of high school is to prepare students for life after high school, whether that is college, military, or the work force. Each student and teacher needs to function to the



Perry Putman started on Monday as the new Winters High School Principal.

highest ability level that they possess.

A life-long Texan, he grew up in Mineral Wells and has spent almost all of his adult life in West Texas. He received his B.A. from the University of Texas at the Permian Basin in Odessa, and his M. Ed. from Angelo State University in San Angelo. Patsy, his wife, is from Kermit, Texas. They have been married for over 32 years and have one daughter, also an educator, and a son-in-law who coaches. The Putmans have four wonderful grandchildren.

The Putmans plan to take Winters their home and are looking forward to becoming a part of the community. Patsy will be looking for a church as soon as she gets things settled in San Angelo. Mr. Putman is looking forward to working in a school district and community that shares the same West Texas values that he and his wife have.

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Death Notices

Betty Johnson

Betty Johnson of Lubbock passed away on Tuesday, April 27, 2010 at her residence.

Celebration of Life service was held on Friday, April 30, 2010 at Lake Ridge Chapel. Lake Ridge Chapel and Memorial Designers hosted a gathering of family and friends to remember her life at the funeral home.

Betty was born October 27, 1946 in Gladewater, Texas to Reverend B. T. and Velma Shoemaker. She attended school in Winters, Texas and married Jim Johnson of Winters on February 26, 1965. Through a series of corporate moves she and Jim lived in Austin, Plano, Lubbock, and Houston as well as New Orleans, LA, Memphis, TN, and Montgomery, AL; but Lubbock was home.

Betty loved to travel, she



loved to play tennis, she loved all sports, and she loved her friends and family. She was a beloved wife to Jim for 45 years, a mother to three sons, a role model for her daughter in laws, a real grandmother to her nine grandchildren, and a true friend to her friends.

She is survived by her husband, Jim; son Jim, Jr. and wife Kara; son John and wife Cindy; son, Jeff and wife Tiffany; and grandchildren Courtney, Bradley, Brittany, Madison, Ashley, Amber, John Hayden, Justin, and Austin.

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Emma Fuller Moore

Emma Fuller Moore, 91, of Winters passed away Wednesday, April 21, 2010. She was born June 7, 1918 in Ballinger and lived in Rannels County all her life. She married Virgil Fuller October 9, 1935 and he preceded her in death in 1986. She married Robert "Bob" Moore November 16, 1994 in Bradshaw. She was a member of the Bradshaw Baptist Church.

She is survived by her husband Bob Moore of Winters; her sister Bobbie Bowman of Aspermont; a special niece Rita Lee Fuller of Las Vegas; four step-daughters, Sherryl Webb and husband Larry of Winters, Rickey Tabor and husband Robert of Lovington, New Mexico, Robbie Billington and husband Charley of Borger and Diana G. Moore of Lovington, New Mexico. six step-grandchildren, 11 step-great-grandchildren and one step-great-great-grandchild and several nieces and nephews.

Services were held at 2:30 p.m. Saturday April 24, 2010 in the Winters Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Ed Bigham officiating. Burial was made in Lakeview

cemetery directed by Winters Funeral Home. Memorials may be made to Hospice of the Big Country, 4601 Hartford, Abilene, Texas 79605.

My Auntie "Em"

She spent her life caring for others,
She's gentle and sweet,
A lot like my Mother

Her life hasn't been easy,
In fact, it's been tough,
But she has survived...Cause

My Auntie "EM" is tough

She's a beautiful lady
And has had too much stress.

But God's always with her,
In His arms she's caressed.

She's a good Christian woman,
And a wonderful wife.
A friend to all, throughout her life

My Uncle Virgil and Bob married a beautiful gem,
And was Blessed to live their lives
With my Auntie "Em."

Written by Reta Lee
Fuller Milam
For my Auntie "EM"

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Richard C. Banfield, Sr.

Richard Clyde Banfield, Sr., 75, of Orient, passed away Saturday, May 1, 2010 at his home.

Funeral services will be held on Thursday, May 6, 2010 at 11:00 a.m. at Lange Funeral Home Chapel in Ballinger with burial following in Ballinger Evergreen Cemetery.

He is survived by his wife, Lucille Flippin Banfield of the home, and children, Barbara Banfield of Irvine, CA, Richard C. Banfield, Jr. of Orient, and Jerry H. Smith of Ballinger; a brother, Oliver "Bud" Banfield of Ft. Collins, CO. Guests may register at ballingerfuneralhome.com.

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Kathleen Mills senior piano recital

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Staff Report

WINTERS, Texas.- Kathleen Mills of Winters was featured in a senior piano recital on Sunday, April 25. She is a student of Susan Conner, NCTM. Kathleen has studied piano with Mrs. Conner since she was in the second grade. The recital was held at First United Methodist Church of Winters and was attended by many family and friends. Miss Mills will be attending McMurry University in the Fall and will major in music.

Her recital featured favorite pieces she has learned through her years of study. It also included a song composed by the performer as well as a flute and piano duet with Mrs. Conner. Miss Mills was drum major for the Winters High School Blizzard band this past year.

Also performing on the recital was her brother, Archie Mills, also a pianist studying with Mrs. Conner.



Kathleen Mills, of Winters, was featured in a senior piano recital at First United Methodist Church.

USDA announces \$85 million for direct loans

Winters Enterprise
Staff Report

TEMPLE, Texas.- USDA Rural Development announced \$85 million in Section 502 Direct Loan funding remains for fiscal year 2010. Due to an increased level of funding as a result of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, USDA Rural Development in Texas had more than \$130 million in Direct Loan funding available this year to help families achieve the dream of homeownership. Direct Loans are available to qualified applicants for purchasing or building a

single family home in a rural area.

"USDA Rural Development is proud to assist rural Texans in meeting their housing needs, which is critical to the long term sustainability of our communities," said Paco Valentin, USDA Rural Development State Director. "We have assisted thousands of Texans with purchasing a home and we look forward to continuing that tradition."

USDA Rural Development's Direct Loan program provides 100% financing through low-interest, no-down-payment loans to help low to very-low income families and individuals pur-

chase their own home. Eligible homes must be located in a community of 10,000 persons or less and locations not closely associated with urban areas. Under certain circumstances loans can be made for homes in towns and cities with populations up to 25,000 people. Funding can be used to purchase an existing home or to build a new home, within the established loan guidelines.

For program eligibility or to complete a Direct Loan application, visit <http://offices.sc.egov.usda.gov/locator/app> for your nearest USDA Rural Development office or call (254) 742-9770 for further assistance.

News Notes

Band students waiting at Dot's Dinner

This Friday, Saturday and Sunday local band students will be waiting tables at our local favorite, Dot's Dinner. Friday night they will serve all-you-can-eat catfish and Saturday night they will have their wings. Sundays Dot's promises something extra special for Mother's Day. Please support our newest restaurant and these kids this Mother's Day weekend.

Samaritan House meeting

The Winters Ministerial Alliance met Monday, May 3, 2010, at the Samaritan House.

Director Barbara Jones of the Samaritan's House reported that during the month of April, they helped 148 families (369 individuals) and that five families were new to Samaritan House.

The Samaritan House needs rice, cereal, soup and any other commodities that can be donated to help fill the needs of the families that ask for assistance.

Old tire collection campaign

City of Winters residential water customers, the tire trailer needs to be filled!

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customers accepted.

For more information contact Shelly Antilley-Guevara, Administrative Assistant/ Utility Billing in the City of Winters at 325-754-4424

Immunization clinics

The Texas Department of State Health Services will be celebrating immunization clinics. H1N1 flu vaccine available to all. Vaccination will be held in Winters on Thursday May 6, from 1:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. at Professional Building, located at 110 South Main, suite 108. In Ballinger on Thursday May 13, from 10 a.m. - Noon and 1:30 p.m.-3 p.m. at 608 Strong Avenue (behind courthouse).

Bring child immunization records and if child has Medicaid or CHIP please bring card.

For more information call 325-754-4945.

Child's play at WISD

On May 11 the Winters Elementary School first grade students will perform a play entitled "Ee-ee-oops!" They will perform at 6:30 in the WHS auditorium and at 9:00 that same morning for the students in the elementary school.

Upcoming events

•Two-man-one-woman scramble 18 holes at Winters Country Club on May 8.
•Texas 4000 riders will be here on June 8.

AA Meetings

AA meeting are held at 204 W. Truitt behind church on Main St. Tuesday and Thursday at 7 p.m.

Ministerial Alliance

Winters Ministerial Alliance meets the first Monday of every month at 9 a.m. at Samaritans House on the corner of E. Dale and Grant.

Chamber of Commerce

Chamber of Commerce meets at 5:30 p.m. first Monday of the month at 100 West Dale Street.

City Council Meetings

Winters City Council meets at 6 p.m. the last Monday of the month at 310 North Main.

Literary Service Club

Literary Service Club meets at 6 p.m. the third Monday of the month.

School Board Meetings

Winters ISD School Board meets at 6:30 p.m. every second Monday of the month at 603 North Heights.

Hospital Board Meetings

The North Rannels Hospital Board meets at 7 p.m. the third Monday of the month.

Literary Service Club

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Public Library

Winters Public Library meets at 4:30 p.m. every third Tuesday of the month at the Library.

Winters Women's Club

Winters Women's Club meet on the second Tuesday of the month, from September through May. Contact Jane Bourdo, 754-2048 or Becky Hays, 754-1912 for more information.

Masonic Lodge meetings

Wingate Masonic Lodge 1042 A.F. & A.M., meetings on fourth Monday of the month, at 6:30 p.m. at Wilmeth, TX Lodge. For further information contact Hank Bourdo, at 754-2048.

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Chatting with Paw Paw
By John DeMoss Jr.
The other night Vanna White was in Hawaii and proclaimed it to be, "Pure paradise!" There is no doubt the the great state of Hawaii is beautiful. Almost an understatement.
As much as we hear about the beautiful scenery, the beautiful beaches, and the enormous waves for surfers, it would seem to almost be the "Promised Land."
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In this day and age, people seem to be too smart or too independent. Disobedience to the Word of God is like turning ones back on the riches of Heaven. In this time of uncertainty, it is high time to turn our attention to God and start listening to Him.
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ELEMENTARY BREAKFAST MENU
Monday
Breakfast Pocket, Juice, Choice of Milk.
Tuesday
Cereal, Cinnamon Toast, Juice, Choice of Milk.
Wednesday
Muffin w/Ham, Juice, Choice of Milk.
Thursday
Biscuit, Sausage, Juice, Choice of Milk.
Friday
Holiday

JUNIOR AND HIGH SCHOOL BREAKFAST MENU
Monday
Breakfast Pizza or French Toast w/Sausage or Muffin w/Sausage, Toast w/Jelly, Juice, Choice of Milk.
Tuesday
Cereal or Cereal Bar or French Toast w/Sausage, Cinnamon Toast, Juice, Choice of Milk.
Wednesday
Pancake w/Ham or Breakfast Pizza or Cereal Bar, Toast w/Jelly, Juice, Choice of Milk.
Thursday
Biscuit w/Gravy Sausage or Cereal or Cereal Bar, Toast w/Jelly, Juice, Choice of Milk.
Friday
Holiday

WINTERS ISD LUNCH MENU
Note: Menus are subject to change without notice. Students may purchase extra items: Entree for \$1.00, Milk for \$.30, Sides for \$.50.
Monday

Tater Tot Casserole or Sloppy Joe, Green Beans, Mac & Cheese, Tossed Salad, Hot Roll, Apple Cobbler, Choice of Milk.
Tuesday
Frito Pie or Grilled Cheese Sandwich, Baked Beans, Broccoli w/Cheese, Tossed Salad, Carrot Sticks Honeydew Melon, Ice Cream Cup, Choice of Milk.
Wednesday
Taco Salad or Grilled Chicken on Bun, Spanish Rice, Pinto Beans, Tossed Salad, Coleslaw, Strawberries, Cornbread, Peanut Butter Cookie, Choice of Milk.
Thursday
Chicken Sticks or Cheese Burger, Mashed Potatoes w/Gravy, Black Eyed Peas, Tossed Salad, Orange Wedges, Rice Crispy Treats, Hot Roll, Choice of Milk.
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Winters Athletic Report

By Stephen Hermesmeyer

HS Track

Coach Motheral/Hermesmeyer
The results from the Regional meet will be in next weeks paper.

Athletic physicals for 2010-2011

The end of the school year is upon us, and the athletic department is trying to get an early jump on the 2010-2011 school years. We have arranged for doctors and nurses from Action Sports Medicine in Abilene to come to Winters on Tuesday May 25, at 4:45 pm for athletic physicals. All incoming seventh, ninth, and eleventh grade boys and girls are required by the UIL to have a physical. The cost of the physical will be \$15.00 with a portion of that coming back to our school as a donation. We will be sending home the required paperwork. Please have all papers that have a star in the top right hand corner filled out and returned to school by May 19 (Tuesday). Money can be attached to the form or dropped off at the high school office. The physicals start on Tuesday, May 25 at 4:45 pm.

The coaching staff is excited about having the opportunity to teach and coach your children. Please contact the Athletic Department at 754-4653 or 977-0733 if you have any questions or concerns.

Thanks For Your Help and Support,

Stephen Hermesmeyer
Winters ISD
Athletic Director

Tennis

Coach Villarreal

Junior High Reagan County Tennis Tournament

| Boys Doubles | vs. Name | School | Score |
|-------------------------------|------------------------|---------------|-------|
| Winters | vs. Munoz/Braly | Sonora | 9-7 |
| Tye Cortez/Chris Gerhart | vs. Vargas/Rivas | Ozona | 2-6 |
| Tye Cortez/Chris Gerhart | vs. Strickland/Pruitt | Christoval | 6-8 |
| Alberto Trevino/Jesus Salazar | vs. Quintela/Rodriguez | Fort Stockton | 5-7 |
| Alberto Trevino/Jesus Salazar | vs. Esquivel/Gamez | Sonora | 5-8 |
| Fermin Cruz/Andrew New | vs. Lewis/Solis | Ozona | 7-5 |
| Fermin Cruz/Andrew New | vs. Quintela/Rodriguez | Reagan County | 6-7 |

| Girls Doubles | vs. Name | School | Score |
|---------------------------------|------------------------|---------------|-------|
| Winters | vs. Herta/Hughes | Fort Stockton | 4-8 |
| Kara Kraatz/Kalyn Drake | vs. Yourgalite/Medina | Sonora | 6-1 |
| Kara Kraatz/Kalyn Drake | vs. Hardison/Saucedo | Reagan County | 2-6 |
| Kara Heathcott/Jaymee Pritchard | vs. Urias/Areides | Fort Stockton | 2-8 |
| Kara Heathcott/Jaymee Pritchard | vs. Velez/Mata | Sonora | 6-4 |
| Kara Heathcott/Jaymee Pritchard | vs. Morales/Smith | Fort Stockton | 2-6 |
| Ashley Guy/Emily Reyes | vs. Perez/Martinez | Crane | 2-8 |
| Ashley Guy/Emily Reyes | vs. Garcia/Velasco | Crane | 6-2 |
| Ashley Guy/Emily Reyes | vs. Elston/Espinosa | Ozona | 6-3 |
| Ashley Guy/Emily Reyes | vs. Thompson/Edwards | Reagan County | 4-6 |
| Alanna Cooper/Missy Calcote | vs. Cervantez/Martinez | Reagan County | 4-8 |
| Alanna Cooper/Missy Calcote | vs. Thompson/Edwards | Ozona | 1-6 |
| Brandie Wright/Victoria Sanchez | vs. Tellez/Valdez | Sonora | 3-8 |
| Brandie Wright/Victoria Sanchez | vs. Guerro/Key | Eldorado | 5-7 |

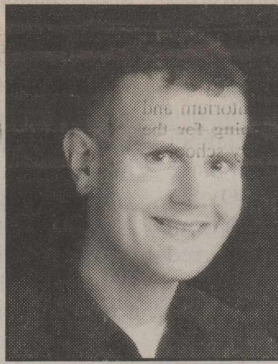
| Girls Singles | vs. Name | School | Score |
|---------------|-----------------------|---------------|-------|
| Winters | vs. Alexis Garcia | Eldorado | 1-8 |
| Jennifer Rios | vs. Alyssa Armendariz | Reagan County | 2-6 |

| Boys Singles | vs. Name | School | Score |
|-------------------|----------------------|---------------|-------|
| Winters | vs. Cole Parker | Ozona | 8-0 |
| Jimmy John Ripley | vs. Ethan Barker | Reagan County | 8-1 |
| Jimmy John Ripley | vs. Hayden Hargraves | Christoval | 8-0 |

| First Place | vs. Second Place | Score |
|---------------|----------------------|-------|
| Winters | vs. Koch | 8-1 |
| Darrell Hagle | vs. Omar Sanchez | 8-0 |
| Darrell Hagle | vs. Tyler Doering | 8-3 |
| Darrell Hagle | vs. Luke Kraatz | 8-2 |
| Darrell Hagle | vs. Tanner Esparza | 8-6 |
| Luke Kraatz | vs. Nathaniel Valdez | 8-6 |
| Luke Kraatz | vs. Hayden Hargraves | 8-0 |
| Luke Kraatz | vs. Hayden Hargraves | 8-5 |

Winters graduate releases novel

Winters Enterprise Staff Report



Jason Dry

WINTERS, Texas.- Winters graduate author Jason Dry released a novel entitled House of Love, a heart-warming saga of family ties that bind readers through life and afterlife.

Everybody has a family, for better or for worse. Families instill love, values and pride, and they sometimes cause heartache and scandal. Families fall apart, and families come together. Everyone has lost loved ones, but do they ever really leave? Is anybody ever really alone?

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Seven-year-old Paul is sent away to his grandparents' house in Sulphur Springs, Texas after his little sister dies. He feels responsible for his sister's death, as he was put in charge of watching her while his mother slept away her depression. Paul's grandparents take him into their charge and try to ease his guilt and to help him cope with his new life.

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In House of Love by Jason Dry, the dead and the living reunite, and young Paul learns that family is always connected, and that nothing is ever as it seems.

The book trailer video for House of Love can be viewed at the author's website, <http://www.jasondry.com>, as well as at www.youtube.com.

The author, Jason Dry, was born in Sulphur Springs, Texas, where the novel is set. As a young child, he moved to Kingsland, Texas, which is also a setting in the novel. He graduated from Winters High School in Winters, Texas, and is an alumnus of the University of Texas at Austin. He began his teaching career in San Antonio, Texas, and then he moved to Madrid, Spain, where he became fluent in Spanish. After Madrid,

Jason Dry lived in Berlin, Germany, where he learned

fluent German. After Berlin, he moved to San Francisco, California. He now resides in Denver, Colorado, where he teaches Spanish.

More information about House of Love and its author Jason Dry can be found at the author's website, <http://www.jasondry.com>. The website includes the video trailer for House of Love as well as links to where the book can be purchased. The author can be contacted through this website.

Jason Dry can also be contacted at jasondry@jasondry.com. House of Love is now available at amazon.com, barnesandnoble.com, and in ebook format at smashwords.com.

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Fishin' with Dave

Fishing Report
Dave Caudle

It finally happened this past Friday. We all knew it could, and we've been expecting it to happen for a long time. A 16.02 black bass was brought to the scales at Ivie, and on the same day another ho-hum 13 pounder was also brought in and added to the Sharelunker Program. In fact, the guys from Parks and Wildlife were bringing back two previous entries to be returned to the lake and picked up the newest members of the 13-pound-plus black bass.

It should also be noted that Toyota backs the Sharelunker Program, which is designed to breed the biggest bass to make more big bass for us to try and catch. I'm sure the folks who own a Toyota would rather someone try to figure out what's causing runaway cars before trying to make bigger bass. Another good reason to buy American and go fishing.

Speaking of America and American ways, this border thing has been getting a lot of attention lately with Arizona passing a law that allows a peace officer to question a person about his or her right to be in this country. Once citizenship status is investigated, then action may be taken if the person is not

legally in the United States. This is actually something we did years ago in the 1970's on a regular basis, and if a person was determined to be here illegally, then we took him to Goodfellow Air Force base and turned him over to immigration officials. We were paid \$3.00 in U.S. funds for each illegal person we detained, which is certainly less than the cost today to enforce the law.

Much of the uproar about this deals with the word "profiling." This term is grossly misused when the media refers to law enforcement. A police officer must profile to do his or her job (politically correct terms and genders). If a highway patrolman is assigned to detect speeders, then he uses profiling to look for persons driving a vehicle on a public road. He looks only at moving vehicles because there he might find a person violating the speed laws. It wouldn't do much good to sit in a parking lot running radar; although there are cars there, catching a speeder would be unlikely. So the DPS officer goes to an area where he can perform his duties.

Likewise, knowing that about 80 percent of illegals in this country are of Hispanic descent, whether they be from Costa Rica or Mexico, asking a Hispanic for his citizenship status would

seem to be the right thing to do to enforce the laws already on the books. There are also illegals of Caucasian decent, which would seem to indicate that anyone could be asked to prove his or her right to be in this country. Every time I go to and from El Paso my citizenship is questioned, and I am not offended. That's mainly because I'm a legal citizen of this country. I've fished a great deal in Mexico, and nearly on a daily basis my status was questioned while I was there. Had I not been there legally, according to Mexico's laws, I'm sure I would have been jailed, fined, and hopefully allowed to return to America.

Over the years I learned that those who have the most to hide normally scream the loudest. I have no problem with those who want to work in America to better their lives and those of their families, but they must do that legally. The government should be clearing the red tape to allow those who will work legal status. There's no good reason for those who are trying to better themselves to die in the desert or canals. I would prefer to keep the criminals and drug smugglers out, and we all must suffer some questioning for that to occur. Stay American and stay legal.

See you on the lake.

Ban National Day of Prayer, no freedom of religion says bishop

Winters Enterprise
Staff Report

WINTERS, Texas.- The ban imposed on the National Day of Prayer, goes against the true meaning of the First Amendment remarks Michel Pfeifer, Catholic Bishop of the Diocese of San Angelo. This tradition was established by the very first Congress of the United States and President George Washington in accordance with the First Amendment.

"The first duty of our courts is to seek the original intentions of the drafters and the true spirit of these monumental documents—the Constitution and its Amendments," wrote Pfeifer in a letter sent to this publication.

"Thank God our government has already wisely challenged Judge Crabb's ruling. From a historical point of view, the judge's ruling is preposterous. The First Amendment was designed to protect freedom of religious expression, and in no way stamp it out."

The tradition of National Day of Prayer goes back to the very first Congress and very first President.

Just two days after the members of Congress passed the First Amendment, they asked President George Washington to declare a National Day of Thanksgiving and Prayer.

In response to this request from Congress, President Washington, issued just such a proclamation on October 3, 1789, less than a week after passage of the First Amendment. Down through history, many Presidents have declared Days of Prayer for the nation.

Bishop Pfeifer encouraged all people to take part in the National Day of Prayer, on May 6, in thousands of cities across the nation. Individuals are invited to gather for a moral rebirth in the country.

"The National Day of Prayer is an annual event established by an Act of Congress which encourages Americans to pray for our nation, its people and its leaders. Contrary to violating the First Amendment, this Day of Prayer is totally in accordance with the intention of those who established the First Amendment, recognizing the Divine foundation which is the substance for our American way of life.

Texas Parks and Wildlife searching for lands to lease

Ralph Suarez
For The Winters Enterprise

WINTERS, Texas.- In 1994, the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) began a pilot program to benefit both hunters and agricultural producers in Texas. This program, known as the Short Term Public Hunting Lease Program, sought to lease private lands during the dove season for use by purchasers of the TPWD \$48 Annual Public Hunting (APH) Permit. Originally, leases were only secured along the Interstate 35 corridor in Central Texas. Since that first year, the program has found ready acceptance from both hunters and participating landowners. The program has expanded

to other areas of the state and to other game species. TPWD has also increased the flexibility of lease terms, with innovations such as multiple year leases. We are always looking for good lease opportunities and this brochure is designed to explain the program and to answer some of the questions most commonly asked by farmers and ranchers with an interest in participating in the program.

What is a Short-Term Hunting Land Lease? A short-term hunting land lease is a contract between TPWD and a private landowner. The landowner agrees to let APH Permit holders hunt dove and/or other small game on their property for a specified peri-

od of time. TPWD agrees to pay a set fee for this access and also agrees to post signs on the boundary, designated roads and parking areas, restricted areas or other areas identified in the lease agreement. The agreement does not mean that a TPWD biologist or game warden will be on site during the hunt, but staff persons will periodically monitor the site and be available if problems arise. Activities such as camping, building fires, fishing, and consumption of alcoholic beverages are not allowed.

Who can hunt on Short-Term Hunting Lease lands? Not everyone with a hunting license is allowed legal access to these short-term lease lands. Only those hunters who purchase the

APH Permit (approximately 30,000 are sold annually statewide) from TPWD are allowed to hunt.

What are liability risks? Recently, the Texas Legislature enacted statutes that offer additional liability protection to landowners who lease recreational (including hunting) rights. If the total income derived from all recreational activity does not exceed 20 times the annual ad valorem taxes assessed on the property for the prior year, the landowner does not assume additional liability risks. Each purchaser of the APH Permit is also provided with a disclaimer of liability whose acceptance holds both the TPWD and the landowner harmless from injuries that may be incurred on the property as a result of public hunting activity.

How much does TPWD pay for these leases? Payment varies widely depending upon things such as size, habitat quality, game species and hunt dates pro-

vided, and location. The area must be of high enough quality and near enough to population centers to have a reasonable expectation of paying it's cost. TPWD's goal is not to make money, but rather to provide additional public hunting opportunity. That being said, the payments for most leases average almost \$5.00 an acre statewide. Payment is made to the landowner within 45 days of the conclusion of public hunts.

Originally, Short-Term Hunting Leases were signed strictly for the first split of the dove season: typically September 1 to mid-October in central and north Texas, and late September to early November in south Texas. TPWD is also interested in obtaining short-term leases for additional species of small game during other time periods. TPWD will consider signing multi-year leases for a good area. The deadline for signing lease agreements is normally June

1. What species will be hunted? Originally only for dove, TPWD is now interested in leasing short-term opportunities for rabbit, quail, squirrel, pheasant and waterfowl (ducks and geese).

TPWD does not sign up all property offered for lease. When evaluating potential lease sites, TPWD biologists and game wardens look first at the habitat (food, water, cover available) and second at the distance to a population center. Ideal lease sites have a food source (such as a crop field or recently fallowed field) surrounded by rangeland. Management of crop and fallow fields is also important.

For more information on specific habitat needs or managing crop fields for wildlife contact a local TPWD biologist or game warden. Ralph Suarez is the local TPWD wildlife biologist for Runnels County, he can be reached at 325-365-2840.

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City Spring cleanup

WINTERS, Texas.- Spring cleanup around the city has gone very well and folks have filled up the dumpsters almost as fast as they were dropped off. All of these efforts help make our town look better. I want to encourage our citizens to take pride in their neighborhoods and follow up all year to keep Winters clean and looking good.

The three most prevalent code violation complaints to the Police Department are stagnate water, accumulation of carrion, filth, junk, and the growth or accumulation of weeds and rubbish. Our city code addresses each of these areas and throughout the spring and summer months the Police Department will begin focusing on these issues throughout the city. In the next few articles, I hope to shed some light on how folks can help keep things cleaned up and looking good. We will start with Junk Cars.

What is a junk vehicle? (Reference City of Winters Code of Ordinances Chapter 7.601 - 7.606)

The ordinance code describes a junk vehicle as a motor vehicle that meets one or more of the following conditions:

1. It is inoperative with an expired (or non-existent) license plate and / or safety certificate.

2. It is wrecked, disman-

tion to one of the above conditions, the vehicle is located in a place where it is visible from a public place or a public right-of-way.

Are some vehicles exempt?

There are some exceptions to the code definition of a junk vehicle and they are as follows:

1. An Antique Auto - described as a car or truck that was manufactured in 1925 or before or a passenger car or truck that is at least thirty-five years old

2. A Special Interest Vehicle - described as a motor vehicle of any age that has not been altered or modified from original manufacturer's specification, and because of its historic interest is being preserved by a hobbyist

3. A Collector of antique vehicles - described as a person who collects, purchases, trades, and acquires antique vehicles or parts for use in restoring, preserving, and maintaining an antique or special interest vehicle for historic interest

4. Automotive repair shops in business to repair motor vehicles

Vehicles are exempt from the code if a person legitimately engaged in restoring antique vehicles or repairing vehicles as a business possesses them in view of the public.

Why are junk vehicles illegal?

The Texas Legislature and the City of Winters have deemed a vehicle that meets the definition of a "junk vehicle" as a Public Nuisance. Citizens are prohibited from maintaining a vehicle that meets the definition of a junk vehicle within the city limits of Winters.

What could happen if you have a junk vehicle?

If the police department receives or generates a complaint regarding a potential junk vehicle, the Texas Legislature has laid out the following procedure:

1. Officers inspect the complaint and validate whether or not the vehicle meets the definition of a junk vehicle

2. If the complaint is valid, photographs of the vehicle are taken and a letter sent to the last registered owner and any lien holder,

notifying them of the code violation and giving them ten days to bring the vehicle into compliance.

3. After the ten-day period, the vehicle will be re-inspected. If the vehicle has been brought into compliance, the case will be closed. If

the vehicle remains out of compliance, the Police Department is authorized by law to remove the vehicle to the city impound lot and issue a citation to the registered owner for a code violation.

4. The police will then file official paperwork with Austin. After approval from Austin, the vehicle will be sold to a crusher or parts house to recover the taxpayers' cost.

What can you do if you cannot fix your vehicle right away but you do not want to get a citation for an ordinance violation?

Owners who cannot afford to fix up their vehicle, but do not want to be issued a citation, can do one of the following:

1. Remove the vehicle to a location outside the city limits.

2. Sell the vehicle to a used car or junk dealer and get some extra cash.

3. Voluntarily surrender the vehicle to the City of Winters to save any citation or recovery fees.

4. Securely and neatly, cover the vehicle with a tarp so it is no longer visible to the public.

5. Place the vehicle behind a privacy fence where it is not visible from a public place.

What is the Police Department's duty?

Police / Code Enforcement Officers are required by law to investigate complaints, issue citations, and remove junk vehicles within the city limits.

We can all help make Winters attractive to those who visit our city. If you have a vehicle that falls within this definition, please make every effort to bring the vehicle into compliance. If you have any questions, please contact my office.

Semper Fi,
Nathan T. Johnson
Chief of Police



Chief Nathan Johnson



Vehicle in violation of code.

Annual fish sale ends on May 7

Winters Enterprise
Staff Report

WINTERS, Texas.- Runnels County Soil and Water Conservation district 232 is having the annual fish sale and the program will continue through May 7, with delivery of the fish on May 12, at the Natural Resources Conservation Service office, at 2000 Hutchins Avenue in Ballinger.

Assorted species, sizes and pricing are available. The vendor will provide bags, air and water necessary to transport fish to destination.

For available species, sizes and prices, please call the Natural Resources Conservation Service at 325-365-3415 ext. 3.

The Fish Program in addition to the Windbreak Tree Program generates funds used for conservation education across our county. You may recognize such things as our frequent fish and wildlife seminars, conservation field days, Natural Resource Day for county fifth graders, poster and essay contest, soil stewardship materials for area churches and sponsoring students and teachers to educational seminars.

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