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NEWS at a glance

Pearls of Wisdom—To the world you might be one person, but to one person you might be the world.

Inside: Hunter's Guide
Area and visiting hunters alike, will enjoy the 14 page *Runnels County Hunter's Guide*, a Special Section in today's paper.

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Quilt Show Saturday

The Wingate Sew & Sew Club will host their annual Quilt Show & Sale this Saturday at the Wingate Lions Club Building.

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Class of 1961 hosts reunion

The Winters High School Class of 1961 celebrated their 40th reunion recently at The Rock Hotel.

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Excellent rating for WHS Band

The Winters High School Marching Blizzard Band received a II (excellent) rating recently at the district contest in Brady.

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Local Priest has book published

Father Obioma Desmond Obi, a foreign-born priest from Nigeria and pastor of the Mt. Carmel Catholic Church in Winters is a published author. Guest column is by WHS *Blitz* reporter, Briana Parramore.

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Breakfast series by BKB huge success

"Doughnuts & Dads" and "Muffins with Moms" was a big hit with parents and children alike. The breakfast series was held last week sponsored by the Blizzard Kids Backers.

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NR board votes to keep hospital open

Community and WABIC pledge support in public meeting

Approximately forty concerned citizens attended the regular meeting of the North Runnels Hospital Board of Directors on Tuesday night, October 30. The citizens spoke overwhelmingly in favor of trying to keep the hospital open.

"It's a situation of 'pay me now or pay me later,'" said longtime Winters resident

Nelan Bahlman. "I think we have to keep it open."

Jimmy Butler, Business Manager for Winters Independent School District, reported that two-thirds of the school's revenue comes from the state. "If we lose businesses in town, we lose students, and then we lose the state's revenue," he said.

Another 50-year resident of

Winters, Betty Pinkerton, added, "If we can put together \$80,000 for a centennial celebration, why can't we get \$150,000 to save our hospital?"

Randall Conner, Executive Director of the Winters Area Business and Industrial Corporation (WABIC), addressed the audience and, more specifically, the board members,

pleading for the opportunity to implement a strategic plan to keep the hospital open.

Hospital board President Randall Sneed reminded the attentive audience that the hospital already owes \$300,000 to vendors and suppliers, and \$250,000 already borrowed on a short-term loan. Keeping the hospital open will only enlarge that debt, Sneed said.

"The situation here is critical — very critical," he added. "We realize our decision affects all of us — you and your families as well as ours. North Runnels Hospital is a big piece of the Winters puzzle."

Fellow board member Tobin Burns said, "Everybody on the board is thoroughly convinced we need the hospital, but the

See HOSPITAL, page 10



HUNDREDS OF SHOPPERS filled the aisles of Audra Mercantile in Bradshaw last Friday, the first day of the liquidation sale. Here workers set up outside the front door to receive payments from the long line of buyers seeking antiques and unique items in the 96-year-old store which has been operated by Miss Opal Hunt for decades.

Council wants Ivie water

During the regular meeting of the Winters City Council Monday evening, Council members gave the go-ahead to Ken Martin to proceed with negotiations with the City of Abilene for water from the Ivie Reservoir.

Martin presented information to the Council to help them make the decision. He is an engineer with Jacob & Martin, Inc., engineering firm in Abilene, and has also been working with the Abilene City Council.

Approximately four and a half miles of pipeline will need to be laid from the Abilene pipeline to the Elm Creek Reservoir. The City of Abilene proposes to run 51 miles of pipeline from Ivie to Abilene.

The approximate cost of \$300,000 includes the pipe, valve, meter, and automatic valve operation.

Four hundred acre feet of water a year will be available for the City of Winters to use. This water will have to be paid for at 38¢ per thousand gallons, whether or not Winters uses the water.

Martin also told council See COUNCIL, page 10

Anthrax scare at Mueller's, Inc. in Ballinger

One of Ballinger's largest businesses, Mueller, Inc., was the site of an anthrax scare on Monday afternoon, October 22.

An employee opened a letter and saw a "puff of smoke" come out of the envelope. With all the publicity concerning anthrax, the employee was concerned and called local police. Treating the call with the utmost precaution, Ballinger Police sealed off the building and removed the possible contaminated contents.

San Angelo FBI Special Agent Bill Endorf said the letter was inspected, with no particles of powder found inside the envelope.

As a precaution, the six employees inside the building were brought a change of clothes and took a shower in the building's shower facilities. Other people who had entered the building after the letter was opened were instructed to take a hot shower, according to Endorf.

Bryan Davenport, President of Mueller, Inc., said "We just wanted to take extra precau-

tions. Hopefully it's nothing." The letter was from a normal company vendor.

Officials contacted the vendor who reported nothing suspicious about the sending of the mailing.

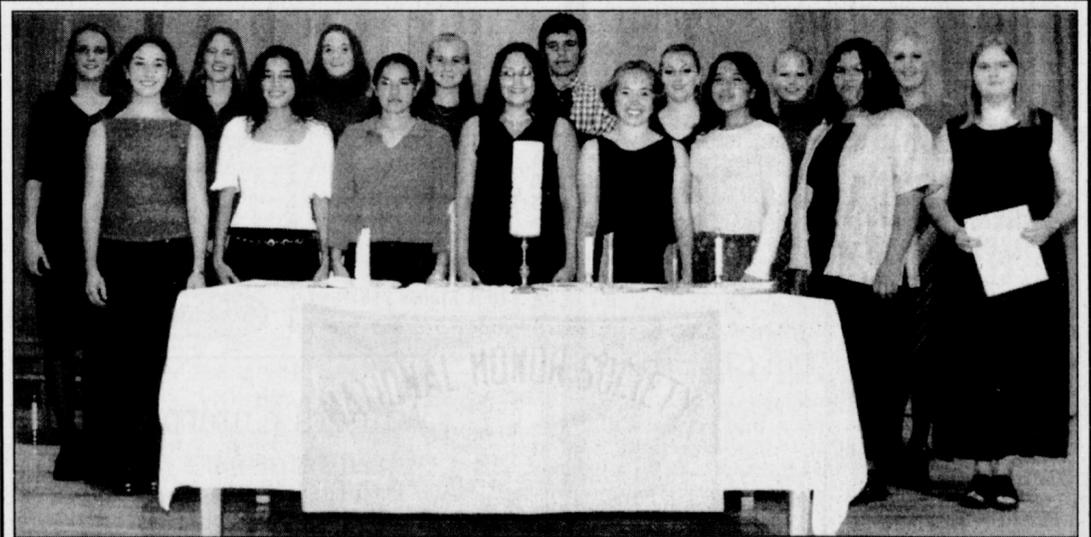
After the building was

cleared, employees were allowed to go home.

Ballinger Police Chief J.C. Gore said the envelope contained a flyer and that printers often use a powder spray to assist in drying and keeping the flyers from sticking together.

"That may have been what puffed out when the envelope was opened," he said.

The Runnels County Sheriff's Department, Ballinger Fire Department and Texas Department of Public Safety all assisted in the incident.



NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY INDUCTEES from Winters High School include (l-r) Kemari Hale, Leah Bredemeyer, Laci Walker, Priscilla Ontiveros, Stacey Sneed, Elizabeth Martinez, Stacey Walden, Lydia Rocha, Shane Colburn, Stephanie Davis, Leslye Geistmann, Veronica Flores, Lacey Meyer, Kala Hagle, Jena Bahlman, and Stephanie Parsons. Induction ceremonies were held at WHS on Oct. 22. Chapter sponsor is Ken Fowler.

National Honor Society inducts sixteen WHS students

Sixteen students from Winters High School were inducted into membership of the National Honor Society in an evening ceremony at the school on Tuesday, October 22, 2001.

Members were selected by a faculty council for meeting high standards of scholarship, service, leadership and character.

Students inducted were Jena Bahlman, Leah Bredemeyer, Shane Colburn, Stephanie Davis, Veronica Flores, Leslye Geistmann, Kemari Hale, Kala Hagle, Elizabeth Martinez, Lacey

Meyer, Priscilla Ontiveros, Stephanie Parsons, Lydia Rocha, Stacey Sneed, Stacey Walden and Laci Walker.

Present members include Chris Hoppe, president; Mandy Pritchard, vice-president; Meagan Galvan-Nitsch, secretary; Kelly Walker, reporter; and Staci Bishop, Travis Grohman, Jeremy Hope, Tassi Hopson, Joey Joeris, Isha Lara, Scarlett McMin, Toni Retana, Bear Webb, and Raul Zermeno

"National Honor Society members are expected to continue their exemplary contribu-

tions to the school and community," said Ken Fowler, chapter adviser.

The Winters High School Chapter has been active since 1954, with fifteen original members.

The National Honor Society ranks as one of the oldest and most prestigious national organizations for high school students. Chapters exist in three-fourths of the nation's high schools and, since 1921, millions of students have been selected for membership. Thousands of dollars in scholarships have been awarded to senior

members since 1945 by the sponsoring organization, the National Association of Secondary School Principals.

Fowler further states, "The national Honor Society would like to extend a special thanks to the parents of the senior members for helping with the reception. Thanks also to Mrs. Dees for playing the piano during the ceremony, and to Mr. Clack for his inspirational congratulatory speech. Also, a grateful thank you to all the volunteers who helped get everything together and make this ceremony possible."

Opinion

Oil Bidness

by Reg Boles ©2001



Of all the many inputs into the equation of success in the oil and gas business, "political risk" has often been a step-child.

Everyone has given political risk lip service, as the business has become ever more international, but few take it as a serious, quantifiable risk to manage. Oil and gas companies are aware of the relative changes in political risk around the world, but many treat it as if it is just something a company in the business has to live with.

Besides, many times the largest and most profitable reserves are in those places with pretty substantial political risk. The old "risk (political) and reward (huge reserves)" view ruled.

But, now things have changed.

Political risk has more resonance with everyone, these days. Heck, picking up your mail involves risk right now, so we are all thinking and assessing risk. And, businesses are acutely aware of it, particularly now.

Consider the state of things around the world, and I think you will come to realize that it has become ever more important WHERE you produce your oil and gas.

If it is produced in the US, or Canada, or similarly stable area, then things look pretty good. But, if you happen to produce your hydrocarbons in the Middle East, in Uzbekistan, or similarly unstable area, political risk is a tangible thing to say the least.

So, now, those that work for companies in managing risk, planning for the future, and laying down plans for the future are scrambling to quantify political risk. It is no longer acceptably prudent to just acknowledge political risk but pass it off as a necessary evil to get big reserves. After all,

if you can't produce, transport, and sell your production without the very real risk of being commandeered without compensation, you can't afford to spend your development money there.

The time has arrived for truly factoring the risks that come from political instability into the decision-making that is required for deploying capital in the oil and gas business. This is being seen in the largest companies right now, as they struggle with a way to properly evaluate and manage the risk they face with assets (acquired relatively recently) behind what has become "enemy lines" in many places.

Smaller players may not have the luxury to even worry about political risk with their current assets, because of a narrow base of properties (they may only have properties where there is great political risk). It may be too late to back out now, so they just have to grit their teeth and hold on until things get too bad to stay. On the other hand, they will have the ability to consider whether they want to be there in some future project.

Political risk is not just a side-show anymore.

Times--they are a changin'!

HIGHLIGHTS OF AREA DRILLING ACTIVITY

COMPLETIONS

Callahan County
S.B. Street Operating, Inc. has completed the Cochran #9 in the Ciego Marrano Field (8 miles SW of Baird) at an initial rate of 10 BOPD in the Cook Sand (perms 1332-38). Loc. is 1109 EWL & 2000 FNL of Sec. 2, Blk. 2, SPRR Sur., A-693.

Coleman County
Encon Services, Inc. has completed the Sealy-Smith #1A in the Emily Field (4 miles NE of Novice)

at an initial rate of 1370 MCFPD in the Ellenburger (perms 3948-54). Loc. is 2000 FSL & 2477 FEL of Sec. 79, Blk. 2, GH&H Sur., A-258.

Runnels County
Enrich Oil has completed the plug back of the C.O. Poe #1 in the West Winters Field (4 miles W of Winters) at an initial rate of 35 BOPD & 242 BWPD in the King Sand (perms 2823-33). Loc. is 2180 FSL & 2650 FWL of Sec. 68, Blk. 63, HT&B Sur., A-708.

the Denis -39- #1 as a Wildcat, 12 miles SW of Eden (Depth 4000). Loc. is 158 FWL & 2505 FNL of Sec. 39, Blk. 8, H&TC Sur., A-401.

Nolan County
Chisholm Operating has staked two wells 6 miles SE of Nolan (Depth 4900). The Blackwood #1 is loc. 330 FNL & 2151 FEL of Sec. 254, Blk. 64, H&TC Sur. The Blackwood -A- #1 is loc. 2640 FNL & 10 FEL of Sec. 243, H&TC Sur.

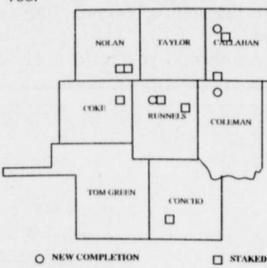
Runnels County
B-J Oil Company has applied to re-enter the D.J. Goetz #1 in the Jim Burt Field, 4 miles SE of Winters (Depth 4800). Loc. is 3150 FSL & 9000 FWL of J. McKean Sur. No. 534, A-371.
Enrich Oil has applied to re-enter the C.O. Poe #3 in the West Winters Field, 4 miles W of Winters (Depth 2850). Loc. is 853 FSL & 2173 FEL of Sec. 68, Blk. 63, HT&B Sur., A-708.

STAKINGS

Callahan County
Echo Production has staked the Alpha #1 in the County Regular Field, 4 miles SW of Eula (Depth 1910). Loc. is 2440 FSL & 200 FEL of Sec. 51, LAL Sur., A-771.
J. & M. Company has applied to re-enter the Coburn #1 in the County Regular Field, 5 miles SW of Cross Plains (Depth 1000). Loc. is 509 FEL & 1000 FSL of G. Eubanks Sur. No. 185, A-161.

Coke County
L.C.S. Production has staked the SPA Unit #10 in the Fort Chadbourne Field, 7 miles N of Bronte (Depth 5999). Loc. is 100 FWL & 1400 FSL of M.C. Allen Sur. No. 1.

Concho County
Hollis R. Sullivan, Inc. has staked



Letters to the Editor Policy

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Letters to the Editor

Crews newcomer says thanks to VFW for Making A Difference

Dear Editor,
The Senior Citizens Party theme "Make A Difference Day" was a great success and a nice way for seniors to get acquainted. I wish to extend my appreciation and thanks to Mary Kurtz, Billy Ray, the VFW and the VFW Ladies Auxiliary for their time and hard work on this project.

My appreciation also goes to the Winters Band, "Now & Again" for their entertainment, especially by playing the "old time" favorites.

As a newcomer in the Crews community, I met a lot of nice people and look forward to the next month's party. THANKS for Making A Difference.

A Crews Newcomer

Bishop urges readers to fight pornography

Dear Editor,
Pornography Awareness Week, October 28 - November 3, 2001, and the White Ribbon Against Pornography Campaign (WRAP) are intended to highlight awareness about the pornography problem in our communities and what can be done about it. The following reflections from *Morality in Media* stress that fighting porn, however, is a year-round challenge.

When we participate in the White Ribbon Against Pornography Campaign, we are standing up against a moral "cancer" that is eating away at America. This cancer in our culture is literally corroding our national character. We participate in the campaign because we understand that unless America begins to aggressively treat this cancer by prosecuting it as the laws say and demand, it will continue to eat away at our nation's moral fiber.

The communities and homes of our nation are vulnerable to pornography throughout the year especially through TV and the internet. That is why we shouldn't limit our opposition to porn to just one week a year.

Pornography, and its effects on individuals, families, and communities is ultimately a spiritual and moral problem. Illegal pornography is teaching an entire generation of young people distorted values about their sexuality, about marriage, about healthy relationships within marriage, and respect for others.

Pornography is degrading. It degrades and denies the image and likeness of God in women, turning them into mere means to selfish sexual satisfaction. But there's more. In doing that, it degrades the reader, the "consumer" of pornography, as well.

Pornography is not "harmless." Every woman depicted in those images is somebody's sister, somebody's daughter, somebody's friend. She is an image and likeness of God. Treating her as less than that degrades her. It degrades the men who view her that way. It degrades us as a society. It degrades the incredible, awesome gift of sexuality.

Sincerely yours,
Most Rev. *Michael D. Pfeifer*, OMI
Bishop of the Catholic Diocese of San Angelo

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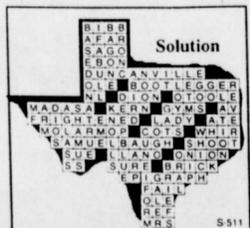
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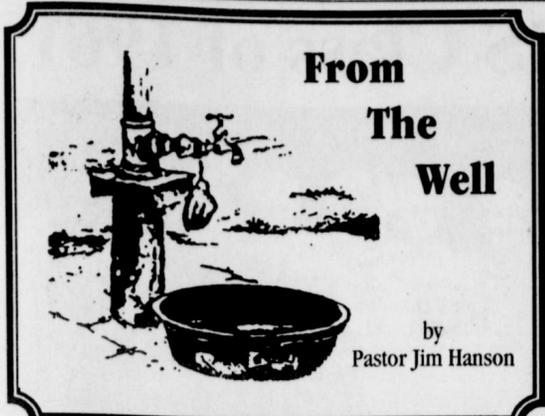
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From The Well

by Pastor Jim Hanson



Pastor Jim Hanson

Today I am sitting in Hans's room as I write this column. The last time I was here, in eastern South Dakota, surrounded by soy bean and corn fields, was September 11, 2001. It was here I wrote the column. The day the terrorists

declared war. And killed over 5,000 innocent people in a matter of minutes.

Of course it wasn't the first time. They had tried to topple the World Trade Center before, From the ground. This time... it was different. And it continues. Over there. And here.

Most recently... it has been anthrax powder. Coming through the mail. Many people are asking "What next?" "Where will it happen?" "Where's the security?" "Where can we find a safe place?"

Bin Laden calls it a "holy war." It is his hope and dream that the wall will escalate until he has 1 billion on his side and we have 1 billion on ours. And it doesn't matter who wins. Just so that all are exterminated. That is his goal... the end of the world. Destruction of all humans.

It is not a "holy war." But it is "spiritual warfare." As the apostle Paul describes it in Ephesians 6. "For we are not contending against flesh and blood, but against the principalities, against the powers, against the world rulers of this present darkness, against the spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places." Our defense is God's armor. Truth, righteousness, peace, faith, salvation... and the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God. And, he writes, "Pray at all times in the Spirit with all prayer and supplication."

This is something each of us can do. And we need to get with it. To be sure there are some wonderful signs. "God bless America" is being sung all over... and in all places, public places like school and even baseball fields. Last night, as Ramona and I were on the road, we listened to the Yankees beat the Mariners. But the thrill of that broadcast for me was listening to an Irish tenor sing all the words to "God Bless America." The man is an M.D., and he stands on two artificial legs... but he literally filled that stadium as well as the airwaves with his heartfelt singing.

And, there aren't any flag burnings in the U.S.A. these days. You see flags all over... on cars, at the top of cranes, on every street corner of every little town, on T-shirts, lapels, and hats. We are becoming more and more awake to the fact that we do live in the best place on earth. God is showing up in public as His people come out of their closets and stand up for their faith.

One of the worst things we ever did in America was let Madeline O'Hare have her way. She was the instrument Satan used to get prayer out of our schools, and, later on, out of the public square. Our slippery slide downward began with that. Why? Because without prayer to God there is not protection from evil. And evil has not been eradicated. Only the power of God overcomes it. And prayer is our connection to Him.

We need a great renewal of prayer and praying together with others right now. We cannot expect God to rescue us, to be with us, to save us, and to destroy the evil in us and in others without asking Him. It is our greatest need. That is why Jesus told a parable about a pesky woman who kept pestering an unrighteous judge until he vindicated her. Luke introduces this "Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not lose heart" (Luke 18:1). And Jesus concludes it by saying, "Will not God vindicate his elect, who cry to him night and day? Will he delay long over them? I tell you, he will vindicate them speedily?" So, let us pray... persistently and peskily... until it happens. We need to pray. We need to... so that we not lose heart. And so that, when "the Son of man comes" he will "find faith on earth."

Winters residents contribute over \$2,500 to terrorist relief efforts

Two more checks have been sent from the Citizens of Winters, Texas, to relief funds for the families of victims of the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks in New York, Washington, D.C. and Pittsburgh.

Janice Pruser, owner of Winters Flower Shop & More, mailed a check to the American Red Cross for \$1,056. She donated the money collected from the sales of red, white, & blue lapel ribbons and door banners made by her employees.

Kay and Richard Sharpes, owners of The Stitchin' Post have presented one check for \$1,440 to the Salvation Army Relief Fund, and says there is another to come.

The Sharpes pledged \$5 from the sale of each "United We Stand" patriotic t-shirt designed for the fundraiser.

Last month, Winters Elementary students raised \$1,100 for relief efforts, by contributing change from their piggy banks.



DONNA SMITH (far right) prepares to write another sales ticket during the busy first day of sale at Audra Mercantile in Bradshaw. The sale continues this Friday and Saturday at the landmark business which was originally built in 1905 in Audra.

Senior Citizens Activity Center Menu

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Nov. 5 thru Nov. 8
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Monday, Nov. 5: Chicken nuggets & gravy, french fries, carrot salad, bread, fruit.

Tuesday, Nov. 6: Hamburger steak, rice, peas, bread, banana pudding.

Wednesday, Nov. 7: Turkey & gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, hot rolls, and pumpkin pie.

Thursday, Nov. 8: Potato soup, grilled cheese, pear & cottage cheese, crackers, cookies.

Friday, Nov. 9: BBQ-on-a-Bun, chips, cole slaw, pickles & onions, dessert.

Card of Thanks

We, the wife and children of Jerry Arispe, would like to thank so many people for everything they did in our time of need.

Thank you to policemen Jeff and Robert for getting to our house so quickly and for working with Jerry until the ambulance arrived. Thank you to EMTs Mary, Curtis, and Chris for doing everything they could and for all of the support from them and the hospital staff.

Thank you to all family members and friends for the phone calls, prayers, flowers, cards, donations and food.

Thank you to the First United Methodist Church and its congregation for the great dinner Sunday. Thank you to the Winters Funeral Home for all their help and concern. To sister Georgia and Brother Don for the services and for just being there for us. Thank you Deacon Martinez for the rosary.

Thank you to all the school staff and teachers for helping with Samantha and Josh.

Thank you all so very much, it has really touched our hearts to know that Winters is so caring.

God bless you all
 Teresa, Samantha, Joshua, Nicole, & Amanda Arispe; Tiffany, Adam Dorian, & Nevaeh Tamez; & Kayla Hubach

In Appreciation

Card of Thanks

I want to thank the 2001 Homecoming Committee for the honor of Coming Home Queen. I was surprised, to say the least.

Thank you for the beautiful flowers and banner, and for making this special time such a memorable one for my family and me.

Sincerely,
 Nadine Bedford

Card of Thanks

The Literary and Service Club wishes to thank all who participated and contributed to making our homecoming turkey dinner such a success.

By your generous attendance, we in turn are able to put back into the various programs of our town.

Thank you!

Card of Thanks

I want to express my sincere thanks for all the cards, calls, visits and programs during my hospital stay in the nursing home.

People have been so kind and caring. I appreciate everything they have done.

May God bless you.
 Dortha Lawrence

WHS Student Council plans "Patriotic Tribute to Heroes Past and Present"

Winters Student Council will present a "Patriotic Tribute to Heroes Past and Present" on Monday, November 12, at 8:05 a.m. in front of the Winters High School.

This ceremony will pay tribute to veterans, military service men and women, firemen, EMTs, and policemen.

Special recognition will be given to veterans who served

in the Korean Conflict. Roll will be called for service men and women who are former Winters students, and a fantastic musical presentation will be given by the Winters Elementary Select Choir, under the direction of Fran Kidwell. Selected U.S. Marines will raise the flag.

The community is invited and encouraged to participate.

WHAT'S HAPPENING ?

- Nov. 1-10 a.m.-Noon & 1-3:30 p.m., Immunization Clinic, TDH
- 11:30 a.m., Sr. Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Center
- 6 p.m., Chamber Directors, Chamber Office
- Nov. 2-11:30 a.m., Sr. Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Center
- 7:30 p.m., Cowboys for Christ, Drasco
- Last Day to Vote Early in November 6 Election
- ACT Registration Deadline
- Nov. 3-8 a.m., Diabetes Workshop, Abilene
- 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m., Wingate Sew & Sew Club Quilt Show & Sale, Wingate Lions Club Building
- Nov. 5-9 a.m.-4 p.m., WIC, Winters Housing Authority
- 11:30 a.m., Sr. Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Center
- 7:30 p.m., Ballinger Masonic Lodge
- Nov. 6-9 a.m., Ministerial Alliance, First Baptist Church
- 11:30 a.m., Sr. Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Center
- Noon, Lions Club, Sr. Citizens Activity Center
- 3 p.m., Friends of Hale Museum, Rock Hotel
- 7 p.m., Athletic Boosters, Blizzard Field
- 7 p.m., American Legion, Legion Hall
- 7 p.m., WVFD, Fire Station
- 7 p.m., AA, First United Methodist Church
- Nov. 7-7 a.m., Industrial Board, Windmill Enterprises Office
- 8 a.m.-8 p.m. Customer Appreciation Day, Lawrence Bros. IGA
- 11:30 a.m., Sr. Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Center
- Nov. 8-10 a.m., Triple L, First Baptist Church
- 11:30 a.m., Sr. Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Center

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Wingate Sew & Sew to host 2001 quilt sale

The Wingate Sew & Sew Club will host their annual quilt show Saturday, November 3, 2001, from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Wingate Lions Club building. Quilts, crafts, and baked goods will be for show and sale. Posters are to be placed in various businesses inviting the public.

In the club's last meeting, co-hostesses Pauline Huckaby and Rosalee Simpson each had a quilt to be done. A Texas star was finished for Rosalee, and much quilting was done on Pauline's Dutch Doll design. Refreshments were served to 7 members.

EMERGENCY HELP FROM THE FOOD PANTRY AND CLOTHES CLOSET

For help with food and clothes, the Winters Outreach Center is open from 9 a.m. to noon Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. There are no evening openings at this time.

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Fortieth class reunion fun for WHS Class of 1961

by Jean Gibbs

The Winters High School Class of 1961 celebrated their 40th class reunion Saturday, October 13, 2001, at the Rock Hotel Heritage Center. On Friday night, October 12, classmates attended the homecoming dinner, game, and the Exes' aftergame fellowship.

Twenty-four (24) classmates and sixteen guests met Saturday and enjoyed the day reminiscing and visiting. A catered lunch by Janet Cason was held at noon.

As the '61 classmates entered the meeting room, they again became "WHS Class of '61 Seniors." Tables were decorated with royal blue cloth, lighter blue 'W's were on the tables with each classmate's senior picture among silver, white, and blue stars, confetti numbers of '40' and '2001.' A beautiful blue and white carnation floral arrangement and '2001' centerpieces complemented the other decorations. Cecile (Nitsch) Wiginton and Betty Sue (Wessels) Ehlers decorated the room and tables.

Betty Sue also presented a fun and entertaining trivia program for the classmates. Cecile compiled books for each classmate of their biographies and addresses, a crossword trivia, and fun and interesting articles of 'Getting Ready for the Re-

union' and 'facts' for those born 'before 1945.'

Officers re-elected were Connie Mac Gibbs, president, and Jeanie Wheat, secretary/treasurer.

Attending the Class of '61 40th reunion were Lela (Guy) Adcock, Odessa; Virginia (Foster) Appleby, Irving; Jimmy and Oleta Dunnam, Graham; Ernest "Moon" and Tammy Cathey, Crowley; Betty Sue (Wessels) and Milton Ehlers, Tahoka.

Also Jim and Mary Everett, Aspermont; Helen (Lisso) Flores, Lockhart; Connie Mac and Jean Gibbs, Winters; Bill Grissom, Winters; Gary Hill, Eastland; Willie Kraatz, Wilmington, Delaware; James "Button" and Rita Little, Lubbock; David and Cindy Smith, Winters; Karen (Foster) Monroe, Liberty Hill.

And Marvin Traylor, Winters; Virgie (James) Wade, Winters; Bruce and Sherri Waggoner, Montgomery; Charles and Diann (Roper) Wetsel, Cisco; Jeanie (Seals) and Gene Wheat, Winters; Cecile (Nitsch) and Eddie Wigington, Midland; and Diann (Buckner) Young, Midland.

Other guests were Roy and Noleta Rice, Winters; Wes and Becky Hays, Winters; and J.B. and Kay Guy, Winters.

The 45th class reunion will be held in the fall of 2006.



WHS CLASS OF 1961 (front, l to r) members at their 40th reunion were Charles Wetsel, Ernest "Moon" Cathey, Bruce Waggoner, David Smith, Gary Hill, James "Button" Little, Connie Mac Gibbs, (second row) Lela (Guy) Adcock, Jean (Mayo) Gibbs, Diann (Buckner) Young, Marvin Traylor, Margaret (Guy) DeMarco, Bill Grissom, Virginia (James) Wade, Jim Everett, Willie Kraatz, and Jimmy Dunnam, (back) Betty Sue (Wessels) Ehlers, Cecile (Nitsch) Wigington, Diann (Roper) Wetsel, Virginia (Foster) Appleby, Jean (Seals) Wheat, Karen (Foster) Monroe, and Helen (Lisso) Flores.

VFW and Auxiliary encourages citizens to vote

by Mary Kurtz, Auxiliary President

The Winters Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 9193 and Ladies Auxiliary urge all citizens to exercise their right to vote!

On November 6, take your responsibility seriously and vote for the individuals you feel will be our best leaders at the federal, state and local levels and the laws that will be good for America.

Due to things that have hap-

pened to our country lately, we need to show that we are united and believe in democracy and the right of the people to rule.

If we don't vote we are showing we do not cherish that freedom. Give a ride to a friend, a relative, a neighbor. Remind everyone that this right can be taken from us if we do not participate.

Just remember, every vote counts! GET OUT AND VOTE!

4-H Club enjoys costume contest

by Wiley Guy, reporter

Extension Agent Patricia Hohensee offered advice to Winters 4-Hers in preparation for the Runnels County Food Show at their monthly meeting, October 22. Hohensee also presented the program, "Be a Person of Character."

Members came to the meeting dressed in Halloween costumes. Winners were Kaitlyn Kurtz, cutest; Brianna Meseey, funniest; and Clinton Schwartz, scariest.

Devon Rodriguez was welcomed as a new member.

The 4-H motto was given by Keegan Kurtz, the pledge by Hayden Bergman, and the prayer by Chad Landers.

Winters 32nd Annual Arts & Craft Show and Taste of Texas Cook-Off set for Saturday, November 10

The Winters Area Chamber of Commerce will host their annual Arts & Crafts Fair Saturday, November 10, at the Winters Community Center and City Park.

In addition, they will sponsor the "Taste of Texas Cook-Off". Three categories will be judged including brisket, beans and wild game. Entry fee for brisket and wild game is \$20

each with cash prizes going to the top three places. Prizes are: 1st place-\$250; 2nd place-\$100; and 3rd place-\$50.

Entry fee for the "Pot O' Beans" contest is \$10 with cash prizes as follows: 1st place-\$100; 2nd place-\$50; and 3rd place-\$30.

Official rules may be obtained by contacting the Winters Chamber of Commerce at

754-5210 or wacc@wcc.net. Cook-off will begin Friday, November 9, at 7 p.m.

Many different kinds of crafts and merchandise booths have been reserved. Booth space is still available for \$20 (8X10 space).

The Chamber encourages the entire community to join the fun and do some early Christmas shopping.

Keith Collom speaks to the Literary & Service Club

The Literary and Service Club met Thursday, October 25, at the Lutheran Church with Joyce Weems and Selma Wilkerson as hostesses.

Sandwiches, chips, dip, vegetable plate, cookies and drinks were served.

Keith Collom, commissioner of Precinct 2 Runnels County, spoke to those present. He told of the miles of roads to be maintained and the problems and joys of his work.

Mr. Collom answered many questions that were asked and explained where the boundaries of his work extended.

The club members came away with a better understanding of the many facets of this work.

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Deadline for Thanksgiving baskets is Wed., Nov. 14

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

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

Applications can be made by returning the application form to the Winters Outreach Center or mailing it to P.O. Box 211, Winters, Texas, 79567. Deadline for application is Wednesday, November 14.

Blood drive Nov. 19 at WHS auditorium

A blood drive has been scheduled in Winters for Monday, November 19, 2001, from 1-6 p.m. at the Winters High School Auditorium.

Please contact J'Lynn Cooper at 754-5577 or Rhea Parramore at 754-5516 for an appointment.

Teachers honored for Make A Difference Day

by Mary Kurtz, Auxiliary President

Winters Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 9193 Ladies Auxiliary and post members honored the teachers in the Winters ISD in observance of Make A Difference Day.

Cookies were delivered Monday, October 29, to the teachers' lounges of the elementary, junior High and high School for the special people who make a difference every day in our children's lives.

May we express our thanks to all the dedicated teachers for their concern, patience and care they show to their students.

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Limit one to family. Baskets can only be picked up by, or delivered to, the family named above. Please mail to: Community Outreach Center, P.O. Box 211, Winters, TX 79567

Winters Stock Show Association plans annual pre-game BBQ meal

The Winters Junior Livestock Show Association will hold its annual barbecue on Friday, November 9, in the school cafeteria. The meal will be served before the Winters vs. Cisco football game from 5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Prepared from years of experience and tradition, the meal will include brisket, beans, potato salad and all the trimmings along with iced tea and cobbler for dessert.

Take-out plates will be available.

Tickets are \$6 for adults and \$3.50 for children age 10 and under. Tickets are available from any member or may be purchased at the door.

The Winters Stockshow Association will turn over all proceeds from the meal to the Runnels County Junior Livestock Show Association for the 2002 County Show scheduled for January 11 & 12.

Wingate resident's granddaughter graduates boot camp



Samantha K. Berry, granddaughter of Leona Rich of Wingate, graduated October 5 with high honors from Navy boot camp at Great Lakes, Michigan.

Following graduation, Berry will remain in Great Lakes where she will study and train to be an aircraft technician with the 405th Division of the United States Navy.

Samantha is a 2001 graduate of Grand Prairie High School and is the daughter of Sarah Murphy of Grand Prairie, Texas.

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 & pray for rain.**

Free sports clinic offered

Rebound Sports and Physical Therapy will offer free sports clinics each Saturday and Monday during the football season for Big Country athletes.

Saturday clinics will be held 9-11 a.m. and will run through November 17. Monday clinics will be from 5-6 p.m. through November 19. Orthopaedic surgeons, athletic trainers, and physical therapists will be available to answer questions and treat injuries.

Rebound Sports and Physical Therapy is located at 4526 S. 14th, Abilene. For more information, call (915) 691-0093.

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Want free groceries?

If you're interested in possibly winning free groceries, Lawrence Bros. IGA Supermarket is the place for you.

On Wednesday, November 7, the store is hosting a Customer Appreciation Day with several exciting events.

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BROWNIE TROOP 338 recently enjoyed an evening at Mr. Gatti's in Abilene. Present were (left to right) Alex Sudduth, Miranda Torres, Lisa Dees, Haley Kaczyk, and Shelby Gehrels. Brownies not present were Abby Guy and Sarah Campos.

VFW and Auxiliary expresses their appreciation

by Mary Kurtz, Auxiliary President

I have given and helped with many parties and the one thing I have never worried about was anyone coming. But I admit that this last week I have had many thoughts about the Senior Citizens Party, the VFW and Auxiliary was holding on Make A Difference Day. We had asked the "Now and Again" band to play, we had someone call bingo and bought and asked people to donate food. Would anyone come, would anyone take a chance and the time to try something new?

Surprise, Surprise. They started driving in at 1:50 p.m.

and came and came. Forty-nine signed the register and everyone reported a great time and most of the food was gone.

We thank the "Now and Again" band for donating their time and music. Members of the band are Jerry and Dana Chambliss, Richard Chambliss and Dickie Clough. Hard for everyone to believe that Winters had so many talented people.

When Jerry was asked what the name of the band was he said, "Well, we haven't really named ourselves, just call us the "Now and Again" because we will be playing now and

probably again." This band plays often for the Senior Citizens Retirement Home.

We also thank Charles Grenwelge for calling the bingo. No one has ever been as patient and good natured with people asking for a repeat as Charles. Has to be a talent.

Thank you to the Winters High School Class of 1951 for the chips and paper goods.

Our appreciation to Wal-Mart in Ballinger for the financial help.

Our final thanks goes to the people who came with such a happy and appreciative attitude—you made the party.

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Constitutional Amendment Election—Tuesday, November 6, 2001

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Tuesday-Nov. 6
 Pigs-n-Blanket
 Cereal
 Juice
Wednesday-Nov. 7
 French Toast Sticks
 Cereal
 Juice
Thursday-Nov. 8
 Muffins
 Cereal
 Juice
Friday-Nov. 9
 Breakfast Bars
 Cereal
 Juice

Lunch
Monday-Nov. 5
 Ham
 Macaroni & Cheese
 Fried Okra
 Cornbread
 Banana Pudding
Tuesday-Nov. 6
 Goulash
 Tossed Salad
 Fried Squash
 Grilled Cheese Sandwich
 Peas
Wednesday-Nov. 7
 Fried Chicken
 Mashed Potatoes
 Green Beans
 Hot Rolls
 Jello Cake
Thursday-Nov. 8
 Tacos w/lettuce & cheese
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Friday-Nov. 9
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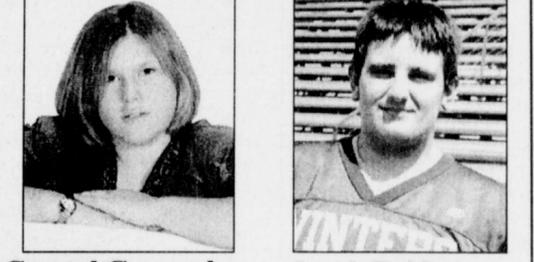


WHS BLIZZARD MARCHING BAND goes through precision maneuvers during their performance at UIL Marching Contest in Brady on Oct. 20. The band, the smallest present with only 24 proud members, received a Division II Excellent Rating from the three judges, beating out much larger bands such as Sonora and Grape Creek. The band is under the direction of Phillip Mooney, assisted by Dottie Loudermilk.

Blizzard Band earns Excellent rating at Marching Contest

Although small in number, the Winters High School Marching Blizzard Band is big in heart and enthusiasm. With only 24 members in the smallest band to compete, the band still earned a Division II Excellent rating at the annual UIL Marching Contest in Brady on October 20, winning over much larger bands such as Sonora and Grape Creek. Musical selections for the jazz theme included "Little Black Book," "Time Out," and "On Broadway." The last number featured the saxophone section and "was the judges' favorite," added Director Phillip Mooney. Soloists were Basilio Rocha (trumpet), Amy Patterson (saxophone), and Stephanie Davis (trombone). "The kids represented Winters really well," said Mooney. "They worked hard and I'm proud of their efforts." Mooney is in his first year as band director at Winters ISD, and is in one of those "re-building" phases some programs go through following "dry spells." He is assisted by Dottie Loudermilk. "Our kids have a good, positive attitude, and I expect our number of members to double in the next year or two," Mooney says with confidence. The band put in extra time for their contest routine, practicing each day during the normal band period, then added Monday evenings to rehearse. Mooney said he also appreciates the tremendous support shown by the parents and other fans who even provided snacks every morning of the week leading up to marching contest, and then traveled to Brady to cheer for the Blizzard Band.

Blizzard Band Members of the Week



Crystal Grenwelge
 WHS Freshman Saxophone player in Winters bands since 5th grade

Jacob Bridgeman
 WHS Freshman Saxophone player in Winters bands since 5th grade

BLIZZARD ACTIVITIES

Nov. 1-Nov. 9, 2001

Thursday, Nov. 1
 5&6:30PM, WJHS @ Coleman
 6:30PM, JV vs. Coleman, Blizzard Stadium
Friday, Nov. 2
 3PM, Pep Rally, Gym
 3:45PM, Blizzard Send-Off, Downtown
 7:30PM, Blizzards @ Coleman
 Elementary 2nd Six Weeks Ends
Saturday, Nov. 3
 12:05 p.m., CC Regional Meet, Vandergriff Park, Arlington

Monday, Nov. 5
 Elementary 3rd Six Weeks Begins
Tuesday, Nov. 6
 Elementary UIL Academic Meet
 4PM, 9G, JVG, VG Basketball Scrimmage @ Wall
Thursday, Nov. 8
 6:30PM, JV @ Cisco
Friday, Nov. 9
 3PM, Pep Rally, Gym
 7:30PM, Blizzards vs. Cisco, Blizzard Stadium

Lady Blizzards to compete in Region II-2A meet Saturday

The Lady Blizzards will travel to Arlington on Saturday, November 3, 2001, for the Region II-2A Cross-Country Meet. The Ladies are scheduled to run at 12:05 p.m. in Vandergriff Park. Coach Deb Whittenburg will field runners Marie Llanas, Briana Parramore, Lacey Meyer, Kendra Esquivel, Kari Walker, Ashly Santana, and Macy Hopson. Tina Perrie and Katy Wilkerson complete the team as alternates. The Lady Blizzards were runners-up in the District 9-2A Meet held in Eula two weeks ago.

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| NOV. 10 | SAT | DECO COUNTY & FORSAN | 2:30 | | | | | | | | | | HOME |
| 2001-02 COMPOSITE BASKETBALL SCHEDULE | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| NOV. 11 | TUE | BALTIMORE | 4:00 | | | | | | | | | | HOME |
| NOV. 12 | THUR | GREEN | TBA | | | | | | | | | | HOME |
| NOV. 13 | FRI | RAMBLIN | 4:00 | | | | | | | | | | HOME |
| NOV. 17 | SAT | EULA FRESHMEN TOURNAMENT | TBA | | | | | | | | | | HOME |
| NOV. 19 | MON | BANGS | 5:00 | | | | | | | | | | HOME |
| NOV. 20 | TUE | BELMORADO | 5:00 | | | | | | | | | | HOME |
| NOV. 20 | TUE | ROBERT LEE | 5:00 | | | | | | | | | | HOME |
| NOV. 26 | MON | HAWLEY | 5:00 | | | | | | | | | | HOME |
| NOV. 27 | TUE | BOBY | 4:00 | | | | | | | | | | HOME |
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| DEC. 4 | TUE | MALL | 4:00 | | | | | | | | | | HOME |
| DEC. 6-8 | TH-SAT | BOBY VAR TOURNAMENT | TBA | | | | | | | | | | HOME |
| DEC. 6-8 | TH-SAT | MYLIE VAR TOURNAMENT | TBA | | | | | | | | | | HOME |
| DEC. 10 | MON | BLACKWELL TOURNAMENT | TBA | | | | | | | | | | HOME |
| DEC. 10 | MON | CISCO (3 games) | 5:00 | | | | | | | | | | HOME |
| DEC. 11 | TUE | JIM WED | 4:00 | | | | | | | | | | HOME |
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| DEC. 28-29 | THUR/FRI | COLEMAN VAR TOURNAMENT | TBA | | | | | | | | | | HOME |
| JAN. 3 | TUE | BELMORADO VAR TOURNAMENT | TBA | | | | | | | | | | HOME |
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| JAN. 15 | TUE | JIM WED | 5:00 | | | | | | | | | | HOME |
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| FEB. 15 | FRI | AREA PLAYOFFS | TBA | | | | | | | | | | HOME |
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Blizzards drop district game to Jim Ned 20-9

by Charles Murphy, Sports Writer

It was a beautiful night in the neighborhood as the Blizzards and the Jim Ned Indians renewed their annual rivalry Friday night.

What started as a great beginning for the Blizzards ended in a district 9-2A loss to the Indians.

Jim Ned won the toss and elected to receive. A muffed attempt at fielding the kick and great special team play set the Indians up deep in their own territory at the 8 yard line. A first down loss of 4 yards brought up second down from the 4 yard line where Lance Roberts and Rusty Jackson put the Blizzards on the scoreboard with a safety.

With less than a minute gone in the first quarter, the Blizzard defense forced the option pitch to be off the mark, resulting in the 2 point Blizzard lead.

The ensuing free kick from the Jim Ned 20 set the Blizzards up at the Indian 44 yard line. Five plays later the Blizzards faced third and 5 at the

20 yard line. Brian Pritchard, starting his first game at quarterback, hit Jackson for what appeared to be a touchdown; however, he was ruled out of the end zone. Fourth down gained four and the Blizzards turned the ball over on downs.

Great defensive pressure from Joey Joeris and Chris Hoppe forced a three and out for the Indians. The next series yielded little success for the Blizzards. The punt set the Indians up at their own 21 yard line. Six plays into this drive, the first period ended with Winters up 2-0.

Three plays into the second period, Jim Ned scored on a 12 yard pass, and the extra point conversion failed. With 11:19 left in the half, Jim Ned led 6-2.

The next offensive series provided one first down as Mark Moreno gained 15 yards on two carries. The next three snaps netted a minus-one yard. The fourth down punt by Jeffery Oats gave the Indians the ball at their own 9, after



BRIAN PRITCHARD, in his debut as starting quarterback for the varsity Blizzards, looks up field for the receiver while teammate Eric Lopez #20 provides the block against the Jim Ned Indians. Pritchard, who normally plays defensive back and tailback, stepped up as QB after Shane Colburn was sidelined with a separated shoulder injury during last week's game.

Guy Slimp made the sure tackle.

The Indians put together a 13 play, 4 first down drive, and with 4:40 left in the half, scored on a 1 yard run. The PAT was good, giving the Indians a 13-2 lead.

The final Indian score came with 1:13 left in the half when an interception was returned for the touchdown. The extra point kick was good and Jim Ned led 20-2.

The third quarter proved frustrating for both offenses as neither could find much success.

One Blizzard bright spot was a 56 yard punt by Oats that pinned the Indians at their own 4 yard line, leading to an interception by Jeremy Hope which set Winters up at the Indian 14.

A fourth and 16 incompletion ended this Winters threat, and the third quarter ended with no more fireworks.

The fourth quarter was almost as frustrating. With 9:05 left, Rusty Jackson fell on the Jim Ned fumble and set the Blizzards up at the Indian 23 yard line. Two plays later, the Blizzards had a first and ten from the 11 yard line. On 4th and 9, a pass from Pritchard to Jackson fell incomplete in the end zone, and another opportunity was squandered.

Winters' next possession began at midfield as the defense forced a Jim Ned 3 and out. On 4th and 4 from the Jim Ned 45 yard line Pritchard found Jeremy Hope for seven to keep the drive alive. With

3:16 left and forcing third and two, Pritchard found Wade Parramore for 14. On the next play Pritchard hit Jackson for 15 and the touchdown. Oats' extra point kick was good and with 2:59 left, the Indians' lead had shrunk to 20-9.

The onside kick attempt was unsuccessful, and Jim Ned ran off the last 2:59 to take home a hard fought 20-9 victory.

With this loss, the Blizzards must now win both of the remaining games in order to advance to the playoffs. Winters travels to Coleman this Friday, and then faces Cisco the week after. Kickoffs are at 7:30 p.m.

STATISTICAL SUMMARY

| | Winters | Jim Ned |
|-----------------|---------|---------|
| First downs | 11 | 13 |
| Rushing yards | 74 | 51 |
| Passing yards | 68 | 180 |
| Total yards | 142 | 231 |
| Comp-Att-Int | 7-22-1 | 10-22-1 |
| Punts-Ave. | 6-22 | 4-33 |
| Fumbles-lost | 0-0 | 1-1 |
| Penalties-yards | 8-48 | 8-60 |

SCORING SUMMARY

| By Quarters | Winters | Jim Ned |
|-------------|--------------|----------------|
| 1st | 2, 0, 0, 7-9 | 0, 20, 0, 0-20 |

FIRST QUARTER

Winters
Blake Dozier tackled in endzone

SECOND QUARTER

Jim Ned
Jason Yarbrough, 17 yd. pass from Dozier (kicked failed)

Luke Beard 1 yd. run (Cody Peel kick)

Dozier, 45 yd. interception return (peel kick)

FOURTH QUARTER

Winters
Rusty Jackson, 15 yd. pass from Brian Pritchard (Jeffery Oats kick)

District 9-2A

Season Standings

| Team | DISTRICT | SEASON |
|---------|----------|--------|
| | W L T | W L T |
| Jim Ned | 3 0 0 | 7 1 0 |
| Bangs | 3 0 0 | 6 2 0 |
| Winters | 1 2 0 | 4 4 0 |
| Hawley | 1 2 0 | 4 4 0 |
| Coleman | 1 2 0 | 3 6 0 |
| Cisco | 0 3 0 | 2 6 0 |

Last Week's Scores
Bangs 41, Hawley 7
Coleman 20, Cisco 6
Jim Ned 20, Winters 9

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Directions to Coleman Field

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

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

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

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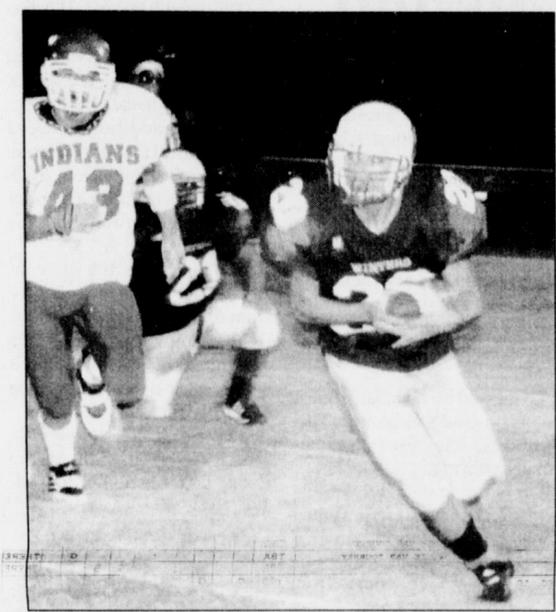
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ERIC LOPEZ #20 turns the corner to outrun the Indians during varsity district play against Jim Ned.

Breezes drop close one to Indians

The 8th grade Breezes dropped a close one with the Jim Ned Indians last Thursday evening at Blizzard Stadium, 0-6.

"Coach Cavazos and I were pleased with our team's effort, but it was the most disappointing loss for us this year," said Coach Zach Boxell.

Jim Ned put together a 75-yard drive to score in the second quarter. They attempted a 2-point PAT but failed. Winters did score one touchdown in the second, but had it called back due to holding. "We didn't see the endzone again," said Boxell.

know that we should have found a way to win. We had more offensive yardage than the Indians. But, we kept shooting ourselves in the foot.

"We would march the ball down the field and when we would get in scoring position, we'd fumble. That's what made this loss so disappointing.

"Like I said though, we are very proud of our team's effort and hard work throughout the game. Our kids played hard and never quit. We have one game left, which is Thursday at Coleman," concluded Boxell. "Come support your Breezes!"



TWO BREEZES TEAM UP to bring down the Jim Ned runner during eighth grade action. Wrapping up the runner is Chris Medina #34 with help from James Vasquez, as Manuel Vega #73 and L. J. Nitsch #82, hurry to help with the defensive play.

2001 Fearless Football Forecasters
Last Week Overall

| | | | | |
|-------------|--------------|---------------|-------------|------------|
| Kim Jackson | Dan Killough | Brett Mikeska | Berto Reyes | Doug Wheat |
| 8-2 | 9-1 | 8-2 | 5-5 | 8-2 |
| 65-25 | 63-27 | 61-29 | 64-26 | 66-24 |

Winters vs. Jim Ned
Cisco @ Bangs
Hawley @ Jim Ned
Ballinger @ Early
Anson @ Stamford
San Saba @ Comanche
Midland Lee @ Abilene
Sweetwater @ Merkel
Albany @ Hamlin
Robert Lee @ Sterling City

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Breakfast Buddies...



THE NEWLY FORMED BLIZZARD KID BACKERS hosted a "Dads & Doughnuts" and "Muffins with Mom" breakfast series last Wednesday and Thursday mornings in the school cafeteria. Sharing muffins and a hug with mother Lucy, is fifth grader Aaron Rodriguez (left photo). Pulling up a knee in the crowded cafeteria was sixth grader Garrett Nitsch, along with dad, Larry, and brother, second grader Hayden Nitsch. In an effort to encourage parent involvement with their children in the elementary school, the BKB served 103 dads and 165 moms during the two-day event. The Backers are planning an AR Family Reading Night as their next activity, scheduled for Thursday, November 15 in the elementary library.

Reading celebration planned for elementary

**Children's Book Week
November 12-15**

Winters Elementary School will conduct several activities to celebrate National Children's Book Week, November 12-15.

The week's activities will begin in the elementary library on Monday, November 12, with a Read-A-Thon. The school invites all townspeople to stop by and read for a few minutes so the children can see that "real people" read too! A special invitation is extended to school board members, local veterans, and business people.

Tuesday, November 13, has been set aside for featured guest readers who will read to different classrooms. Some will be dressed as storybook characters, while others simply "tell a great story."

The world famous Hardin-Simmons white horses supervised by representative Debra Jones will be giving horseback rides on Wednesday, November 14. In addition, special guest, former HSU White Horses advisor and author, "Doc" W.O. Beazley, will be reading some of the books he wrote about the white horses.

On Thursday, the elementary school will open its library from 6:30-8 p.m. for AR Family Reading Night. All parents are encouraged to bring their children for a special evening of family fun.

The week concludes with DEAR (Drop Everything And Read) Day scheduled for Friday, November 16.

The National Children's Book Council began National Children's Book Week in 1919. If you would like to volunteer to participate in the Read-A-Thon, or be a guest reader, contact the elementary school at 754-5577.

Foreign-born priest has book published

Guest Column
story & photos by Briana Parramore, WHS sophomore & Blitz reporter

"Where is God? If God is there, why can't He help?" Rev. Obioma Desmond Obi, priest at Mt. Carmel Catholic Church, said as he described the inspiration for his writing, *Human Suffering*, a book that took Obi seven years to write and complete was recently published by Peter Lang Publishing, Inc., of New York.

"I have been writing this book for a long time," Obi said. "Then, low and behold, it came out at a time to help America cope. When we are in the midst of pains and sufferings it is not the end of our life," Obi said, moving his hands to help him speak. "God can help us grow from it if we put our hope in Him. As we look at how Christ coped with sufferings, we learn there is value in suffering."

Obi is a native of Umunum in Imo State, Nigeria, and is the fifth child of a large family, having five brothers and three sisters.

Curiosity would cause one to wonder how he ended up in the small country town of Winters, Texas.

"As you grow you have so many desires," Obi said, "I wanted to be a medical doctor. But when I was about sixteen or seventeen I thought more about becoming a priest."

Obi was accepted into the Immaculate Conception Seminary in Umuahia, Abia State, where he studied for fourteen years. He was ordained a Catholic priest in 1984 in Nigeria.

Later, Obi studied at Kings College at the University of London for his doctorate in religious studies. During this time, he often traveled to California on school holidays.

"Like any other student, I felt like going elsewhere for the holiday," Obi said. "I needed a change of environment and I really like the United States."

While visiting, he applied to the San Angelo Diocese even though he was completely unacquainted with this area.

"I knew nothing about this place at all," Obi said. "But my bishop (in Nigeria) approved it."

He was assigned as an assistant priest at Sacred Heart Church in Abilene, where he served for two years.

Next, Obi's assignment sent him south to minister to the people of Mt. Carmel Catholic Church of Winters. He has been here since July, 2000.

According to Obi, the only similarity between Nigeria and

America is the weather. Besides that, the countries are completely different with their own unique cultures.

It may be, they stay together." When Obi was growing up he and his family walked three hours to the nearest church be-



FATHER OBIOMA DESMOND OBI leads the congregation and ministers to the people of Mt. Carmel Catholic Church in Winters. Obi is a native of Nigeria.

"We have a very strong respect for human value," he said. "For example, no African woman or man would support abortion. No African man divorces his wife; it is too difficult. So no matter how painful

cause of the lack of churches in the area. But he said he had no complaint. He said mass was a lively celebration filled with music and rejoicing.

"Here, we say mass," Obi said. "In Nigeria, we celebrate mass. From the begin to end we sing as much as we can sing, and we dance, especially during liturgy."

Masses would last two or three hours depending on the size of the community. Obi said if it only lasted one hour, no one would come.

Contrary to America's individualism, Obi said in his culture family networks are very close.

"You are never on your own; no matter how old you are, you are still part of the family," Obi said with a smile.

Obi said he learned of suffering first hand, through the premature deaths of his brother

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Outdoors

Runnels 4-H'ers honored at achievement banquet



WINTERS 4-H CLUB PRESIDENT Maegan Schwartz announces Bike-A-Thon winners at the annual Runnels County 4-H Achievement Banquet held in Ballinger, October 20.

The 2001 Runnels County Achievement Banquet was held Saturday, October 20, at the St. Mary's Parish Center in Ballinger. Approximately 200 4-H'ers and their families attended the banquet which capitalized on the achievements of the 4-H'ers in Runnels County. Danielle Wilde, chairman of the Runnels County 4-H Council, was Mistress of Ceremonies for the night.

Keri Hoelscher, secretary of the State 4-H Council, gave an enlightening talk addressing 4-H'ers to strive for the best they

can be. Picked as outstanding club officers for the past year were Keri Hoelscher, president; Jacob Kalina, vice-president; Trisha Frerich, secretary; Meagan Minzenmayer, treasurer; Amy Schwertner, reporter; and Ryan McMahon, council delegate.

Named as Outstanding Leaders were Donna Kalina of the Miles 4-H Club and Deborah Earnshaw of the Ballinger 4-H Club. Robert Behrens was named as Friend of 4-H. Silver Star winners

were Stacy King, daughter of Mike and Sandra Halfmann; Cory Book, son of Charles and Mary Book; Karla Glass, daughter of Steve and Trudy Glass; and Sarah M. Schwertner, daughter of Greg and Susan Schwertner.

Runnels County is proud to have four (4) outstanding senior 4-H'ers as their Gold Star winners. They are Danielle Wilde, daughter of Daniel and Cindy Wilde of Ballinger; Blake Frerich, son of John and Paula Frerich of Rowena; Laura Pospichal, daughter of

Jerry and Jackie Pospichal of Rowena; and Keri Hoelscher, daughter of John and Karen Hoelscher of Miles. The 4-H Gold Star award is the highest award given on the county level. These 4-H'ers were honored at the District 7 4-H Gold Star Banquet in Abilene on October 30.

Bike-a-thon awards were also awarded from the recent 4-H/Wal-Mart Bike-a-Thon. Receiving the top award of a 19" color TV was Alisha Multer of Rowena who collected \$311.00. Second place honors of a 10-speed bicycle went to Shannon Belden of Ballinger, and third place, a CD/cassette player, went to Reba Frye of Ballinger. Runnels County 4-H'ers collected over \$4,800 as a result of the Bike-a-Thon.

Year pins and project pins were presented to the 4-H'ers in attendance as well as record book plaques to those who prepared record books.

Those attending from the Winters 4-H Club were Travis and Trenton Grohman and family, Maegan Schwartz, club leader Belinda Schwartz, Cody, Colby, and Collyn Pritchard and their family.

Special thanks go to donors who helped finance this year's banquet. Runnels County 4-H appreciates First American Bank, Runnels County Farm Bureau, and Coleman County Electric Co-op for the funds they provided.

Extension News & Views

by Patricia Hohensee, Extension Agent-HE

7th annual Diabetes Texas Style workshop planned Nov. 3

The 7th annual Diabetes Texas Style workshop is set for Saturday, November 3, at the Pan America Center, 2525 Westview, adjacent to St. Vincent's Catholic Church in Abilene. Registration and exhibits open at 8:00 a.m., and the workshop concludes at 11:45 a.m.

Sessions by health professionals include: "Diabetes - Standards of Care" by Donna Goble, R.N., diabetes educator with Hendrick Medical Center; "Diabetes Management - It's Not Just Insulin Anymore" by Jason Heuerman, PharmD of James McCoy Drug Store; and "Extending D Team: ABCs of Winning Nutrition" by Mickey Bielamowicz, Ph.D., nutrition

specialist with the Texas Cooperative Extension.

Exhibits will include diabetic supplies, patient education materials, and pharmaceuticals with company representatives to answer questions. Diabetic foods and recipes will be available at the break.

The workshop is free to the public and sponsored by the Abilene-Taylor County Health District, Hendrick Medical Center, and Texas Cooperative Extension in Taylor, Jones, Nolan, and Coleman counties.

For more information, contact Martha Alice Spraberry at 823-2432 or Janet Robillard at the Abilene-Taylor County Health District at 692-5600.

VFW Youth Essay entry deadline is Saturday, December 1

by Mary Kurtz, Auxiliary President

A VFW Youth Essay, patriotic writing competition, designed for 7th and 8th grade students will be sponsored by the Winters Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 9193 and Ladies Auxiliary.

Conducted nationwide, this competition gives students an opportunity to write essays expressing their views on democracy. More than 75,000 students participated last year by writing essays between 300-400 words. This year's theme is "Is Freedom Really Free?"

Although this theme was picked in early 2001, can you think of a more suitable subject after what has and is happening in our country.

The National VFW will give saving bonds totaling \$48,500 with the first-place winner receiving a \$10,000 saving bond.

The first-place recipient also receives an all-expense paid trip to the VFW's Annual Community Service Conference held in Washington, D.C.

The 10th and 17th national winners all receive at least a \$1,000 savings bond. There are also very nice saving bonds from the Department of Texas and, District 8 will give saving bonds of \$300, \$200 and \$100.

Any 7th or 8th grade interested student is invited to participate, home-schooled children may also compete. If interested contact one of your teachers or Mary Kurtz at 754-5182.

All entries must be submitted to the Winters VFW Post by December 1, 2001.

Parents, this could help on future college expenses.

★PRAY★

Keeping an Eye on Texas

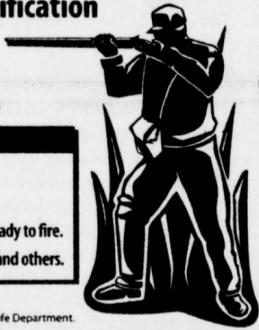
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Sources: Carole Keeton Rylander, Texas Comptroller (www.window.state.tx.us), and the Texas Parks & Wildlife Department.



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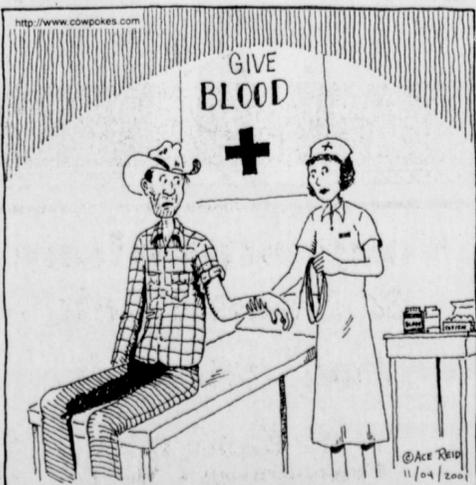
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Today's Category: HEADWEAR

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Law & Order

Official Records

County Court Dispositions

John Joe Zertuche, driving while intoxicated (subsequent offense), case dismissed, defendant completed counseling program

Robert Owen Schulz, theft, pleaded nolo contendere, sentenced to six months in county jail probated to two years, assessed \$235.25 court costs, \$1,555.27 restitution, \$50 hot check fees and 50 hours community service

Danny Trevino, possession of marijuana, pleaded nolo contendere, sentenced to 90 days in county jail, assessed \$235.25 court costs

Robert Owen Schulz, theft by check, case dismissed, defendant convicted in another case

William Ray Mikula, theft, pleaded nolo contendere, sentenced to six months in county jail probated by one year, fined \$500, plus \$235.25 court costs, \$372.00 restitution and 30 hours community service

Michelle Leanne Valles, making a false report to a peace officer, pleaded nolo contendere, sentenced to six months in county jail probated to one year, fined \$200, plus \$236.00 court costs

Jason Walker, theft by check, pleaded nolo contendere, placed on deferred adjudication community supervision for six months, fined \$100, plus \$235.25 court costs, \$100 restitution and \$25 hot check fees

Kent Shelburne, Jr., theft by check, pleaded nolo contendere, fined \$100, plus \$210.25 court costs, \$260 restitution, and \$100 hot check fees

Joshua Moses Vidauri, burglary of a vehicle, case dismissed, defendant convicted in another case

William Byrly Morgan, driving while license suspended, pleaded nolo contendere, fined \$350, plus \$210.25 court costs

Criminal Cases Filed October 19

Adrian Javier Aguirre, Ballinger, filed for consumption of alcohol by a minor

October 22

Bruce Alan Lyden, Shasta, Texas, filed for driving while intoxicated

Joe Anthony Castillo, Miles, filed for driving while license suspended

Erika Marie Alvarado, Winters, filed for driving while intoxicated

Ruben Ray Valdez, Abilene, filed for making alcohol available to a minor

October 23

Brian Eugene Aguirre, Ballinger, filed for driving while intoxicated

Sara Marie Islas, Ballinger, filed for driving while intoxicated

October 24

Timothy Wade Earnest, San Angelo, filed on two counts: driving while intoxicated and possession of marijuana

October 25

Lauri Gomez, Ballinger, filed for theft of services

Lauri Julian Gomez, Ballinger, filed for making alcohol available to a minor

Marriage Licenses Issued October 19

Johnny Lee Kirklind and Mildred Jo Adams

Steven Michael Reed Mircles and Teresa Marie Guerrero

District Court Divorces Granted October 11

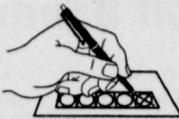
James Carroll Lee and Sarah Elizabeth Lee

October 25

Jose M. Sanchez and Stacy E. Sanchez

Divorce Cases Filed October 25

Harvey Sparks Jr. vs. Rebecca Sparks



RUNNELS COUNTY VOTING LOCATIONS November 6th Election

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

(There is not a Voting Precinct #2)

Police Beat

The information below is taken from reports on file with the Winters Police Department. Some of the information is provided to police by citizens, and in some cases, police have not finished investigating the reports. These reports make up a small percentage of the total calls the Department receives and responds to each week.

The following information comes from Winters Police Department reports received and/or investigated from Sunday, October 21, 2001, through Saturday, October 27, 2001. Winters Police Officers:

- received report of a domestic disturbance in the 300 block of Willis Street. A 22-year-old Winters female reported being assaulted by a 25-year-old male related to her. Injuries were observed to the victim's upper body. The suspect male was located a short distance away and found to be in possession of an illegal knife. The male, Joe Asebiz, was arrested for Assault Class A Family Violence and Unlawful Carrying a Weapon. He was taken to Runnels County Jail.

- received report of a burglary in the 900 block of N. Cryer Street. A 37-year-old Winters female reported that during the hours of 12:30 and 6:30 a.m. Thursday, her purse was removed from her pickup. There was no forced entry. A 22-year-old male of Winters has been named as a possible suspect. This is under investigation as Burglary of a Motor Vehicle.

- received report of a burglary in the 500 block of Wood Street. A 40-year-old Winters female reported that during the dates of October 10 through October 25, person(s) unknown had entered her residence through a window and removed several items including jewelry valued in excess of \$1,000. The victim stated she had been out of town during the above listed dates. A possible suspect has been named. This is under investigation as Burglary of a Habitation.

- received a report of a theft in the 600 block of Lamar Street. A 50-year-old male of Winters reported that a go-cart was removed from underneath the carport of his home between the hours of 1 p.m. Tuesday to 2 p.m. Wednesday. Several juveniles had expressed interest in purchasing the go-cart prior to its theft. This is under investigation as Theft Class A.

- received report of vandalism in the 600 block of N. Fannin Street. A Winters female reported person(s) unknown had struck the front of her home with several eggs causing moderate damage to the victim's door. This is under investigation as Criminal Mischief Class C.

- received report of a male subject creating a disturbance in the 200 block of S. Main Street. Officers located a 21-year-old Norton male exhibiting signs of intoxication. The male was checked and determined to be a danger to himself as he had been consuming alcohol and was becoming increasingly belligerent with the officers. Due to a more urgent call the male was not arrested, but cited for Public Intoxication and released to an adult.

- Officers observed a 1986 Pontiac passenger car commit several traffic violations on S. Main Street and S. Grant Street. An odor of alcohol was detected on the driver who also exhibited signs of intoxication. An open container of alcohol was also observed in the vehicle. The driver was offered and subsequently failed several field sobriety tasks as well as providing a breath alcohol specimen over twice the legal limit. The driver, William Lee Smith of Winters, was arrested for Driving While Intoxicated and Possession of Open Container of Alcohol in Motor Vehicle and taken to Runnels County Jail.

Runnels County Crimestoppers offers a cash reward for information which leads to the grand jury indictment or conviction of offenders and the caller does not have to give his or her name. To give a Crimestoppers tip, call your local law enforcement agency at:
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HOSPITAL, continued

situation changes every week."

After the public meeting, the hospital directors retired to the board room to make the difficult decision. Board members discussed the public input and the pros and cons of closing or keeping the hospital open.

The underlying opinion from the board members was if the community is willing to accept the debt and want to help, they would vote to keep the hospital open. The board then voted unanimously to keep the facility open at least until December 31.

The board emphasized that the strategic plan presented by WABIC will "have to happen" to keep the hospital open.

Some of the goals of this plan are:

- Secure a permanent doctor by December 31, 2001
- Secure long-term refinancing of \$500,000 by November 15, 2001
- Secure temporary financing as needed
- Secure a temporary doctor until a permanent doctor is in place.

Another problem facing the board is that Administrator Dick Stout submitted his resignation at this meeting, to be effective in thirty days.

North Runnels Hospital board members are Randall Sneed, Charlie Brown, Roger Kruse, Jack Davis, Jr., Doug Wheat, and Tobin Burns.

COUNCIL, continued

members that there are several state agencies that offer grants and loans to assist rural cities in acquiring water. He further said that his company would assist Winters City Manager Aref Hassan in the application process for such grants.

The Winters Council was very enthusiastic about this opportunity to have access to a larger source of water, and passed a motion for steps to be taken to aggressively pursue this avenue.

A motion was approved to allow Hassan to apply for grants for improvement of property around Elm Creek Reservoir. These grants will be used to provide better roads, development of lots for home building, and overall park improvements.

In other action, the airport land lease was awarded to Charles Grenwelge for the upcoming year. Grenwelge has

leased this land in the past and was the only applicant.

All bids were rejected for the Community Center remodeling project. The high bid was \$174,000; and the low bid was \$143,093.76. After much discussion, the Council rejected the bids because the grant and loan for this project total only \$100,000. Hassan was instructed by the Council to restructure the proposal to allow for lower bids.

The Council also approved that the house at 500 Vancil be demolished.

Doug Butler was hired as a police officer for the City, and Leona Rich was hired as Animal Control Office.

Present for the October 29 meeting were Tommy Russell, Mike Meyer, Steve Esquivel, Jimmy Butler, Mayor Dawson McGuffin, City Manager Hassan, and City Attorney Ken Slimp. Councilman Hank Bourdo was absent.

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Tommy L. Russell, D.D.S.

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 12-44(1tp)

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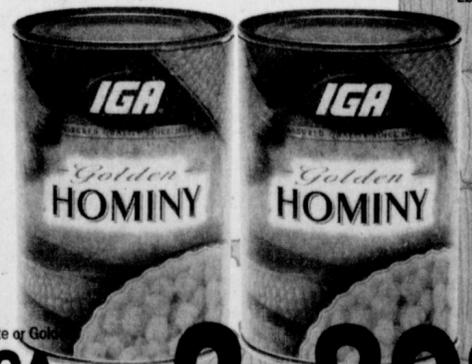
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Welcome Hunters!!

We would like to welcome all hunters and their families to Runnels County and invite you to give your camp cook a rest and join us for the Ballinger Chamber of Commerce Hunter's Appreciation Dinner on Saturday, November 3, 2001.

A GREAT barbeque dinner with all the trimmings will be furnished at no charge to hunters with a valid Texas hunting license and children under 12 years of age. In addition, over 100 raffle and/or door prizes will be given away this year! The meal will be served in the Ballinger Community Center from 6:30 to 9 p.m.

This is our way of promoting Runnels County and the Ballinger area. It is also a small way of saying "Thank You" for your business.

We also encourage you to enter our Big Buck Contest, which is in its 18th year as a successful program. Once again we will present several nice prizes to our winners! Proceeds are used for various nonprofit organizations and activities throughout Runnels, Concho, and Tom Green counties.

So enjoy your stay in our area. May your hunting be safe and successful!

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Ballinger Chamber opens season with Hunter's Appreciation Dinner

6:30-9 p.m. Ballinger Community Center

The Ballinger Chamber of Commerce will have a Hunter's Appreciation Dinner on the first day of deer season, November 3, 2001, from 6:30 to 9 p.m. at the Ballinger Community Center.

There will be door prizes and a GREAT barbeque plate with sausage, brisket, beans and potato salad. The Chamber will furnish the meal at no charge to

the hunters with a valid Texas Hunting License and children under 12 years of age can get in free. Present your valid Texas Hunting License at the door and receive your free meal and door prize entry.

This is the Chamber's way of promoting Runnels County and the Ballinger area. It is also a small way of saying "Thank You" to hunters for their business.

Local individuals may purchase tickets for a \$5 donation at the Chamber office or that night at the door. The Chamber would like for you to help make this a successful event for Runnels County.

A very special door prize

has been donated for this year's dinner—a Shoulder Mount by Johnny Hurt, "Wildlife Trophy Taxidermy" of Ballinger.

The Chamber will also be holding a raffle the night of the dinner for a .270 Deer Rifle donated by Toliver Bros., Willingham Ins. & Realty, Rains-Seale Funeral Home, Ed and Kristen Studer and CPR Custom Prop Repair; and a scope

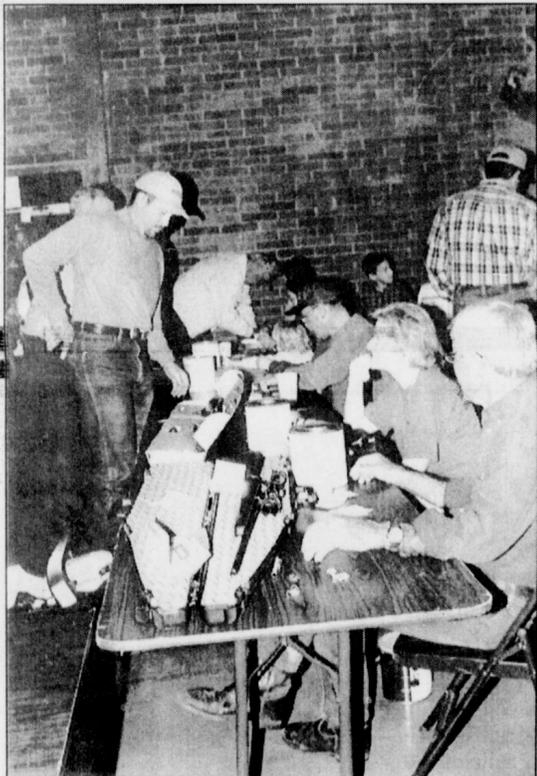
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Also to be raffled are a 350 lb. HCR

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Other raffle items are a Ruger .357 Magnum donated by IGA Shoppin' Basket and a Fiberglass Deer Blind donated by First National Bank and Rough Country.

Tickets for the raffle may be purchased from any Chamber Board member or at the Chamber office. Price is a donation of \$1.00 each or six for \$5.00.



THE BALLINGER CHAMBER OF COMMERCE will host their annual Hunter's Appreciation Dinner at the Ballinger Community Center on Saturday night, November 3, 2001. The meal will be held from 6:30 to 9 p.m. and be served FREE of charge to all hunters with a valid Texas hunting license and children under the age of 12. Last year's barbeque meal (shown in these photos) catered to over 1,000 hunters and guests. Over 100 door prizes will be given away.

ABOUT THE FRONT PAGE...

These quail hunting pictures were taken near Wingate in northwest Runnels County by Coltny Pritchard on the last day of the season this past winter. Coltny, 9, is a 4th grade student at Winters Elementary and the son of *Hunter's Guide* Editor, Deb Pritchard and her husband Johnny. Coltny is an avid hunter—as well as a budding photographer. Not only did he capture the essence of the hunt...but also the special bond between a father and his son as they create "those first" hunting memories to cherish for years to come.

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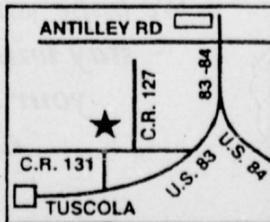
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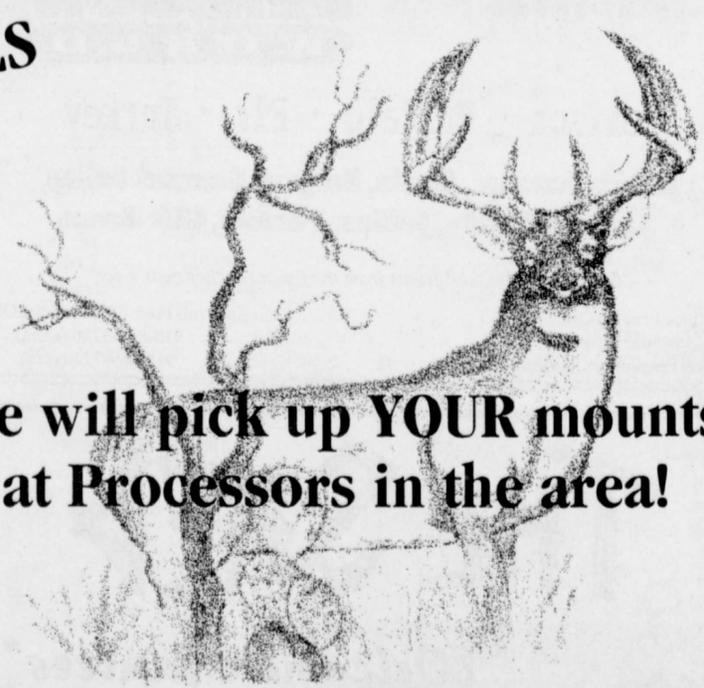
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Poachers draw stiff sentences under new law

Two years ago, a state law created tougher penalties for illegal hunting, including hunting or fishing without landowner consent, hunting from a motor vehicle, hunting with a light and hunting at night.

Now, instead of a minor slap on the wrist, some poachers are getting a severe kick in the pants. For example:

A Bell County poacher is serving two years in state jail for shooting a six-point buck on another man's property. He got there by violating terms of a five-year probation that included 180 days of jail time to be served on weekends.

In Montague County, a repeat offender will spend the upcoming season behind bars, having been sentenced to 120 days in jail and having his hunting license suspended for five years for taking wildlife without landowner consent.

A Williamson County jury found a poacher guilty of hunting deer at night and without landowner consent. He was fined \$4,000, sentenced to 14 days in jail and two years probation and had his hunting license revoked for two years.

Before September 1, 1999, the worst-case scenario for a poacher might involve a stiff fine and civil restitution, according to David Sinclair, chief of wildlife enforcement with Texas Parks and Wildlife.

The new laws provide for felony charges and a mandatory jail sentence, even for first-time poachers who violate certain statutes in addition to civil restitution. "I think based on the number of cases we've filed, the new laws are working," said Sinclair. "The stiffer penalties, including potentially



Lane Pinckney
Texas Parks & Wildlife
Game Warden, Region 7

losing your equipment and having your license revoked, not to mention having a felony on your record, is a good deterrent."

In 1997, TPW game wardens reported 458 violations for hunting without landowner consent. Last year, only 131 cases were made.

The agency is seeing similar declines in other violations that fall under the new laws, including hunting from a vehicle (414 cases in '97 to 113 last year) and hunting at night (280 cases in '97 to 41 last year).

Under the TPW State Jail Felony classification, individuals convicted of taking a desert bighorn sheep, white-tailed deer, pronghorn antelope or mule deer without the consent of the landowner are subject to incarceration for 180 days to

two years and a fine of \$1,500 to \$10,000.

A second violation is prosecuted as a TPW Felony and upon conviction is punishable by incarceration in the institutional division of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice for two years to 10 years and a fine of \$2,000 to \$10,000.

Stiffer penalties will also apply if a poacher is convicted of wasting a big game animal carcass, as is often the case with poachers known as "head-hunters" who take only the trophy racks.

On first offense for wasting a big game carcass the violator is subject to confinement in jail for up to one year and a fine of \$500 to \$4,000. Upon a second conviction for wasting a big game carcass, the violation becomes a TPW State Jail Felony.

While taking big game without landowner consent was the focus of the 1999 law, penalties for other illegal hunting and fishing activities were also upgraded.

A second conviction for hunting from a motor vehicle, hunting at night, hunting with a light or wanton waste of wildlife resources carries a TPW State Jail Felony charge. The legislature also created provisions in the law allowing for the confiscation and forfeiture of equipment used in the commission of these violations, including weapons and other personal property, aircraft and vessels.

In addition to the enhanced criminal penalties for these violations, including using or possessing an electricity-producing device for catching fish, the violators are subject to the revocation of current hunting and fishing licenses and the inability to purchase in new hunting or fishing license for a period of one to five years.



Hunter's Camp

with Don Haley

Happy Trails?

"It says here that Trigger is stuffed and displayed in a museum in California," I tell my lovely wife.

"What?" she says, looking over the rims of her glasses.

"Trigger! You know, Roy Roger's horse. He's mounted full-size—saddle, bridle, and rearin' up on his hind legs.

"You can go look at him in a museum just the way he was in real life," I inform her. "They say the taxidermist did a great job on him, right down to the look of fire and vigor in his eyeballs."

"That's morbid," she says. "I thought Roy Rogers loved Trigger. Why would he do that to him?"

"He did love Trigger," I explain to her. "That's why he had him stuffed."

"It says here that Roy Rogers said he would rather preserve him forever than just stick his carcass in the ground to feed the worms.

"And Roy and Dale," I read on, "had a big fight about it too. She told Roy that she was going to have him stuffed and put him in a museum and see how he liked it!"

"I think that's what I'll have done to you," my wife says, sarcastically. "That way, just like Trigger, I can remember you exactly as you were."

"I'll have you mounted laying flat on your back on a couch!"

"You'll have a channel changer stuck in one hand to

re-create how you once flipped incessantly between football games, the 24-hour hunting channel and that stupid station where girls dance in bikinis on the beach.

"In the other hand, just like real life, you'll be cramming a piece of super supreme pizza into your gaping mouth.

"Little fake mushrooms and jalapenos will lay spilled on the chest of your soiled and unchanged shirt. The empty pizza box and Dr. Pepper cans will tell the sad, gruesome story without the need for words.

"And the mount will show the dense, lifelike look in your beady little eyes. That glassy, stunted, retarded expression that says the world could fall down around your ears, but hey, who cares, the game's starting!"

"Or maybe," she rolls on, "I could have you mounted in those filthy camouflage clothes you always wear.

"You could be displayed sitting on a stump in the middle of nowhere clutching a turkey call or maybe freezing up in a deer blind.

"You'll have that goofy look on your face that says you're a moron, yet as happy as if you had good sense!"

"Oh yea," I tell her. "Well maybe I could have you stuffed just like in real life too!"

"I'll have you mounted like you're walkin' mindlessly up and down the Mall like a lost

calf or sittin' motionless as a talkin' rock for hours with a dang phone in your ear.

"Or maybe I'll have a mount showin' you standin' at the Dillard's checkout counter with about a zillion packages in one hand and a Visa Gold Card in the other. Now that would be about as close to real life as it could get, wouldn't it?"

"You'll have this crazed, yet contented look in your eye that says you've spent every last cent we have or will have for quite awhile, but you could care less..."

"Or better yet," she cuts me off, "why don't you have me mounted pushing a grocery cart up and down aisles to get you something decent to eat."

"Hopefully, they can capture the look in my eye that says I've worked my fingers to the bone all day and now I can look forward to going home and waiting on you hand and foot!"

"Or how about a mount of me standing over a hot stove, cooking your supper so you won't starve to death!"

"Or maybe a pose of me by a washer and dryer, sweat dripping from my humble brow, washing and folding and ironing your clothes!"

"But whatever position you choose to have me mounted in Mr. Smarty pants, it's one you're not going to see in real life for a long, long time..."

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RULES FOR THE BIG BUCK CONTEST

ENTRY FEE \$10 DEADLINE 10PM OPENING DAY, SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 3

BUCKS: 1 pt. per inch for basal circumference, length of main beam, and length of tines and for each inch of width from outside to outside of beams. 2 pts. for each tine over 1" in length. Weight will only count as a tie breaker.

SPIKES: 5 pts. for each inch of total length of both tines. Tines less than one inch will not disqualify the deer for a spike entry. Weight will only count as a tie breaker.

DEER MANAGEMENT AWARD: 4 doe, 3 doe, 2 doe, and 1 doe. Deer management awards decided by drawings.

TURKEY: 5 pts. per inch of length of the longest beard. Weight will only count as a tie breaker.

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Ballinger student shares experiences from Buckskin Brigade Wildlife Leadership Camp



THE MIKESKA BOYS of Wingate ask Cody Faubion questions about the age of deer from looking at their jaw bones and teeth at a Buckskin Brigade presentation for the Winters 4-H Club in September.

by Cody Faubion, Buckskin Brigade Graduate

I recently attended the Buckskin Brigade Wildlife Leadership Camp at La Bandera Ranch in Carrizo Springs. Buckskin Brigade is a joint venture of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, Texas Wildlife Association, Texas Parks and Wildlife, and the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service.

The Buckskin Brigade is a 5-day camp that teaches students, or cadets, about the whitetail deer, as well as helping them develop their leadership abilities. There are many specialists there to help the cadets and to teach them about everything from anatomy to habitat management.

We got started as soon as we

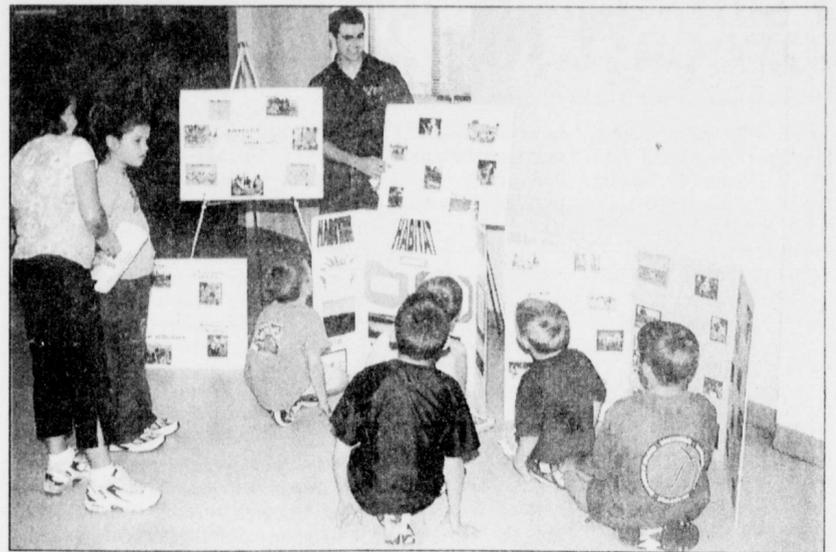
got there. We learned about the anatomy of a deer, and even got to dissect one. We opened up their stomach to look inside and see what they had been eating, which was mostly unrecognizable plants. But we did see some cactus inside.

We also learned about habitat. There are four components of habitat which include: water, cover, space, and food. All of which are needed to survive. We learned how to score deer using the Boone and Crockett scoring system, which is the most acceptable method of scoring.

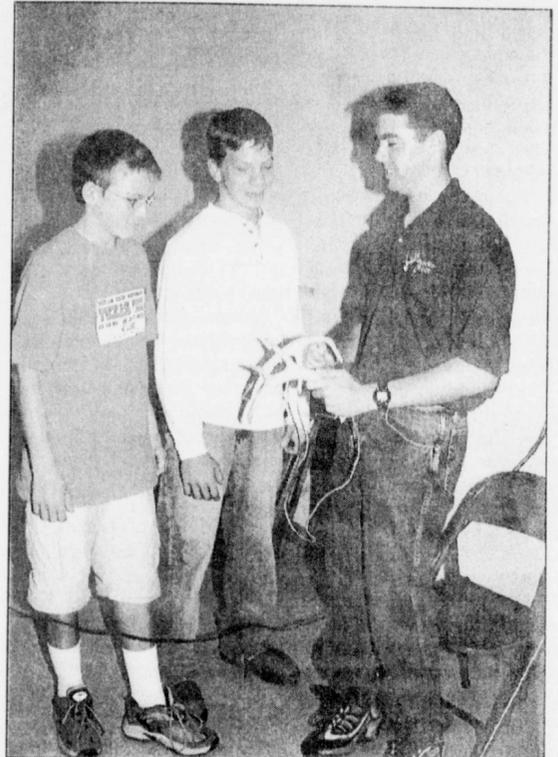
There is also another method that was used before this called the displacement method, where you put the antlers in a bucket of water and measure how far up the water goes. We learned different types of census techniques, monitoring feeders, how to age a deer, and how to rattle using the antlers.

We got to bring home our own set of rattling antlers as well as a set of jawbones for aging and a plant collection book which we had to make ourselves. We were taught fire-arm safety, photography and journaling techniques, and team and leadership skills. We worked late into each night learning cadences about deer facts which we then marched to during the day. We had team competitions—kind of like Trivial Pursuit, and we had to make a tri-fold for public display.

On the last day of camp, our parents came for a special supper where we showed off some of our cadences and new found knowledge. It was a lot of fun and I encourage anyone to apply for next year. After camp, we were encouraged to come home and present programs to educate people about deer and about the camp.



WINTERS 4-Hers listen intently as Cody Faubion explains posters of pictures he took at the Buckskin Brigade Leadership Camp this past summer. (above) Cody Pritchard & John Heathcott watch as Faubion demonstrates deer antler rattling. (right)



Anyone interested in a 15-20 minute slide presentation, or a manned or unmanned exhibit, please contact me, Cody Faubion at 365-5424.

If you or someone you know is interested in attending the camp next year, you may get application forms from your local County Agent, and you may list me as your contact. I highly recommend this camp—it was an awesome experience.

Cody Faubion is the 16-year-old son of Cliff and Melissa Faubion of Ballinger, and is a sophomore at Ballinger High School.

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Biologist gives hunting forecast for 2001-02

by Ralph Suarez, TPWD Wildlife Biologist, Ballinger, Texas

Deer—We have recently completed our annual spotlight deer counts for Runnels County. I am very pleased to report that our findings are very encouraging.

First off, due to the sufficient rainfall received during last fall and winter, deer were able to maintain and even build up good body reserves. This means that enough green winter type weeds and browse were available to allow does to raise healthy fawns while not totally allowing themselves to suffer in body condition.

This also means that buck deer, who can lose up to 25% of their body weight chasing does during the rut, had some green forage available to them to help them recover from their rutting activities. This should have cut down on "post rut mortality."

If you hunted last season you will recall that hunting at feeders was slow at best, this was due to the amount and quality of native forage available to deer. Given a choice, deer will always prefer native forage over artificial feed.

The improved habitat conditions allowed for doe deer to "breed up" well this past fall, and in-turn has allowed for the production and survival of a very large fawn crop. Census efforts indicate on average, right at 100% fawn crop. Compared to last year when we could only record on average a 50% fawn crop, it doesn't take a rocket scientist to figure out that we will have a lot of young deer on the range this season.

This could be good and bad, depending on your current situation. Those ranches that already have a heavy deer population will probably need to remove extra doe deer this season. On the other hand, those areas with relatively low deer populations will have a good year of recruitment to the deer herd.

This year we will have an extra tag that can be used to take an extra doe. Runnels County will be going from a 4-deer bag limit, no more than 2 bucks, to a 5-deer bag limit, no more than 2 bucks. This increased flexibility will give managers an extra tool to help them manage their deer herds.

I know that by now those "hard core" buck hunters are wondering what about antlers for this season. Well, I am pleased to report that deer hunters should see better than average antler production this season. This will of course depend on what the habitat looked like last fall and winter and how well it was able to produce forage this spring.

Those ranches that remained heavily stocked, may not fully see the benefits of the

increased rainfall. We have seen some very nice buck deer during our surveys. I have also heard from several ranchers and sportsmen that are also observing some very large antlered deer.

This season has the potential of being one of the best that we have seen in a long time. Compared to last year, we can expect a very good hunting experience. Good luck in the field.

Dove—Dove numbers were slightly up from last year, but we did see better distribution. Last year dove were concentrated along permanent water sources and the few areas with a good food supply. That will not be the case this year.

Dove will be found over a much larger area due to the abundance of sunflower fields, small grain fields and native plants. Water is also much more abundant and more widely available this year than last. This should allow for a good hunting season.

As always, the best hunting will be found over mature sunflowers and other food sources, but I have seen large numbers of dove watering at dirt tanks during early evening hours. Good luck on your dove hunting.

Quail—Quail numbers were also slightly up this year. Some areas will see a vast improvement over last year. Those pastures that still had some cover for nesting will prove to have the highest concentrations of quail. The rainfall received last fall and winter allowed for moisture to penetrate deep in to the soil profile.

This deep moisture in turn allows for the production of annual weeds that provide quail with food and cover. It's an old time biologist saying "a good broom weed year usually makes for a good quail year." And in some pastures, there's a lot of broom weed.

Some years, even though we make a good hatch early in the summer, quail number still seem to be low when it comes time to hunt. This is usually caused by a low survival rate for young quail during stressful times.

Many times the young chicks, which feed almost exclusively on insects during the first few months of their life, cannot find enough food sources on the range to ensure their survival. Luckily, the over-abundance of insects available to young quail to feed on, has increased the survival rate of young quail this year quite a bit.

Some areas will see excellent quail hunting, while those areas which were lacking in quality quail habitat, particularly nesting habitat, will only

see average hunting success.

Turkey—The summer hen/poult surveys showed a tremendous hatch of young turkey. This is the best reproduction I have seen in this area in the past seven years. Not only did we make a big hatch, but the survival rate among the young is considerably up. Normally, a turkey hen will lay about 1-14 eggs, of which 9-10 may actually hatch out.

At summer's end on an average year, that hen may only have 2-3 poults that survived. Death losses can be attributed to several factors such as lack of food sources, lack in water resources, predators or other things.

This year, thanks in large part to all the insects found in the pasture, young turkey were able to receive the necessary protein sources to allow for their survival. I am still recording large groups of turkey, with the average number of poults per hen staying at 6-8.

We should still have enough mature birds to have a good hunt, but if you have noticed a decline in the turkey population on your hunting lease or ranch, this year's good hatch will go a long way to adding to the declining number.

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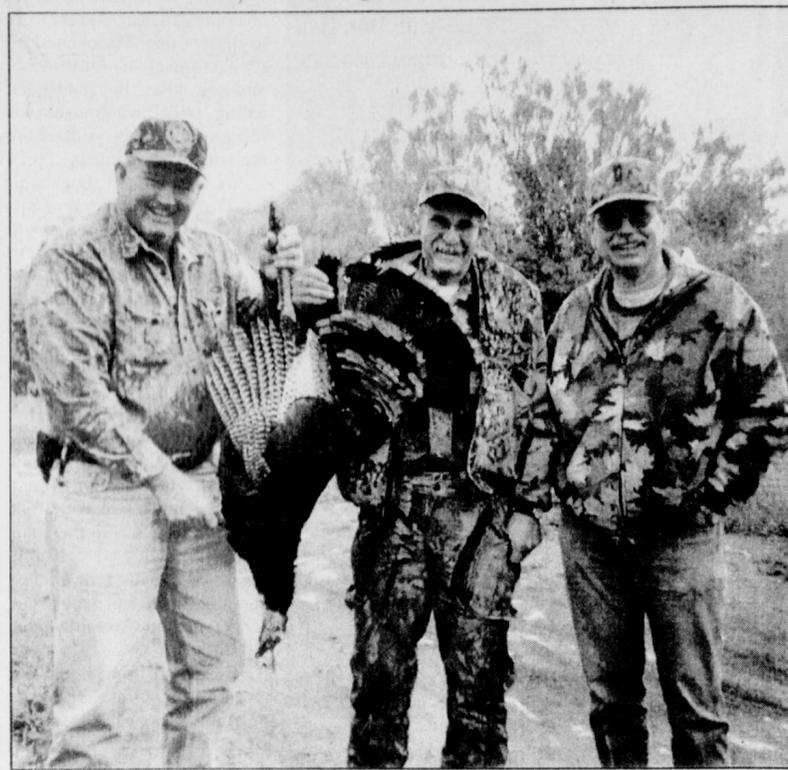
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Let's talk turkey...



GUIDE DAVE CAUDLE (left) proudly displays a hefty Runnels County tom, bagged by Jim Crow and Lo Phillips of Lovington, New Mexico. Caudle owns and operates a fishing and hunting guide service in Ballinger and noted this was Crow's last hunt.

Landowners and hunters reminded general deer hunting season opens November 3

by Ralph Suarez
Wildlife Biologist, Texas Parks & Wildlife

Landowners and hunters are reminded that the general deer hunting season in Runnels County will open Saturday, November 3, 2001 and continue through January 6, 2002. The legal bag limit in Runnels County is five deer, no more than two bucks. No special permits are required for harvesting antlerless deer, however, both bucks and antlerless deer must be properly tagged with an appropriate tag from a valid hunting license.

There will be a special late general antlerless and spike deer season which runs from January 7, 2002 through January 20, 2002. Bag limit restricted to antlerless and spike

deer only.

Deer populations vary from area to area and even from ranch to ranch. The either sex regulation allows landowners and hunters the flexibility to harvest antlerless deer on his/her property in order to keep deer numbers in balance with available food supply. It does not automatically mean that a heavy antlerless deer harvest is needed. The recommended harvest rates for both bucks and antlerless deer, provided by the department, should be used only as a general guideline for harvesting deer.

If more intense management is desired, we suggest that land

managers survey their own properties. This will allow for a more accurate representation of deer numbers on their ranch. Please note that in most cases the department recommends more antlerless deer to be harvested than bucks.

The recommended guideline for harvesting antlerless deer throughout most of Runnels County is one antlerless deer per 200 acres. The recommended harvest rate on bucks is one per 650 acres.

For more information concerning harvest rates or wildlife management planning, contact Wildlife Biologist, Ralph Suarez, at 915-365-2840.

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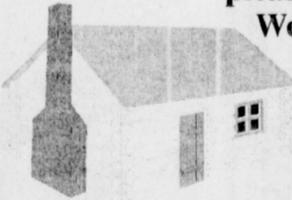
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Ace..buck fever..and a fat man in a red huntin' suit

"What's all the ruckus, I asked Doc, who was squintin' through his binoculars across a shinoak flat.

"It's Slim and Buck," he said. "And they're carrin' Ace!"

When we got there, it was apparent that Ace had met up with another misfortune. He was scratched, bruised, and appeared to be in some kind of post-traumatic shock.

"What in the world happened to Ace?" I asked Slim.

Buck was soakin' a hankerchief from his canteen and laid it across Ace's battered brow.

"I'll tell ya, but you ain't gonna believe it," Slim began.

"I was sittin' on my perch yonder, watchin' that little brushy creek bottom. Through the trees, I seen some deer antlers flashin'.

"It weren't long before I could make out nine bucks grazin' in the draw. Not one or two, but nine!

"They was deer only they wasn't, if ya know what I mean. They had horns and lots of 'em, but they was funny lookin'.

"About that time, I spot Ace slippin' up the canyon. He was sneakin' along real slow...and then he seen them bucks!

"Ya'll know how Ace is. He gets the shiverin' all-overs when he sees one buck, much less nine of 'em at once.

"I seen him shakin' and lookin' through his scope, tryin' to get steady. But buck fever had done set in and his rifle barrel was wavin' like a flagpole in a hurrican."

"Ka-wham!"

"That .30-06 went off like a sonic boom. The bullet musta just creased the back of one a' them bucks, cause he let out a belter and pitched like a buckkin' horse, but he didn't seem to be hurt none,

"That's when it happened...I cain't believe I seen....

"Saw what, Slim? What happened to Ace?"

"I was screened off by the mesquite brush, but I seen this big fat feller with white hair and a white beard some runnin' toward Ace faster 'n a hound dog at a cat convention.

"He came scootin' outa that big wash where them bucks was. He was wearin' a red and white huntin' suit, but he weren't carrin' no gun. And it's a good thang he weren't, cause he was hotter 'n a hen in a sack.

"He grabbed hold a' Ace and went to whuppin' on him like egg whites fer a lemon meringue pie. As you can see from lookin' at Ace, that big fat feller was a might peeved."

"A big fat feller with white hair and beard, dressed in red and white?" Doc asked. "And you say he came runnin' out of a herd of nine funny lookin' buck deer....

"Slim, it sounds like you're sayin' Ace got whupped by Santa Clause!"

Ace began to come to about that time.

"Ace...wake-up, Ace...is it true? Did you really get into a fight with Santa Clause!"

Ace was a might woozy, but we sat him up and got some hot coffee down him.

"What did Santa say to you Ace...what did Santa say?"

Ace had the kind of wild-eyed look you get when you wake up from a terrifyin' nightmare and realize it wasn't a dream at all.

"Well...uhhh...he said he was fixin' to commence to boxin' my ears fer takin' a shot at Rudolph."

"Oh, Ace," we all said at once, "Rudolph!...you shot at Rudolph!"

"What did he do then, Ace? What did he do?"

"Well, after he got done boxin' my ears, he hitched up them bucks to a sleigh loaded down with presents and stuff and just flew off. He didn't say Ho Ho Ho or nothin'."

"Nothin', Ace? Santa didn't say nothin' after beatin' ya like a dirty rug at a spring cleanin'!"

"Well...he did have two pieces of advice fer me before he left. Sort of a farewell gift, he called it.

"The first piece of advice was that I oughta be home with my family on Christmas Eve, 'stead of wanderin' around out here in the brush."

"What was the second, Ace...what was the second?"

"The second was to concentrate real hard on winnin' the Texas lottery."

"Santa had advice on winnin' the lottery, Ace? Tell us...what!...what!"

"Yea...he said the odds of me winnin' the lottery were gonna be a whole lot better than my chances of ever gettin' another Christmas present...."

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Grohman family "hogs" the market on trapping feral swine

by Deb Pritchard, Hunter's Guide editor

One local family is making a go at living "high on the hog" with a "walk on the wild side." Freddie Grohman and his family of Winters have taken up the hobby and pastime of trapping feral swine, also known as wild hogs.

Current estimates indicate there are over 2 million feral swine in 23 states of the USA. Out of 264 counties in the state of Texas, all but 16 are inhabited by feral hogs. Trapping only on weekends and holidays since the fall of 1998, Grohman and his clan have trapped over 600 head of wild hogs. Just on the one place they set and bait near Winters, they have trapped over 120 since September of this year.

"The numbers are growing—they're here to stay," said Grohman. Migrating from south Texas originally, feral swine are known for their longer snouts, long hair and tails compared to the domestic hog. Wild hogs are leaner and sport the characteristic tusks—"that can tear you up pretty good," said Grohman.

Freddie, wife Landa, and children Travis, Trenton, and Tamra, are keeping busy during the fall weekends. The Grohmans are averaging 8-10 hogs per week while baiting and setting traps twice during the weekend. Size of the animals has averaged anywhere from babies with naval cords still attached, to a 389 lbs. boar.

The Grohmans use circular panels with a flap-door and bait the area with corn, sour mash, or feed bread. Once trapped, the family loads the hogs on a trailer and takes them to a buying station near Merkel.

There, they sell for 10¢ per pound for 80 lbs. hogs and slightly higher for heavier hogs. The Merkel station sells to a buyer in Ft. Worth who in turn processes the swine and sells it to an Asian market as lean, tender, white meat.

"Trapping isn't feasible unless you know how," said Grohman, who is the only Ft Worth supplier of wild hogs



FREDDIE GROHMAN bags a 225 lbs. wild hog while hunting deer 3 miles east of Winters in Runnels County. Grohman prefers trapping feral swine as a family pastime, to hunting the wild hogs as a sport.

from this area. "Numbers are the key to make it worthwhile." While they family isn't getting rich from the sale profits—selling 20 hogs for an average \$8/hog (\$160) is better business than selling 2 hogs for \$16.

"It's a family thing," said Grohman. While the sport of wild hog hunting is quite popular in many states, the Grohmans will shoot wild hogs only if they wander in during a deer hunt.

Like the domestic hog, feral swine carry several diseases communicable to humans, including pseudorabies and brucellosis. "In the Hill Country,

the hogs are bad on the lambing and kidding (goat) areas because they're getting in and eating the babies," said Grohman. With a high reproductive capacity, locally the swine are wandering in on farmland and eating the grain crops.

For these reasons, just as with any wild game, there's a need to control the population. At least one local family is going "whole hog" in an effort to maintain local feral swine numbers. Freddie Grohman and his crew are finding their weekend hobby rather "boar-ing."

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CHRIS HOPPE AND DAD, GLENN HOPPE, JR. (l-r) of Winters strike a happy pose after bagging these toms in northern Runnels County last season. Wildlife biologists say that good insect populations in area fields has increased poult survival this year which is important in replenishing the number of turkeys at area leases.

Turkey Talk...Can you tell?

by B.D. Davis, Biologist/Land Manager

The ability to distinguish adult turkey from juveniles in the wild is easy when poults are small. The closer poults get to adult size the more difficult it becomes. However, the ability to distinguish between the sexes in the wild gets easier as the poults near adult size.

It is almost impossible to distinguish between adult hens and large juvenile hens in the wild. The one exception is the presence of a beard on a hen. Anytime you observe a bearded hen then she will almost certainly be an adult. A percentage of juvenile hens have rudimentary beards but they are not yet prevalent enough to be observed.

Subtle sex and age differences are observable in any group of turkey. The trick is to know where to look. Both sex and age can be determined by external features on all turkey (except small poults) once you have them in your hands.

Large poults of both sexes can be distinguished from adults in flight by the presence of different length tail feathers. The middle two tail feathers are noticeably longer in juveniles. Adult tail feathers are uniform in length. However, an observer has to concentrate on this one feature. He then gets only a general idea of how many poults are involved.

Male turkey, when seen at a distance, appear both larger and darker than females. The reason for the darker appearance is the presence of black tipped feathers on the breasts of the males. Female breast feathers are buff colored. However, females do have black tipped feathers on a portion of their black.

Juvenile males, during the fall and winter, can be distinguished from adult males by the presence of a tiny beard. Beards on juvenile males (jakes), if seen at all, usually sticks out only an inch or so. Beards present on some adult hens, by contrast, will appear much longer.

Three separate flocks of turkey are usually observed during the fall and winter. Adult toms usually range together. The same is usually true for juvenile toms. Hens, however, range in flocks contain both adults and juveniles. Also, most flocks of hens usually include a few juvenile toms. These juvenile toms will be slightly taller and a little darker than the hens.

A hunter wanting to take only males in the fall season, for example, should take a close look at what appears to be a flock of hens. Chances are one or more juvenile males are present.

The rancher or keen observer can get a general idea, even during late winter, of how successful the hatch was by the presence of juvenile males (jakes). It is safe to generally assume there are as many juvenile hens as there are jakes (eggs hatch approximately 50-50). Doubling the numbers of jakes seen will give the observer an overall idea of turkey reproduction.

I have been fortunate enough to be involved in trapping over 5,000 Rio Grande turkey during my career as a wildlife biologist. It is neat to think that almost all of these birds were for the purpose of restocking. They were not killed or consumed but used to let more folks hunt and enjoy their presence.

Trapping for restocking and research allows observation of a lot of birds. The distinction between adults and juveniles can easily be determined at this time.

A turkey, as with most birds, have 10 primary flight feathers on their wing. The observer needs to look at the outermost feather from the body when the wing is spread. This feather is what is called the 10th primary.

Adult hens, for example, have a new looking 10th feather in good shape. It is rounded at the very tip with distinct bars extending all the way to the end. Juvenile hens, by contrast, have a worn looking 10th primary with a pointed tip. The bars on the juvenile feather do not extend all the way to the end.

The same feather situation is found in males. However, their age can be distinguished in other more obvious ways.

Dove season starts with a "bang"—late season forecast is good

The first half of dove season finished out with mixed reviews in Runnels County as northerners and rain in mid-season hurt hunting around watering holes.

The season started out with a "bang" (literally and figuratively) as hunters arrived in Runnels County to limit-out the first two to three weekends, beginning on Labor Day.

In fact, right before the start of the season, area wildlife biologists saw a "tremendous" amount of dove in the area.

But alas, as rains swept the area in mid-to-late October, dove dispersed from the watering holes such as tanks and creek beds, since mud puddles provided them with adequate watering grounds. Thus, not as many birds were moving as in the start of the season.

The second half of dove season begins the day after Christmas and runs through January 6, 2002. The bag limit is 12 birds per day.

Forecasters predict the second half of the season will provide good hunting. "The second half usually has a good run for hunters—if they know where to go," said Wildlife Biologist Don Davis. "There's not normally the interest in the late season as there is at the start," which should allow avid dove hunters the opportunity for some prime hunting.



CHELSEY AND CHARLEY LIPSEY (l-r) are proud of dad Chuck Lipsey after he brings home this nice 9-point buck shot near the shores of O.H. Ivie Reservoir. Lipsey is head football and track coach for the Winters Blizzards and an avid sportsman—enjoying hunting and fishing the Ivie Reservoir and Runnels County areas.

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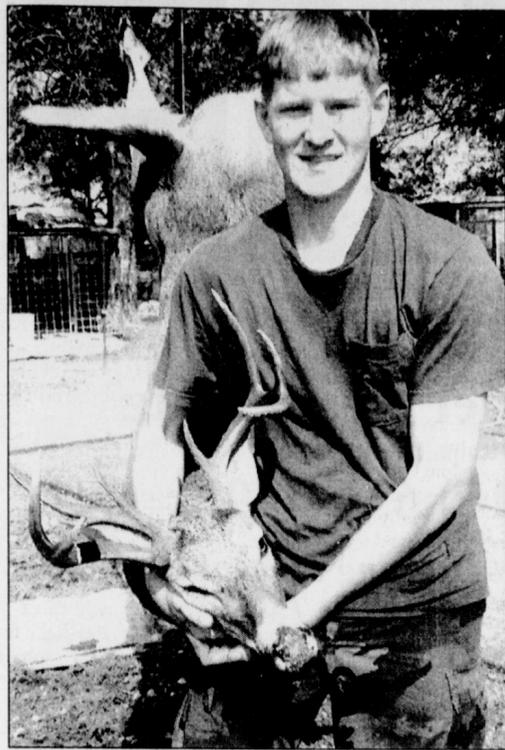
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TRAVIS GROHMAN OF WINTERS shared these photos of a non-typical buck he bagged near the South Taylor-Runnels County line in late October last year. The 12-point buck sported 3 main beams—one normal beam on the deer's right side & 2 beams on the left. In addition, a pair of drop tines were found on the backside in the middle of the rack which measured about 16" wide. Travis, 17, is a senior at Winters High School.

Hair & Feathers

by B.D. Davis, Biologist/Land Manager

The Rut—When is it?

Runnels County white-tailed deer hunters are always asking, "When is the rut?" The phenomenon known as "the rut" is the period when deer breed. Hunters always seem to want to schedule their time off from work and hunt "the rut."

Can hunting the rut help? You bet it can! The reason is that buck deer, like many male animals, lose a lot of their natural caution when the scent of a receptive female is in the air. They also move around a lot looking for females in heat. This movement and lack of caution contributes to hunter success.

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Dept. also wanted answers to when the rut occurs. Does it occur at different times in different parts of the state? Does it occur at different times in different years? Do cold snaps trigger the start of the rut? An extensive 3 year study involving 2,436 does answered most of these questions surrounding, "When is the rut?"

The rut in Runnels County was found to vary little from year to year. Nor does a cold snap have much to do with when the rut occurs. However, hunters overall think cold weather helps and thus they themselves are more apt to be in the field hunting. The bottom line is bucks with hardened antlers are ready to breed and are "looking" for their chance—rain or shine cold or not.

A few does are bred starting the first week in October here in Runnels County. However, the main rut period basically starts the last week in October. The rut activity builds to a peak during the week or so before Thanksgiving and gradually declines until about Christmas.

Runnels County bucks get the job done too. We have the highest incidence of pregnancy of anywhere in the state with 97 percent of our does being bred. We sometimes hear talk of "old barren does." Well, that in reality just does not happen around here.

However, we often do see does without a fawn at her side. All us interested folks need to realize when we see this lone doe in good shape she, in all likelihood, is not barren. She had her babies and she probably dropped twins but she lost them to predators, fences or whatever—life in the wild for baby deer is hazardous. But the doe, chances are, is not "barren" and she will rebreed.

Fawn survival depends primarily on quality habitat. Overgrazing by domestic livestock hurts. Malnutrition and associated problems are usually responsible for poor fawn survival. Our lingering drought has aggravated the problem of inadequate food. "Empty belly disease" is the most limiting factor for our Runnels County whitetails.

Texas Game Warden Field Notes

Tell it to the judge, son...

A Comanche County warden received a call from a landowner who witnessed a teenager drive an all-terrain vehicle onto his property and kill a deer behind his house.

The teenager told the landowner that it was all right because his father was an attorney. The landowner filed a complaint of hunting without landowner consent.

Wrong side of the fence...

A Schleicher County game warden investigated a report that someone from a neighboring lease had poached a deer by shooting across a fence. The complainant and his non-hunting brother-in-law told the game warden that someone in

a black pickup had shot the deer and sped off, leaving the dead deer behind.

After checking the deer and the blood trail that led back to the complainant's feeder, the warden determined that the deer could not have been shot from across the fence.

Further questioning led to an admission by the brother-in-law of taking the deer after the complainant had left the blind to take his son to the restroom. He made up the story to avoid getting into trouble because he was under strict instructions not to hunt since he did not have his hunter safety certification or a hunting license.

Standing out in a crowd...

In late January, LaMarque

game wardens received a call about a commercial oyster boat working in closed waters.

A Galveston County warden responded and found one lone skiff working in the area. The warden asked the workers if they thought it unusual that theirs was the only oyster boat working in that particular area. The captain replied, "Now that you mention it." Cases pending.

Returning to the scene of the crime...

In early December, a DeWitt County game warden caught two men shooting from the road. They were arrested, their rifles confiscated and vehicle impounded. The next day, the warden returned to where the

shot was fired to try to locate the deer.

Returning to town empty-handed, the warden happened upon the same vehicle he had impounded the night before. The vehicle was parked next to a bridge with the hazard lights flashing.

Under the bridge, he discovered two men hacking a doe carcass with a machete. The warden also found a second deer in an ice chest nearby. The two admitted to being friends of the poachers and had gotten the truck out of impoundment to retrieve the deer.

Neither of the men had identification nor hunting licenses and were arrested. For the second time that day the truck was impounded. Fines were assessed and the guns awarded to TPW.

If it looks like a duck & sounds like a duck...

A Hockley County warden witnessed a vehicle working a spotlight in a pasture. When the vehicle returned to the road, the warden stopped it and asked for the occupants' hunting licenses.

The five people inside said they were not hunting and did not even have a gun. The warden saw a rifle on the floorboard and retrieved it. The passengers then said they had no bullets.

The warden opened the chamber and ejected a live round. The passengers continued to plead their case, saying they had no flashlight. The warden retrieved one from the floorboard. Cases are pending.

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The Starlight Liars Club

You could just tell it was gonna be one of them nights.

Over by the campfire, Ace is scratchin' his head through his hat. A sure sign if there ever was one.

Sittin' on a caliche rock, Slim is whittlin' on a cedar stay with his skinnin' knife and Buck, squattin' on his haunches, is stuffin' a wad of fresh chaw into the cheek of his left jaw.

Nothin' is said to call the meetin' to order, but the Starlight Liars Club is officially in session. To be a member, all you gotta do is pull up a stump and give a listen.

"I was huntin' turkeys," Ace begin, still scratchin' his head with his hat.

"The big ole' gobbler was close and ever time I'd yelp, he'd gobble, closer ever time. After while, he didn't gobble no more and thangs got quiet as a chicken coop 'fore Sunday dinner.

I heard somethin' behind the liveoak log I was usin' fer a fort.

Leanin' down flatter 'n a store-bought pancake, there was just enough room under that log that I could make out the feet of that ole' gobbler and a beard draggin' the ground as thick as a whisk broom.

I called and called, but he wouldn't budge nor say a

word. Gettin' impatient, I reached into my possibles bag, found me a length of cotton rope and fashioned a loop on one end.

Coming up and over the log like a fightin' sow, I flung that noose over that ole' gobbler's head as purty as any calf roper south of the Calvery Stampede.

Like a quarterhorse throwin' a calf, I dug in my heels and leaned back on that rope for all I's worth. In the meantime, that big ole' gobbler took off in the other direction like a scalded cat.

He was stout as a shot of homemade tequila, so's I never could quite get my feet set so's I could tie him off.

Goin' down the draw, I fell to my knees and that ole' gobbler was scootin' me through the wet grass like he was a sled dog and I was a sleigh.

Runnin' and pitchin' like a buckin' horse, he run us straight into a patch of cactus and cat-claw acacia, but I weren't about to let loose of that rope.

About then, them cat-claw bushes ripped into me like a hound dog after a coon. When me and that gobbler cleared the brush, about all I had left was my birthday suit, part of one boot and some shredded hide that had more cactus spines stuck in it than needles in

Grandma's pin-cushion.

By the time I managed to regain my feet, we was headed downhill and pickin' up speed towards the river.

Naked and screamin' like I was, I reckon I looked like one 'a them perverted city slickers with some kinda maniac'd, two-legged feathered poodle on a leash.

Anyways, when we come upon the river, that ole' gobbler took to the air like a supersonic jet gone beserk. I found myself danglin' in mid-air like one 'a them commandos in a Rambo move.

It was about then that I figured that ole' gobbler had done out-smarted me and that river looked to be about as soft a plee as I was gonna find to land.

Aimin' as close as I could to the riverbank, I let loose my grip and hit the water like a tow sack full 'a taters and swum ashore. I covered myself as best I could with mud and leaves and twigs and such and come on back to camp.

So's, any you boys come across a gobbler with a lenth of rope trailin' off of him, you'll know he's mine..."

"Reminds me of the time," drawls Slim, "when I was camped out, huntin' deer on the grassy plains of Wyomin', not a tree in sight.

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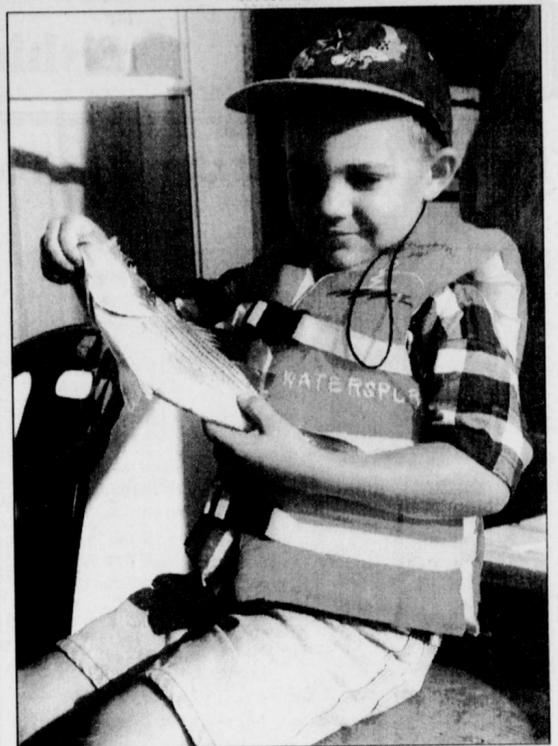


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Current Fishing Conditions for O.H. Ivie Reservoir

| Species | Conditions | Baits | Depths | Location | Other Information |
|------------------------|--------------|---|----------------------|-----------------------------|---|
| Black Bass | good | plastic worms spinner baits crank baits | 00-10 ft 20-30 ft | points weed beds | Fish deeper points and that's with plastic baits or live baits for larger fish. Also, fish the weed beds for smaller black bass action. |
| Smallmouth Bass | fair | plastic worms spinner baits crank baits jigs slabs | 20-30 ft | points ridges | On rocky points and ridges. |
| Crappie | fair to good | minnows | 20-30 ft | river channels main lake | At night under lights. |
| Channel & Blue Catfish | fair to good | worms live bait stink bait blood bait shad minnows shrimp | 10-20 ft 20-30 ft | main lake baited holes | Over baited holes. |
| Yellow Catfish | poor | live bait (perch & goldfish) | 10-20 ft 20-30 ft | main lake | On trotlines. |
| White Bass | fair | minnows | 20-30 ft | main lake | At night, under lights, best bet. A few have been caught trolling. |
| Walleye | | poor | | | No catches reported. |

NEWS: All road now paved to the boat ramps. Also, second group shelter (pavilion) is now open to the public in Kennedy Park for reservations.



YOUNG MASTER PASQUA of Ft. Stockton is proud to show off this small mouth bass he landed on Lake Ivie. He often joins dad Tracy Pasqua and grandpa Paul Pasqua on the reservoir for some serious bass fishing.



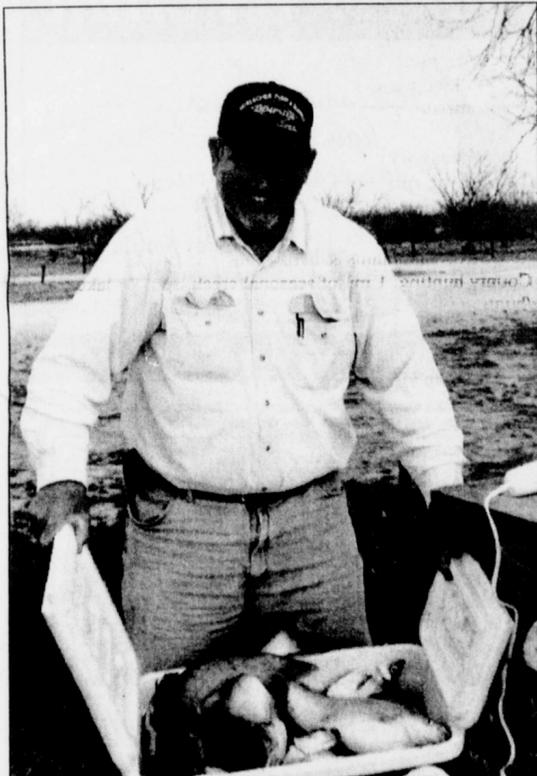
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Winters and Ballinger are gateway to mecca of fishing in West Texas



FISHIN' WITH DAVE guide Dave Caudle likes nothing better than to sport a cooler full of 31 channel catfish after a day on Lake O.H. Ivie.

Winters and Ballinger are the gateway to the mecca of fishing in West Texas. Lake O.H. Ivie, located in the southern portion of Runnels County, is home to all species of fish including the Florida strain of black bass. In just over ten years the lake has produced a bucket-mouth that pushes the 15-pound mark, with ten-pounders hardly raising an eyebrow.

That is not to say that one can go out and throw a lure and

expect to be greeted with a ten-pounder. It does, however, place Ivie near the top of the list as being a lake to catch that double figure bass. Last year Ivie placed more fish in the "lunker program" than any other lake in Texas.

In the past year on my boat 31 fish over ten pounds have been boated and most released after photos. Several of those over 12 pounds and, of course, all the big ones that got away were surely lake records.

Ivie also boasts a very good population of crappie and white bass, with several guides working the night fishing and normally having very good results. White bass which are numerous and very few under-sized will entertain any angler except the die hard bass fisherman.

Even the flyrodder can get to these bass when school is in session. There have many times in the past that we actually left the lake because we were just tired of catching fish. One time we decided if we could get a slab to the bottom that we would quit. About an hour later we finally got to stop reeling up fish.

While most consider the spring to fall fishing season and pick up the rifle or shotgun for the fall, winter is my favorite time to fish. It's just right when the line freezes in the rod tip. I know at this time the fish will gang up and get on ridges and breaks and not move very often. When you pull over a ridge and see the graph light up, you know the slab will be hit. The normal mix is about three white bass to one black, but there are times when only the black bass are in the school.

Also, catfish get in these schools and will readily hit the same slab. Occasionally a yellow cat will bend the rod to the limit. My personal best is a 31-pounder that hit while in the middle of white and black bass. It's easy to figure out when a yellow or big blue hits the slab.

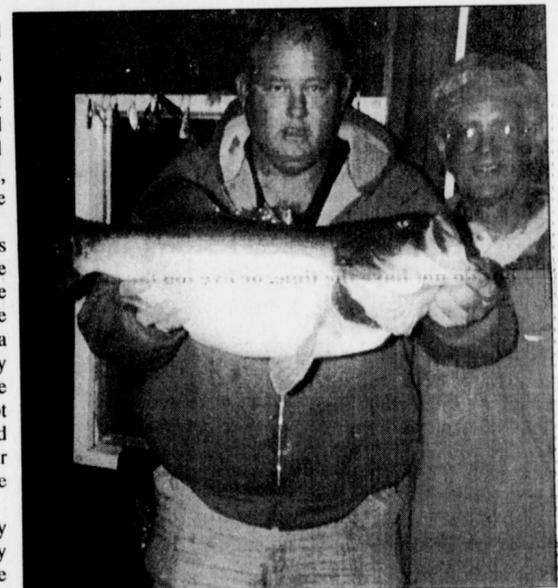
A few years back a friend hooked what he thought was a bush and tried to shake the slab loose. After a few tries he bent over to pull the line by hand and just after the second pull the fish started on the move, and the fisherman realized the bush was moving.

He quickly grabbed his Zebco 33 in time to see the drag strip and the cover come off the front of the reel. The struggle was ended after a hand-to-hand fight that finally brought the 16-pounder to the net. The reel, however, did not survive. It should also be noted that in the few minutes after that battle we took four more yellow cats to ten pounds.

As a general rule, when any fish is the fish of the day, I try to find a school of fish on one of the 731 places to fish on Lake Ivie. My graph doesn't tell me what type of fish it is, but sometimes I can tell by the location. The only thing my graph tells me is what direction they're going and it's always to the left.

I then get out the small white slab that I manufacture and drop it into the school. Normally, in a short time we're able to determine if the school is game fish or large gizzard shad. As a guide, if the fish don't bite, then it must be gizzard shad. I have foul hooked some shad to near three pounds.

So bundle up and enjoy the winter fishing; it's best when the fish are warmer than you. See you on the lake.



BILL NOLEKE of San Angelo (right) is proud of his 11.11 lbs. Black Bass caught on O.H. Ivie Reservoir. Guide Dave Caudle of Ballinger displays the trophy catch.

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The sane...most don't fish and hunt like the rest of us



DON MOBLEY of San Angelo landed this 12.4 lbs. Black Bass on O.H. Ivie Reservoir, July 3, 2001, while "Fishin' with Dave."

Runnels County is home to fishing and hunting in West Texas. It is also home to some sane or nearly sane people. Most of these, however, do not fish and hunt like the rest of us.

One might be considered a little off center when he goes out to hunt or worse yet to fish in 30-degree weather. Add a little sleet or rain to that and you may see the guys in white suits leading you to the rubber room. Needless to say, the lake is not crowded in these conditions, but they happen to be my favorite time to fish.

Many times I have been asked, "Are you nuts?" I always answer yes but the fish were really biting because they did not expect anyone to fish in that weather, and we all know that you have to sneak up on them. That's fishing guide talk for a reason to go fishing. And if they don't bite then the guide can always blame the weather and conditions.

When this many people get on the lake or in the bush something insane is bound to happen. One of my favorite stories deals with the fishing chicken. Bill Hulsey of coaching fame in Paint Rock had his boat worked on in Ballinger and

then it was brought to my house to be picked up later.

About a week later Bill picked up the boat and he and Bobby Tom Bailey of Ballinger went to Ivie for a bass fishing outing. Now these guys are serious about fishing and are like a bird dog on point watching for the bite.

After about two hours, Bailey, who is somewhat excitable anyway, was on the front chair slowly working a worm rod. That is when the chicken decided to exit the cabinet and fly up between Bailey's knees.

Bailey did save the rod, however he did need some clean-up. The chicken went into the water about 300 yards off shore but was quickly retrieved and taken to shore by our two heroes.

The chicken placed on shore promptly flew back to the boat and refused to quit fishing. That is when the call came into my house and I was questioned about the chicken. I did suggest that they bag the chicken and bring it back to Ballinger.

After some thought, we came to the conclusion that the chicken got into the boat while at the repair shop, came to my house with the boat and then

went fishing with Bailey and Hulsey. About a month later Hulsey discovered why the chicken became so attached to his boat. This might be close to leaving a fish in the livewell for a few weeks.

There are many stories like the guy calling for the net while having a touch and go battle with a bush. The woman who asked why the fish were always going to the left on the graph. Those who were not paying attention had their favorite rod and reel snatched from their hand. (Some of which we were able to get back with the slab.)

The old rule that with a new tool such as a Leatherman or Gerber it will soon find the water. That if it has monofila-

ment or tires on it you will have trouble with it. That cheesebait says not to eat it for a reason. Minnows do not live long out of water and catch fewer fish when dried. If you wear glasses tie them on.

I once had a client drop a pair into 60 feet of water. In less than three minutes, I caught them on a slab and handed them back without a word. After a brief recovery period, he asked it that happened often? I told him just once that I knew of...

In this time of worldwide unrest and evil doings, seems to me that fishing is one of the few things that makes much sense. But then I like winter fishing.

See you on the lake



SAM SPARKS (right) & guide **Dave Caudle** show off a portion of their 45 lbs. of catfish caught on rod & reel using artificial bait in Ivie Reservoir. One blue cat weighed in at 11.2 lbs. while a channel cat tipped the scales at 9.4 lbs.

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Current Lake Records O.H. Ivie Reservoir

| Species | Date | Weight | Length | Caught By |
|-----------------------------------|----------|-------------|---------|---|
| Black Bass | 02/09/00 | 14.59 lbs | | Butch Gayle Plains, Tx |
| Smallmouth Bass | 10/31/95 | 4.55 lbs | 20-3/4" | Rosea Malone Ft. Worth, Tx |
| White Crappie | 03/11/93 | 2 lbs 10 oz | | Nina Brewer Robert Lee, Tx |
| Black Crappie | 02/05/99 | 1.52 lbs | | Ray Cline Lake Ivie, Tx |
| White Bass | 04/01/97 | 2.84 lbs | 19" | Austin Terry San Angelo, Tx |
| Striped Bass (not stocked) | 02/10/95 | 13.25 lbs | | Sam Keel San Angelo, Tx |
| Hybrid Striped Bass (not stocked) | 06/03/00 | 9.11 lbs | | Mike Hayes Brownwood, Tx |
| Walleye | 03/18/99 | 8.15 lbs | | Jim Graham |
| Yellow Cat | 05/30/96 | 68.50 lbs | | Sherman Evans Ranking, Tx |
| Channel Cat | 03/08/00 | 27.45 lbs | | Terry Winchester Ballinger, Tx |
| Blue Cat | 02/21/99 | 29.82 lbs | | Danny Buckner & Richard Mucklry Lockard, Tx |
| Buffalo | 5/22/99 | 24.84 lbs | | Paul Sternadel Lake Ivie/ Apache Hills |
| Blue-Gill Perch | 9/3/98 | .97 lbs | 10-7/8" | Harold Connelly Eden, Tx |

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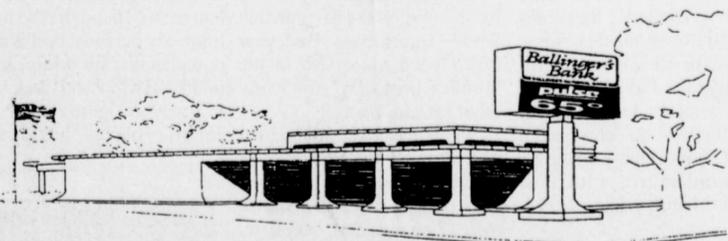
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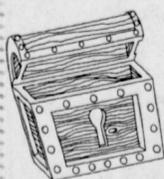
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