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Contract approved to tap into Ivie pipeline

Abilene okays water agreement

by Jean Boles, editor

Perseverance has finally paid off for the Winters City Council, the City Manager and the citizens of Winters.

On Thursday, April 11, the Abilene City Council approved contracts to sell untreated water from O.H. Ivie Reservoir to Winters as well as Ballinger, with very specific guidelines and circumstances.

Ballinger is expected to need supplemental water this summer unless rains replenish

the almost empty Lake Ballinger.

Winters' water situation is quite a bit better, with Elm Creek Reservoir and Lake Winters nearly full.

The contracts approved Thursday in Abilene entitle Winters and Ballinger to tap into Abilene's Ivie pipeline during specified water emergencies such as a lake's drying up.

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School board approves exercise equipment contract

by Jean Boles, editor

During Monday night's regular meeting of the WISD Board of Trustees, Superintendent Danny Clack shared a letter he received from Kent Grosendorf, District 94 Chairman of the House Public Education Committee, dated April 14. While Mr. Grosendorf seemed to make an effort to paint a financially rosy picture for Texas schools, Clack reminded the board that "they're pulling the rug out from under us the same time they're handing us some money."

There will be no funding for the Education Service Centers which will, in all probability, fade away," said Clack. "And there will be no stipends for teacher workshops."

He talked about the upcoming state mandates requiring all teacher aides to pass a core test. According to Clack, the Education Service Centers have planned to train the aides; however, with state funding cuts, this training will be unavailable when the Centers are closed. See SCHOOL BOARD, pg. 12

Grohman takes office



(courtesy photo)

FREDDIE GROHMAN receives the oath of office of Commissioner Precinct 2 from Runnels County Judge Marily Egan last Friday following a canvass of votes from the special election on April 8. Grohman edged out incumbent Keith Collom 281-279; however, Collom filed for a recount which will take place at 9 a.m., April 17.

Winters Woman's Club to host Ninth Annual Ladies Night Out

The Winters Woman's Club is sponsoring its 9th annual "Ladies Night Out" on Thursday, April 24, 2003 at 7 p.m. in the Jones Fellowship Hall at the First Baptist Church in Winters.

Dr. W.E. Thorn of San Angelo will be the featured speaker. Dr. Thorn is a retired minister who speaks frequently at social, civic, and educational meetings.

Dr. Thorn specializes in communicative arts and is a noted humorist and motivational speaker. He is a graduate of Hardin-Simmons University and the Southwestern Seminary. Listed among his many accomplishments is a tenure as President of the Dallas Baptist University.

The theme for this year's "night out" is "Back in the 50s" See LADIES, pg. 10



(photo by Jean Boles)

MAKING A DIFFERENCE in appearance and lives are these volunteers giving their time and talents during the annual Christmas In April work day Saturday. Approximately 100 volunteers helped make possible the repairs and improvements of three homes. More photos and a list of donors and volunteers may be found on page 9.

Gehrels buys old Winters State Bank building Historic landmark back in local hands

by Jean Boles, editor

The old Winters State Bank building is back home, thanks to a local businessman.

Although the building never left physically, its ownership had been out of state for many years until April 2, 2003, when Craig and Kelly Gehrels closed the deal, signed the dotted line, and became the new owners of the historical site.

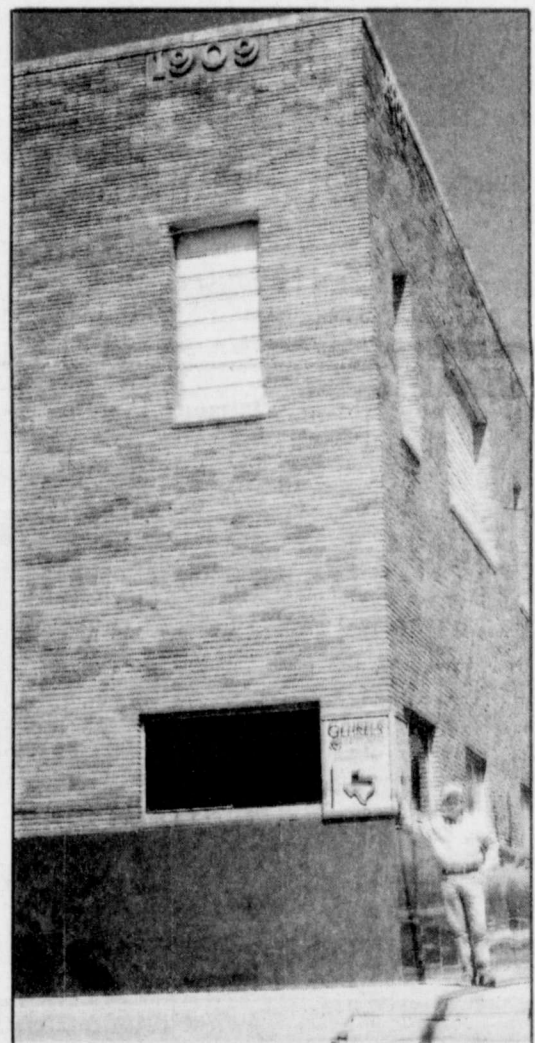
"I'm very excited," said Gehrels of his ownership.

Gehrels, son of James (Pee Wee) and Martha Gehrels, grew up in Winters and graduated from Winters High School in 1977. Even though his business is all over Texas and part of two other states, he returned to his old "stomping grounds" ten years ago to move Gehrels & Associates back to Winters. Seven years ago, Kelly and Craig married and she immediately joined the insurance and annuities business.

With strong family ties, Gehrels also owns the old family farm and house located east of Winters. So adding the business property seemed like the natural thing to do, he said. "I feel like I'm keeping a piece of our heritage."

The building is more unique than what the average eye might see from the outside. Although there are two stories, there are two areas that have three levels. The second floor, which has been abandoned for many years, has a small auditorium complete with a stage. At one time, the second floor was home for several offices, including those of two dentists, Dr. Dry and Dr. Maddox.

Ray Alderman, longtime Winters resident and businessman who offices in the building, reminisced about "coming to town" (Winters) from the farm See LANDMARK, pg. 8



CRAIG GEHRELS is now the proud owner of the old Winters State Bank Building at the corner of Main and West Dale. (photo by Jean Boles)

Easter egg hunt and ribbon cutting this Saturday

The Winters Chamber of Commerce and Lawrence Bros. IGA will host the annual city-side Easter egg hunt on Saturday, April 19, at 10 a.m. in the city park.

Age groups will be divided from toddler through third grade. A prize egg will be awarded to the winner in each division.

Following the conclusion of the egg hunt, a ribbon cutting ceremony will take place at 11 a.m. at the newly remodeled Community Center.

The public is invited to attend the ribbon cutting and tour the Center.



STACEY WALDEN and TIM FENWICK will represent Winters High School at regional competition in Stephenville next week. Stacey, a WHS senior, was the District 9-2A Singles Champion and Tim, a junior, won second place in singles at the district level. This will be the second trip to regionals for both players. (photos by Jean Boles)

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Editorial

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PIPELINE, continued

The state Office of Rural and Community Affairs approved disaster relief grants of \$350,000 each to Ballinger and Runnels County to help Ballinger build a line to the Ivie pipeline to serve its own residents plus the community of Rowena. Ballinger must match its grant with \$100,000 in local funds. The grants will build a water line about six miles from Ballinger to Rowena.

Abilene's 52-mile pipeline will connect Ivie Reservoir, southeast of Ballinger, to the city's existing water system. The last part of the project, a water treatment plant, is expected to be ready in May.

The Ballinger contract stipulates the level of water in Ballinger's city lake to constitute an emergency at 1652.0 elevation. According to Ballinger City Administrator Tommy New, Lake Ballinger is only about 10 percent full. The contract with Abilene would authorize Ballinger to tap into the pipeline when Lake Ballinger slips below 13.7 percent of capacity.

The contract limits the amount of water Ballinger can take from the pipeline at 21,700,000 gallons in a 31-day period (700,000 gallons per day) at a cost of 75¢ per thousand gallons of raw water.

Winters' contract entitles the city to tap into the pipeline when Elm Creek Reservoir falls below 10 percent capacity. Winters will be allowed 500,000 gallons per day.

Winters Water Superintendent Jack Davis, Jr., said there are 6,724 acre feet in Elm Creek Reservoir, so at 10 percent capacity there would be 672 acre feet—or approximately 219 million gallons left. He said the av-

erage usage of water per day in Winters is 335,000 gallons.

Although Winters does not qualify for a disaster relief grant, city officials have completed a study to decide whether to apply for a Small Town Environmental Program grant of up to \$350,000, said ORCA spokeswoman Jill McFarren.

As with much of this area, Winters began having water woes as far back as the summer of 1999, when Elm Creek Reservoir fell below 50 percent and area residents were asked to voluntarily cut back on usage. In August, 2000, Water Superintendent Jack Davis, Jr., reported a 17-month supply of water.

The water level at Elm Creek Reservoir continued to dwindle and by May of 2002, the lake had approximately six feet (or 658 acre feet) of water, according to Davis.

Good rains with substantial runoff last summer filled both Lake Winters and Elm Creek Reservoir.

Winters City Manager Dr. Aref Hassan and the Winters City Council had asked Abilene City Manager Roy McDaniel about tying into the Ivie pipeline as far back as 2000. The pipeline runs within five miles of Elm Creek Reservoir. McDaniel swayed from approving the request to disallowing it, regardless of Winters' water situation.

Under the new leadership of City Manager Larry Gilley, the Abilene Council considered Winters' request again, and approval was granted April 11, 2003.

According to Hassan, the Winters City Council is considering building a five-mile line from the Ivie pipeline to the city.

Editor's note: Jerry Daniel Reed of the *Abilene Reporter-News* and Roeneal Boles of *The Ballinger Ledger* also contributed to this story.

Obituaries

Thomas Patrick O'Mara

WINGATE—Thomas Patrick O'Mara, 69, died Wednesday April 9, 2003, at his residence in Wingate.

He was born March 24, 1934, in Ireland. He was a member of the police force in Ireland and immigrated to the United States in 1957. As a young man in Ireland, his dream was to visit Texas. It was a long, happy visit.

Mr. O'Mara was employed by Dunigan Oil Co. in Winters and Abilene for many years before beginning overseas work on oil rigs all over the world.

While returning from an assignment in Vietnam, he stopped in Ireland for a visit and met Monica O'Dowd. They later married and lived in Ireland where he worked. Tom and Monica had two sons, Brian O'Mara and Sean O'Mara, both of whom graduated from Winters High School.

Survivors include his wife, Monica O'Mara of Wingate; two sons, Brian O'Mara and wife Shelly of Austin, and Sean O'Mara of Lubbock; one grandson, Sean Patrick Toms; two sisters, Carmel Mistry of Bombay, India, and Imeldaa Malone of New York; one brother, Liam O'Mara of Dublin, Ireland; and many relatives and friends in Ireland.

The family will receive friends at their residence on 2nd Street in Wingate on Friday, April 18, from 6-8 p.m. The remains will be taken to Ireland for a Catholic service. Arrangements were under direction of the Girdner-Brown Funeral Home of Abilene.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Hospice of San Angelo.

Joe Irvin

WINTERS—Joe Irvin, 93, died Thursday, April 10, 2003, in a local nursing home.

He was born December 23, 1909, in Sonora and grew up there. He married Pinkie King on November 17, 1929, in Clovis, New Mexico.

Mr. Irvin and his wife moved to Kermit where he worked for Magnolia Oil Company. He was employed by the Civil Service during 1939 and 1940 at Fort Bliss in El Paso before returning to Kermit and then moving to Winters in 1951 where he worked in trucking, the oil field, and farming and ranching until his retirement. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge and the First Baptist Church in Winters.

Survivors include one son, Jerry Irvin of Atlanta Georgia; one sister, Eliose Ruhman of Midland; and one grandchild.

Family visitation was held at 7 p.m., Friday, April 11, at the Winters Funeral Home. Services were held at 10:30 a.m., Saturday, April 12, at the Winters Funeral Home Chapel with Reverend Barry Taylor officiating. A Masonic graveside service was held at Lakeview Cemetery in Winters. Funeral arrangements were under direction of the Winters Funeral Home.

Jean F. Etier

FT. STOCKTON—Jean F. Etier, 86, formerly of Ballinger, died Wednesday, April 9, 2003, in a Ft. Stockton hospital.

She was born November 15, 1916, in Rehoboth, New Mexico to Chester Arthur and Marie Gertrude Mueller Floyd. She married Elden Randlett Etier on June 19, 1957, in Gallup, New Mexico.

A longtime resident of Ballinger, Ms. Etier was a retired school teacher and a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Ballinger.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Chester Arthur Floyd and Marie Gertrude Mueller Floyd; her husband, Elden Randlett Etier on October 25, 1995; and three sisters, Frances, Catherine, and Gretchen.

Survivors include one daughter and son-in-law, Margaret and Albert Hallford of Alpine; one stepdaughter, Frances Dillon of Hampton, Virginia; two granddaughters, Kimberly Leal of Harlingen and Denise Looney of New Braunfels; and two great-grandchildren, Isabella Leal and Catherine Leal.

Funeral services were held Saturday, April 12, at 2 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church in Ballinger with Reverend Bert Bronaugh officiating. Burial followed in the Evergreen Cemetery in Ballinger. Funeral arrangements were under direction of the Rains-Seale Funeral Home of Ballinger.

Memorials may be made to the Ballinger Carnegie Library.

Wilkins B. Hoppe

BALLINGER—Wilkins B. Hoppe, 91, died Wednesday, April 9, 2003, at Golden Acres Nursing Home, Dallas Home for Jewish Aged.

He was born April 10, 1911, in Hatchel, Texas, the son of Adolph G. and Annie Baumann Hoppe.

A 1938 graduate of Texas Technological University in Lubbock in architectural engineering, Mr. Hoppe served 38 years in the Texas Department of Transportation. From his beginning in Junction in Kimble County in 1938 as a rodman, he retired in 1975 as Senior Resident Engineer of Runnels County. During this period, he oversaw the completion of paved farm-to-market roads and divided highways and the replacement of steel truss bridges with reinforced concrete ones over the North Concho and the Colorado rivers.

In 1941, Mr. Hoppe enlisted in the U.S. Army, graduated as Second Lieutenant from the Fort Belvoir Officer Candidate School in Alexandria, Virginia, and served in Unit 801 of the Corps of Engineers in the Azores in the North Atlantic Ocean where he was instrumental in building the air-strip that was used in the recent meeting of President Bush and the President of Spain and the Ryukyu Islands in the Western Pacific Ocean, where as a Captain, he and the company he commanded specialized in military airports.

In 1946, when Mr. Hoppe resumed his civilian engineering career, he also continued his military career by joining the U. S. Army Reserve, from which he retired as a Lieutenant Colonel in 1971.

In recent years, Mr. Hoppe was a stockfarmer in the Crews community. He was a lifelong member of St. John's Lutheran Church in Winters.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 56 years, Faye Edwards Hoppe; his parents; and three siblings, Elsie Mae, Leland, and William.

Survivors include two daughters, Deanna Bates and her husband, Dr. Robert Bates of Tucson, Arizona, and Dr. Joanne Hoppe of Dallas; a sister, Mrs. Leona Voss of Sweetwater; two brothers, Calvin Hoppe and wife Mamie Gene and Glenn Hoppe and wife Melba, both of Winters; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were conducted at Rains-Seale Funeral Chapel on Friday, April 11, at 11:00 a.m. Military graveside services followed in the Old Runnels Cemetery near Ballinger. Family visitation was Thursday, April 10, from 7-8 p.m. at Rains-Seale Funeral Home.

Memorials may be made to St. John's Lutheran Church, Winters, Texas 79567 or to the Winters or Ballinger Volunteer Fire Departments.



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Community

Celebrating Public Library Week—

Pastor's Points

Editor's Note: This column will feature a different Winters minister each week in no particular order. Comments may or may not reflect the opinions or views of *The Winters Enterprise*.

Easter, what does it really mean

by Pastor Barry Taylor, First Baptist Church of Winters

As a young child, one of my favorite holidays was Easter. It was so much fun. We would get together a few days before the holiday and color Easter eggs. They never seemed to be as bright or colorful as the ones on the box of coloring. That was OK with me, because the real fun was going to church with all of the relatives, having a big Sunday dinner, and then trying to find the eggs that had been carefully (but not too carefully) hidden by my aunts and uncles. It was not until many years later that I discovered that the real joy of Easter was in celebrating the fact that God had raised His Son, Jesus, from the dead.

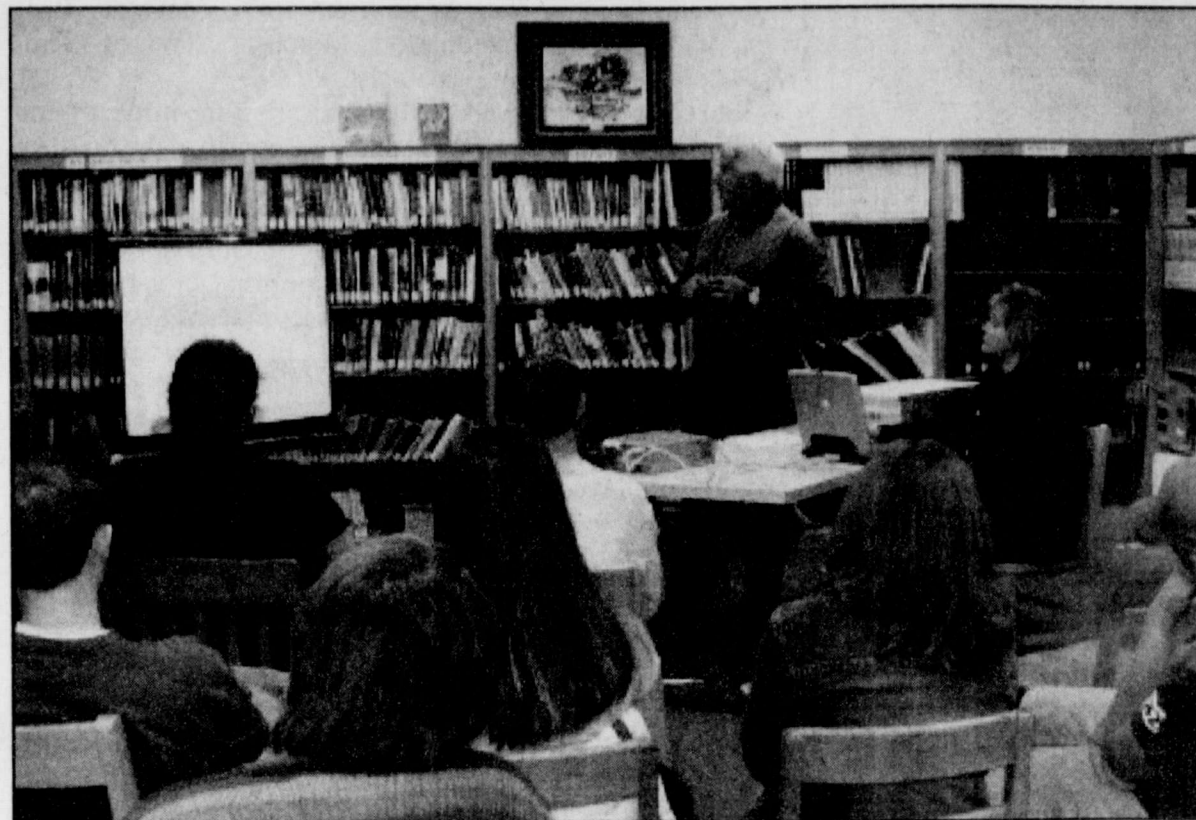
I am not sure that any of us can fully comprehend the miraculous power of God to raise Jesus from the dead. However, when I consider the resurrection, I like to do it from the standpoint of what it really means to me.

First, by accepting as fact, that God raised Jesus from the dead, I am encouraged to believe that God can do miraculous things in my life as well. We may not be dead physically, but maybe there have been times when our joy has died. Maybe there have been times when our hope is dead. Maybe there are times in our lives when relationships that were so precious to us, have suffered decay or demise. The resurrection of Jesus by God the Father tells me that if God could bring life to a body that was dead, then perhaps, by faith, God can resurrect hope, joy, and yes, even dead relationships.

Second, by accepting as fact, the resurrection of Jesus from the dead, I am persuaded that there is something wonderful beyond the grave. I believe this because Jesus would have not given His life, a ransom for you and me, if He had not been persuaded that there was something valuable to gain. What that means to me is that even though we often struggle in this world with disappointments, sin, and failure, God is preparing something very special for everyone who comes to Him believing in His Son. The good news of that place is that it will be free of those things which often tormented us, and that this time will last forever.

Lastly, by accepting as fact, the resurrection of Jesus from the dead, I welcome the certainty that at this moment there is One in heaven who knows me, who loves me, who has a plan for my life, and that desires to lead me into His peace and joy all of the days of my life. The Bible tells us that there were many reasons for the resurrection of Christ from the dead. He was raised to prove that the power of God was greater than death, sin, or the grave. However, in the book of Hebrews we are reminded that Jesus is also our Intercessor who, being tempted in every way, just as we are—yet without sin, allows us to come boldly to the throne of grace, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in time of need.

Let me be human and honest when I tell you that I look forward to the time when Susie and I can take our grandchildren and color the eggs (not as good as they look on the box) and hide them carefully in the yard (but not too carefully), and celebrate around the dining room the miraculous resurrection of Jesus from the dead. But the real victory is that He can bring life to death; He is preparing something "Out of this world" for His children; and He is with His children every step of the way, and will never leave us or forsake us; He is risen. He is risen today. He is risen for you if you will come to Him in faith and belief.



(photo by Jean Boles)

GARLAND RICHARDS, along with wife Lana, present a program on the Fort Chadbourne Restoration to a large crowd at the Winters Public Library on April 8, during Public Library Week. The library also hosted a free e-mail class where participants created their own free, private, e-mail box that may be accessed from the library's computers. Also, a computer orientation class will be held to familiarize participants with the different software programs available on the library computers. For more information about this class or other services of the library, please call the Winters Public Library, 754-4251.

Country Club Corner

by Brenda Clough,
Ladies Golf Association President

Winters Country Club kicked off the new year beginning with a very exciting ABC tournament on Sunday, April 6, 2003.

Two teams tied for first place and a playoff was held. With a gallery following, seven more holes were played and the teams still remained tied.

With sunset approaching, the decision was made to play off on score cards. Winning the tournament were Connie Mac Gibbs, Hank Bourdo, Mikey Hernandez, Brenda Clough, and Tina Smith.

The ladies began their season on Tuesday, April 8, 2003. The winning team was Brenda Clough, Jan Sims, and Tina Smith. The Wednesday night scramble winning team was Gil Gilmore, Louis Delacruz, Ken Allen, Rueben Hernandez, and Martin Martinez. Mel Kennedy won closest to the pin.

Everyone is invited to come join in the fun. The ladies play every Tuesday with tee off at 5:45 p.m. Wednesday scramble begins at 5:30 p.m. Thursday is game night beginning at 6 p.m. and Sunday's scrambles are held the first Sunday of each month with tee time at 2 p.m.

The public is invited to attend all activities.

WHAT'S HAPPENING ?

April 18-GOOD FRIDAY

WISD School Holiday
11:30 a.m., Senior Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center
Noon, Holy Week Services, Winters Community Center
4 p.m., Blizzard Baseball vs. Jim Ned, Winters
7:30 p.m., Cowboys for Christ, Drasco

April 19-10 a.m., WACC Easter Egg Hunt, Winters City Park
11 a.m., Ribbon Cutting, CC

April 20-

Happy Easter



7 a.m., Sunrise Easter Services, Country Club

April 21-11:30 a.m., Senior Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center
4:30 p.m., J.V. Blizzard Baseball @ Bangs

April 22-11:30 a.m., Senior Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center
Noon, Lions Club, SCAC

4 p.m., Blizzard Baseball @ San Saba
4-H, Catholic Church

6-7 p.m., Pre-K & Kindergarten Round-up, Elem. Library
7 p.m., WVFD Auxiliary, Fire Station

7 p.m., AA, FUMC

April 23-SECRETARIES DAY

7 a.m., Industrial Board, Windmill Enterprises Office
11:30 a.m., Senior Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center

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Wednesday, April 23: Swiss steak, cornbread salad, peas, hot roll, and cake.

Thursday, April 24: Hamburger steak with mushroom gravy, rice, green beans and tomatoes, bread, and lemonbars.

Friday, April 25: Ham, lima beans, cabbage, cornbread, and dessert.

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

Woman's Club
9th Annual

Ladies Night Out
"Back in the 50s Tonight"

Dr. W.E. Thorn, Guest Speaker

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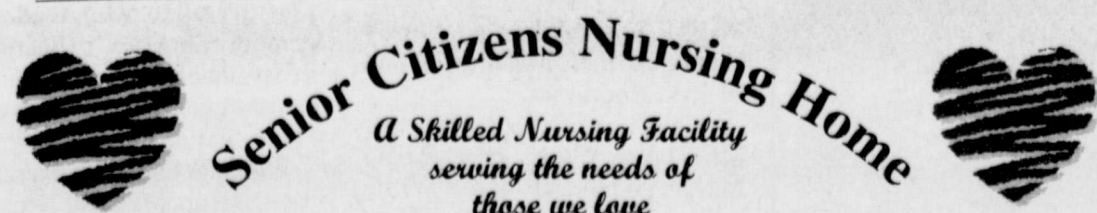
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Community

Rachell Berg weds Brian McGonagill March 12 in Las Vegas ceremony



Mr. & Mrs. Brian McGonagill

Rachelle Berg of San Angelo and Brian McGonagill of Winters were married Wednesday, March 12, 2003, in Victoria's Wedding Chapel in Las Vegas, Nevada.

Maid of honor was Andrea Berg, sister of the bride, of San Angelo. Bridesmaid was Tena Fagerland, cousin of the bride, of Fargo, North Dakota.

Groomsmen were David McGonagill, brother of the groom, of Aspen, Colorado, and Jeff Keepers of Omaha, Nebraska. Ringbearer was Jacob Berg, brother of the bride, of San Angelo.

Usher was Nathan Berg, brother of the bride, of San Angelo. Rachelle is the daughter of Paul Berg of Del Rio and Cheryl Berg of San Angelo. She is a 1997 graduate of Del Rio High School and received a bachelor degree in psychology and communications from Angelo State University in 2000. She is currently employed by MHMR Child and Adolescent services in San Angelo.

Brian is the son of George and Judy McGonagill of Del Rio. He is a 1992 graduate of Del Rio High School and is currently attending Angelo State University. He is employed as Chief of Police by the Winters Police Department.

After a wedding trip to Las Vegas, the couple will reside in Winters.



Jeremy Sockwell and Hollie Cathey

Cathey and Sockwell to marry June 7 in Winters

Bill and Cindy Cathey of Wingate are proud to announce the engagement of their daughter, Hollie Cathey, to Jeremy Sockwell of Midland. The couple will wed Saturday, June 7, 2003, at the First Baptist Church of Winters.

The bride elect is a 1997 graduate of Winters High School and a 1999 graduate of Texas State Technical College (TSTC) at Sweetwater. Hollie is currently employed at TSTC as a Staff Assistant in the Counseling and Testing Department.

Jeremy is the son of Lyn and Deborah Sockwell of Midland and is a 1998 graduate of Midland High School. He is currently employed with Kel-Tech in Midland.

The couple plans to reside in Sweetwater after the wedding.

Mayfest planned May 10

May 5 deadline for tournament and kitefest registration, booth space rental reserve

This year's Winters Area Chamber of Commerce Mayfest has been scheduled for the second Saturday of the month, May 10. Activities will take place in Ted Meyer Park, the community center, and the adjacent baseball complex and tennis courts.

Tournaments have been scheduled for tennis and softball competition, with the softball competition beginning Friday, May 9. New this year will be a kitefest.

Entry fee for the softball tournament is \$10 per player; tennis, \$10 singles, \$10 doubles; the kitefest, \$5 for all entrants with beginners receiving a free kite. One \$25 and one \$50 savings bond will be

awarded to overall winners. Beginners are not eligible for the \$50 savings bond.

A 10' x 12' booth space is \$20. Tables are available at an additional charge of \$5 each.

The deadline to sign-up for the tournaments and the kitefest or to rent booth space is Monday, May 5. Entry forms are available at the Chamber office, 118 West Dale, or at the office of attorney Ken Slimp, 124 State Street.

For inquiries, please call Sharon Kennedy at the Chamber, 325-754-5210, Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to noon or after hours at 754-5282, or Brenda Burton at 754-5563 or 754-5439.

Letter to the Editor

Soldier's wife appreciates "Operation Shoebox"

To the Editor and Winters Community:

I want to give my deepest gratitude and appreciation to everyone that participated in getting the food, goods, and even the postage that went to support our soldiers. I also want to thank you for all the work, effort and time that went into planning the evening. It must have been a great time to get together, fellowship and pray for each others' loved ones.

My husband, Christopher P. Foster, has been overseas for three months. He is the son of Earl and Sue Foster of Bradshaw, and the loving father of Emma Joanna Foster. We are currently stationed at Fort Stewart, Ga., which is the base that houses the 3rd Infantry Division.

I cannot say how much I, as well as many other family members, appreciate a community coming together to show so much support for what our troops are doing. I want to also personally thank all the students who took the time to write our soldiers. I know they will truly enjoy the sincerity while reading the letters. Once again, I just want to thank everyone for helping support my friend, my husband and my hero... thank you!

"But just as you excel in everything — in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in your love for us — see that you also excel in this grace of giving." 2 Corinthians 8:7

Suzanne Foster

Novice man dies in horse accident on ranch

Portions of the following story are reprinted with permission from Larry Zelisko, Regional Editor, of Abilene-Reporter-News.

Matt Gully of Novice, an expert rider whose parents are prominent in the world of cutting horses, died Tuesday, April 8, in an accident involving his horse.

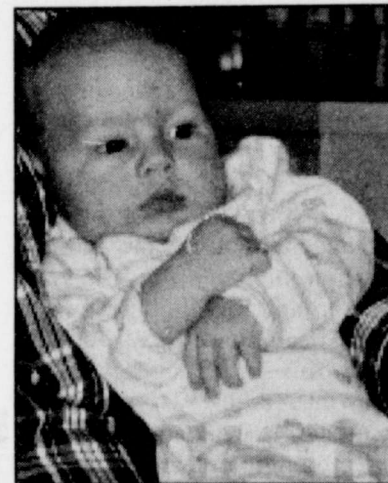
Gully, 23, son of Pat and Carolyn Gully, died after falling and striking his head on a concrete water trough at Hightower Ranch in nearby Bluff Dale, said Pam Sparks, Erath County justice of the peace.

Sparks said Gully was at the ranch training for a cutting competition. She said Gully apparently was putting a blanket on the horse when the animal may have kicked him, causing him to fall.

See GULLY, pg. 12

Town Criers

William Blake Green



Brent and Tammy Green of Littlefield are proud to announce the arrival of their precious new son, William Blake Green.

Monday, December 2, 2002, was the blessed day that Blake entered the world at Covenant Hospital in Lubbock. Blake weighed in at 7 lbs. 14 oz. and measured 21-1/2 inches in length.

Blake's maternal grandparents are Lester and Barbara Driver of Levelland. Paternal grandparents are Brenda and Willie (MeMa & Papa) Green of Winters. Paternal great-grandmother is Ora Green of Winters.

Sadie Michelle Miller

Lauri Miller, 6, of Abilene, is proud to announce the arrival of her new baby sister, Sadie Michelle.

Sadie was born Tuesday, January 28, 2003, at 12:01 p.m. at Abilene Regional Medical Center. She weighed 7 lbs. 9 oz. and was 19-1/2 inches long.

Proud parents are Jeff and Michelle Miller of Abilene. Jeff was raised in Winters and is a graduate of Winters High School. He is now the minister of youth at University Baptist Church in Abilene. Michelle is a homemaker.

Maternal grandparents are Ann Guthrie of Venus and Rudy and Donna Fernandez of Abilene.

Paternal grandparents are Jo and Buddy Miller of Winters.

Great-grandparents are Shirley Crouch and Wayne Miller of Winters, and Rubin and Abie Fernandez of Abilene.

In Appreciation

Card of Thanks

Thanks to the hard work and dedication of several people, the elementary playground that was only a dream a year ago, is half-way complete.

We would very much like to thank the parents who helped tremendously; Sherry Kurtz, Theresa Gerhart, Jonna Busher, and Christy Lindley for organizing fundraisers; and our devoted planning committee chaired by Donna Guy with members Kay Schwartz, Eloisa Lara, Cheryl Sneed, Karen Mills, Sherry Kurtz, Sandy Hamerick, Patti Jo Esquivel, and Melissa Rodriguez.

We appreciate the support of Mr. Danny Clack, Ms. Brilla Magee, and the rest of the WISD staff; and thanks to Mrs. Fran Kidwell for always helping out with our projects.

We would also like to thank Pizza Hut for their support with our pizza delivery nights.

A special thanks goes out to Gordon Fenwick, Cecil Sudduth, and Joe Gerhart for installing the playground equipment.

Thanks to the devotion of these people the children of Winters Elementary will be able to enjoy this playground equipment for years to come.

Sincerely,
The Blizzard Kid Backers

Card of Thanks

"I've already thanked God for your thoughtfulness...now let me thank you!

Gracias a todas las personas que hicieron posible esta ayuda a los que trabajaron a los que donaron el material a las que trajeron comida muchos gracias a todos y que dios los Bendiga.

Carolina Vega y familia

Card of Thanks

Thank you to everyone for their phone calls, visits, food, and cards. Your prayers and friendship have helped us so much!

Love, Mary Lynn, Ronald, Jana, & Alisa Presley

Card of Thanks

To everyone who made the Operation Shoebox collection a success, thank you so much.

To the ones in 4-H who worked so hard and to all the ones who made donations, your efforts are very much appreciated.

Thank you for all the prayers and support for all our troops.

Stefanie Camacho
Karen Wesley,
& John McGallian

Card of Thanks

We would like to extend our thanks and gratitude to the people who brought food and flowers to the house during our time of need.

We would also like to extend a special thanks to Mike Meyer, Georgia Orr, and the ladies of the First United Methodist Church.

The family of Cleo Brown

10:27 a.m. Saturday



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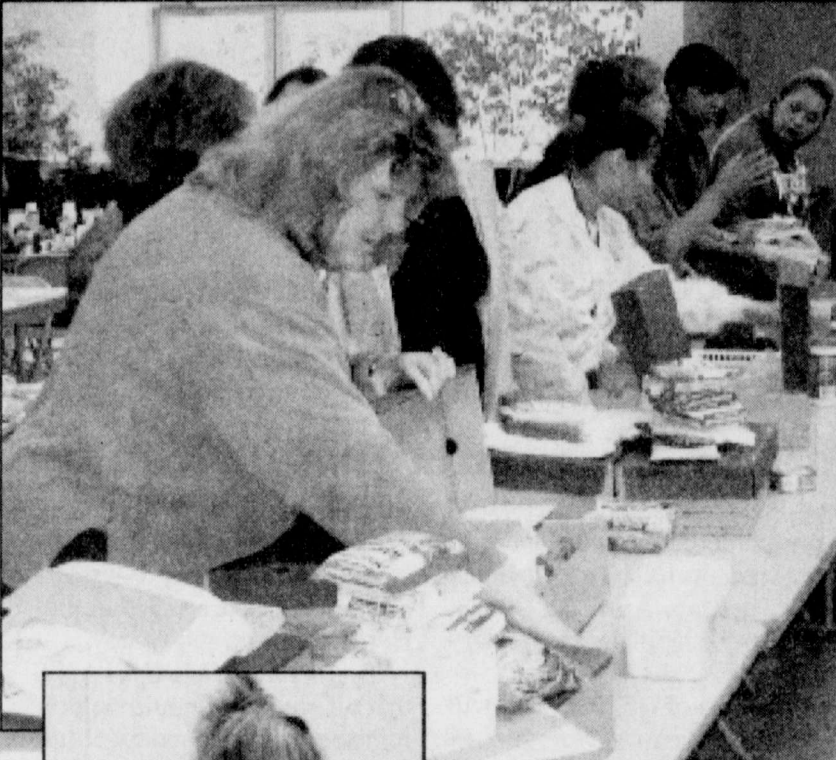
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Operation Shoebox...A community serving together!



The Winters 4-H Club and the community are to be commended for the recent efforts of "Operation Shoebox." Over 60 boxes have been shipped overseas to some 25 military personnel with ties to the Winters area. 4-H Club members worked hard to organize an overwhelming collection of donated items to fill the boxes. The Winters community has been more than generous with contributions to pay for postage to ship the packages.

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Tuesday-April 22
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Juice
Wednesday-April 23
Pigs in a Blanket
Cereal
Juice
Thursday-April 24
Donuts
Cereal
Juice
Friday-April 25
Breakfast Pockets
Juice

Lunch
Monday-April 21
Spaghetti with Meat Sauce
Tossed Salad
Green Beans
Garlic Bread
Banana Pudding
Tuesday-April 22
Chalupas
Lettuce & Tomatos
Cole Slaw
Spanish Rice
Blonde Brownies
Wednesday-April 23
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Chips
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Chocolate Chip Cookie
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2003-04 WHS Cheerleaders to host Catfish Dinner April 27

The 2003-04 Winters High School cheerleaders and mascot will host a Catfish Dinner on Sunday, April 27. The meal will be served in the WISD Cafeteria from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The menu will include fried catfish, French fries, cole slaw, beans, cobbler, and tea. Tickets are \$6 for adults and \$4 for children 12 and under and may be purchased from any cheerleader or at the door. Take-outs will be available.

Unfortunately, a student(s) has confiscated some of the original purple tickets printed for the meal and is selling or dispersing them. New tickets

ACT testing here June 14

The next ACT assessment will be administered nationwide on Saturday, June 14, 2003. Winters will be a test location on this date.

College-bound high school students must register for the college admissions and placement exam by May 9 — the deadline for having your registration postmarked. There is a late registration postmark deadline of May 23, but an extra fee is charged for late registration. The test fee is \$25.

Students can register for the ACT by getting a packet from their high school counselors or by registering on-line at ACT's website, <www.act.org>.

Softball Scoreboard

Team: Lady Blizzards
Coach: Edward Poehls, Becky Airhart
Date & place of game: April 7, 2003—Winters
Opponent: Coleman
Winning pitcher: Coleman
Losing pitcher: Jackie Ledbetter
Winning catcher:
Losing catcher: Rachel Davis

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THE 2003 WJHS TENNIS TEAMS include: (front, l-r) Susan Sneed, RaShae Martinez, Stephen Goetz, Keegan Kurtz, Addison Bergman, (middle) Hawke Blackshear, Garrett Nitsch, Judy Cangioli, Cassie Mendoza, Sandra Perez, Coach Jill Koslan, (back) Kyli Knight, Luke England, Zach Herridge, Ashley Laird, and Shelby Walker. (photo by Deb Pritchard)

Pre-K & Kindergarten Round-Up is Tuesday

Pre-registration for 2003-04 pre-kindergarten and kindergarten students has been scheduled for Tuesday, April 22, 2003, from 6-7 p.m. in the Elementary Library.

Parents of children who will be four (4) years old for pre-k, or five (5) years old for kindergarten, on or before September 1, 2003, should bring birth certificates (hospital and church records), immunization records, and Social Security cards.

Those students not enrolled in kindergarten and who will be six on or before September 1, 2003, should also register for the first grade.

A four-year-old child shall be eligible for pre-kindergarten if he/she is unable to comprehend the English language or is from a family whose income is at or below subsistence level. Proof of income is also necessary for pre-k students if they are registering based on income. At this time, pre-kindergarten classes are scheduled to be offered for a whole day. It is VERY IMPORTANT that all students should be pre-registered. The school needs to determine the number of pre-kindergarten, kindergarten, and first grade teachers needed for the 2003-04 school year. The Winters I.S.D. is required

WHS golf team finishes season at Stephenville

The Winters High School golf team finished their season with the third and final round of the District 9-2A meet in Stephenville last Wednesday. "I was proud of the boys. They worked hard and got better as the season progressed. They just have to learn that golf is a year-round sport and they need to play more than a month and a half out of the year if they want to be competitive," said Coach Chuck Lipsy. Coleman won the district title and will advance to regionals with a team total 928. Jim Ned also earned a regional berth with a second place finish of 1038. Individual WHS meet scores from Stephenville and district meet totals were as follows: Cody Pritchard, 89, 287; Shane Colburn, 90, 275; Shawn Kraatz, 113, 349; Jared Airhart, 120, 352; and Aaron Cook, 124, 359.



WHS sophomore Cody Pritchard tees off in final round action of the District 9-2A Golf Meet in Stephenville.

to provide a summer school program for limited English proficient students who will be eligible for admission to kindergarten and first grade at the beginning of the school year. Students may be signed up for this class at the Round-Up. If you believe your child is eligible, please come and register. This district must have 10 eligible children to offer this summer program.

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Destiny Doty
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Christopher Gerhart
Katie Gray
Austen Green
Kara Heathcott
Kara Kraatz
Jonathan Lambert
Caitlan Lara
Corey Pritchard
Jaymee Pritchard
Audrie Reyes
Sophia Reyes
Taylor Riffe
Zachary Schwartz
Sadie Smith
Iesha Tamez
Tamron Tamez
Justin Ventress
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Michael Alatorre
Zachary Benivamondez
Jordan Busher
Ashley Doty
Koltan Garcia
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Lane Gibbs
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Amanda Lambert
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Archie Mills
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Madelyn Tounget
"A-B"
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Basilia Aragon
Paul Armendariz
Cameron Bean
Cannon Bryan
Reba Coleman | FOURTH GRADE
"A"
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Sarah Campos
Lisa Dees
Shelby Gehrels
Haley Kaczyk
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Coltyn Pritchard
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Justin Childers
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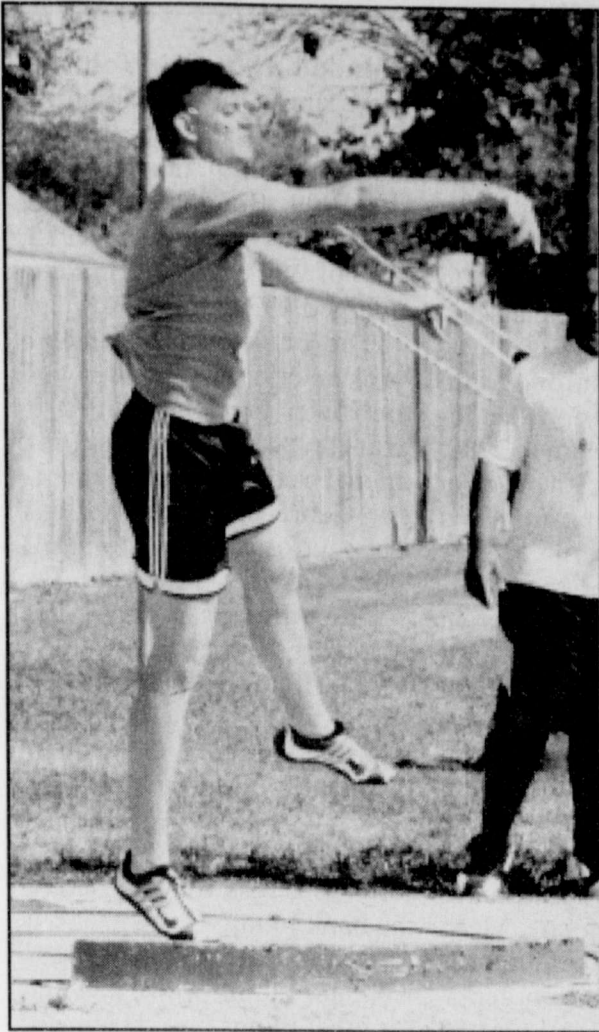
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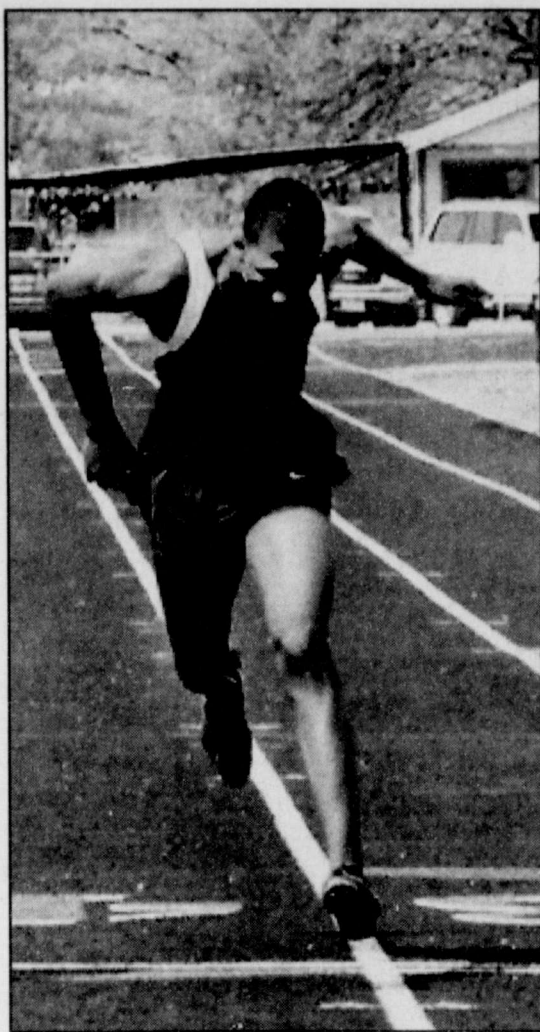
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Rusty Jackson-Shot Put



Yul Gibbs-200M Dash



Guy Slimp-400M Dash

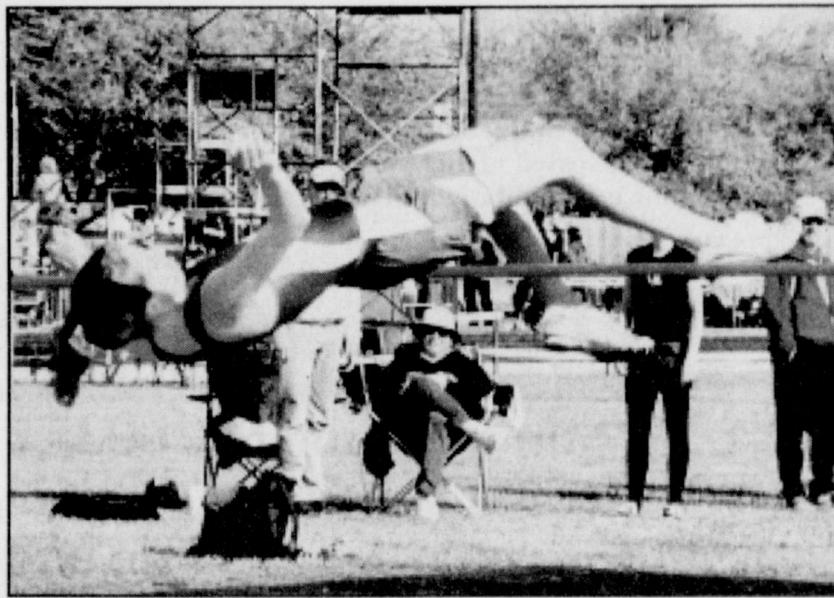


Gessica Bear-Discus



Laci Walker-100M Hurdles & High Jump

2003 Lady Blizzard & Blizzard Regional Qualifiers



Eric Lopez-110 & 300M Hurdles

A Glimpse of District 9-2A Track



District 9-2A Track Coleman, Texas April 8 & 10, 2003

TEAM TOTALS GIRLS: 1. Jim Ned, 218.5; 2. Coleman, 157; 3. Bangs, 103.5; 4. Winters, 64; 5. San Saba, 41; 6. Goldthwaite, 26.
LADY BLIZZARDS
Shot Put
6th, Gessica Bear, 29'3.5"
High Jump
2nd, Laci Walker, 4'10"
Discus
2nd, Gessica Bear, 99'7"
(personal best)
3200 M Run
3rd, Kari Walker, 15:14
5th, Kindy Walker, 16:26

400 M Relay
5th, (Christina Perrie, Stacey Sneed, Erica Buckelew, Jena Bahlman), 56.88
100 M Hurdles
1st, Laci Walker, 14.87
100 M Dash
5th, Ashly Santoya, 13.55
High Jump
3rd, Laci Walker, 4'10"
800 M Relay
5th, (Ashly Santoya, Jena Bahlman, Stacey Sneed, Laci Walker), 1:54.88
400 M Dash
4th, Jena Bahlman, 68.56
6th, Katy Wilkerson, 70.96
300 M Hurdles
3rd, Laci Walker, 48.69
1600 M Relay
4th, (Erica Buckelew, Kindy Walker, Katy Wilkerson, Jessica Pritchard), 4:57.9

TEAM TOTALS JV BOYS: 1. Jim Ned, 147; 2. San Saba, 136; 3. Goldthwaite, 102; 4. Coleman, 83; 5. Winters, 73; 6. Bangs, 69.
JV BLIZZARDS
Pole Vault
3rd, Jonathan Meyer, 9'
Long Jump
6th, Michael Liggins, 16'6"
3200 M Run
1st, Jonathan Meyer, 12:19.8
High Jump
5th, Pete Griffin, 5'4"
400 M Relay
4th, (Michael Liggins, Frank Perez, Randy Jackson, Pete Griffin), 48.03
100 M Dash
1st, Randy Jackson, 12.05
400 M Dash
5th, James Vasquez, 59.46

200 M Dash
1st, Pete Griffin, 25.37
800 M Relay
3rd, (Pete Griffin, Cody Pritchard, Frank Perez, Randy Jackson), 1:41.15
300 M Hurdles
5th, Jonathan Meyer, 47.15
1600 M Run
4th, Jonathan Meyer, 5:37.67
5th, Jose Cruz, 5:45.43
1600 M Relay
5th, (Shawn Kraatz, James Vasquez, Frank Perez, Michael Liggins), 3:58.64

TEAM TOTALS VARSITY BOYS: 1. Bangs, 167; 2. Coleman, 131.5; 3. Jim Ned, 118; 4. Winters, 95.5; 5. Goldthwaite, 68; 6. San Saba, 25.

BLIZZARDS
Discus
3rd, Rusty Jackson, 136'3"
Long Jump
5th, Yul Gibbs, 19'7"
6th, Benji Valles, 19'
3200 M Run
3rd, Jose Hernandez, 11:52.2
Shot Put
2nd, Rusty Jackson, 46'9.1/2"
High Jump
5th, David Scates, 5'8"
Triple Jump
4th, Eric Lopez, 41'9 3/4"
5th, Yul Gibbs, 41'1 1/4"
6th, Benji Valles, 41'4"
800 M Run
3rd, Jose Hernandez, 2:12.52

100 M Dash
4th, David Scates, 11.51
400 M Dash
2nd, Guy Slimp, 52.54
200 M Dash
2nd, Yul Gibbs, 23.32
1600 M Relay
3rd, (Guy Slimp, Benjie Valles, Yul Gibbs, David Scates), 3:39.23
100 M Hurdles
1st, Eric Lopez, 14.88
800 M Relay
4th, (Eric Lopez, Benjie Valles, David Scates, Yul Gibbs), 1:34.42
300 M Hurdles
2nd, Eric Lopez, 41.58

(District 9-2A Track Photos by Deb Pritchard, assistant editor The Winters Enterprise)



(photo by Deb Prichard)

CRAIG and KELLY GEHRELS show one of the most unique safes in one of the four walk-in vaults.



(photo by Jean Boles)

THIS LARGE WOODEN CRATE was found in the basement of the bank building. Printing on the box reveals it housed one very large adding machine of sorts, apparently weighing 246 lbs.

If you find a path with no obstacles, it probably doesn't lead anywhere. — Anonymous

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LANDMARK, continued

northwest of Blackwell with his parents, George and Dora Alderman. He says he has vivid memories of the trips that were made "for only two things — to buy a few groceries and so my mother could see Dr. Dry."

The old bank, with approximately 10,000 square feet, has four walk-in vaults with one vault housing a second floor. Six safes are still in the building.

An inspection of the base-

ment reveals the original source of heat was a coal-fueled steam heating system. The coal was apparently delivered through a chute from West Dale Street.

Also of interest is the women's restroom that was added years after the bank was built. No women worked in the bank in 1909, so there was no need for a women's restroom. From the alley side, one can see where a back door was closed in and the area remod-

eled to become the women's restroom.

The original bank was constructed of large limestone quarried by a stone mason between Winters and Ballinger. The stones were brought to the site by a horse team and wagon.

After the Winters State Bank moved to its present location at 500 S. Main in 1980, Alderman opened an office in the vacated building, followed by Harold Shelburne, C.P.A. Marva Jean Underwood operated her real estate business in the building from 1984 until the end of 2002. The late John Boyd Bedford, a retired IRS agent, also officed in the building from 1987 to 1989, providing income tax consulting and bookkeeping services.

A Texas historical marker is designated on the Main Street side of the building that has commanded the corner of Main and West Dale since 1909.

A portion of the marker reads, "Winters State Bank,

founded 1906, by John Q. McAdams. Original capitalization \$15,000. First located immediately south, moved to this site 1909. Bought Farmers & Merchants State Bank 1913, FNB of Winters 1937. Building enlarged 1924 and 1954."

The bank currently has a brick exterior on two sides with the lower border trimmed in granite. Although the look might be considered more modern, Gehrels has visions to get the exterior back to its original look "some day," he says.

The interior is currently structured to accommodate seven offices. Gehrels and his wife, Kelly, along with Frances Alemon, operate Gehrels & Associates. Alderman's business office is across the hall from Gehrels and Shelburne's office is across what used to be the bank lobby.

"Our business is going very well and I think we're heading for great things," said Gehrels. "And ownership of this building just gives us better roots in the community."



(photo by Deb Prichard)

FRANCES ALEMON, center, serves as office assistant to Kelly and Craig Gehrels in their insurance and annuities business located at 100 W. Dale. Craig is showing the safe that once secured night deposits to the bank.

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<p>Gehrels & Associates 100 W. Dale St. Winters, Texas 754-4818</p>	<p>ASSEMBLY OF GOD 306 Wood • Winters PASTOR ROBERT JONES April 20, Easter Sunday 9:45 a.m. Sunday School 11:00 a.m. Worship 6:00 p.m. Evening Worship</p>	<p>OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL CATHOLIC CHURCH 119 West College • Winters FATHER OBIOMA OBI April 17, Holy Thursday 8:00 p.m. Lords Supper & adoration of the Blessed Sacrament April 18, Good Friday 3:00 p.m. Station of the Cross 7:00 p.m. Celebration of the Lord's Passion & Veneration of the Cross April 19, Holy Saturday 10:00 p.m. Celebration of the Lord's Resurrection April 20, Easter Sunday 9:30 a.m. Celebration of the Lord's Resurrection</p>	<p>PIONEER CHURCH OF GOD 1015 N. Cryer • Winters REV. RANDY RAWLS SOMEBODY CARES MINISTRIES Novice Hwy • Winters April 20, Easter Sunday 10:00 a.m. Hour of Power 11:00 a.m. Morning Service Meal on the grounds following service Giant Easter Egg Hunt Volleyball, Basketball, rollerblades, etc. 6:00 p.m. Gospel Singspiration</p>	<p>BLUFF CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH Drasco REV. ERNIE McLEAN April 20, Easter Sunday 10:00 a.m. Sunday School 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship 6:00 p.m. Evening Worship</p>	<p>Bob Loyd L.P. Gas 104 E. Parsonage Winters, Texas 754-4555 <i>Gene & Jeanie Wheat Doug & Amy Wheat</i></p>
<p>Winters Funeral Home 121 State Street Winters, Texas 754-4529 <i>Mike Meyer & Linda Dry</i></p>	<p>FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH 104 West Truett • Winters BRO. BARRY TAYLOR April 20, Easter Sunday 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:45 a.m. Morning Worship No Evening Service</p>	<p>SAINT JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH 1100 W. Parsonage • Winters PASTOR GLENN DITMER April 17, Maundy Thursday 6:30 p.m. Seder Meal April 18, Good Friday 6:30 p.m. Liturgy April 20, Easter Sunday 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship Service</p>	<p>SOUTHSIDE BAPTIST CHURCH Old Crews Highway • Winters REV. PAUL DAVIS April 20, Easter Sunday 9:45 a.m. Sunday School 10:50 a.m. Morning Worship</p>	<p>WILMETH BAPTIST CHURCH April 20, Easter Sunday 10:05 a.m. Sunday School 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship</p>	<p>Benny R. Polston, C.P.A. 110 S. Main St. Suite 101 P.O. Box 884 Winters, Texas 754-5325</p>
<p>SECURITY STATE BANK Box 137 Wingate • 79566 743-6550 P.O. Box 156 Winters • 79567 754-4505 MEMBER FDIC</p>	<p>FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH 141 North Church • Winters REV. GEORGIA ORR April 20, Easter Sunday 7:00 a.m. Sunrise Services at Country Club 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:45 a.m. Morning Worship</p>	<p>HOPEWELL BAPTIST CHURCH Crews BRO. FERRIS AKINS April 20, Easter Sunday 10:00 a.m. Sunday School 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship 5:00 p.m. Evening Worship</p>	<p>MORO BAPTIST CHURCH Moro April 20, Easter Sunday 10:00 a.m. Sunday School 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship 6:00 p.m. Evening Service</p>	<p>WINGATE BAPTIST CHURCH April 20, Easter Sunday 10:00 a.m. Sunday School 10:50 a.m. Morning Worship 4:00 p.m. Evening Worship</p>	<p>CONTICO A Kaly Company 305 North Frisco Winters, Texas (325) 754-4561</p>
<p>Higginbotham Building Supply HBC 205 N. Main Winters, Texas 754-4582</p>	<p>Main Drug 100 N. Main St. Winters, Texas 754-5557 <i>James Cross, R. Ph.</i></p>	<p>Hatler Insurance Agency 108 S. Main St. Winters, Texas 754-5032 <i>Jim Hatler, owner</i></p>	<p>Casa Cabana Restaurant 1032 N. Main St. Winters, Texas 754-5796 or 754-5123 <i>Closed Easter Sunday</i></p>	<p>Senior Citizens Nursing Home 506 Van Ness Winters, Texas 754-4566 <i>Dawn Killough, Administrator</i></p>	<p>Milton's Hardware & Auto Supply <i>Joe's Rent-All</i> 144 S. Main St. Winters, Texas 754-4578 CARQUEST</p>

2003 North Runnels, Inc. Christmas In April

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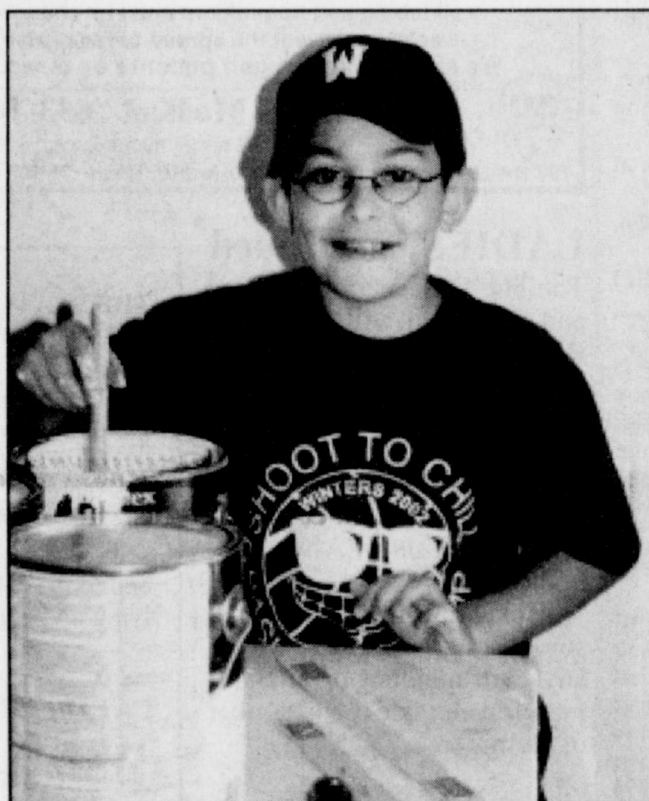
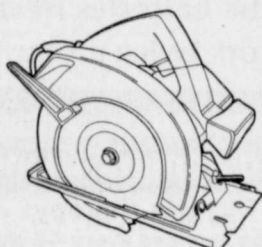
MATT ZACHARY positions the front loader to deliver another roll of roofing paper to the roofing crew.



RUDY LARA'S crew experienced some true togetherness as they replaced the ceiling in a small room.



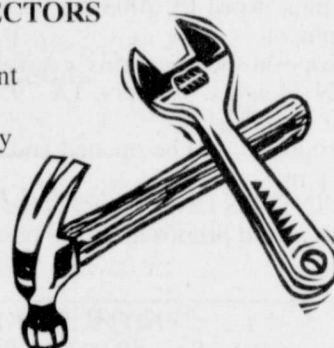
RAYMOND LINDSEY, JOE ESCALONA, & GUY SLIMP load roofing paper into the front loader bucket before they climbed on the roof.



JOSH LUJANO gets his brush ready to paint himself out of the corner.

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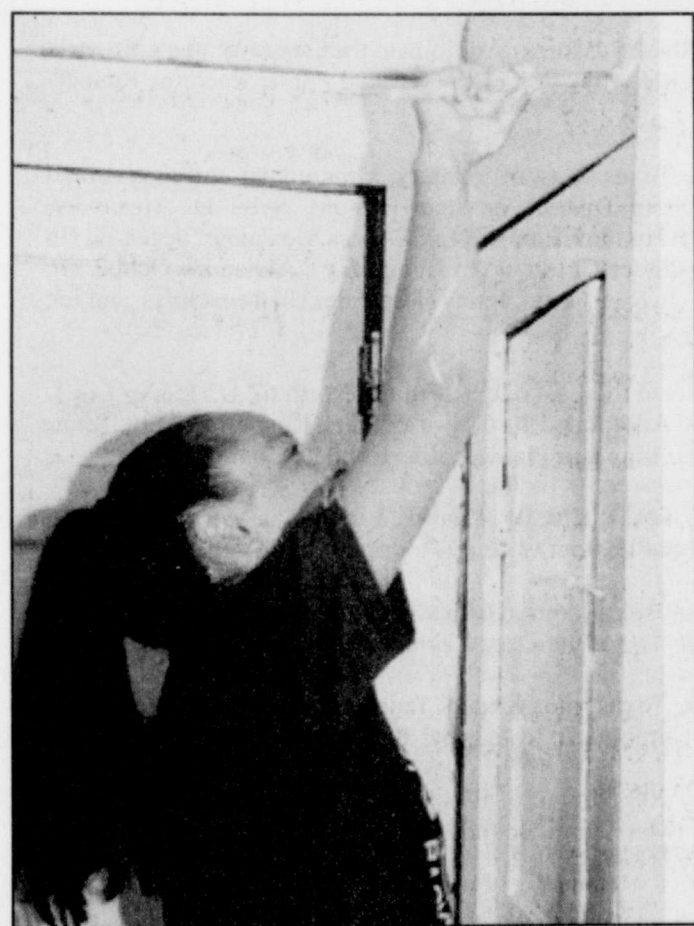
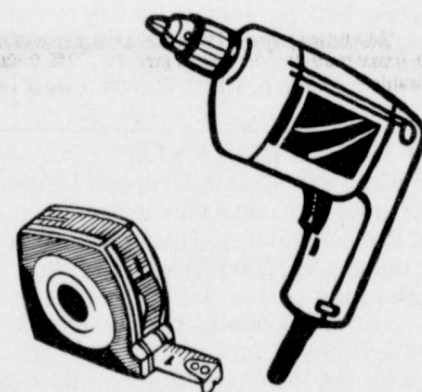


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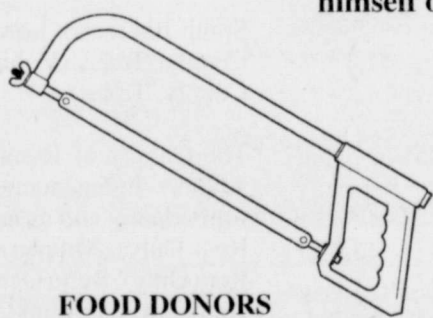
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ERICA LUJANO offers a helping hand and a big brush to give a bathroom a new coat of paint.



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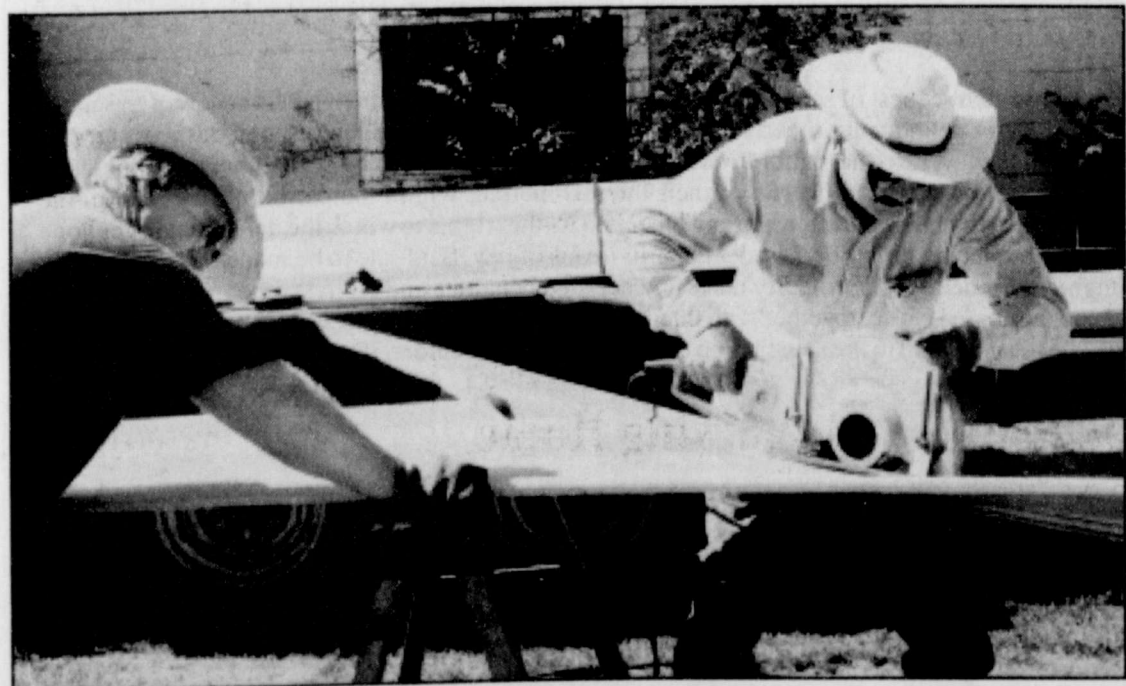
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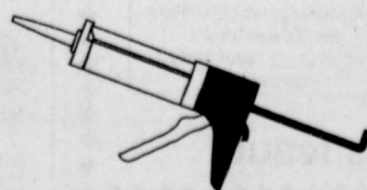
JASON YOUNG (left) and CRAIG GEHRELS work together to replace some wiring before the new ceiling is installed.



JIM WEST cuts through metal roofing sheets as Freddie Grohman offers support and a steady hand.



JOHNNY BOB PRITCHARD shows the young members of his roofing crew, (l-r) Edgar Vega, Jose Vega and Cody Pritchard, the proper method for old shingle removal.



Law & Order

Official Records

County Court Dispositions

Mark Timberlake, theft by check, pleaded nolo contendere, fined \$100, plus \$211 court costs, \$52.80 restitution, and \$25 hot check fees

Stephanie Lynn Ramirez vs. Cyneka Lee Ramirez, application for protective order granted

Larry Carson, delivery of marijuana, pleaded nolo contendere, sentenced to 30 days in county jail, assessed \$236 court costs

Darlene Marcia Ortiz, driving while license suspended, case dismissed, defendant convicted in another case

Civil Cases Filed

April 7

Stephanie Lynn Ramirez vs. Cyneka Lee Ramirez, application for protective order

District Court Divorces Granted

April 3

Thomas Edward Jarvis and Jodi Ann Jarvis

April 10

Richard Dale Barron and Loretta Peters Barron

Divorce Cases Filed

April 4

Trisha Leigh Franklin vs. David Wayne Franklin

Janette Perkins vs. Ronald L. DelCamp

April 9

Blake Edward O'Dell vs. Susan Terie O'Dell

April 10

Frances Mae Rainwater vs. Bobby Don Rainwater

Justice of the Peace Precinct 1

Felony Cases Filed

April 10

Wendy Olena Sweek, filed for endangering a child

Criminal Cases Filed

April 5

Edward Galvan, filed for failure to produce valid fishing license (dismissed April 9)

Small Claims Cases Filed

April 24

K.W. Cook vs. Wal-Mart Stores, Inc., defective battery

April 4

Higginbotham Bros. & Co., vs. Donna Howell, account

Higginbotham Bros. & Co., vs. Margaret Cooke, account

April 7

Steve Owens vs. Keith Wakefield, back rent and damage of property

Senior Citizens Nursing Home to hold Easter egg hunt Friday

The annual Easter egg hunt will be Friday, April 18, at 2:30 p.m. at Senior Citizens Nursing Home. The nursing home asks that each child bring a dozen decorated eggs, (and a basket of course!) There will be three prize eggs hidden. Come and join in the fun. There will be punch and popcorn following the egg hunt.

Beginning on May 11, Mother's Day, Senior Citizens Nursing Home will observe National Nursing Home Week with different activities each day of that week. The public is invited to come and visit.

Also, on June 30, the nursing home's volunteers will be honored with a special recognition party. These caring individuals deserve recognition for the priceless contributions they make to our nursing home. National Volunteer Week was first proclaimed by President Richard Nixon in 1974 and has been celebrated annually to acknowledge the service of our wonderful volunteers. The nursing home appreciates their dedicated service and would like to take this day to show their appreciation.

Police Beat

The following are cases from the Winters Police Department. Some cases may still be under investigation. Information, reported through Crimestoppers leading to the close of any case, could result in up to a \$1,000 reward.

The following information has been obtained from reports and incidents investigated by the Winters Police Department during the week of March 31 through April 13, 2003. These are just a few reports received each week by members of the Winters Police Department. Officers:

- were contacted by a Winters male stating that his daughter had been followed home by two unknown males. They had followed her from the high school and pulled into the driveway after she had gone inside. The girl had described the car and gave the officers a license plate number. An officer located the vehicle parked in the 200 block of Charles. When the officer made contact with the driver, he found the juvenile driver to have been drinking and does not have a driver's license. The officer explained that the driver would receive a citation and the vehicle would be towed due to department policy. When the officer went back to his car to issue a citation, the driver drove off in the car. The driver wrecked the car in the 500 block of Grant Street then fled on foot. The officer secured the car and had it towed. Other officers began looking for the juvenile subject. The juvenile was located in the 400 block of East Parsonage. The juvenile ran from the officers, but was caught shortly after. The juvenile was taken to San Angelo's Juvenile Justice Center. The juvenile was charged with Evading Arrest and Detention with a Motor Vehicle, Escape, Unauthorized Use of a Motor Vehicle, and Assault on a Peace Officer. All are felony charges.

- were called to the 600 block of Wood Street for a reckless driver complaint. Upon arrival officer were met by a Winters female stating that Justin Jones had come driving down the neighborhood street at a high rate of speed. The female was concerned for the safety of her grandchildren who were playing in an open bed trailer parked on the side of the street. The female was very upset and expressed this both to the officers and Mr. Jones. There were also other people that could have been injured had Mr. Jones not been stopped by the female. Mr. Jones stated to the officers that he was upset from another incident earlier in the day and knew that he was driving too fast. Later in the week, Mr. Jones filed a complaint against Zeldia Stewart for comments made during the incident.

- were called to the 200 block of Alvera Street for a theft report. The officers were given a list of several automobile parts that were stolen from the outside of the residence. Included were an automatic transmission for a 1975 Ford truck, a plastic bug guard, and a carburetor for an Oldsmobile. This is under investigation.

- were called to the 400 block of Cryer for a report of pit-bull puppies being stolen. The puppies are described as one blue/gray with a blue tongue and one cream colored both weighing about fifteen pounds each.

- were contacted by a resident in the 700 block of Roberts stating that someone had broken in. The back door of the house was kicked in and there was damage done to the doorknob. The victim was not sure if anything had been taken because she had just moved in and was not finished unpacking. This is still under investigation.

- served warrants to: Carol Clark for Theft by Check and Otis Liggins for Public Intoxication.

Legal Notices

NOTICE TO CITIZENS

If anyone has any of the animal traps that belong to the City of Winters and if anyone would like to adopt a pet please contact City Hall at (325) 754-4424, M-F 8 a.m.-12:30 p.m. and 1:30 p.m.-4 p.m. 14-16(1tc)

BID NOTICE

WINTERS I.S.D. is accepting sealed Request for Proposals until 2:00 p.m., April 15, 2003, for the purchase and installation of exercise equipment.

Proposal specifications are available at the WISD Business Office, 603 N. Heights, Winters, TX 79567 or may be requested by calling (325) 754-5574.

Proposals will be opened and read publicly on April 17, 2003, at 2:00 p.m.

WINTERS I.S.D. reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, and to award proposals in the best interest of the district. 14-15(2tc)

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

Pursuant to Sec. 59.044 of the Texas Property Code, notice is hereby given that the contents of Storage Unit #16 (Chad and Mincy Briley) and Storage Unit #12 (Ellison Portis) in Ace Mini Storage, 200 West Dale, Winters, Texas, will be sold to satisfy a contractual landlord's lien. The sale will be held at 10 a.m. at the above named location on Monday, April 28, 2003. Ace Mini Storage, P.O. Box 507, Winters, Texas 79567. 14-15(2tc)

NOTICE TO APPLICANTS

Notice is hereby given that as provided by Chapters 116 and 117 of Vernon's Texas Local Government Code Annotated, as amended, the Commissioner's Court of Runnels County, Texas will receive sealed applications until 10 a.m. on May 13, 2003, (1) to enter into a contract with any banking corporation, association, or individual banker in this county for the deposit of the County's public funds and for the deposit of registry funds held by the County Clerk and District Clerk and (2) to enter into a contract with any bank corporation, association, or individual banker in this county for a subdepository for the deposit of the County's public funds. Sealed applications should be submitted to Marilyn Egan, Runnels County Judge, 613 Hutchings Avenue, Room 103, Ballinger, Texas 76821.

Please contact Margarette Smith, Runnels County Treasurer, for a copy of the application specifications.

The Commissioner's Court reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive any and all formalities.

Marilyn Egan
Runnels County Judge
14-15(2tc)



Fire Safety Tip of the Week
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LADIES, continued

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Tickets are only \$12 per person and may be purchased from any club member or at Bahlman Jewelers or the Chamber of Commerce.

Public Notice

There will be a cemetery workday for Counts Cemetery on Saturday, May 3, 2003, from 9:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. Lunch will be served; please bring a vegetable or dessert.

For more information, contact Carolyn Gully at (325) 583-2545.

NOTICE OF SALE

THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF RUNNELS

DATED April 7, 2003, and issued pursuant to judgment decrees of the District Court of Runnels County, Texas, by the Clerk of said Court on said date and to me directed and delivered as Sheriff of said Court, I have on April 7, 2003, seized, levied upon, and will on the first Tuesday in May, 2003, the same being the 6th day of said month at the Courthouse door of said County, in the City of Ballinger, between the hours of 10:00 o'clock A.M. and 4:00 o'clock P.M. on said day, proceed to sell for cash to the highest bidder all of the right, title, and interest of the defendants in such suit in and to the following described real estate levied upon as the property of said defendants, the same lying and being situated in the County of Runnels and the State of Texas, to-wit:

- | CAUSE NO. | STYLING OF CASE AND PROPERTY DESCRIPTION |
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| 3731 | Winters Independent School District, City of Winters, a municipal corporation, and The County of Runnels, Texas vs. Epigmenio F. Valles, Jr. and Irene Valles

South 104 feet of Lot 3, Block 7, Murray Addition to the City of Winters, Runnels County, Texas (Volume 124, Page 703 of the Official Public Records, Runnels County, Texas) |
| 3856 | The County of Runnels, Texas, City of Winters, a municipal corporation and Winters Independent School District vs. Juan Pantojo, Sybil D. Alexander, Individually and as an Heir to the Estate of Oscar Alvin Alexander, deceased (In Rem Only), Minnie Alexander Chestnut (In Rem Only), Alejandro Ochoa, (In Rem Only), Berta Ochoa (In Rem Only), Jenny Hernandez (In Rem Only), and Joe Hernandez (In Rem Only) |
| 3859 | The County of Runnels, Texas, City of Winters, a municipal corporation, and Winters Independent School District vs. Eloy Rodriguez and Olene Thompson

Lots 5 and 6, Block 6, Southside Addition to the City of Winters, Runnels County, Texas (Volume 367, Page 470 of the Deed Records, Runnels County, Texas) |
| 3952 | The County of Runnels, Texas and Winters Independent School District vs. Douglas Rotharmel and Christina B. Rotharmel aka Chris Rotharmel

A tract of land 66 feet by 208 feet out of Block No. 4, to the Town of Wingate, Runnels County, Texas (Metes and Bounds in Volume 611, Page 576, Deed Records, Runnels County, Texas) |
| 4091 | Winters Independent School District, and The County of Runnels, Texas vs. Manual Rojas Valverde aka Manual Valverde, Jr., Janie Valverde (In Rem Only) and Lula Danielly

The Northwest Quarter (NW4) of Block 9 of the Original Town of Wingate, Runnels County, Texas (Volume 95, page 576 of the Deed Records, SAVE AND EXCEPT Volume 123, Page 109 and Volume 150, Page 401 of the Deed Records, Runnels County, Texas) |

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

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- TXism: "brains in ___" (computer)
- TXism: "is the ___ Catholic?"
- TXism: "sharp as a ___ tooth"
- TXism: "put on the feed bag"
- Tse-tung
- Tony boots?
- blue jeans Levi
- TXism: "weak ___ day-old kitten"
- TX Guy Clark LP: "___ Build"
- filmed in TX: "The Andromeda"
- calorie counter
- suburban community just NE of Plainview: ___ Ward
- TXism: "___ tailed tooter"
- mineral salt in West TX water
- Wickliffe was Pres. Polk's special TX ___ to work for annexation
- sponsorship
- Hays Co. tributary: San ___
- TXism: "he'll shoot dice over the phone"
- TXism: "lower than a snake's ___"
- Washington-on-___ TX
- TXism: "would jerk tears from ___ eye" (very sad)
- TXism: "foaming ___ the mouth" (angry)
- USS Texas supported landings at ___ Jima in 1945
- TXism: "hard as putting up ___ in a windstorm"
- league for Cowboys & Texans (abbr.)
- decomposes
- early TX fixture: kerosene ___
- storm type in no. TX in late Feb. '03
- exotic leather for 12-across
- Mach-speed airplane (abbr.)
- TXism: "hard ___ shovel sunshine"
- illegal drug: ___ juana
- So. Padre Island acquisition (2 wds.)
- take a pull from the jug
- TXism: "___ some grew!" (fail)
- TXism: "raised concrete" (city boy)
- James Eidson's position in Taylor Co. (abbr.)
- TX "Turtle Lady" Loetscher
- TXism: "put up ___ shut up"
- disfigure
- 37 alias abbr.
- this Bowie actually designed the knife
- employees at Dallas' Adolphus
- TX cowgirl Dale
- "___ In Peace"
- lung disease (abbr.)
- init. of 17-across
- 47 sources of comfort
- 48 org. for older TXns
- TXism: "that'll ___ your butter" (exciting)

DOWN

- Houston eatery: "House" ___
- Travis Tritt's "It's All ___ Change"
- ___ Cove, TX
- TX Strait's "All My ___ Live in TX"
- TX Vikki Carr's "It ___ Be Him"
- TXism: "straight ___"
- "bear" south of the border
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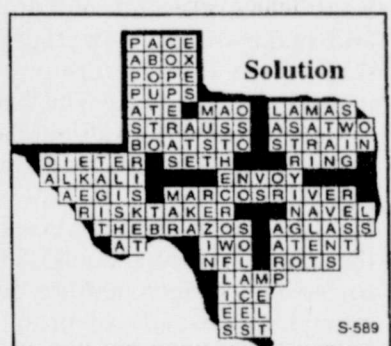
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Outdoors



RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONIES were held April 11 to celebrate the completion of the new playground equipment purchased by the Blizzard Kid Backers. Sharing the celebration were (l-r) Elementary Principal Brilla Magee, BKB members Teresa Gerhart, Sherri Mikeska, Eloisa Lara and Donna Guy, and WISD Maintenance Supervisor Gordon Fenwick.

Commissioners designate City of Ballinger lead agency for disaster water supply grant

In a short 15-minute meeting, Runnels County Commissioners welcomed new Precinct 2 Commissioner Freddie Grohman to his first meeting and addressed several routine items on the agenda.

Commissioners approved entering into an agreement for Court Connectivity and Reporting between Runnels County and the County Infor-

mation Resources Agency. The agreement allows for county and district clerks to make certain reports to the State via computer. Runnels County received a grant of \$5,049.05 to configure computers to make the reports.

A resolution was adopted by Commissioners designating the City of Ballinger as the lead agency for the Disaster Fund

Grant for water supply improvements. County Judge Marilyn Egan said the money would be transferred to the City of Ballinger and they would pay the bills for the Ivie pipeline.

Commissioners began the meeting by approving the bond of new Commissioner Freddie Grohman to allow him to take part in the decisions made at the meeting.

SCHOOL BOARD, continued

Clack told board members that the state will spend \$33 million to buy new Texas history and economic textbooks.

"These subjects are not tested on TAKS (testing required by the state). We desperately need American history books because our kids are tested (on this subject) on TAKS," Clack said.

Clack went on to say that it will probably be as late as July before the school's budget can be determined and "we'll sure have our work cut out for us."

On a brighter note, Elementary Principal Brilla Magee reported 86 percent of 3rd graders passed the TAKS test. She also said three new students have been enrolled. David Hale, Secondary School Principal, said he had enrolled four new students which brings the totals to 198 in grades 9-12, and 115 in grades 7 and 8.

Athletic Director Chuck Lipsey reported on track and tennis district results, and the upcoming regional competitions in Stephenville. He said Winters will host the 6-man and Class A area track meet on April 17.

Cindy Davis, journalism sponsor, told the board that senior Stephanie Parsons won 4th place in headline writing last Saturday and qualifies as alternate at the state meet in May.

Covering another agenda item, board members voted to approve a one-year contract with Global Canines for drug searches on school campuses. The school has been using Interquest at a cost of \$200 per visit with ten visits per school year. Interquest has been bringing one dog to Winters. Global, which is used by schools at Ballinger and Coleman, will provide two dogs for \$175 per visit. Each dog is trained to detect specific but different drug and alcoholic paraphernalia.

Trustees approved the purchase of the Leadership In Fitness Training program and equipment through the National School Fitness Foundation Grant. This special non-profit organization will provide \$218,000 worth of exercise equipment for strength and cardiovascular training. In exchange, the school will provide a location suitable for the equipment and its accompanying computer equipment used to assess data from participants. Clack said Bronte schools have this system and have been extremely pleased with it. "Even

the Bronte teachers (who use the equipment) say the program has reduced their stress levels," said Clack.

The computerized system utilizes data from an identification card the student will swipe through the machine. No personal names are used. All data is anonymous via the ID number. The data is recorded by the company for study. Exercisers will be able to receive a printout of progress each day if desired.

Clack said first priority for the program will be physical education students and teachers, since students involved in athletics already have access to similar equipment and a fitness regimen. Plans are to install the equipment at the north end of the yellow activity building and have training and orientation completed before the next school term in August. At a later date, the equipment will be available to the public pending the required orientation and training period for users.

Winters ISD will borrow the \$218,000 from Wells Fargo Bank at an interest rate of 3.46% and make monthly payments which are then reimbursed monthly to WISD by The National School Fitness Foundation. All interest is covered on the paybacks.

The only out-of-pocket cost to the school will be about \$5,500 for special rubber matting designed specifically to protect computer cables under the heavy weight machines. Winters ISD will have the option of a buy out after three years or renegotiate for new equipment and data.

In other action, trustees accepted with regret the resignation of Charlotte Lancaster.

Trustees also approved a resolution to nominate editor Jean Boles and *The Winters Enterprise* to the Media Honor Roll.

The cancellation of trustee election on May 3 for places 3 & 4 was approved by trustees who declared as elected the unopposed candidates, Cheryl

Bryan and Bob Prewit, respectively.

Present for the April 14 meeting were trustees Larry Walker, Jerry Sims, Manuel Vera, Shelia Paschal, Cheryl Bryan, Bob Prewit and Allen Andrae; Business Manager Jimmy Butler; Principals Magee, Hale and David Evans, Athletic Director Lipsey, and Superintendent Clack.

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"I have received confirmation from the medical examiner's office that he died from blunt force head injuries," she said.

Sparks said the ranch's owner found Gully and called emergency medical personnel who determined he was already dead. She and Terrill Dickerson, investigator with the Erath County Sheriff's Department, went to the scene after being contacted by the emergency crew. Gully was pronounced dead at 7:15 p.m.

The 1998 Jim Ned High School graduate was on the rodeo team at Western Texas College in Snyder. He was inducted into the National Cutting Horse Youth Hall of Fame in 1999.

Carolyn Gully was a former owner of The Fashion Shop in Winters during the 1980's, and a Mary Kay Cosmetics director. Her mother, Gracie Miller, operated the Winters Laundry for many years.

Funeral services were April 11 at Lawn Baptist Church.

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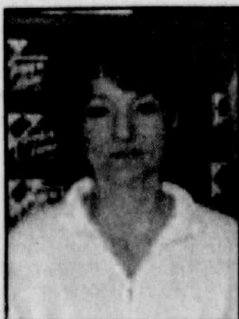
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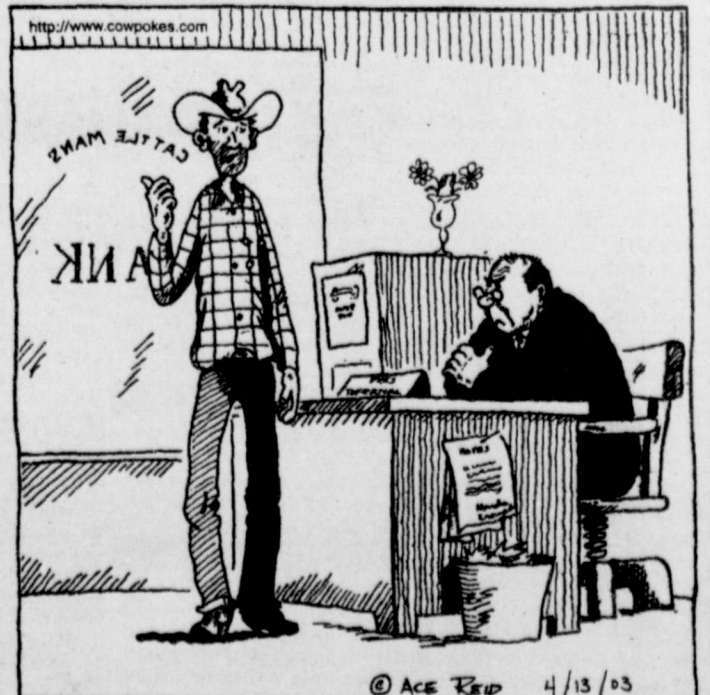
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