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New school year jitters



KAYLYNN SQUYRES, 6, and GENO RODRIGUEZ, 5, seem to find comfort in some "finger food" as they prepare for the new school year at "Meet the Teacher."

Former Runnels County resident Geoffrey S. Connor appointed as Texas Secretary of State

Governor Rick Perry has appointed Geoffrey S. Connor, a former Winters resident, as Texas Secretary of State effective August 26, 2003.

Geoffrey Scott Connor was born in Ballinger in 1963, moving with his family to Winters in 1966. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church and active in various social and community activities until his graduation from Winters High School in 1981.

He attended Southwest Texas State University (now Texas State University) in San Marcos graduating in 1985 with a Bachelor of Arts in International Studies and a concentration in European Affairs. He completed his senior year credits at the University of London and worked for the British Government as a researcher in the House of Lords. Connor worked on military defense research matters for the late Earl of Kimberley

who then chaired the Lords' Foreign Policy Committee. He also assisted the Lord Chalfont in writing his book *Star Wars: Suicide or Survival* (Weidenfeld Press 1985).

Connor was active in many college activities including the International Club and his fraternity, Sigma Tau Gamma, of which he was Outstanding Pledge and later Chapter President.

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City council discusses property improvements, approves dispatch service agreement with County

by Jean Boles, editor
With six members of the Winters Beautification Committee present at Monday evening's city council meeting, Councilmen and City Manager Aref Hassan pledged support to clean up and beautify the town.

One topic of discussion was the small lot on the southwest corner of State and Main Street. The Beautification Committee is asking the City to lease the property from the own-

ers who also own the property on which the new post office was built. The Charles P. Frey, Jr. family of Nevada is presently in the third year of a 20-year lease agreement with the U.S. Postal Service with two five-year leasing options to follow.

City council members voted to ask the Frey family for a similar lease of \$1 per year to coincide with the post office lease. The Council would then allow the Beautification

Committee or some other organization to make improvements of the area. Several options were discussed but no definite plans will be made until the lease agreement is finalized.

Dr. Hassan also read a letter from Joyce Carbery of Lone Star Estates regarding her concern about the delayed status of the Sidewalk Project. Dr. Hassan emphasized that "we have waited too long

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North Runnels Hospital gets x-ray machine

by Jean Boles, editor
Patients in need of standard x-rays need not travel out of Winters, thanks to a new, state-of-the-art x-ray machine recently installed at North Runnels Hospital in Winters.

"We're very excited to finally get this equipment," said NRH Administrator Rick Rickard. "We've been having to 'make do' with a portable machine we borrowed from the Ballinger Hospital. And while we're very grateful for their generosity, we're very glad to get our own, top-of-the line machine."

Costing approximately \$45,000, the new machine offers many positive features such as a 600 lb. weight capacity and a floating top which allows the technician to pinpoint the beam without moving the patient as much.

According to Gerald Clark, department manager and registered x-ray technologist at NRH, the quality of x-rays will be improved substantially.

"The machine uses high frequency with anatomical programming and photographic timing for optimal film quality," said Clark. "In other words, it's great!"

Clark said another big advantage to the new machine is that it uses less radiation.

A new wall unit with a movable grid has also been installed.

All of the equipment comes from Southwest X-ray of Abilene.

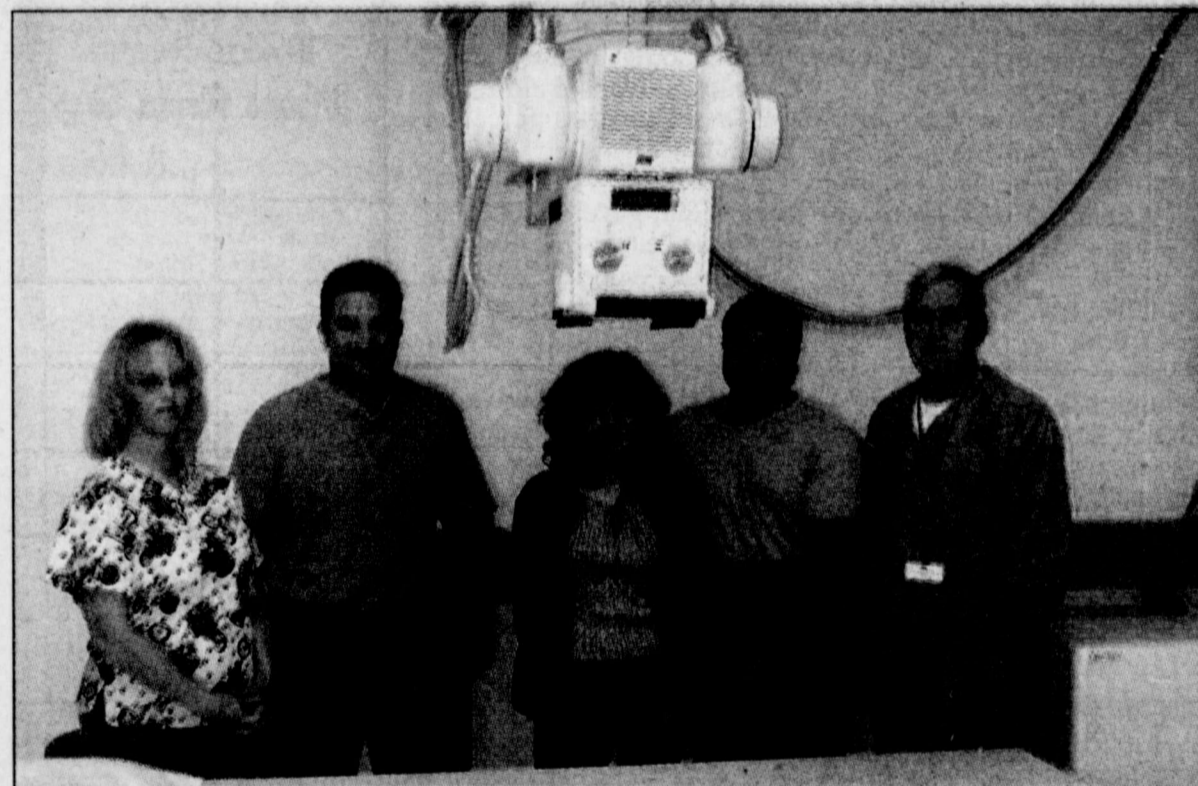
As far as the cost of the

new machines, Rickard said the hospital was able to utilize some of the existing equipment which cut about \$15,000 off the original bid.

Until the new equipment was installed, NRH had used a 1973 x-ray machine donated by Hendrick Medical Center in Abilene. The Winters hospital paid only the moving and set-up expenses. Rickard explained that much of the equipment had become obsolete and the hospital was unable to get replacement parts.

The Winters hospital was limited to using only two portable x-ray units but these, too, met their demise when lightning struck the hospital on April 30, 2003, and disabled the units along with other equipment.

At that time, North Runnels Hospital called on the Ballinger hospital which generously loaned a portable x-ray machine.



NORTH RUNNELS HOSPITAL is proud to announce the arrive of new x-ray equipment recently installed by Southwest X-ray of Abilene. The \$45,000 machine replaces some 1973 equipment. On hand for the installation were (l-r) Lori Walker, x-ray technician; Mike Ramos with Southwest X-ray; Melissa Albarado, x-ray clerk; Mike Goodwin with Southwest X-ray; and Gerald Clark, Department Manager and Registered X-ray Technologist.



MUMS THE WORD as Joyce Carbery (left) and Rhonda Neal plant flowers in front of the Winters Public Library. Both women are members of the Winters Beautification Committee and invite every business owner and resident to clean and dress their properties, particularly before Dovefest on September 6.

WISD trustees approve proposed tax increase

by Jean Boles, editor
During Monday night's called meeting of the Board of Directors of Winters ISD, Trustees Cheryl Bryan and Bob Prewit held firm to their initial votes on August 11, against a proposed tax increase. The increase passed, however, with votes from other Trustees Larry

Walker, Jerry Sims, Manuel Vera, Shelia Paschal and Allen Andrae. The 2¢ tax increase will set the new rate at \$1.48 per \$100 valuation. Winters resident Don Davis addressed the board with his opposition to the tax increase. Superintendent

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WISD enrollment down

by Jean Boles, editor
With enrollment figures hovering at only 665 students, Winters ISD is joining the ranks of schools with declining enrollment which equals declining state funds. According to WISD Superintendent Danny Clack, Winters is down 35 students from projected figures. First day total enrollment on August 20 was 663, compared to last year's total of

698. "And at \$5,000 (from the State) per student, that makes quite a difference in our budget," said Clack. Winters ended the 2002-03 school year last May with an enrollment of 701. Many schools wonder if they will be moved to a smaller classification in University Interscholastic League stand-

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Blessed Days
by Jean Boles

School, shoestrings & carrot sticks

Do you remember going to school for the very first time?

As I looked into the anxious faces of all the little 5-year-olds last week during "Meet the Teacher," I couldn't help but think back to my first day of school — my very first day back when the earth's crust was beginning to cool.

My mother had taken me a few days before the official first day just so I'd know which room was mine and to scope out the situation. That was such a great idea and I applaud her efforts.

The only problem was that any speck of confidence I might have felt was short-lived as soon as I saw that big yellow bus round the top of the hill to take me far, far away for a whole day at real school.

I tried to psyche myself up for this big day. After all, I had new shoestrings in my new tennies and wouldn't have to spit on the old frayed

strings and roll them enough to poke through the eyelet before I tied my shoes.

In fact, I think I probably tied my shoes the night before and slept all night with them on — just to be sure. But when I finally released my sweaty feet from those prison shoes at the end of that long school day, I had deep indentions on top of my feet from my shoestrings being so tight.

But that was okay because shoestrings were not on my worry list for that day anyway. I certainly had enough other major things to worry about.

Things like — will I remember which desk is mine? What if my teacher hates me? What if she doesn't write like I know? Will anybody care that I'm allergic to tomatoes? What if I fall asleep and don't hear the bell and everybody leaves and I wake up in school and it's nighttime and all dark?

We're talking major problems here.

This school business was going to be tough. Guess I'd worry later about those minor things like learning to read and write. I had enough to deal with in real school.

Real school. The place where you stay all day long no matter how much you itch or how hungry you get or how much you'd rather be home playing with the dog. The place where somebody other than your mother and dad is telling you what to do and you have to mind them, too!

I remember the shock I felt when I found out it's not okay to throw rocks just because I found a neat one on the playground. Or that I wasn't supposed to fight with the boys like I always did at home. That the ladies in the lunchroom didn't cook like my mom did and I sure never had funny plates with squares on them at my house.

We always laughed a lot at the table at home but it seems that the teachers did-

n't find as much humor in watching me cram carrot sticks up my nose or when I tried to unwind my cinnamon roll at school and drape it around my neck like a piece of fine jewelry.

Boy, school was going to be tougher than I thought! I didn't know if I'd ever learn all those rules.

Of course, now I know better. At least I know better than to ask any of my former teachers if I ever learned the rules.

That much I did learn!

Correction

BKB tournament information reported and published August 21, 2003, in The Winters Enterprise was incorrect. The third place winning team was The Knights of Winters, coached by Ramie Reyes and Juan Tamez. We apologize for the error.

Stars gather to remember Bob Hope at memorial Mass

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Mourners reflecting the range of his impact on culture — Hollywood stars, golfers, politicians, generals and businessmen — gathered at a North Hollywood church Wednesday for a memorial Mass for Bob Hope.

Entering church, Barbara Eden said her memories of Hope were "happiness and laughter" along with the image of him hitting golf balls off decks of aircraft carriers wherever they were abroad to entertain servicemen.

"I just loved working with him. He was very businesslike, but he had a calmness about him that made everyone else's talent come through. He was an elegant man, he was a gentleman," Eden said.

Hope died at age 100 of pneumonia July 27 at his Toluca Lake home and was entombed July 30 at San Fernando Mission Cemetery. Cardinal Roger M. Mahony was to celebrate the Mass at St. Charles Borromeo

Catholic Church.

Eulogies were planned by U.S. Sen. Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif.; Gen. Richard Myers, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff; and writer Larry Gelbart, creator of the "M-A-S-H" TV show. Honorary pallbearers included golfers Jack Nicklaus and Arnold Palmer.

Before the bells of St. Charles summoned the mourners into Mass, some paused outside to reflect on what Hope meant to them. "We're going to miss him," Connie Stevens said. "He was a tremendous force on Earth."

"He was so special because he gave so much to everyone besides his humor," said Loni Anderson. "We've lost a giant, probably the greatest entertainer of our century."

Tom Selleck recalled how Hope recruited him to appear on some of his shows. "Bob always called personally when he wanted you to work with him. It meant a lot and it made it hard to say no,"

Selleck said. Also among the 900 guests: Mickey Rooney, Dixie Carter, Hal Holbrook, Raquel Welch, Julie Newmar, Marie Osmond, Phyllis Diller, Ed McMahon, Gary Owens, Norm Crosby, retired Gen. William Westmoreland, former California Gov. Pete Wilson, and businessman Lee Iacocca.

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Katharine Marie Spill

WINTERS — Katharine Marie Spill, 97, died Thursday morning, August 21, 2003, at her daughter's residence.

She was born September 11, 1905, in Copeland, Texas, to Oscar and Katharine Bunge Kreidel. Upon the death of her mother and at the age of two weeks, she came to Runnels County and was adopted by her aunt Mary Ernst and husband Carl. She married Herman Spill on July 13, 1924, in Winters. Mrs. Spill and her husband farmed until his death on September 9, 1968. She was a lifelong member of St. John's Lutheran Church, the church choir, Ladies Aid and Chancel Guild, had been in charge of the cradle roll, and was a Sunday School teacher.


Survivors include seven daughters, Mildred Kuykendall and husband George of Huntsville, Enid Anderson and husband Gus of Winters, Marilena Chappelle of Pasadena, Joyce Gosh and husband Dwayne of Las Vegas, Nevada, Sylvia Frisch of Austin, Virginia Flathmann and husband Al of Hallettsville, and Ruth Ann Fowler of San Angelo; twenty-one grandchildren; thirty-nine great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren.

Services were at 2:00 p.m. Saturday, August 23, at St. John's Lutheran Church in Winters with Reverend Glenn Dittmer officiating. Burial was in the Lutheran Cemetery, directed by Winters Funeral Home.

Pallbearers were Troy Anderson, Guy Gosh, Phillip Gosh, Jim Frisch, Larry Flathmann, David Flathmann, and Roger Chappelle.

Memorials may be made to the St. John's Lutheran church handicap fund.

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Living Stones

by Pastor Bob Jones,
Winters Assembly of God

The building of Solomon's Temple was one of the most remarkable construction operations in history. Much of the Temple's legendary beauty was attributed to the great stones — beautiful and costly stones quarried from beds of white limestone — which were used in its construction. According to I Kings 5, 6 the Temple was built in seven years, employing 70,000 men to carry rocks, 80,000 men to cut wood and stone, and 3,600 overseers. The building was 110 feet long by 36 feet wide by 55 feet high, with a porch 36 feet by 18 feet.

Probably the most remarkable feature of the building was the fact that each stone was carefully cut and dimensioned while still in the quarry. With each stone fitting perfectly in place once at the site, the Temple was erected in silence. The Temple, as the struc-

ture where God would meet His people, was considered too sacred to permit the noise of construction during its erection.

In the New Testament, the physical temple is taken as a type of the mighty House of God being built by the Holy Spirit (Ephesians 2). Each believer is like one of the beautiful temple stones — so costly that the price was the shed blood of Jesus Christ Himself. The most costly thing God ever did was to love you and me. The love of God will never dim or die. Taken out of the great pit of sin by the Holy Spirit (Jeremiah 18), each person, one by one, is being placed quietly in the Great Spiritual Temple (1 Peter 2) (Matthew 16:16-18). Thus we sing the old hymn "He Brought Me Out." Paul tells us in I Corinthians 3:9 "For we are labourers together with God; ye are God's husbandry, ye are God's building," May God continue to build his temple using each one of us as Living Stones.

Runnels Baptist Association to meet Sept. 15

The regular meeting of the Runnels Baptist Association will be Monday, September 15, at Wingate Baptist Church.

The executive board and WMU will meet at 5:30 p.m. The evening meal will begin at 6:15 p.m. The program will be at 7:15 p.m. Morris

Johnson, missions/evangelism director, will present the program.

The public is invited to attend.

Cheerleaders to host annual hamburger supper Sept. 5

The Winters High School cheerleaders will host their annual hamburger supper before the first home football game of the season on Friday night, Sept. 5, when the Blizzards take on the Cross Plains Buffaloes.

In keeping with tradition, hamburgers will be mesquite grilled and served with all the trimmings.

The meal will be held from 5 to 7:30 p.m.

in the school cafeteria. Cost is \$4.50 per person and will include french fries, peach cobbler, and iced tea with the burger.

All proceeds from the dinner will go towards reimbursing expenses the girls and their families paid out last spring for uniforms, equipment, and camp. The cheerleaders would appreciate your support before the Blizzard vs. Cross Plains football game.

Annual Drasco Homecoming set Sept. 1

The Drasco Homecoming will be Labor Day, September 1, 2003, at the former Drasco Baptist Church. Visiting begins at 10:00 a.m. Come and bring a covered dish to share at the noon meal, as well as old memories. See you there!

Don't forget the Winter Dove Fest - September 6, 2003

Winters Enterprise office to be closed Monday

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Early deadlines for next edition

Due to the Labor Day holiday on Sept. 1, The Winters Enterprise has changed deadlines for the Sept. 4 edition.

General news and retail advertising are due in our office no later than noon on Friday, August 29. Classified ads will be taken through 5 p.m. August 29. There will be no exceptions. The management and

staff of The Winters Enterprise hope that you have a safe and enjoyable Labor Day!

Country Club News

By Brenda Clough,
Ladies Golf Association President

Ladies met Tuesday for regular play. Winning team was Brenda Clough, Mary Ellen Moore, and Betty Watson. Tina Smith won closest to the pin.

Wednesday night scramble ended in a carryover tie for the second week. Teams were: Mando Tamez, Alfred Yates, Gil Gilmore, Hank Bourdo, and Sherry Gilmore; Bill Hall, Jerry Sims, Martin Martinez, Gary Schwartz, and Mark Bevell.

Thursdays will be special days at the club. Any non-member may play a round of golf with a cart included for \$10. This will be a great opportunity for anyone wanting to take up golf to come out and play.

Winters Workforce

First in a series of 6 articles by Randall Conner, Director of Economic Development

The West Central Texas Workforce Center provides services to employers, employees, and job seekers in order to place Texans in productive jobs and to equip workers with the skills to foster economic development in the 19-county area surrounding Abilene.

Many of us still envision the old Texas Employment Commission that was a last resort for finding employees or employment or the place to apply for unemployment payments. The Texas Workforce Commission has evolved into an innovative, 21st century delivery system of workforce services to businesses and to job seekers. This is accomplished through 28 local work-

force boards and Work Force Centers throughout Texas. The West Central Texas Workforce Center in Abilene serves the Winters area.

The Winters Area Business and Industrial Corporation will be providing a series of articles to assist employers and employees in understanding the vast number of services that are available to strengthen the quality of workers and improve the skills of the local workforce. The general areas in which the West Central Texas Workforce Center can assist are:

- Hiring and Employment Services
- Skills Development and Training Assistance

- Unemployment and Layoff Assistance
- Labor Market Information and Resources for Employers/Employees
- Financial Assistance for Training and Tax Incentives.

These areas will be explored in more detail during the next few weeks.

The West Central Workforce Center, which serves the Winters area, is located at 400 Oak Street in Abilene and can be reached at 325-795-4200 or e-mail workforce@workforcesystem.org.

A great amount of information is available at the website: www.workforcesystem.org.



Photo by Jean Boles
KATEY REYES, age 5, gets some comforting advice from her grandmother, Gloria Abernathie, while brother Mason waits patiently during "Meet the Teacher."

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Wednesday, Jan. 29: Pork roast, broccoli & rice, carrots, hot roll, pudding.

Thursday, Jan. 30: Chicken Pot Pie, beets, fruit salad, crackers, cookie bar.

Friday, Jan. 31: BBQ-on-a-bun, chips, pork-n-beans, pickles & onion s, dessert.

Meals are served at 11:30 a.m. daily. Any one 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.

WHAT'S HAPPENING?

Aug. 28-11:30 a.m., Sr. Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center
5 p.m., Hale Museum Board of Directors
5:30-7:30 p.m., Late registration Runnels County Soccer, IGA

Early Voting begins
Aug. 29-7:30 p.m., Cowboys for Christ, Drasco
11:30 a.m., Sr. Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center

Aug. 30-8 a.m., Nursing Home Support Group Bake Sale, IGA

Sept. 1-9 a.m., Ministerial Alliance, School Cafeteria
10 a.m., Drasco Homecoming, Former Drasco Baptist Church
11:30 a.m., Sr. Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center
7:30 p.m., Ballinger Masonic Lodge

Sept. 2-11:30 a.m., Sr. Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center
Noon, Lions Club, Sr. Citizens Activity Center
3 p.m., Friends of Hale Museum, Rock Hotel
6:30-8 p.m., Foster/Adoptive Parent Meeting, Abilene
7 p.m., AA, First United Methodist Church
7 p.m., Athletic Boosters, Blizzard Field
7 p.m., American Legion, Post Home
7 p.m., WVFD, Fire Station

Sept. 3-7 a.m., Industrial Board, Windmill Enterprises Office
11:30 a.m., Sr. Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center

Sept. 4
10 a.m.-Noon & 1:30-3 p.m., Immunization Clinic, Tx Dept. of Health
11:30 a.m., Sr. Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center
6 p.m., Chamber Directors, Chamber office

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Blizzards looking to tradition and desire for successful season

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by Jean Boles, editor
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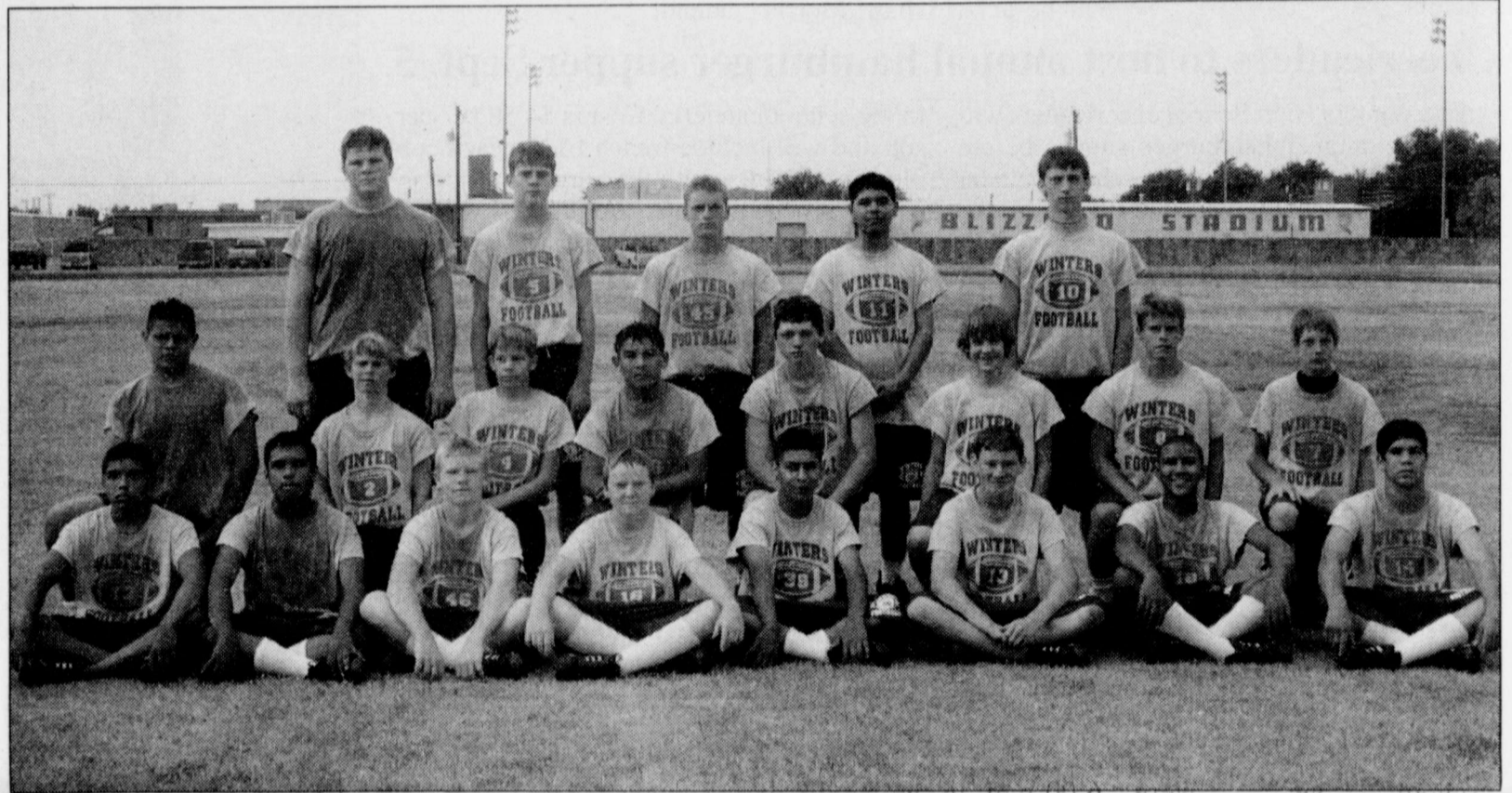
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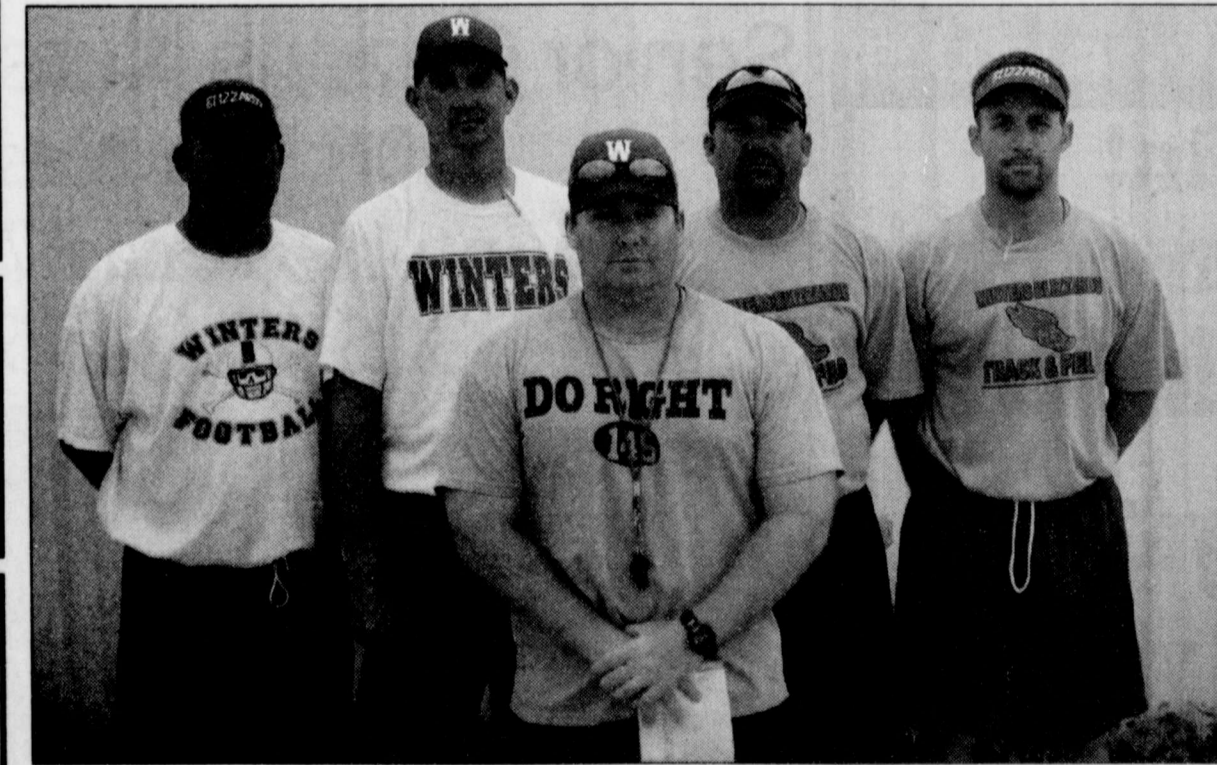
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BLIZZARD COACHES for the 2003-04 season are (l-r) David Wood, Bret Barrick, Kerry Huddleston, Todd Harrison and Matt Odom. Not pictured is Coach Paul Morton.

Directions to Menard Field

Football fans traveling to Menard in support of the Winters teams may find the following information useful. From Eden on U.S. Highway 83 as you enter Menard, keep traveling south until you come to the red light (only one in town). At the red light, continue approximately four more blocks. See "Super S" Grocery on the right. At the store, turn right onto Travis Street. Stay on road approximately 1 block to parking area.

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“Better late than never” radio broadcast of Blizzard football this year

by Jean Boles, editor
Blizzard football fans who are unable to attend the games will not have the luxury and convenience of hearing live, play-by-play on the radio this year. They will, however, be able to catch all the excitement on Saturday mornings by tuning in to KRUN AM 1400 in Ballinger for the delayed broadcast from Friday night.

While this is certainly not the ideal situation, it still addresses the needs of homebound residents of the Winters and Big Country area,” said Cody Austin, general manager of KRUN/KKCN and KCSE Radio. Bruce Campbell of Campbell Sports Productions in Abilene carried the live broadcast for the past few years. But a change in ownership of station KORQ led to the demise of

the popular Blizzard program done by local sports announcers Mark Edge and Randall Boles. Prior to KORQ’s coverage, Winters football was broadcast live by KRUN of Ballinger with Boles and Toby Virden announcing. Since learning of KORQ’s format change, Virden has diligently tried to find another radio station willing to alter its programming already in place.

However, no stations were willing make such a change. Austin was approached on August 25 by Ed Drake of Winters, requesting a solution to the Winters broadcast dilemma. “This (delayed broadcast) is the best solution we could come up with in such a short time,” said Austin. “We hope to be better prepared next year to offer

live play-by-play.” Austin’s three stations are already committed to live coverage of other sporting events on Friday nights. He said he is willing to try the delayed broadcast for the next two weeks “as a trial run,” to see if the market is here. For more information or to voice your opinion, please call KRUN at 365-5500.

Winters Band Boosters elect officers

The Winters Band Boosters met Monday, August 18, at 6:00 p.m. in the band hall. Officers for the 2003-2004 school year were elected. Officers are: President - Belinda Schwartz; Vice-President - Monnie Davis; Secretary - Rhonda Cook; Treasurer -

Mary Beth Ahrens. The next Band Boosters meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 22, at 6:00 p.m. in the band hall. Parents of band members are encouraged to attend. Members present: Mary Beth Ahrens, Belinda Schwartz, Sherry Kurtz,

Dawn Green, Rhonda Kruse, Yolanda Bridgeman, Rhonda Cook, Monnie Davis, Ann Shackelford, Rhonda Neal, Mike Neal, Saam Geistman, Mandie England, David Hale, Karen Mooney-Aide and Phil Mooney - Band Director.

BKB meeting Sept. 6

Blizzard Kid Boosters will meet Tuesday, September 6, at 6:00 p.m. at the Elementary School Library. Topic of discussion will be fall fund-raisers. Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend.

Late registration for soccer

Runnels County Soccer will have a special late registration Thursday, August 28, from 5:30 - 7:00 p.m. at Lawrence Bros. IGA Grocery. Call 754-9906 for details.

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2003-04 BLIZZARD CHEERLEADERS are (back row, l-r) Briana Parramore, Gessica Bear, Macy Hopson, Ashly Santoya and Katy Wilkerson. At front is Kathryn Hatler (left) and Rachel Davis. Not pictured is Raquel Rios, Blizzard Mascot. The girls are sponsored by Beth Wortham.

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Financial Focus

By Jim Woodruff of Edward Jones

Which business retirement plan is right for you?

If you run a small business you've got no shortage of concerns: cash flow, marketing, the ebb and flow of the economy — you name it. In fact, you have so many issues to ponder, you might find it hard to take the time to choose a retirement plan for your business. And yet, it's worth the effort — because the right plan can offer the opportunity to make your life a lot easier in the days when you don't have so much to think about.

Fortunately, there's never been a better time for small-business owners to choose a good, cost-efficient retirement plan. In recent years, new tax laws have made it easier for you to pick a plan that can help you save for retirement and, if necessary, attract and retain quality employees.

The most common types of

retirement plans offer tax-deferred growth of earnings, the ability to make tax-deductible contributions and a variety of investment options. Beyond sharing these traits, though, small-business retirement accounts differ in contribution limits and other factors. Let's look at a few of these plans: Plans for self-employed (no employees) • Owner-only 401(k) - When you establish an "owner-only 401(k)," you can put in up to 25 percent of your compensation in a profit-sharing plan, plus \$12,000 (in 2003) as 401(k) contributions. If you're 50 or older, you can even put in an extra \$2,000 to your 40 (k). (You can't contribute more than \$40,000 per year if you're under age 50 or \$42,000 annually if you're 50 or older.) Furthermore, both the 401(k) and 50-and-over

"catch-up" limits will be increasing over the next several years, so you'll be able to put away even more money for retirement. Plus, you can transfer most retirement plan assets — such as profit sharing and money-purchase plans — into your owner-only 401(k). • SEP - IRA - For 2003, you can put in the lesser of \$40,000 or 25 percent of your compensation to your SEP-IRA. Eligible compensation is capped at \$200,000. You can set up a SEP-IRA for your business with a minimum of paperwork. And you won't have to file any annual reports on the plan, such as the Form 5500, either.

Plans for business owners with employees

• SIMPLE IRA - As you can deduce from its name, a SIMPLE IRA is easy to set up and inexpensive to administer. In 2003, employees can contribute up to \$8,000 to their SIMPLE IRA. Your business is generally required to match your employees' contributions up to three percent of their salary, unless you decide to put in two percent of each eligible employee's compensation. If you choose the matching option, you can reduce the match to between one and

three percent in two of every five years.

• Safe Harbor 401(k) - By following some specific guidelines, you can set up a Safe Harbor 401(k) - a plan that offers the same features of a traditional 401(k), but without the burdensome non-discrimination testing required to identify excessive contributions by highly compensated employees. (Employees' contribution limits are the same as those described in the "owner-only" 401(k). The key benefit of the Safe Harbor 401(k) is that you, the business owner, can contribute up to the annual dollar amount (in 2003 that's \$12,000 or \$14,000 if 50 or older) regardless of how much your employees contribute.

Any of these plans can help you meet your long-term goals of saving for your retirement outside the value of your business. But to fully diversify your holdings and build even more resources, you will also need to save and invest outside your retirement plan. So, meet with your investment representative and tax advisor to choose a plan that's right for you — but don't stop there. When it comes to funding your retirement, it's hard to save "too much."



Mr. & Mrs. Shannon Michael Watt

Brown, Watt exchange vows

Linsey Nicole Brown and Shannon Michael Watt were joined in marriage Saturday, July 12, 2003, at The Vista on Seward Hill in Austin, Texas. Reverend Andrew Barlow of Lake Hills Church in Austin officiated.

Linsey is the daughter of Charles and Laura Brown of Winters, Texas. Shannon is the son of Carolyn Watt of Lubbock, Texas.

The double-ring ceremony was held outdoors on the observation deck of The Vista, which is surrounded by ancient oak trees. The Vista on Seward Hill is a 100-year-old European-style cottage set on grounds that feature a waterfall, pond, gazebo and fountains. It is located on four acres of one of Austin's beautiful hills overlooking the city's skyline and the Texas State Capitol Building.

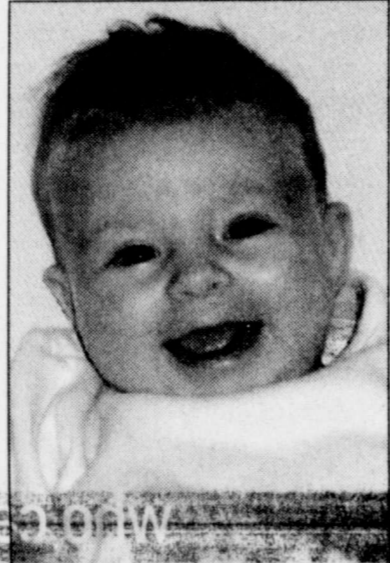
Her father gave the bride in marriage. She wore a Maggie Sottero white satin strapless gown. Crystal and pearl embroidery encircled the top of the bodice and trailed down the right side of the gown. The A-line dress featured self-fabric lacing in the back, and a chapel-length train fell from the waistline. The bride's headpiece was a Swarovski crystal tiara with a fingertip two-tiered veil of white illusion finished with rolled white satin. She wore a diamond necklace borrowed from her paternal grandmother and diamond earrings presented to her by the groom as a wedding gift. She carried a linen and lace handkerchief that belonged to the groom's great-great-grandmother and wore a blue wedding garter, which was handmade by Eloise Brown of Winters. The bride carried a globe bouquet of twelve red roses arranged with lemon leaves and waxwood fern. In the tradition of English princesses and in honor of the bridal couple's Texas heritage, she tied a tiny silver horseshoe charm and silver star charm in her bouquet.

Sister of the bride, Jamie Pharr of Keller, served as matron of honor. Bridesmaids were Anne Dark of Irving, Hollie Sockwell of Sweetwater and Ashley Veitenheimer of Waco. The bridal attendants wore black satin two-piece dresses. The strapless bodices were slightly sheared at the waist and highlighted with two crystal buttons on the side seam. The A-line skirts featured a slight mermaid hemline. The attendants carried bouquets of white roses, fennel, baby's breath and lemon leaves, tied with ribbons of white illusion. Emily Chambers of Lubbock was the flower girl. She wore a white princess-length satin sundress featuring an overskirt of white illusion petal-panels. She wore a crystal tiara and carried a ball made of white roses suspended from a ribbon of white illusion. She is the daughter of Todd and Barbie Chambers of Lubbock. The bride's brother, 1st Lt. Charles Lance Brown, USMC, regrettably, was unable to attend due to his deployment to Iraq and service to our country. However, he was able to make arrangements to phone his sister to express love, congratulations and best wishes to her and his soon to be brother-in-law on their wedding day. The groom's brother, Brian Watt, U.S. Navy ensign, of Virginia Beach, Virginia, served as best man. Groomsmen were Matthew Feagan of Lubbock, Elliot Sparkmen of Reno, Nevada, and Bart Slaughter of Waco. The groom and his attendants wore black Ralph Lauren two-button tuxedos, pleated white shirts with lay-down collars, black vests and black bowties. Their ensembles were accented with silver studs and links and black patent leather shoes. John Glass of Winters, cousin of the bride, was ring bearer. His tuxedo featured a coat with tails, with the rest of his attire mirroring that of the groom and groomsmen. He is the son of Harm and Cynthia Glass of Winters. In his pocket, the groom carried the six-peace his mother carried in her wedding, along with pennies minted in the years of his and his bride's births. He wore silver cufflinks in the shape of the Star of Texas, presented to him by the bride as a wedding gift.

Tony Appuglies of Weatherford sang, "A Page is Turned" and "The Prayer." Brian Watt read the Bible passage I Corinthians 13:1-8. The bride and groom shared words of commitment and love they had written for each other. Following the ceremony, a reception, catered by Pascal's, was held on the grounds of The Vista. The tables adorned floor-length white linen cloths and the chairs were tied with white tulle bows. Centerpieces were made of white magnolia rings and floating flower candles. The cakes, made by Maria Barrera, a teacher and friend of the bride, were centered on a white-draped table in the gazebo. The bride's cake was a three-tiered cream cake with rolled fondant icing. It was garnished with white swirls and beads resembling the embroidery trim on the bride's gown. The groom's cake was chocolate with chocolate cream frosting. It depicted the Texas State Seal designed in dark chocolate. A wedding gift of Waterford crystal flutes, sent from England by a childhood friend of the groom, U.S. Air Force Airman Mark Erwin, was used by the bride and groom to exchange toasts.

Following their honeymoon in La Playa del Sol, Mexico, the couple is making their home in Georgetown, Texas, where Linsey teaches second grade at Carver Elementary School. Shannon is a consumer banker with J.P. Morgan/Chase Bank in Austin.

Kristen Michele Hinga



Tom and Melissa Hinga of League City, Texas, are very proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Kristen Michele Hinga was born Wednesday, June 11, 2003. She weighed 7 lbs., 3 oz. and was 20 inches in length. Allie, age 11, and Erin, 8, welcomed their sister home. Paternal grandparents are Bill and Connie Hinga of Pella, Iowa. Maternal grandparents are Charles and Lynann Simpson of Stephenville. A great-grandmother, Rosalie Simpson, lives in Winters.

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Abilene

Quilters Guild to meet Sept. 8

Abilene Quilters Guild will be meeting at the Wylie United Methodist Church, 3130 Antilley Road in Abilene.

The meeting is set for Monday, September 8, at 7:00 p.m. Quilting patterns from the Kansas City Star will be the subject of September's program.

For more information, please contact Lori Oglesby at 325-690-1453.

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- 9 TXism: " _____ bark on a tree"
- 10 ex-Mev Alex (init.)
- 11 Dallas Co. named for this VP (init.)
- 12 Waco international festival (2 wds.)
- 13 TXism: "hook, _____ and sinker"
- 14 OK town
- 15 TXism: "spends his time looking _____" (lazy)
- 16 TX Dyer discovered _____
- 17 TX Mac Davis _____ on Holly-wood Blvd. in '98
- 18 TXism: "sounds like a rip saw running through pine knots"
- 20 Alamo Davy wore a _____ skin cap
- 22 TX-born comedian actor Martin (init.)
- 23 a MGM co. (abbr.)
- 24 sis sib
- 25 TX actress Helen of "Curtain Call" restaurant
- 28 _____ fair in love and war"
- 31 between Galveston and Follets Islands: San _____ Pass
- 34 poetic "before"
- 35 "To _____ With Love"
- 37 Alkman alma mater
- 40 strong beers
- 42 citrus drink
- 43 TXism: " _____ high horse"
- 49 TXism: "never in _____ born days"
- 50 ex-Cowboy Emmitt's home state (abbr.)

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Life

Winters economy holding its own

by Randall Conner,
Director of Economic
Development

The Winters Area Business and Industrial Corporation has had several inquiries as to the status of our local economy. Population and school enrollment continue to decline, but the labor force is gradually increasing. Unemployment has historically been quite low here, but has moved back up some with the slowing of the U.S. economy. Sales tax receipts are probably our best indicator of local business and they are up 4.7% from the same time period in 2002. Property values have increased quite a bit

in the past year (note these are market values, not taxable values).

In general, the economic indicators show that our economy has remained fairly stable. Rural West Texas never enjoyed the full extent of the economic growth in U.S. during the late 1990's, but also has not seen the declines that much of the rest of the country has experienced the past couple of years. Agriculture and oil have not regained the economic prominence of past years; however, the manufacturing and service industries have provided for some of the stability in Winters and Runnels County.

Winters Economic Indicators			
2003	2002	2001	2000
Labor Force—Runnels Co. (June 30)			
5213	4983	4905	4880
Unemployment—Runnels Co. (June 30)			
4.3%	3.9%	4.3%	5.5%
(Texas June 30, 2003—7.5%)			
Winters City Sales Tax Receipts, First 6 months of year			
\$76,986	\$73,529	\$78,337	\$72,955
Winters Population			
N/A	2800	N/A	2905
Winters ISD School Enrollment			
710	729	764	829
North Runnels County—Total		Appraised Property Value	
\$267,427,840	\$226,421,710	\$223,681,570	\$213,971,860

Quilt show feature of 2003 Miles Cotton Festival

Quilt show feature of 2003 Miles Cotton Festival A quilt show will be a featured attraction at the 2003 Miles Cotton Festival held on Saturday, September 13. The old bank building in downtown Miles will be the site of the show that will be free to the public from 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. on Saturday.

Last year's quilt show was extremely successful with over 325 people coming to view a beautiful collection of over 50 quilts.

If you would like to exhibit a textile masterpiece that you made or one that you are the proud owner of, you are welcome

to do so. All types, sizes, and age of quilts will be on display. Entries are not limited to just people living in the Miles area.

To get your quilt in the show, it must be brought to the old bank building on Thursday, September 11, from 6:00-7:00 p.m. At that time, exhibitors must register their quilt and receive a claim ticket. This year it will not be necessary to pre-register for the show; however, if you have questions call Catherine Hohensee at 468-4851.

Great care will be taken in displaying quilts effectively and "quilt angels" will be on duty throughout

the show to ensure the safety of all the quilts. Visitors to the quilt show will be given the opportunity to vote on their favorite quilt in the show. At the conclusion of the show, a "Viewers Choice" award will be awarded to the owner of the quilt receiving the most votes.

Quilt owners must pick up their quilts between 4:30-5:00 p.m. on Saturday, September 13. Claim tickets will be required before quilts are released. If you would like to work with the quilt show, call Patricia Hohensee at 365-5042 or 468-2891.

Winters Volunteer Fire Department fish fry a success

The Winters Volunteer Fire Department wishes to thank the community of Winters and all others that attended the annual fish fry. Donations totalling over \$750 were collected.

Please accept our apologies for the inconvenience of only one serving line. We hope the food was worth the wait.

It sure is nice to live in such a generous and appreciative community.

WISD, cont'd

Clack said the classifications are determined every two years, in February, from figures submitted on a specific day in October.

"It's total speculation as to what the UIL will do," said Clack. "The determining figures fluctuate as every high school's enrollment in the state has to be considered. They (UIL) have to come up with a fairly equal number of students through all classes in an attempt to equalize travel distances."

TAXES, cont'd

Danny Clack welcomed Mr. Davis and said, "If at any time you want to look at our books, you are welcome to look at our revenue, our federal money,

He said right now, Class 2A has 180-344 students in grades 9-12; back in 2000-01, the figure was 170 to 344.

Winters has 195 students in grades 9-12, 107 students in grades 7 and 8, and 363 in elementary school.

Clack went on to say the class with the greatest disparity is and has been Class 3A and gave the example of two schools in that district — Ballinger with an enrollment of 331 competing against Wylie with about 900 students.

anything you want to know." Clack went on to say this is his standing offer to anyone with questions about the school's budget.

Kelly's new address:

Kelly Bearden
c/o Warm Springs Rehab Hosp.
5105 Medical Drive, Room 418
San Antonio, Texas 78229

Bake sale to benefit nursing home residents

Bake sale to benefit nursing home residents The Senior Citizens Nursing Home Support Group will be hosting a bake sale on Saturday,

August 30, beginning at 8 a.m. at Lawrence Bros. IGA Supermarket. Funds raised will help provide entertainment and fill special needs

for residents and staff of the nursing home. For more information, please contact Kay Colburn at 767-2272.

COUNCIL, cont'd

already," and that a portion of the motel occupancy tax might be used in the realm of sidewalk improvements, provided certain guidelines are followed. This will be placed on the agenda for the next council meeting.

Council members also discussed leasing Elm Creek Lake property for building homes. Hassan told the Council that because the area is not zoned by the City, a

motel, restaurant, resort or home would be welcome on the property.

A dispatch service agreement was also approved during the August 25 meeting. According to the agreement, the City of Winters will pay \$20,374 annually to Runnels County in exchange for dispatch services to Winters law enforcement officers 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Contracts and leases (on file at City Hall) were approved regarding airport hangar land, the bait house at Elm Creek Reservoir, the water plant house, cleaning of city hall and the police department, as well as meter reader. The contract for cleaning the community center was not approved at Monday's meeting.

By unanimous vote, council members approved a reduced fee of \$37.50 for "Multi-Cultural" Revival services at the Community Center, as requested by Barry Taylor, Pastor of First Baptist Church.

Aldermen set September 29, 2003, at 6 p.m. at City Hall as the date and place for a public hearing on the 2003-04 budget.

City officials approved the employment of Charlie Burton, full-time street department; Frank Reyna, part-time street department; Shawn Morrow, part-time police department; and Diana Torres, full-time administrative secretary to replace Saffron Gibbs.

WHS Cheerleaders
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Law & Order

Legal Notices

PROPERTY FOR SALE The following property held in trust by the Winters Independent School District, City of Winters, and County of Runnels is offered for sale pursuant to Section 34.05 of the Texas Property Tax Code. The property will be sold on the first Tuesday in September, 2003, the same being the 2nd day of said month at the Courthouse door of Runnels County, in the city of Ballinger, beginning at 10:00 a.m. for cash or cashier's check to the highest bidder. • Lot 11, Block 20, College Heights Addition to the City of Winters, Runnels County, Texas • 55 foot by 110 foot tract of land, being part of Lot 1, Block E, Murray East Addition to the City of Winters, Runnels County, Texas • South 145 feet of Lot 1 and South 145 feet & East 26 feet of Lot 2, Block 10, College Heights Addition to the City of Winters, Runnels County, Texas • Lots 5 and 6, Block 6, Southside Addition to the City of Winters, Runnels County, Texas • South 104 feet of Lot 3, Block 7, Murray Addition to the City of Winters, Runnels County, Texas • The South 28 feet of Lot 2 and All of Lot 1, Block 9, Vancil Addition to the City of Winters, Runnels County, Texas • SAVE AND EXCEPT a tract measuring 5 feet by 112 feet off the East side of Lot 1, Block 9, Vancil Addition to the City of Winters, Runnels County, Texas • Lot 12, Block 2, College Heights Addition to the City of Winters, Runnels County, Texas • A tract of land 60 feet by 120.5 feet, more or less, out of the Thomas Green Survey No. 490, Abstract 232, in the City of Winters, Runnels County, Texas; and a Woodlake Mobile Home, Serial No. 4328044712, Label No. TEX0194534, located on said property • The north half of the south half of Lot 1, AKA Lot 1, Block 6, Roberts Addition to the City of Winters, Runnels County, Texas • Lots 9, 10, and 11, Block 21, College View Heights Addition to the City of Winters, Runnels County, Texas • A tract of land 66 feet by 208 feet out of Block 4 to the town of Wingate, Runnels County, Texas • Additional information is available at the Runnels County Tax Office in Ballinger, Texas, and the Winters I.S.D. tax office in Winters, Texas. 14-34(2tc)

NOTICE OF IMPOUNDMENT OF ESTRAY On the 11th day of August, 2003, I impounded the following estray: Goat, light red, billy, three years old, 100 lbs., no marks or tags and, on the 18th day of August, 2003, I filed a "Notice of Estray" in the Estray Book of Runnels County, Texas. I have made a diligent search of the register of recorded brands in Runnels County, Texas, for the owner of the said estray, but the search did not reveal the owner. Notice is hereby given that, if the ownership of said estray is not determined by the 4th day of September, 2003, said estray will be sold at public auction/sheriff's sale at Producers Livestock in San Angelo. Witness my hand this 18th day of August, 2003. William Baird Sheriff, Runnels County, Texas 14-34(2tc)

NOTICE OF IMPOUNDMENT OF ESTRAY On the 11th day of August, 2003, I impounded the following estray: Goat, brown & white, billy, two years old, 100 lbs., no marks or tags and, on the 18th day of August, 2003, I filed a "Notice of Estray" in the Estray Book of Runnels County, Texas. I have made a diligent search of the register of recorded brands in Runnels County, Texas, for the owner of the said estray, but the search did not reveal the owner. Notice is hereby given that, if the ownership of said estray is not determined by the 4th day of September, 2003, said estray will be sold at public auction/sheriff's sale at Producers Livestock in San Angelo. Witness my hand this 18th day of August, 2003. William Baird Sheriff, Runnels County, Texas 14-34(2tc)

Early voting begins August 28

Early voting by personal appearance for the September 13 Constitutional Amendment Election will be conducted August 28 through September 9, 8:30 a.m.-12:00 noon and 1:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, in the County Clerk's office. The office will be closed September 1st in observance of Labor Day.

Any qualified voter is eligible to vote early in person. Written requests for ballots by mail must be received by September 5th. Sample ballots are available at the County Clerk's office. For further information or to request a ballot to vote by mail, please call the County Clerk's office at 365-2720.

The following are cases from the Winters Police Department. Some cases may still be under investigation. Information, reported through Crime Stoppers, leading to the close of any case could result in up to a \$1,000 reward. The following are calls investigated by the Winters Police Department during the week of August 12, 2003, through August 24, 2003.

Officers:
 • were called to the 400 block of N. Heights in reference to an assault. The victim stated that a black male had entered the residence he was visiting and began choking him with a metal bar. A witness to the incident hit the black male over the head with a drinking glass to get him to stop. The witness stated that the black male left the residence and went upstairs to his own apartment. The black male then came back and threw a water meter lid into the window of the victim's apartment. When police arrived, the black male was bleeding from the head and needed medical attention. Officers transported the black male to North Runnels Hospital where he was transferred to another hospital.

Charges have been filed with the District and County Attorneys. • were called to the 400 block of N. Heights days after a separate incident for a terroristic threat. A black male was being asked to leave the property by the landlord when he began threatening the landlord and other residents. The black male was arrested for terroristic threat.

• were called to the 200 block of Church for a burglary of a motor vehicle. Officers spoke with the victim about a power converter that had been taken off of the front seat of his vehicle. The victim stated that he had noticed the door to his vehicle open and then found the item missing. The power converter can be used to convert 12V to 110V. Officers are following leads at this time.

• were called to the 200 block of Spill Street for a burglary of a motor vehicle. The victim stated that she had driven a Kenworth Truck Tractor to a repair shop in Winters. Upon returning to pick up the truck, she noticed that her Nextel Cellular phone was missing. The employees of the repair shop were questioned and had not seen the phone. This case is under investigation.

• were called to the 700 block of West Dale for a burglary report. The victim stated that sometime between the 17th and 18th of August four A/C units and one microwave were stolen from her residence. Officers recovered footprints and fingerprints at the scene and are following possible leads.

• were called to the 600 block of Bowen Street for criminal mischief to a vehicle. The victim stated that he had parked his truck near the roadway the night before and in the morning realized the back glass was completely shattered. Officers did not see any evidence of any objects that might have been used to break the window. Officers believe it might have been a passing vehicle that kicked up rocks onto the truck window.

• were called to the 1100 block of West Parsonage for gunshots. Officers spoke with the victims who stated they were asleep in the bedroom

and they heard gunshots. When they looked out, the sliding window had been shot with a pellet gun. Officers took pictures and took the lead that was lying on the floor under the shattered glass. This case is under investigation. • were called to direct traffic at the traffic light on Main and Dale. Unknown persons shot the traffic lights disabling them. This case is under investigation.

• were called to the 200 block of Tinkle Street in reference to an intoxicated person. Officers arrested the subject after several attempts to find a responsible adult to take custody of him. • were called to Lawrence Brothers grocery store for a broken window. Officers found that the window had been shot with an unknown caliber gun. Witnesses say that it did not happen during business hours but was noticed around the 21st after similar damage to other places in town.

More traffic equals more troopers this Labor Day weekend

The Texas Department of Public Safety will have all available troopers on the roadways during the upcoming Labor Day weekend targeting speeders, seat belt violators, and drunk drivers. DPS, along with law enforcement agencies throughout the state, will increase patrols from Friday, Aug. 29, through Monday, Sept. 1, in an effort to cut-down on highway deaths and injuries.

Last year, DPS issued 26,577 citations during the Labor Day holiday, which is more than three and a half times the number of a non-holiday weekend. This includes 1,297 alcohol-related citations or arrests.

"Labor Day tends to be a holiday with a large number of DWI fatalities," said DPS Director Col. Thomas A. Davis Jr. "Because Labor Day is traditionally the last weekend of the summer, more people

are out celebrating-creating potentially dangerous situations on our roadways."

A new state law, effective Sept. 1, makes driving while intoxicated with a passenger younger than 15 a state jail felony, punishable by a maximum of two years in jail and a \$10,000 fine.

Another new law will result in a \$3,000 surcharge (paid over three years) if an offender is convicted of driving while intoxicated.

"Our job is to make sure the highways are safe for everyone, so drivers who insist on endangering others run a much higher risk of getting a ticket or going to jail this weekend," said Davis.

DPS is a participant in Operation CARE - Combined Accident Reduction Effort - a nationwide effort by police agencies to reduce fatalities during holidays.

Sales tax rebates increase 7.66%

As reported by the office of State Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn, August sales tax rebates for the city of Winters increased 7.66 percent as compared to the prior year's August payment.

August's sales tax rebates include local sales taxes collected in June and reported to the Comptroller in July. Winters' rebates totaled \$15,970.17 this reporting period.

For the prior year's reporting period, rebates totaled \$14,833.84. Receipts in Miles

increased 13.11 percent; Ballinger increased 3.56 percent and reported \$122,713.62 in payments.

City sales tax rebates to date for Runnels County for the 2003 reporting period total \$635,898.32, a 3.19 percent increase as compared to last year's period total of \$616,211.85. The current city sales tax rate for Winters and Ballinger is 1.5 percent.

Miles is 1.00 percent. The Comptroller's next sales tax allocation is scheduled for Friday, September 12, 2003.

Official Records

County Court Depositions

Gabriel Alfaro, interference with public duties, pleaded nolo contendere, sentenced to six months in county jail, assessed \$236 court costs

Jason Scott French, possession of marijuana, pleaded nolo contendere, sentenced to 30 days in county jail, assessed \$236 court costs

Tony Joe Perez, cruelty to an animal, pleaded nolo contendere, sentenced to 60 days in county jail, assessed \$236 court costs

Tony Joe Perez, theft, pleaded nolo contendere, sentenced to 60 days in county jail, assessed \$236 court costs

Lisa Godfrey, theft by check, pleaded nolo contendere, sentenced to six months in county jail, probated to one year, fined \$100, plus \$236 court costs, \$63.05 restitution, \$50 hot check fees

Tony Joe Perez, failure to appear, case dismissed, defendant convicted in another case

Criminal Cases Filed August 14

Joe Luevano, Jr., Winters, filed for assault

Stephen Ray O'Neil, Winters, filed for criminal mischief

August 15

C.O. Garcia, Marfa, filed for theft by check Ruth Kerry, Snyder, filed for theft by check Tami J. Lusty, Richland Springs, filed for theft by check

August 19

Manuel Rosales Dela Rosa, Ballinger, filed for assault Jose Salbas Falcon, Ballinger, filed for driving while intoxicated Michael Horn, Bangs, filed for theft by check Rhonda Cheryl Keesee, Ballinger, filed for driving while intoxicated David Molina, Jr., Ballinger, filed for interference with public duties Kerry Patton, Ballinger, filed for theft by check

August 20

Mary D. Bennett, San Angelo, filed for failure to appear Tawnia Swafford, Miles, filed for failure to appear Manuel Torres, Rochelle, filed for failure to appear Otis Ray Liggins, Winters, filed on two counts: for terroristic threat and criminal mischief Ellen Akins, Fort Worth, filed for failure to appear Phillip Bogges, Ballinger, filed for failure to appear Michael Will Eldred, Ballinger, filed for failure to appear Wendy Holt, San Angelo, filed for failure to appear.

Marriage Licenses Filed August 15

Daniel Jonathon Fisher, Jr., and Amber Dawn Hurt

August 18

Larry Frank Walden and Teresa Wright Davis August 20 Seth David Gray and Julie Ann Paske

District Court Civil Cases Filed August 18

William W. Scarborough vs. Marty Joe Golden, account, contract, notes

August 19

Henry Buddy Stokes and wife, Darlene Stokes, Rebecca Nicholson, James Williamson and wife Marjorie Williamson vs. Arben Oil, Inc., damages

Divorces Granted August 7

Walton Clyde Elliott and Rebecca Lynn Valenzuela-Elliott

Divorce Cases Filed August 19

Jeffery Alan Tarr and Sherry Lynn Tarr

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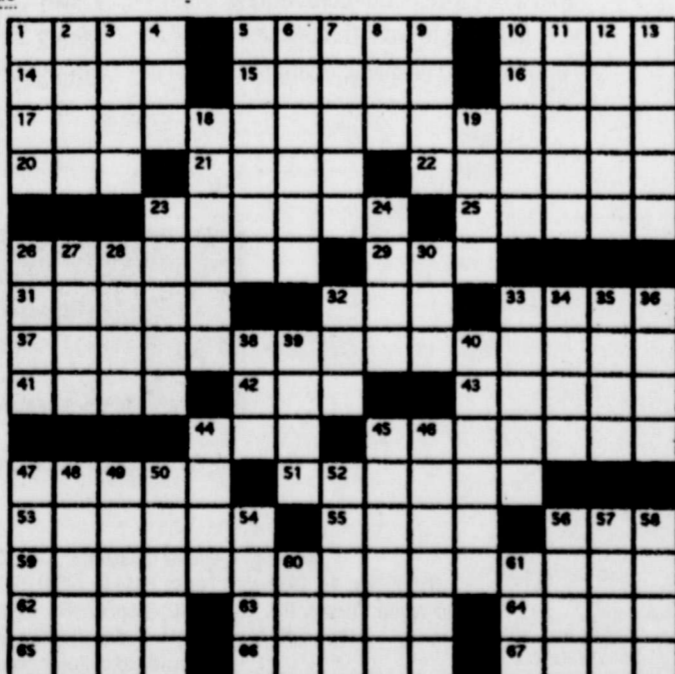
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- Unconscious state
- Rosary prayers
- One... in direct, personal confrontation
- Norway's patron saint
- 20th-century dictator
- Depressed
- President Arthur's middle name
- Little-known facts
- Combines
- Blue expense
- Unusual people
- Beast of burden
- A Ball for
- Enjoy an outdoor activity
- Stoneware: Fr.
- One who made the news on April 14, 1965
- Height: abbr.
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- Furious
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- Roused
- Unable to escape
- Deformed one
- Humiliates
- Make
- Specter's greeting
- Popular actress
- Pulitzer Prize-winning playwright
- Telegrams
- Like hand-me-downs
- Late actor Will
- Croquet or cricket
- White House resident (1945-53)

DOWN

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- Response: abbr.
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- Infant's bane
- Item on a relish tray
- Obsession
- Of birds
- Candle ingredient
- Gold: Sp.
- Wedding announcements
- Benefit
- Royal title

- Tha's money
- Family member, for short
- Overhead region
- Bridge expert
- Animal's color
- Suffix for major or cigar
- Cast off
- Laid up
- Opposite of priestly
- Slimy outfit
- Textile worker
- Eroder
- Sleeping
- as all outdoors
- Scottish clan chief
- Large boat
- 7th word in *America, the Beautiful*
- Prefix for active or grade
- Cutting implements
- Foundation
- Individuals
- Likelihood
- Drink slowly
- Warship, for short



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RUNNELS COUNTY CLASSIFIEDS

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available in Winters. Production workers needed for day and night shifts in Coleman. Come by Personnel Services in Ballinger, 119 N. Broadway, or call 365-8880 to apply. 14-35(11c)

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is accepting applications for Police Officer. TCLEOSE certified person with a Basic Peace Officer License may obtain an application at City Hall's front desk, 310 S. Main, Winters, TX 79567, M-F, 8 a.m.-12:30 p.m. and 1:30-4:00 p.m., or by calling (325) 754-4424. Applications will be accepted until position is filled. 14-35(11c)

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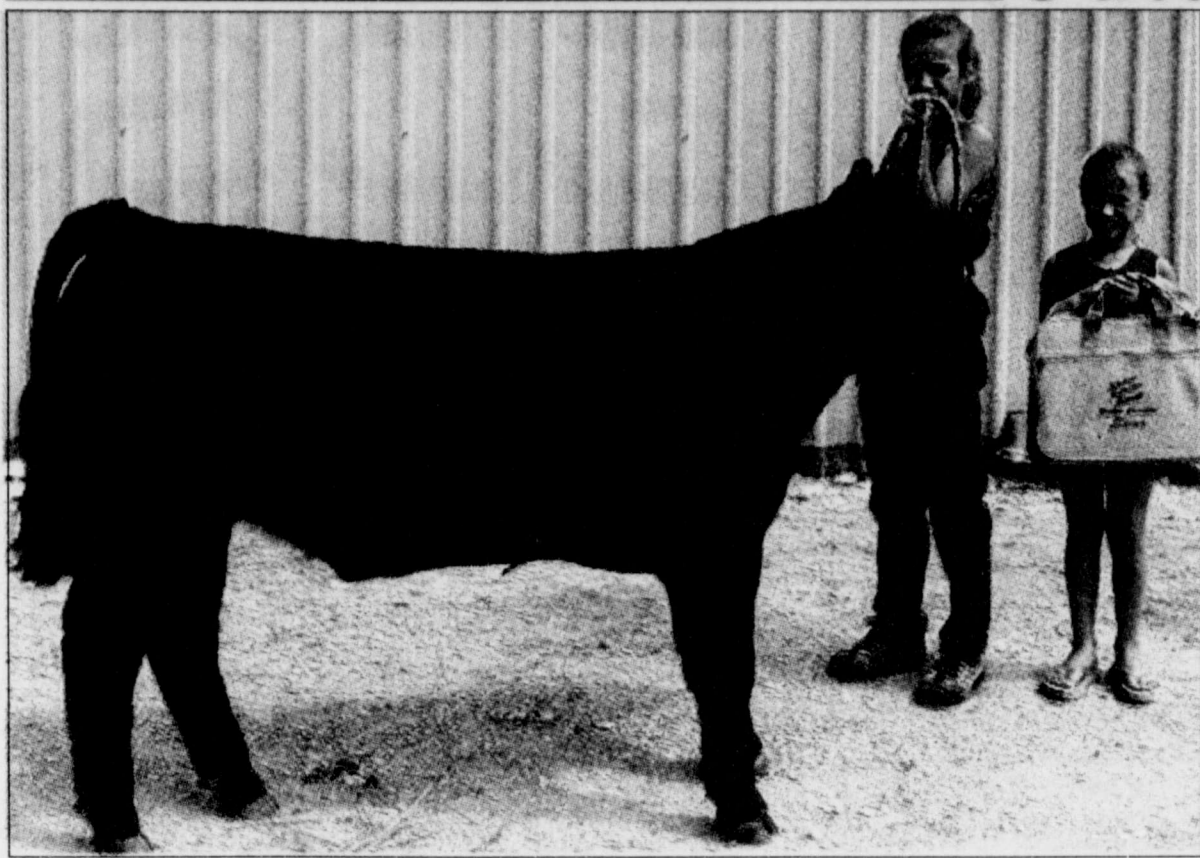
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VICTORIA KALINA, of the Miles 4-H Club, won the Reserve Grand Champion at the Winters Summer Classic in Winters on August 16 with her lightweight European steer.

CONNOR, cont'd

It was during his college days that Connor became active in political affairs. He worked as a volunteer for the Governor Clements 1982 Reelection Campaign (Clements was defeated by Mark White but was elected again in 1986). Connor was elected as a delegate from Runnels County to the state Republican Convention in 1982 and has been elected to each convention since then.

He also served as an alternate delegate for George H.W. Bush in 1992 (Houston), delegate for Bob Dole in 1996 (San Diego), and alternate delegate for George W. Bush in 2000 (Philadelphia). Connor worked as a volunteer for Reagan-Bush campaign (1984), Clements (1986), Bush (1992) and other state and local races.

In 1985, Connor moved from London to Austin and began his studies at the University of Texas Law School. He completed a doctorate in jurisprudence in May of 1988 and was admitted to the Bar later that year. He became board-certified in administrative law in 1995 and has been a frequent speaker for years at legal conferences and seminars on administrative, governmental and environmental law.

After law school, Connor began work as assistant general counsel on the staff of Governor William P.

Clements, Jr. In 1990, he was promoted to deputy general counsel and was also named to the State Commission on Emergency Communications (911 service), remaining until the end of the Governor's term.

From 1991-95 he was assistant commissioner and general counsel for then Commissioner Rick Perry. In 1995 he also served as an appointee of Governor Bush to the Coastal Coordination Council before being named general counsel of the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission (now the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality).

Connor left state government at the end of 1998 to join the international law firm of Akin Gump, working in the energy, environmental, and public policy sections. He represented a number of prominent clients including AT&T, Pacific Gas and Electric, Texas Instruments, Southern Companies, Donohue Paper, Entergy, and Sempra Energy.

He returned to government in 2001 when Governor Rick Perry appointed him Assistant Secretary of State. He held that position until August 26, 2003, when Governor Perry appointed him Secretary of State. Connor is the 104th Secretary of State in a line that began with Stephen F. Austin in 1836. He will occupy the historic office in the East Wing

of the State Capitol that has been used by all Secretaries of State since the building was constructed in 1888.

Connor is believed to be the highest-ranking official to come from Runnels County. There was previously a member of the Texas House of Representatives from Winters, H.O. Jones, who served from 1933-35. He occupied the historic house at 601 N Heights, which, coincidentally was later owned by Connor's family. Connor lived there from 1976-81 when he moved away to college. Secretary Connor's mother, Pamela Hodges, resides in San Angelo. His father, Michael Connor, resides in Winters. Both of his grandmothers, Bobbie Underwood and Nell Connor, live in Ballinger.

Pest Management News

By Richard Minzenmayer, Extension Agent-Entomology

GENERAL SITUATION

We will try to stay on a positive note this week and not discuss the hot, dry weather conditions.

Dryland cotton throughout the three county areas has cut out. Most dryland fields which were enrolled in the scouting program are 2-3 NAWF. Open bolls are actually present in two fields. This season is making out to be short and sweet.

Irrigated cotton is really loading up and looks great considering the water deficit we have been working with most of the growing season.

The program scouts are returning to school this week and have done an excellent job. They should be commended for a job well done.

I will continue to update the telephone "Insect Update" on an as needed basis. The number is 325-365-2642.

Insect activity remains very low with egg counts from 0-14 BW eggs per 100 plants and larval counts ranging from 0-7 treatable worms per 100 plants. Aphid infestations remain spotty and generally are not a significant problem. A few fields in the Mereta/Eola area have aphid infestations which need to be monitored regularly. This area has been

plagued all season with aphids.

It's just a few fields and it's the same ones. As temperatures decrease and day lengths shorten, aphids could become a problem in more fields. As daytime temperatures consistently go above 100 degrees F, the late planted cotton will have a problem developing functional bolls.

As the small squares (less than five days of age) are developing, the heat generated from the soil surface is high enough to result in pollen sterilization.

Generally, if there was only one or two days of these hot temperatures, most producers would not even notice the loss of bolls at flowering. However, with a week of these temperatures, we will have an obvious gap in the cotton fruiting pattern and producers will want to blame it on a flush of insects or something.

In acreage where cotton plants have grown enough that the leaf canopy shades most of the soil surface, this will help reduce the problem. There are still a few questions about Pix® on late planted irrigated cotton. It's blooming like crazy and seems to be growing too fast.

How do I decide when to apply a growth regulator?

No growth regulator is needed if the plant is: 1. moisture stressed, 2. approaching cut-out (less than 5 NAWF), 3. averaging a combined length of less than 10-inches on the top 5 nodes and 4. averaging more than six bolls per plant.

August is a critical month for the late planted cotton acreage. The cotton floral buds that develop into blooms this month develop into the bolls that contribute the most to yield. Blooms from September 1 to September 10 will develop open bolls, most of the time, but they contribute little to lint yield and generally have poor fiber quality.

Bolls set the last part of August will need a warm September and October to develop a mature boll.

TURNROW MEETINGS

There will NOT be any more turnrow meetings until the first week of September. We will have discussion then on harvest aid chemicals

HAPPENINGS

A Gin Delegate Meeting is scheduled August 29 at the Texas A&M Research Center. Cotton Tours are coming to Runnels (Sept 16) and Tom Green (Sept 18) counties. Look for more information in future reports!

Texas historic farms and ranches now being sought for recognition

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Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs announced that the Texas Department of Agriculture is seeking applications for the Family Land Heritage Program that honors farms and ranches that have been in continuous agricultural production by the same family for 100, 150 and 200 years.

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"Texas was built by agricultural pioneers," Combs said. "The Family Land Heritage Program honors their contributions to the settlement of the Lone Star State. It chronicles the unique history of Texas agriculture, a proud record that otherwise might be lost forever."

To be eligible for the program, the farm or ranch must meet these qualifica-

tions: The farm/ranch has to have been agriculturally productive for 100 years or more and the line of ownership traced from the first family member to the present, either through direct relatives or by marriage.

The land must fit the old U.S. Census definition of a farm: 10 acres or more with agricultural sales of \$50 or more a year; or if less than 10 acres, sales of at least \$250 a year.

Owner(s) must be active-

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If ALL the land has ever been rented to someone outside the family, it will not qualify. If only a portion was leased, and as much as 10 acres retained in the family for agricultural production with sales of at least \$50 annually, it will qualify.

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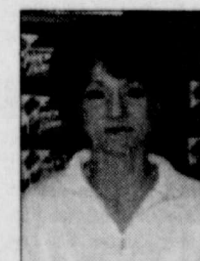
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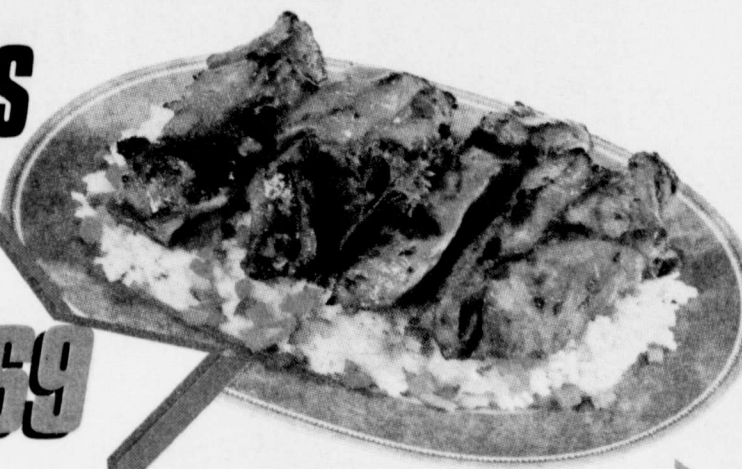
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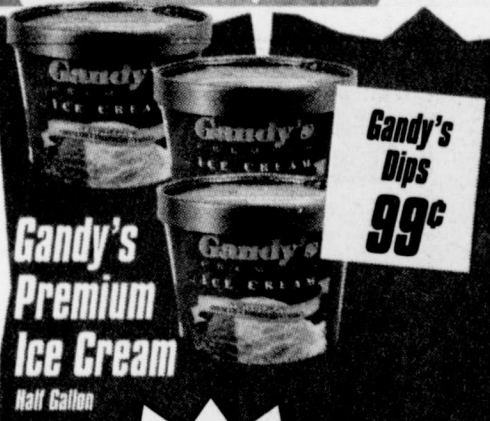


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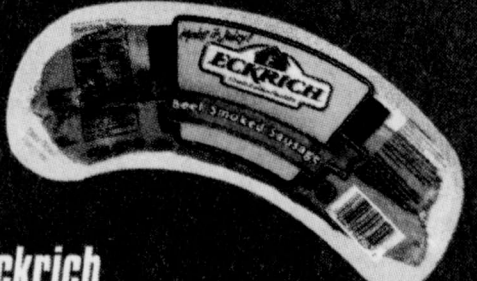
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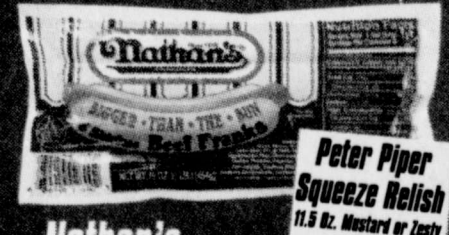
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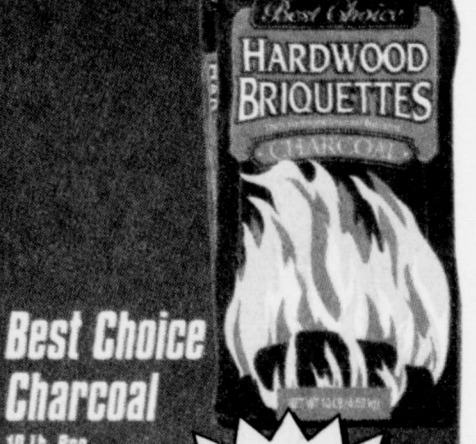
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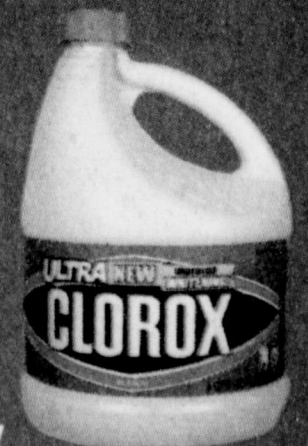
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