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NEWS

Community-wide pep rally is Wednesday

In conjunction with Homecoming 2003, a community-wide pep rally is planned for Wednesday, Oct. 22, at 8 p.m. at Blizzard Stadium. There will be no bonfire.

Blizzard fans are encouraged to attend in support of our teams.

Here's to good health

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Top notch

Camille Kruse of Winters is crowned Miss Texas Jr. Livestock Assoc. Princess; Bill Wheat of Arlington is named Executive VP & CFO.

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Loose at the wheel



(photo by Jean Boles)

MASON DONICA can hardly contain his excitement as he takes a turn at the Kiddie Tractor Pull with a little help from FFA member Cody Pritchard. Mason is the son of Lance and Nicia Donica of Winters. The Winters Junior Livestock Show Association hosted an antique tractor pull on Oct. 4, which featured the kiddie pull.

Beef stew today at Rock Hotel

The Friends of the Z.I. Hale Museum cordially invite you to attend a Beef Stew Lunch at the Rock Hotel today, Thursday, Oct. 16, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:15 p.m.

The cost is a freewill donation. Take-outs will be available. Come and enjoy a delicious meal in the fellowship of friends!

Proceeds will match a \$500 grant offered by Thrivent Financial for Lutherans.

Fourth graders to present "Celebrate You and Me"

"Celebrate You and Me," a fast-paced musical with an emphasis on self-esteem, will be presented Tuesday, October 21, at 7:00 p.m. in the school auditorium by fourth grade students of Winters Elementary.

"This is a fantastic and extremely difficult program for fourth graders," says music teacher Frank Kidwell, "but the kids are doing a great job."

She continues, "I challenge any adult in Winters to learn the dancing these kids will be doing — they're just phenomenal."

There is no admission charge for the program. Editor's note: As I've said before, anyone who misses one of Mrs. Kidwell's kids' performances is missing a true blessing. I double-dog-dare you to watch these children and not come away with a smile on your face. So go see what I'm bragging about, — and take a friend or two along with you. You'll be glad you did.

WISD fitness equipment available to public

With the installation of new fitness equipment at the WISD Activity Building, local community members now have access to state-of-the-art exercise equipment at no cost.

The National School Fitness Foundation provided the school with \$218,000 worth of exercise equipment for strength and cardiovascular training.

Winters ISD Superintendent has issued the following statement:

To better serve the students of Winters ISD and the community with the new National School Fitness Foundation

equipment, please notice the following time and rule changes:

1. Workout times for WISD employees are from 4:00-5:30 p.m.
2. Workout times for community members are from 5:30-8:00 p.m.
3. Students in grades 9-12 who are unable to use the workout equipment in a daily class may work out from 5:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.
4. Tennis type shoes must be worn to prevent injuries and damage to the equipment.
5. Appropriate attire that adequately covers the body must be worn by all participants.
6. No children are ever allowed in the workout room or the Elementary Gym during the workout hours.
7. Each participant must sign in daily.
8. Before using the equipment for the first time, participants must become trained.
9. The Fitness area is open Monday through Thursday unless a school scheduling conflict arises.

Commissioners rescind burn ban, spend money on routine matters

contributed by Roeneal Boles, editor of *The Ballinger Ledger*

Runnels County Commissioners spent nearly two hours on Tuesday working through a 28 item agenda.

Because this was the first meeting for the new fiscal year, several of the items were routine, required items to begin a new fiscal year.

Commissioners approved retaining all county and precinct officials on salary basis and depositing in the general fund all money that would otherwise be deposited in a salary fund. County Judge Marilyn Egan spent several minutes reading the listing of county expenses and operations and salaries for county employees.

Commissioners also authorized County Treasurer Margarette Smith to invest county funds in certificates of deposit in the local depository, accepted the salary of the 119th District Court Reporter (the

County's portion is \$766.26 per month), approved the tax roll for 2003, and accepted County Auditor Darlene Smith's annual report.

In other business at the meeting, Commissioners appointed the Law Enforcement Dispatching Agreement between Runnels County and the City of Ballinger for the new fiscal year. Ballinger will pay the County \$29,995 for the dispatching service.

Runnels County District Clerk Loretta Michalewicz's Blanket Crime Bond was approved by the Court. At a cost of \$16,995 per year, Commissioners approved a maintenance agreement with NetData Corporation for application software related to jury selection, tax collections, and voter registration for County Tax Assessor-Collector Robin Burgess' office.

Rick Minzenmayer, entomologist for Runnels and Tom Green County, presented a request to the Court for Runnels County to pay the lease on the copier for his office. Minzenmayer told Commissioners the state had cut his budget to the point he was not able to maintain the lease on the copier in his office. He said his office makes 27,000 to 32,000 copies per year and the cost of the lease averages approximately \$100 per month. Minzenmayer said that since he had begun charging a subscription fee for the weekly newsletter, his office generates approximately \$39,000 - \$40,000 per year in income, with most of those dollars generated in Runnels County.

Commissioners approved the County's payment of the lease for the office copier, with See COMMISSIONERS, pg. 8



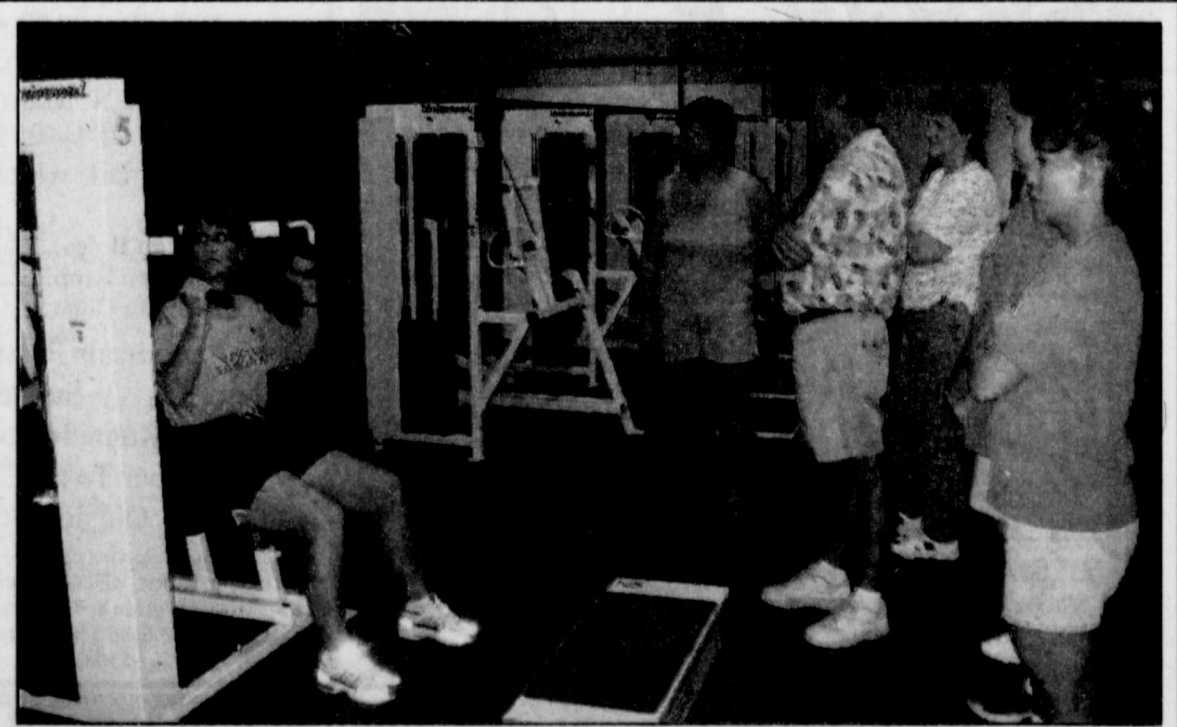
RUNNELS AREA OUR LITTLE MISS BEAUTY PAGEANT winners include (front row, l-r) Sierra Castillo, Ballinger, 5-6 years division, Ashlyn Collins, Winters, 3-4 years division, Caitlyn-Taylor Montez, San Angelo, 19-36 months division, and Zymri Martinez, Abilene, 0-18 months division. Back row, l-r: Peyton Ryan, Ballinger, 13-14 years division, Jacie Frierson, Winters 9-12 years division, and Alexis Ramirez, Breckenridge 7-9 years division. The young ladies were crowned Oct. 5 at the Winters High School Auditorium. (photo by Jean Boles)

Blizzard Band — 72 members strong — will compete Saturday in UIL Marching Contest

The Marching Blizzard Band of Winters High School will be competing in UIL Marching Contest on Saturday, Oct. 18, at Brady High School Stadium. Winters will perform at approximately 2.25 p.m. and will be judged against a set of standards set forth by UIL.

Musical selections will include movies

themes from "Lord of the Rings," "Raiders of the Lost Ark," and "Jurassic Park." The Blizzard Band, under the direction of Phil Mooney, assisted by Karen Mooney, has grown from less than 20 members three years ago to 90 members at this time with 72 bandmen marching in Saturday's exciting contest.



BECKY AIRHART, physical education teacher and coach at Winters ISD, instructs community members on proper technique for using the new National School Fitness Foundation equipment now available to the public Monday through Thursday from 5:30-8:00 p.m. See story listed at left. (photo by Jean Boles)

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Editorial

Oil Bidness

by Reg Boles © 2003



I noted with some amusement a recent group of press releases on acquisitions and divestitures. It turns out that a number of the press releases were on both sides of the same property sale/purchase, and what each side said about the transaction represented polar opposite views.

While one might wonder how the same property can be one operator's burdensome anchor and another operator's high-flying balloon, the press releases purported to make the case for each respective side of the transaction. I guess that is what a public relations department is supposed to do, but I couldn't help but laugh a little while taking it all in.

In one situation in particular, the seller emphasized that the properties were "old" and had "high operating costs" per barrel. The properties sold were in a very mature part of the Texas oil patch. However, the buyer touted the "established producing characteristics" of the field and how the new operator could use that to "optimize operations" and find new prospects up-hole in the field.

One sale was touted as unloading "risky prospects" in "unproven areas," so that the seller could better "deploy capital" to more secure development projects. The buyer, however, sees it altogether differently. The new operator says the acquisition "opens up a new vista of potential" by adding "substantial undeveloped acreage to our portfolio."

One large divestment by a major oil company involved a significant amount of production and acreage. However, the major dismissed it as "insignificant and marginal production" whose divestment would "have minimal impact on cashflow" after the sale. Contrast that with the small independent who purchased the property and described it as "the most significant acquisition this company has ever made" that will "triple our production and add undeveloped acreage that is five times our current inventory."

You read these contrasting descriptions of the same properties and you wonder who is right, who is wrong, who is telling the truth.

Right and wrong in this situation is difficult to judge many

times — at least until later when the properties have shown what they can do after the sale. Even then, it can be hard to tell who was right and who was wrong if the results are ambiguous. And, remember, each operator has different goals and methods and can be successful at making a profit when other operators with other goals and methods would never go that direction.

It is likely that everyone is telling the truth but only emphasizing the aspects of the sale that serves the purpose of the company speaking. Nothing really wrong with that, as long as each side of the transaction had access to the same information regarding the properties before the transaction took place. It is up to the public (if they care, as shareholders or partners or potential investors) to look a little deeper and be sure they understand fully the positives and negatives of the situation.

Either way, it is actually the difference of opinion on the same properties that makes the transaction possible. If both sides have the same opinion on a property, it is unlikely that the property would sell. After all, if the seller thinks it isn't worth keeping, then a buyer with the same opinion probably isn't going to buy it.

So, don't be surprised when you hear both sides of the story on property transactions. Buried in that different set of views is the very opportunity that underlies every transaction in a free economy.

HIGHLIGHTS OF AREA DRILLING ACTIVITY

COMPLETIONS

None This Week

STAKINGS

Concho County
McCammon Oil & Gas, Inc. has staked the C. Lang #1 as a Wildcat, 9 miles S of Eden (Depth 2500). Loc. is 1612 FEL & 1824 FSL of EL&RR Sur. No. 146, A-1667.

Nolan County
Heights Energy Corporation has staked the Hansard #4301 in the Hodne's Hill Field, 18 miles SE of Sweetwater (Depth 5500). Loc. is 2257 FNL & 1136 FWL of Sec. 43, Blk. 5, T&PRR Sur., A-229.

Pioneer Exploration, Ltd. has staked the TXL -K- #8 in the Northwest Hylton Field, 7 miles S of Nolan (Depth 6400). Loc. is 1474 FSL & 401 FWL of Sec. 21, Blk. Z, T&PRR Sur., A-444.

Letter to the Editor

City Manager says thanks for recognition... and more

Dear Editor:

"Thank You" are two underused words all over the world. In some languages it is one word but still not used enough. I have an opportunity, with all good reasons, to use these words right now.

Recently our Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors voted the City of Winters as Business of the Quarter. On Wednesday, October 8, some of the Chamber Board of Directors and their office manager came to the front of City Hall and placed the beautiful Business of the Quarter sign there. There was a short and sweet ceremony while you took our picture, and then all of you congratulated us for the occasion.

Later on the same day Mr. Mike Neal, President of the Winters Public Library Board, and Mr. Randall Conner, Director of Economic Development, came by and congratulated us.

It is our duty not to take occasions like this lightly. Governments on all levels are businesses. Since their business is service-oriented, and some of them don't handle their business like a business, they are seldom recognized as a business. To recognize government as a business, and to recognize one as business of the quarter takes a lot of consideration and kindness. Therefore, on behalf of the Mayor, Council, and the staff, I appreciate this opportunity.

Of course I have to take care of the two underused words "THANK YOU," too. With all due excitement, our wholehearted thank you goes to the Winters Area Chamber of Commerce officials, Mike Neal, Randall Conner, and yourself. Thoughtfulness counts a lot. It was very thoughtful of all of you who motivated us and made us feel so good.

We know that we have very appreciative people and businesses in our community, and we appreciate them as well. We always receive thank you letters and telephone calls from our citizens. We thank the people of our community in general. Without them there would not have been a city. Thank you Winters area residents, for your taxes, water bills, and other user charges which pay our salaries and other city expenses. Without you we would not have had the jobs we have now. Thank you to each and everyone of you. Thank you for your sense of community pride and warm feelings. Thank you for your unity, cohesiveness, harmony, team work, and positive supportive attitude.

To make it very simple, thank you!, thank you!, thank you!...! simply thanks a million.

Aref Hassan
Dr. Aref Hassan
City Manager

Local group to help friend in need

Newcomer to Winters, Don Dunstan, remains in Hendrick Medical Center in Abilene after fracturing his neck and back in a fall from his roof three weeks ago. Dunstan has worked as a bus driver at WISD and substituted as a teacher. He has no family in Texas. He had been living in a trailer house while refurbishing his house. He had torn out sheetrock and was in the process of other remodeling. He was replacing the roof when he fell and was injured. He was in ICU until this week when he was transferred to a private room 6619.

On Thursday, October 16, at 1:00 p.m. a group of volunteers will gather at Dunstan's house on Paloma Street to replace the roof and do other work necessary to get his home to a liveable condition. Anyone willing to help is asked to wear good shoes (because of nails) and bring gloves and shovels.

Editor's note: Come on, Winters. This is a great opportunity to share our time and talents. If you can help Thursday, just show up. If you can't help that day, stop by the hospital and say hello to Don in room 6619. At the very least — even if you've never met him — send him a card, a balloon or any type of greeting to let him know he is missed and thought of. Send to Don Dunstan, c/o CCU - Hendrick Medical Center, 1900 Pine Street, Abilene, Texas 79601.

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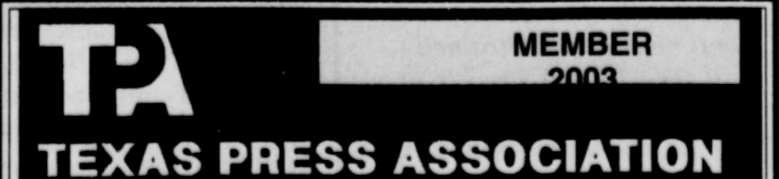
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Obituaries

Charles "Ray" DuBois

BALLINGER—Charles "Ray" DuBois, 82, passed away Sunday, October 12, 2003, at his home.

He was born September 19, 1921, in Valera to Ira M. and Alice L. Calhoun DuBois. He served with the U.S. Army Air Corps during World War II. He returned to the Coleman area and married Norma Barker on November 27, 1946. They moved to Ballinger in 1957.

Mr. DuBois was a route salesman for Mrs. Baird's Bread for over 33 years before retiring in 1983. He then pursued his hobbies of cowboying and goat raising. He was a member of Avenue B Church of Christ in Ballinger and loved God, his family and friends, and his animals.

He was preceded in death by his son, Dwayne, in 1972; his parents; his brothers, Doyle and Ira C. "Chubby"; and his sister, Sammie Ruth.

Survivors include his wife, Norma DuBois of Ballinger; his daughter, Princy Sneed and husband Terry of Winters; a grandson, Stacey DuBois of Abilene; two great-grandchildren, Kristen DuBois and Hunter Dwayne DuBois; a sister-in-law, Earlene Barker; several special nieces and nephews; his dog, Du-B; and a host of special friends.

Services were at 2 p.m. Tuesday, October 14, at the Avenue B Church of Christ in Ballinger with Charles Ball officiating. Burial followed in the Coleman City Cemetery in Coleman. Arrangements were directed by Rains-Seale Funeral Home of Ballinger.

Joseph Robert "Bob" Browning, Jr.

GLENWOOD SPRINGS, COLORADO—Joseph Robert "Bob" Browning, Jr., 58, died Tuesday, October 7, 2003, at his home.

He was born August 19, 1945, in Gorman, Texas, to Joseph Robert and Lauris Ann (Johnson) Browning. He attended Gorman High School, graduating as salutatorian in 1963. He received his Bachelor of Science in Pharmacy from the University of Texas in 1968.

On September 5, 1964, Bob married his high school sweetheart, Mary Shell, in Gorman. The couple moved to Menard, and later Winters, where he owned and operated local pharmacies. In 1981, Bob and Mary moved their family to Glenwood Springs, Colorado, where he worked at Center Drug and, later, Valley View Hospital.

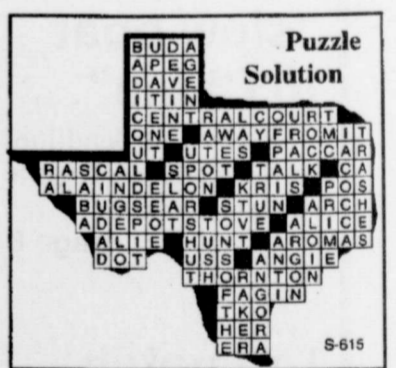
Mr. Browning was a devoted husband, father, and friend. Having grown up hunting and fishing in a large, extended family, he had a lifelong interest in the outdoors. He was an avid and talented sportsman, having played baseball, basketball, football, handball, and most recently golf. Professionally, Bob derived great joy from helping others overcome illness as well as mentoring younger colleagues.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Lauris Ann Browning of Brownwood; and his grandparents, Harvey and Thursie Johnson of DeLeon and John and Ernie Browning of Gorman.

Survivors include his wife, Mary Browning of Glenwood Springs, Colorado; his father and stepmother, Joe Bob and Ruth Browning of Brownwood; one daughter and son-in-law, Jennifer and Doug Flentge of Glenwood Springs; one son, Brantley Browning of Washington, D.C.; one sister and brother-in-law, Kathey and Bob Rodgers of Brownwood; a sister-in-law, Linda Delgado of LaPorte, Texas; one grandson, Reed Flentge of Glenwood Springs; his beloved cats, Goober and Peanut; and special canine friends, Cooper and Fiona.

A celebration of Bob's life was held at 10:00 a.m. Friday, October 10, at Mountain View Church in Glenwood Springs, Colorado, with Pastor Dave Pearson officiating.

Memorials may be made to Mountain View Church, P.O. Box 222, Glenwood Springs, CO 81602, and/or Roaring Fork Hospice, P.O. Box 1970, Glenwood Springs, CO 81602.



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Community

Pastor's Points

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

In honor of National Boss Day

by Lola Scott, Associate Pastor, Somebody Cares Ministries

Today is National Boss Day. It is a day to express appreciation for bosses. As I write this article, I recall a gentleman I worked for on two separate occasions years ago. His name was Roy Varner. Roy was a man with Christian principles and integrity. He was considerate, conscientious, and truly sought to please God in whatever he did in life. He believed in people and was a fair man. He was a good listener, motivator, and encourager. He rewarded people who were responsible and accountable employees. Roy believed he was accountable to God for how he operated his businesses. I would honestly say Roy was one of two of the best bosses I ever worked for. Roy sought to live the golden rule of the Bible: Do unto others as you would have them do unto you.

As you think about what it means to be a boss, what are your thoughts? Are you in a position of authority? If so, what impression do you leave with people you supervise or employ? If you are a Christian and you stood before God today and He asked you what kind of boss or employer you are, what would you say?

It isn't always easy to be in a position of authority. When disputes arise between workers, the boss can seek to help people reconcile their differences. Disharmony in the workplace can affect job performance and product quality. To an extent, a boss must be priority-minded toward the company that employs them or that they own. A wise boss will also consider that the input of employees can be an asset.

If you are not a boss, but would like to be one, why? Are you willing and able to assume the responsibilities of such a position? Would you be a BOSSY BOSS? How would you see the people you have worked with? If you are employed in the workforce today, what is your opinion of co-workers and your boss? Do you respect them? Do you ask God to bless them?

I had the utmost respect for Roy Varner. I endeavored to perform my responsibilities well. I too knew I was accountable to God. For the most part, I have enjoyed every job I have ever had. They've been opportunities for me to grow in understanding, knowledge, patience, and confidence in my abilities. I would not be so foolish as to say I have always given employers my very best.

Today, as we remember bosses, may we who say we know Jesus incorporate into our lives godly values. God bless bosses in every position of authority. Without authority there is lack of order. Whether or not we are in a supervisory position, let us remember what our greatest individual accountability is and will be to God.

FUMC hosting meal and silent auction on Saturday

The First United Methodist Church is hosting its second annual fish fry and silent auction on Saturday, October 18, at the school cafeteria.

A delicious mouth-watering catfish supper with all the trimmings will be served from 5:00-7:00 p.m. Tickets are \$6.50 for adults and \$4.00 for children, and may be purchased at the church office Monday through Friday 9:00 a.m. until noon or at the door on Saturday. Takeouts will be available.

Come early and browse the Silent Auction items including a 5-piece set of new alligator luggage, handmade afghans, heirlooms from the estate of Dr. Fred Tinkle, oil paintings, and much more. The Silent Auction will be from 3:00-6:45 p.m. You need not be present to win.

All proceeds will be used for mission projects of the church.



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Business of the Quarter



(photo by Jean Boles)

WINTERS CITY HALL has been named Business of the Quarter by the Winters Area Chamber of Commerce. Present for the celebration Oct. 8 were (l-r) Mayor Dawson McGuffin, City Secretary Shelia Paschal, Chamber director Amy Wheat, City employees Sandy Oswald and Diane Torres, Chamber director Brenda Burton, Chamber secretary Julie Frierson, City employee Vicki Blackerby, City Manager Aref Hassan, Chamber President Chris Bahlman, and Chamber director Joe Gerhart.

Stroke prevention health screening offered at WISD

Stroke Prevention Plus, a mobile vascular screening company, is offering painless, non-invasive, affordable vascular screening tests for people who are unknowingly at risk for stroke, abdominal aneurysm and peripheral arterial disease.

Stroke is the third leading killer in the United States and 97% of the adult population cannot name one warning sign of stroke.

Winters Independent School District is taking a proactive role in the health and welfare of its community by hosting a screening October 28 and 29.

Costs for individual screenings are \$35.00 or \$95.00 for the full vascular profile.

Call Stroke Prevention Plus today at 1-800-884-6251 to register for your appointment.

This company offers three screenings, the first of which is the carotid vascular screening. It is an ultrasound examination of the carotid arteries

to visualize the buildup of plaque.

The second screening offered is the abdominal aortic aneurysm screening. It is an ultrasound examination of the aorta. The vast majority of people who have an aneurysm have no symptoms.

The third screening is the peripheral arterial disease screening which uses Doppler technology to screen for buildup of plaque in the lower extremities.

All screenings are confidential and are interpreted by a radiologist prior to return to the individual (by U.S. mail) in about ten business days. If an abnormal result is noted, a printout of the screening is sent to the individual along with a letter advising the person to contact his or her own physician for further examination.

Stroke Prevention Plus does not refer patients, nor permit physician interpreters to self-refer.

"I strongly recommend everyone over the age of 40 participate in the vascular screenings. I did, and within seconds an abdominal aortic aneurysm was discovered, of which I had no symptoms. Eight days later I had corrective surgery. These events definitely saved my life," said James Havard of Galena Park.

In addition to screening, Stroke Prevention Plus offers free educational workshops about these diseases to local churches, community centers and corporation.

If you would like to schedule a free educational stroke prevention workshop for your community group, please call (800) 884-6251.

Texas Dept. of Health offering flu immunizations Oct. 16

The Runnels County Field Office of the Texas Department of Health announces that Influenza/Pneumococcal Immunizations will be given Thursday, October 16, 2003.

Location is at the Texas Department of Health field office in the Professional Building, Suite 108, on Grant Street entry.

Anyone wishing to receive the shot should call 754-4945 to schedule an appointment. Medicare and Medicaid will be accepted; please bring your card for verification.

"The minute you start talking about what you're going to do if you lose, you have lost." — George P. Shultz

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WHAT'S HAPPENING ?

- Oct. 16- 11:30 a.m., Sr. Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center
11:30 a.m.-1:15 p.m., Stew Lunch, Rock Hotel
5 & 6:30 p.m., Jr. High vs. Goldthwaite, There
6 p.m., JV vs. Goldthwaite, Blizzard Stadium
Flu Shot Clinic, Texas Dept. of Health
NATIONAL BOSS DAY
- Oct. 17- 11:30 a.m., Sr. Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center
7:30 p.m., Cowboys for Christ, Drasco
- Oct. 18- 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m., Wingate Sew & Sew Club, Wingate Lions Bldg.
2:25 p.m., Marching Band Contest, Brady
3-6:45 p.m., FUMC Silent Auction, School Cafeteria
5-7 p.m., First United Methodist Church Fish Fry, School Cafeteria
4-H Achievement Banquet
- Oct. 20- 11:30 a.m., Sr. Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center
4 p.m., Runnels Baptist Association Meeting, Robert Lee Baptist Church
SCHOOL HOLIDAY
- Oct. 21- 11:30 a.m., Sr. Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center
Noon, Lions Club, Sr. Citizens Activity Center
1 p.m., Feral Hog Workshop, Ozona
4-5 p.m., Reading Hour, Winters Public Library
4:30 p.m., Library Board, Winters Public Library
5:30 p.m., Project Graduation 2004 Meeting, School Cafeteria
6 p.m., Livestock Parasite Program, Dean's Shed, Wingate
7 p.m., 4th Grade Musical, WHS Auditorium
7 p.m., AA, First United Methodist Church
7 p.m., Athletic Boosters, Blizzard Stadium
7 p.m., WVFD, Fire Station
7:30 p.m., Eastern Star
Women's Service League
- Oct. 22- 7 a.m., Industrial Board, Windmill Enterprises Office
11:30 a.m., Sr. Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center
8 p.m., Community-wide Pep Rally, Blizzard Stadium
- Oct. 23- 11:30 a.m., Sr. Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center
5 & 6:30 p.m., Jr. High vs. San Saba, Blizzard Stadium
6 p.m., JV vs. San Saba, There
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Thursday, Oct. 23: Salmon, tomato salad, macaroni & cheese, cornbread, and peaches.

Friday, Oct. 24: BBQ on bun, pickles & onions, chips, fruit salad, 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.

Dr. Dan Killough takes over Dr. Bill Tatum's Practice



Dr. Dan Killough of Winters has purchased the chiropractic practice of Dr. Bill Tatum in Ballinger.

Dr. Killough received a Bachelor of Science degree from Angelo State University. He majored in biology and has a minor in chemistry. He is also a graduate of Parker College of Chiropractic in Dallas.

Dr. Killough has practiced in Winters for 4 years and is pleased that Dr. Tatum will be in the office during this time of transition.

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2003-2004 WHS STUDENT COUNCIL OFFICERS are (standing, l-r) Raquel Rios, treasurer; Kindy Walker, historian; Macy Hopson, parliamentarian; Tina Perrie, secretary; Katy Wilkerson, vice-president; Kari Walker, president; (kneeling) Gessica Bear, activities coordinator; Jessica Pritchard, corresponding secretary; and Briana Parramore, reporter.
(photo courtesy of Melissa Gerhart)

Student Council plans upcoming events, elects 2003-2004 officers

by Briana Parramore, Student Council Reporter

The Student Council organization of Winters High School has been very busy. The council kicked off the 2003 school year by making locker signs for each high school student and serving cake and punch to the secondary teachers.

By state law the school has to announce the Pledge of Allegiance, Pledge to the Texas flag, and a moment of silence in the morning. Student council members are responsible for saying the pledge over the intercom each school day.

It is tradition at the home football games that Winters High School present the visiting team with a gift. This year, the WHS Student Council decided to donate \$100 to the Ben Richey Boys Ranch in honor of our visiting teams: Cross Plains, Mason, San Saba, and Coleman.

and Student Council teamed up to work on the big cement "W" in front of the cafeteria. The National Honor Society painted the "W" and both student organizations planted pansies in the flower bed surrounding the structure.

Upcoming events for the Student Council are homecoming, the Halloween Booster Club Carnival, and Red Ribbon Week.

Student Council Officers for the school year 2003-2004 are: Kari Walker, president; Katy Wilkerson, vice-president; Tina Perrie, secretary; Raquel Rios, treasurer; Macy Hopson, parliamentarian; Kindy Walker, historian; Gessica Bear, activities coordinator; Jessica Pritchard, corresponding secretary; and Briana Parramore, reporter.

Student Council sponsors are Monica Barrick and Melissa Gerhart.

The National Honor Society

Blizzards drop district opener to Bangs

by Charles Murphy, Sports Writer for The Winters Enterprise

The Bangs Dragons jumped out to an early lead, cringed a little bit and never looked back as the Blizzards took it on the chin 49-6 to open district play in Brownwood Friday night.

A blocked punt put the Dragons on the board first as the Blizzards faced 4th and 32 at their own 8 yard line. The extra point was good and with a minute and a half gone, Bangs led 7-0.

After the kickoff, the Blizzards made the Dragons cringe with an impressive 11 play drive to the Bangs 3 yard line.

The drive started at the Blizzard 26 yard line. Benjie Valles picked up three and a first down, and a completion to Tim Fenwick for 8 gave the Blizzards a first down. Another Valles completion, this time to Jose Hernandez, netted 37 to the Bangs 25 yard line. Valles found Court Pike over the middle for 10 to the 15 and another first down. Eric Lopez ran for 12 to the 3 and a first and goal.

But the Bangs defense slammed the door shut here and blocked a field goal attempt on 4th and goal from the five. Bangs scooped up the blocked kick and returned to the Blizzard 46 yard line. The Blizzard defense forced the punt on 4th and 9, and the ball rolled to the Blizzard 2 yard line.

Backed against the wall, the Blizzards fumbled on 3rd and 6. Bangs recovered at the 11. First down gave Bangs an apparent touchdown but a holding call brought it back. The Dragons fumbled on first and 10 and Wacey Cason set the Blizzards up with recovery.

The first quarter ended with Bangs leading 7-0, and the Blizzards facing 3rd and 20. After no gain on 3rd down, the Blizzards were forced to punt. Bangs promptly answered with

a 33 yard touchdown run and the extra point put them up 14-0 with 11:08 left in the half.

After the kickoff, the Blizzards set up at their own 31 yard line. Frank Perez scampered 22 yards to the Bangs 47. After 3 plays, the Blizzards faced 4th and 2 at the Bangs 40. Pike lost a yard on 4th down and set Bangs up at the 41. Four plays later the Dragons ended the first half scoring with a 46 yard run. The extra point missed and with 6:06 left, led 20-0.

The next set of downs brought little success and, facing 4th and 10, elected to punt. The only highlight was an 18 yard completion from Valles to Fenwick.

Bangs threatened again but Eric Lopez ended the threat with an interception at the Blizzard 9 yard line with 43 seconds left.

The Blizzards ran the clock and Bangs took a 20-0 lead to the locker room.

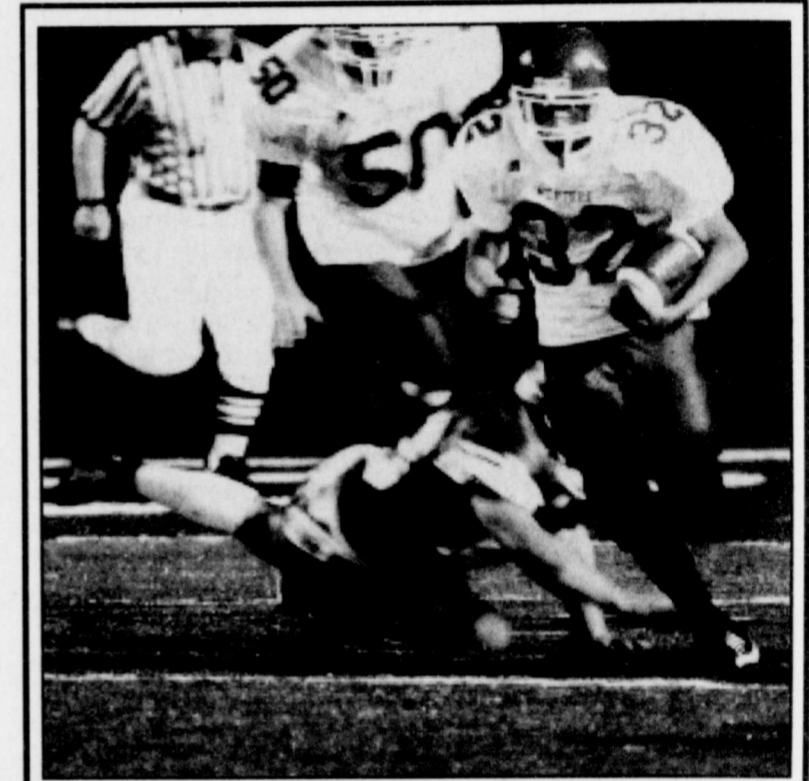
The Dragons received the second half kickoff and promptly went 3 and out, and

punted on 4th and 2. Winters set up at their own 20 yard line and quickly faced a 4th and 18. The punt set Bangs up at the Blizzard 29 yard line. Bangs put the ball on the ground on 2nd down when Matthew Cook came up with the fumble at the 17 yard line.

Second down for the Blizzards proved disastrous as the shotgun snap sailed high and into the end zone where Valles kicked the ball through the end zone, giving Bangs a safety and a 22-0 lead with 7:24 left.

Bangs promptly scored after the free kick and led 29-0 with 4:58 left in the third quarter.

After exchanging punts and a Blizzard fumble, Bangs padded their lead with a 24 yard run and own a 36-0 advantage with 40 seconds left in the third. Winters took over at their own 23 yard line and finally realized success with a 9 play scoring drive capped off by a 42 yard touchdown pass from Valles to Pete Griffin. The extra point was blocked and the score stood at 36-6 with 8:36



FRANK PEREZ of the Varsity Blizzards zips past the Bangs defender and scampers 22 yards during first half action Friday night. In background is Wacey Cason #50, offensive lineman who recovered a fumble in the first quarter for Winters.
(photo courtesy of Mike Neal)



JOSE HERNANDEZ snags the pass from Benjie Valles to gain 37 yards for the Blizzards during Friday night's district opener against the Bangs Dragons.
(photo courtesy of Mike Neal)

left. Bangs answered quickly with a 99 yard return of the ensuing kickoff and led 42-6 with 8:17 left. Bangs scored again with 1:08 left and took a 49-6 district 9-2A win. Winters will travel to Goldthwaite this Friday night to meet the Eagles for the second round of district play. Kickoff is at 7:30 p.m.

2003 Varsity Football Schedule

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME	SCORE WINTERS-OPPONENT
Aug. 29	Menard	T	8:00	3-49
Sept. 5	Cross Plains	H	8:00	7-21
Sept. 12	Mason	H	7:30	5-36
Sept. 19	Wall	T	8:00	0-47
Sept. 26	Robert Lee	T	8:00	49-7
Oct. 3	OPEN			
Oct. 10	Bangs▲	T	7:30	6-49
Oct. 17	Goldthwaite▲	T	7:30	
Oct. 24★	San Saba▲	H	7:30	
Oct. 31	Jim Ned▲	T	7:30	
Nov. 7	Coleman▲	H	7:30	

★ Homecoming ▲ District Games

2003 Jr. Varsity Football Schedule

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME	SCORE WINTERS-OPPONENT
Aug. 28	Menard	H	6:30	12-0
Sept. 4	Cross Plains	T	6:30	18-8
Sept. 11	Mason	T	6:30	rained out
Sept. 18	Wall	H	6:30	not available
Sept. 25	Albany	T	6:30	0-59
Oct. 2	OPEN			
Oct. 9	Bangs▲	H	6:00	rained out
Oct. 16	Goldthwaite▲	H	6:00	
Oct. 23★	San Saba▲	T	6:00	
Oct. 30	Jim Ned▲	H	6:00	
Nov. 6	Coleman▲	T	6:00	

★ Homecoming ▲ District Games

2003 Jr. High Football Schedule

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME	SCORE WINTERS-OPPONENT
Sept. 4	Cross Plains	T	5 - 8th only	
Sept. 11	Mason	H	5 & 6:30	17-25
Sept. 18	Wall	T	5 & 6:30	8TH 8-27 7TH 0-24
Sept. 25	Roscoe/Robert Lee	H	5 & 6:30	27-20
Oct. 2	OPEN			
Oct. 9	Bangs▲	T	5 & 6:30	rained out
Oct. 16	Goldthwaite▲	T	5 & 6:30	
Oct. 23	San Saba▲	H	5 & 6:30	
Oct. 30	Jim Ned▲	T	5 & 6:30	
Nov. 6	Coleman▲	H	5 & 6:30	

▲ District Games

Directions to Goldthwaite Field

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

After exiting off Highway 84, as you are entering Goldthwaite, you will come to a first (and new) traffic light. At this light, turn right onto Hannah Valley Road.

Go about 5 blocks. You should see the school on the left (still on Hannah Valley Road).

The stadium sits behind the school. Enter the grounds on either side.

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

District 9-2A Season Standings

Team	DISTRICT W L T	SEASON W L T
Jim Ned	1 0 0	6 0 0
Bangs	1 0 0	3 3 0
San Saba	1 0 0	2 3 0
Winters	0 1 0	1 4 0
Coleman	0 1 0	2 4 0
Goldthwaite	0 1 0	2 4 0

NOTICE OF HOLIDAY CLOSING

The Winters I.S.D. Tax Office and Administration Office will be closed Monday, Oct. 20, 2003, for a school holiday. If you would like to make a tax payment, please use our "After Hours Payments" drop at the front door. The office will reopen Oct. 21, 2003.

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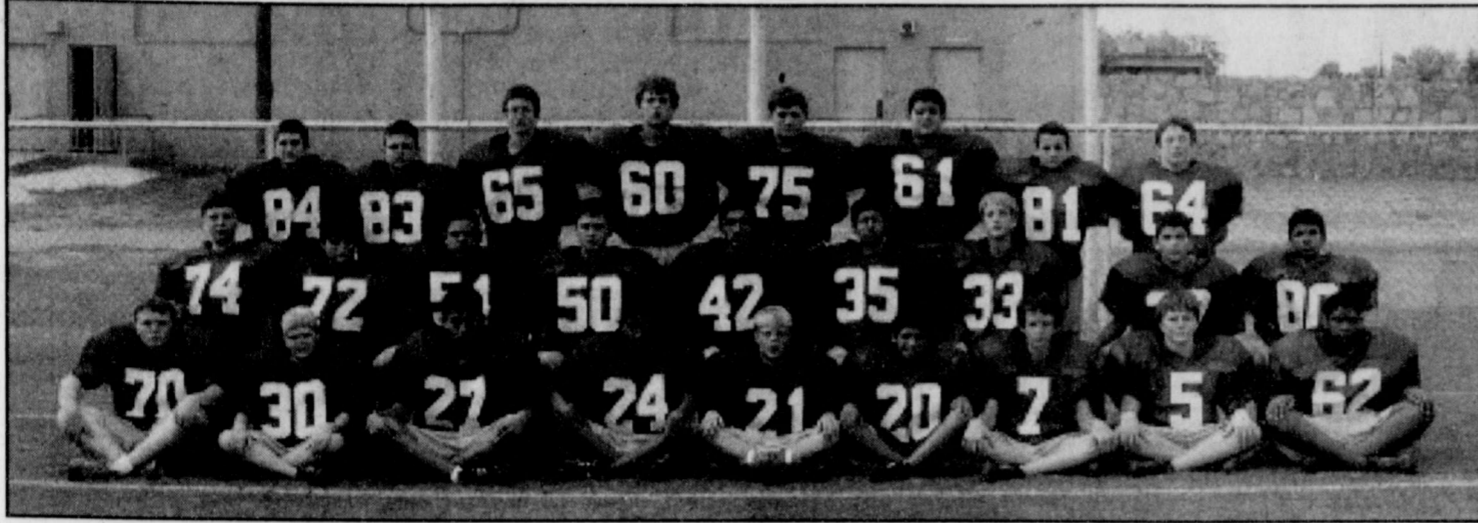
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(photo by Jean Boles)

Air Force grant available for collegebound students

Winters High School Counselor Charles Murphy announces availability of a grant from the Air Force Aid Society.

If a student has a tie to the Air Force, he or she may be eligible for the AFAS grant.

Murphy asks students to please come by his office if interested. Outdated applications are available which list eligibility requirements. The latest applications are not yet available. For more information, call 1-800-429-9475.

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Stacy McMinn, Brooke Tounget graduate TTU

Two Winters students were among the 1,100 awarded degrees in the Summer 2003 commencement at Texas Tech University. Ceremonies took place August 9 in the United Spirit Arena on campus.

Stacy Bryan McMinn received a Bachelor of Arts in Public Relations. He is the son of John and Diann McMinn of Winters.

Brooke Nicole Tounget was awarded a Bachelor of Science in Human Development and Family Standards. She is the daughter of Barbara Tounget of Winters.

Area youths capture local honors in PP&K contest

One hundred ninety-six (196) Winters elementary students participated in the NFL Pepsi Punt, Pass & Kick competition September 24, 2003.

- The top three in each age division include:
- Age 8-9 Girls:** 1st, Sara Perez, 115'3"; 2nd, Sterling Sanders, 110'11"; 3rd, Madelyn Tounget, 97'5"
 - Age 8-9 Boys:** 1st, Andrew Chavis, 138'3"; 2nd, Josh Mendoza, 134'2"; 3rd, Zachary Benivamondez, 123'9"
 - Age 10-11 Girls:** 1st, Devon Rodriguez, 200'11"; 2nd, Danielle Herrera, 119'2"; 3rd, Allison Yates, 111'8"
 - Age 10-11 Boys:** 1st, Braden Mikeska, 215'8"; 2nd, Jarred Cortez, 198'11"; 3rd, Joshua Lujano, 187'11"
 - Age 12-13 Girls:** 1st, Ashley Delacruz, 190'11"; 2nd, Shelby Knight, 184'; 3rd, Cindy Chavez, 180'3"
 - Age 12-13 Boys:** 1st, Fermin Rodriguez, 220'4"; 2nd, Jacinto Hernandez, 200'11"; 3rd, Nicco Arispe, 192'5"

First place winners will compete at McMurry University in Abilene on Nov. 1 at 10:00 a.m. In the event that the first place winner doesn't wish to or cannot compete, the second place winner will represent local competition. Top winners at Abilene will advance to the finals held in January at Texas Stadium prior to the NFL play-off game.

CAFETERIA MENU

Oct. 20 - 24
Subject to change*

- Breakfast Monday-Oct. 20** School Holiday
- Tuesday-Oct. 21** Pop Tarts, Cereal, Juice
- Wednesday-Oct. 22** Biscuits & Sausage, Juice
- Thursday-Oct. 23** Journey Bars, Cereal, Juice
- Friday-Oct. 24** Donuts, Cereal, Juice
- Lunch Monday-Oct. 20** School Holiday
- Tuesday-Oct. 21** Nachos, Corn, Pears, Chocolate Pudding
- Wednesday-Oct. 22** BBQ on Bun, Pickles & Onions, Chips, Pinto Beans, Fruit Sald
- Thursday-Oct. 23** Oatmeal Cookies, Ham, Macaroni & Cheese, Fried Okra, Cornbread, Peaches
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Traci Odom 6th Grade Teacher



Traci Odom was employed by Winters Independent School District in August 2003 to teach sixth grade.

A graduate of Angelo State University, Traci received a Bachelor of Science in Early Childhood Education.

Mrs. Odom previously taught kindergarten at Bronte ISD, Canyon ISD, and Joshua ISD and was also a third grade teacher at Bronte.

She and husband Matt, who is also a teacher and coach at WISD, have two children. Austin is 7 years old and Marlee is 2-1/2.

Traci likes to read, travel, and spend time with her family.

Senior parents to meet Oct. 21

The parents of the Senior Class of 2004 will be having a Project Graduation meeting on Tuesday, October 21, 2003, at the Winters I.S.D. cafeteria at 5:30 p.m. There will be discussion and planning for the concession/booth for the Fall Festival.

All senior parents are encouraged to attend this meeting. If you have any questions or would like additional information, you may contact Janet Cason at 754-5205 or Mary Beth Ahrens at 743-8035.

Boys 6th, girls 8th at ACU Classic

The cross-country teams competed on Saturday, Oct. 11, in the ACU Classic. The boys placed sixth; the girls were eighth. In the jr. high division, the 7th grade placed third.

Javier Rodriguez medaled in the high school division. Michael Perez medaled in the junior high division. Camille Kruse and Jessica Barker took the honors in the junior high division, placing first and second, respectively.

- High School Girls**
Briana Parramore, 20th, 15:06
Macy Hopson, 28th, 15:36
Jessica Meyer, 44th, 16:04
Kari Walker, 49th, 16:23
Amy Kraatz, 55th, 16:38
- 7th Girls (1 mile)**
Camille Kruse, 1st, 6:37
Jessica Barker, 2nd, 6:40
Brittany Woffenden, 29th, 8:06
Juana Harrison, 40th, 8:13
- Jr. High Boys (2 miles)**
Michael Perez, 5th, 13:24
Richard Perez, 23rd, 14:25
Kevin Bredemeyer, 24th, 14:27
Corey Fenwick, 29th, 15:00
Colby Pritchard, 30th, 15:02.

The next meet will be the last before the district meet. It will be at the Shady Oaks Golf Course in Baird. There will be a rolling schedule starting with the jr. high girls at 4:30 p.m. and finishing with the varsity boys.

- Individual scores:
High School Boys
Javier Rodriguez, 13th, 18:55
Jose Hernandez, 16th, 19:19
Juan Hernandez, 28th, 20:29
Shawn Kraatz, 31st, 20:41
Jonathan Meyer, 36th, 20:54
Bryce Wilkerson, 53rd, 22:37
Ismael Aragon, 55th, 22:42
Luke Hale, 62nd, 24:51
Anthony Ramirez, 66th, 25:42

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Overall	38-32	35-35	51-19	46-24	45-25

Winters at Goldthwaite
Coleman at Jim Ned
Bangs at San Saba
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Life



(photo by Jean Boles)

ATTENDING THE MAZELAND HOMECOMING on October 4 were (front row, l-r) Lydia Alice Tomlinson, Geraldine Towery Sterdt, Naomi Cotter Longbine, Crook Broadstreet, Rosalie Berryman Broadstreet, Betty Wheeler Thomason, Ora Lee Hancock Dean, Novie Moreland Bridwell, and Mildren Towler Moreland. Middle row (l-r): Zorita Tomlinson Flippin, Clara Bryan Brooks, Dot Ball Sanders, Virgie Lou Low Robinson, Charles M. Bryan, V. A. McGee, R. C. Horton, Tommy Sharp, Jack Towery, Roscoe Morrison, Fay Condra Smith, and Howell Bowen, Jr. Back row (l-r): Bill Barker, Paul Sharp, Noleta James Rice, Calvin Edward, Eva Leta Wright Smith, Ruby Bowen Hord, Bonnie Bryan Elliott, and Sue Moreland Nord. The former students and neighbors met at the Winters Community Center.

WABIC elects new directors and officers

The annual meeting of the Winters Area Business and Industrial Corporation was held Wednesday, Oct. 1, 2003. Two new directors were elected — Kay Sharpes and Mike Neal.

Continuing directors are Charles Bahlman, Dane Bishop, Hank Bourdo, Jimmy Butler, Alan Cooper, Wes Hays, Jr., Joe Gerhart, Joe Heidenheimer, Dan Killough and Jim Lincycorb.

The new officers are Charles Bahlman, President; Alan Cooper, Vice-President; Dan Killough, Vice-President; and Jimmy Butler, Secretary-Treasurer. Randall Conner is employed by WABIC as Director of Economic Development.

The Winters Area Business and Industrial Corporation is a non-profit, non-tax-supported organization dedicated to promoting new business development and assisting current businesses in North Runnels County. The Board of Directors coordinates with governmental entities and other organizations to promote and sustain industrial and retail business growth in the area.

Wingate Sew & Sew Club to host quilt & craft sale

The Wingate Sew & Sew Club will host a quilt and craft sale, as well as a bake sale, Saturday, Oct. 18, 2003, at the Wingate Lions Building.

The sales will be from 8:30 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.



OFFICER RICK GRISSAM of the Winters Police Department takes time out of his busy day to speak to students at the Winters Headstart Program. Officer Grissam explained some of his duties, showed the children his heavy belt and all the items it holds, read a story, and gave the students a look inside his patrol car.

(photo by Jean Boles)

Blessed Daze by Jean Boles

And a big ol' PTHOO to you, too

I realize there's a ton of stuff about guys that I'll never know and certainly never understand. But that doesn't keep me from trying to get a glimpse of what they might be thinking and why.

Take spitting for instance. This always catches my eye (literally, sometime) during football season and continues throughout any outdoor event involving males of any size or age.

Now, I ran two blocks one time and therefore am qualified to have experienced "cotton-mouth." And I agree it's a nasty development and there are times and places that deserve a good spit. Notice I said "a" spit.

I've watched professional male tennis players run hard for five hours, lose enough body fluid to require an IV, and yet they don't seem to need to spit all over the court a zillion times.

So that pretty much nullifies the I-worked-up-a-sweat-so-I-gotta-spit-constantly theory.

I see guys standing still, who haven't moved for quite some time, who couldn't possibly have worked up a good mouth froth. Yet they stand and spit forty times in less than a minute. I've seen little guys just walk-

ing down the sidewalk, hacking their way along. I've talked face to face with guys, all the while they're just spewing away.

Ackkk! Do you fellas think we girls don't notice that constant spitting? And please don't think for one minute that if you spit forcefully through your front teeth that we girls are impressed. (Heck, I had an aunt who could do that and it wasn't any prettier coming from her mouth).

What happens to you fellows that prohibits you from swallowing any more? Do you have some sort of "swallow valve" that shuts down when you get outdoors? Do you carry a constant fear of drowning and have an innate need to get rid of stuff (for lack of a better, more refined word for "spit")?

I guess this is just one of those "manly" things you guys feel is necessary to keep your place in the world, high on the food chain.

I can't help but smile when I wonder what civilization would be like if we girls chose to take up the spitting habit.

Picture this — Jennifer Lopez is stepping out of her stretch limo at the Emmy Awards Show

and just as her interview begins, she hacks up a big one and PTHOO — thar she blows!

Or how about the lady who gets up to sing the "Star Spangled Banner" at the Super Bowl, and proceeds with...

Oh, say can you see — PTHOO—

By the dawn's early — PTHOO — light,

What so - PTHOO- proudly we - PTHOO - hail,

At the twi - PTHOO- light's last - PTHOO - gleaming - PTHOO, PTHOO!!

Now wouldn't that be a pretty sight? And so appealing!

So guys, take it from this female observer. When we girls ask you to be more open with us, we're definitely not talking about watching you spit enough to put out a small forest fire.

We're tired of watching you spew and we sure don't want to step in anything.

Sometime I see you spit so much it drives me crazy and even makes me mad. So mad, in fact, I could just - well, I could just — PTHOO!!

There, I feel better.

Heck, I may even take up scratching.

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Crossword puzzle grid with clues for Across and Down. Includes title 'The Original TEXAS CROSSWORD' and author 'Charley & Guy Orison'.

Solutions for this puzzle appear in this issue.

Life

Employee of the Quarter—



JACK DAVIS SR. (left) is presented a framed proclamation by City Manager Dr. Aref Hassan and Mayor Dawson McGuffin (right) in recognition of being named the City of Winters Employee of the Quarter for the third quarter of 2003. Jack's tenure began in January 1956 and he has worked there since then, with the exception of ten years from 1962-1971. His duties have ranged from electrician in the light plant to general handyman. He currently dispatches and serves as crosswalk guard. (courtesy photo)

Hale Museum gets grant from Thrivent Financial for Lutherans

Must match \$500; luncheon planned today

A meeting of the directors of the Z.I. Hale Museum was held Sept. 25, 2003, in the Rock Hotel. President Dan Killough called the meeting to order.

The group was offered a \$500 matching money grant from the Thrivent Financial for Lutherans. To match this grant, the group decided to have a luncheon on Thursday, Oct. 16, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. Stew, salad, cornbread, cake, and drinks will be served at the

Rock Hotel. Everyone is invited to attend and help match this grant. Cost for the meal will be a freewill donation. Local members of Thrivent will be providing the cakes.

The group was advised that in the past, copies of *The Winters Enterprise* were put on microfilm at Texas Tech University and can be bought to be preserved in the museum.

Committees were appointed, and the meeting was closed

Engagement

Ridinger, Horton plan December wedding

Dr. Vicki Holland of Petrolia, Paul Ridinger of Petrolia, and Joe and Nicola Conner of Winters announce the engagement of their children, Leah Carrie Ridinger and Sidney Kirk Horton.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of W.M. "Bill" and Vale Holland, Herbert and Faye Ridinger, and the late Elsie Ridinger, all of Petrolia.

The prospective bridegroom is the grandson of Mary Edna Horton of Ballinger and the late Sidney Wayne Horton.

The wedding is planned December 20, 2003, at 6:00 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Wichita Falls. Reverend Thomas Handrick will officiate.

Leah is a 1995 graduate of Petrolia High School and 2000 graduate of Midwestern State University in Wichita Falls. She received a Bachelor of Business Administration degree with a double major in Accounting and Business Computers. She is employed by Burkburnett ISD as an accountant and systems manager.

Kirk is a 1993 graduate of Winters High School and attended Midwestern State University. He is a Sergeant in the United States Marine Corps and is currently stationed at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina.



Mrs. Bradley Wanoreck

Wendi Cummings, Bradley Wanoreck united in marriage

Wendi Cummings and Bradley Wanoreck, both of North Richland Hills, were united in marriage Saturday, September 20, 2003, at First Christian Church in San Angelo. Reverend Ben G. Hubert officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Vicki Cummings and the late Ricki Cummings of San Angelo. Grandparents are the late Buck and Nita Cummings of Winters and Betty Ischar and the late Gene Ischar of Ballinger.

The groom is the son of James and LaDonna Wanoreck of San Angelo and the grandson of Ann Coleman and the late D.A. Coleman of San Angelo and Larry and Barbara Wanoreck of San Angelo, formerly of Ballinger.

Kimberli Cummings of San Angelo served as her sister's maid of honor. Bridesmaid was Peggy Shahan of Ocala, Florida.

Best man was Matt Wanoreck, brother of the groom, of Arlington. Groomsman was Jason Jones of North Richland Hills.

Ring bearer was Cody Ischar of Ballinger; flower girl

was Hannah Mallory of Ballinger.

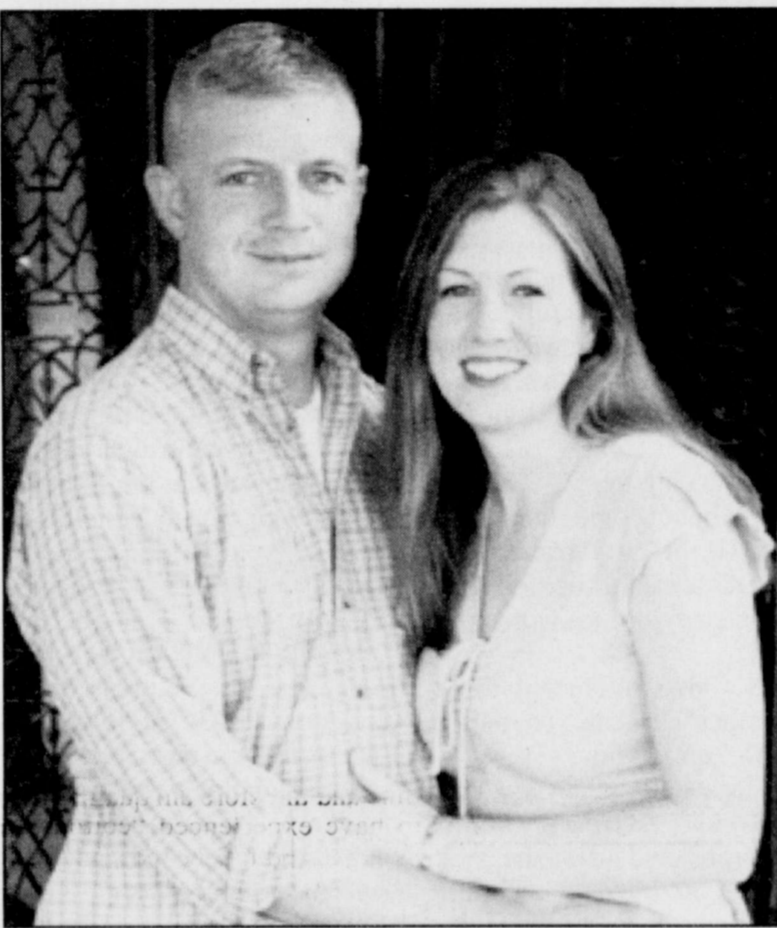
Serving as ushers were Toby Waldrop of Midland, and Courtney and Matthew Ischar of Ballinger. Jacob Mallory of Ballinger was candlelighter.

A rehearsal dinner was held at Ole Gin Steak House in Wall. The reception was at the San Angelo Country Club.

Vicki is a 1994 graduate of San Angelo Central High School and a 1998 graduate of Howard College in San Angelo with an Associate degree in Health Information Management. She is employed by Tenet RHD Hospital in Dallas.

Bradley is also a 1994 graduate of San Angelo Central High School. He received his Associate degree in Drafting and Design Technology from Texas State Technical College in Sweetwater. He is employed by Lannom and Associates in Southlake.

The couple will reside in North Richland Hills.



Kirk Horton & Leah Ridinger

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Turkey served on October 24

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The Turkey and Dressing Dinner will be served from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. in the school cafeteria. The meal will include roasted turkey, homemade dressing, giblet gravy, creamy mashed potatoes, green beans, fresh hot rolls, cranberry sauce, chocolate cake, and tea.

The price per plate for adults is \$6 and \$3.50 for children age 12 and under. Carry-out plates will be available.

Tickets may be purchased from any Club member or contact Joyce Weems at 754-4655 or Elaine Coleman at 723-2131. Tickets also at the door.

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LIONS CLUB DIGNITARIES (l-r) Joyce Downie, Vice-Governor with the Concho Pearl Lions Club in San Angelo, Melvin Felch, District Governor from Brownwood, and Zac Gray, Zone Chairman from Brady is welcomed by Winters Lions Club President Danny Clack during their visit on October 7. Started in 1917, Lions is the largest service organization in the world with 1.4 million members in the United States. Lions also has memberships in 190 countries in the world and is known for its humanitarian efforts. For membership information, call Lion members Jean Boles at 754-4958, Aref Hassan at 754-4424, or David Hale at 754-5516.

Deadlines set for holiday mailings to soldiers overseas

by Sgt. First Class Doug Sample, American Forces Press Service

If you want to make sure your holiday packages arrive to service members overseas on time, mail them by Nov. 13. Otherwise, your package could very well be on the proverbial "slow boat to China," said Mark DeDomenic, chief of postal operations for the Military Postal Service Agency. Military postal operations employees ship about 250,000 pounds of mail each day to Iraq. That number is expected to grow up to about 325,000 pounds each during the year-end holiday season, which is why DeDomenic suggests that people mail holiday packages early. "Mailing early is the best way to ensure that mail gets through the pipeline and to its destination on time" he said. The Military Postal Service Agency has set the following deadlines for holiday mail:

- Parcel Post, Nov. 13;
- Space Available, Nov. 28;
- Parcel-Airlift Mail, Dec. 4;
- Priority and First-Class Letters or Cards, Dec. 11.

Those dates also should be observed when sending mail from most overseas locations to the United States as well, DeDomenic said. For people sending mail to and from Germany, the Army's 1st Armored Division has a pop-up window that appears on its website, <www.lad.army.mil>, linking to an electronic information sheet with specific guidance.

Other tips for faster delivery include mailing smaller packages. "The smaller the package, the easier it is to handle, the quicker we can move it," DeDomenic said. "Shoebox-sized packages are perfect." Because packages going to an APO or FPO address will require a U.S. Customs label, DeDomenic said, senders should be specific about what is inside the package. "People tend to like to put on the customs label 'Gifts,'" he said. "This is very vague and that is the type of thing that will slow mail down. We must know exactly what is in those boxes to ensure they are mailable items." Although some service members move from place to place, DeDomenic said customers should mail packages to the recipient's most recent known address. Although in most places mail will reach its destination in a timely manner, troops on the move often mean that mail will have to be forwarded. "The package will catch up, but sometimes it may take a little longer," he said. It's a good idea to place a copy of the address inside the package, just in case the address label or package gets damaged. "That way, the package can be rewrapped and sent to the correct address," he said. To ensure packages arrive safely, DeDomenic suggested

using packing materials such as popcorn or newspapers, to keep contents from moving. He also recommended that senders use good tape, because the humidity in the desert tends to destroy tape's adhesive qualities. "Masking tape is a definite 'no' when it comes to mailing, and (light-duty transparent tape) is terrible," he said. "Reinforced nylon tape works very well." It's also important to remember what can't be mailed, DeDomenic said. Hazardous materials, firearms, and flammable liquids are prohibited inside the packages. This includes alcoholic beverages and even some perfumes that may have high alcohol content, he said. Also he advises not to install batteries inside the electronic items that require them. "Things tend to get turned on (from jostling during shipping), and that causes security concerns," he said. Because of security restrictions, mass-mailing operations such as "Operation Dear Abby" or "Any Service Member" cannot be supported by the agency this year using traditional mail, DeDomenic said. "We ask that the American public use electronic websites or send greeting cards via e-mail <http://anyservice.member.navy.mil> as alternatives, he said.

Official Records

County Court Dispositions

State of Texas vs. Eddie Ray Jowers, principal, and Jimmy Pinkston, surety, case dismissed, defendant paid court costs
Eddie Ray Jowers, theft by check, pleaded nolo contendere, fined \$100, plus \$211 court costs, \$35 restitution, \$25 hot check fees
Eddie Jowers, failure to appear, case dismissed, defendant convicted in another case
Cynthia Dawn Conaway vs. Terry Dempise Henley, application for protective order granted temporarily until Oct 24
Charles Cole Hurley, driving while intoxicated (subsequent offense), pleaded nolo contendere, sentenced to six months in county jail, assessed \$236 court costs

Criminal Cases Filed

October 2
Freddie Silva Jalomo, filed for driving while intoxicated (subsequent offense)

Tommy Bryant, filed for theft by check
Fernando M. Cabrera, filed for theft by check
Patrick R. Duncan, filed for theft by check
James Farmer, filed for theft by check
Kelly A. Hill, filed for theft by check
Scotty Killough, filed for theft by check
Maria Liggins, filed for theft by check
William G. Mayfield, filed for theft by check
Wanda Rock, filed for theft by check
Edwin R. Rusgrove, filed for theft by check
Genevieve H. Sanchez, filed for theft by check
Ricky S. Smith, filed for theft by check

peal from city court)
October 7
Austin Lee Hord, filed for assault
Rolando Rodriguez, filed for driving while license invalid
October 9
Charles Cole Hurley, filed for driving while intoxicated (subsequent offense)
Civil Cases Filed
October 7
Cynthia Dawn Conaway vs. Terry Dempise Henley, application for protective order
Marriage Licenses Filed
October 3
Brian Kermit Herridge and Jennifer Elaine Farr
October 6
Cory Wayne Smith and Juanita Marie Reyes
District Court
Divorce Cases Filed
October 7
Cynthia Marie McCoy vs. Douglas Andrew McCoy

October 6

Kristie Lee Wilkinson, filed for minor in possession of alcohol (ap-

Stenholm votes in support of troops, veterans

The week ending October 10, Congressman Charlie Stenholm voted in favor of two bills that support our military troops defending our nation overseas, and the veterans who carried the mantle of freedom in years past. "I was pleased to vote to support our nation's military personnel and the veterans of our armed forces," Stenholm said. "Some of these bills may not appear to contribute much to our war effort or our fight to support veterans, but anything I can do to honor these brave folks is a small 'Thank You' for their service."

Stenholm voted in favor of H.R. 2297, the Veterans Benefits Act of 2003. This bill aims to improve certain veterans' benefits, including military dependents' and survivors' education assistance, and survivor benefits, among others. Stenholm also voted in favor of H.R. 2998, which will exempt military personnel from paying for their own subsistence while hospitalized for any injury resulting from conflict or hazardous duty. Stenholm said. "We owe the brave men and women who have answered the call to duty both a debt of gratitude and adequate compensation for the sacrifices they have made."

Police Beat

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

The following are calls investigated by the Winters Police Department during the week of October 6, 2003, through October 12, 2003.

- Officers:
- made an arrest in the 100 block of East Dale Street for Driving While License Suspended.
 - filed a theft report taken in the 700 block of West Roberts Street. Several video games were allegedly taken.
 - filed a criminal mischief report taken in the 300 block of Redtner Street.

COMMISSIONERS, continued

the comment, "This is just another thing the state has put on the counties." Commissioners authorized Skipper Wheeler to enter into a lease purchase agreement with Deere Credit, Inc. for the lease/purchase of three used road graders. Two agenda items were tabled in lieu of a workshop to set minimum standards for installation of cattle guards on county roads. Commissioner Wheeler said he had 34 cattle guards in his precinct, while the other three precincts had either none, or one, and "We need to be sure of what we're doing here before we set up standards." Commissioners approved the vendor agree-

ment with West Central Texas Council of Governments/Area Agency on Aging for congregate/home delivered meals for the new fiscal year. \$4.06 per meal will be provided, totaling \$157,659 for the senior citizens and home delivered meals. The Outdoor Burn Ban, adopted on August 12, was rescinded, effective October 14, by the Court. Other business and action taken included: Commissioners nominated Allen Belk, Preston Barker, Delbert Kruse and Billy Schwertner for directors on the Runnels County Appraisal District Board. Commissioner Precinct 3, Thurman Self, was appointed to serve as a representative for Runnels County on the Central Texas Rural Transit District board. Approved a request for EWD Oil to cross County Road 362 with a water line in two locations in Prec. 3. Changed the date for the regular meeting of Commissioners Court from the second Tuesday in November to Monday, Nov. 10.


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- Roadway: abbr.
- Assaults
- National
- Does a bartender's job
- Race loser
- Is not, informally
- Prefix for aircraft or trust
- Man for 13 Down
- Commanded
- Soar
- Aware of the duplicity of
- Items cast and counted
- Vacillate
- Highly respected
- Summertime in NJ
- Company agt.
- Eggs: Lat.
- Poor judgment
- Room darkener
- Appear
- Some of this and some of that
- Dijon dade
- Melville novel
- Part of a lemon
- Localities
- State whose motto is: "Agriculture & Commerce": abbr.
- Beasts of burden

DOWN

- up, confine
- One who co-starred with Farrell and Burghoff
- Person concerned with the things to come
- Inns
- Movies: slang
- Girl's name
- Crooked
- Trite
- Chin covering
- Truckers' vehicles
- Keg contents
- Franklin, to friends
- Foreign woman: abbr.
- French possessions
- Adamant refusal
- Operate a 747
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- Therefore
- Dasher's owner
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- Planted
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- Marshal Matt Dillon
- Follower of Joseph Smith
- Lindbergh
- Notion
- Word with one or how
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- Bones of the hip
- Farmyard sound
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- Baden-Baden, for one
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Outdoors

Bill Wheat named Chief Financial Officer of D.R. Horton, Inc.

Arlington, Texas-based homebuilder D.R. Horton, Inc. has announced that Bill W. Wheat, a Winters native, has been promoted to Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer and has been elected to its Board of Directors, effective October 1, 2003.

D.R. Horton, Inc. is the largest homebuilder in the United States, with approximately \$8 billion in revenues and 35,000 homes sold on an annual basis, and is consistently a leader in the homebuilding industry in revenue and earnings growth. It is the 271st largest corporation in America, based on the 2003 Fortune 500 rankings. D.R. Horton's common stock is traded on the New York Stock Exchange (ticker symbol DHI).

Founded in 1978, D.R. Horton, Inc. currently builds and sells homes principally for entry-level and first-time move-up homebuyers under the D.R. Horton, Cambridge, Continental, Dietz-Crane, Emerald, Melody, Milburn, Schuler, Stafford, Torrey, Trimark, and Western Pacific



names in 20 states and 44 markets, with a geographic presence in the Midwest, Mid-Atlantic, Southeast, Southwest and Western regions of the United States. D.R. Horton has Texas operations in Dallas/Fort Worth, Houston, Austin, Killeen, and San Antonio, and the company also provides mortgage banking and title agency services in most of its homebuilding markets.

Bill Wheat graduated from Winters High School in 1984. He obtained a Bachelor's of Business Administration de-

gree in Accounting and Finance from Baylor University in 1988 and became a Certified Public Accountant in 1990.

Wheat's work career began at age 12 in the Wheat family business, Bob Loyd L.P. Gas Company in Winters, where he worked during the summers and on Saturdays through his high school and college years.

From 1988 to 1998, Bill was an auditor for Price Waterhouse in Fort Worth for three years and served as financial planning manager and assistant controller for The Bombay Company in Fort Worth for seven years. Bill joined D.R. Horton in 1998 as an Accounting Manager, and has been Senior Vice President and Controller since February 2000.

Bill resides in Arlington with his wife Julie and their eight-year-old daughter Lauren. He is the son of Gene and Jeanie Wheat of Winters and the grandson of Louise Seals and the late Marvin Seals of Winters and the late Bill and Lena May Wheat of Wingate.

Local girl crowned Miss TJLA Princess

Camille Kruse, 12, daughter of Terry and Cheryl Kruse of Winters, was recently named Miss Texas Junior Livestock Association Princess 2003-2004.

Camille was crowned among contestants ages 9-14 for her appearance and knowledge of the association and livestock in general. She competed in western attire, a 3-5 minute speech, and judges' interview. Camille will represent TJLA at cow, pig, lamb & goat camps at Texas A&M University, and will present awards at the Houston banquet. She also had the privilege of working the ring at the Belt Buckle & Fall Classic.

In other competition, she and Dalton Shackelford, age 12 and the son of Roy and Ann Shackelford of Winters, won the Leadership Award for completely fitting a steer for show from wet to dry. The two were the youngest in the competition and won the title.



(courtesy photo)



Miss TJLA Princess 2003-2004

Extension News & Views

by Marty Gibbs, CEA-AG

Where does your food dollar go?

Do you ever wonder where your food dollar really goes? You might be surprised to find out that most of the money you spend on groceries never makes it back to the farmer or rancher.

"The USDA reports that the majority of your dollar—81 cents, to be exact—never makes it way back to the farm," according to LeRoy Pelzel, president of Runnels County Farm Bureau. "Most of that money is spent on marketing expenses associated with distributing and retailing of food products. Other expenses include taxes, insurance and before-tax profits."

Out of every dollar a consumer will spend on food, the average farmer or rancher only sees 19 cents. To put that into perspective...if a consumer buys a bag of apples for \$5, the apple grower would receive only 95 cents, whereas the person who marketed them would receive about \$1.90.

USDA statistics reveal that in 1980, farmers were earning 31 cents for every consumer food dollar spent.

Livestock parasite program Tuesday

Fort Dodge Animal Health and Pioneer Vet Clinic of Winters will sponsor a livestock parasite program on Tuesday, October 21, 2003, at Dean's Shed in Wingate.

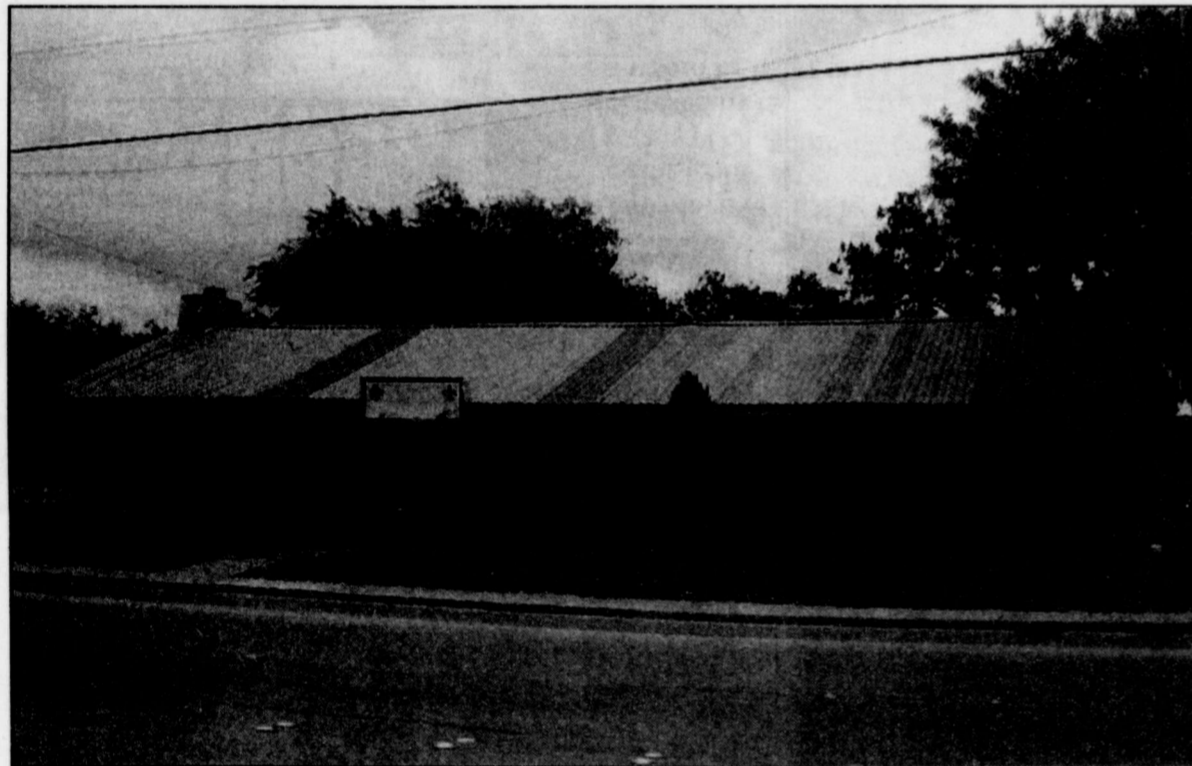
A complimentary hamburger supper will begin at 6:00 p.m. followed by the program at 7:00 p.m.

One hour of continuing education units for pesticide applicators will be offered in the IPM category.

Please RSVP by noon on Saturday, October 18, by calling Pioneer Vet Clinic at (325) 754-5487 or the Runnels County Extension office at (325) 365-2219. Space is limited to the first 125 participants to call in.

REMINDERS ON UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Feral Hog Workshop, Oct. 21, Ozona Civic Center. FMI 325-392-2721.
- Cattle Raisers Association Program on preventative maintenance and treatment of stocker cattle, Oct. 23, Abilene Livestock Auction. FMI call Bill Scott at (806) 681-8833 or Kevin Johnson at (325) 529-4366.



THE WINTERS SCOUT HUT, located in the 800 block of North Main Street, is scheduled for extensive remodeling, thanks to a \$500 matching grant received from the Concho Valley Resource Conservation and Development Area, Inc. The RC&D program is authorized by the U.S. Department of Agriculture and administered by the Natural Resources Conservation Service. Winters City Manager Aref Hassan said he has contacted local carpenters for estimates on the project.

(photo by Jean Boles)

County Farm Bureau recognizes fireman during annual convention

— Resignation of one director accepted; new officers elected —

The annual Runnels County Farm Bureau Convention was held October 2 at the County Farm Bureau office.

Approximately 27 Farm Bureau member families enjoyed a brisket dinner and discussed business and special events.

Attending the meeting was Shane Landers, Ballinger Volunteer Fireman, who was presented a certificate and check from the Runnels County Farm Bureau, along with the Texas Farm Bureau Mutual Insurance Companies, for his participation in the Texas Municipal Firemen's Training School.

Also attending the convention were Texas Farm Bureau President Kenneth Dierschke and District 7 Director Reagan Kirk. Kirk was the featured speaker for the evening. He told those attending that his six years as the District 7 Director had been very enjoyable and he expressed thanks to all the members for their support.

Legislative Assistant J. David Griffith was present on behalf of State Representative Harvey Hilderbran. Griffith expressed thanks for all the support from Texas Farm Bureau members for Representative Hilderbran.

Sutton Page, District 7 Field Representative, reported on changes to be made regarding the Agriculture Fund. He also

made a report on the Planet Agriculture Exhibit which was displayed at the West Texas Fair in Abilene and expressed appreciation to board members who worked in the exhibit.

The Board of Directors regretfully accepted the resignation of longtime board member Gary Jacob. Board members include LeRoy Pelzel, President, Dale Duggan, Vice-President and James Eggemeyer, Secretary-Treasurer. Other board members present at the convention were Bill Bredemeyer, Doug Bryan, Alvin Niehues, Bobby Fuchs, Sally Buxkemper and Daniel Redman. Don Geistmann was elected as a new board member for the coming year.

Megan Long, a Ballinger High School student, gave the speech she will present at the District 7 Free Enterprise Speech Contest to be held in San Saba on October 18.

Kari Reyes was recognized as Miss Runnels County Farm Bureau and she will also compete at the district contest in San Saba on October 18. The winner of these respective contests will advance to state competition in Waco in December. Scholarships are awarded to winners in both events.

At the regular board meeting immediately following the annual meeting, Dale Duggan

was elected President, Sara Buxkemper as Vice President and James Eggemeyer, Secretary-Treasurer for the coming year.

As of Oct. 14, Burn Ban rescinded for Runnels County

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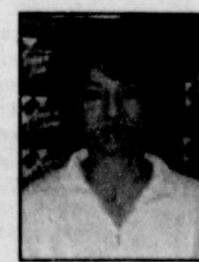
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