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RUN! RUN LIKE THE WIND (and they did) as Monica Parramore (left) finishes in first place at 12.9 seconds with teammate Karen Oats (second from right) in a close second at 13.0 seconds in the 100 meter dash. The Lady Blizzards won the district 8-2A district meet. See page 5 for photos and results.

WHS girls win district 8-2A track meet

Five girls, six boys qualify for regionals

Although the wind chill factor hovered in the low 20's, the WHS girls track team turned on the heat to win first place at the district 8-2A track meet in Ozona last Friday. Winters scored 157 points, Ozona 121.5, Wall 94, Roscoe 81.5, Eldorado 71, Coahoma 43, and Forsan 11.

Coach Deb Whittenburg said, "The team really put it all together with everyone contributing their part."

Five of the girls placed first or second which qualifies them for regional competition.

Kelli Slimp, a freshman, qualified in the 100 meter hurdles with a first place time of 16.2; the 300 meter hurdles with second place time of 49.52; and the 1600 meter relay. Team time was 4:28.7 for second place.

Misty Pritchard, a sophomore, qualified in the 200 meter race, the 800 meter relay with a second place team time of 1:51.6, and 1600 meter relay.

Three juniors will also be competing at regionals. Monica Parramore brought in a first place time of 12.9 in the 100 meter run, just a breath ahead of teammate Karen Oats at 13.0. Karen and Monica also qualified in the 800 relay and 1600 relay. Karen won second place in the shot put with

a toss of 31'6".

Jeanna Kozelsky cornered the first place market with a time of 49.30 in the 300 hurdles and a triple jump of 34'1/2". She hauled in a second place in the long jump with 16'6&1/2". She also runs on the qualifying 800 meter relay team.

Coach Whittenburg added, "Congratulations, ladies, on a super job of attaining your goals!"

The varsity boys won third place overall, and will be sending six competitors to the regional meet. Roscoe won the meet with 120 points, followed by Eldorado 109, Winters 88, Wall 83, Ozona 60, and Coahoma 42.

The 1600 meter relay team of Eric Bernal, Jonathan Gann, Jace Wade and Ricky Luz captured first place with a time of 3:32.

Bernal won the 100 meter dash with 11.0 and the 200 meter dash with 22.8.

Gann took first place with a time of 51.2 in the 400 meter dash.

Other regional qualifiers are Michael Prewit who won second place in the shot put with a toss of 51'4&1/2", and Kenny Whittenburg with a second place discus throw of 129'4".

The junior varsity boys, competing with a slim 8-man team,

won the district championship with 125 points. All eight boys, some with injuries, scored precious points in the meet to give Winters the edge over its closest competitor, Roscoe with 121 points. Eldorado had 92 points, Forsan 87, Coahoma 81 and Ozona 36.

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My hat (and coat) is off to you, WHS tracksters!

by Jean Boles, editor

As I stood on the track field Friday night in Ozona, I was absolutely in awe of our kids.

Like most people there to watch the meet, I wore several layers of clothing and still "froze to death." It made me ache just watching the lightly-clad kids stand shivering in the cold, waiting for their event to start. I know that through sheer determination (and good physical conditioning) were the terrific kids from Winters able to bring home such impressive results. And to think they did so well even without having an official track field to practice on.

I think I might have to award V. J. Santoya the "Biggest Heart" award. Running for the junior varsity, V. J. stands only about five feet tall and might weigh 80 pounds on a good day. When he lined up for the 3200 meter run (two grueling miles), he looked pretty minuscule against the other runners. And with a 25 mph wind blowing, I didn't think V. J. could even stay on the track, let alone get close to winning.

Boy, was I wrong! Nobody told V. J. that it was freezing and that everybody else looked bigger and tougher. Nope, V. J. simply did the job he trained for. He blew us all away with a first place win of 12:03 in the two mile run and then turned right around and won second place in the one-mile. Congrats, V. J., to you and all your big-hearted Blizzards!

How low can you go?

Weekend cold snap breaks 3 records

Just when area residents thought nothing could top last year's snow fall on Good Friday, unseasonable freezing weather set new records over the weekend.

On Saturday, San Angelo recorded a low of 29 degrees, which broke a record for that day set in 1988, when the mercury hit 30

degrees. Abilene tied a record low at 28 degrees.

Sunday morning's temperature of 27 degrees in Abilene set a new record. San Angelo's temperature dipped to 28 degrees for a new record low.

Early Monday morning, the low reached 27 degrees in Abilene

and San Angelo, which shattered the 1928 record of 34 degrees.

George Flickinger of KTXS in Abilene said that most of the coldest temperatures occurred around 7 a.m., just before sunrise.

According to Flickinger, April 17, 1947 has been the latest freeze recorded in Abilene.

"Wait and see" local wheat damage

With the freezing temperatures lasting around five hours on Saturday and Sunday, local wheat farmers face uncertainty about damage to their crops.

Mike Mauldin, Runnels County Extension Agent, said of primary concern for farmers in this part of the state is the amount of damage done to the wheat crop which this year had a superior start, with the chance of being one of the best wheat crops ever.

In 1995, Runnels County had approximately 82,800 acres of planted wheat and 56,600 acres harvested, according to Randall Conner of Farmers Seed & Supply. Conner estimates a slight increase in those figures at about 85-90,000 acres currently planted with 60-65,000 to be harvested.

"I've looked at a lot of fields and talked to a lot of folks these past few days," reports Conner. "We're not seeing a lot of severe

damage; mostly minor to moderate but, of course, we won't really know the extent of the damage for awhile. Most of the severe damage occurred north of Abilene to Lubbock and especially in the panhandle."

Conner said that the U.S. Department of Agriculture is estimating a 30 percent crop loss for Texas, 30 percent in Oklahoma, and 20 percent in Kansas.

"But the seed dealers and folks I've talked to say these estimates are very conservative," said Conner.

According to Mauldin, early-maturing wheat is more likely to be injured by freezes than is late-maturing wheat. Susceptibility to freezing temperatures steadily increases as maturity of wheat advances during spring. Some varietal difference in resistance to spring freeze injury has been reported, but it is mostly caused by

differences in plant growth stages when freezes occur. There is little difference among wheat varieties at the same growth stage and, therefore, little opportunity to increase freezing resistance in improved varieties.

Wheat that has had good growing conditions and high soil fertility, particularly nitrogen, is more sensitive to freeze injury because of its lush growth and high moisture content. Drought stress, on the other hand, tends to harden plants to cold and decreases their water content and the severity of freeze injury.

Winter wheat goes through a complex process of cold hardening during fall that increases its resistance to cold during winter. Its cold hardness is quickly lost when growth resumes during spring. Little resistance to freezing is present at that time.

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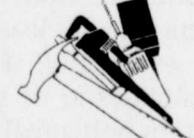
CHRISTMAS (In April) IS SATURDAY.



7:00 a.m.
7:45 a.m.
8:00 a.m.
5:00 p.m.

Schedule of Activities

Breakfast, High School Cafeteria
Babysitting begins at Activity Center
Report to Work Site (8 houses)
Buffet Style Supper, High School Cafeteria



Join the Improvement Movement

City-Wide Clean-Up April 22-25

What does your property say about you?

Are your grass and weeds unsightly? Could your house use a new coat of paint? Does that old fence need repair? Is there trash and debris in your yard? Do tree limbs need cut so that they do not pose a safety threat to you or your loved ones? Does your property contain junk cars?

If you can answer yes to these questions, you need to join "The Improvement Movement," City-Wide Clean-Up, April 22-25.

During this 'spring cleaning' week, Browning-Ferris Industries (BFI) and the City of Winters will work with citizens to rid their property of unwanted items. Preparation and effort, however, must be provided by you.

Trucks from BFI will run on Tuesday, April 22; Wednesday, April 23; and Friday, April 25 for collection. Have your items by curbside on your regular trash collection day.

BFI will not accept hazardous chemicals (including oil, gas, paint, and/or their containers), batteries, tires, and long or heavy metal objects such as re-bar and engines. Appliances and air conditioning units will be accepted, but must be drained of all freon.

BFI offers a reminder that this service is basically being provided for residential customers. No commercial sites will be eligible for the service.

Crews from the City will make rounds on Friday, April 25, to chip tree limbs. Limbs must be cut in 4 foot lengths and tied in 50 pound bundles. Please do not use wire to bundle limbs and face the largest portion of the limb towards the street for easier access.

Have limbs at curbside on your normal collection day as BFI will also assist the City crews in disposing of the limbs.

The City reminds residents that grass and weeds should not be more than 12 inches in height. Correction of this violation will be made at the owner's expense.

Vehicles not having a current inspection sticker or license plate are considered junk cars and should be removed from your property.

Be responsible for keeping your property neat and clean. Your neighbors will appreciate it.

When you look good—we all look good!

WHAT'S HAPPENING ?

April 17-11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., TMCN Luncheon, Coleman
5:30 p.m., Literary & Service Club
7 p.m., 8th Grade/Parents Meeting, WHS Auditorium
7:30 p.m., Winters Squares, Community Center
April 18-11:30 a.m., Senior Citizens Meal
April 19-Christmas In April Workday
Spring Trail Ride for Rehab, Chadbourne Ranch, Bronte
April 20-Joint Conference on Aging Begins, Civic Center, Abilene
Spring Trail Ride for Rehab, Chadbourne Ranch, Bronte
National Credit Education Week Begins
April 21-11:30 a.m., Senior Citizens Meal
April 22-Noon, Lions Club
6 p.m., Junior Class/Parents Meeting, Livestock Show Barn
6:30 p.m., Kindergarten Round-Up, Elementary Library
7 p.m., WVFD
7:30 p.m., Public Hearing—Review Secondary Handbook, Media Center
WVFD Auxiliary
4-H Method Demonstration Practice
Girl Scout Leader Appreciation Day
City-Wide Clean-Up Begins
April 23-11:30 a.m., Senior Citizens Meal
Mobile Audiology/Hearing Lab, North Runnels Hospital
Joint Conference on Aging Ends, Civic Center, Abilene
April 24-6-Noon, 39+, First United Methodist Church
7 p.m., Athletic Banquet, Community Center

Parvo dog virus epidemic in Winters

Parvo is a highly contagious viral disease of puppies and young dogs and has been diagnosed in many pets in Winters. According to Winters veterinarian, Dr. Jimmy Smith, if dogs are not vaccinated, there is a very high mortality rate.

Clinical signs are inappetence, salivation, depression and listlessness, progressing to vomiting and bloody diarrhea. Infected, non-vaccinated puppies are almost impossible to save from death. Treatment is expensive, intensive, and time consuming.

This virus does not require ac-

tual dog-to-dog contact. It may be carried on feet, clothing, or hands. Once a premises is seeded with the virus, it will be there for an indefinite period of time.

The disease is not contagious to humans or other animals.

If the parvo virus is on your premises, it is almost impossible to rid the premises of the virus. Unvaccinated, susceptible animals will almost surely be infected.

Consult your veterinarian for more details on how to prevent this devastating loss of your pets.

Oil Bidness

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An impending rig shortage in the Gulf of Mexico could have far-reaching consequences. It could even affect your business way out here.

With more and more money being expended on offshore blocks in recent lease sales, the competition for offshore services is destined for additional demand. And, the current demand/supply ratio for rigs is already near-critical.

With a decade of stagnant rig demand, on and offshore, very few manufacturers wanted to take the risk of building new rigs. Instead, rigs disappeared as parts were scavenged from non-working rigs, and the available fleet of offshore rigs dwindled.

Interestingly enough, even with rig utilization (the ratio of rigs in use and the rigs available) near 100 percent, the economics of building new rigs is still marginal. The reason?

Day rates (cost to hire rigs) are not yet at the level at which building new rigs is attractive.

There seems to be a lag in the well-known supply/demand equation. By classical theory, there should be ample value in building new rigs because day rates should have risen to a level indicative of a complete sell-out (all rigs available are in demand).

However, those with rigs have weathered tough times over the last 10 years and are not about to risk losing a customer by going up on their rates too quickly. This "price reluctance" has held day rates at a lower level than they might otherwise be.

So, while the offshore rig industry grapples with this problem, those of us several hundred miles from the beach wonder how it might affect us.

There is no direct link. Onshore rigs will not be retrofitted for offshore use, and there is no apparent danger of an onshore rig shortage.

However, there will be a drain on craftsmen needed to build new rigs. At least there will be when rig rates increase to a sufficient level to attract interest of those with the money to fund such rig building.

Skilled workers, like welders, pipe-fitters, electricians, mechanics, construction foremen, and structural engineers will be in high demand in rig-building centers near the coast. This could make them harder to find when you need them on your lease.

And, eventually, if development continues to be strong onshore, led by horizontal drilling in South Texas and Louisiana, the need for iron will increase such

that it may be hard to find everything you might need in a timely fashion.

I am not complaining, mind you. More activity in the oil patch is always good, in my opinion. But, it also pays to be prepared, don't you think?

HIGHLIGHTS OF AREA DRILLING ACTIVITY

COMPLETIONS

Coke County

Pittencrieff America has completed the Fort Chadbourne Odom Lime Unit #8027 in the Fort Chadbourne Field (7 miles NE of Bronte) at an initial rate of 27 BOPD & 2790 BWP in the Odom (perfs 5350-96). Loc. is 4695 FSEL & 5552 FSEL of P. Martinez Sur. No. 299, A-509.

Coleman County

DelRay Oil has completed a plug back of the G. McDaniel #4 in the County Regular Field (5 miles NE of Talpa) at an initial rate of 32 BOPD & 41 BWP in an unidentified zone (perfs 3308-14). Loc. is 330 FSL & 2196 FSL of W. Harbour Sur. No. 171.

Taylor County

TKP Petroleum has completed the Smith-A-#1 in the Audas-Graham Field (4 miles W of Bradshaw) at an initial rate of 40 BOPD & 25 BWP in the Capps Lime (perfs 4160-72). Loc. is 467 FSL & 2000 FSL of C.M. Jackson Sur. No. 510, A-188.

STAKINGS

Coke County

Conquest Oil has applied to plug back the J.S. Walker-B-#1 in the Silver Field, 2 miles NE of Silver (Depth 6964). Loc. is 1945 FSL & 1979 FSL of Sec. 255, Blk. 1A, H&TC Sur., A-368.

Concho County

QuinTx Exploration has staked two wells as Wildcats, 7 miles SE of Eden (Depth 650). The Whitehead #104 is loc. 1120 FNL & 2350 FSL of ELRR Sur. No. 151, A-1037. The Whitehead #105 is loc. 475 FNL & 2050 FSL of ELRR Sur. No. 151, A-1037.

Riley Resources has applied to re-enter the Caution-B-#1 as a Wildcat, 2 miles W of Melvin (Depth 2500). Loc. is 467 FSL & 660 FSL of M. Sing Sur. No. 1412, A-1470.

Nolan County

Encon Services has staked the J. Freeman #1 in the White Flat Field, 10 miles E of Sweetwater (Depth 2900). Loc. is 1472 FSL & 430 FSL of Sec. 32, Blk. 19, T&PRR Sur.

Pioneer Exploration has staked the P. Morrow #1 in the E.A. Field, 3 miles SW of Nolan (Depth 4300). Loc. is 2425 FNL & 150 FSL of Sec. 6, Blk. Z, T&PRR Sur., A-1066.

Walter Exploration has staked the D. Dean #1 as a Wildcat, 12 miles S of Sweetwater (Depth 7200). Loc. is 1275 FSL & 467 FSL of Sec. 42, Blk. Z, T&PRR Sur.

Runnels County

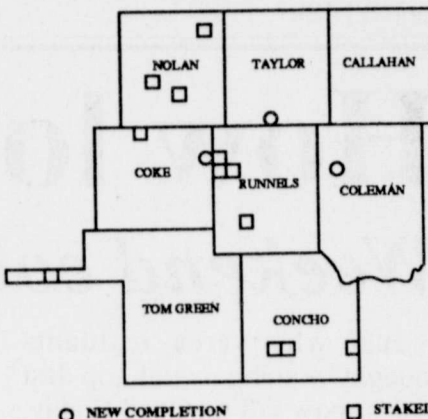
Pittencrieff America has staked three wells in the Fort Chadbourne Field, 7 miles SW of Wingate (Depth 5900). The

Fort Chadbourne Odom Lime Unit #1395 is loc. 1096 FNL & 1074 FNL of J. Alexander Sur. No. 53-1/2. The Fort Chadbourne Odom Lime Unit #2617 is loc. 1991 FSEL & 1781 FNL. The S. Odom-B-#95 is loc. 1096 FNL & 1074 FNL of J. Alexander Sur. No. 53-1/2.

Purvis Operating has staked the L.J. Currie #1 as a Wildcat, 8 miles SW of Ballinger (Depth 4900). Loc. is 724 FSEL & 1400 FSL of S.M. Lucas Sur. No. 348.

Tom Green County

C.H. Levens has applied to deepen the L.T. Clark-A-#2 in the Water Valley Field, 10 miles W of Water Valley (Depth 1360). Loc. is 990 FSL & 990 FSL of Sec. 82, Blk. 5, H&TC Sur., A-8631.



HENDRICK HEALTH SYSTEM OFFICIALS and WINTERS COMMUNITY LEADERS cut a ribbon Wednesday, April 9, at 10 a.m. to celebrate the opening of First Med of Winters, Hendrick Health System's ninth regional healthcare clinic. The clinic, located at 7771 Texas 153, will be open Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 8:30 a.m. to noon and 1 to 5 p.m. Kay Millican, RN, FNP-C (third from right), will serve as the family nurse practitioner at the clinic. Y.K. Lee, M.D. (second from right), of Winters, will serve as the medical director. The clinic telephone number is (915) 754-5440. Also pictured are (from right) Mike Waters, Hendrick Health System president; Lee; Millican; Chamber of Commerce representatives Irene Simpson, Bill Spiller, Kay Sharpes, and Phyllis Boles.

Obituaries

Nora Mae Brooks

BELTON—Nora Mae Brooks, 72, died Wednesday night, April 9, 1997, in Park Place Manor Nursing Home in Belton.

She was born October 31, 1924, in Bradshaw and graduated from Bradshaw High School. She married Carlos E. Brooks on April 5, 1946, in Abilene. She lived in Temple and San Augustine for many years.

Mrs. Brooks was a homemaker and a member of Immanuel Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband in 1990.

Survivors include one son, Carlos Brooks of Belton; one daughter, Sandra Bryson of Houston; two sisters, Ada Reid of Winters and Vada Bigham of Bradshaw; and four grandsons.

Family visitation was at 6:00 p.m. Friday, April 11, at Winters Funeral Home. Services were held at 2:00 p.m. Saturday, April 12, at Southside Baptist Church in Winters with Reverend Ed Bigham officiating. Burial was in Lakeview Cemetery, directed by Winters Funeral Home.

Nephews were pallbearers.

Johnnie Lee (Stubblefield) Turner

HENNESSEY, OKLAHOMA—Johnnie Lee (Stubblefield) Turner, 95, died Monday, April 7, 1997, at the residence of her daughter, Clara Lee Pitchford.

She was born December 14, 1902, to Jake and Mary Mackey Stubblefield in Norton, Texas. She graduated from Ballinger High School and attended Trinity University in Waxahachie. She married Marvin M. Turner on October 13, 1922, in Rockwall, Hill County, Texas.

Mrs. Turner was a homemaker and a member of the Norton Methodist Church for more than 70 years.

She was preceded in death by her husband on September 29, 1974; her parents; two sisters, Stone Cope and Mae Inman; two brothers, Walter and Fender Stubblefield.

Survivors include three daughters, Barbara Lee Brock and her husband Howard of Norton, Marva Jean Underwood of Winters, and Clara Lee Pitchford of Hennessey, Oklahoma; two sons, Mannie Jake Turner and his wife Kathleen of Hennessey, Oklahoma, and Billy Mitchell Turner and his wife Shirley of Dover, Oklahoma; 18 grandchildren; 23 great-grandchildren; 7 great-great-grandchildren; and two sisters, Mrs. Harvey (Wilma) Newsom of Tulsa and Mrs. Mildred (Annie) Cope of Bronte.

A funeral service was held at 10:00 a.m. Wednesday, April 9, at the First Baptist Church, Hennessey, Oklahoma, officiated by Dr. Don Rogers. A second service was held at 3:00 p.m. Thursday, April 10, at the Bronte Methodist Church in Bronte with Gayland Broadstreet and Elmer Beck officiating. Burial was in Fairview Cemetery in Bronte, directed by Cordy-Sisson Funeral Home of Hennessey, Oklahoma.

Memorials may be made to the Rock Hotel Restoration in Winters, Runnels County, Texas, or the charity of your choice.

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Noel Davis Graves

SAN ANGELO—Noel Davis Graves, 66, passed away Friday, April 4, 1997, at his residence.

He was born August 30, 1930, in Hatchell, Texas.

Mr. Graves worked in the oil field for many years as a truck driver and pusher. He later owned Air & Hydraulic Equipment in San Angelo for 23 years.

He was preceded in death by his father, Merrill Graves, in 1957.

Survivors include his wife, Claudelle Graves of San Angelo; five daughters, Kilah Lane and her husband Johnny of Christoval, Sandy Manicchia and her husband Bill of Odessa, Noelsa Loehman and her husband Terry of Odessa, Tammy Sanders of San Angelo, and Shari Graves of San Angelo; a sister, Cleadean Burns and her husband Jack of Winters; seven grandsons, Jory Robinson, Eddie Loehman, Jason Chappell, T.J. Loehman, Bodee Parker, Adam Loehman, and Rodney Tisdale; five granddaughters, Lisa Loehman, Shauna Loehman, Johnna Tisdale, Kim Loehman, and Tanya Lane; two great-grandchildren, Kiley and Kalen Loehman; his mother and step-father, Neva and Frank Borders of Ballinger; a niece, Lana Fulton of Ballinger; and a nephew, Keith Burns of Garland.

Graveside services were held Sunday, April 6, at Lakeview Cemetery in Winters. James Gehrels of Winters officiated. Grandsons were pallbearers.

***** HOW I LOVE YOU DADDY! *****

I knelt beside my bed last night.
And thanked my Heavenly Father.
For all the love He joined as one!
Between my Daddy and Momma.

For forty-seven years they planted
Seeds of strength and love!
And harvested a bouquet of children.
Precious gifts from God above!

Daddy was our leader,
He taught us to be strong!
Our Heavenly Father assures us,
We will never be alone!

Because Jesus is at His right hand!
Reaching down He took Daddy by the other.
Leaving all his love behind,
As a comfort for his loved ones,
And our dear sweet Mother.

All his love is left here for us!
You can feel it in your heart!
Just open the door to good memories of him,
And know we are not far apart!

Pray each night with tears of joy!
Rejoice, be strong, not sad.
Until we meet him at Heaven's Gate,
Lord watch over our loved ones, and Dad.

Love you bunches, Daddy!
—Noelsa, 4-7-97

Michael Patrick Diaz

CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA—Michael Patrick Diaz, age 9, formerly of Brownwood, Texas, died Tuesday, April 8, 1997, as a result of injuries sustained from being struck by an automobile while riding his bicycle.

He was born March 17, 1988, in Brownwood.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Marisa Valdez.

Survivors include his mother and step-father, Denise and Balta Arcovendaz of Charlotte, North Carolina; his father, Francisco Valdez of Missouri; maternal grandmother and step-grandfather, Nora and Sonny Hall of Santa Anna and formerly of Winters; maternal grandfather, Joe Diaz of California; great-grandparents, J.F. Varela of Brownwood and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Diaz of Blanket; and a number of aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Services were held at 4:00 p.m. Saturday, April 12, at Davis-Morris Funeral Home Chapel, Brownwood. Reverend Salvador Trevino Jr. officiated. Burial was in Blanket Cemetery, directed by Davis-Morris Funeral Home.

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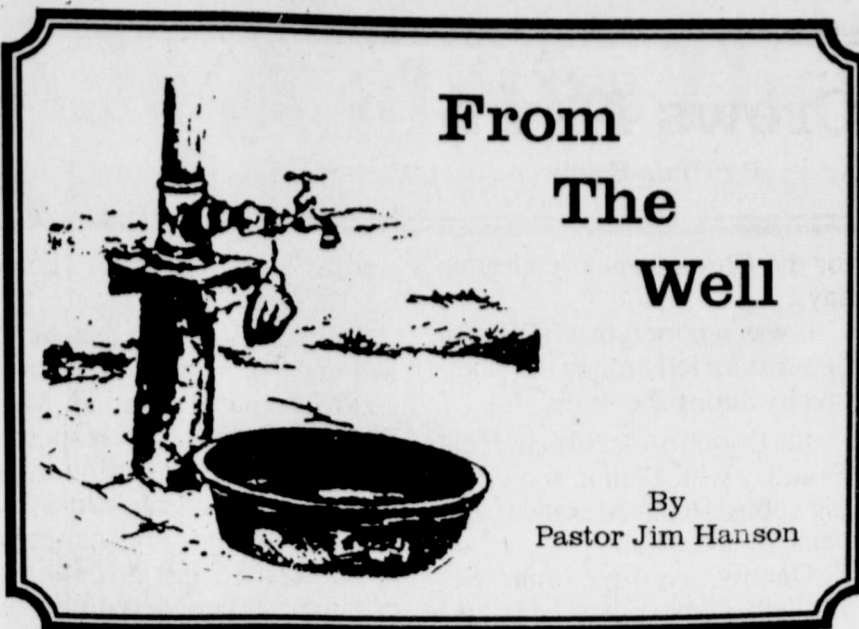
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From The Well

By
Pastor Jim Hanson



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Not too long ago, Progressive Farmer magazine had a quote, "Rural people are 'weather junkies.'" It is true. I know people who watch the weather channel — day and night. The last thing I see before I go to bed, each night, is the T.V. weather report, part of

the 10 p.m. "News". Why not?

Weather does control things. We schedule church services in anticipation of good weather, and then, a "dry norther blows in" or the storm clouds gather, and people stay home. I'll never forget a Christmas Eve service we had planned in Crookston, Minnesota.

Christmas was big in Crookston! And, Christmas Eve was biggest. It was the big celebration of the year! We had to schedule 3 services to accommodate all the folks who came. Choirs were rehearsing. We even had an orchestra, with a brass ensemble. The altar area had a hundred red big-leaved poinsettia. Evergreens were hung over the entrances — or made into wreaths and hung on the walls. It was beautiful.

The first service was at 3:00 p.m., and the place was packed, 600 men, women, and children. Christmas carols, Christmas readings, the story of Jesus' birth, all accompanied by very good music. At 4:00 p.m. the people left for home. At 4:15 a "norther" blew in, only this one was not a dry one. It was "wet" with big white flakes, and, in a matter of moments we were in a blizzard. Thirty people braved the storm. Several came, at the last minute, in their snow-mobiles. We were not "rained out." We were "snowed out."

Right now, up north, in that very town, they are sand-bagging the dikes, and preparing for the worst flood in their history. It has to be awful! All plans are "on hold." Electricity is often "out," which means water won't be pumped for the cattle, and heat won't be there in the house — or light either. To have wind, snow, and flooding all at the same time is the worst. Our daughter Katie is upset, because the first "showings" on national T.V. showed National Guard people in their camouflaged coveralls with sleeves rolled up. But that kind of weather didn't last long. She wanted the news to show the real picture — people in parkas, fighting to hold back the water and fighting the frigid air.

Well, what can we do about it? There are folks who say "There is nothing we can do about the weather." It is all "out of our hands." To be sure, we can't control the weather.

But, we can do something. When the weather is good, we can thank God who is the Creator for good weather, and good prospects. And, we can pray for protection. One of the ancient prayers of the Christian Church is

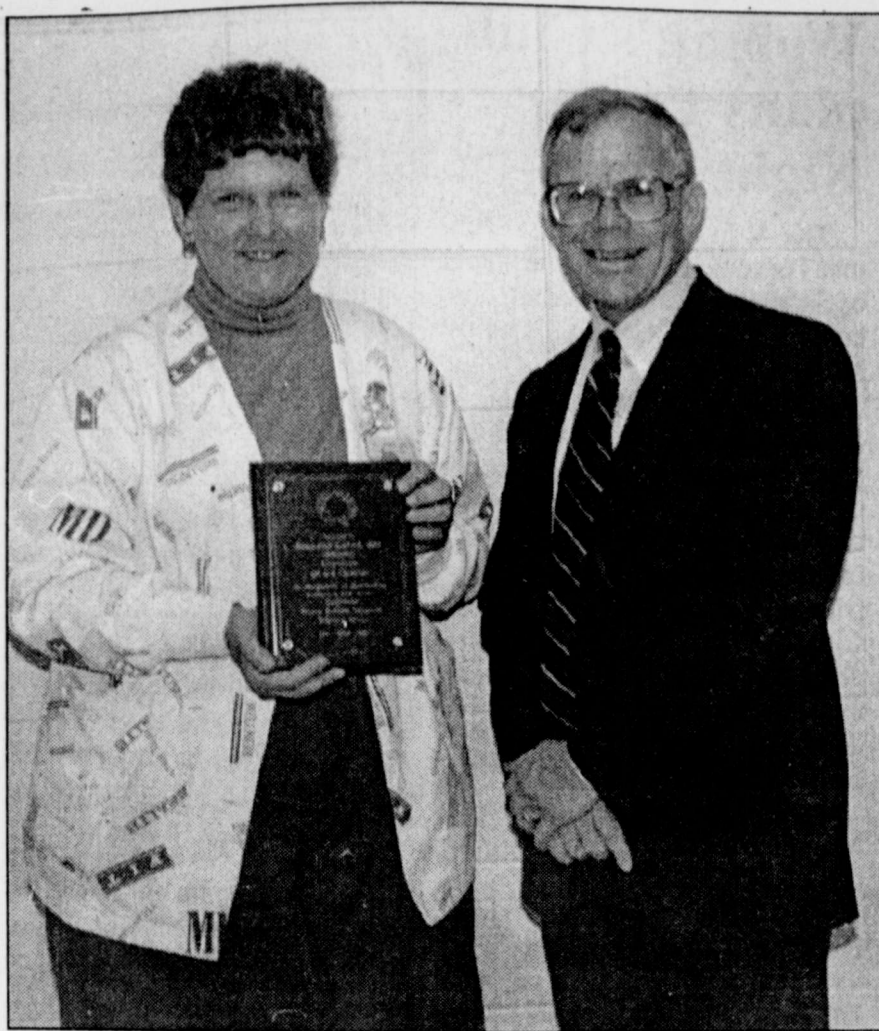
"From pestilence and famine,
From fire and flood,
From epidemic and drought,
From earthquake, lightning, and storm,
Good Lord, deliver us!"

Is it possible that this bad weather, all over the place, is because of our failure to be faithful in prayer — for the earth, and creation, and weather?

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Think about it. Better yet, much better — pray.

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EMPLOYEE OF THE FIRST QUARTER FOR 1997 at North Runnels Hospital is Jeanene Laird. Jeanene, a registered nurse, recieved an engraved plaque from Hospital Administrator Larry Suit.

Jeanene Laird named Hospital Employee of the Quarter

Jeanene Laird, a registered nurse at North Runnels Hospital, was recognized Wednesday, April 9, as the Employee of the Quarter.

Ms. Laird is a Winters native, having graduated from Winters High School before attending Angelo State University where she received her degree in nursing.

She is currently the Director of the Operating Room, Central Supply, and Laundry.

Ms. Laird is also an Emergency Medical Technician paramedic and assists with emergency medical service.

She has three children, Justin, Ashley, and Jason.

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Registration fee is \$100 per team. Teams may consist of 15 players in the men's tournament and 16 players in the co-ed tournament.

Team trophies will be awarded to the top three teams in each tournament. In addition, each player on the first place teams will receive a gift certificate for a complete barbeque dinner at The Shed in Wingate.

In conjunction with the tournaments, there will be a homerun contest on Saturday. The contest

will take place during the lunch break for the tournaments. This event was exciting last year, and the Chamber looks forward to great competition this year.

The entry fee for the homerun derby is \$10 for each set of 10 balls a player tries to hit.

Each entrant gets ten pitches from his/her own pitcher. The contestant who hits the most homeruns wins a large trophy, a steak dinner at The Shed, and a cash prize consisting of 25% of the entry fees for the homerun contest.

Entries for the homerun derby will be taken right up until contest start time.

To enter any of these events or to get a complete set of rules, contact Terry Wyatt at 754-5577 or 754-5783.

Parramore wins Angelo "Overall Sewing Award"

Robyn Parramore, senior Home Economics student at Winters High School, was awarded the "Overall Sewing Award" at the San Angelo Stock Show.

This year's award was a sewing machine and sewing box.

Robyn also won the West Texas Fair Sewing Award this year. She is an apparel student of Lori Smith, Winters Home Economics teacher. She is president of the local Future Homemakers Association, vice-president of the student council, a member of the National Honor Society, and a member of the Blizzard golf team.

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- 8 "Gig" Aggies!
- 9 San Angelo was named for one
- 12 this TX English was on Lawrence Welk show
- 17 TXism: "it's cats and dogs"
- 20 TXism: "got as big as Texas" (kind)
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- 23 WWII book: "Texas War"
- 24 Dublin plant uses water to wash Dr. Pepper bottles
- 29 TX Forrest played Hondo on this show held at 22 across
- 30 "Texas Mardi"
- 31 fin on Gulf sharks
- 32 TXism: "flush" (hunting phrase)
- 36 former Fort Worth mayor Willard
- 37 Copperas Cove newspaper
- 43 "Giant" star Liz was also this queen
- 45 this Warren was in "Tough Enough" with TX Dennis Quaid
- 47 TXism: "wouldn't know him from"

DOWN

- 1 runs between Rusk and Palestine: Texas
- 2 cattlemen John Chisum's county
- 3 early Fort Worth publisher Carter
- 4 Wise Co. "Antique Auto Swap"
- 9 this Columbus ship replica came to TX in '92
- 10 flies into DFW TX convenience store: Stop
- 12 TXism: "limp as a dish"
- 48 illegal block in the back
- 50 TXism: "it'll kill it or" (strong medicine)
- 51 TXism: "two peas in a" (alike)
- 52 TX Audie Murphy was a in WWII
- 53 makes eyes at
- 54 Chico, Felix and Paso star of film "Silkwood" that was shot in Dallas
- 56 explosive used by TX oilfighter "Red" Adair
- 58 athletic assoc. of Mid-western State
- 59 TX Janis Joplin sang "Blues"
- 60 TXism: "in his ways" (inflexible)
- 13 TXism: "scarce as grass around"
- 14 malicious look
- 15 Houston space agency
- 16 Norris has martial program in Houston
- 18 TX Light Crust Doughboys tune: "When"
- 19 Garth tune: "What She's Doing"
- 21 film: "Gone TX"
- 24 this TX Dexter sang "Pistol Packin' Mama" (init.)
- 25 TX creek: Yo Digo
- 26 Abilene TV station
- 35 TXism: "to snuff"
- 37 TX inn: Quinta
- 38 "it in stone"
- 39 this Whelan starred in "San Antonio"
- 40 this Steve sang "San Antonio Girl"
- 41 TXism: "speaks cow like a" (rancher)
- 42 Fiesta Diaz y
- 44 Erie's lawyer (init.)
- 46 on Hwy. 82: Jo
- 49 TXism: "sticks like a stamp"
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Mr. and Mrs. Robert Holder mark their golden anniversary

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The Holders have lived in Rowena, Norton, Maverick, and Winters since their wedding.

He is a World War II veteran and has farmed many years. She is a homemaker and retired from Dry Manufacturing.

First graders to present "Oh, My Dear" Monday

Seventy-two first graders will proudly present "Oh, My Dear (Deer)" on Monday, April 21 at 7:00 p.m. in the high school auditorium.

The entertaining musical tells the story of some deer who can't find a safe place to live because people take over the deer's area. Trouble breaks out until the deer and the people learn to care about each other and live happily together.

The program is under the direction of first grade teachers Sherry Cavazos, Karen Colburn, Chris Parramore, and Cheryl Sneed, and music teacher Fran Kidwell.

The public is invited to attend and there is no admission charge.

Woman's Club plans Ladies Night Out

The Winters Woman's Club met Tuesday, April 8, in the home of Sandy and Bill Griffin and discussed the Third Annual Ladies Night Out.

Ladies Night Out, the club's Spring fund-raiser (see related story on page 9), will be Thursday, April 24. Cheryl Bryan, Ways and Means Chairwoman, discussed last minute details and distributed work responsibilities. Citizens are encouraged to purchase tickets from club members as no tickets will be sold at the door. Proceeds will be used for community projects.

In other business, President Melvena Gerhart called committee reports.

Special guest Patricia Hohensee, Runnels County Extension Agent, introduced speaker Dr. Judy Warren, associated with the Texas Agriculture Services, who presented a most informative program on "Grand Parenting" with club members participating.

Refreshments were served by hostesses Sandy Griffin, Horti Joyce, Bobby Ludwick, and Ouida Nichols.

Members present were: Dolly Airhart, Billie Alderman, Jane Allcorn, Pat Ambrose, Joyce Bahlman, Phyllis Boles, Beth Briley, Virginia Brown, Cheryl Bryan, Kay Colburn, Edna England, Melvena Gerhart, Nina Hale, Dorothea Laughon, Bonnie Lee, Audine McBeth, Marthiel Russell, Pat Russell, Marsha Shoemaker, Marlene Smith, Lavera Tharp, and Gail Williams.

Public hearing to review Secondary School Handbook

Winters Secondary School will hold a public hearing to review the Winters Secondary School Student Handbook.

This meeting will be on Tuesday, April 22, at 7:30 p.m. in the High School Media Center. The public is invited to attend.

Crews News

By Hilda Kurtz



Hilda Kurtz

A bigger fool than the fellow who knows it all is the one who'll argue with him.

Hopewell church services visitors were Wilbert and Fairy Alcorn, Linda Denson and family of San Angelo, Marqué, Desiree, and Will Mathis, and Shane Stone of DeLeon.

Sympathy goes to Mrs. Edith Everett at the death of her daughter, Billie Louise McDonald, of Erie, Pennsylvania. Burial will be Saturday, April 19, in Valentine, Texas.

Only a few workers came for the Crews Cemetery workday on Saturday. The weather was nasty.

Visiting the Bill Mathis family over the weekend were John and Mauri Whaley, Cole and Alison of Denton, Shane Stone and Clayton Johnson. All enjoyed the VFW bar-b-que Sunday in Winters. Marqué, Desiree and Will spent Friday in Abilene shopping.

Marvin and Melvena Gerhart visited with Wilmer and Sally Mae Gerhart Sunday after church services and also carried their dinner.

With Noble and Harvey Mae Faubion Sunday was Vallerie Faubion, who brought them dinner. Later, Nila and Therin Osborne came during the week. Walter Pape and Brad Pape, Brian Faubion and Sharon Craft dropped in for a spell.

The Faubion family received word from Gene Faubion at 29 Palms, California, he is in corporal school now.

Visiting Fairy and Wilbert Alcorn during the week were Joanie Mathis of Springfield, MO., Linda Denson of Weatherford, Isaac and Shannon of San Angelo. They also came

for the Crews cemetery cleanup day.

It was reported that 7/10 inch of moisture fell around our community during the week.

Jim Everett of Grand Falls spent Saturday with Connie and Georgia Gibbs. Helen Alexander also came by for a while.

Dennis, Audine, and Roy McBeth enjoyed their bar-b-que dinner Sunday for the VFW fund.

Elaine Miller brought Bill and Josie Hoppe carry-out plates from the Rock Hotel/VFW on Sunday.

One day last week, Dee and Sam Faubion got in their car and drove around to see the beautiful blue bonnets. They saw a nice bed of them a few miles south of Winters.

"Now, why didn't I think of doing that?"

Frances Mincey, Big Spring, spent several days with Doris Wood. While here, she became sick and had to see the doctor. She's still here, but feeling some better. While in San Angelo, they saw Larry Calcote of Winters, who

was in Shannon/St. John's hospital. He is also better.

Dee Faubion, Ramona Akins, Mildred Morrison, Nila Osborne, and Melvena Gerhart met Monday morning at the Hopewell fellowship hall for mission study.

Katherine Grissom had a deer run into the side of her car going to work last week. It did quite a bit of damage to her car, so Luke said he thought a "boom" had hit.

Doris Wood and Helen Alexander carried Carolyn Webb to the doctor last week. She stayed several days in the hospital with pneumonia. She came home Sunday and is resting nicely.

Maurine and Sara Scott, Sweetwater, spent Monday night and Tuesday with Mildred Morrison. They did some yard work.

While I was eating my dinner at the VFW bar-b-que Sunday, I saw a few more folks from Crews, like Fred, Linda, Helen, Mildred, John, the Jacob families, the Bill Mathis family, and Dennis, Audine, and Roy McBeth.

WHS Cheerleaders to serve Hamburger Lunch on Sunday

1997-'98 WHS Cheerleaders Jeanna, Heather, Monica, Misty, Alison, and Candi invite everyone to their Hamburger Lunch on Sunday, April 27. Serving will begin at 11:00 a.m. and conclude at 1:00 p.m. at the School Cafeteria.

Items on the menu this year include a hamburger, French fries, tea, and dessert. Cost of the plate is \$4.00 each.

Proceeds will be used to offset expenses for camp, uniforms, and supplies for sign-making.

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A look at the District 8-2A track meet



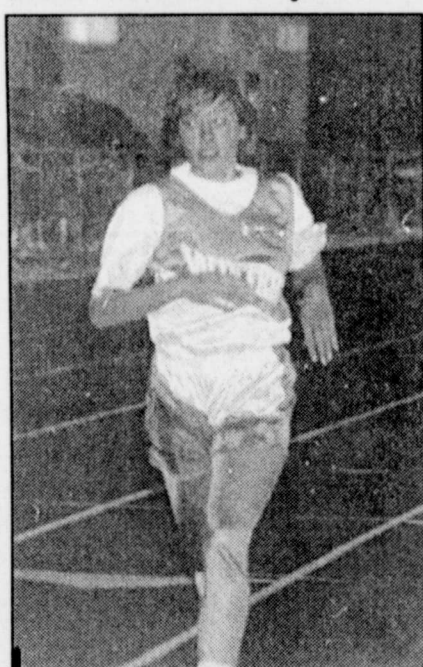
Kelli Slimp, second from right, pushes through the final hurdles to take first place in the 100 meter hurdles.



Amanda Cross takes the handoff from Jamie Bishop in the 400 meter relay.



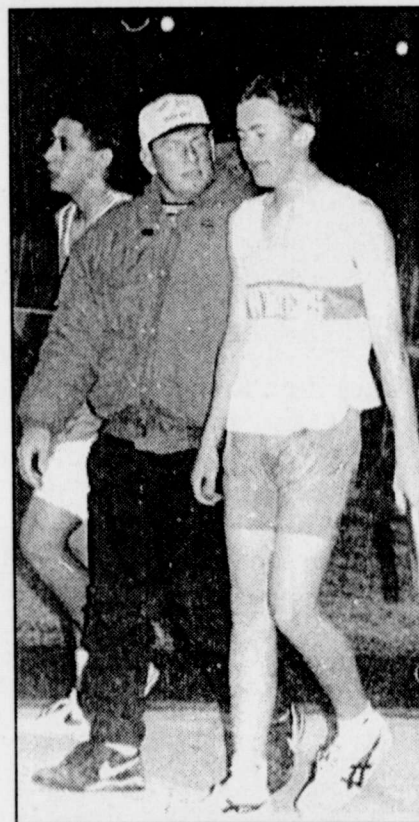
Oscar Luz, left, connects the change-over from Arthur Martinez in the 400 meter relay.



Heather Watkins leads the pack in the 1600 meter race.

Varsity boys

Individual events and placings included:
100 M Dash
 Eric Bernal, 1st, 11.0
200 M Dash
 Eric Bernal, 1st, 22.8
 Jace Wade, 6th, 23.5
400 M Dash
 Jonathan Gann, 1st, 51.2
 Lee Woffenden, 56.3
800 M Run
 Ricky Luz, 2nd, 2:04
3200 M Run
 Felix Portillo, 6th, 11:43
110 M High Hurdles
 Jeremy Alvarado, 5th, 16.65
 Eric Joens, 6th, 16.8



Matt Angel, anchorman for the 1600 meter junior varsity relay, catches his breath as Coach Bearden checks on his injured runner.



Monica Parramore passes the baton to Jeanna Kozelsky in the 800 meter relay.

JV boys

Individual events and placings included:
100 M Dash
 Wes Calcote, 1st, 11.4
 Kirk Byrd, 2nd, 11.8
200 M Dash
 Wes Calcote, 1st, 24.6
 Kirk Byrd, 6th, 25.6
800 M Run
 Joe Ortiz, 2nd, 2:20
 Oscar Luz, 5th, 2:25
1600 M Run
 V.J. Santoya, 2nd, 5:36.44
3200 M Run
 V.J. Santoya, 1st, 12:03
400 M Relay
 Arthur Martinez, Oscar Luz, Kirby Byrd, and Wes Calcote, 1st, 47.8



Varsity girls

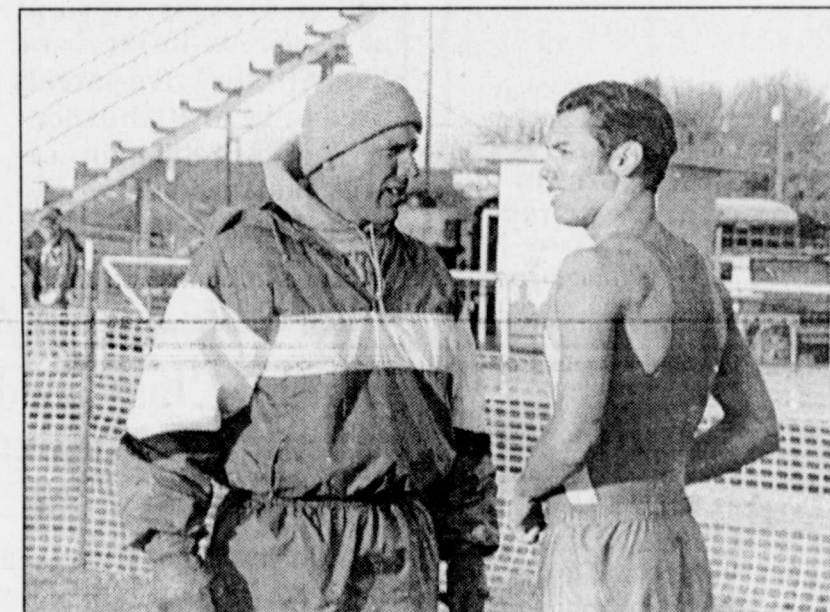
Individual events and placings include:
3200 M
 Heather Watkins, 3rd, 13:47.4
 Noemi Vega, 4th, 13:51.6
 Kourtney Cathey, 5th, 14:04.5
400 M Relay
 Jamie Bishop, Amanda Cross, Angela Jacob, Cristin Corley, 5th, 54.7
800 M
 Janet Guy, 5th, 2:42.8
 Noemi Vega, 6th, 2:44.5
 Sonya Vega, 2:53
100 M Hurdles
 Kelli Slimp, 1st, 16.2
 Cristin Corley, 6th, 18.0
100 M
 Monica Parramore, 1st, 12.9
 Karen Oats, 2nd, 13.0
800 M Relay
 Karen Oats, Monica Parramore, Jeanna Kozelsky, and Misty Pritchard, 2nd, 1:51.6
400 M
 Tara Burns, 4th, 67.8
 Debbie Baize, 7th, 69.9
300 M Hurdles
 Jeanna Kozelsky, 1st, 49.30
 Kelli Slimp, 2nd, 49.52
1600 M
 Heather Watkins, 3rd, 6:12.4
 Kourtney Cathey, 5th, 6:29.5
 Janet Guy, 6th, 6:35.6
1600 M Relay
 Misty Pritchard, Monica Parramore, Karen Oats, and Kelli Slimp, 2nd, 4:28.7
Shot Put
 Karen Oats, 2nd, 31'6"
Discus
 Tammy Thorpe
 Alison Wells
 Benita Flores
Long Jump
 Jeanna Kozelsky, 2nd, 16'6-1/2"
 Karen Oats, 3rd, 16'1-1/4"
 Kelli Slimp, 7th, 15'4"
High Jump
 Jeanna Kozelsky, 4th, 4'6"



Jace Wade, Jonathan Gann, Eric Bernal and Ricky Luz celebrate their first place win in the mile relay.



Some of the Lady Blizzards gather for a warm moment to celebrate their district championship.



Coach Lipsey gives some encouraging words to Lee Woffenden following Lee's finish in the 400 meter dash.

TRACK, continued

Coach Chuck Lipsey said, "We competed well at the district meet. I want to thank the boys for their efforts. I also want to thank Coach Russell, Coach Price and Coach Bearden for their help."

Winters tracksters will compete in the regional qualifiers meet this Friday at Wall. Field events begin at 3:00 p.m.

Regional track meet will be April 25 and 26 at Elmer Gray Stadium at Abilene Christian University.

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Wednesday-April 23
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Mixed Fruit
Thursday-April 24
Pancakes/Syrup
Cereal
Apple Juice
Friday-April 25
Toast
Cereal
Orange Juice

Lunch

Monday-April 21
Bar-B-Q on Bun
French Fries
Pickles
Red Beans
Pear Half
Tuesday-April 22
Pizza
Corn
Tossed Salad
Chocolate Chip Cookie
Jello/Fruit
Wednesday-April 23
Chicken Nuggets/Gravy
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Baseball clinic
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This will be a helpful clinic for all coaches. Anyone wanting to umpire boys' games must be in attendance.

Students of the Month

Each month the junior high teachers select students from the 7th and 8th grades to be Boy and Girl of the Month. These selections are made on the basis of academics, leadership, and citizenship.

Josh Minzenmayer, 14, is "Boy of the Month" for January, 1997. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. Michael Minzenmayer.

Josh is in the eighth grade where his favorite subject is science. He was a member of this school year's champion district football team and was recognized in a basketball tournament.

He enjoys sports of any kind. To pass the time, Josh watches TV.

His duties include any job his dad tells him to do.

The people Josh admires most are his parents.

He plans to attend college to become a teacher/coach.

Eighth grade boys win
District Track Meet

On a cold night (April 4) in Roscoe, the 8th grade Breezes came through to win their division in the 8AA District Track Meet. The boys team scored 221 points.

"Times, throws, and jumps were not as good as we would like," says Coach Robin Byrd, "but the conditions were bad and the 8th grade effort was great. Good job guys." He concludes by noting that the boys are a good group with whom to work and adds that he looks forward to next year.

Individual events and placings included:

Shot Put
Josh Minzenmayer, 2nd, 40'6-1/2"
Andrew Medina, 4th, 36'5-1/2"
Discus
Josh Minzenmayer, 1st, 122'7-1/4"
Andrew Medina, 3rd, 102'3-1/2"
Samson Jackson, 4th, 99'1"
High Jump
Colby Walker, 2nd, 4'10"
Long Jump
Aaron Pritchard, 3rd, 15'5-1/2"
Tony Aguero, 4th, 14'10"
Jason Esquivel, 6th, 14'
Triple Jump
Josh Minzenmayer, 1st, 37'10-3/4"

Tony Aguero, 3rd, 32'6"
Colby Walker, 4th, 31'3-1/2"
Pole Vault
Aaron Pritchard, 1st, 8'6"
3200 M Run
Jimmy Rodriguez, 1st, 8:32.30
Ezequiel Martinez, 4th, 9:30.72
400 M Relay
Winters, 1st, 51.25
800 M Run
Luis Llanas, 2nd, 2:33.24
Tony Aguero, 3rd, 2:38.34
Juan Santos, 5th, 2:43.53
110 M Hurdles
Colby Walker, 1st, 18.75
Aaron Pritchard, 2nd, 19.09
100 M Dash
Taylor Brown, 4th, 13.33
400 M Dash
Jason Esquivel, 3rd, 1:01.7
Aaron Pritchard, 4th, 1:03.45
Juan Santos, 5th, 1:04.16
300 M Hurdles
Colby Walker, 2nd, 50.9
Juan Santos, 4th, 53.14
200 M Dash
Andrew Medina, 3rd, 27.62
1600 M Run
Luis Llanas, 1st, 5:40.82
Jimmy Rodriguez, 2nd, 5:58
1600 M Relay
Winters, 1st, 4:13.17.

Attention
all parents of
high school seniors :

The next PROJECT GRADUATION meeting will be Monday, April 21 at 6:30 p.m. in the band hall. All interested parents need to be in attendance.

There are still many details that need to be discussed before May 30. ALL parents need to be involved.

Junior Class and
parents to finalize
prom plans

The Junior Class will meet with parents on Tuesday, April 22, at 6:00 p.m. in the Winters Livestock Show Barn.

Plans will be finalized for the Junior-Senior Prom. Prom date is May 17.

Please plan to attend.

Seventh grade boys
run to third place
finish at District

The 7th grade boys took third place in District 8AA Track at Roscoe on April 4.

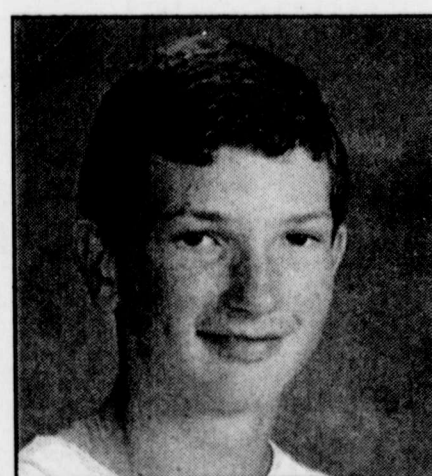
Individual events and placings included:

Discus
Chris Hoppe, 6th, 74'
Long Jump
Jeffery Oats, 1st, 15'
Wade Parramore, 3rd, 14'4"
Joseph Joeris, 5th, 13'5"
Triple Jump
Wade Parramore, 2nd, 29'4-3/4"
Jeffery Oats, 5th, 27'10-1/2"
Joseph Joeris, 6th, 27'5-1/2"
3200 M Run
Chris Muniz, 3rd, 10:29.08
400 M Relay
Jordan May, Justin Jones, Ryan Bland, and Tony Vidaurri, 4th, 1:03.00
800 M Run
Tony Vidaurri, 2nd, 2:48.35
110 M Hurdles
Jeremy Hope, 2nd, :22.40
100 M Dash
Jeffery Oats, 1st, :13.19
400 M Dash
Wade Parramore, 4th, 1:09.38
300 M Hurdles
Jeremy Hope, 3rd, 1:00.64
200 M Dash
Jeffery Oats, 2nd, :27.91
1600 M Run
Chris Muniz, 4th, 7:15.31
1600 M Relay
Wade Parramore, Tony Vidaurri, Joseph Joeris, and Jeffery Oats, 3rd, 4:56.12.

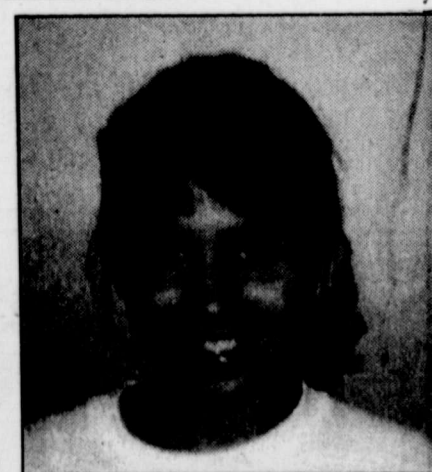
Team: Junior Varsity Boys
Coach: Ed Henley
Date & place of game:
April 7, 1997—Ballinger
Opponent: Ballinger
Winning pitcher: Halfmann
Winning catcher:
Losing pitcher: Oscar Luz
Losing catcher:
Key plays: 2B E. Rodriguez-3, Tekell 3B Alvarado, Uresti

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OPPONENT	12	7	2

Coach's comments: RECORD 3-1-1. Errors in critical situations cost us. Oscar deserved a better fate. Eddie Rodriguez was 3 for 5, 4 RBIs.



Josh Minzenmayer
Boy of the Month



Meagan Galvan
Nitsch
Girl of the Month

Meagan Galvan Nitsch, 13, has been chosen as the "Girl of the Month" for January, 1997. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Nitsch.

Meagan is in the seventh grade and enjoys science. She is honored to participate in U.I.L. literary events.

Meagan enjoys being a cheerleader.

To pass the time, she talks on the phone.

Her duties include babysitting and housework.

She plans to attend college and be an elementary teacher.

Meagan most admires her mother.

Play Ball
'97

April 18—Ozona*, Here, 5 p.m., VB
April 19—Abilene, There, 10 a.m., JVB
April 21—Baird, Here, 5 p.m., JVB
April 22—Coahoma*, Here, 5 p.m., VB

VB—Varsity Boys VG—Varsity Girls
JVB—Junior Varsity Boys
*Denotes District Games

Track Feats

Lady Blizzard Track Team
1997 District Champions

Back (l-r): Kelli Slimp, Marci Ortiz, Alison Wells, Cristin Corley, Karen Oats, Jeanna Kozelsky, Janet Guy, and Monica Parramore.
Middle (l-r): Sonia Vega, Darci Lindsey, Noemi Vega, Debbie Baize, Esmerelda Sanchez, and Benita Flores.
Front (l-r): Misty Pritchard, Kourtney Cathey, Amanda Cross, Jamie Bishop, Angela Jacob, Tammy Thorpe, and Tarra Burns.

1997 Blizzard Varsity Track Team



Back (l-r): Eric Joeris, Kenny Whittenburg, Michael Prewit, Bear Nitsch, Chris McCaslin), Mariusz Skibicki.
Middle (l-r): Felix Potillo, Chris Santoya, Dennis Conner, Jeremy Alvarado, Waylon Norman, Lee Woffenden.
Front (l-r): Ricky Luz, Jonathan Gann, Eric Bernal, Jace Wade.

Junior Varsity Track Team
1997 District Champions

BACK, (L-R): Kirk Byrd, Matt Angel, Joe Ortiz, Oscar Luz, Wesley Calcote.
FRONT, (L-R): Arthur Martinez, Leo Uresti, V.J. Santoya, Kenny Green, Craig Conner.

Eighth graders
and parents to
discuss next
year's schedule

All current eighth grade students and their parents are invited to attend a meeting to discuss a schedule for their freshman year of high school and a four-year plan.

The meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. Thursday, April 17, in the WHS auditorium.

It is very important that all eighth grade students and parents attend this informative meeting.

W.H.S. Cheerleaders
Hamburger Lunch

\$4.00 per plate

Sunday, April 27,

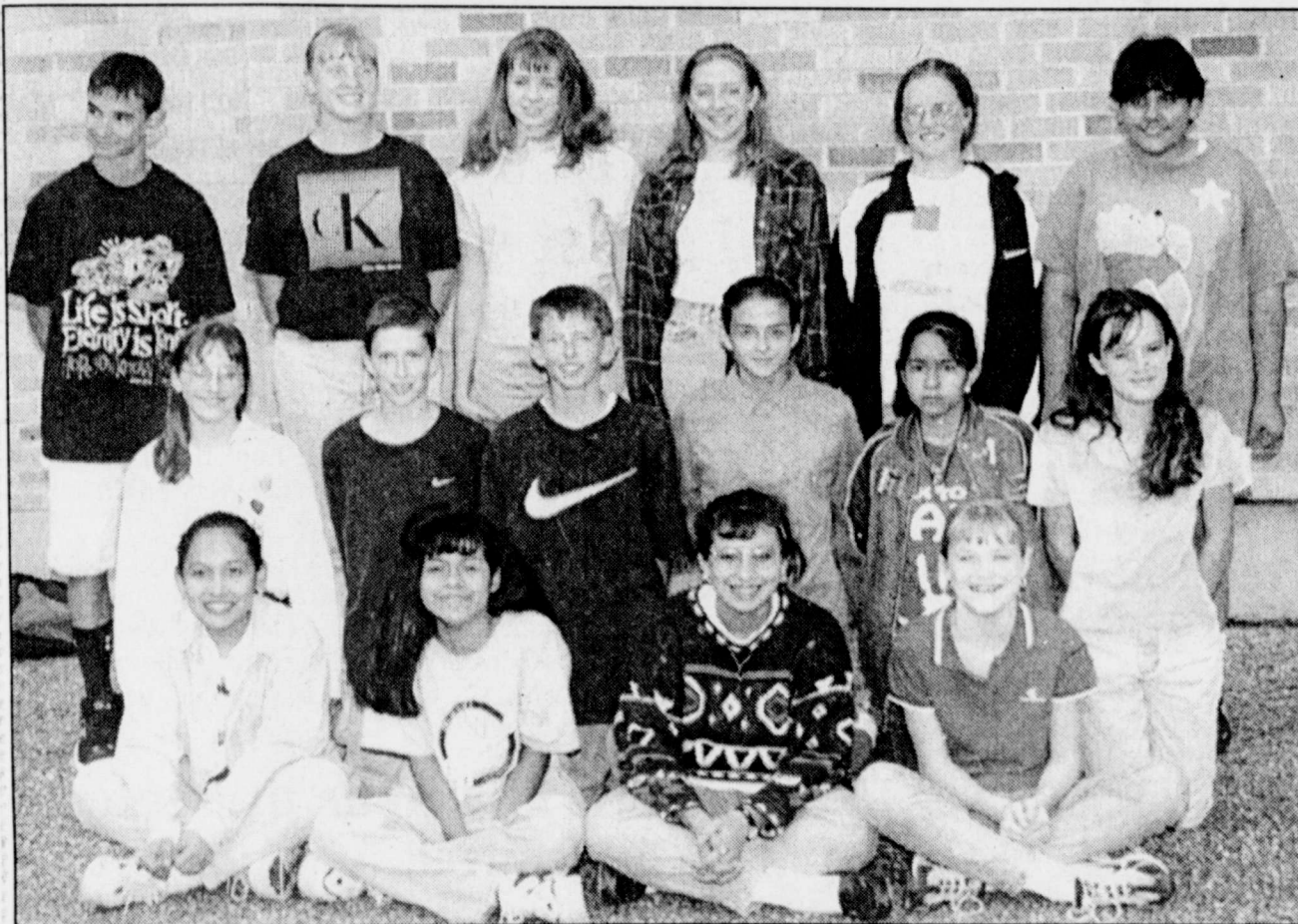
11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

School Cafeteria

Hamburger, French Fries, Tea & Dessert
Take-outs available.



SEVENTH GRADE U.I.L. WINNERS are (back, left to right) Joey Joeris, Jeffery Oats, Wade Parramore, Travis Grohman, Chris Hoppe, Michelle Walden, Karen Wimberley, (middle) Samantha Montgomery, Traci Burns, Meagan Nitsch, Mandy Pritchard, Toni Retana, Jennifer Hamilton, Monica Hicks, (front) Kelly Walker, Cassandra Johnson, Raul Zermeno, and Ryan Bland. Not pictured is Staci Bishop.



EIGHTH GRADE U.I.L. WINNERS are (back, left to right) Aaron Pritchard, Michelle Paschal, Kayla Colburn, Kacy McCuiston, Tracie Morrison, Norma Gonzales, (middle) Candess Johnson, Jeffery Jordan, Colby Walker, Theresa Cangioli, Eileen Alvarado, Kelly Lockstedt, (front) Holly Woffenden, Carmen Martinez, Kristian Cadena, and Jessica Corley. Not pictured is Lori Bredemeyer, Jamie Reeves, Ezequiel Martinez, Gabriel Hernandez, Tony Aguero, Amy Galloway, and Kasey Murphy.

Winters Junior High "sweeps" District U.I.L. Academic Meet

Winters Junior High School won the North Zone District 8AA U.I.L. Academic Meet. Competition was divided between two days, April 3 and April 7, in Coahoma.

Junior high students from Coahoma, Forsan, Roscoe, and Winters competed. Winters made a clean sweep of the meet, winning the seventh grade and eighth grade divisions and the overall meet.

Results were:

7TH GRADE

Calculator Applications
Meagan Nitsch, 4th
Chris Hoppe, 5th
Dictionary Skills
Mandy Pritchard, 1st
Samantha Montgomery, 5th
Impromptu Speaking
Kelly Walker, 1st
Mandy Pritchard, 2nd
Ryan Bland
Listening Skills
Samantha Montgomery, 2nd
Meagan Nitsch, 4th
Traci Burns
Maps, Graphs, & Charts
Kelly Walker, 2nd
Wade Parramore, 3rd
Jeffery Oats
Mathematics
Raul Zermeno, 1st
Joey Joeris, 5th
Kelly Walker
Karen Wimberley, alt.

Number Sense

Chris Hoppe, 1st
Raul Zermeno, 3rd
Travis Grohman, 3rd
Oral Reading
Mandy Pritchard, 1st
Cassandra Johnson, 5th
Monica Hicks
Modern Oratory
Monica Hicks, 1st
Samantha Montgomery, 2nd
Cassandra Johnson, 6th
Ready Writing
Meagan Nitsch
Staci Bishop
Life Science
Travis Grohman, 3rd
Joey Joeris, 5th
Raul Zermeno
Spelling
Toni Retana, 4th
Jennifer Hamilton
Michelle Walden
8TH GRADE
Calculator Applications
Candess Johnson, 1st
Eileen Alvarado, 6th
Kristian Cadena
Dictionary Skills
Tracie Morrison, 3rd
Colby Walker, 4th
Theresa Cangioli, 5th
Gabriel Hernandez, alt.
Impromptu Speaking
Kacy McCuiston, 1st
Tony Aguero
Ezequiel Martinez

Listening Skills

Norma Gonzales, 4th
Amy Galloway
Kristian Cadena
Maps, Graphs, & Charts
Aaron Pritchard, 1st
Michelle Paschal, 2nd
Holly Woffenden, 4th
Kacy McCuiston, alt.
Mathematics
Tracie Morrison, 1st
Candess Johnson, 3rd
Aaron Pritchard, 4th
Number Sense
Jeffery Jordan, 2nd
Holly Woffenden, 4th
Ezequiel Martinez, 6th
Eileen Alvarado, alt.
Oral Reading
Jessica Corley, 1st
Kayla Colburn, 5th
Kristian Cadena
Eileen Alvarado, alt.
Ready Writing
Lori Bredemeyer, 1st
Michelle Paschal
Kayla Colburn
Holly Woffenden, alt.
Earth Science
Kayla Colburn, 4th
Michelle Paschal, 6th
Kacy McCuiston
Kasey Murphy, alt.
Spelling
Jamie Reeves, 1st
Kelly Lockstedt
Holly Woffenden
Carmen Martinez, alt.

Special Olympics Spring Games rescheduled

Area 14 Special Olympics Spring Games were canceled April 12 due to inclement weather.

Competition has been rescheduled for Saturday, April 26, at Gordon Wood Stadium in Brownwood.



Teams compete in District Golf

Boys and girls of Winters High School competed in District 8AA Golf. The first round was played April 1 at Shady Oaks Country Club and the second round April 9 at Riverside Golf Course in San Angelo.

At the conclusion of play, Winters boys fell to seventh place, scoring a 932. Ozona took first at 635; Coahoma second, 666; and Ozona II third, 763. Falling in behind were Coahoma II, Forsan, and Forsan II.

Medalists were Blake Nichols of Coahoma (153) and Matt Galindo of Ozona (153). Blake won on the third hole of sudden death playoff.

Coach Robin Byrd notes that this year's Blizzard boys team was composed of four freshmen and one senior. He says "with lots of work these four freshmen could develop into a pretty good team."

Individual scores for the Blizzard boys were as follows:

Brent Jacob—107 & 108 = 215
Justin Meyer—118 & 103 = 221
Josh Emard—135 & 111 = 246
Matt Angel—137, 113 = 250.

John Bahlman—113 (ill the first round, but came back in the second round).

Robyn Parramore and Lacy Torres, seniors composing the Lady Blizzard golf team, were only able to play for the medalist positions. Robyn scored 104 in the first round and 97 in the second for a total of 201. Lacy shot a 96 and 112 for 208.

Girls' team scores and places were: Ozona 715, first; Coahoma 948, second; Forsan 1068, third; and Grape Creek, 1189, fourth.

Medalists were Ozona's Wilkins at 171 and Pridemore at 179.

WHEAT, continued

Wheat is most sensitive to freeze injury during reproductive growth, which begins with pollination during late boot or heading stages. The degree of injury to wheat from spring freezes is influenced by the duration of the low temperatures as well as the low point they reach.

Most of the wheat in this area was in the boot to heading stage. In the boot stage, wheat can suffer moderate to severe damage if the temperature reaches 28 degrees and stays for only two hours. The primary symptoms at this stage are floret sterility; head trapped in boot; damage to lower stem; leaf discoloration; odor.

If wheat is heading, it can suffer severe damage at 30 degrees for two hours. Those symptoms are floret sterility; white awns or white heads; damage to lower stem; leaf discoloration.

The many factors that influence spring freeze injury to wheat — plant growth stage, plant moisture content, and duration of exposure — make it difficult to predict the extent of injury.

This is complicated still further by differences in elevation and topography among wheat fields and between wheat fields and official weather stations. It is not unusual, for instance, for wheat growers to report markedly lower temperatures than are recorded at the nearest official weather station.

Time will tell the real extent of the damage. Producers will be forced to make a crucial decision on maturing the crop, grazing or haying. But a "wait and see" attitude is best for now, reports Mauldin.

Wheat futures prices soared to the highest level in six months on the Chicago Board of Trade amid speculation the severe weekend frost in key growing regions devastated 10 percent of the U.S. crop. Alderman-Cave Milling and Grain posted their wheat price at \$4.20 per bushel, up from \$3.50 a week ago.

Co-Ed baseball to be played

Co-Ed baseball will be played again this summer.

Please begin to organize teams. For more information, contact Angela Brewer at 754-4031 or Alfred Yates at 754-4484.



LADY BLIZZARD GOLFERS FOR 1997 are seniors Robyn Parramore and Lacy Torres.



WINTERS BLIZZARD BOYS GOLF TEAM for 1997 consists of (back row) Matt Angel, Brent Jacob and John Bahlman; (front row) Josh Emard and Justin Meyer.

WHS district tennis results

by Coach Biff White

Winters High School varsity and junior varsity tennis teams competed in the district meet on April 3 and 7 at Eldorado.

We have a real strong tennis district with the new schools, Ozona and Eldorado, added to an already strong field from Forsan and Coahoma. To make matters even worse, all top four finishers in the boys and girls divisions will be coming back next year.

The lone exception is the Winters doubles team of Jonathan Cobb and Adam Cruz, who are both seniors. Cobb and Cruz defeated Eldorado on Thursday (April 3), then lost a heart-breaker third set to Wall to finish in third place at district. Wall won second place and didn't have to play Eldorado in the play-back because Winters had already beaten Eldorado. Forsan won first place.

The junior varsity's only bright spot came from a strong performance by sophomore Josh Lincycumb who finished second in boys' singles. Lincycumb beat Ozona, Forsan and Coahoma before losing to Wall in a tough three-set match.

Others competing at district were Barrett Brown, Tony Walden, Jaime Bahlman, Tara Burns, Jamie Bishop, Christy Calcote, Cristi Burton, Heather Watkins and Nicole Cross. Chip White was out with a knee injury.

All of the Winters girls lost in their first rounds of play. Thanks to all the kids for their efforts. I'd really like to see the kids come out a lot earlier in the year and work harder. Unfortunately, tennis is not just a spring sport any more. For us to ever win in district competition, the kids will have to put in a lot more practice time. We need to be playing in some non-district tournaments so we can compete against other kids who play year-round.

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Poe's Corner

By Charlsie Poe

Caboose takes a cleaning

When our caboose was carefully installed on the Z.I. Hale Museum grounds, it was plain to see grime on the walls had accumulated for years from an oil burning stove.

One of our young men knew just what to do with the grime. Some of our members pitched in to help. It took several gallons of a formula cleaner plus plenty of water and elbow grease.

The caboose MP 13695 was built in 1876, according to information printed on the outside. It has certainly received rough treatment and stood on the track abandoned for sometime before it could be delivered. But the interior was gleaming when the work was finished and, with some enamel and a few additions, can be most attractive. A proud reminder of other days.

Although George R. Cockle, research consultant for the Union Pacific Railroad, said they did not have information on the Missouri Pacific caboose, his company had patterned some of their features after them. He sent a booklet that gives a general overview on cabooses, especially those operated by Union Pacific.

Cabooses are a lot more colorful and comfortable than they once were, but there is still an element of romance about them as to their beginnings. Only speculation at various attempts to provide conductors with office space and store the necessary flags, lanterns, and tools gives us any clues. Box cars, modified for crew comfort, were in operation in the 1840s-50s as were flatcars which cabins were built.

The caboose has come a long way since then. It has become a rolling field office with many crew comforts. A modern model standardized their caboose designs in the mid-1890s and has been generally followed for almost a century! Wood has given way to steel, the "K" airbrake system replaced



Charlsie Poe

by the modern ABD system, and command car.

The Union Pacific riveted pedestal tracks have been upgraded to specially designed caboose tracks, but the high cupola design remained.

In fact, Union Pacific progressed through 10 different series of cupola cabooses since the mid-1890s. But, as the average life of a caboose is about 40 years, consideration has been given to replacing the older cars with a new design meeting current day requirements.

Trains operate so fast these days that life in the caboose has changed. It's no longer a home away from home, with fancy meals and personal effects. They are designated to provide rear end control of trains a mile-long traveling up to 90 miles an hour.

As freight cars grow taller, the vision from the cupola-styled caboose becomes more restricted. Many railroads are switching to side-window or bay-window cabooses which allows the rear end crew to keep their heads inside the car — yet get a panoramic picture-window view of the train.

In 1977, the Union Pacific borrowed a Missouri Pacific bay-window caboose and evaluated its capabilities over their cupola-styled caboose. The results led to ordering 100 bay-window cabooses. The better view ahead, improved crew safety and comfort.

Although about the same size as the rest of the fleet, the crew compartment is much shorter. The caboose seems roomier because of the elimination of the cupola and its associated ladders and nar-

row walkway at the center of the car — hence the label of "compact body."

To construct a cupola caboose in 1980 cost about \$75,000 while the bay-window cabooses cost \$63,000. For 100 cabooses that represents \$1.2 million saved. But times change so fast that now the railroad considers it too expensive to operate the cabooses and they have been discontinued.

We have the more modern caboose, the last style built without the cupola.

Athletic Banquet set for April 24

By RICK COBB

The Athletic Booster Club met March 24 and discussed the Athletic Banquet. The banquet will be held April 24 at 7:00 p.m. in the Winters Community Center.

The entree will be chicken fried steak with cake for dessert. Tickets will be available at the door or at *The Winters Enterprise* for \$7.50. The athletes will not have to purchase tickets.

David Evans, president of the booster club, will be the Master of Ceremony. Everyone is invited to come and honor the athletes for their efforts.

Pre-K and Kindergarten Round-Up scheduled Tuesday, April 22

Pre-registration for 1997-1998 pre-kindergarten and kindergarten students has been scheduled for Tuesday, April 22, 1997, at 6:30 p.m. in the Elementary Library.

Parents of children who will be four (4) years old for pre-k, or five (5) years old for kindergarten, on or before September 1, 1997, should bring birth certificates (hospital and church records), immunization records, and Social Security cards.

Those students not enrolled in kindergarten and who will be six on or before September 1, 1997,

Fly 'Old Glory' and support the Winters Lions

The Winters Lions Club is giving all Winters residents the opportunity to show their patriotism with the Lions' "American Pride" project.

With a \$25.00 donation, a Lions Club member will place a large, beautiful American flag in front of a resident's home, near the street, on the following federal holidays:

Memorial Day, May 26
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Veterans Day, November 11
M.L. King Day, January 19
Presidents' Day, February 16

The flags will be taken up around dusk and stored until the next appropriate holiday.

Show your American pride with a highly visible flag and help the Winters Lions fund their charitable community efforts such as Christmas in April, eye exams and glasses for needy children and adults, sponsor two high school seniors to Boys State, the Miss Winters pageant, Boy Scouts, and Winters Public Library.

Send your \$25 donation along with your street address to Winters Lions Club, P. O. Box 884, Winters 79567. Or you may call Jimmy Butler at 754-5574, Aref Hassan at 754-4424, or Jean Boles at 754-4958 for further information.



JULIE ENGLAND, age 5, displays her winning Easter picture and Toys-R-Us bucks. Julie won first place in the coloring contest sponsored by the *Abilene Reporter-News*. She is the daughter of Lanny and Mandie England.

Local artist wins first place in ARN coloring contest

Julie Annette England, age 5, won first place in the 1997 Easter coloring contest sponsored by *The Abilene Reporter-News*.

She entered the 4-6 year old category and won a \$25 gift certificate to Toys-"R"-Us.

Julie is a kindergarten student of Mrs. Teresa Tekell in the Winters Independent School District.

Julie is the daughter of Mr. and

Mrs. Lanny England of Winters and the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. W.L. England of Winters. Brother Luke is very proud of his little sister.

In a congratulatory letter to Julie, Pam McLeod of *The Abilene Reporter-News* says "Keep up the good work. You're starting at an early age to be a true 'winner.'"

Evangelism rally to be presented April 27 by Baptist Associations

The Brady Baptist Association and Runnels Baptist Association have joined together for an area-wide "Looking Unto Jesus" evangelism rally. The rally will be held Sunday, April 27, at First Baptist Church, Eden.

The evangelism rally will begin at 6:00 p.m. The W.O.M. and executive board will not meet. No meal will be served.

Bill Tisdale will be the featured speaker. There will be music and fellowship.

The public is invited and encouraged to attend.

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Ladies Night Out planned April 24

Come and be "touched by an angel"

The Winters Woman's Club will present their 3rd Annual Ladies Night Out Thursday, April 24. Entertainment, door prizes, and a wonderful meal will be enjoyed.

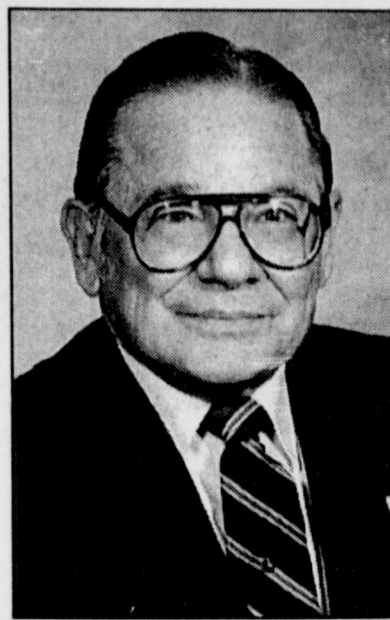
This year's theme is "Touched By An Angel."

Activities begin at 7:00 p.m. in the Jones Fellowship Hall of First Baptist Church, Winters.

Dr. W.E. Thorn of San Angelo will be the guest speaker. Dr. Thorn has been recognized as one of America's most popular banquet speakers and speaks over 300 times a year to civic, religious, educational, and business groups.

He obtained his Master of Divinity, Doctor of Sacred Theology, Doctor of Letters, and Doctor of Divinity degrees from Hardin-Simmons University and Southwestern Seminary.

As a retired minister, Dr. Thorn is a member of the International



DR. W.E. THORN
Guest Speaker

Platform Association and the Texas Writers Association. He is a trustee of Dallas Baptist University and serves on the development board of Hardin-Simmons

University. He is a specialist in Communicative Arts and has authored 10 books.

He previously served as Chaplain of Lions International and was named to Who's Who in Colleges & Universities and Who's Who in the Southwest - 1985.

For the evening meal, "A Wing and a Pear" will be served as an appetizer to "Heavenly Chicken Salad," "Pennies From Heaven," "Harp-String Beans," and croissants. Planned for dessert is angel food cake with cherries jubilee.

Tickets are \$10 in advance only and are available from Woman's Club members. No tickets will be sold at the door.

For more information or for tickets, please contact Cheryl Bryan at 754-4057 or 754-4966; Laveria Sharp, 754-4243; Melvena Gerhart, 723-2076; Gail Williams, 754-4242; Marlene Smith, 754-4961; or any Club member.

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For information, contact the American Cancer Society at 915-692-6446 or come by 209 S. Danville, Bldg. B, Ste. 107, Abilene, TX, or call toll-free 1-800-ACS-2345 to order by mail.

Classifieds Get Results

April 11
Fausto Nolbert Perez and Erlenda Camarillo Reyna
Jonathan Clarence Perkins and Randi Marie Watkins

District Court
April 8
Barbara E. Johnson vs. Janett and John Dankworth, breach of contract.

April 9
Lalanie D. King vs. Dalton Hughes and D.J. Management Services dba Heritage Oaks Estate, breach of contract and damages.

James T. Cook vs. Lee Evans and Nancy Evans, promissory note.

Divorces Filed
Anita Vasquez Mondragon and Noe Mondragon

Grand Jury Indictments
April

Jim Coker, retaliation.
Jimmy Lee Carson, aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

Jason Andrew Langley aka Jason Andrew Longley, burglary of a building.
Homero Hernandez, Ballinger, sexual assault of a child.

Stormi Jeanine Fry, Winters, possession of a controlled substance.

Bradley Allan Sudekum, Lubbock, possession of a controlled substance.

Catarino Rivera, Jr., Winters, possession of a controlled substance.

Walter Franklin Massey, driving while intoxicated.

Johnny Ray Lopez, interference with child custody.

Billy Clough, Winters, burglary of a habitation.

Claude Johnson, Ballinger, driving while intoxicated.

Christi Michelle Dean, forgery by passing.

Paul Aguirre, Ballinger, indecency with a child by exposure.

Official Records

County Court
Civil Cases
April 11

Shannon Clinic vs. Mary Robison—suit on account.

Criminal Cases
April 7

Mitchell Lee Caffey, Winters, filed for driving while license suspended.

Johnny Reyes Garcia, Ballinger, filed for driving while intoxicated.

Josephin Lee Ovalles, Winters, filed for driving while intoxicated.

Samuel Joe Lopez, Winters, filed for assault.

Sylvia Garza Romero, Winters, filed for assault.

Katherine Taylor, Brownwood, filed for theft of merchandise by check.

April 8
Ed Jason Pospichal, Rowena, filed for driving while intoxicated.

April 11
Charles Lynn Wilson, Winters, filed for driving while intoxicated.

April 14
Richie Dale Tubbs, Winters, filed for possession of marijuana.

Dispositions
Daniel Portillo, driving while license suspended, dismissed, convicted in another case.

Daniel Portillo, driving while license suspended, pleaded guilty, fined \$350 plus \$157 court costs.

Daniel Portillo, resisting arrest, pleaded guilty, sentenced to six months in county jail plus \$157 court costs.

Joe Paxton Adams, terroristic threat, dismissed, convicted in another case.

Michael Lee Ysa, telephone harassment, pleaded guilty, fined \$500 plus \$157 court costs.

Lorenzo Castillo, criminal trespass and assault, dismissed, convicted in another case.

Maria Gonzales Campos, driving while license suspended, pleaded guilty, fined \$350 plus \$157 court costs.

Tommye O'Dell, assault, pleaded nolo contendere, sentenced to one year in county jail, probated to two years, fined \$1000 plus \$157 court costs and 80 hours community service.

Eric John Esquivel, resisting arrest, pleaded guilty, fined \$1000 plus \$157 court costs.

Eric John Esquivel, criminal trespass, dismissed, convicted in another case.

Brett Alan Willborn, driving while intoxicated, subsequent offense, pleaded guilty, sentenced to one year in county jail, probated to two years, fined \$2000 plus \$212 court costs and 80 hours community service.

Harvey Dane Laird, criminal trespass, pleaded guilty, sentenced to 63 days in county jail plus \$157 court costs.

Harvey Dane Laird, driving while intoxicated, pleaded guilty, sentenced to six months in county jail, probated to two years, fined \$1500 plus \$212 court costs and 50 hours community service.

Bobby Campbell, theft of merchandise and/or cash by check, pleaded guilty, fined \$50 plus \$157 court costs, \$100 hot check fee and restitution of \$450.

Harvey D. Laird, theft of merchandise by check, pleaded guilty, fined \$50 plus \$157 court costs, \$35 hot check fee and restitution of \$222.

Jesse Mills, Jr., theft of merchandise by check, pleaded nolo contendere, fined \$50 plus \$157 court costs, \$80 hot check fee and restitution of \$1172.83.

Jose Angel Guerra, driving while license suspended, pleaded guilty, sentenced to four days in county jail and \$157 court costs.

Carlos David Ruiz, driving while intoxicated, subsequent offense, pleaded guilty, sentenced to one year in county jail, probated to two years, fined \$2000

plus \$212 court costs and 50 hours community service.

Lisa Benson, theft of services by check, dismissed, complaining witness requested dismissal.

Oscar Loy Hubach, assault, dismissed, defendant deceased.

Maria Adela Garcia, driving while intoxicated, sentenced to six months in county jail, probated to one year, fined \$1250 plus \$212 court costs and 50 hours community service.

Roger Wells, theft of merchandise by check, pleaded guilty, fined \$50 plus \$157 court costs, \$55 hot check fee and restitution of \$411.04.

Sharon Woodcox, theft of merchandise by check, pleaded guilty, fined \$50 plus \$157 court costs, \$15 hot check fee and restitution of \$49.54.

Jimmy Lee Carson, driving while intoxicated, subsequent offense, dismissed, case refiled as a felony.

Walter Franklin Massey, driving while intoxicated, dismissed, case refiled as a felony.

Mueller Inc. vs. Michael Benson dba Benson Construction, dismissed.

Chip Jackson, theft of merchandise by check, pleaded guilty, fined \$50 plus \$157 court costs, \$15 hot check fee and restitution of \$45.71.

Alex Ochoa, Jr., failure to appear, dismissed, insufficient evidence.

Chip Jackson, theft of merchandise by check, pleaded guilty, fined \$50 plus \$157 court costs, \$15 hot check fee and \$25.45 restitution.

John Flores, theft of merchandise by check, pleaded nolo contendere, fined \$50 plus \$157 court costs, \$15 hot check fee and restitution of \$100.

Beverly Pearson, theft of merchandise by check, pleaded guilty, fined \$50 plus \$157 court costs, \$35 hot check fee and restitution of \$300.

Linda Hobbs, theft of merchandise by check, pleaded guilty, fined \$50 plus \$157 court costs, \$15 hot check fee and restitution of \$38.35.

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State Legislature honors historian Neuman Smith

Neuman Smith, local historian, was honored with a reception on April 4 at the Carnegie Library in Ballinger.

Master of ceremonies, Greg Schwertner, welcomed the large crowd of well-wishers and distinguished guests.

Representative Jim Keffer presented an award of Proclamation by the State of Texas in recognition of Mr. Smith's many years of community service.

Also lauding the numerous talents and work by Mr. Smith were Mary Sykes, who worked with Smith during the twelve years of fundraising and rebuilding of the historical Carnegie Library; Anthony Lange of Norton, who worked on many agricultural committees with Smith; and Rudy Hoffman, Mayor of Ballinger, who extended thanks on behalf of the City of Ballinger.

Neuman Smith was born in

Runnels County in 1916, and still resides near Hatchel with his wife, Barbara. A farmer and rancher, he has been an active member or officer on every farm-related committee in Runnels County. He has served on local and state cooperative boards, the National Cotton Council, Rolling Plains Cotton Growers, Runnels County Extension Service, Runnels County Farm Bureau and the Runnels Horse Club.

Smith is a published author and has written for several local newspapers.

He has been a member of the Edwards Plateau Historical Society and Runnels County Historical Society, the Chamber of Commerce, Lions Club, and the Cemetery Association.

Awards include Ballinger Rural Citizen of the Year, 1971 Outstanding Farmer of America, Lions International Citation for Dis-

tinguished Service, 1977 Governor's Committee to make Texas Agriculture Better, Outstanding Contribution from the Governor and Texas Commission of the Arts, Meritorious Service from Texas Department of Health, Texas Federation of Cooperatives and Houston Bank of Cooperatives, and the West Central Council of Governments.

Mr. and Mrs. Smith are members of the First Christian Church. He also volunteers as groundskeeper for the church and the Carnegie Library. Nursing home visits are also part of Mr. Smith's regular routine.

On accepting his award, Smith responded to the attention in typical fashion, recounting events of his life in Runnels County. He added, "Anything I may have accomplished has been through the grace of God and the good people of this county."



NEUMAN SMITH (second from right) was honored with a reception and presentation of State award by Representative Jim Keffer (far right) on April 4 at the Carnegie Library in Ballinger. Other speakers were (from left) Anthony Lange, Greg Schwertner, Mary Sykes and Rudy Hoffman. Joining Neuman is his wife, Barbara.

Ballinger annual Festival of Ethnic Cultures set last weekend in April

The 22nd annual Texas State Festival of Ethnic Cultures & Arts and Crafts Show will be held in Ballinger again this year on the last full weekend in April—the 26th and 27th. The festival will be on the Runnels County Courthouse lawn (or in case of inclement weather, the Community Center).

Saturday, April 26, the event

will kick off downtown at 9:00 a.m. with the Colorado River Bike Fest (100K, 18 mile, 5 mile), followed by a large parade at 9:30 a.m.

Ethnic food booths, hand-made arts and crafts, live entertainment, Antique Tractor and Farm Equipment Show, community booths, pony rides, games for the children, and a big Saturday night

dance featuring the band, "THE SWIGGS." Also, Miss Ballinger will be crowned during this two day event!

Everyone's invited by the Ballinger Chamber of Commerce for two big fun-filled days!

Classifieds Get Results

Please recognize Girl Scout leaders on Appreciation Day

Mention the words "Girl Scouts" and many people think only of cookies and campfires. Few know that the same organization that teaches girls how to pitch a tent also teaches them how to fix a leaky faucet, play a winning game of tennis, and connect to the Internet. And this year on March 12, Girl Scouts marked their 85th anniversary as the world's largest organization for girls and women.

Girl Scouting's longevity is due mainly to its adult volunteers — without them Girl Scouting would not happen. April 22 has been designated as Girl Scout Leader Appreciation Day. This year marks the sixteenth annual observance of this special day when Girl Scout leaders throughout the nation are recognized for their contributions to the young women in their communities. The Heart of Texas Girl Scout Council salutes its leaders for a job well done.

Please recognize the efforts of the Girl Scout leaders of Winters and offer thanks in some way. Leading Daisy Troop #161 are Ketta Lou Garduno, Cheryl Kruse, and Michelle Torres. Saam Geistmann and Ann DeBerry lead Junior Troop #162. Junior Girl Scouts Troop #163 are guided by Debbie Sudduth and Shelia Paschal. Chris Parramore and Linda Jones lead Juniors #179. Brownie Troop #180 are lead by Rebecca Sartor and Amy Lujano and Brownie Troop #181 by Irene Simpson, Rebecca McKown, and Fran Walker.

As you now know, Girl Scout leaders come from all walks of life. Many juggle their time between families, careers, other volunteer work, social schedules and personal hobbies. Somehow, they still manage to spend time to plan and carry out troop meetings. Girl Scout leaders are important individuals because girls look up to, believe in, and emulate them. We can only commend individuals who are willing to accept so great

a responsibility.

A leader's tasks include supporting girls in their efforts to become responsible and self-reliant individuals. A leader provides girls with friendship, advice, encouragement, and resources.

Today's girls are faced with many crises such as a drug and alcohol abuse, early motherhood, and poverty. The Girl Scout program

is designed to give girls the incentive and courage to overcome such obstacles, avoid unnecessary unpleasantness in life, and develop to their fullest potential as individuals. The Girl Scout troop leaders play major roles in helping the girls achieve these goals.

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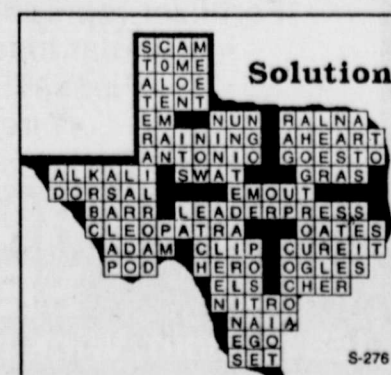
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Extension News & Views

By Chad Coburn, ACEA-AG

4-H'ers compete at Tarleton Livestock Judging Contest

Fourteen (14) Runnels County 4-H'ers recently competed at a statewide livestock judging contest held April 12 at Tarleton State University. The contest hosted more than 100 teams from throughout the state. The contestants evaluated classes of cattle, sheep, and swine.

The Senior team from Runnels County 4-H came home with an impressive 10th place finish. Team members were Jodie Schwertner, Cody Halfmann, Lance Schwertner, and Jimmy Halfmann. Individually, Cody Halfmann was the 10th high individual overall.

Other 4-H'ers competing in the contest were Shelley Meyer, Blake Franke, Heidi Isham, Keri Hoelscher, Justin Hoelscher, Jacob Kalina, Matthew Kalina, Brandon Hohensee, Kaci Collins, and Thomas Moeller.

All of these youngsters deserve to be congratulated for their hard work and dedication throughout the judging season. The livestock judging teams will finish the season on April 19 at the District 7 contest that will be held in Mason.

Pest Management News

By Richard Minzenmayer, Extension Agent-Entomology (PM)

Whitefly invasion

The Concho Valley has been invaded by little tiny whiteflies. There are about 200 species of whiteflies but most species are either tropical or sub-tropical.

Only a few species occur in this area and most are not of economic importance. They live on the underside of leaves and suck plant juices. Heavy infestations can interfere with plant growth and development. This invasion is probably the result of such a wet spring all over the state. Weed host plants allowed the white fly population to increase dramatically. Cold wet weather will usually reduce populations.

If infestation persists around the home, an insecticidal soap or narrow-range oil spray can provide some temporary control. Most whitefly species are satisfactorily controlled by natural enemies. Lady Beetles, lacewings, minute pirate bugs, and parasitic wasps usually control whitefly infestations. Conservation of your

natural enemies is important.

Chemical control of whitefly infestations may be necessary in some cases. Thorough coverage on the underside of leaves is essential for satisfactory control. Applications made primarily to the upper leaf surface kill many beneficial insects while missing whiteflies and then do more harm than good.

Persistent pesticides are generally not recommended. They are often more toxic to the actively searching beneficial insects than to whiteflies, which settle on the lower leaf surface then they are somewhat protected from insecticides.

If you decide to use chemical control, it is important to read the label and only use those chemicals registered for use on whiteflies and for use on the specific plant species infested.

Hopefully, this is a temporary problem and the white flies will move on to greener pastures.

GENERAL SITUATION—It's raining again. Isn't it wonderful to be in such good shape moisture wise. Producers are set up for a good crop year. Wheat looks great, grain sorghum planting has begun and some grain fields are up to a good stand.

Good moisture conditions combined with very little insect pressure from greenbugs has made the outlook promising for above average wheat yields.

Cool moist conditions have been favorable for the development of disease problems such as powdery mildew and rust. Also, an old pest has re-emerged as a major problem in some parts of the Concho Valley. The Hessian fly has devastated some fields around the Melvin area, and other fields in McCulloch County have various infestation levels according to Dr. Chris Sansone. Hessian fly infestations have been found as far as 5 miles west of Millersview in Concho County.

I have also had a number of calls pertaining to whitefly infestation in wheat fields. This is not a significant problem and does not warrant an insecticide application.

POWDERY MILDEW—Several producers in Tom Green County have made fungicide applications to control powdery mildew.

Losses from powdery mildew is not as extensive as severity of symptoms indicate. Powdery mildew is easy to identify. The first symptoms are light green flecks on the leaves. Very soon white cottony tufts of fungus develop. These tufts spread over the leaf and turn to a dirty gray mat. Dusty white spores are produced in great numbers and cover leaves and soil. Affected leaves turn yellow and die. The disease increases respiration and water loss and decreases chlorophyll; consequently, photosynthesis declines.

Powdery mildew is caused by the fungus *Erysiphe graminis* f. sp. tritici. This fungus survives on dead wheat plants and within infected leaves. Fall infection can occur, but the main concern is usually in the spring near the time of jointing. Lower leaves are infected first and it progresses up the plant, leaf by leaf, as long as conditions for spore production and infection persist.

Powdery mildew thrives in cool damp conditions. Optimum temperature for growth is 68 degrees Fahrenheit with relative humidity near 100%, but heavy rain actually reduces it. Spores survive about 2 days and 70°F and considerably longer at cooler temperatures. This permits some long dis-

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tance dispersal by wind. Some infection can occur as low as 40°F. Epidemic development stops abruptly about 75-80°F. This often prevents severe loss since infection of the top two leaves is necessary for significant yield effect and it is usually warm enough by the time these leaves emerge to prevent extensive infection.

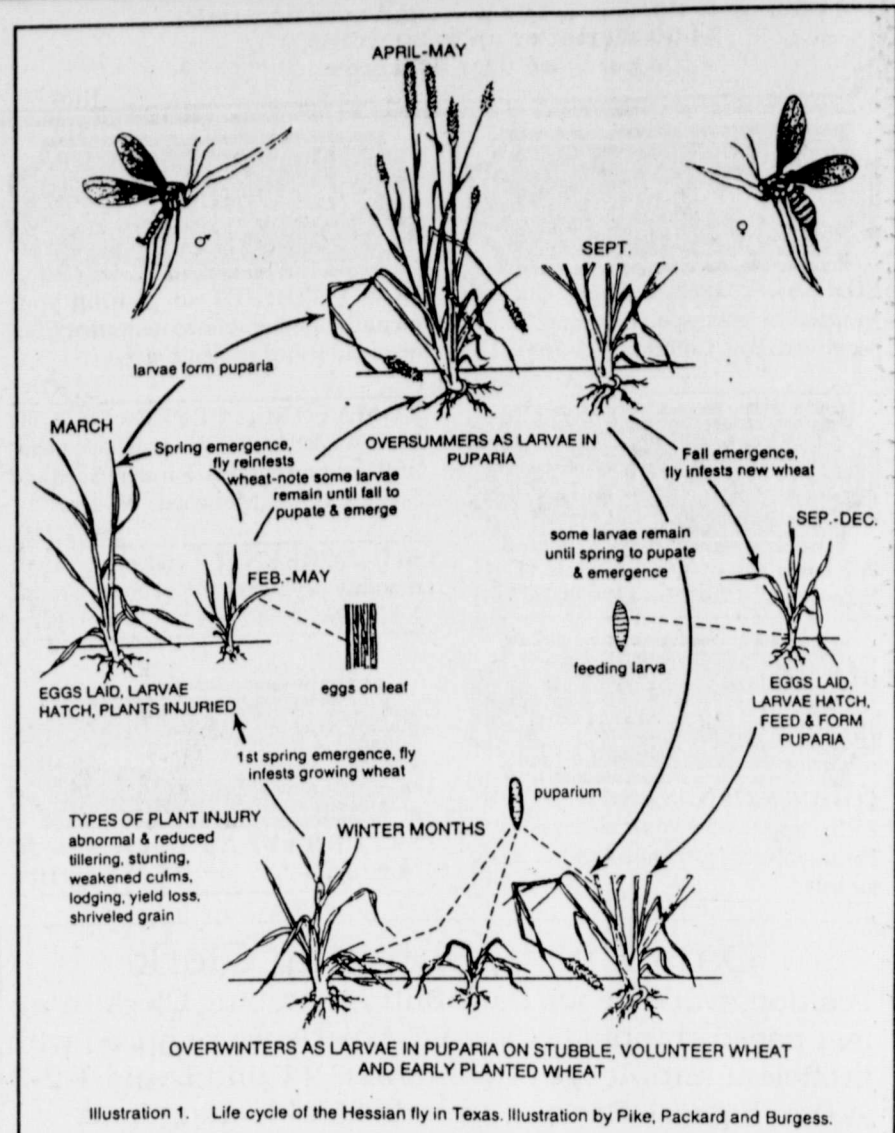
Resistant varieties have been developed in areas where powdery mildew is more serious. Our present varieties range from moderately resistant to very susceptible with none highly resistant. Fungicides that are highly effective against powdery mildew have been developed. But the erratic nature of powdery mildew combined with low wheat prices make regular use of fungicides uneconomical.

HESSIAN FLY—The Hessian fly was given its common name long ago by Americans because of its damage on Long Island, New York, in 1779, in the vicinity of Lord Howe's encampment of three years before. It was believed that the Hessian soldiers in his army had brought the pest from Europe in the straw used in their bedding. The pest was first discovered in Texas in 1978 and made its first appearance in 1995 in Coleman and McCulloch Counties.

The 1996-1997 growing season has been favorable for Hessian fly outbreaks because of the good fall moisture conditions which encouraged early planting and the good spring moisture which enhances survival.

The Hessian fly survives the winter in the larval stage within a puparium on stubble, volunteer wheat, early planted wheat and other host grasses. Because of the resemblance to flaxseed, the puparia are often referred to as the flaxseed stage of the pest. Adult emergence commences as temperatures reach a mean of 45 to 50°F. Spring emergence extends over several weeks. This extended emergence protects the insect against population destruction in the event of sudden unfavorable weather.

The adult Hessian fly is similar in appearance and size to a sorghum midge. The fly is fragile, brown, two winged and the abdomen is a distinct orange-red in color. The life span of the adult fly is no more than three days. A female can lay from 40 to more than 450 eggs with an average of about 200. The eggs are laid on the upper surface of the wheat leaf. The eggs hatch in 3 to 10 days depending on the temperature and the larvae migrate down the grooves in the leaf behind the



leaf sheath to the crown of the plant. On jointed wheat, the larvae may be found just above the node.

Once full larval growth is completed (about 2 weeks), feeding ceases and the larvae form puparia or the flaxseed stage. With favorable weather, many larvae pupate within a short time and emerge as adults between March and May. These adults initiate a second and partial third spring generation. There are always some larvae of the current first spring generation that over summer do not emerge from the flaxseed until the fall. An increasing percentage of each subsequent spring generation over summers in the flaxseed to insure summer survival. A good rain (about 1 inch) and mild temperatures in the fall results in adult emergence in 12 days. The main fall emergence normally takes place between late August and Mid-October.

Wheat is the preferred host but infestations have been found on barley, rye, spelt, and emmer. Oats are not infested by this pest.

Injury to wheat caused by larval feeding on stem tissue at the crown of young plants or just above the nodes on jointed wheat. The extent of injury is generally greater in newly emerged and younger seedlings when compared to injury observed in older, established plants. Any fields that have been devastated were hurt in the fall and early spring. Infested tillers are stunted by larval feeding and are less than half the size of the uninfested, healthy tillers. If stunted tillers survive, their growth and yield will be reduced. Significant grain losses can be expected when 20 percent or more of the tillers become infested.

Serious infestations lead to thin stands that yield poorly. Injury by

Hessian fly in jointed wheat weakens the stem at the site of feeding. This may lead to significant lodging or stem breakage. Feeding can also interfere with nutrient flow to the head during formation, resulting in losses of grain quality and quantity.

Management of Hessian fly is based on cultural methods. Insecticides provide no help because no insecticide can provide enough residual to deal with the extended emergence pattern of the pest. Wheat varieties have been the common way to deal with the pest in the past. Choices are somewhat limited in our area but Ogallala shows some tolerance. Other varieties like 2157 and Mesa are resistant, but rust can be a severe problem in these two varieties.

Planting late in the season is a viable option. In McCulloch County, susceptible wheat varieties planted in September were devastated while varieties planted in late October will have some yield reduction but will at least make a crop. If grazing is not required, planting should be delayed until November.

Destroying volunteer wheat to deprive first generation adults in the fall is critical in infested areas. Plowing under old straw 4 to 6 inches limits adult emergence but conservation plans limit this method. Burning straw will not control flaxseed in the soil surface or below the soil line so burning is not recommended. Crop rotation can help but adult flies are wind blown and can travel a mile.

Producers need to be aware of this problem and start making plans to limit the damage of this pest for next year. Make sure to evaluate your crop now and visit wheat variety trials in the area.

Spring Trail Ride for Rehab scheduled April 19 & 20

The Spring Trail Ride for Rehab is scheduled for the weekend of April 19 and 20 at the Chadbourne Ranch in Coke County near Bronte. Registration will begin April 18 after 3 p.m. and continues Saturday, April 19, beginning at 8 a.m. Volunteer Trail Ride Chairmen are Kelly Gill, Mac Sayles, and Thomas Hicks.

The weekend will feature a day-long ride on Saturday and a shorter ride on Sunday morning, and three meals will be served. First aid and restroom facilities will be available. Saturday evening entertainment will be provided by Sam Davis, cowboy poet, from Abilene. Davis will also lead a worship service on Sunday morning. In addition, weekend activities will feature a number of auction items.

The Chadbourne Ranch is located in the picturesque hills of Coke County and is the site of historic Fort Chadbourne. The fort was established in 1852 and in use until 1864. Shortly after the Civil

War, G.G. Odom settled in the area and founded the Chadbourne Ranch at the site of the fort. The ranch is still owned by his descendants.

Expenses for the event are underwritten by Lawrence Hall Chevrolet, which means that participants' freewill donations will go directly to treatment services at West Texas Rehabilitation Center in Abilene and San Angelo.

Trail Ride Co-Chairman Kelly Gill said, "Effective January 1, 1997, regulations require a negative Coggins test within the past twelve months for any participation in any trail ride, show, fair, competition, or other event where equine are gathered. Your voluntary compliance is appreciated."

To sign up for the trail ride or for additional information, contact John Thomas, Abilene, (915) 691-7290; Ellen Bown, San Angelo, (915) 949-9535; or after 7 p.m., Mac Sayles, Tuscola, (915) 554-7884.

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