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House fire Saturday claims life of 5-year-old child



CHARRED REMAINS OF THIS HOME are roped off by law enforcement officials following an early morning fire Saturday which claimed the life of 5-year-old Dalvin Huffman of Winters. The child apparently died of smoke inhalation as he slept at the home of his grandmother, Margaret Huffman, at 311 Wood Street. Mrs. Huffman escaped uninjured from the blaze which is still under investigation by the State Fire Marshal's office.

An early morning fire on Saturday claimed the life of 5-year-old Dalvin Huffman of Winters.

The child apparently died of smoke inhalation when his house caught fire about 12:30 a.m., according to Winters police sergeant Alfredo Sanchez.

Dalvin's grandmother, Margaret Huffman, told police they were sleeping when the fire broke out in the back room of her house at 311 Wood. Mrs. Huffman, who had been sleeping on the couch in the livingroom at the front of the house, escaped uninjured from the blaze which engulfed the back of the house and caused extensive smoke damage to the remainder of the one-story, wood frame home. Rescuers found the child in his bed in the middle bedroom near the back of the house.

Members of the Winters Volunteer Fire Department responded in three minutes after receiving two 911 calls from neighbors, according to Sanchez, but could not immediately reach the child inside the burning house due to excessive flames and heat.

The child was taken by ambulance to North Runnels Hospital where medical personnel worked for approximately an hour in an effort to revive him. He was pronounced dead by Dr. Y. K. Lee at 2:05 a.m. The body was sent to the state medical examiner's office in San Antonio for autopsy.

Authorities from the state fire marshal's office arrived at the scene Monday afternoon, but results of their findings will not be available until Friday afternoon.

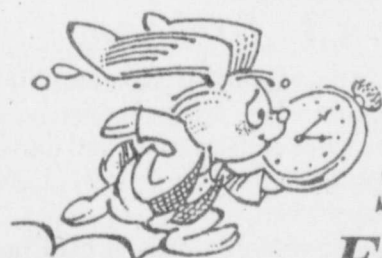
Dalvin Devan Huffman was born October 2, 1993, in Abilene and attended pre-kindergarten at Winters Elementary School.

He is survived by his mother, Kyla Huffman, and his father, Homero Hernandez of Winters; his grandparents, Jaime and Irma Hernandez and Margaret Huffman of Winters; three uncles, Gabriel and Jimmy Hernandez, and Gary Huffman of Winters; and one aunt, Tanya Brockington of San Angelo.

Services were held at 4 p.m. Tuesday, March 30, 1999, in Winters.

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME
2:00 AM, SUNDAY, APRIL 4TH

Turn clocks forward one hour.



SPRING
FORWARD

Large crowd attends open house of new county jail

Numerous county officials and employees welcomed approximately 500 visitors who braved the rainy weather Saturday to attend the open house of the new Runnels county jail in Ballinger. Guests were encouraged to inspect all areas of the new \$3 million facility which boasts state-of-the-art security and surveillance

equipment.

Construction began in October, 1997, for the more than 16,000 square foot building which can house as many as 87 inmates.

Runnels County Sheriff Bill Baird explained that only one additional employee, a kitchen supervisor, has been hired to work

See NEW JAIL, pg. 6

County judge, sheriff among first locked in new jail

by Jean Boles

In an unplanned schedule of events, Judge Marilyn Egan and her husband Jerry, Sheriff Bill Baird, kitchen supervisor Jerry Baker, and Darlene Smith of the County Auditor's office became the first individuals to be locked up in the new Runnels County jail.

The humorous mishap occurred at the conclusion of the highly successful open house last Saturday. As the Egan, Baird, Baker and Smith were cleaning the kitchen, they realized that all the doors into the kitchen had become locked with the group inside.

Sheriff Baird tried his many keys to unlock the doors, but to no avail. Their knocks on the

See JUDGE, pg. 6

Fort Chadbourne to open to public for first time in over a century

\$3.9 million planned for museum and visitors center

Fort Chadbourne, located 11 miles north of Bronte, Texas on U.S. Highway 277 midway between Abilene and San Angelo, will open soon to the public.

Work is now in progress to stabilize the existing buildings and provide access for visitors. And, the Fort Chadbourne Foundation has announced a \$3.9 million plan to construct a museum/visitors center at the fort.

Established in 1852, the national historic site and stop on the Texas Forts Trail, is private property owned by Garland and Lana Richards. The Richardses established the non-profit charitable foundation on January 29, 1999, to protect and revitalize the fort.

In addition to the construction and restoration, the foundation plans to offer the fort as an educational resource through col-

leges, universities, and schools. Fort Chadbourne Foundation will provide scholarships and endowments for educational purposes.

Mr. Richards was recently named to serve on the interim board for the Texas Historical Commission's Texas Forts Trail pilot project, part of a regional heritage tourism program. Bill Spiller of Winters also serves as interim director, specifically for Runnels County.

The interim board will act as a decision-making entity in order to expedite the program strategies of the Texas Forts Trail pilot project. The group's first meeting took place October 24, 1998, at the THC's official program launch held at Fort Concho in San Angelo.

At the launch, the Texas Travel Trails Program was introduced as

a regional heritage tourism initiative and the Texas Forts Trail region was recognized as the first of ten Texas territories to be developed and marketed as a tourism destination. The program is expected to positively impact the local economy by stimulating visitorship to cultural and historical attractions and advocating the benefits of historic preservation.

"It is an honor to have been chosen to serve on the Texas Forts Trail pilot project interim board," said Richards. "The program will have a very positive economic

See CHADBOURNE, pg. 8

City council accepts bids for old equipment

With some heated discussion from the audience, the Winters city council awarded bids for two pieces of old equipment during their regular meeting on Monday evening.

David Grohman was awarded the bid for the front-end loader at a price of \$5,001. Herb Palmer won the bid on the dump truck for \$1,680.

Other bidders who were in attendance provided argument for how the bids should be awarded. A bid of \$6,666 for both items was first thought to be the high bid. This bidder was prepared to give his check to the city "right

See COUNCIL, pg. 9

Over \$4 million spent on welfare in Runnels County for 1998

The state spent a total of \$4,138,874 last year for major welfare programs in Runnels County, according to Barbara Evans, regional administrator for the Texas Department of Human Services.

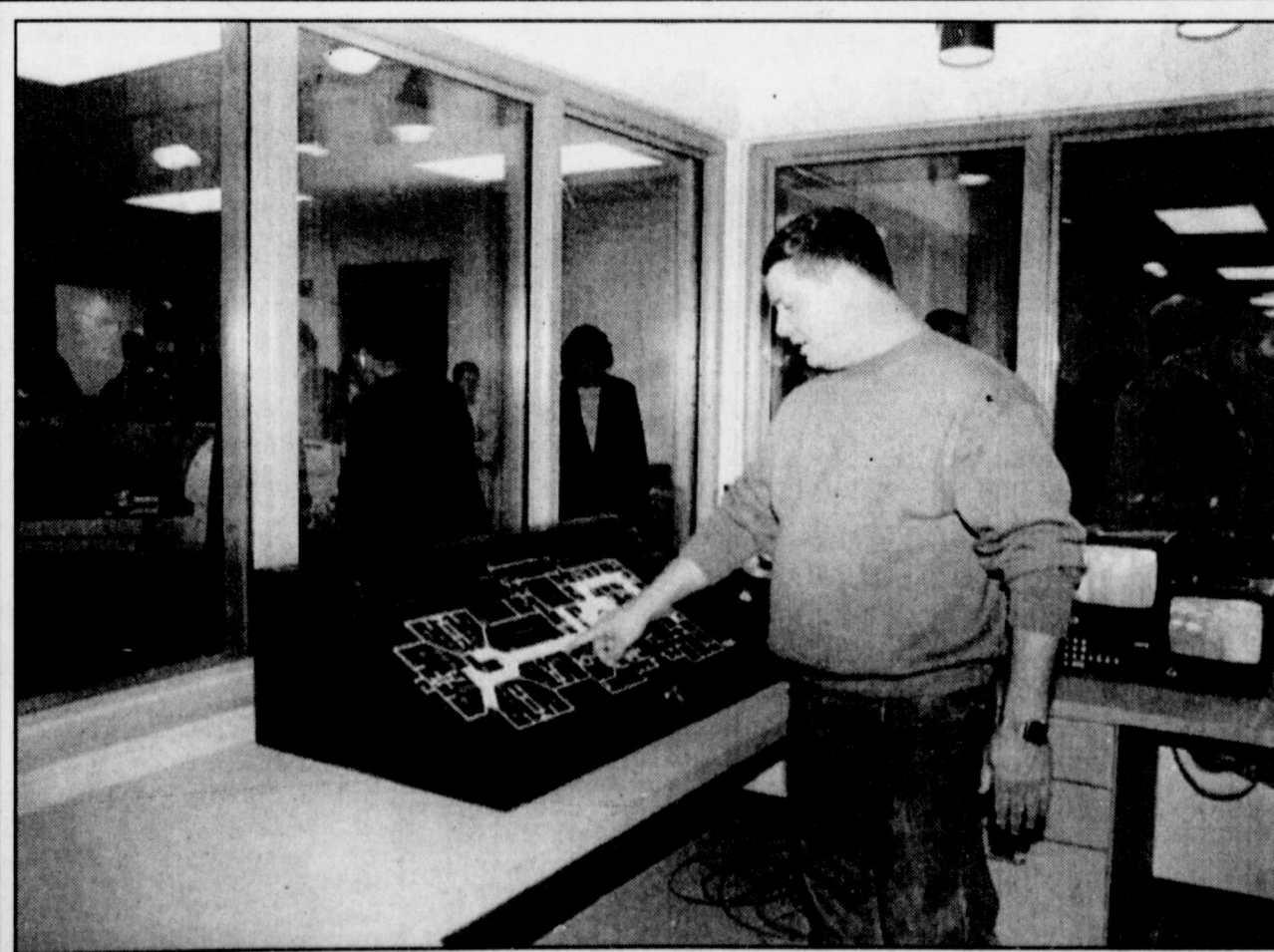
Food stamps worth \$757,065 were issued for the fiscal year which ended August 31, while Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) totaled \$140,039. Food stamps are funded entirely by the federal government, while the department determines eligibility of potential clients and non-clients and issues the Lone Star Card.

The state and federal governments share in the cost of TANF to families where needy children are deprived of support because of the absence or disability of one or both parents.

Nursing home costs of approximately \$2,340,919 were paid for aged and disabled residents. Community Care for Aged and Disabled spent \$692,890 for Medicaid related services and \$207,961 for non-Medicaid related services.

WHAT'S HAPPENING ?

- April 1-Doctor's Day Luncheon, Senior Citizens Nursing Home
11:30 a.m., Senior Citizens Meal
- April 2-10 a.m.-Noon & 1:30-3 p.m., Immunization Clinic, TDH
11:30 a.m., Senior Citizens Meal
3:30 Easter Egg Hunt, Senior Citizens Nursing Home
- GOOD FRIDAY — SCHOOL HOLIDAY
- April 3-Runnels County Consignment Sale, Wingate Lions Club Bldg.
6:30 p.m., Crews Potluck Supper
10 a.m., Wee Care Preschool Bake Sale, Wal-Mart, Ballinger
11 a.m., Community -Wide Easter Egg Hunt, Methodist Church
- April 5-9 a.m.-4 p.m., WIC, Winters Housing Authority
11:30 a.m., Senior Citizens Meal
6:30 p.m., Project Graduation Meeting, High School Media Center
7:30 p.m., Ballinger Masonic Lodge
- SCHOOL HOLIDAY
- April 6-11:30 a.m., Senior Citizens Meal
4 and 5 p.m., Friends of Hale Museum and Hale Museum Directors
7 p.m., American Legion
- April 7-11:30 a.m., Senior Citizens Meal
6 p.m., Chamber Directors



JAILER KIRK McCUISTION explains the security and surveillance systems of the new Runnels County jail during Open House last Saturday. Approximately 500 visitors braved the rainy weather to get a first-hand look at the \$3 million facility which is scheduled to open April 10.

Oil Bidness

By Reg Boles ©1999



If you stretch your brain a little, you might be able to remember some of your grade school math if you had to. At least enough to tell you that if you have 5 cents and you spend 4 cents and you find 2 cents, that you have something less than 5 cents (probably 3 cents).

Well, it seems many out there have forgotten this simple rule of arithmetic when it comes to oil prices.

Why, to hear the press tell it, prices are back where they have always been. Sure, prices have rebounded quite handsomely from all-time lows of less than \$10 per barrel, but they have by no means returned to the level seen about 18 months ago. But, very few seem to grasp this fact.

Let's review... Prices in mid-1997 were about \$19-20 per barrel. Prices at the end of 1997 had slipped to about \$17-18, and prices fell to about \$10 in December of 1998. Since the beginning of the year, prices languished until earlier this month when OPEC started to get serious about production cuts.

Prices now stand at above \$15. This is where the math comes in. If I start at \$20, say, and decrease 40 percent the price will have dropped to about \$12. If they fall an additional \$2 to \$10, their total drop would be 50 percent. If prices recover to \$15, prices have risen a full 50 percent.

Your typical 5th grader will tell you that \$15 is not equal to \$20. Your typical adult looking for a story will slice and dice the facts until he/she sees a 50 percent drop followed by a 50 percent increase. The adult's conclusion is that prices are back to normal. After all, 50 percent down followed by 50 percent up must be back to square one, right?

Not quite. As in my example above, a fifty percent drop followed by a fifty percent increase yields a price that is not nearly back to square one.

This fact seems lost on the general public. I've seen people complain about the recent increase in gasoline prices being "criminal," as if approaching \$1 per gallon was some previously unseen high! There is all sorts of wailing and gnashing of teeth by economists concerned that this "meteoric rise" in oil prices may cripple the economy. Never mind that the economy was doing just fine at prices \$5 per barrel higher about 18 months ago.

It seems that everyone is suddenly reminded of how important petroleum is to our daily lives. Kind of like an epiphany following a long period of amnesia, I suppose.

No, the suffering by the small independents and employees of bigger companies is not over. Sta-

bility is far from assured and revenue is still down significantly from pre-crash conditions at current prices.

The only thing assured seems to be a continuing whiplash from one extreme to another in an obscenely short interval.

HIGHLIGHTS OF AREA DRILLING ACTIVITY COMPLETIONS

Tom Green County

Ladd Oil & Gas Corporation has completed the McGill #1 in the Susan Peak Field (10 miles NE of Christoval) at an initial rate of 27 BOPD & 36 BWPD in the Harkey Sand (perms 4594-4609). Loc. is 1000 FEL & 1500 FNL of Sec. 20, Blk. 25, H&TC Sur., A-8635.

STAKINGS

Callahan County

J&M Company has staked the R.E. Edington #4-B in the County Regular Field, 7 miles SW of Cross Plains (Depth 500). Loc. is 55 FNL & 1010 FWL of Sec. 181, Blk. 43, Comal CSL Sur.

Concho County

Lynx Energy Company, Inc. has staked the Sims #1 as a Wildcat, 4 miles N of Paint Rock (Depth 4000). Loc. is 950 FNL & 1332 FEL of S.C. Smith Sur. No. 5, A-1476.

Runnels County

E.N. Patton Oil Company, Inc. has staked the McNeill #1B in the West Dorman Field, 2 miles SE of Wilmeth (Depth 5000). Loc. is 1629 FEL & 330 FSL of J.E. Mills Sur., A-662. RULE 36.

Pioneer Energy Corporation has staked the Snelson #4 in the Nordic Field, 5 miles NW of Talpa (Depth 4950). Loc. is 2731 FWL & 1627 FSL of ETRR Sur. No. 120, A-864.

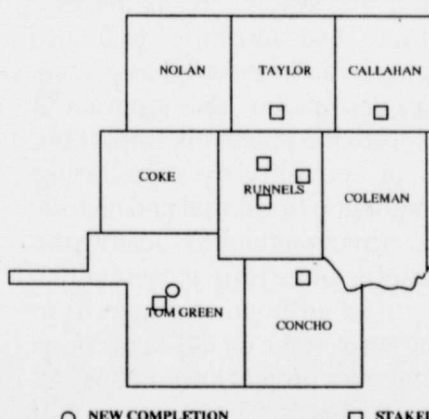
R&R Well Service has staked the B. Clark -A- #7 in the Ballinger Field, 2 miles SW of Hatchell (Depth 4250). Loc. is 467 FNL & 467 FEL of H.R. Bradford Sur. No. 164.

Taylor County

L.C.S. Production Company has staked the Graham -A- #15 in the County Regular Field, 3 miles W of Tuscola (Depth 5100). Loc. is 1485 FNL & 1190 FWL of Sec. 35, Blk. 1, SPRR Sur.

Tom Green County

Ibex Resources, LLC has applied to re-enter two wells in the Christoval Field, 7 miles NE of Christoval (Depth 5235). The Johnson Estate #2 is loc. 2200 FEL & 2200 FNL of C.M. Dunn Sur., A-546. The Johnson Estate #3 is loc. 190 FNL & 3213 FSEL of A.D. Neill Sur., A-176.



EMPLOYEE OF THE QUARTER, SHELIA PASCHAL, receives a proclamation of appreciation from Winters Mayor Dawson McGuffin during ceremonies Monday morning at City Hall. Recognized for her level of performance, positive attitude, cooperation, coordination and communication with city employees and customers, Mrs. Paschal received a \$20 award in addition to the proclamation.

Immunization Clinic set for Friday, April 2

The Winters office of the Texas Department of Health has scheduled their April Immunization Clinic.

The clinic will be conducted Friday, April 2, 1999, from 10:00 a.m.-12:00 noon and 1:30 p.m.-3:00 p.m. at the Professional Building, Suite 108, on Grant Street entry.

For more information, call 754-4945 between the hours of 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Monday-Friday.

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April 5 thru April 9
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Monday, April 5: Liver & onions, baked potatoes, green beans, cornbread, and peaches.
Tuesday, April 6: Meatloaf, corn salad, mixed greens, cornbread, and bread pudding.
Wednesday, April 7: Roast & gravy, potatoes & carrots, tossed salad, roll, and Jello cake.
Thursday, April 8: Chicken & dumplings, cheese sticks, green beans, crackers, and dump cake.
Friday, April 9: Hamburger, French fries, pea salad, cookies, and ice cream.

Sr. Citizens Nursing Home News

By Billie Ruth Bishop

Easter Egg Hunt planned April 2

Easter is almost here and that means an Easter Egg Hunt for the employees' children and grandchildren at the nursing home. The hunt will be Friday, April 2, at 3:30 p.m.

In observance of Doctor's Day, we will sponsor a luncheon on Thursday, April 1, for the doctors of Winters and other health care personnel. We appreciate all of them and want to say thanks!

Edna Sudduth is a patient in North Runnels Hospital at this time. We hope she will be back with us soon.

Our hearts were saddened at the passing of Herbert (Cowboy) Merchant who died Saturday morning. He was a special person among our staff and residents.

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a blessed
Easter Holiday.

Janice Druser
& the gals

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Obituaries

Dalvin Devan Huffman

WINTERS—Dalvin Devan Huffman, 5, died Saturday, March 27, 1999, at his residence.

He was born October 2, 1993, in Abilene and attended pre-kindergarten in Winters Elementary.

He was a Baptist.

Survivors include his father, Homero Hernandez and his mother, Kyla Huffman of Winters; his grandparents, Jaime and Irma Hernandez and Margaret Huffman of Winters; three uncles, Gabriel and Jimmy Hernandez, and Gary Huffman of Winters; and one aunt, Tanya Brockington of San Angelo.

Services were held at 4:00 p.m. Tuesday, March 30, 1999, at the Winters Funeral Home with Reverend James Gehrels and Reverend Boone officiating. Burial followed in the Northview Cemetery in Winters, under the direction of the Winters Funeral Home.

Pallbearers were George Lozano, Jimmy Ripley, Ruben Hernandez, Don Patton, Mikey Hernandez, and Nato Vasquez.

W. J. Briley

WINTERS—W.J. Briley, 71, died Saturday, March 27, 1999 at his home.

He was born May 24, 1927, in Winters, to Homer and Eunice Briley. He graduated from Winters High School and served in the U.S. Navy during World War II. He married Theresa Lewis on January 13, 1948, in Ballinger.

A life long resident of Winters, Mr. Briley was a farmer, harvester, and truck driver.

He was a member of the First Baptist Church in Winters.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Homer and Eunice Briley; two brothers, Homer Briley, Jr. and W.C. Briley; and one sister, Ellen Minzenmayer.

Survivors include his wife, Theresa Briley of Winters; one son, Bobby and Connie Briley of Winters; two daughters, Beverly Briley of Big Lake, and Carla and Worth Hooper of Winters; two sisters, Wyonia White and Bonnie Winter of San Angelo; four grandchildren and one great grandchild.

Services were held at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday March 30, 1999, at the First Baptist Church in Winters with Brother Barry Taylor officiating. Burial followed in Lakeview Cemetery in Winters, directed by Winters Funeral Home.

Pallbearers were Mark Briley, Max Briley, Monty Briley, Lonny Briley, Hudon White, Jr., and Chad Briley.

Memorials may be made to Hospice of the Big Country.

Ruth Boothe

BALLINGER—Ruth Boothe, 78, died at 12:50 a.m. Wednesday, March 24, 1999, at Heritage Oaks Estate in Ballinger.

She was born August 28, 1920, in Callahan County to Zo Selman Cook and Ruth Everella Hagar.

Ms. Boothe was a homemaker and a member of the Seventh Street Baptist Church in Ballinger.

Survivors include two sons, Charlie Blackshear of Winters and Roy Blackshear of Vernon; two daughters, Ann Burnham of Ballinger and Linda Joyce Elstad of Keller; one brother, Selman Cook of Ranger; one sister, Zeola Mae Gould of Austin; eleven grandchildren; and ten great-grandchildren.

Visitation was from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Wednesday, March 24, at Rains-Seale Chapel in Ballinger. Graveside services were held at 3:00 p.m. Thursday, March 25, at Evergreen Cemetery in Ballinger with Reverend Tony King officiating. Burial was directed by Rains-Seale Funeral Home.

Edna J. Jackson

NOVICE—Edna J. Jackson, 89, died Wednesday, March 24, 1999, at Coleman Healthcare Center.

She was born March 25, 1909, in Blackwell and moved to Shep in 1911. She married Loy Jackson on January 7, 1931, in Abilene. They moved to Novice in January 1959.

Mrs. Jackson was a member of North Main Street Church of Christ in Winters.

Survivors include her husband, Loy Jackson of Coleman; two daughters, June Saverance, and Sue Key and husband Lyndon, all of Novice; two brothers, A.D. Talley of Abilene and Gene Talley of Santo; four sisters, Zada Robinson of Gridley, California, Lucille Regan of Shep, Eva Jolley of Abilene, and Shirley Akin of Abilene; five grandchildren, Larry and Becki Sadler of Tuscola, Steve and Patti Gibson of Tuscola, Larry and Lynn Broyles of Longview, Charles and Vicki Key of San Saba, and James and Chrissi Hail of Coleman; and twelve great-grandchildren.

Visitation was at 6:00 p.m. Thursday, March 25, at Winters Funeral Home. Services were held at 10:30 a.m. Friday, March 26, in the North Main Street Church of Christ with Lyndon Key and Charles Key officiating. Burial was in Shep Cemetery, directed by Winters Funeral Home.

Levi Robertson

ODESSA—Levi Robertson, 73, died Wednesday, March 24, 1999, at Medical Center Hospital in Odessa.

He was born November 18, 1925, in Hylton, Texas. He married Joyce Lavonne Adcock on December 28, 1946, in Wilmett. They moved to Odessa in 1982.

Mr. Robertson was a retired farmer and rancher, a Navy veteran of World War II, and a Baptist.

Survivors include his wife, Joyce Robertson of Odessa; two daughters, Brenda Kelly of Colorado City and Cynthia Robertson of Fort Worth; three grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Graveside services were held at 2:00 p.m. Saturday, March 27, at Wingate Cemetery. Arrangements were directed by Hubbard-Kelly Funeral Home of Odessa.

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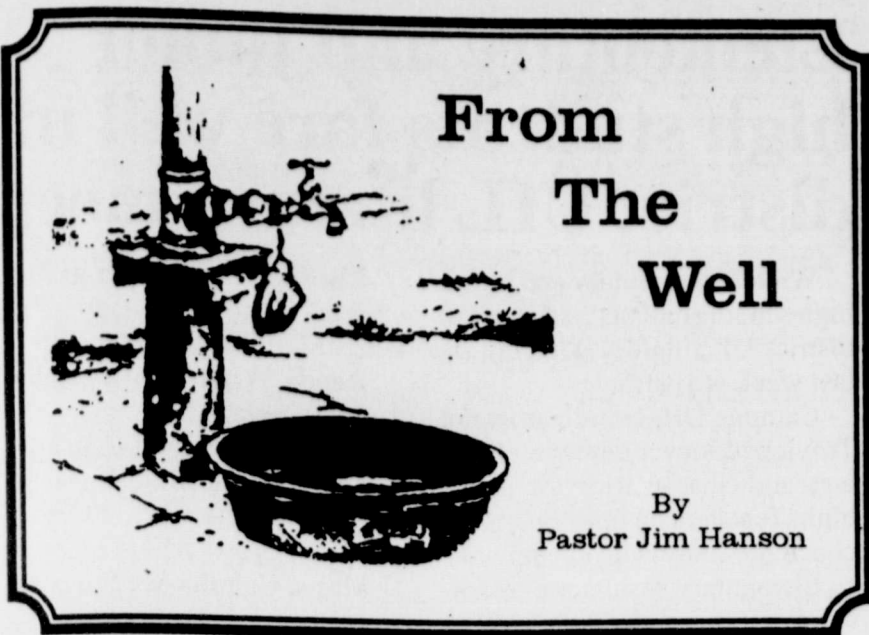
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From The Well

By
Pastor Jim Hanson



Pastor Jim Hanson

Nancy brought in a piece this morning. J.P. had found it on the Internet. It's called — "What a Neat Idea." And it's all about an Easter eve, at home, cookie making time. Only — among the ingredients is the Easter Story. I'll include it, later in this column.

But first I want to share with you, my readers, what has become an Easter-joy-kind-of time for me. Can you believe — the Winters Ministerial Association weekly meeting? It is a time of resurrection and renewal for me. Getting together with Father Sam, Brother Barry Taylor, Brother Don Roath, and Brother Bob Jones is a celebration. We laugh. We share. We encourage each other. And sometimes, we even sing together.

A lot of "neat ideas" have been born in those meetings. Like "The Community-Wide Service of Prayer for Rain and Christian Unity." It was a great night at the Methodist Church. We all felt a sense of true community as we sang and prayed and heard the Word. And now, this Holy Week — the Mid-Day Worship Services at the Community Center. Sponsored by the Ministerial Association. A first in our community. Each noon — a different preacher. But — all preaching from the same page, with the same faith in the same Lord. No division here! Unity.

And, coming up in May, a "Community-Wide Service of Singing" at the First Baptist Church. Another "neat idea." And the whole group working together for the Food Pantry at Father Sam's garage. And the Winters Relief Fund. Supported so generously by our community. In the midst of all the problems — much new life and hope — because "we are becoming one in the Spirit, one in the Lord." Easter Hope. Like Psalm 133 puts it, "Behold, how good and pleasant it is when brothers dwell in unity." And we're all praying with and for the Church of Christ as they seek a new minister.

And now — for the neat idea. Easter story cookies. To be made the evening before Easter. Ramona and I are going to do it — even if we don't have children at home. We encourage you to do it, too. Become kids again. Get your fingers into the dough.

You need:

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| 1 c. whole pecans | 1 c. sugar |
| 1 tsp. vinegar | zipper baggie |
| 3 eggs | wooden spoon |
| pinch of salt | tape |
| | Bible |

Preheat oven to 300 degrees.

Place pecans in zipper baggie and let children beat them with the wooden spoon to break into small pieces. Explain that after Jesus was arrested He was beaten by the Roman soldiers. Read John 19:1-3.

Let each child smell the vinegar. Put 1 tsp. vinegar into mixing bowl. Explain that when Jesus was thirsty on the cross he was given vinegar to drink. Read John 19:28-30.

Add egg whites to vinegar. Eggs represent life. Explain that Jesus gave His life to give us life. Read John 10:10-11.

Sprinkle a little salt into each child's hand. Let them taste it and brush the rest into the bowl. Explain that this represents the salty tears shed by Jesus' followers, and the bitterness of our own sin. Read Luke 23:27.

So far the ingredients are not very appetizing. Add 1 c. sugar. Explain that the sweetest part of the story is that Jesus died because He loves us. He wants us to know and belong to Him. Read Ps. 34:8 and John 3:16.

Beat with a mixer on high speed for 12 to 15 minutes until stiff peaks are formed. Explain that the color white represents the purity on God's eyes of those whose sins have been cleansed by Jesus. Read Isa. 1:18 and John 3:1-3.

Fold in broken nuts. Drop by teaspoons onto wax paper covered cookie sheet. Explain that each mound represents the rocky tomb where Jesus' body was laid. Read Matt. 27:57-60.

Put the cookie sheet in the oven, close the door, and turn the oven OFF.

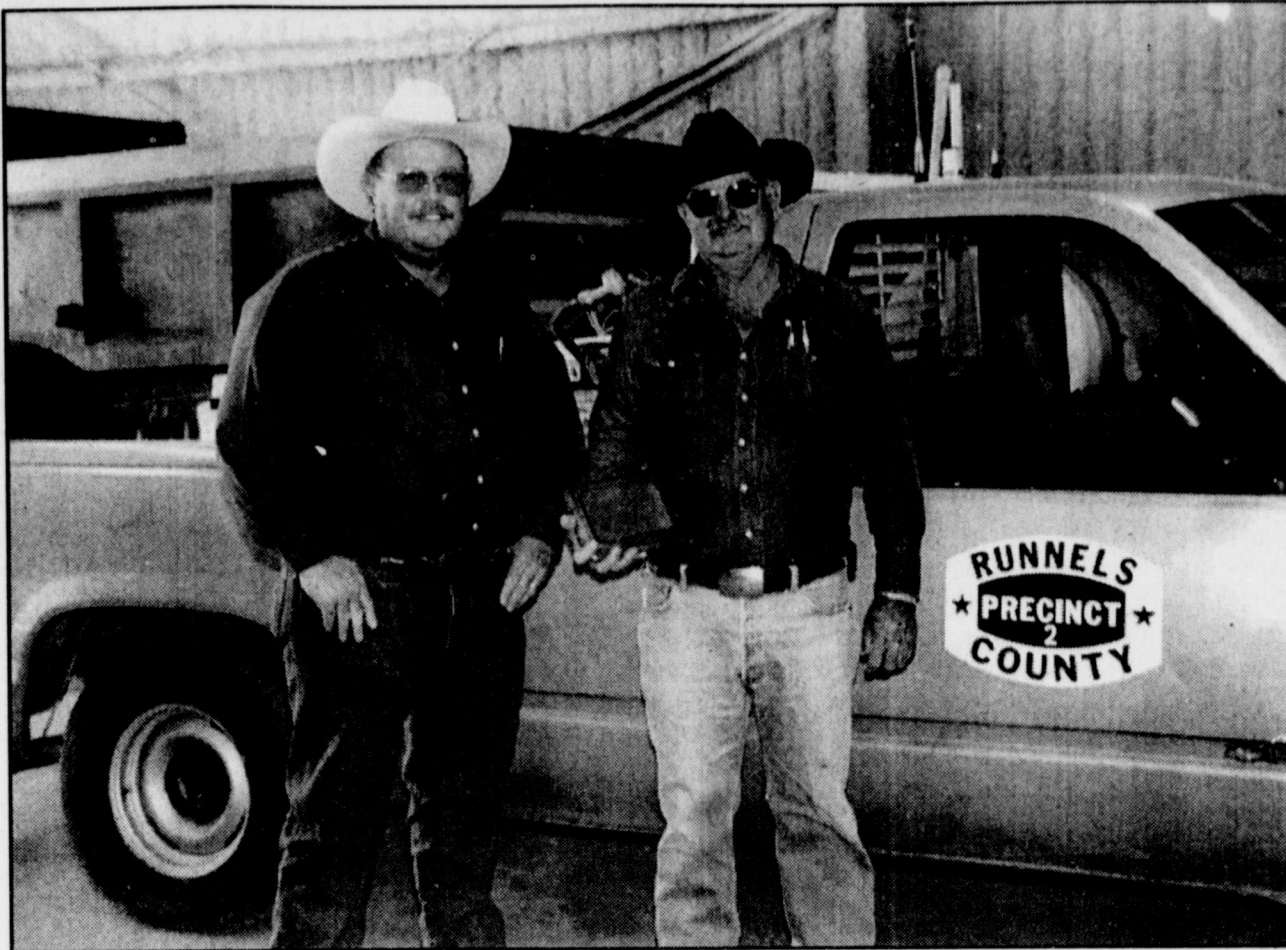
Give each child a piece of tape and seal the oven door. Explain that Jesus' tomb was sealed. Read Matt. 27:65-66.

GO TO BED! Explain that they may feel sad to leave the cookies in the oven overnight. Jesus' followers were in despair when the tomb was sealed. Read John 16:20 and 22.

On Easter morning, open the oven and give everyone a cookie. Notice the cracked surface and take a bite. The cookies are hollow! On the first Easter, Jesus' followers were amazed to find the tomb open and empty. Read Matt. 28:1-9.

Before you go to bed — set your clocks ahead one hour. It's Daylight Savings Time...time.

What a marvelous Easter activity. "To taste and see how good the Lord is." And — to be really ready to shout and sing "Hallelujah" at the Lord's house on Resurrection Day.



BILLY SIMPSON (right) displays his plaque of appreciation presented by Runnels County Commissioner Keith Collom during a lunch honoring Simpson for his retirement after serving precinct 2 of the county for almost 31 cumulative years from November, 1962, until March 31, 1999.

Billy Simpson honored for 31 years with Runnels county

Retiring on March 31 after almost 31 years working for Runnels County precinct 2, Billy Simpson says he doesn't have much planned for the future.

"One thing is for sure. I'm not going to punch a clock anymore." Then he adds with a grin, "I think my wife has some work lined up for me but I'm sure not going to ask her."

Employees from all four county precincts honored Simpson on March 25 with a barbecue lunch at the precinct 2 barn.

He began his career with the county in November, 1962, when he was appointed Constable for precinct 2. He served in that capacity until December 31, 1970. He later joined the maintenance department, where, with the exception of some years spent on leave of absence, he served under four commissioners through the years — Melvin Mapes, David Carroll, Johnny Wilson and Keith Collom.

Social Security "musts" in filing tax returns

Those individuals preparing tax returns should make sure the correct Social Security numbers are shown for all of the dependents listed on the federal tax return. The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) checks all the names and Social Security numbers on the tax return against Social Security's records, including those belonging to dependents.

If the names and numbers do not match Social Security's records, you will receive a letter from IRS asking you to explain the discrepancy. You cannot receive a tax refund until the discrepancy is resolved.

Other Social Security requirements tax filers should keep in mind include:

If you are self-employed and net over \$400 or more a year, you must pay Social Security taxes.

If you work in a profession or operate a trade or business full-time or part-time, you have earnings from self-employment. You must report net earnings of \$400 or more a year on schedule SE of your federal income tax return and file it with your income tax return. Even if you don't owe any income tax, you may owe Social Security self-employment tax.

If you paid a household worker at least \$1,100 in wages last year, you are required to report his/her wages and pay Social Security tax on his/her earnings with your tax return.

Workers covered by this law include maids, cleaning persons, child care providers, gardeners, and others who provide household services. The exception is workers under 18 years of age who do not do these jobs for a living, like teenagers who babysit or cut the grass.

If you already receive Social Security benefits, you may have to pay income taxes on part of your benefits.

You may owe taxes on 50 percent of your Social Security benefits if adjusted gross income plus one-half of your Social Security benefits plus your nontaxable interest is between \$25,000 for an individual, or between \$32,000 and \$44,000 for a couple. If these amounts are above \$34,000 for an individual or \$44,000 for a couple, you may owe tax on 85 percent of your benefits.

For more information about Social Security, call Social Security's toll-free number, 1-800-772-1213, or contact your local Social Security office. If you have tax questions, call the Internal Revenue Service at 1-800-829-1040.

PUBLIC NOTICE CITY OF WINTERS TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

The City of Winters is giving notice of the city's intent to submit a Community Development Fund application for a grant from the Texas Community Development Program. The grant application request is \$250,000 for sewer system improvements in the southwest portion of the city. The application is available for review at City Hall during regular business hours.

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Briskets for sale—

Christmas In April finalizes plans for April 10, workday

Christmas in April is set for Saturday, April 10, 1999. This year eight Winters families will receive assistance from the program.

Briskets are on sale for \$20 each and need to be pre-ordered. They will be available on the workday and can be ordered by contacting Nell Ballard or Terry Wyatt at 754-5574. Mr. Wyatt can also be reached at 754-5783.

Breakfast will be served the morning of April 10 from 7 a.m. to 8 a.m. before reporting to house assignments. A brisket dinner with all the trimmings will be served from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. as volunteers finish their respective houses. Both meals will be served in the school cafeteria.

CIA provides home improvement for low income and elderly families solely through organized volunteer work one Saturday each April. Materials and supplies are

either donated or purchased with monies from donations and fundraising.

House captains for 1999 are Larry Walker, Scott Gerhart, Phillip Colburn, Bob Lindley, Blas Lugo, and Lanny Bahlman.

There are opportunities for volunteering in many areas including carpentry, plastering, plumbing, electrical, painting, roofing, baby-sitting, assisting with volunteer breakfast and evening meals and snacks.

If you do not specialize in any one area, house captains will be happy to find a job for you. Individuals interested in volunteering may pick up a form at *The Winters Enterprise* or contact Audine McBeth for more information.

Christmas In April is a fun way to spend a day with friends and fellow community members while helping those in need of assistance.

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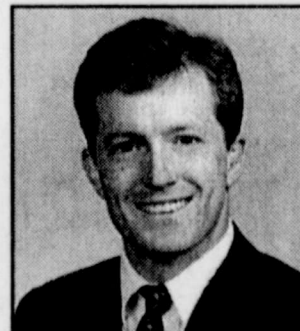
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April 5-April 9
Subject to change

Breakfast

Monday-April 5
No School
Easter Holiday
Tuesday-April 6
Toast
Cereal
Juice
Wednesday-April 7
Blueberry Muffin
Oatmeal
Juice
Thursday-April 8
Pancakes/Syrup
Cereal
Juice
Friday-April 9
Cheese Toast
Cereal
Juice

Lunch

Monday-April 5
No School
Easter Holiday
Tuesday-April 6
Chicken Nuggets/Gravy
Mashed Potatoes
Green Beans
Jello/Fruit
Hot Roll
Wednesday-April 7
Taco/Meat/Cheese
Tossed Salad
Red Beans
Brownies
Thursday-April 8
Turkey Roast/Gravy
Mashed Potatoes
June Peas
Hot Roll
Friday-April 9
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Seeking 1989 WHS classmates

The Winters High School Class of 1989 will be having a 10-year reunion on June 5, 1999, at the Winters Country Club. Arrangements are currently being made, and all class members are encouraged to contact Chris Rives at 915-365-3362, or chrisrives@hotmail.com for more information.

WHS golfers compete in first rounds of district play

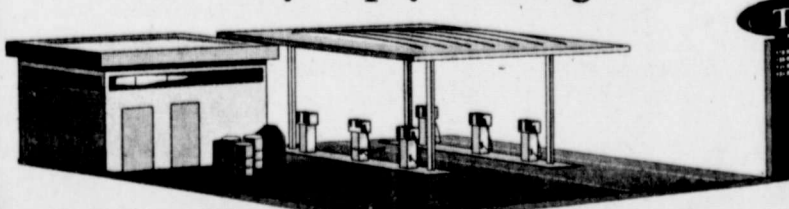
The Blizzards and Lady Blizzards have completed the first of three rounds in district golf competition. The men's team played first round action in Goldthwaite, while the women were in Hamilton.

The Blizzards will host round two of men's golf on Monday, April 5. The Lady Blizzards played round two in Coleman on Tuesday but results were not available as of press time.

The men are currently in eighth place with 399 team points. Individual scores were Matt Angel, 95; Kirk Byrd, 98; John Bahlman, 103; and Justin Meyer, 103.

The ladies were in twelfth place following the first round with 552 team points. Coach Robin Byrd notes this is the first year for four of the five Lady Blizzard golfers. Individual scores were Alexis Adams, 117; Tarra Burns, 143; Brooke Tounget, 144; Shelley Meyer, 148; and Alison Wells, 152.

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Local youth shares her story—

Dyslexia means difficulty in learning to read, write or spell; makes school work a chore

by Deb Pritchard
Third of a series

What do Thomas Edison, Albert Einstein, George Bush, Winston Churchill, Michael Heseltine, Woodrow Wilson, George Patton, Jackie Stewart (the racing driver), Tom Cruise, Duncan Goodhew (olympic swimmer), George Burns, Whoopi Goldberg, Susan Hampshire, Danny Glover, Cher, Kourtney Cathey, and 41 other Winters schools students have in common? They are all dyslexic.

Dyslexia is a disorder originating in the brain clearly apparent by a difficulty in learning to read, write, or spell, despite education, adequate intelligence, and economic opportunity.

The following difficulties may be associated with dyslexia, if they are unexpected for the individual's age, educational level, or cognitive abilities:

(I have taken the liberty of describing these characteristics in laymen's term and though lengthy, they merit consideration.)

- difficulty with the development of phonological awareness and processing skills—one can hear and break the words down according to sounds for each letter, but not by syllables

- difficulty reading single words in isolation—when the word is all by itself and there is no sentence or paragraph to identify the word by association

- lack of reading fluency—one stumbles over words, reading is slow and labored

- variable degrees of difficulty with reading comprehension—many are just proud they were able to cope and read aloud, however they have no clue what they said

- variable degrees of difficulty learning the names of letters and their associated sounds—often times b and d, w and m, u and n, or p, g and q are flipped around and misread

- difficulty with learning to spell—they have no idea about the letter sounds, they have to relearn and review the phonetic rules, i.e.: when to use 'c' or 'k'; 'k' precedes 'i' or 'e' and 'c' precedes any other letter

- difficulty in word finding and rapid naming—particularly difficult in social studies or science when reading a paragraph to find a specific name or event—a dyslexic might have to read a passage three or four times before they could find it

- inaccurate and labored oral reading—must decode each and every word as they go along, i.e.: the word 'contest'—the 'o' is followed by a consonant so it is short, there are two vowel sounds so there are two syllables, VCCV so the break in syllables will be between the 'n' and 't'

- variable difficulty with aspects of written composition—many words but no semblance of order for writing, leaves out punctuation, no periods to end sentences, mixes capital and lower case letters

- difficulty with learning and reproducing the alphabet in correct sequence (in either oral or written form)—i.e.: some can sing the alphabet correctly, but not say it or they can write it in cursive, but not print it, they must have a continuous flow

- family history of similar problems—50% of dyslexics have a parent, grandparent, aunt or uncle who are also dyslexic

Kourtney Cathey knows the characteristics of dyslexia—she lives with them everyday. She was diagnosed as severely dyslexic in the third grade.

"In the second grade I wouldn't want to read out loud. I'd ask before class if we were reading orally and I'd tell my teacher I didn't want to. I was afraid I'd mispronounce something and they'd (her classmates) laugh at

me," said Kourtney.

"Every Friday, I always hated spelling tests in elementary school—they were the worst. The further I went in school, the words got longer and harder to spell. It was harder for me to put words together—I'd spell by the way it sounded," she said.

"If I don't hear it—I don't put it. But I knew you couldn't have more than three consonants together without a vowel so I'd put an 'e'. When in doubt put an 'e'."

"The only spelling test I ever passed was in the sixth grade. I got a list of the words to study an extra week in advance and I passed. Of course I didn't figure out to do this until the end of school so that was the only one I did (pass)," Kourtney said.

"(Lower case) 'b' and 'd' are the worst for me. At first glance they look the same. If I write a note to 'dad' it might end up 'bad'. I started writing the first letter of every word in capitals so I won't get them confused. That way there's no doubt."

"In church, Sunday school, and youth I take a lot of notes in my Bible—I underline words and write in the margins. I'm afraid to share my Bible with my friends or even let them look at it because I may have misspelled a simple little word and they'll make fun of me."

"Hollie (an older sister) would always leave mom and dad a nice long note about where she was, when she'd be back, what she was doing. Me—I simply write I'm at such and such, call for details," she laughs.

To be continued. In addition, note the box below this article. It contains samples of the way scotopic sensitive children may see text in a book. After diagnosis, children are given colored overlays to help correct this problem. However, when too severe, they may be referred for Irlen filters.

A person with Scotopic Sensitivity experiences difficulty with print resolution. Problems include print that shifts, shakes, blurs, moves, doubles or disappears. Below are just a few examples of what someone with scotopic sensitivity syndrome might see when they read. In fact they often experience several of these difficulties, depending on the lighting and the text.

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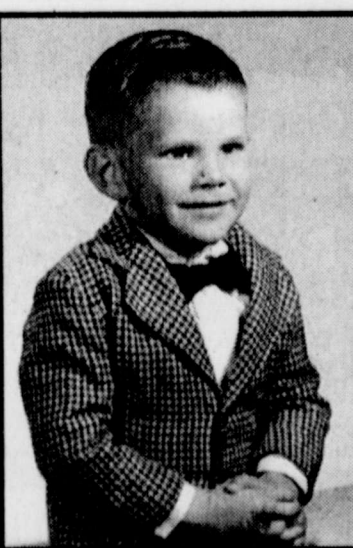
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Identity of birthday boy is revealed elsewhere in this issue.

Elementary and junior high students fare well in district UIL literary meet

Winters elementary and junior high school students fared well in district UIL literary competition last week at Bangs.

Campus UIL coordinators are Troylene Lincycumb for elementary and Sharon Rice for junior high. Teachers on both campuses coach the individual events.

Elementary results are as follows:

Creative Writing (2nd grade)
5th, Camille Kruse
Oral Reading (3rd grade)
2nd, Alex Newsom
Spelling (3rd grade)
6th, Susan Sneed
Art (4th grade)
6th, Winters, (Ysenia Flores, Kellyn Airhart, Trenton Grohman)
Art (5th grade)
3rd, Winters, (Ashley Vasquez, Jessica Meyer, Vickie Santoya)
Oral Reading (5th grade)
5th, Bryce Wilkerson
Spelling (5th grade)
1st Eric Wyatt
8th, Erica Lujano
Dictionary Skills (5th grade)
3rd, Eric Wyatt
Maps, Graphs & Charts (5th grade)
6th, Trey Weed

Music Memory (5th grade)
3rd, Winters, (Amanda Polk, Chris Medina, Ashley Sanders)

Ready Writing (6th grade)
2nd, Shyla Garza

Music Memory (6th grade)
4th, Winters, (Rachel Davis, Kinsey Airhart, Crystal Grenwelge)

Maps, Graphs & Charts (6th grade)
2nd, Peter Griffin
3rd, tie, Jacob Bridgeman
3rd, tie, Rachel Davis

Dictionary (6th grade)
5th, Katy Wilkerson

Maps, Graphs & Charts (7th grade)
4th, Benjie Valles

Oral Reading (7th grade)
2nd, Briana Parramore

Number Sense (8th grade)
2nd, Brian Pritchard

Dictionary (8th grade)
3rd, Brandon Davis

Math (8th grade)
4th, Brian Pritchard

Maps, Graphs & Charts (8th grade)
4th, Brandon Ripple

WHS One Act Play advances to district; cast and crew earns several all-star honors

Winters High School One Act Play competed in zone and district competitions last week in Winters and Brownwood.

Last Thursday, the WHS cast performed "Cagebirds" in the WHS auditorium as they hosted District 25 AA West Zone competition.

Under the direction of David Evans, Winters was one of two unranked advancing plays. Junior Kelli Slimp was named best actress.

Senior Brooke Tounget was named to the All-Star cast while seniors Candi Lara and Tarra

Burns were named honorable mention All-Star cast. Senior Joe Ortiz was named for technical crew honors.

Winters advanced to district level at Brownwood on Saturday, but did not place. However, Slimp and Tounget were named to the All-Star cast. Senior Misty Pritchard was named to the honorable mention All-Star cast.

Other cast and crew members included Cassandra Fields, Julie Paske, Kayla Colburn, Chip White, Stefanie McGallian, Norma Gonzales, and Candace Johnson.

BLIZZARD ACTIVITIES

APRIL 1-8, 1999

SOFTBALL

—April 1
Miles (District), Here,
6:30 p.m., VG

—April 6, Hermleigh (District),
at Snyder, 5 p.m.

TRACK

—April 3, at Brady, VG,VB,
JVB

—April 1, Jim Ned, Jr. High

—April 8, Jr. High District Meet,
at Early

BASEBALL

—April 6, Bangs, There,
5 p.m., Varsity

—April 8, Haskell, There,
4 p.m., JV

GOLF

—April 5, District Round 2,
Winters Country Club

EXTRACURRICULAR

—April 7, Area FFA Livestock,
Horse, and Dairy Foods Judging

Contests at Tarleton State Univ.

Kindergarten and Pre-K Roundup set for April 20

It's not too early to be thinking about kindergarten roundup and pre-kindergarten registration, according to Winters Elementary Principal Tammy Bright.

Tuesday, April 20 has been set for the sign-up in the elementary library beginning at 6:30 p.m. Spring registration allows administrators to plan the number of kindergarten teachers needed in the fall.

Any child who will be 5 years

of age before September 1 is asked to register for the 1999-00 kindergarten class.

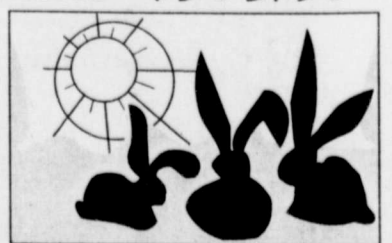
Parents are asked to supply social security cards, shot records, and birth certificates to be copied for school records.

Pre-kindergarten registration is slated at the same time. Eligibility is based on income. For further information contact the elementary school office at 754-5577.

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Baseball Scoreboard

Team: Varsity Boys
Coach: Charles Murphy
Date & place of game:
 Mar. 26, 1999 — Mason
Opponent: Mason
Winning pitcher: Alvarado
Winning catcher: Lujano
Losing pitcher: Langenonig
Losing catcher: Nail
Key plays: HR Lujano 2B Alvarado.

	Runs	Hits	Errors
WINTERS	10	17	5
OPPONENT	8	12	3

Coach's comments: Jeremy pitched a great game, striking out 10 while walking only 1. We hit the ball when we needed to. Lujano was 3 for 3, Ronald was 3 for 4, Andrew was 3 for 4, Ben was 2 for 4, Louie was 2 for 5, and Jeremy was 2 for 5.

WHS Project Graduation plans BBQ chicken meal

Project Graduation will hold their monthly meeting for parents on Monday, April 5. The meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m. in the high school media center.

Plans will be finalized for the barbecue chicken dinner to be held on Sunday, April 18. Parents of all graduating seniors are encouraged to attend.

April 2 & 5—

Bad weather days turn into school holidays

Winters schools and administration office will be closed on Friday, April 2, and Monday, April 5, during the Easter holiday.

Both of these dates had been designated as bad weather days. Since those days were not needed these dates have been converted to school holidays.

School will dismiss at the regular scheduled time on Thursday, April 1, and classes will resume at 8 a.m. on Tuesday, April 6. TIPS will operate as scheduled on April 1.

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Team: Varsity Boys
Coach: Charles Murphy
Date & place of game:
 Mar. 23, 1999 — Hamilton
Opponent: Hamilton
Winning pitcher: Kuykendal
Winning catcher: Adams
Losing pitcher: Luz
Losing catcher: Lujano
Key plays: 2B Lujano, Medina

	Runs	Hits	Errors
WINTERS	2	6	6
OPPONENT	10	15	2

Coach's comments: Andrew Medina had 2 singles and went 2 for 3 at the plate. Chris Lujano was also 2 for 3 with a double and a triple. Bottom line on this game is we made too many errors and too few hits.

Team: Junior Varsity Boys
Coach: Chris Bearden
Date & place of game:
 Mar. 26, 1999 — Mason
Opponent: Mason JV
Winning pitcher: McLeod
Winning catcher: Hernandez
Losing pitcher:
Losing catcher:
Key plays:

	Runs	Hits	Errors
WINTERS	7	7	6
OPPONENT	12	9	3

Coach's comments: Although we did not come out on top, we played a very good game. We got some very good pitching from F. Ortiz, Z. Martinez, and J. Esquivel. Zeek and Jose Santos caught a very good game. Other members included T. Grohman, W. Blaine, C. Kraatz, A. Lopez, and R. Zermeno. Being only our second game due to rain and other problems, we did extremely well. We'll get them next time.

Track Feats

Tracksters rained out at San Angelo and Abilene meets

The Blizzards and Lady Blizzards were washed out of track action last weekend in San Angelo and Abilene. Both teams were able to complete running preliminaries and some field events.

Medals were awarded for top prelim times due to meet cancellations. All times listed are from qualifications only and may not be indicative of the runner's top performances.

Michael Prewit finished first in the shot put while Kenny Whittenburg placed sixth. Jimmy Rodriguez won another gold for the season with a first place finish in the 3200 meter run.

The Lady Blizzard 800 meter relay team had the fastest qualifying time in prelims, earning first for the meet. Cassandra Johnson ran a personal best in the 3200 meter run finishing third. Tracey Burns finished third in the 200 meter dash.

In track action on Friday, the Lady Blizzards finished seventh at Sterling City with only two athletes competing. Due to a One Act Play conflict, Kelli Slimp and Misty Pritchard ran Friday evening.

Slimp medaled in the 100 and 300 meter hurdles. She finished first in both events, setting school records at Sterling City High School.

Misty Pritchard won gold in the 400 meter dash and a bronze medal, finishing third, in the 200.

San Angelo Relays
(qualifying times for only those who made the finals)

Shot Put
 1st, Michael Prewit, 52'8"
 6th, Kenny Whittenburg, 47'5"
3200M Run
 1st, Jimmy Rodriguez, 10:38
400M Relay
 (Arthur Martinez, Larry Hoyle, Tony Aguero, Wes Calcote) 44.8

800M Run
 Juan Santos, 2:11
100M Dash
 Wes Calcote, 11.2
1600M Run
 Jimmy Rodriguez, 4:58
1600M Relay
 (Matt Angel, Juan Santos, Tony Aguero, Larry Hoyle), 3:32

All-America City Classic (ACU) (Qualifying times only)
3200M Run
 3rd, Cassandra Johnson, 12:56
 Juanita Armendariz, 14:44
 Kourtney Cathey, 14:45

400M Relay
 (Amanda Cross, Michelle Paschal, Mandy Pritchard, Staci Bishop), 53.08

800M Run
 Juanita Armendariz, 2:51.29
 Jackie Dexter, 2:58
100M Hurdles
 Kacy McCuiston, 18.47
 Michelle Burton, 20.75

see TRACK, pg. 9

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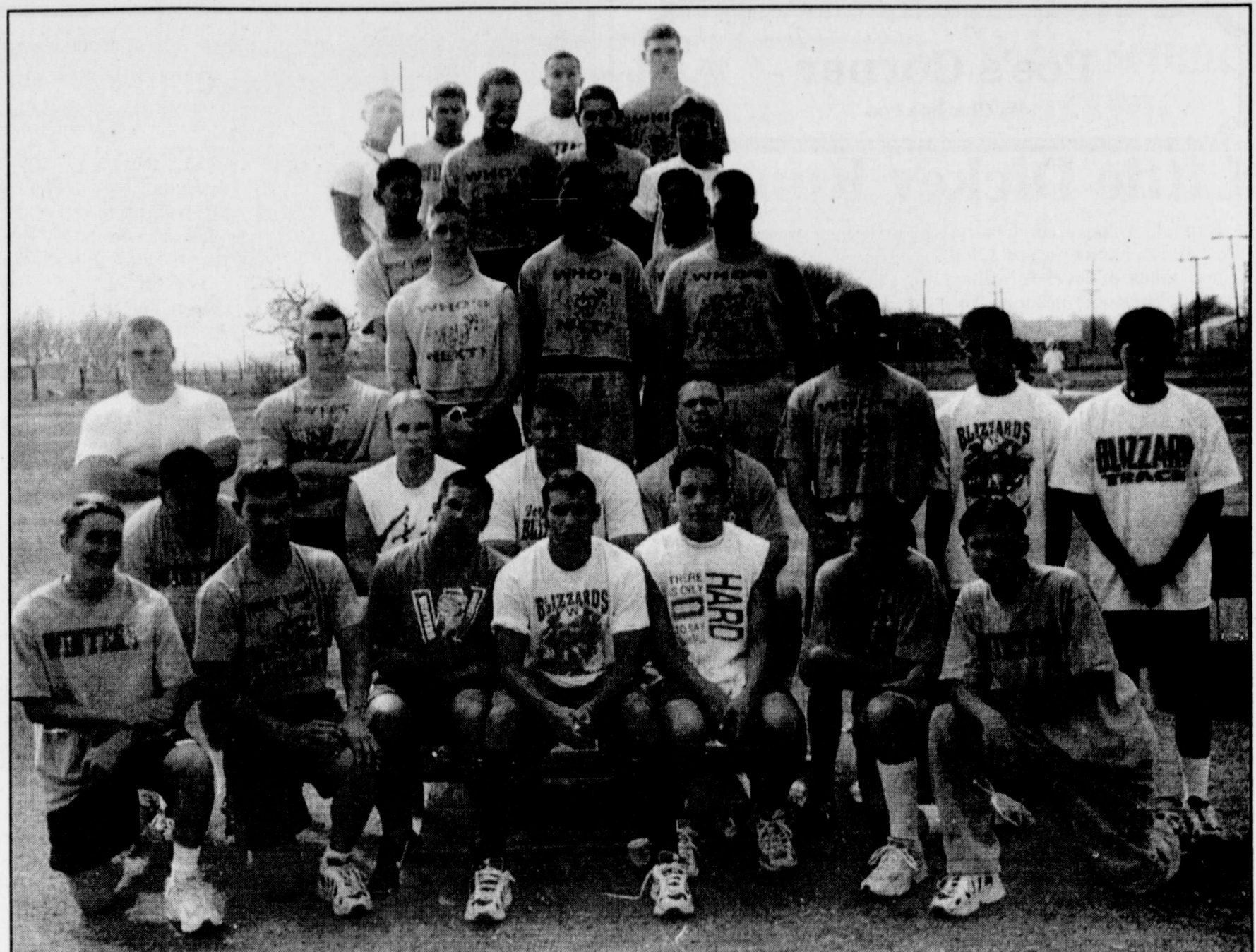


Conner finishes seventh in state powerlifting competition

Winters powerlifters finished their season last Saturday in state competition at Ft. Hood.

Craig Conner placed seventh in the 198 lb. division. Eric Tekell "bombed out" (similar to scratching in track competition) in the 242 lb. division, missing three attempts in squats.

Blizzard powerlifters are coached by Shane Mobley.



THE 1999 BLIZZARD TRACK TEAM includes (front row, l-r) Jeffrey Oates, Aaron Pritchard, Jeremy Alvarado, Lee Woffenden, Joe Ortiz, Jeremy Hope, Artemio Lopez, (second row) Ruben Garcia, Mariusz Skibicki, Michael Prewit, Aaron Taylor, Matt Angel, Oscar Luz, Juan Santos, (third row) Chris Hoppe, Kenny Whittenburg, Wes Calcote, Robert Gibbs, Ronald Rodriguez, Samson Jackson, (fourth row) Ezekiel Martinez, Chris Yanez, Jimmy Rodriguez, Tony Aguero, (back row) Brandon Titus, Arthur Martinez, Felix Portillo, and Larry Hoyle.



THE 1999 LADY BLIZZARD TRACK TEAM includes (front row, l-r) Misty Pritchard, Angela Jacob, Amanda Cross, Kourtney Cathey, (second row) Samantha Montgomery, Tracey Burns, Cassandra Johnson, Mandy Pritchard, (third row) Jessica DeLaRosa, Monica Hicks, Esmerelda Sanchez, (fourth row) Scarlet McMinn, Paula Salas, Kelli Slimp, (fifth row) Lori Bredemeyer, Jackie Dexter, Staci Bishop, Michelle Walden, (sixth row) Kendra Hope, Michelle Paschal, Michelle Burton, (back row) Holly Woffenden, Kacy McCuiston, and Kaylene Lincycumb.

Poe's Corner

By Charlie Poe

Little Dickey Runnels

Runnels County, in Central West Texas, has an area of 1,060 square miles of level to rolling terrain covered with mesquite. The Colorado River cuts the county from northwest to southwest. Altitude varies from 1,600 to 2,000 feet.

Runnels County was named for planter legislator Hiram George Runnels. It was created in 1858 from Bexar and Travis counties; organized in 1880. The people came pouring in and then there were politics.

Supporters of Sam Houston said the name "Little Dickey Runnels" would never be written in Texas history books. They failed to count on the temper of their times and "Little Dickey" defeated Sam Houston to become the fifth governor of Texas. "Little Dickey" was Hardin Richard Runnels, nephew of Hiram George Runnels.

Defeating Sam Houston in a political election is one of the chief distinctions of Hardin Richard Runnels, who accomplished this feat in 1857 by a vote of 32,552 to 28,628. And even that accomplishment is dimmed by the fact that Houston ran as an independent two years later, beating Runnels' re-election bid by 36,227 to 27,500 votes.

Runnels was born August 30, 1820, into a Mississippi family prominent in politics. After his father's death in 1842, his mother brought her three sons and slaves to a plantation on Red River in Bowie County.

Bowie County sent him to the Texas Legislature for its second, third, fourth, and fifth sessions, and he was elected speaker of the house by the Fifth Legislature. (Hardin Richard Runnels should not be confused with his uncle,



Charlie Poe

Hiram George Runnels, who had served as governor of Mississippi and was a member of the Texas Legislature and for whom Runnels County is named.)

Hardin Richard Runnels was elected lieutenant governor in 1855. Two years later, as the division among Texans on the slavery and secession issues grew, he was the nominee of the Democratic party and defeated Sam Houston in the governor's race. Texas' first real political battle and one of the bitterest, with national issues emphasized.

Frontier troubles plagued Runnels' administration, as did the increasing dissension over national issues. Most historians consider his election over Texas' hero, Sam Houston, as a political accident and his term of office as less distinguished than that of many other governors.

After his bid for re-election was defeated, Runnels returned to his plantation and was less active in politics during the remainder of his life. He did, however, serve in the 1861 Secession Convention and the 1866 Constitutional Convention.

He died Christmas Day, 1873, and was buried in the family cemetery in Bowie County. Later, his remains were removed to the state cemetery in Austin.

This information was submitted by Ann Runnels Burch in the book "Runnels and Their Relations" by Don Runnels.

JUDGE, cont'd

doors went unnoticed to the few remaining folks helping clean up the building.

Fortunately, Judge Egan had her cellular phone with her and called the construction supervisor, Jimmy Guevara, who had already left the jail. Judge Egan said she somewhat sheepishly explained the dilemma and asked Guevara to please come "free" them.

However, their incarceration was short-lived. Before Guevara was able to "come to the rescue," one of the folks still in the building walked by the kitchen area and saw the perplexed assembly.

With maybe just a little hesitation (but no doubt with great satisfaction), the "prisoners" were released without incident but with a lot of laughter.



DR. TODD RABON AND GIRL SCOUTS FENCED IN BY ONE OF THE 98 GATES AT PIONEER VET CLINIC are (from left) Dr. Rabon, Marci Paschal, Della Jackson, Katy Wilkerson, Crystal Grenwelle, Kathryn Hatler, Amanda Ripple, and leader Shelia Paschal. Dr. Rabon took time from his busy schedule on March 25 to allow Junior Troop #163 to tour the new facilities. He explained the need for the gates, offered an insight into the many duties of small town veterinary service, and gave wise pet tips. Pioneer Vet Clinic is owned by Dr. Jimmy Smith. He and Dr. Rabon are featured in the March 1999 Farmer-Stockman.

Share a historic moment in your lifetime with someone who needs you

As the turn of the century nears and the millennium approaches, Youth Exchange Service (YES), an international not-for-profit organization, is inviting volunteer families to share their homes, their hearts, and their culture with young foreign students seeking to study in the U.S. this fall.

"Because we can better understand ourselves when we are able to understand others, our program of hosting foreign students helps to sow the seeds of democracy," said Leonardo Flores Jr., president of Youth Exchange Service. What better way to enter a new century than by sharing the new year 2000 experience with a young student from another country?

According to Flores, the 25-year-old organization has suc-

cessfully placed more than 10,000 foreign students in homes here and around the country as a way of promoting peace of understanding around the world. "In effect, by living with an American host family, the foreign student becomes an ambassador to his country and upon return to his native land serves as an informal ambassador from us to his own country," says Flores. This year's program is most unusual offering both the student and the host a once in a lifetime opportunity. The school year begins in August and ends in May/June, giving the host family and their student the chance to have historical experience of entering the year 2000 together!

Students selected to participate in this program are carefully screened. They range in ages from 15 to 18, and they come from Europe, Asia, and South America. They are carefully selected for language ability, maturity, personal accomplishments, and moral values. They provide insights into their country of origin.

The YES program will provide local arrangements with local high schools, counseling, and medical insurance. The students have their own spending money. The host family provides room and board and may claim a \$50 per month tax deduction.

To find out how you can participate, call 1-800-848-2121 or fax your request to 949-955-0232.

Acquire useful computer skills

Winters ISD is offering adult computer instruction for beginners and beyond. No prior computer skills are necessary for the beginning computer skills course.

Training will be offered introducing beginning computer skills, and Windows 98 and its features. Classes are scheduled April 6, 8, 13, and 15 from 6:30 to 9:00 p.m.

A Saturday class will be offered April 10 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. for Quicken—the leading bookkeeping/money management course (must be familiar with Windows).

Training will also be offered to introduce the Internet and its features. The course is scheduled with classes being held April 20 & 22 from 6:30-9:00 p.m.

All classes will be taught in the first floor computer lab of Winters High School.

Classes are limited. Each participant must register prior to first class date.

Materials will be furnished. Cost is \$30 per course.

To enroll and/or inquire, contact Rhonda Goetz at 754-5574 ext. 100 or come by the school administration/tax office at 603 N. Heights Street.

NEW JAIL, cont'd

in the new jail. The old multi-level jail, which could hold a maximum of 20 prisoners, required 13 employees to provide proper supervision as defined by law. The high-tech design of the new jail allows high visibility of prisoners from each officer's station. One such "pod" allows the officer to observe as many as 68 inmates at the same time.

"We'll be able to secure three times the number of prisoners than we could in the old jail, including up to 26 federal prisoners," says Baird. He further reports that the county will receive \$35 per day for each federal inmate.

All the profit made from the telephones and commissary in the jail is put back into jail expenses such as bedding, televisions, uniforms and shoes.

Baird said he hopes to receive the first prisoners on or before April 10.

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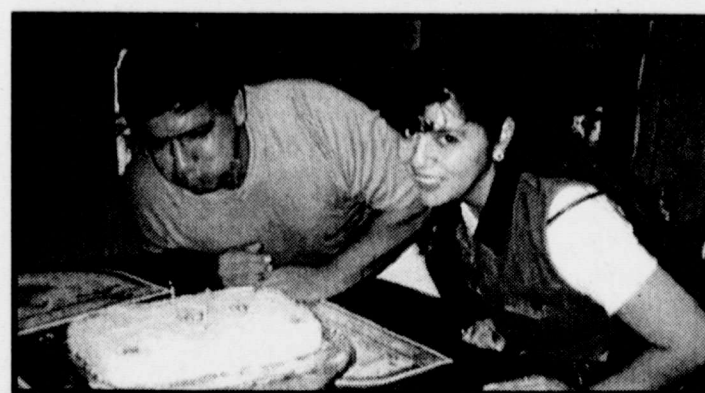
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Winters Literary and Service Club recognized with eight first place awards by Texas Federation of Women's Clubs

The TFWC Heart of Texas, Texas Federation of Women's Clubs, and a member of the General Federation Women's Clubs recently held their spring convention in Ballinger at the Carnegie Library.

Attending from the Literary and Service Club of Winters were Eris Beard, Mary Jane Blackshear, Ruth Cooper, and Jean Owen.

The Winters organization received first place awards for reports required by the Texas Federation of Women's Clubs. The awards include Texas Heritage, Public Affairs, Cultural Exchange Program, Conservation, Arts Department, Education, and Home Life.

A special award was given from the general federation of Women's Clubs for membership recognition.

Hostesses for the occasion were Ballinger Women's Club President, Clydelle Selby and Bronte Sorosis Club President, Janet Wommack. The theme for the convention was "Fashioned for the 21st Century."

Ruby N. Schumann, president of the TFWC Heart of Texas District from Comanche, presided over the meeting. This district includes nineteen clubs located in central Texas. There are fourteen districts within the state, all of

which are part of the TFWC.

Rudy Hoffman, mayor of Ballinger, welcomed the members and guests. Ballinger Junior Girl Scout Troop #9 presented the colors. The group joined together in singing "The Star Spangled Banner" and "Texas, Our Texas."

President Schumann introduced state life members, district life members, district past presidents, fifty year members, and guests.

Part of the day's events included an arts and crafts show. Categories members could enter included photography, painting, sketching, 3D arts and crafts, and wearable art.

Judges for the event included Jean Holland, Tom Green County Extension Agent; Patricia Hohensee, Runnels County Extension Agent; and Juanita O'Connor, retired Runnels County Extension Agent and member of the Ballinger Woman's Club.

Another of the day's events was a vintage style show. Mrs. Holland and Mrs. Hohensee presented the "old fashioned" parade of fashions and styles. Young ladies from the 4-H club were models.

Dorothy Dankworth, a local Ballinger artist, exhibited original art pieces. Since one of the programs of the federation is

"Women in the Arts," the Heart of Texas district welcomed the opportunity to meet Dorothy and view her art work.

The Literary and Service Club of Winters was organized and federated in 1918. The purpose of the club is self improvement through study and participation in various programs. In addition, they provide service by supporting approved local and federation projects.

Eris Beard serves as president; Alicia Wyatt is vice-president. Other officers include Emily Pendergrass, secretary, and Ruth Cooper, treasurer. There are fifteen active members and four honorary members.

Other active members are Gwen Andrae, Mary Blackshear, Noma Eoff, Thelma Hunt, Bobbie Sue Jackson, Eula Mae Kruse, Jean Owen, Darlene Sims, Pat Smith, Betty Thomason, and Joyce Weems.

Honorary members include Mary Stanfield, Lela Thormeyer, Betty Wessels, and Billie Middlebrook.

The club contributes to and supports thirteen projects in the Winters community. Their greatest support is directed to the Winters Public Library. They also sponsor a scholarship to a deserving senior in Winters High School.

Bryan to organize program for C.T.O.

AmeriCorps*VISTA announces that Bobby Bryan, of Ballinger, has completed four days of pre-service orientation on the 19th of February in Austin, Texas. This orientation is in preparation for a year of service as an AmeriCorps*VISTA member for the Corporation of National Service. He will be serving as organizer of the VISTA/HOPE program for Central Texas Opportunities, Inc., which will be sponsoring him during this year of service.

The purpose of AmeriCorps*VISTA Program is to strengthen and support efforts to eliminate

and alleviate poverty in Runnels County as well as the United States. AmeriCorps*VISTA members empower communities and enable all people to volunteer to build stronger and healthier communities. AmeriCorps*VISTA members maximize community resources and generate partnerships that carry out the mission of the AmeriCorps*VISTA program.

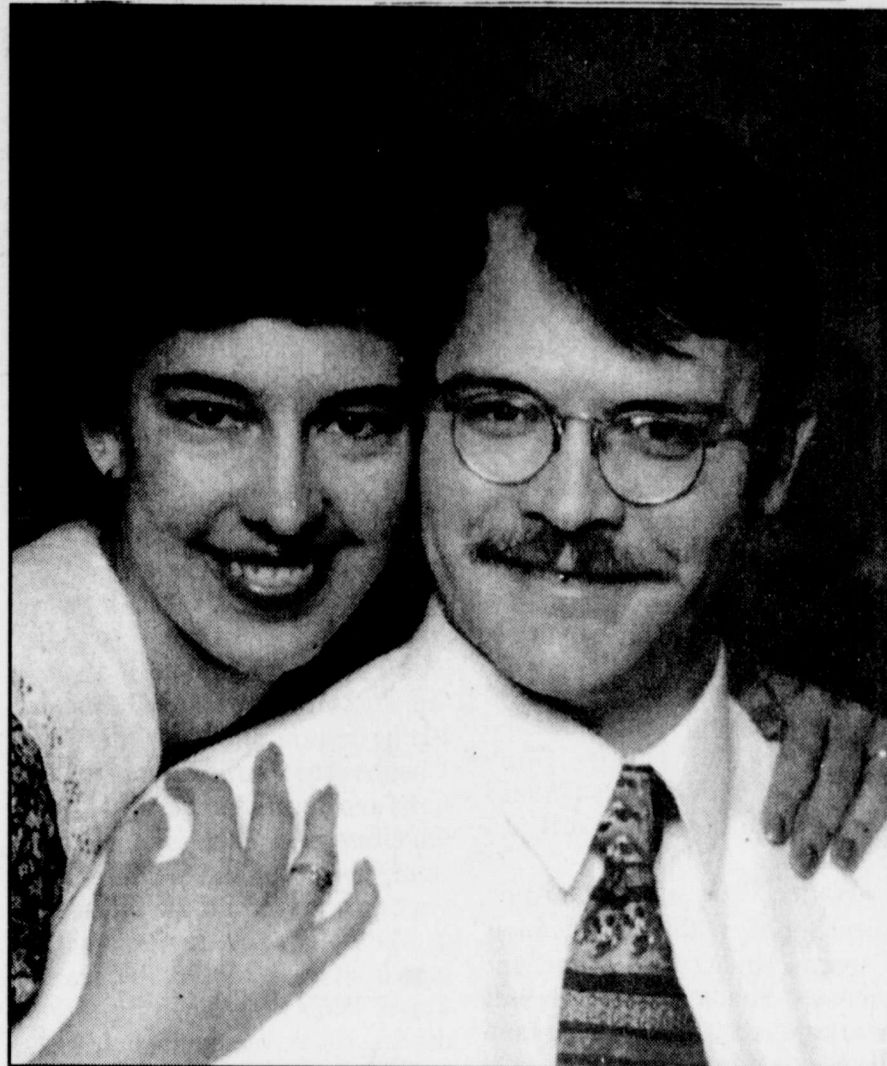
Bryan explains "I joined VISTA with the desire to serve those in Runnels County with needs that can be addressed by the program. There is one specific

goal to be accomplished, but we are trained to listen for other needs that may have resources available. I am grateful for the reception received with my contacts so far. The interest shown is appreciated."

The organizer's responsibilities will be to promote a literacy program to supplement the ongoing programs.

Please call 915-365-2275 or come by the C. T. O. office at 706 S. 8th in Ballinger, and at a later time at the Winters C. T. O. office at 601 W. Pierce or call 915-754-4443.

Engagement



AMY M. TOBER and RALPH AUSTIN

Amy Tober and Ralph Austin to marry in May

Mr. and Mrs. Henry D. Tober of Muscatine, Iowa, announce the marriage of their daughter, Amy M. Tober, to William Ralph Austin, son of Archie Austin and Barbara Gray of Winters, Texas.

The wedding is planned for Saturday, May 29, 1999, at 7:00 p.m. in St. Mark's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Roswell, New Mexico.

The bride-elect is a speech-language pathologist at New Mexico Rehabilitation Center. She received her bachelor of science from the University of Iowa in 1991 and master of science degree in speech-language pathology from the University of Nebraska at Lincoln in 1994.

The prospective groom is a graduate of Winters High School and is currently retail store manager for Alderman-Cave Feeds in New Mexico.

Friends and relatives are invited to attend.

No man or company of men, no power on earth or heaven can touch that soul which is abiding in Christ without first passing through His encircling presence and receiving the seal of His permission. If God be for us, it matters not who may be against us; nothing can disturb or harm us, except He shall see it is best for us.

—Hannah Whitall Smith

WHS seniors join Army

Jay H. Harris and Feliciano Portillo, seniors at Winters High School, have joined the United States Army under the delayed entry program at the U.S. Army Recruiting Station, Abilene, Texas.

The program gives young men and women the opportunity to delay entering active duty for up to one year.

The enlistment gives the new soldier the option to learn a new skill, travel, and become eligible to receive as much as \$50,000 toward a college education. After completion of basic military training, soldiers receive advanced individual training in their career specialty.

Harris will report to Fort Jackson, Columbia, South Carolina, for basic training on June 10, 1999.

He is the son of Mike and Carla Harris, Winters, and Rebecca Goswick of Midland.

Portillo, the son of Emma and Roy Esquivel of Winters, will report to Fort Sill at Lawton, Oklahoma, for basic training on July 22, 1999.

FUMC Wee Care Preschool bake sale this Sat.

Proceeds to provide playground equipment

The First United Methodist Church Wee Care Preschool would like to invite you to their Easter Weekend Bake Sale.

The sale will be Saturday, April 3, at Wal-Mart in Ballinger from 10:00 a.m. until all homemade baked items are gone.

Wal-Mart will match up to \$250, and all proceeds will go towards buying an additional swing set for their playground and possibly some tricycles.

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Crews News

By Hilda Kurtz



Hilda Kurtz

Two kinds of people fail — those who listen to nobody and those who listen to everybody.

Dennis and Audine McBeth will be hosts for the Crews community potluck supper. It is Saturday night at 6:30. It is hoped there will be a big turnout. Bring Easter eggs for the younger folks to hunt. See you there!

Audine McBeth's parents, Calvin and Eupha Bell Webb, of Slater, Missouri, spent several days here.

Abe and Pat Giles of Brownwood came by while Sunday and visited with Fairy and Wilbert Alcorn.

The Crews Cemetery will have their annual workday and meeting April 10, starting at 9 a.m. Call the Duggans if you have any questions about the workday.

Belated happy birthday to Noble Faubion on his 83rd birthday. Happy birthday, kiddo!

After morning services at Hopewell Church on Sunday, the congregation gathered in the fellowship hall and enjoyed the monthly covered dish meal. Leon and Joyce Nance of Grape Creek and Chris Shields were visitors.

There was no Bible study on Monday.

Margie Jacob visited cousin Bertha Mae Anderson while in Coleman on Tuesday. Margie and Sybil Waller of Ballinger spent most of Friday with Evelyn Jacob playing cards. Afterwards, Margie went across the road to her neighbor's house where she, Carolyn Webb, and Edith Everett enjoyed playing more card games. Mike and Carol Kozelsky and Margie enjoyed Sunday lunch at Casa Cabana.

As I'm writing, there's a heavy

mist or light rain going on outside.

Joe and Betty Pierce were in San Angelo on Thursday visiting their daughter, Jenny, and grandson, Pierce. On Thursday evening, they all went to see "The Promise" annual Easter pageant performed by the Word of Life Church members in San Angelo. Pierce had a part in the pageant. Jenny and Pierce came out and spent Sunday evening with Joe and Betty.

Those helping Elwood Brown move his sister, Frances, from Dallas to San Angelo on Tuesday were Dale and Linda Duggan and Susan Mansell. On Saturday, Linda and Dale Duggan, Will and Leslie Duggan went to see Frances in her new home.

Sunday visitors with Linda and Dale were Katy Duggan, Amy Mansell of Abilene, and Susan and Chauncey Mansell of Ballinger.

Walter Pape of Santa Anna spent Sunday with Noble Faubion. Carolyn Kraatz also came and prepared Sunday dinner. Harvey Mae enjoyed eating with her family. She is doing real good.

During the week with Leona and Roy Matthies were Mr. and Mrs. Bo Henderson of Farmington, New Mexico; Abe and Pat Giles of Brownwood; and Marcine Hall and T.C. of Dallas.

Selma Wilkerson and Frances Campbell of Ballinger spent Friday in San Angelo shopping.

Linda and Travis Ford of Rising Star spent one day during the week with Georgia and Connie Gibbs.

Visiting with Lelon and Doris Bryan during the week were Gary and Cheryl Bryan; Kelly, Vicki, Alex, and Andrew Blackerby; Brent, Clint, and Scott Bryan; Ronnie and Shirley Denton; Kerwin, Rosie, and Brandy Denton; Shane Briley; and Jimmy and Donna Smith.

Brenda and Richard Chambliss, and Doddie and Kalyn Drake visited Pat and Earl Cooper during

the week.

My daughter, Hildegard Schovajsa of San Angelo, spent Wednesday with me. What did we do? We took down all the shutters and awnings from the windows and doors.

Jeremy Prater, son of Eileen Cartwright, attended the Summit Fair at the convention center in San Angelo on Thursday. Eileen had a nice phone call from Ruth Pape in Mexico. Ruth is doing okay.

CHADBOURNE, cont'd

and social impact on all the communities within the Texas Forts Trail region, and I am very glad to do my part to make it a success. Fort Chadbourne will be part of the region and with the Fort Chadbourne Foundation plans to enhance public access at Fort Chadbourne," Richards said, "I think our community will see a very positive economic impact."

The THC's new regional heritage tourism initiative, the Texas Travel Trails Program, utilizes ten driving routes of scenic, cultural, and historical interest based on the original travel trails system developed by the Texas Department of Transportation in 1968.

A new brochure, produced by THC, highlights the Texas Forts Trail region as a tourism destination and is available by calling the Abilene Chamber of Commerce at 800-727-7704 or the San Angelo Chamber of Commerce at 800-375-1206.



The custom of egg rolling on the White House lawn was introduced by President Rutherford B. Hayes and First Lady Lucy Hayes in 1878.

Year 2000K readiness top priority for Coleman County Electric Cooperative

All across the country local electric cooperatives are busy attacking the Year 2000 computer bug, and Coleman County Electric Cooperative is no exception.

The Year 2000 problem, variously known as Y2K or the millennium bug, may manifest itself when millions of electronic devices contained in all kinds of equipment, from the simplest to the most sophisticated, may not recognize the new century.

It's a world of, "what ifs," according to General Manager James C. Barr. A global problem that has industry, government, even ordinary citizens working to identify and fix or replace anything that might fail because of the Y2K date glitch.

"We have involved all departments of Coleman County Electric Cooperative as our Cooperative Y2K Coordinators, which are taking any and all prudent steps to help keep the lights on come January 1, 2000, he said. "It's a top priority as part of our ongoing commitment to our consumers to provide reliable electric service."

Barr explained that the utility had a comprehensive checklist of steps toward "Y2K readiness." These steps, begun some 16 months ago, have been to inventory, assess or prioritize, test, repair or replace, retest, and plan for contingencies.

Coleman County Electric Cooperative's plan involves not only equipment necessary to keep the lights on, but also constant communication with other businesses that are part of the supply chain for electric power, as well as the utility's customers.

"Although no one can make 100-percent guarantees as to what will happen when the new century arrives, we're doing everything we can to be ready and to minimize disruptions, and that includes contingency plans," Barr said.

Much of Coleman County Electric Cooperative's distribution system is mechanical, Barr

pointed out, and may be less sensitive to Year 2000 anomalies, meaning there are few digital controls and relatively few embedded chips.

"But make no mistake. We are very aware of the interconnected nature of power supply and delivery."

"We are connected to West Texas Utilities, which supplies us with the 'juice.'"

"West Texas Utilities in turn is connected to the regional electricity grid, and there are many supply and delivery points all along the line, from the manufacturer of our bucket trucks to the sophisticated equipment at power generating stations."

"Still, it all comes around to the customer at the end of the line, whether it's a home or a business. It's a critical structure whose reliability we're working very diligently to sustain," he said.

Customers should be reassured at a very basic level by remembering that electric utilities, probably more than most businesses, were born and bred to cope with emergency situation.

"While the Year 2000 bug is currently a different situation from a storm outage, for example, it is comparable to us in that we are used to dealing with the unexpected."

"We now have this issue on the front burner in terms of our preparedness plans, which are the

very foundation of our operations," Barr said.

On the national front, work to achieve Year 2000 readiness by electric cooperatives is on par with the rest of the electric industry.

They are on schedule as recommended in an official progress report that the North American Electric Reliability Council (NERC) provided to the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) in September of 1998.

NERC, which is the official coordinator of Year 2000 readiness, risk assessment and contingency planning for the electric utility industry, will continue to provide quarterly updates on electric utility readiness to the DOE.

More than 900 percent of the nation's cooperative electric utilities, including Coleman County Electric Cooperative participated in the survey that contributed to the first report.

The cooperatives' responses to the survey indicated that 75 percent of the cooperative distribution utilities will achieve overall readiness for transition to the Year 2000 by June 1999, as NERC has recommended.

The balance of the co-op systems has plans underway and will be surveyed further to track their progress in inventory, assessment, and remediation of electricity operations into the Year 2000.

Request for additional cheerleaders denied by school board

With cheerleader tryouts scheduled for later in the day, in a called session Mary Wilkerson asked members of the WISD Board of Trustees to increase the number of cheerleaders by one position per grade.

A motion made by Michael Davis, seconded by Larry Walker, to increase the number of cheerleaders to four per eligible grade level failed with three years which included Allen Andrae's vote. Jack Davis, Jr., Ronald Presley and Rodrick Bredemeyer voted against the motion.

Also present for the 7:00 a.m. meeting on March 24 were superintendent Mike Harris, business manager Jimmy Butler, principal Charles Kidwell and curriculum director Terry Wyatt.

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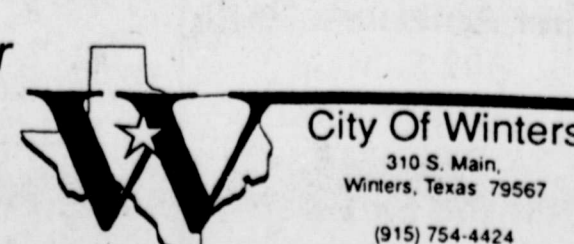
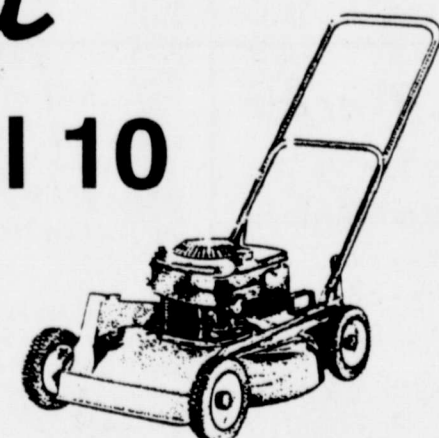


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Ask the AG

by John Cornyn, Attorney General of Texas

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April is Sexual Assault Awareness month.

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A: As a victim of sexual assault, your daughter is guaranteed several rights under the criminal justice system.

She is allowed to present a victim impact statement to the parole board as well as make an oral presentation to the parole board. The board takes the impact statement and presentation into account when making parole decisions.

In addition, your daughter is entitled to information on the offender's release from prison which includes where he will be living.

For more information on your daughter's rights, contact your local police department and ask to speak with the Victim Services Coordinator. If your community does not have a Coordinator, contact our Crime Victims' Compensation Division for assistance at 800-983-9933.

For information on the offender's release contact Inmate Status at 512-406-5202.

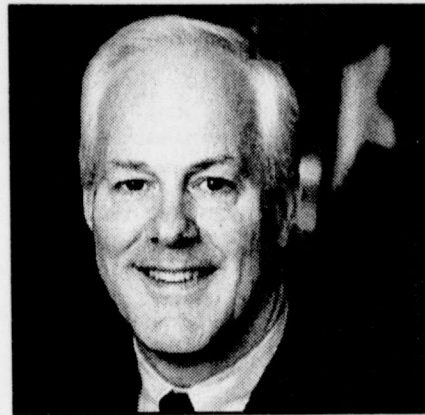
Q: I hear a lot on the news about sex offenders who are being released from prison into the communities. How can I find out if there is a sex offender living in my neighborhood?

A: Sex offenders who were convicted after September 1, 1991 are required to register with their local law enforcement agency within 72 hours of their release. The offender must provide 32 pieces of information to the law enforcement agency upon registering.

The law enforcement agency is then required to provide information to all superintendents of public schools and administrators of private schools in the area. The law enforcement agency is also required to present information to the local

paper on at least two different occasions for publication both in Spanish and English.

The Texas Department of Public Safety operates a Web site that provides information on offenders. However, that site only offers information on specific offenders, random searches by zip code or neighborhood are not available. DPS charges a fee per research request that must be paid prior to any searches being conducted. The Web site can be found at <http://records.txdps.state.tx.us/dps/default.cfm>. Accordingly, the best source of information about registered offenders in your neighborhood is your local law enforcement agency.



Keep in mind, however, that the requestor is not provided with specific street addresses for registered offenders. Instead, the requestor will receive information that may say, for example, that a registered offender lives in the 1900 block of Smith Street. Searches can be done by zip code as well as by neighborhood.

Information on registered sex offenders is public information and must be released upon request. The law enforcement agency may charge a nominal fee for providing such information, usually no more than a few dollars.

You can also contact your local public school district for information as well as the administrators of private schools.

TRACK, cont'd

100M Dash

Amanda Cross, 13.77
Monica Hicks, 15.13

400M Dash

Lori Bredemeyer, 67.41
Staci Bishop, 69.36

300M Hurdles

Kacy McCuiston, 53.28
Michelle Burton, 61.45

800M Relay

1st, (Staci Bishop, Michelle

Paschal, Tracey Burns, Mandy Pritchard), 1:52.12

200M Dash

3rd, Tracey Burns, 28.42
Sterling City Relays

100M Hurdles

1st, Kelli Slimp, 16.6

400M Dash

1st, Misty Pritchard, 63.98

300M Hurdles

1st, Kelli Slimp, 48.03

200M Dash

3rd, Misty Pritchard, 28.25

COUNCIL, cont'd

then and there."

Charles Grenwelle, city street superintendent, pointed out to the council that two individual bids added up to a total greater than the single combined bid.

At this point, the heated discussion ensued.

Fortunately for the city council, the discussion moved outside and dispersed without incident.

Sammual Drummond asked to be "de-annexed" from the city. Drummond cited no sewer service, no fire hydrants within 500 feet of his home, and being charged by Browning-Ferris Industries (BFI) for "outside city" rates.

After discussion of the location of Mr. Drummond's property, the council tabled this item pending city administrator Aref Hassan's further investigation.

First State Bank, Winters branch, was approved as the depository bank for the city of Winters.

The council also approved the position of a part-time office worker.

In Hassan's report to the council, he stated that on the first Monday of every month he is going to "put on my work clothes, roll up my sleeves, pick up a shovel, dig ditches, and fix potholes and water leaks to better understand the work of the city employees."

Present for the March 29 meeting were councilmen Tommy Russell, Steve Esquivel, Joe Gerhart, and Jimmy Butler, Mayor Dawson McGuffin, City Attorney Kenneth Slimp and Administrator Aref Hassan.

Runnels county citizens express concerns during open Futures Forum

In an intense "meeting of the minds," approximately fifty concerned citizens attended the Texas Community Futures Forum last Thursday evening, March 25, at the First Methodist Church of Ballinger to gather views and concerns about the future of their communities and Runnels County.

Sponsored by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service and the Texas A&M University System, the forum is an exciting new statewide process involving all 254 Texas counties.

After enjoying a delicious meal provided by the Runnels County Agriculture Extension Service, members of the forum were divided into four groups. These smaller groups met to voice their

opinions and concerns about future needs of their specific areas as well as the county.

Delegates from these four groups then met to deliver their groups' interests which were discussed and brought before the entire forum congregation who then voted on their individual priority issues and needs.

Some of the major concerns included the following:

- Economic growth — retention, expansion, recruitment, workforce development, and diversification of the agricultural sector.
- Improvement of city and community infrastructures.
- Small business issues — health care, workmen's compen-

sation, competition.

• A strategic plan to bring the communities in Runnels county together as one. The county is too divided with personal interests. More people need to get involved.

• Programs to strengthen the family through church and community by improving moral and ethical behavior.

• Clean and ample water supply for the future.

• Improve agricultural opportunities and support.

According to Mike Mauldin of the Runnels County Extension office, the items will be shared with all partners of the program and used as the basis for the Extension Service's long-range outreach education plan for 2000-2003.

These items identified locally will be posted and available on the internet for county government, state agencies and other organizations and groups to review and use in developing their own strategic plans. The information will help all groups to more directly focus their activities and resources.

And by working together, said Mauldin, it will enable partnering groups to plan for individual, joint or coordinated action to effectively address all the identified priority needs in a community.

Mauldin told the group that the results of their voting will be made available as soon as possible but was unable to give a specific date.

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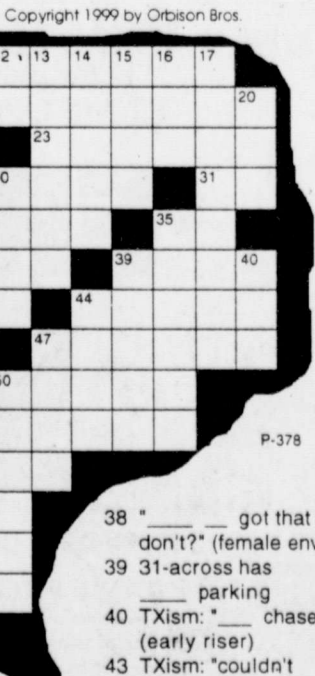
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- Turtle Creek
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- fighting in 54-across
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- handled guns
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- "null and"
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- cowboy purchase (2 wds.)
- shotgun
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- "no" in TX legislature
- TXism: "the whole and caboodle" (all)
- chicken steak
- Arlington's GM plant competed with plant in Mich. in '92
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- "me casa su casa" (friendly)
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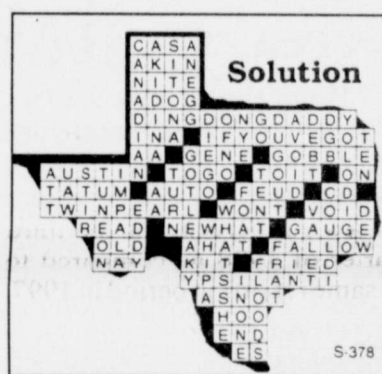
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It's just our income tax. Now hurry it up, I got to tote it on out to the mailbox.

What's this about my car being used as a ranch vehicle? Well, you ain't actually got a car, you got a Tahoe, which could be used on the ranch.

But it wasn't. My car has never even been near that ranch...hold it a minute...the tax year was over before we even bought my Tahoe!

Yeah, so. You know that and I know that, but the IRS don't know that. Besides, my pickup has depreciated out and we need the deduction.

But that's dishonest. I prefer to call it creative bookkeeping. We may not have used that car, but we could've, or we could've used the Explorer you had last year for a ranch vehicle.

But we didn't. I know we didn't but we could've and we're not sayin' yore Tahoe lives down on the ranch. We're just sayin' it went a few times, stayed for a visit and came on back.

But we didn't even have my Tahoe last year so it couldn't have gone to the ranch.

You just don't...I mean cain't you...are you goin' to sign the dad-burn thang or not?

Nope. Why the heck not? It's a \$1568

legitimate depreciation deduction! I told you, it's not honest and I don't want to rot in a jail cell somewhere because I was in cahoots with a tax evader and a fraud, that's why?

Don't be so darn naive. And it ain't fraud, it's the American way. Everybody cheats...I mean...improvises on their dang taxes! It's what's made America great, the land of the free. Now, come on, just sign.....

No! N...O. No! Did you enjoy the money we got back on our income tax last year? Do you know where the money came from fer paintin' the den and re-doin' the cabinets and the fancy new sink and the new clothes and trips and stuff?

From income tax evasion? No, dear, from utilizin' the tax code to our advantage. Do you remember all the checks to the feed store where we bought all them flowers and hoses and seeds and fertilizer and yard stuff fer the house?

Yes, I remember. Simply callin' that ranch supplies might equal a deduction worth...say...a purty nice new dress. And if the paint we used on the house where to show up as...say...paint fer pens at the ranch, it might equal a purty nice dinner at a purty nice restaurant. Do you see what I'm sayin'...

Yes, I think I do. If I were to not call the IRS and tell them I'm married to a tax evader, it might equal...say...a "purty" nice new pair of diamond ear rings...

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Youth named All-American Scholar

The United States Achievement Academy announced recently that Mark Bowden from Eden, Texas, has been named an All-American Scholar.

The USAA has established the All-American Scholar Award Program to offer deserved recognition to superior students who excel in the academic disciplines. The All-American Scholars must earn a 3.3, or higher, grade point average. Only scholars selected by a school instructor, counselor, or other qualified sponsor are accepted. These scholars are also eligible for other awards given by the USAA.

Mark Bowden, who attends Eden Jr. High School, was nominated for this national award by school counselor Sherry Upshaw. Bowden will appear in the All-American Scholar yearbook, which is published nationally.

"Recognizing and supporting our youth is more important than ever before in America's history. Certainly, winners of the All-American Scholar Awards should be congratulated and appreciated for their dedication to excellence and achievement," said Dr. George Stevens, Executive Director of the USAA.

The Academy selects All-American Scholars upon the exclusive recommendation by teachers, coaches, counselors, and other qualified sponsors. Once awarded, the students may be recognized by the USAA for other honors.

Bowden is the son of Gene and Laura Bowden of Eden, Texas. Grandparents are Jimmy and Lillie Taylor of Winters, Lue Bowden of Winters, and the late Leonard Bowden.

Caregiver support group registration begins

Another "Coping with Caregiving" Support Group will be meeting on Thursday evenings during April and May. The support group is intended to help family caregivers cope with the many stresses involved in caring for an elderly relative. Sessions will be held from 6:30-8:30 p.m. in the First Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall in Ballinger.

An eight-part curriculum will be used by group leaders to help participants learn to handle guilt, frustration, and physical and emotional overload. Support group experiences in past years have been successful in teaching family dynamics, interpersonal skills, and communications.

The non-sectarian series aims to provide group members with key skills to help improve the caregiving situation in which they are involved. The sessions and group leaders are shown in the following schedule:

Thursday, April 8

"Adjusting to Aging"

Mary Sykes, Eldercare volunteer

Thursday, April 15

"Learning to Listen"

Henry Chisholm, pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Ballinger

Thursday, April 22

"Which Problems Can I Solve?"

Dr. Karen Rightmire, D.O.

Thursday, April 29

"Why Do I Feel Stuck?"

Moyra Chisholm, Eldercare volunteer

Thursday, May 6

"How To Help A Friend"

Patricia Hohensee, Runnels County Extension Agent-Family & Consumer Sciences

Extension News & Views

By
Rick Minzenmayer
Extension Agent-IPM

Rain lifts spirits of local wheat producers

Rain across the area has greatly improved wheat prospects as well as attitudes of producers and bankers in the Concho Valley.

Rainfall amounts ranged from six-tenths to two and one-half inches. Wheat is making good growth in response to the improved moisture conditions.

Dry conditions earlier have caused weak spots throughout most fields and many of the older tillers have died. Therefore, yields are going to be reduced significantly.

There are only a few factors that contribute to grain yields: the number of heads per plant, the number of seed per head, and the weight of each seed. Area farmers have already lost a lot of potential heads due to dry conditions earlier in the year.

Green bugs and oat bird cherry aphids are very light and leaf rust has not been a problem yet.

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SMALL GRAIN GRAZING—If you planted your wheat or oats for grain, the pull-off date was March 15.

If it looks like it will not make grain and you want to graze it, you can come in and file a FSA-574 (Request for Disaster Credit) prior to grazing or plowing it up.

If you planted wheat or oats to graze, you still need to come in and certify it by May 1.

CROP LOSS DISASTER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (CLDAP)—The Crop Loss Disaster Assistance Program authorizes disaster assistance to producers who suffered crop losses due to adverse weather conditions for 1998 (single year) or multi-year losses of 3 or more years from 1994 to 1998.

Single year losses include all crops except grazing crops while the multi-year program is based on the previous year's crop insurance.

If a producer had crop insurance, then your individual pro-

ducer acreage, unit, and yield data will be transmitted to the USDA office through the USDA's Risk Management insurance data base.

Information on crops not insured must be provided by the producer. Be sure to bring in all your 1998 production. If you had cotton production, please provide the USDA office with a recap sheet. If you had wheat or grain sorghum, please provide a settlement sheet.

Sign-up for CLDAP is in process now through April 9. Applications will be taken by appointment only so please call the office at 365-5757 for a convenient time prior to your visit.

SMALL GRAIN CERTIFICATION—Small grains can be certified at this time. The final certification date is May 1.

Producers are encouraged to certify crops to maintain history and eligibility for all USDA programs.

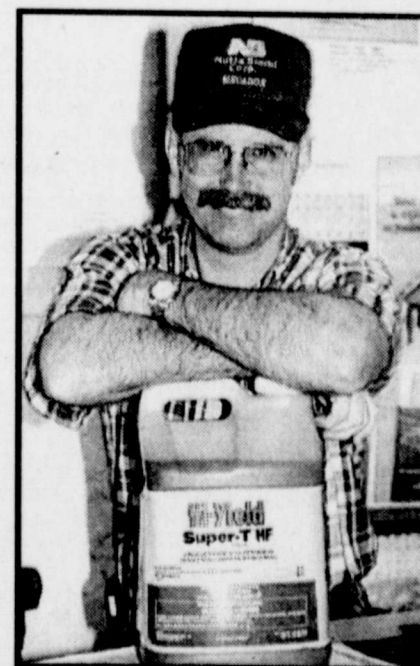
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