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Man attacked by rabid fox in deer blind

A new strain of rabies is becoming a serious danger to this area, according to Dr. James E. Smith, local veterinarian.

"In the past, we've only had to deal with the skunk strain of rabies which was pretty well limited to skunks," said Smith. "Now we have this new strain which is a cross between Mexican dog and Texas fox, and is spreading to other animals."

Several incidents have been reported recently of persons being attacked by rabid skunks, coyotes, raccoons and foxes.

Brady Bredemeyer of Odessa and formerly of Winters, was attacked last Saturday evening when a fox entered Bredemeyer's deer blind. The blind is located on a ledge of Valley Creek.

Dr. Smith said Bredemeyer reportedly grabbed the fox by the throat with his left hand and, using his right hand, reached into his left pants pocket and removed his pocket knife. Bredemeyer managed to open the knife with his teeth and stabbed the fox to death.

Dr. Smith urges everyone to use extreme caution and common sense. All valuable livestock — sheep, goats, horses and cows — as well as pets, should be vaccinated against rabies.

People out walking should always carry a large stick or other means of defense.

Dr. Smith sent the fox to the Texas Department of Health rabies lab in Austin. Test results are pending, however, Bredemeyer will undergo a series of rabies inoculations.

Brady is the son of Henry and Lois Bredemeyer of Odessa.

Dr. Smith also documents several other incidents — a case in southwest Runnels County where a man was moving a large pipe on December 7, and a raccoon ran out of the pipe and bit the man on the hand; a hunter east of Ballinger was attacked by a fox three weeks ago; a man north of Norton was walking near his home in mid-afternoon and was chased by a rabid coyote.



ALISA PRESLEY #21 goes high for the left-handed layup during championship play for the varsity Lady Blizzards against Stanton in the Wylie tournament. Basketball fans can enjoy a full schedule of round ball action from seventh grade through senior high school. See pages 4 & 5 for details.

Thanks, Blizzards, for the great season!

by Jean Boles

Although football season officially ended December 2 for the 1994 Winters Blizzards, memories of this season will be around for a long, long time.

After standing on the field and covering Blizzard football for the past five years, I'll be one of the first to admit that the games of 1994 have been some of the most exciting I've ever watched.

I must confess that after the first scrimmage back in August, I was afraid that we were all in for one of those "character building" seasons. Thank goodness I was very wrong.

And to make matters even more anxious, we were facing a new district alignment against teams we'd never played (just when I was finally learning where all the old stadiums were located and Abilene got an IHOP).

Our first game was against Roscoe. Although they are a class 1-A school, they were state-ranked and, of course, picked to win.

Which brings up another thought that sorta drives me and a bunch of other people crazy. How well does a Winters team have to do to be state ranked? I do believe that we could win state and still not be "officially" ranked in the top ten by all those important sports writers. And don't even get me started on that Gary Stricklin guy from Abilene.

But I will give a big thank you to the *Abilene Reporter-News* and the *San Angelo Standard Times* for the coverage we got. And they ran some terrific pictures of our players. (If you ever wonder how they get such good, close shots, I'll tell you. First, they know what they're doing, they have very expensive, high-powered equipment, and they click off about 75 frames during the short time they cover a game.)

Back to our season.

We surprised Roscoe and lots of other folks by beating the Plowboys 16-6. We were introduced to the talents of newcomer Robert Reed who nailed a 36-yard field goal.

The following week we took on the Cisco Lobos who were also state-ranked and picked to win

the 8-AA football crown. A strong Blizzard running game, complemented by an accurate passing game was too much for Cisco who were overpowered 40-0. And we got a good look at the Big Blue Wrecking Crew and a preview of some great defense to be played.

The Coleman Bluecats were the next victims to fall 14-0 to the Blizzards.

Then the Blizzards shut out the Stamford Bulldogs 32-0. During this game Kelly Thompson's kick-off went into the end zone and the Bulldog receiver stepped over the goal line and then back into the end zone and knelt, resulting in a safety for Winters. That was a new one for me.

By this time in the season, the Big Blue Wrecking Crew had given up only six points in four games. Cody Whittenburg, Presiliano Sanchez, Chane Reagan, Zane Guy, Jason Carrillo, and Kevin Conner were spoiling a lot of offensive plays for our opponents.

Winters then met Anson. The Blizzards scored with less than two minutes off the clock and went on to win 28-6.

District competition opened with a 42-6 win over Coahoma. The weather and the winning had been just great.

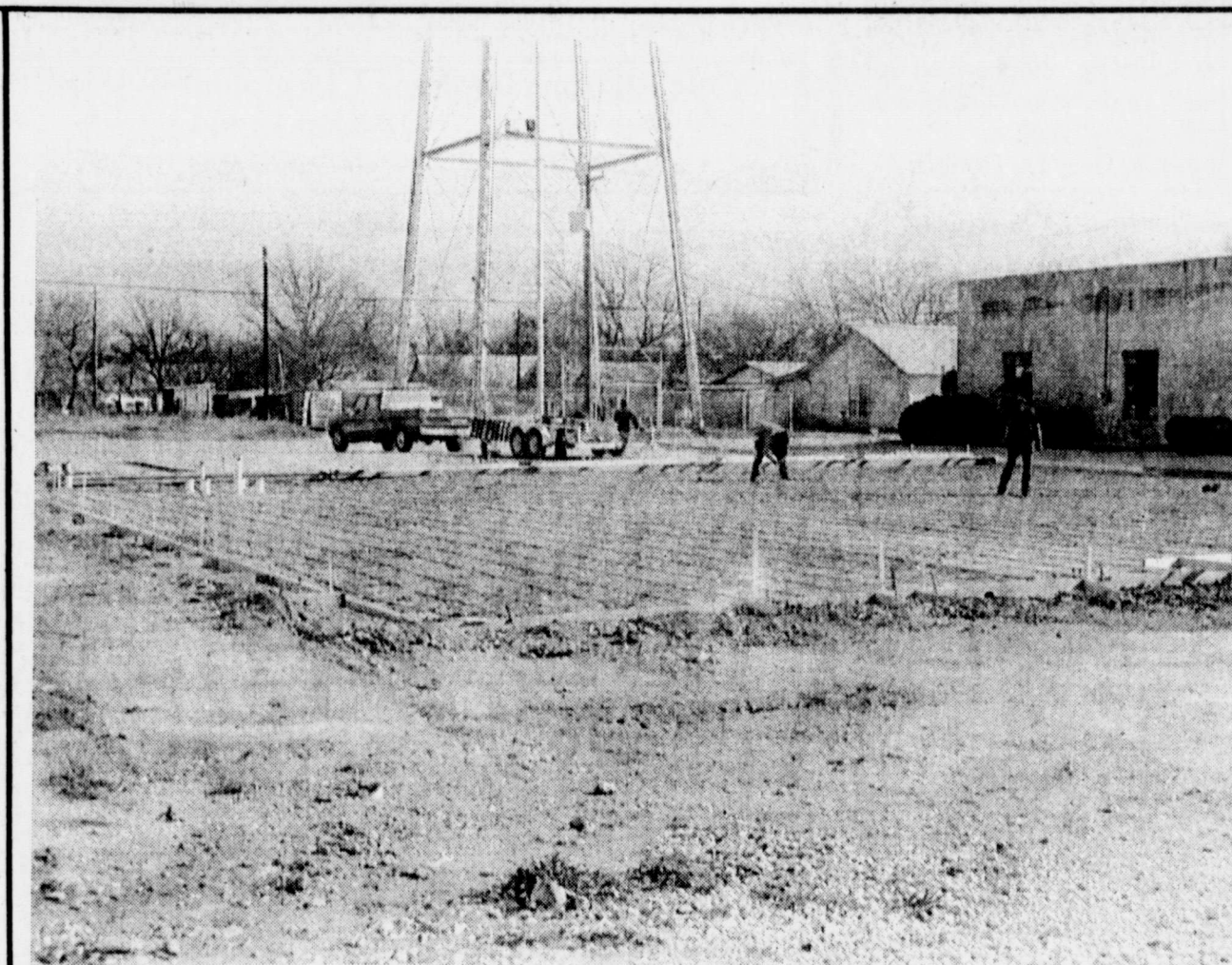
The next week, the winning held true but the weather took a nasty turn as we beat Forsan 14-0 in the constant rain "Mudfest".

Then we met the Indians from Jim Ned. Since our painful loss to the Indians last year, revenge had been on the minds of every Blizzard and just about every Blizzard fan.

This was one of those hypocritical times we parents face when we tell our kids, "Don't worry, it's just a game," (and all the while we're pushing them to win, win, win).

Win we did. And in fine fashion, I must say, Winters fans turned out by the hundreds and even lined the fence along the field. Final score was 17-6 and Winters chalked up its 8th consecutive win.

Next, the Blizzards rolled over See "Thanks, Blizzards" page 4



NEW FIRE STATION construction is underway. Workers poured the concrete foundation for the 4,900 square-foot facility located in the 200 block of south Main.

City council denies firemen's plea, approve change in trash pick up

Winters fire chief Johnny Merrill spoke to members of the City Council during their regular meeting Monday, December 12. Merrill asked the council for \$10,000 to expedite the construction of the new fire station.

Funds available at present total almost \$30,000 with the loan from the state and from the sale of tickets for the fish and ski boat give-away sponsored by the WVFD. Approximately \$39,000 is needed to complete the fire station (\$10,000 for the foundation and \$29,000 for the pre-fabricated building).

The new station, located in the 200 block of south Main is presently under construction. The concrete floor was poured this week.

Merrill said response to ticket sales have been slower than expected for the boat give-away but

he feels that the funds will become available. Merrill assured the council that if the City would "loan" the fire department the \$10,000, the funds would be repaid. A motion was approved to take no action on this request.

Larry Suit, chairman of the Planning and Zoning Commission, reported that one property owner had disagreed with the rezoning of Gerlach addition lots 1-14, block 3, from residential to commercial as requested by J. B. Guy, Jr. The Commission approved the rezoning application.

Property owner Don Lofton spoke against the rezoning and mentioned that the change is unfair. He is against the rezoning, believing it could cause drainage and dust problems.

The city council approved the rezoning as recommended by the

Planning and Zoning Commission.

Auditor Mike Rains reported that the General Purpose Financial Statements of the city are in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles and presented charts and graphs to the council.

Browning-Ferris Industries (BFI) representatives presented a request to the council to change the residential pick up schedule to three days per week instead of four to alleviate the Saturday route. The commercial schedule would still be four days per week with no pick up on Saturdays. The council accepted the proposed change.

City Administrator Aref Hassan reported receiving a letter with a signed contract for \$1,050

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First★Flight brings Santa to Winters Dec. 16

Hendrick Medical Center's new air ambulance service, First★Flight, will be at North Runnels Hospital December 16 from 8:30 to 10 a.m.

The public is invited to meet the First★Flight crew and see the new aircraft. A special passenger will be on board, Santa Claus!

The new air ambulance service will begin December 19. The crew consists of a pilot, flight paramedic and flight nurse. The crew is on call 24 hours a day and can be airborne five to ten minutes once an emergency call has been received.

The helicopter, a Bell 222, has two jet engines and can travel at speeds up to 160 mph. It can accommodate two patients and is equipped with sophisticated medical equipment.

Students to perform "Sing Christmas" on Monday, Dec. 19

Winters third grade students will be performing a seasonal program entitled "Sing Christmas" on Monday, December 19, at 7 p.m. at the Winters High School Auditorium.

The Elementary Choir will open the program.

County offices to be closed Dec. 23-26

All Runnels County offices will be closed Friday, December 23, through Monday, December 26, in observance of the Christmas holidays.

Business will resume December 27 at the regular time.

New post office hours during the holidays

For customers' convenience, the post office will extend business hours during the Christmas holidays. The postal windows will be open until 12 noon each Saturday through December 24, 1994.

WHAT'S HAPPENING ?

- December 15-6:30 p.m., Literary & Service Club
- 6-9 p.m., ESL Classes
- 7 p.m., Aerobics Classes
- 7-8 p.m., AA meets at 105 W. Truett
- 39+, First United Methodist Church
- December 16-8:30-10 a.m., First★Flight at NRH with Santa Claus
- Noon, Senior Citizen Meal
- December 17-"King's Kids" Bake Sale, Lawrence Bros. IGA
- 6:30 p.m., Shep Domino Party
- December 19-9:30-10:30 a.m., SS Rep
- Noon, Senior Citizen Meal
- 6-9 p.m., ESL Classes
- 7 p.m., Elementary Choir & 3rd Grade Program, WHS Auditorium
- 7 p.m., Winters Squares, Community Center
- 7:30 p.m., Eastern Star
- December 20-Noon, Lions Club
- 4:15 p.m., TIPS kids carol downtown
- 7 p.m., Christmas Recital, St. John's Lutheran Church
- 7 p.m., WVFD
- 7 p.m., Aerobics Class
- 7-8 p.m., AA meets at 105 W. Truett
- 7:30 p.m., Athletic Boosters, Blizzard Field
- 8 p.m., Wingate Masonic Lodge
- December 21-9 a.m., Christmas Assembly at School Auditorium
- 9 a.m.-1:30 p.m., W.I.C., Winters Housing Authority
- Noon, Senior Citizen Meal
- 3 p.m., School dismisses for holidays
- 4 p.m., WISD Tax and Administration Offices close
- 7 p.m., Christmas Play, Somebody Cares Ministries
- 7-10 p.m., 4-H Holiday Hop, SPIST Hall, Rowena
- December 22-6-9 p.m., ESL Classes
- 7 p.m., Aerobics Class
- 7-8 p.m., AA meets at 105 W. Truett

OIL BUSINESS . . .

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There has been talk recently about abolishing the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE). Those doing the talking are the newly elected Congress who are feeling the adrenalin of an electoral mandate in recent elections.

But, does anyone really care if the DOE is abolished?

You probably don't if you are in the oil business. Since the DOE's inception under Jimmy Carter, nuclear energy and exotic fuels have been getting most of the department's time and money. Lip service was the only service the oil and gas business could get out of this government appendage.

Conservation was the main reason the DOE was established during the great crisis years of the late 1970's. They printed the stickers for your light switch that said "turning lights off saves energy". They produced the commercials with President Carter wearing his sweater while setting the thermostat at 68 in Winter and 72 in Summer.

When it came to assisting the oil business companies in any way, the DOE was just not there for them.

Now, the incoming Congress is talking about ways to cut government costs, and the DOE is on the cut list. It is still pretty speculative as to what will actually be eliminated, but the DOE was on a lot of lists.

The current interest in eliminating the DOE has nothing to do with getting rid of an ineffective agency and replacing it with a more coherent and effective agency that will be empowered by a new direction for energy policy. It has everything to do with the savings of dollars and finding an agency no one will miss (except the staff members of that government agency, of course) to eliminate.

The new Congress will be holding hearings on the matter, soon. The public and interested parties will be allowed to speak their mind. It will be interesting to watch what goes on, as I can't see the elimination of a low-profile government agency being very high on the list with all the other things on the agenda.

I guess we'll have to wait and see.

In any event, with the talk of eliminating the DOE, I have to say: "more power to them." Save the money and assign another department to ignore the petroleum business. It's an easy job.

HIGHLIGHTS
OF AREA
DRILLING ACTIVITY

COMPLETIONS

Coke County

Coda Energy has completed the Chadbourne Ranch -299A- #2 in the Fort Chadbourne Field (7 miles NW of Bronte) at an initial rate of 115 BOPD & 109 BWPD in the Odom Lime (perfs 5470-5520). Loc. is 2639 FNWL & 1706 FSWL of P. Martinez Sur. No. 299, A-509.

Nolan County

Enrich Oil has completed the McDonald #3 in the MFM Field (3 miles NW of Maryneal) at an initial rate of 176 BOPD in the Ellenburger (perfs 7116-5010). Loc. is 2142 FSL & 1995 FEL of Sec. 195, Blk. 1-A, H&TC Sur., A-133.

Runnels County

J.K. Anderson, Inc. has completed a re-entry in the Donohoe -A- #2 in the Overman Field (2 miles W of Wilmeth) at an initial rate of 12 BOPD & 62 BWPD in the Gardner Sand (perfs 5003-06). Loc. is 766 FSEL & 1100 FNEL of Washington RR Sur. No. 1, A-566.

STAKINGS

Coleman County

Fortuna Exploration has applied to re-enter the Harden #1 in the County Regular Field, 1 mile S of Novice (Depth 3500). Loc. is 2330 FWL & 1000 FNL of T&NO Sur. No. 17, A-655.

Concho County

Bowerman Oil & Gas has staked the Pfleger #2 in the Pfleger Field, 6 miles SW of Eden (Depth 4000). Loc. is 1900 FNL & 1790 FEL of J. Johnson Sur. No. 68, A-1738.

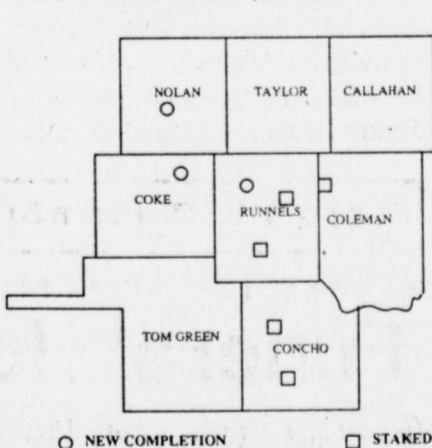
H-M Resource Management has staked the W. Lovelace #1 as a Wildcat, 4 miles S of Pashke (Depth 3000). Loc. is 521 FWL & 10 FSL of Sec. 1781, F. Kooek Sur., A-568.

Runnels County

Omni Petroleum has staked the Brown #2 as a Wildcat, 6 miles SW of Crews (Depth 4100). Loc. is 1853 FWL & 4969 FNL of A&W Sur. No. 263.

J. R. Smail has staked the Wheelers -A- #1A in the West Ballinger Field, 2 miles SW of Ballinger (Depth 4300). Loc. is 650 FNWL & 100 FNL of Sec. 420, M. Demmer Sur., A-121.

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Lou Wright honored as
Employee of Quarter

LOU WRIGHT received a plaque in recognition of being named "Employee of the Quarter" at North Runnels Hospital. Administrator Larry Suit (left) announced the honor.

Lou Wright, a registered nurse at North Runnels Hospital, was recognized recently as the Employee of the Quarter. Ms. Wright, who has worked in various capacities, has been employed at the hospital since 1987. She is currently the Director of Quality Assurance,

Education and Infection Control.

Ms. Wright is a graduate of Reagan County High School in Big Lake and obtained her nursing degree from Angelo State University. She is also qualified as a paramedic and is a certified emergency room nurse.

Dorcas Class
exchanged gifts
from tree

The Dorcas Class of the First Baptist Church held their monthly meeting December 8 in the educational building.

Verlene Anthis lead the opening prayer. All answered roll call with a Christmas remembrance. The love offering was taken up.

Charlise Poe read a poem entitled "Why The Chimes Ring". Numbers were drawn corresponding to a gift on the beautifully decorated Christmas tree. Refreshments were served and fellowship was enjoyed. The meeting closed with the class benediction.

Members present were Linda Morrison, Billie Whitlow, Lillian Eubanks, Dorothy Long, Eunice Polk, Dortha Lawrence, Charlise Poe, Verlene Anthis and Ella Mae Sawyer. Marcie Webb was a visitor.

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Obituaries

Nute Jasper (Jim) Barnes

WINTERS—Nute Jasper (Jim) Barnes, 95, died Thursday evening, December 1, 1994, at the Senior Citizens Nursing Home in Winters. He was born October 23, 1899, in Bryson, Texas. He lived in New Mexico for a few years.

Mr. Barnes married Ruby Sparks on April 28, 1927, in Jacksonboro and has lived in Winters since 1933. He was a farmer.

His wife and two sons, O'Donnell and Raymond, preceded him in death.

Survivors include four sons, Vernon Lee Barnes of Bradshaw, Alvin and Allie Barnes, both of San Angelo, and Arlon Barnes of Sweetwater; four daughters, Odessa Sparks, Gearldine Beckwith, Vada May Hale and Christeen Collins, all of Winters; two brothers, Leland Barnes of Carrizozo, New Mexico and Johnny Lawrence Barnes of Albuquerque, New Mexico; one sister, Oma Dorssett of Lordsburg, New Mexico; 49 grandchildren; 58 great-grandchildren and five great-great-grandchildren.

Graveside services were held Sunday, December 3, 1994, at Truett Cemetery in Runnels County with Reverend Gayland Broadstreet officiating. Burial followed under the direction of Winters Funeral Home.

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grant from the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission for the purchase and installation of an automotive oil filter crusher.

Hassan had also received notice from the West Central Council of Governments that the city's grant application for a new water tower will be reviewed January 5.

This is the second attempt at receiving the grant. The first application, which was reviewed in January 1994, was #22 out of 28 applications. This year, Winters' application is #3 out of 38 applications and the amount to be awarded has been doubled.

The \$3,000 check received from the Strake Foundation for the Tennis Court Renovation Program has been invested in Peoples National Bank. Winters ISD has agreed to take care of one of the three courts located at the city park. The court will be repaired and prepared for use as a tennis court as well as a basketball court.

Two bids have been received for repair of the two remaining courts; one for \$7,500 and the other for \$5,500. The city is seeking more funds from other foundations so this project can be started soon.

The dam and sewerline projects funded by grant money are completed and the files are closed. The waterline project, funded by a \$9,000 grant and \$11,000 from the enterprise fund capital improvement budget is 25 percent completed and work is in progress.

The new roof on the community center has been completed. Three inspections were conducted while the work was in progress and it is reported that the new roof should last approximately 30 years if not damaged too severely by hail.

The next council meeting will be in January due to the Christmas holidays.

Present for Monday's meeting were Mayor Joe Gerhart, Aldermen David Evans, Manuel Esquivel, Garry Goff, and Nelan Bahlman, Alderwoman Shirley Hall, City Attorney Kenneth Slimp, City Administrator Aref Hassan, and visitors Johnny Merrill, Don Lofton, Mike Rains, Vollie Pierce, Ann Pierce, Jack Davis, Jr., Charles Grenwedge, Chuck Messer, Guy Condra, Randall Boles and Larry Suit.

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Crews News

by Hilda Kurtz



A few things are more delightful than grandchildren fighting over your lap.

A good crowd turned out for the community Christmas dinner Saturday night. Christmas decorations were everywhere. Gifts of tree ornaments were exchanged from under a beautiful tree. The food was good; most went back for seconds. Marvin and Melvena Gerhart and Brenda and Fred Watkins were hosts.

Bill Hoppe's families gathered and had a fish fry Sunday for Bill's 87th birthday. Thelma Hoppe and Hattie B. Goetz also came. A few friends came Sunday and Monday to have cake and coffee. Many more happy birthdays, Bill! You old top.

Those attending the Methodist community singing Sunday afternoon were Georgia and Connie Gibbs, Melvena and Marvin Gerhart, Selma Dietz and Nila Osborne.

Pat Hambright carried her mother, Corra Petrie, to an eye doctor in San Angelo during the week.

Sharon, Jerry and Bryce Englert of Brownwood visited Margie Jacob. All went in to see Betty (Bertha) Gray at Our House in Winters on Sunday. Margie visited Christine Patterson in Ballinger.

Harvey Mae Faubion became ill Sunday morning and went to the hospital for a checkup and is home and doing better. Carolyn Kraatz prepared breakfast Sunday morning. On Sunday, visiting Eileen and Kenny Cartwright and Jeremy and Tiffany Prater were Bernie and Rodney Faubion, Gladys Cotton of Ballinger and Walter Pape of Santa Anna.

Noble Faubion had a nice visit with Walter Spill one day last week.

Ruth Pape had a phone visit with daughter, Elaine Kennedy, in Tampa, Florida. Elaine is slowly feeling better. Ruth also talked to son, Jack Craig, of Dallas and

planned for the Christmas holidays. Ruth wished granddaughter, Lark Horn, a happy birthday.

Leona Matthes' sister, Jean Fenton, of Amarillo came Sunday afternoon.

We had another nice 1 and 2/10 of an inches of rain on Friday.

The Bill Mathis family attended the basketball games on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. Desiree played. Saturday night Desiree's friend, Karen Oats, spent the night. Bill's mom, Mrs. Margaret Mathis, of Abilene came Saturday. She also attended the Christmas dinner, spent the night and visited Sunday. Desiree spent Friday night with Karen in Winters.

Melvena Gerhart was one of the hosts for Brad Mikeska's shower Saturday morning in Wingate.

Dennis, Audine and Roy McBeth drove to Midland over the weekend. Audine spent Friday with ten old friends and they all ate out. Dennis went on to Monahan's to see his brother, Lyndon, and did some pickup trading.

Ruth and Brad Pape came by and had coffee with me Monday before going to do some Christmas shopping in Ballinger.

Nila and Therin Osborne were at Wingate Monday evening and had supper with the Wesley McGallian family.

Winters couple celebrated 50th wedding anniversary



Mr. and Mrs. Halley Schwartz

Halley and Verlon Schwartz celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on December 8.

Both were born and raised in the Winters area. They were married at Drasco on December 8, 1944. Halley is a retired farmer and rancher. The couple was honored by their immediate family on Saturday, December 10, with a lunch at Zenter's in Abilene. Later that afternoon, a reception was held for families of the couple.

The Schwartzes have three daughters, Linda Jones of Abilene, Jan Jordan of Winters and Kay Patterson of Burleson; four grandchildren and two step-grandchildren.

Business & Industrial Corporation discusses improvements to town

The Winters Area Business and Industrial Corporation met December 7 with Nelan Bahlman, Charles Bahlman, Mac Sayles, Gary Moore, Archie Jobe, Aref Hassan, Randall Conner, Jim Hanson, and Jim Lincycorn present.

As discussed in previous meetings, the Central Taxing Authority was contacted but would not send a blanket letter stating that taxes would not raise if a building was fixed up. The Taxing Authority, however, did agree to meet with building owners and discuss what might be done. According to WABIC, paint and repair would not cause taxes to go up.

A representative from Bill's Dollar Store was in town last week to consider Winters as a prospective area for the opening of a store. ABE Trucking will begin construction this summer for their building.

The First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall is approximately 74 percent complete, with a projected finish date of mid January. Dedication will be held March 19, 1995.

The Corporation will be mailing surveys to ask for community opinion and ideas for business workshops.

Goals set by Texas Midwest Network include placing signs at the entrance to member cities and marketing the town's business goods. Training will be offered by TMN on "How A Chamber Should Function".

Citizens are very proud of the Winters Blizzard football team and WAIBC will be sending a congratulations letter.

Members agreed to research possibilities for fundraising—possibly a banquet or an Industrial Night.

Winters was recently contacted by the Abilene Credit Bureau stating that Winters businesses are not using their services as much as they should.

In other on-site improvements to Winters, banners may be purchased and installed in the utility pole brackets that hold Christmas lights during the Christmas season.

With no other business, the meeting was adjourned.

Birthday girl is Teri Vogler.

County to seek bids on insurance

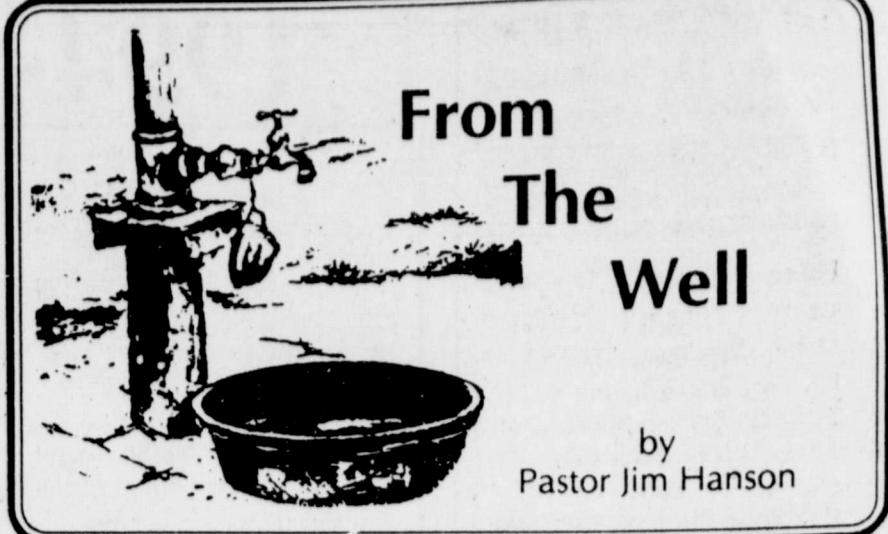
by SANDY OWEN
Special to The Enterprise

Runnels County Commissioners met in special session Monday, December 6, and approved a motion seeking bids on insurance. The insurance was for Runnels County property, commercial general liability and/or business auto insurance. Bids will be opened January 10.

A rental agreement between Runnels County and the Department of Human Resources was approved for another three-year lease.

An agreement to increase the county trapper's salary from \$1,250 to \$1,400 per month was approved. This agreement is between Runnels County and the Texas Department of Wildlife - Animal Damage Control and is effective January 1. One-half of this fee is paid out of each of the county precinct's budgets with the remainder paid by the trapper fund, which is funded by citizen donations.

A report on the commissioners meeting scheduled for December 14 will follow next week.



by
Pastor Jim Hanson

We received our first Christmas card this year the day after Thanksgiving. Morrie and Marilyn, two dear friends from our days in Crookston, Minnesota, were the first to greet us. It was so good to hear from them. The only way I can describe the feeling is to compare it to what happened to Elizabeth when she heard Mary's greeting. It is found in Luke 1:39-45. When Mary greeted Elizabeth, and Elizabeth heard the greeting, "the child leaped in her womb". The yet-to-be-born John the Baptist, jumped for joy, inside the womb.

Now, I'm not pregnant. But, in a very real way there is a little boy that lives inside of me, deep in my well. That little boy, the child within as the psychologists describe it, is often the real me. Jesus says, "Except you become as a little child, you cannot enter the Kingdom of heaven." It seems to me that when I get in touch with the "little Jimmy" inside of me, I am most myself.

Anyway, when we opened the card and saw their picture and read their Christmas greeting, the "little Jimmy" inside of me leaped for joy. There was a little jump in my stomach, for sure. Not an emptiness, but a filling. Not a depression, but an expression. So good to be greeted by them.

Morrie and Marilyn are special people to us. And what really brought us together is Christmas. You see, Morrie and Marilyn are Jewish. One day when we were visiting them, Marilyn said, "The worst time in the year for us is Christmas. We have many friends in Crookston. But there are no Jewish people here outside of Morrie's family. We're invited to our friend's homes for graduation, for weddings, and even for Christmas parties. But we never get in on the family gatherings at Christmas. Christmas Eve and Christmas Day are the worst days of the year for us. We feel so alone. So left out."

I could not imagine a worse feeling, than to be left out and ignored at Christmas. Marilyn really got to me. And, I believe, the Holy Spirit did too. Ramona felt the same way. So, after much praying and much talking we decided to invite them to our house for Christmas dinner, to come and eat and spend the afternoon with us. We invited them to bring their family, their 3 kids. And grandma, Marilyn's mother, too.

We were afraid that they wouldn't take us up on our offer. And then, we were afraid that they would! After all, this was Christmas, the birthday of Jesus. We prayed to Jesus at our meal-time. We sang carols. We ate traditional Scandinavian foods. We read the Christmas story. Wouldn't this be offensive to them? Wouldn't we feel funny if we didn't do our usual Christmas celebration?

We decided that we would not leave out any of the Jesus part of our Christmas, and that we would just invite them to participate in whatever manner they wished. We had the table blessing...in the name of Jesus. We read the Christmas story. We sang some carols. We ate together. After dinner, my mom (a good old-fashioned Lutheran minister's widow and mother of four sons) sat beside Marilyn's mom (a good old-fashioned Jewish mother and widow) and they had a "ball", talking about their families and traditions.

It became a tradition for us, and we spent a number of Christmases together. And they invited us to their home for Passover meals. We are still friends, and look forward to getting together again. I can't get over how their coming to our house for Christmas Day so enhanced the day. Made it more special. Sometimes it takes an "outsider" to help us see the real meaning of something. And, maybe, just maybe that's why the author of Hebrews wrote, "Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it." For sure, Morrie and Marilyn aren't angels. But, our lives have been so enriched by them. And when their card came first, "little Jimmy" inside - leaped for joy.

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- dog's tail movements
- TXism: "What's the matter with _____?"
- sheared like a spring lamb (swindled)
- TXism: "run _____ white flag" (give up)
- TXism: "useless as patty _____ to a pig"
- UT's Nobis received this award in '65
- numero _____
- in early TX, this robber was hung
- Cowboys objective
- TX-born _____ Martin was "Peter Pan" ('55)
- exotic deer in TX from southern Asia
- drier than west TX
- TX Bush lost bid for 2nd _____
- poinsettias were named for TX _____
- TX singer Roy (init.)
- TXism: "you're dancing in _____" (in danger)
- El Paso's Vikki
- SMU's Berry was a Colt All _____
- he shot Billy the Kid
- hit for 34 across: "With Pen in _____"
- Kileen's Fort _____
- album of 34 across: "_____ Hombres" ('89)
- Crockett's advice: "Be sure _____ right, then go ahead"
- 42 "_____ pray"
- TXism: "got the down" (got proof)
- hit for 31 across: "the Lonely"
- TX Reynolds "What's the matter with _____?"
- lost to George for gov.
- TXism: "run _____ white flag" (give up)
- TXism: "with a kiss"
- "United We Stand" boss
- slid down the slope
- TXism: "it's high _____"
- TXism: ram _____ (boss)
- initials of LB in 8 across
- senator Gramm
- TXism: "_____ the trail" (leave)
- some TX young'uns go to _____ school
- 20 natural disasters in Houston area, Oct. '94
- TXism: "that'll butter" (exciting)
- tree fluid or fool
- TX Dr. Red Duke's organization (abbr.)
- "Oh Boy" was a _____ for TX Buddy Holly
- San Angelo was named for this Mexican nun
- San Antonio street: _____ Grant
- on hwy. 16
- what Cowboy Nate wore at '93 Pro Bowl
- Willie's "_____ Walls"
- Houston's "Remington _____ Oak Park"
- 41 jet of Cowboy Jones
- 45 pay attention
- produced by A.J. Foyt
- or "Bullet" Bob Hayes
- 50 this Paul sang tribute on TX Willie's 60th birthday

DOWN

- Happy, TX is "The Town"
- TX Nimitz ran ship at Manila Bay
- WWII book: "Texas _____ War"
- TX Rip Torn film: "_____ Cowboy" ('78)
- TXism: "between a rock and a place" (dilemma)
- 10 Hitzges or Sonju
- 11 Texas has a lot of _____
- land farmers
- TXism: "dot the i's and cross the _____"
- TX Jimmy Dean had gold _____ with "Big Bad John" ('61)
- old sign: "This is King Fisher's road - take the _____ one."
- senator Gramm
- TXism: "_____ the trail" (leave)
- some TX young'uns go to _____ school
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The Winters Enterprise, Winters, Texas, Thursday, December 15, 1994

Team: Varsity Boys Coach: Ed Henley
Opponent: Roscoe Date: December 6, 1994
Place: Winters

POINTS SCORED EACH QUARTER

	1	2	3	4	OT	FIN.
WINTERS	9	6	11	14		40
OPPONENT	12	23	15	11		61

Free throws made: 8 of 23 for 35%

Players Name	Points	Rebounds	Steals	Assists
John Belew		Injured		
John Biddix*	8	3	0	3
Charlie Burton		Injured		
Kevin Conner	3	5	0	0
Mark Deike	1	5	0	1
Zane Guy	5	7	2	3
Scott Kozelsky	4	1	0	0
Robert Reed	4	1	2	3
Chane Regan	0	6	0	1
Ramie Reyes	6	3	1	0
Trevor Richards	4	5	0	0
Kelly Thompson	5	4	2	0

*Denotes high point individual for Winters

Team: Varsity Boys Coach: Ed Henley
Opponent: Hermleigh Date: December 10, 1994
Place: Robert Lee Tournament, Game 3

POINTS SCORED EACH QUARTER

	1	2	3	4	OT	FIN.
WINTERS	21	19	5	18		63
OPPONENT	6	6	13	12		37

Free throws made: 9 of 19 for 48%

Players Name	Points	Rebounds	Steals	Assists
John Belew		Injured		
John Biddix	9	0	8	5
Charlie Burton		Injured		
Kevin Conner	12	11	1	1
Mark Deike	4	6	8	1
Zane Guy*	16	4	8	4
Scott Kozelsky	2	6	4	2
Robert Reed	5	1	10	2
Chane Regan	9	3	3	0
Ramie Reyes	4	2	4	5
Trevor Richards	2	2	1	0
Kelly Thompson		Injured		

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Team: Junior Varsity Girls Coach: Deb Whittenburg
Opponent: Roscoe Date: December 6, 1994
Place: Winters

POINTS SCORED EACH QUARTER

	1	2	3	4	OT	FIN.
WINTERS	10	0	12	15		37
OPPONENT	6	6	8	7		27

Free throws made: 7 of 17 for 41%

Players Name	Points	Rebounds	Steals	Assists
Debbie Balze	2	1	1	0
Cristi Burton	4	3	1	0
Jennifer Davis	2	0	1	0
Tiffany Donica	9	2	0	0
Jeanna Kozelsky*	10	9	1	0
Desiree Mathis	0	2	1	0
Karen Oats	6	2	6	0
Monica Parramore	0	1	0	0
Noemi Vega	2	4	0	0
Heather Watkins	0	2	0	0

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Team: Junior Varsity Girls Coach: Deb Whittenburg
Opponent: Coleman Date: December 8, 1994
Place: Winters JV Tournament, Game 1

POINTS SCORED EACH QUARTER

	1	2	3	4	OT	FIN.
WINTERS	2	6	0	6		14
OPPONENT	6	8	6	8		28

Free throws made: 2 of 7 for 28%

Players Name	Points	Rebounds	Steals	Assists
Debbie Balze	2	3	2	0
Cristi Burton*	4	4	3	0
Jennifer Davis	0	0	0	0
Tiffany Donica*	4	0	0	0
Jeanna Kozelsky	2	5	0	0
Desiree Mathis	0	0	2	0
Karen Oats	2	3	5	0
Monica Parramore	0	2	2	0
Noemi Vega	0	4	3	0
Heather Watkins	0	0	0	0

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Team: Varsity Boys Coach: Ed Henley
Opponent: Garden City Date: December 8, 1994
Place: Robert Lee Tournament, Game 1

POINTS SCORED EACH QUARTER

	1	2	3	4	OT	FIN.
WINTERS	12	21	7	11		51
OPPONENT	19	11	12	10		52

Free throws made: 4 of 13 for 30%

Players Name	Points	Rebounds	Steals	Assists
John Belew		Injured		
John Biddix*	11	5	1	6
Charlie Burton		Injured		
Kevin Conner	2	1	1	0
Mark Deike	2	1	1	2
Zane Guy	7	6	1	0
Scott Kozelsky	6	5	4	1
Robert Reed	1	5	2	3
Chane Regan	10	7	0	0
Ramie Reyes	5	0	4	4
Trevor Richards	2	3	0	0
Kelly Thompson	5	0	1	0

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Team: Varsity Boys Coach: Ed Henley
Opponent: Ballinger JV Date: December 9, 1994
Place: Robert Lee Tournament, Game 2

POINTS SCORED EACH QUARTER

	1	2	3	4	OT	FIN.
WINTERS						61
OPPONENT						

Free throws made: 5 of 12 for 42%

Players Name	Points	Rebounds	Steals	Assists
John Belew		Injured		
John Biddix*	18	5	3	5
Charlie Burton		Injured		
Kevin Conner	3	1	0	1
Mark Deike	2	3	2	2
Zane Guy	14	5	7	1
Scott Kozelsky	6	1	1	2
Robert Reed	6	1	3	0
Chane Regan	8	10	1	3
Ramie Reyes	0	3	4	7
Trevor Richards	4	1	0	0
Kelly Thompson	0	0	1	1

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Team: Junior Varsity Girls Coach: Deb Whittenburg
Opponent: Rotan Date: December 9, 1994
Place: Winters JV Tournament, Game 2

POINTS SCORED EACH QUARTER

	1	2	3	4	OT	FIN.
WINTERS	8	16	9	12		45
OPPONENT	6	7	4	4		21

Free throws made: 17 of 32 for 53%

Players Name	Points	Rebounds	Steals	Assists
Debbie Balze	2	2	2	0
Cristi Burton	2	1	2	0
Jennifer Davis	8	1	0	0
Tiffany Donica	8	1	0	0
Jeanna Kozelsky*	16	4	4	0
Desiree Mathis	2	4	2	0
Karen Oats	4	2	5	0
Monica Parramore	1	3	4	0
Noemi Vega	2	0	0	0
Heather Watkins	0	3	1	0

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Team: Junior Varsity Girls Coach: Deb Whittenburg
Opponent: Jim Ned Date: December 10, 1994
Place: Winters JV Tournament, Game 3

POINTS SCORED EACH QUARTER

	1	2	3	4	OT	FIN.
WINTERS	5	4	10	8		27
OPPONENT	11	6	10	6		33

Free throws made: 7 of 21 for 33%

Players Name	Points	Rebounds	Steals	Assists
Debbie Balze	0	1	0	0
Cristi Burton		Absent		
Jennifer Davis	4	0	1	0
Tiffany Donica	5	3	2	0
Jeanna Kozelsky	7	7	1	0
Desiree Mathis	0	3	1	0
Karen Oats*	9	6	5	0
Monica Parramore	0	2	0	0
Noemi Vega	2	4	5	0
Heather Watkins	0	1	1	0

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Team: 8th Grade Boys "A" Coach: Jim Bob Jacobs
Opponent: Jim Ned Date: December 5, 1994

POINTS SCORED EACH QUARTER

	1	2	3	4	FINAL
WINTERS	6	4	8	11	29
OPPONENT	13	7	4	20	44

Free throws made: 5 of 15 for 33%

Points: Kenny Whittenburg 14
Lee Woffenden 6
Jeremy Alvarado 3
Chip White 2
Raul Marrero 2
Eric Tekell 2

Team: 8th Grade Boys "B" Coach: Jim Bob Jacobs
Opponent: Jim Ned Date: December 5, 1994

POINTS SCORED EACH QUARTER

	1	2	3	4	FINAL
WINTERS	2	2	2	2	8
OPPONENT	8	2	12	2	24

Free throws made: 0 of 3 for 0%

Points: Felix Portillo 2
Randy Cotter 2
Cody O'Dell 2
Jason Gray 2

Team: Junior Varsity Boys Coach: Chuck Lipsey
Opponent: Jim Ned Date: December 6, 1994
Place: Winters

POINTS SCORED EACH QUARTER

	1	2	3	4	OT	FIN.
WINTERS	2	11	6	15		34
OPPONENT	21	5	16	12		54

Free throws made:

Players Name	Points	Rebounds	Steals	Assists
Jonathan Cobb	3	0	0	0
Adam Cruz	2	0	0	0
Jonathan Gann	3	0	0	0
Josh Grohman	7	0	0	0
Joe Luevano	2	0	0	0
Michael Mostad*	8	0	0	0
Abraham Vasquez	6	0	0	0
Jose Vega	3	0	0	0

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Team: Junior Varsity Boys Coach: Chuck Lipsey
Opponent: Rotan Date: December 9, 1994
Place: Winters JV Tournament, Game 2

POINTS SCORED EACH QUARTER

	1	2	3	4	OT	FIN.
WINTERS	8	7	16	15		48
OPPONENT	7	13	16	11		49

Free throws made:

Players Name	Points	Rebounds	Steals	Assists
Adam Cruz	6	0	0	0
Jonathan Gann	2	0	0	0
Josh Grohman	8	0	0	0
Michael Mostad	2	0	0	0
Bear Nitsch*	22	0	0	0
Presilano Sanchez	6	0	0	0
Tony Walden	2	0	0	0

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Jana Burton, Lawrence Holley exchanged wedding vows



Mrs. Lawrence William Holley

Jana Brooke Burton and Lawrence William Holley were united in marriage Saturday, December 10, 1994, at 6:00 p.m. in the First Baptist Church of Ballinger. Reverend Jerry Howe of Ballinger performed the ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Wayne Burton of Ballinger. The bridegroom is the son of Mrs. Carol McCormick and Larry C. Holley, both of El Paso.

The bride is the granddaughter of Mr. J.P. Davidson Sr. of Winters.

The church was decorated with brass candelabras accented with greenery. The choir banister was draped with greenery, small white lights, hurricane lamps and candles. Christmas wreaths with silver, gold and burgundy accents adorned the sanctuary.

Organist was Mrs. Jerry Howe; piano selections were by Mrs. Scott Warren. The scripture reading was performed by Cheryl Alexander of Corpus Christi. Mrs. Robert Wilson sang "How Beautiful" as the bridesmaids entered and "Love Will Be Our Home" as the unity candle was lit by the mothers of the bride and groom. Bret Burton, of San Antonio, brother of the bride, performed "The Wedding Song" and "The Lord's Prayer".

Given in marriage by her father, the bride entered in a snow white satin gown with a high Victorian neckline accented in flowing tear-drop pearls. Glittering snow crystal sequins on floral lace appliques enriched the bodice with its drop basque waistline. Elegant pouf sleeves tapered to a vee at the wrist. The revealing open heart-shaped back and full ball skirt with cut out window appliques adorned with snow pearls and sparkling crystal sequins down to the cathedral train.

To complete her attire, the bride chose a heavy pearled tiara accented by a waist-length veil, highlighted by a double pouf. She carried a bouquet of white Casablanca lilies, stephanotis and cascading greenery.

Shondell Rollwitz of San Angelo served as matron of honor. Maid of honor was Stacie Wilson of San Angelo. Bridesmaids were Shelly Daughters of Beeville; Tina Medrano, Kristina Pape, and Julie Rains, all of San Antonio; Missy Mathis of San Angelo and Courtney Puckett, cousin of the bride, of Plano. The attendants wore cranberry iridescent taffeta tea-length dresses and carried sprays of white gladiolas and greenery. Flower girl was Stephanie Kidwiler, niece of the groom, of San Antonio.

The best man was Lupe Ruiz of San Antonio. Groomsmen were Mike Arrendell and Robbie Bowmaster, both of Abilene; Jay Krick, Larry Price, John Kellogg, all of San Antonio; and Mike Kidwiler, brother-in-law of the groom, of San Antonio.

A reception was held in the church fellowship hall following the ceremony.

The bride is a graduate of Ballinger High School. She attended Angelo State University and San Antonio College. She will be attending nursing school. She is employed by University Hospital in San Antonio.

The groom is a graduate of Coronado High School in El Paso. After graduation, he enlisted in the U.S. Air Force and was stationed at Dyess Air Force Base in Abilene, Texas, where he attended McMurray University. He is a police officer with the San Antonio Police Department.

After a honeymoon cruise to the Bahama Islands, the couple will reside in San Antonio.

Winters School Holiday Schedule

—Wednesday, Dec. 21—
3 p.m.
School dismisses. There will be no after-school childcare (TIPS) provided.
4 p.m.
Administration and Tax Office will close.
—Friday, December 30—
9 a.m. until 1 p.m.
Offices will open for collection of taxes.
—Wednesday, January 4—
Student Holiday/Teacher Workday. Offices open.
—Thursday, January 5—
Students return to school.

Bands to present Christmas concerts

The public is invited to attend the annual Christmas concerts to be presented Sunday, Dec. 18, by members of the WISD bands.

Performances will begin at 3:00 p.m. with the fifth grade followed by the sixth grade band, junior high band and high school band. The concert is expected to last about an hour.

The bands are under the direction of Todd Felty.

Christmas Assembly

A Christmas Assembly will be held Wednesday, December 21, at 9 a.m. in the WHS auditorium. Happy holidays to students and faculty members!

Winters sales tax receipts increase

Sales tax receipts for the city of Winters increased 19.97 percent as compared to the prior year's payment for October sales, reported to the Comptroller in November. The receipts totaled \$11,544.47 this reporting period. For the reporting period in 1993 receipts totaled \$9,622.44.

Payments to date for 1994 are \$158,516.59 as compared to 1993 payments to date of \$161,908.63, a 2.09 percent decrease. Ballinger has reported \$554,357.35 in payments to date for 1994.

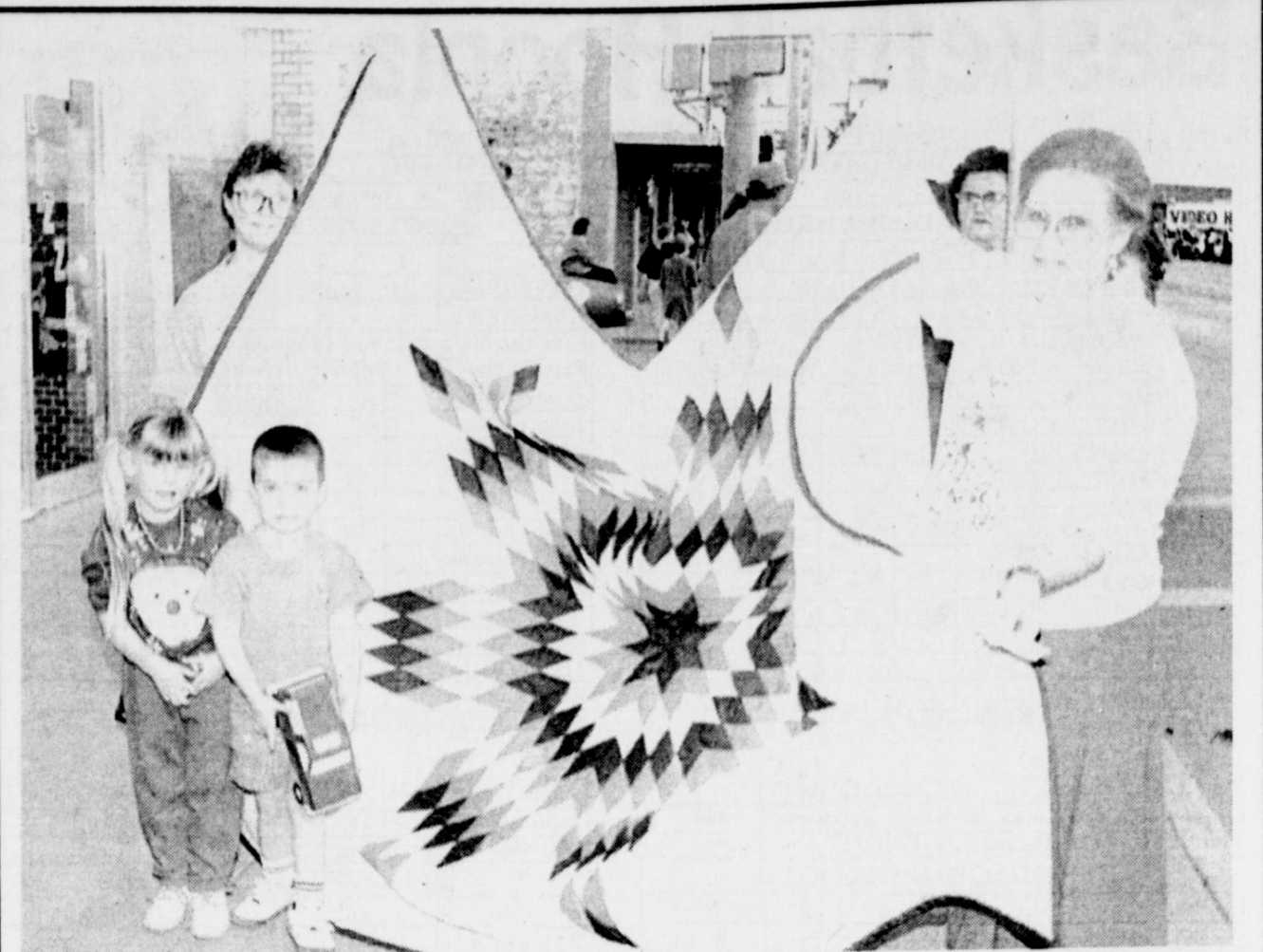
For this reporting period, receipts in Miles decreased 6.36 percent; Ballinger decreased 3.49 percent. Overall, Runnels county increased 2.97 percent.

As reported by the office of State Comptroller John Sharp, sales tax rebates to date for Runnels County for the 1994 reporting period total \$728,775.33. Compared to last year's total of \$675,571.04, that is a 7.87 percent increase.

Christmas recital December 20

There will be a piano recital featuring students of Susan Conner on Tuesday, December 20, at St. John's Lutheran Church at 7:00 p.m.

Christmas music will be the focus of the recital with music of other types also being performed. Everyone is welcome to attend.



THIS AUTUMN LONE STAR PATTERN QUILT was won by June Hays (not pictured) of Novice. Pieced by Nina Hale and quilted by Z.I. Hale Museum members, the quilt was given away before the Christmas parade on December 3; museum members sold tickets as a fundraiser. Shown here are (left to right) Alicia Wyatt (behind quilt), Kelsey Jones, Wesley Wyatt, and Kay Colburn, museum member.

Poe's Corner by Charlie Poe



Four trees at Christmas

If having trouble decorating your Christmas tree, the theme depicting the four phases of our heritage carried out at the Z.I. Hale Museum Open House several years ago might give you some ideas.

The open range days were represented by the cowboy's tree: a mesquite branch stuck in a bucket of sand, with sock monkeys peeping out, and draped with a white cloth for a skirt. Pine cones and greenery edged the skirt. Decorations consisted of red and green paper chains made by school children.

Artificial red apples added color. Other ornaments were Santas, bells, gingerbread men and snowmen. A life-size doll in pioneer dress looked on from her high chair.

The tree was brought in from Moro Mountain by Lanny England and located in the farm and ranch room.

He secured a cedar tree at the same time to represent a later day when the country was settled with farms and small communities. Decorations were more elaborate with strings of popcorn and brown paper chains.

Small red ribbon bows and candy canes added color. Traditional candle holders, over 50 years old, that had belonged to his parents were contributed by Delbert Kruse. Small wooden soldiers belonging to Mary Margaret Leathers also graced the tree.

Circles of counted cross stitch that displayed symbols of the time of Christ were contributed by Hazel Badgett. These included the first three letters for Jesus Christ in Greek, the circle and the triangle, the creator star and the Calvary cross.

This tree was mounted in the reception room and based with children's toys. A box of Bois D'Arc apples accented with red ribbon bows completed the picture.

A red satin kissing ball, made by Aleene Mapes, hung from the archway leading into the hall where one of the first artificial trees to be manufactured was displayed. The sparkling metallic tree sporting red, green, blue and yellow satin balls was used many years in Nina Hale's school room at Christmas.

The museum office was graced with the modern green artificial tree, prepared by Edna England, for her family Christmas. It harmonized with her living room which is furnished in blue. She made the skirt for the tree out of blue cloth trimmed in lace and a blue print ruffle. It featured a blue bird applied on a white circle background. A large lace bow topped the tree which had decorations of blue fans edged with lace and small dolls dressed in full lace dresses with tiny blue bows. Blue

birds nestled in its branches. Pearl-trimmed white birds made by the late Mida Colburn also sat in its boughs.

Two sets of white and gold electric lights accented the colors. Other decorations were furnished by Aleene Mapes who had made exquisite ornaments out of spools, medicine bottles, tuna cans and a ham can which was covered in red velvet, gold lace and held a blue angel. The tuna can was gold covered and held a manger scene. Egg shells were delicately covered and displayed tiny angels and birds.

The season will be richer this year for all the happy remembrances of Christmas past!

Sales increase for Runnels County

As reported by the office of State Comptroller John Sharp, gross sales for Runnels County increased 50.9 percent for the second quarter of 1994.

Sales for this year totaled \$60,242,142 as compared to \$39,918,980 for the same period in 1993. Use tax purchases include \$301,471 while \$12,516,683 is subject to state sales and use tax.

There were 276 reporting outlets in Runnels County in 1994 and 265 in 1993.

Ballinger Christmas Program to feature bands and choir

A Junior High Christmas Program will be held in Ballinger Friday, December 16, at 2:30 p.m. at the Junior High Gym.

Sixth, seventh, and eighth grade bands will be featured along with the choir.

Everyone is invited to attend.

TIPS kids will be singing Christmas carols downtown on Tuesday, December 20, at 4:15 p.m.

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Real Estate



For Sale: NICE 2 bedroom home carpeted throughout, 2 full bath, small yard, carport, large pecan tree, corner lot at Melwood and Broadway. 222 W. Broadway. Call Sonny Hall, 754-5118. 5-46(tfc)

For Sale: 2 bedroom, 1 bath house in Wintgate. \$7000. Come by 106 Spill St. in Winters. 5-46(4tp)

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Legal Notices

NOTICE TO BIDDERS
 Sealed bids in envelopes marked "Runnels County Property, Commercial General Liability and or Business Auto Insurance" and addressed to Runnels County Judge, Michael B. Murchison, Ballinger, Texas, will be received in the Commissioners' Courtroom of Ballinger, Texas until 10:00 a.m., January 10, 1995.

Bids will be opened and considered by the Commissioners' Court in their Regular Meeting for that date.

Specifications are available in the County Auditor's Office on the Third Floor of the Courthouse.

The Runnels County Commissioners' Court reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

BY ORDER of Commissioners' Court
 December 6, 1994
 Darlene Smith,
 County Auditor

Employment



LVN and Home Health Aid needed for home health visits for Winters and immediate area. References required. Call Advantage Home Health 915-655-1445. 5-45(tfc)

LONG DISTANCE EXPERIENCED Semi-Driver. Alderman Cave 754-4546; see Mark Bridgeman. 5-45(tfc)

THE WINTERS POLICE DEPARTMENT is accepting applications for the position of Patrol Officer. All applicants must be certified Peace Officers. Applications may be obtained from the Winters Police Department, or at City Hall, 310 S. Main, Winters, TX 75957. All applications must be submitted by 12/31/94. 5-49(4tc)

DUMP TRUCK DRIVERS—Part time. Must have CDL. Call Guy's Dirt Contracting 754-4543. 5-50(tfc)

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For Sale: Affordable rebuilt washers and dryers, parts and service. 504 Enterprise. Call 754-4712 or 754-5680. 4-47(tfc)

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8th Annual Runnels County Auction—Feb. 25, 1995 on Hwy 153 in Winters. Anyone interested in consigning equipment call: Days—Wingate Gin, 743-6453 or Paul Airhart, 743-6550; Nights—Suvern O'Dell, 743-6061 or Scotty Belew, 743-8972. Contact before 1-27-95 to insure your equipment will appear in the sale circular. Kevin Hutson, Auctioneer. Sponsored by Wingate Lions Club. 5-50(1tc)

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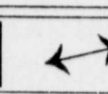
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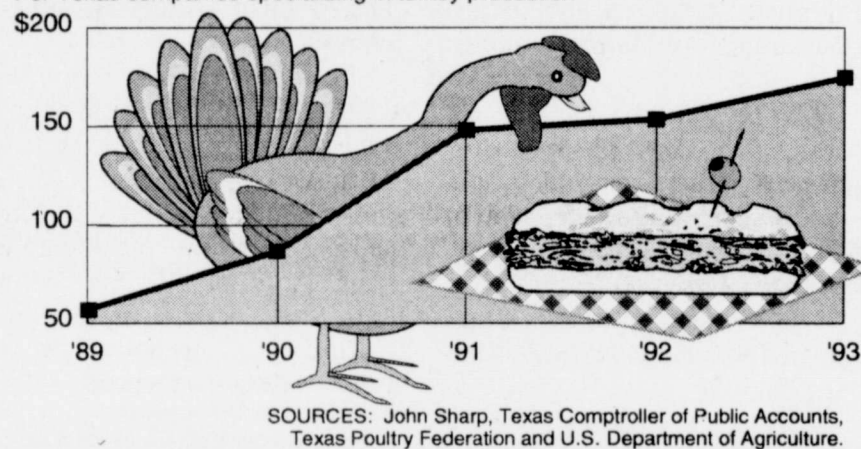
Keeping an eye on Texas

Texans gobble up turkey

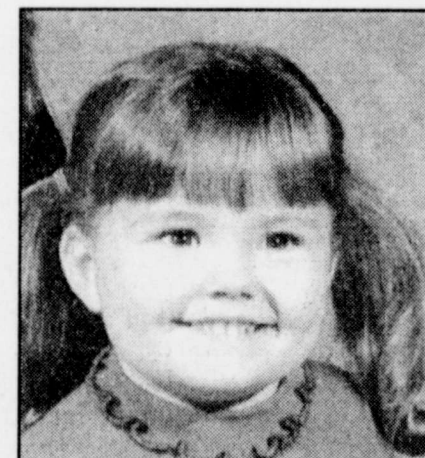
Turkey isn't just for Thanksgiving anymore. More than 9 million turkeys are raised in Texas, and gross sales for companies that specialize in turkey production have tripled since 1989—reaching \$174 million in 1993. Other Texas companies, including producers of chicken and other meat products, also process turkeys. In addition to smoked turkey and turkey breasts, turkey is produced as ham, bacon, sausage, cold cuts and "turkey jerky."

Gross sales, in millions

For Texas companies specializing in turkey production



*Time she's got plenty.
 Look out world, she
 Just turned TWENTY!*



*Love,
 Mom, Dad, and the four C's*

Identity of birthday girl is revealed elsewhere in this issue.

Winters Police Beat

The information below is taken from reports on file with the Winters Police Department. Some of the information is provided to police by citizens, and in some cases, police have not finished investigating the reports. These reports make up a small percentage of the total calls the Department receives and responds to each week.

Winters Police Department reports received and/or investigated from Sunday, December 4, through Saturday, December 10, 1994. Winters Police Officers:

- arrested Monica Sanchez, 23 years of age, of Winters, for Driving While Intoxicated. Sanchez was arrested during an accident investigation in which her 1977 Pontiac struck an electric pole in the 300 block of N. Rogers Street.
- investigated a reported Class A assault which occurred in the 400 block of Redner Street. The victim was advised how to go about filing charges on the suspect.
- responded to a reported theft (shoplifting) in the 900 block of N. Main Street and subsequently filed charges on Josephine Luna, 70 years of age, of Winters.
- responded to a family disturbance in the 400 block of Redner Street in which a juvenile reportedly assaulted a family member. The juvenile then left home without permission. The juvenile was listed as a runaway. Upon locating the juvenile, the juvenile was taken into custody and transported to the Tom Green County Juvenile Detention Center.

Runnels County Crimestoppers offers a cash reward for information which leads to the grand jury indictment or conviction of offenders and the caller does not have to give his or her name. To give a Crimestopper's tip, call your local law enforcement agency at:

Winters Police Department—754-4121
 Ballinger Police Department—365-3591
 Runnels County Sheriff's Department—365-2121

Public Record

COUNTY COURT

Paul Rodriguez, 12-02-94, Evading Detention. Defendant entered a plea of guilty; Fined \$300 plus \$165 costs.
 Gregorio Barquera, 12-05-94, Making Alcohol Available to a Minor. Defendant entered a plea of guilty; Fined \$300 plus \$165 costs.

J.P. COURT

Charlie's Corner vs. B.J. Gully Jr., 11-28-94, Account.
 Gary Elliott, 12-03-94, Public Intoxication.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

John C. Banks and Sandra S. Spencer, 12-02-94.
 Robert Andrew Doty and Misty Dawn Andrews, 12-02-94.
 Loyd Martinez and Jennifer Janice Gonzales, 12-07-94.
 Lawrence William Holley and Jana Brooke Burton, 12-07-94.
 Richard Ornelas and Graciela Garcia, 12-08-94.

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N. CHURCH-3 BR, 1 bath, in good condition. \$12,500.

N. MELWOOD-3 BR, 1 bath, lg. lot, w/2 BR trailer, water well. \$20,000.

N. MAIN-3 BR, 2 bath,

brick, corner lot. \$45,000.

N. CONCHO-3 BR, 1 1/2 bath, lg. workshop, near school. \$24,500.

S. MELWOOD-3 BR, 1 1/2 bath, den, H/A. \$34,500.

LAUREL DR.-3 BR, 1 1/2 bath, fresh paint. \$36,500.

E. PIERCE-3 BR, 1 bath, needs repair. \$6,500.

S. ARLINGTON-3 BR, 1 bath, lg. den. \$22,500.

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N. CRYER-Remodeled 2 BR, 1 bath, corner lot. \$14,000.

W. PIERCE-3 BR, 1 bath, brick, 1779 sq. ft. \$36,000.

Underwood Real Estate

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WISD Board okays band trip, conveys Wingate school property

The Winters ISD Board of Directors met in regular session Monday night, December 12.

Todd Felty, Winters band director, requested permission for the band to take an overnight trip in the spring to perform at a band festival near Dallas.

Board members approved the trip to Sandy Lake Festival on May 13, subject to the approval of Principal Charles Kidwell and Superintendent Tommy Lancaster.

The board also approved execution of a Special Warranty Deed on the specific Wingate School property to Wingate Gin, Inc.

The bid of \$3,500.00 by Noleta Rice was accepted for the sale of the remaining Wingate School property which is the buildings and the land on which the buildings are located plus ten feet around each building.

Other bids received were \$2,150.00 from Jack Pharriss and \$2,100.00 from Larry Walden.

During discussion of the 1994-95 budget amendments, business manager Jimmy Butler reported that Winters earned \$13,494.06 from gate receipts from the four playoff football games.

Board members attending the meeting were Gary Pinkerton, Charles Allcorn, Joe Pritchard, Bob Prewitt, and Ronald Presley. Joe Bryan and Bob Webb were absent. Others present were Superintendent Lancaster, Principals Kidwell and Terry Wyatt, and Athletic Director Robin Byrd.

The next regular board meeting will be Thursday, January 10, 1995.

Shep Domino Party

The Shep domino party will be Saturday, December 17, at 6:30 p.m. in the Shep Community Center.

Bring your dominoes and snacks.



WTU CREWS work efficiently to install a transformer and electric lines to the new First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall. Ordinarily this job would have lasted a couple of days, but with a number of trucks and added manpower this job was completed in less than a day's time.

Mama's Homemade Biscuits

by DICK MCNEILL

I would wake up every morning,
To the sound of our clock alarm,
Coming from my folks' room,
Out there on the farm.

Mama would head for the kitchen,
To cook breakfast for us all.
I could smell it cooking,
Through the bedroom wall.

On top of our refrigerator,
KRUM on radio.
She would listen for who was sick, or died,
While rolling out the dough.

About 20 minutes, I could lay there,
Smelling bacon, as you might guess,
But the biscuits are what I remember most,
Mama's biscuits were the best.

There were seven of us kids,
And Mama and Daddy, they made nine.
But there were always plenty of biscuits.
She made a jillion at a time.

When it was cooked, I could hear her feet,
Heading for my bedroom door,
But before she ever got there,
Mine were on the floor.

I'd be dressed and at my place,
Before the table was even set.
But the rule was, we always ate at once.
I'd have to wait for all the rest.

When we finally started eating,
We knew we'd better do it fast.
Because even a jillion biscuits,
They weren't about to last.

I would savor every morsel,
As the aroma rose.

It was absolutely ecstasy,
From my nose down to my toes.

She'd sometimes make them after church,
And though it was against her law,
I would sneak a pinch of dough,
And then I'd eat it raw.

But no matter how you ate them,
You could never get enough.
In this day of cheap can biscuits,
Times seem pretty tough.

I think about those biscuits often,
As I'm her biggest biscuit fan.
From North to South, East to West,
They're the best in all the land.

I ate some once in Tennessee,
They're supposed to be best up there.
But up beside my Mama's,
They were only fair.

She's still a cookin' biscuits,
And sometimes she'll open a can.
But she's cooked ten zillion biscuits,
So I think we should understand.

That if she opens a few canned biscuits,
It's because she needs the rest.
Heaven only knows,
She's passed the biscuit test.

And now, I would like to recite some words,
From a familiar song, as I leave.
"Mama, would you please pass the biscuits,
Would you pass the biscuits please."

And you ought to try her pecan pie!

Have mercy!

Choir Bake Sale, Saturday, Dec. 17, raises funds to buy musical equipment

"King's Kids", the youth choir of Somebody Cares Ministries, will be having a Bake Sale on Saturday, December 17, at Lawrence Bros. IGA Supermarket. The bake sale begins at 9 a.m. and members hope to continue until all baked goods are sold. Proceeds will be used to buy need musical equipment. For more information or to make donations to the choir fund, call 754-4660.

You are invited to come by and see the progress of Somebody Cares Ministries' soon-to-be new sanctuary and the children's building, located on the corner of the Novice highway and Trinity Street.

On December 21, a Christmas play is scheduled to begin at 7 p.m. with "King's Kids" performing. Everyone is welcome to come.

SERVICES

Sunday	11 a.m.
Sunday	6 p.m.
Wednesday	7 p.m.

Letter to the Editor

Writer sends birthday wish to Mrs. Pearl Davis

Dear Editor:

I am writing this letter in hopes you will publish it in your paper. It concerns one of your town's senior citizens, a Mrs. Pearl Davis, 319 N. Melwood, Winters, Tx.

Pearl has lived in the Winters area for approximately 90 years. She will be celebrating her 94th birthday the 17th day of December, 1994, which is the reason for this write-up in your paper — to wish Pearl a happy 94th birthday. Your town is indeed fortunate

to have such a great person as a citizen. Pearl is loved by everyone who has ever known her. She has never been known to have spoken a bad word of anyone but instead she always finds something good to say about the worst of us.

Happy 94th birthday, Pearl.

Chester Henson
3612 Ave. P
Lubbock, Texas 79412

Winters VFD postpones drawing for boat/cash

The Winters Volunteer Fire Department has again postponed the drawing for the fish and ski boat or \$15,000 cash pending sales of tickets.

"Tickets are just not selling as we had hoped," said Raymond Lindsey, WVFD spokesman. According to Lindsey, Chief Johnny Merrill has contacted the Abilene Fire Fighters Association for assistance. "It is hoped that all 400 tickets will be sold."

Members began this project in August as their major fundraiser to support the building of a much needed new fire station. Other projects have contributed to the building fund; however, the firemen have not yet obtained their goal.

The grand prize in the drawing is a choice of the boat or \$15,000 cash. Several other cash prizes will be awarded including \$1,500 for second place, \$1,000 for third place, four prizes of \$250 each and five prizes of \$100 each.

Tickets are \$100 each and may be purchased at the Country Cob-

bler, Higginbotham's, Peoples National Bank, Winters State Bank, or from any member of the fire department.

As a suggestion: If you would like to participate but cannot afford the total amount solely, pool funds from family and friends or co-workers and divide the possible winnings accordingly. Please note that whomsoever initiates such action should be responsible for keeping all records.

The Winters Volunteer Fire Department will inform the public, as it becomes apparent, as to what date the drawing will be held.

Farmers Tax Guides may be picked up at Extension office

Farmers Tax Guides for 1994 are now available in the Runnels County Extension Office on the third floor of the courthouse. Hours are 8:30 - 12 noon and 1 - 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.



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