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CHRISTMAS IN APRIL workers surround this home to make improvements during the annual workday last Saturday. Six Winters homes were repaired for elderly or handicapped individuals in need. More pictures on page 7A.

Christmas in April resounding success

Good weather, hard workers, generous contributions make perfect combination

by Terry Wyatt, CIA President

Thanks to the many hours of dedicated volunteer work, six Winters homes were made warm, safe and dry this past weekend.

Six crews worked throughout the Christmas in April (CIA) workday to replace roofs, leaking windows, fix walls and ceilings, replace insecure doors, and otherwise improve the homes of six elderly/handicapped Winters residents.

The Board of Directors would like to thank the many people who worked to make Saturday a success. We want to send a big Thank You to the volunteers who worked at the homes and did the repairs.

We also want to thank the many people who worked behind the scenes; people who made, served and delivered food and drinks, the house captains who put a lot of work into getting ready for the workday, the babysitting crew, all of the wonderful Winters residents who gave financial support to this project—especially the Lutheran group who sponsors the Super Bowl Sunday.

We also want to thank the people at Higginbotham's for all of their help, Lawrence Bros. IGA Supermarket, the BFI company for providing dumpsters free of charge to all of the worksites, Mueller's of Ballinger, and Mrs. Baird's Bakery.

Christmas in April is a project that started here in Winters because the people of Winters care about each other. It continues to this day because of the good people of Winters who carry it forward.

Thanks again to all of you who helped make CIA '99 a big success.

Community-wide men's breakfast at First Baptist

The First Baptist Church will host a community-wide men's breakfast on Sunday, April 18, at 8:00 a.m. at Jones Fellowship Hall.

Men and boys from all churches in the Winters area are invited to attend.

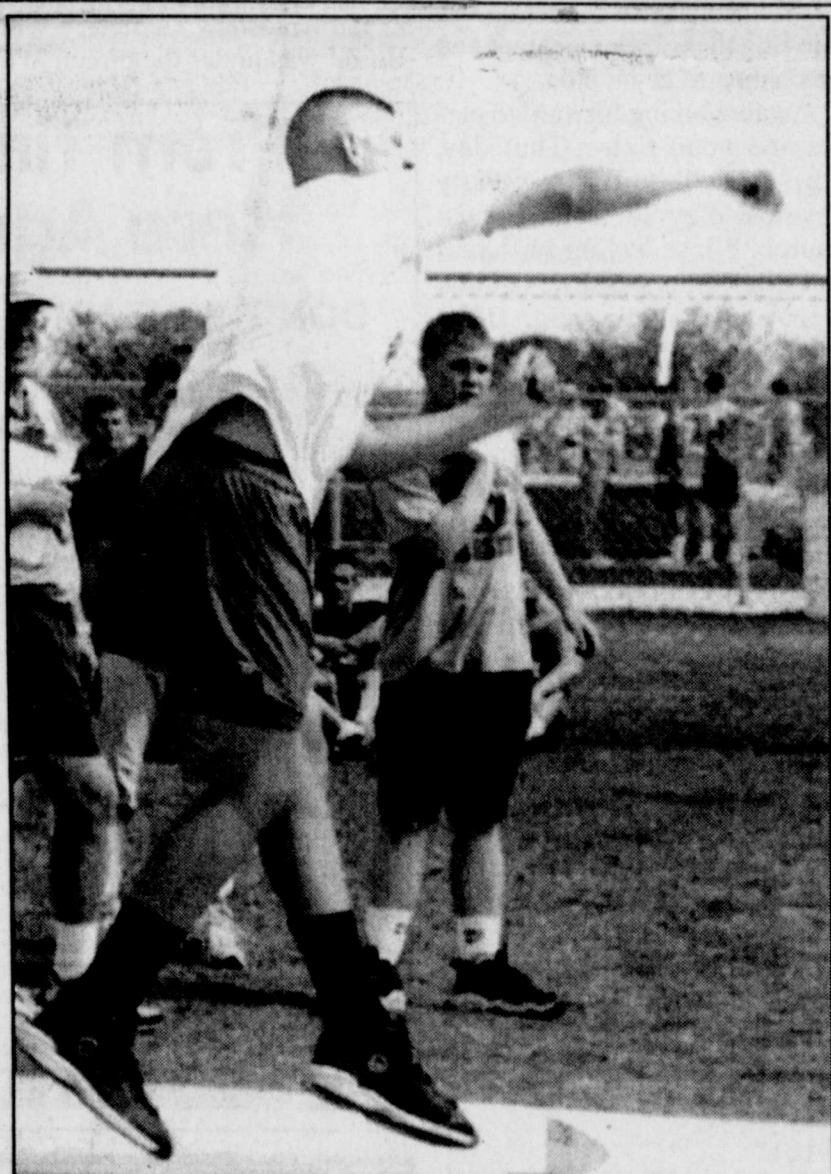
There is no charge for the fellowship meal.

No school Friday

Friday, April 16, is designated as a teacher inservice day/student holiday.

Additionally, district track competition will be conducted in Goldthwaite on Thursday, April 15, and Friday, April 16. Field events will begin Thursday at 2:30 p.m. and Friday at 10 a.m. In keeping with UIL regulations, this allows the kids to compete without missing more than one hour of school.

Spring pictures will be taken by Wayne Hennington on April 19 so make a special note now.



RUSTY JACKSON DEFINITELY PUTS THE SHOT as he wins eighth grade district competition last week in Early. For complete junior high district track results see page 4A.

Trustees adopt new school calendar

In a short meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Winters Independent School District on Monday, April 12, the 1999-2000 school calendar was approved with three years and two opposed.

Voting for the calendar were Allen Andrae, Rodrick Bredemeyer, and Michael Davis.

Jack Davis, Jr., and Ronald Presley voted against accepting the calendar which plans the start of the next school year for August 12, the final class day for May 24, and graduation on May 26, 2000.

In other action, the College Credit Program was approved by the Board. This program will allow WHS juniors and seniors to take college English and science courses through Western Texas College of Snyder. The classes will be taught by WHS faculty

members and will be considered dual credit courses meaning that the student will receive one local high school credit as well as three college credits for each class.

The courses will be taught during the regular school day and will not affect a student's grade point average or UIL eligibility but may affect honor roll status.

Further details will be published as are made available about this program which is scheduled to begin next fall semester.

Elementary Principal Tammy Bright reported on the West Texas Utilities safety demonstration "Lights Out for Louie" that was held on March 30, as well as the fifth grade's Civil War Day on April 9.

Upcoming events include the following:

- April 27, 28 — TAAS tests for grades 3-6, and the Iowa Test of Basic Skills for second grade.

- May 3 — Yo-Yo Day with one hour of yo-yo demonstration at 8:15 a.m. followed by lessons during each PE period for elementary students.

- May 8 — First grade musical at 7:00 p.m. in the auditorium.

Present for Monday evening's meeting were trustees Allen Andrae, Jack Davis, Jr., Rodrick Bredemeyer, Michael Davis, and Ronald Presley; Superintendent Mike Harris, Business Manager Jimmy Butler, Principals Tammy Bright and Charles Kidwell, Athletic Director Robin Byrd, and Curriculum Director Terry Wyatt.

Absent was trustee Larry Walker.

Runnels County burn ban lifted

Runnels County Commissioners rescinded the outdoor burn ban put into place last month because of dry weather. The lifting of the ban was approved unanimously at the regular meeting of Commissioners Court on Monday, April 12.

County Judge Marilyn Egan said, "I think there has been sufficient moisture for the ban to be lifted." Commissioner Thurman Self said he had several calls from people wanting to burn and said he had no objection to lifting the ban.

ArchiSystems' Construction Superintendent Jimmy Guevara reported the jail essentially completed, "with a few items still to be taken care of—that will happen this week." He expressed appreciation to the County Judge and Commissioners for their help in getting the jail completed.

Two items of business relating to the new county jail were handled by commissioners at the meeting. A change order adding

\$950 to the Gideon Sheet Metal contract for construction of a sidewalk and pad near a door was approved. Commissioners also rescinded an order accepting a proposal by GTE for a new phone system for the jail. Judge Egan said, "Sheriff Baird found a system for about \$2,000 less and decided to go with it, taking the money from the jail budget."

A payment of \$3,600 was also approved for labor to install security mesh over the exercise area of the new jail.

Commissioners also approved appointments to the Runnels County Children's Protective Services Board. Those appointed included Jana K. Eubank, Peggy Freeman, Marlene Wood, Dr. Steve Arnold, Rita Harless, Joan Lange, Hortencia Rodriguez, Danny Prado, Bo Keithley, Karl Vancil, Dr. Karen Rightmire, Myron Halford, and J. B. McGuire. Commissioner Keith Collom abstained from voting on the appointments because his wife

is one of the appointees.

Other agenda items and action included:

- Approval to advertise for applications for the county's bank depository.

- The county conveyed two acres of land at the old Crews School site to the Winters Independent School District.

- Authorized the expenditure of \$28,579 to pay for the County Clerk's new computer system. The money is budgeted and will come from the Records Management fund.

- Tabled a request by Justice of the Peace, Precinct 2, employees of the Winters Office of the Runnels County Sheriff and Runnels County Tax Collector's office to build a carport at their own expense on the county owned parking lot.

- Approved tax abatement agreements for Alderman-Cave Milling & Grain and Dr. James E. Smith. The 25% tax abatements will run for five years.

Ladies Night Out to feature Heaven's Jubilee

The Winters Woman's Club will be hosting their annual Ladies Night Out "Spring Fling" on Thursday, April 22, at 7:00 p.m. in Jones Fellowship Hall of the First Baptist Church.

A delicious salad sampler plate will be served, followed by entertainment provided by Heaven's Jubilee. Door prizes will be given throughout the delightful evening.

Cost is only \$10 and all tickets are sold in advance. Tickets may be purchased by calling Cheryl Bryan 754-4057, Gail Williams 754-4242 or Marlene Smith 754-4961.

All proceeds are used for local community projects.

WHAT'S HAPPENING ?

- April 15-11:30 a.m., Senior Citizens Meal
- 2:30 p.m., District Track, Goldthwaite
- 6:30-9 p.m., Computer Class, WHS
- Tax Renditions Due
- Income Tax Day
- April 16-10 a.m., District Track, Goldthwaite
- 11:30 a.m., Senior Citizens Meal
- SCHOOL HOLIDAY**
- Spring Trail Ride For Rehab, Albany
- April 17-Spring Trail Ride For Rehab, Albany
- April 18-8 a.m., Community-Wide Men's Breakfast, First Baptist Church
- 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Project Graduation Smoked Chicken Dinner, School Cafeteria
- April 19-11:30 a.m., Senior Citizens Meal
- 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., TMCN Luncheon, Colorado City
- 5:30 p.m., Runnels Baptist Association, Paint Rock
- 6 p.m., 4-H Roundup, First United Methodist Church
- Individual Spring Photos at School
- April 20-11:30 a.m., Senior Citizens Meal
- Noon, Lions Club
- 6:30 p.m., Kindergarten & Pre-K Roundup, Elementary Library
- 6:30-9 p.m., Computer Class, WHS
- 7:30 p.m., Eastern Star
- 7 p.m., WVFD
- Women's Service League
- April 21-9 a.m.-4 p.m., WIC, Winters Housing Authority
- 10 a.m.-Noon, FREE Blood Pressure Check, Sr. Citizens Center
- 11:30 a.m., Senior Citizens Meal
- April 22-11:30 a.m., Senior Citizens Meal
- 6:30-9 p.m., Computer Class, WHS
- 7 p.m., Ladies Night Out "Spring Fling" Jones Fellowship Hall

Oil Bidness

By Reg Boles ©1999



Prices have been on my mind a lot lately, and I saw something the other day that intrigued me. It was a graph of prices over the last 100 years, and study of the graph yielded some interesting information.

The plot was of oil prices at constant 1998 dollar prices. This means everything was adjusted so that inflation and deflation was considered. All other years were adjusted up or down based on inflation factors that accounted for the change in value of money from one year to the next.

The end result was that the plot showed actual prices in 1998 and all other years were inflation-adjusted. So, prices that were \$3 per barrel in 1920 were adjusted up to show what that same \$3 was equal to in buying power for 1998. That means \$3 per barrel in 1920 was like \$21 per barrel in 1998.

This is important because, although prices have been lower than they were at the beginning of 1999 (\$10 per barrel) in nominal terms, they have never been lower when adjusted for inflation. After all, \$10 in 1998 is worth a lot less in 1998 than it was 50 years ago. So, oil prices have been at their lowest levels ever, of late.

But, back to the graph. Except for a few limited timeframe spikes up and down over the last 100 years, prices have remained within a range. The spikes were reflected in 1941, 1978-81, 1991, for example. In most cases, these spikes reflected some aberration due to war, cartels, or the like.

The average of all of the years was \$19 per barrel, and the range that prices in most years stayed within was between \$16 and \$21 per barrel.

The researcher who compiled this data and studied it had some interesting things to say about it. He said one conclusion that could be drawn is that anytime prices drop or rise outside of this range, it can't last long. Prices will gravitate back to the range and the average.

If true, then those that are betting on the fact that prices will get back to close to \$20 per barrel may be on to something. And, those that are scuttling their companies of manpower and expertise because of the recent downward price swing may be in for a rude awakening when prices rebound.

One thing not reflected in the graph is how much pain is inflicted in the downcycles and the euphoria during the upcycles. The thing that makes many people rich in this business is the ability to withstand and ignore the mob emotions during both of these cycles.

HIGHLIGHTS OF AREA DRILLING ACTIVITY COMPLETIONS

Nolan County

Hquest Energy has completed the Bloodworth Northeast Canyon Unit #505 in the Northeast Bloodworth Field (14 miles SW of Maryneal) at an initial rate of 15 BOPD & 236 BWPD in the Canyon (perfs 5842-50). Loc. is 1320 FNL & 1320 FWL of Sec. 235, Blk. 1-A, H&TC Sur., A-138.

Runnels County

Hopewell Operating has completed the W. Bryan #2-G in the North Norton Field (12 miles SW of Winters) at an initial rate of 15 BOPD & 48 BWPD in the Capps (perfs 4306-36). Loc. is 4720 FNL & 1572 FWL of W.H. Smith Sur. No. 599, A-719.

Sequoia Fossil Fuels, Inc. has completed the Edmondson #4 in the Hollow Creek Field (10 miles E of Ballinger) at an initial rate of 2950 MCFPD in the Homocreek Formation (perfs 2504-10). Loc. is 620 FNL & 620 FEL of Harrison CSL Sur. No. 259, A-235.

STAKINGS

Concho County

Chief Oil & Gas LLC has staked the Stone #1 as a Wildcat, 8 miles W of Eden (Depth 3000). Loc. is 2132 FNL & 1931 FEL of Sec. 57, Blk. 8, H&TC Sur.

Runnels County

Cheetah Investments, Inc. has applied to plug back the Elkins #5 in the Beddo Field, 5 miles E of Hatchell (Depth 3700). Loc. is 2154 FSL & 10375 FWL of Lab. 13, H. Travis Sur. No. 533.

Articles received after Monday will be printed the following week

The Winters Enterprise reminds all individuals, clubs, and businesses of submission deadlines. Any news turned in after the deadline will be printed the following week.

Noon Monday is the latest date to turn in news articles and retail advertising. Classified ads will be accepted until 5 p.m. Monday.

The Winters Enterprise would like to encourage everyone to turn in information as soon as possible to ensure adequate time for typesetting and reservation of space. Thank you for your cooperation.

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Obituaries

Charlie Eugene Tomme

WINTERS—Charlie Eugene Tomme, 84, died Thursday, April 8, 1999, at Llano Memorial Hospital.

He was born December 8, 1914, in Valley Springs in Llano County. He married Pauline Cunningham on August 13, 1960, in Menard. They lived in Post before coming to Winters in 1970.

Mr. Tomme was self employed and had served in the U.S. Army in the signal corps during World War II. He was a member of the Church of Christ.

He was preceded in death by his wife.

Survivors include two stepdaughters, Addie Jo Prescott of Kingsland, and Alma Lou Key of Big Spring; two sisters, Jewell Davee of Burnett, and Annie Moore of Porterville, California; three step-grandchildren; six step-great-grandchildren; two step-great-great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

Graveside services were held at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, April 10, 1999, at Lakeview Cemetery with Reverend Charles Ball officiating. Burial was under the direction of the Winters Funeral Home.

Ennis Taylor "Dale" Spence

BLACKWELL—Ennis Taylor "Dale" Spence III, 45, died Sunday morning, April 11, 1999, at Hendrick Medical Center in Abilene.

He was born July 11, 1953, in Brownwood and grew up in East, Texas. He graduated from high school in Abilene. He married Diana Brannon on May 29, 1994, in Blackwell.

Mr. Spence spent the majority of his life creating and producing music and audio for the advertising and radio industry. He had recently moved to Blackwell from Houston and was the air personality "Spence In The Morning" on the radio station 92.5 in Abilene. He was a member of Second Baptist Church in Houston.

Survivors include his wife, Diana Brannon Spence of Blackwell; one son, Daniel Spence of Beaumont; one daughter, Gretchen Spence Pelton and husband Robert of Rockwall; one granddaughter, Ashley Pelton of Rockwall; his father, Ennis Taylor Spence II of Longview; one sister, Cynthia Cervera and husband Guy of Schenectady, New York; one niece, Felicia Cervera of Schenectady, New York; and in-laws, Bob and Marie Brannon of Big Spring.

Family visitation was at 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, April 13, at Winters Funeral Home. Services were held at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, April 14, at the Blackwell Methodist Church with Reverend Allan Lee officiating. Burial was in Wingate Cemetery, directed by Winters Funeral Home.

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April 19 thru April 23
Subject to change

Monday, April 19: Chicken spaghetti, English peas, tossed salad, garlic bread and pears.

Tuesday, April 20: Bar-B-Que on bun, potato salad, pinto beans, pickles & onions, and glorified rice.

Wednesday, April 21: Beef tips & rice, boiled cabbage, tomato salad, rolls, and Mexican wedding cake.

Thursday, April 22: Goulash, beets, hominy, cornbread, and banana pudding.

Friday, April 23: Steak & gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, cornbread, and chocolate cake.

Sr. Citizens Nursing Home News

By Billie Ruth Bishop

Seniors enjoying warmer weather as spring blooms

April is here. The flowers are blooming and the residents are enjoying the warmer weather and the chance to be outside.

We are looking forward to parties and good times. Thursday, April 15, will be Birthday Party Day hosted by Southside Baptist Church. Those having birthdays are Allie Tatum, April 7; Pauline Melot, April 9; and Effie Pumphrey, April 25.

In observance of Doctor Appreciation Day, a special luncheon was held at the Nursing Home.

On Thursday, April 22, we will honor the volunteers who are so faithful to give of their time.

Mary L. Dunivan is a new resident. We welcome her to our midst.

Robert "Bob" Wilson Loyd

ABILENE—Robert "Bob" Wilson Loyd, 86, died Thursday morning, April 8, 1999.

He was born July 26, 1912, in Winfield, Alabama, to Willie and Rosa Loyd. He moved to Winters in 1919 where he first attended grade school. His mother Rosa died while living in Winters in 1920. Growing up, he lived alternately with his dad and older sisters, Bessie Loyd Swindle and Tessie Loyd Rogers.

After graduating from Wingate High School, his first business experience was operating a garage and service station in Wingate. In 1945, he moved to Winters and was associated with Texas Pacific Coal and Oil Company. He later went with Humble Oil and Refining Company, forming Bob Loyd LP Gas Company.

Mr. Loyd and his wife, Gertrude, operated the Humble Oil agency until 1969 when he moved to Abilene to become Shell Oil distributor along with Gene Wheat who bought into the business. He later sold shares of the company to Joe Caudle. Both Bob and Joe later sold the company to Gene Wheat.

After retiring from business in 1982, he married Lois Seals Loyd. He was active in community and civic affairs, serving time on the Winters City Council and the Winters Chamber of Commerce. He was a member of University Church of Christ and attended Wingate Church of Christ. Other memberships through the years were a 50-year membership in Wingate Masonic Lodge, Wingate Lions Club, Suez Shrine, Abilene Shrine Club, and the Bronte Eastern Star. He was also a former member of Texas LP Gas Association, Texas Petroleum Marketers Association, Winters Jaycees, Abilene Chamber of Commerce, and Abilene Rotary Club.

Survivors include his wife, Lois Loyd of Blackwell; two daughters, Sheri Miller of Abilene and Brenda Buckley of Abilene; one sister, Nell Hughes of Irving; one granddaughter, Kristi Miller of Abilene; numerous nieces and nephews; and a host of beloved friends.

Services were held at 5:00 p.m. Saturday, April 10, in the Winters Funeral Home with Lloyd Swindle and E.B. (Tott) McCown officiating. Burial with Masonic rights was in Wingate Cemetery, directed by Winters Funeral Home.

Pallbearers were Troy Hensley, Bob Webb, Hollis Dean, Jim King, Bill Walker, and Thurman Self. Honorary pallbearer was Lester Rhodes.

Memorials may be made to Hendrick Hospice Care, P.O. Box 1922, Abilene, Texas 79604 or to a favorite charity.

Edward Earl Thomas

ABILENE—Edward Earl Thomas, 35, died Tuesday, April 6, 1999, in Macon County, Alabama.

He was born August 11, 1963, in Grapevine, and moved to Bradshaw in 1971. He graduated from Jim Ned high school in 1982.

Mr. Thomas was a truck driver for C&A Transport in Abilene. He was a member of Friendship Baptist Church in Abilene.

He is survived by his children, Tara, Tanya, and Todd Thomas; his mother, Shirley Drain of Marble City, Oklahoma; five sisters, Julie Wilkerson of Winters, Sherry Lane and Lynn Townsend of Abilene, Bobbie Martin of Clyde, and Terry Baker of Baird; one uncle, Gene Ellison and his wife Barbara of Round Top; and one aunt, Janie Celinia of Allen.

Graveside services were held at 1:00 p.m. Saturday, April 10, 1999, in the Bradshaw Cemetery with Reverend Don Ladner officiating. Burial was under the direction of the Winters Funeral Home.

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Merry-go-round finally on the way

Have we got great news for the kids! A merry-go-round has finally been ordered for the Winters City Park. A 10 foot superwhirl is scheduled for delivery in early May. The City of Winters will install the piece of playground equipment upon its arrival. Spearheaded by the Women's Service League, nearly \$2,400 was raised to support the purchase. The WSL held a fajita supper raising some \$600. The Winters 4-H Club earned \$450 from a hamburger supper. The City of Winters added \$500 while the Winters Area Business and Industrial Corporation generously added the final \$820.

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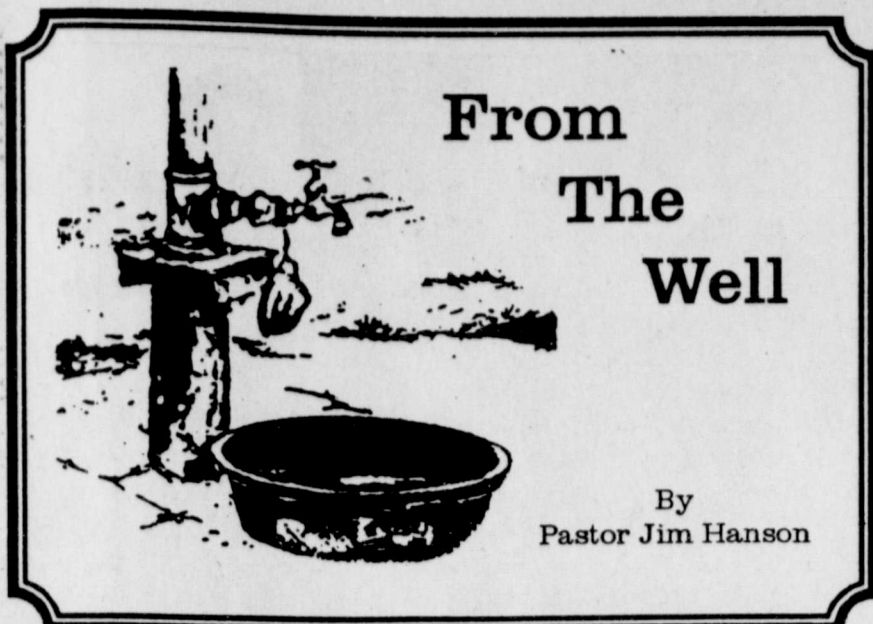
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From The Well

By
Pastor Jim Hanson



Pastor Jim Hanson

Our oldest grandson, Ezekiel, is now 15 years old. When he was four, he was "ring bearer" for the wedding of his uncle John to Julie. He was so proud. His parents had rented a little tuxedo, which he wore with great pride. He smiled

all over...and his whole body seemed poised to jump for joy at any moment. I can still see him racing down the center aisle before the wedding, prancing with the flower girls — nieces of Julie — before and after the ceremony.

A couple of years later his father was asked to be best man at the wedding of cousin Craig. When told about it, Zeke said, "I can't go." His daddy asked, "Why can't you go?" Zeke replied, "Because I don't have a 'bear' suit." He somehow saw the little black suit as a "bear" suit, and what he needed to wear in order to go to the wedding.

Anyway, the other day I read another story by my friend Jim Leaf, who used to be fire chief in Glendive, Montana. Apparently he is regular contributor to "News About Zion," the church newsletter for Zion Lutheran in Glendive, Montana. His story jarred my memory, and resurrected at least two chuckles from deep down in my well.

It seems, according to Jim, that there was this little boy in a relative's wedding. Apparently there was no rehearsal, for he had a special routine as he came down the aisle. He would take two steps...stop, and turn to face the crowd, alternating between the bride's side and the groom's side. While facing the crowd, he would raise up his arms and shape his hands to be like claws...and roar. So it went, step...step...step...Roar. Step...step...step...Roar. All the way down the aisle. By the time he reached the altar area, the whole crowd was near tears from laughing so hard. The little boy, however, was getting really upset by all this laughing. He was near tears by time he got up front. When the preacher bowed down and asked, "What were you doing?" The child sniffed and said, "I was being the Ring Bear."

The funniest things happen in church. And, to preachers. Good preachers laugh a lot. And good preachers have stories to tell, and usually they are pretty good. Here is one that someone gave me that came up on Private Free e-mail at <http://www.hotmail.com>:

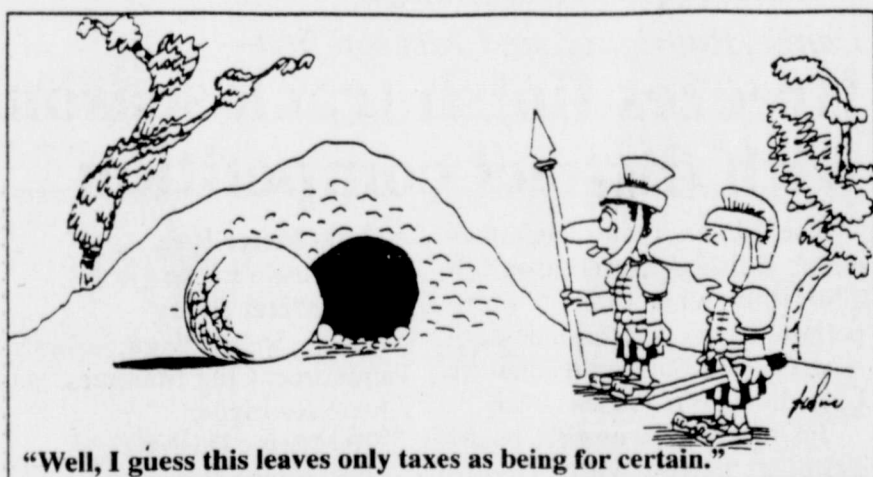
"An Illinois man left the snow-filled streets of Chicago for a vacation in Florida. His wife was on a business trip and was planning to meet him there the next day. When he reached his hotel in Florida he decided to send his wife a quick e-mail. Unable to find the scrap of paper on which he had written her e-mail address, he did his best to type it from memory. Unfortunately he missed one letter.

"His note was directed instead to an elderly preacher's wife whose husband had passed away only the day before. When the grieving widow checked her e-mail, she took one look at the monitor, let out a piercing scream, and fell to the floor in a dead faint. At the sound, her family rushed into the room and saw this note on the screen. 'Dearest Wife. Just checked in. Everything prepared for your arrival tomorrow. P.S. Sure is hot down here.'"

The preachers who have shared this one with me, or me with them...laughed. From the belly. Belly laughs are good for the soul. Good jokes, good clean jokes...are always funny! Because no one is hurt. No one is put down. No dirty words...cussing. Just — good, clean fun. And — they raise your spirits.

No wonder April is called "Holly Humor Month" by some folks. For the Resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead is truly "Joy" to the world. When the stone was rolled away from the tomb, Jesus said "Gotcha" to the Devil. And death. And sin.

This cartoon says it better than words.



Happy Easter. Ha! Ha! Ha-le-lu-li-a!

Runnels Baptist Association to meet in Paint Rock, April 19

The Runnels Baptist Association will have special emphasis on Sunday School, Monday, April 19, at the First Baptist Church in Paint Rock.

The Executive Board and W.M.U. will meet at 5:30 p.m. The evening meal will be served at 6:30 p.m.

The Sunday School Program will begin at 7:15 p.m.

Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend.

Card of Thanks

The family of Robert W. "Bob" Loyd would like to sincerely thank our friends at Winters and Wingate for the support, comfort, and prayers during this time of grief and loss. All the cards, letters, visits, and phone calls during his prolonged illness made this time more bearable for us.

A special thanks to medical personnel at Hendrick Medical Center, doctors, respiratory and physical therapists, and nurses for their compassion and professional expertise.

He will be missed, but not forgotten, for his memory will live on in the hearts of his friends and family.

The family of Bob Loyd

Card of Thanks

I want to thank everyone for the cards, flowers, and food sent when I lost my mother Lena Mae Lehman. Thanks to the Ladies of the First United Methodist Church for the nice meal prepared.

Special thanks to Dr. Y.K. Lee, the staff of North Runnels Hospital, and emergency medical personnel. Thanks to Mike Meyer, Linda Dry, and Reverend Don Roath during my loss.

Robert Parks Lehman

Card of Thanks

To the City of Winters Police and Fire Departments:

In this time of sadness and grief, we would like to take this opportunity to extend a very heartfelt "thank you" and "God Bless" to each and everyone of you for doing everything in your power to help in the rescue of our precious little Dalvin.

We believe that if there was any other possible way you could have helped, it would have been done to any extent.

We hope this message will bring some ease to your heart and soul, knowing that the people of this community appreciate all of your efforts.

May God Bless you all.
Sincerely,

Friends of the family
Billy Gray, Quana Johnson, and
Bob & Lawanda Rainey

Card of Thanks

Many thanks and love go out to all you wonderful people who did so much work on my house with Christmas In April.

Louise Cecil



THE TRIPLE L CLUB HELD THEIR MONTHLY MEETING LAST WEEK featuring an Easter parade of bonnets, chicken foot dominoes, and a pitch-in luncheon. Those entered in the bonnet contest included (front, l-r) Lillian Eubanks, Halley Sims, Charlsie Poe (winner of a book of stamps), (back) Susie Taylor, Omega Priddy, Dortha Lawrence, Vivian Foster, Bonnie Fairey, and Dorothy Long. A social event for senior adults, Triple L meets the second Thursday of each month. The next meeting is scheduled for May 13, in the train depot home of Rita Stephenson of Wingate. The church bus will transport participants. For more info contact the First Baptist Church office.

Card of Thanks

To all the Christmas In April Volunteers:

I'd like to thank each one of you for the wonderful job you did on my home. God bless each one of you!

Santos Sanchez

Card of Thanks

I would like to thank everyone from CIA who helped work on my grandma's (Santos Sanchez) house. I wasn't able to help this year, but thank you all for taking the time to work with CIA. My grandmother and I are truly grateful.

Maggie Patton

Card of Thanks

The Winters Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 9193 would like to thank *The Winters Enterprise* for being at our meetings and events to take pictures and for printing all news articles on the VFW's events.

We appreciate everything you do to help us to let the public know what the Veterans of Foreign Wars does and stands for.

Sincerely,

Ruby Carter
Vice-President,
Winters VFW Auxiliary

Card of Thanks Piano students excel at festival

Many, many thanks to each of you that sent a card, called, visited, or sent flowers. A special thanks to the Church of Christ Ladies, Brother Barry Taylor and the Baptist Church, Brother Don Roath, and my church members. Keep me in your prayers as I still have a long way to go.

Katty Brown

Card of Thanks

Thanks to Bob Lindley and crew for your work done on my house Saturday during Christmas in April. You did a super job!

Thank you,
W.J. Sudduth

Several piano students of Susan Connor recently participated in the Abilene Music Teachers Music Festival held at Hardin-Simmons University. All students earned Superior ratings. They were judged by Susan Cusenbary of Wichita Falls. Participating students were Jena Bahlman, Leah Bredemeyer, Rachel Davis, Stefanie Davis, Amber Garduno, Amy Patterson, Ambar Smith, Stacey Walden, and Cameron Faubion of Ballinger. Students played sonatas or compositions by Gillock, Glover, and Olson, three recently deceased composers well known for their compositions for students.

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- TXs Donaldson and Houston
- Tyler FM station
- TXism: "I'm something better comes along"
- noted TX poet Grace Crowell
- amputee event in Olney: "Hunt"
- fish propeller
- TXism: "dew chaser"
- birth state of TX Belle Starr (abbr.)
- cook in an oven
- TXism: "that'll do (OK)"
- TX Bob White line: "Take"
- Houston has large space industry
- NM ski destination
- profession of TX Red Duke (abbr.)
- Feb. 14 Day
- "Aggie War"
- payable on demand
- plush TX girls' camp
- Pampa's "Texas Junior Stock Show"
- look intently
- Baskin-Robbins flavor: "Pralines"
- TXism: "saddle strawberry"
- a clairvoyant
- TXism: "whallop"
- singer John at TX Willie's Farm Aid

DOWN

- TXism: "by the (narrow escape)"
- San Co. TX
- Mc
- TXism: "he could furnish to the devil"
- raises young 'uns
- Gulf shark
- poetic "before"
- designation for injured Astro or Ranger (abbr.)
- nickname of TX Margo Jones: "Dallas"
- hunter constellation
- singer Damone, et al.
- dir. to Waco from Abilene
- TXism: "come at the seams"
- TX Roy Orbison hit: "Pretty Woman"
- in Smith Co. on 135
- this Moreno went on 6-hr. killing rampage across southeast TX in '83
- chigger
- animal skin
- TXism: "the mark"
- TXism: "bite bullet"
- in TX, it's a sweet potato
- buried in TX in 1860s: "Springs Treasure"
- El Paso-filmed "When You Comin' Back, Red?"
- TXism: "Cowboy Koolaid"
- Farm Aid number of 43-across
- shootin' marble
- he starred with TX Carol in "The Four Seasons"
- John Birch Society founder Robert
- 1880 TX RR: Dallas, Cleburne, Grande
- near Boerne: "Cave Without"
- use a keyboard
- Gov. Hogg's only daughter
- TXism for cheated: "swaggled"
- tractor maker
- 29-across was "name in a contest"
- Gov. Ellis
- daddy's whippin' leather
- TXism: "mad enough to nails"
- TXism: "lame as a dog"
- he beat TX Foreman in '74 to regain heavyweight title
- respect
- Hawaiian "howdy"

TEXAS CROSSWORD

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Juice
Tuesday-April 20
Toast
Cream of Wheat
Juice
Wednesday-April 21
Biscuit
Sausage
Juice
Thursday-April 22
Cinnamon Roll
Oatmeal
Juice
Friday-April 23
Toast
Sliced Ham
Juice

Lunch

Monday-April 19
Ham/Cheese Sandwich
French Fries
Lettuce/Pickles
Brownie
Tuesday-April 20
Steak Fingers/Gravy
Mashed Potatoes
Green Beans
Vanilla Pudding
Hot Roll
Wednesday-April 21
Toastada/Meat/Cheese
Refried Beans
Tossed Salad
Pear Half
Cinnamon Roll
Thursday-April 22
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Pineapple Chunks
Peanut Butter Cookie
Friday-April 23
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1998 football plaques have arrived

The 1998 football plaques are in. Contact Coach Robin Byrd at the Field House at 754-4653 if you would like to purchase one.

The plaques feature a photo of the team, managers, and coaches along with the awards they won throughout the year. The cost is \$17.00 with checks made payable to: Winters Athletic Booster Club.

The Blizzards were District 25-AA, Bi-District champions and area qualifiers during the 1998 season.

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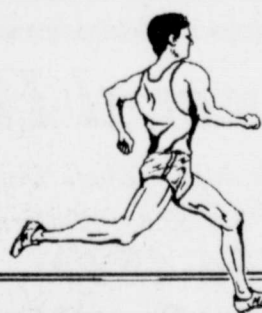
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JANA PRESLEY whips in the fast pitch as teammates Michelle Paschal (left) and Paula Salas stand ready during Lady Blizzard softball action. The Lady Blizzards captured second place in district competition and will enter playoff action the week of April 26.



THE 1999 SEVENTH GRADE BREEZES TRACK TEAM includes (front, l-r) Will Ahrens, Wacey Cason, John Heathcott, (row 2) Basilio Rocha, Johnathon Lujano, Eric Lopez, (row 3) Benji Valles, Timothy Fenwick, Josh Cavanaugh, (row 4) Fonzie Santos, Chance Hogan, Adam Solorzano, and Coach Shane Mobley.



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Baseball Scoreboard

Team: Varsity Baseball
Coach: Charles Murphy
Date & place of game:
April 9, 1999 — Winters
Opponent: San Saba
Winning pitcher: Luz
Losing pitcher: Brown
Losing catcher: Hinnant

Key plays: HR Alvarado 2B Lujano-2.
Burleson-1
WINTERS 21 13 0
OPPONENT 4 7 5

Coach's comments: We played very well defensively. We made no errors. We hit the ball well. No one struck out. Oscar struck out eight batters.

Team: Varsity Baseball
Coach: Charles Murphy
Date & place of game:
April 6, 1999 — Bangs
Opponent: Bangs
Winning pitcher: Connor
Winning catcher: Reiger
Losing pitcher: Oscar Luz
Losing catcher: Chris Lujano

Key plays: 2B Jeremy Alvarado-2.
Andrew Medina
WINTERS 10 11 10
OPPONENT 15 16 1

Coach's comments: You cannot whin while making 10 errors. We did settle down and make a run at them. Jeremy Alvarado hit the ball well. He was 2 for 2 with 2 doubles. Andrew Medina was 3 for 4. Kenneth Burleson was 3 for 4. Ben Blaine was 2 for 4.

Blizzard tennis meets tough competition in Abilene tourney

by Coach Biff White

The varsity and JV boys tennis teams played in one the largest tournaments in Texas last weekend in Abilene.

We played 5A to 2A schools and gained some good experience plus saw some super players.

We did have a couple of guys who fared well. Jeffrey Jordan made it to the "C" semifinal round, losing to the champion from Abilene.

Justin Calcote and Aaron Pritchard made it all the way to the "B" consolation championship beating Lubbock Estacada and Clint before losing to Burleson.



THE WINTERS BLIZZARD JV WON THE TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP recently in the Colorado City tennis tournament. Team members include (front, l-r) Jeffrey Jordan, Craig Jacob, G.G. Hernandez, (back) Kacy Murphy, Taylor Brown, and Jeremy Hope.



THE 1999 SEVENTH GRADE LADY BREEZES TRACK TEAM includes (front, l-r) Macy Hopson, Suzanne Jones, Jessica Barron, Kayla Calcote, (row 2) Briana Parramore, Jessica Pritchard, Jessica Rodriguez, Hope Ontiveros, (row 3) Rachel Rios, Brittany Burleson, Maegan Schwartz, Cecilia Ovalles, (row 4) Amanda Poe, and Jennifer Hagle.

Lange, Rodriguez, and Jackson first—Breezes finish track season with district competition

The Winters Junior High track teams finished their season last Thursday with district competition. In the eighth grade division, Coach Robin Byrd noted the boys did a good job this year.

Justin Lange was first in the 2400 meter run while Alvaro Rodriguez finished first in the 100 meter dash. Rusty Jackson was first in the shot put and second in discus.

"We competed well. We just need some more depth and a little more speed. There are some quality athletes in this group and if they will work hard, good things could happen on down the road."

Coach Ken Fowler noted that the eighth grade girls had done a "great job by all of the young ladies. They represented Winters well and competed hard."

Coach Shane Mobley said "Congrats on a successful year (seventh grade boys). Each and everyone improved and competed to their best ability. Thanks to all the parents and fans for their support throughout the track season and year."

Fowler said the seventh grade girls had a "good effort by everyone. They did their best."

8TH GRADE BOYS
Shot Put
1st, Rusty Jackson
5th, Alvaro Rodriguez
Discus
2nd, Rusty Jackson
High Jump
2nd, Alvaro Rodriguez
6th, Shane Colburn

2400 Meter Run
1st, Justin Lange
400 Meter Relay
2nd, Jose Vega, Dustin Palmertree, Clint Marentes, and Alvaro Rodriguez
100 Meter Dash
1st, Alvaro Rodriguez
400 Meter Dash
6th, Brian Pritchard
300 Meter Hurdles
6th, Clint Marentes
200 Meter Dash
6th, Yul Gibbs
1600 Meter Run
2nd, Tim Medina
4th, Johnny Stout
1600 Meter Relay
3rd, Brian Pritchard, Clint Marentes, Dustin Palmertree, Alvaro Rodriguez

7TH GRADE BOYS
Shot Put
4th, Josh Cavanaugh
Discus
4th, Johnathon Lujano
Long Jump
6th, Josh Cavanaugh
High Jump
4th, Johnathon Lujano
2400 Meter Run
2nd, Tim Fenwick
3rd, Basilio Rocha
400 Meter Relay
4th, John Heathcott, Benji Valles, Johnathon Lujano, Josh Cavanaugh
110 Hurdles
4th, Eric Lopez
800 Meter Run
6th, Basilio Rocha
See TRACK, pg. 8A



THE 1999 EIGHTH GRADE BREEZES TRACK TEAM includes (front, l-r) Alex Blackerby, Matthew Meyer, Justin Lange, Matt Moreno, Shane Colburn, (row 2) Jared Airhart, Guy Slimp, Tim Medina, Johnny Stout, Dustin Palmertree, (row 3) Matt Tounget, Rusty Jackson, Brandon Davis, Clint Marentes, Jose Vega, (row 4) Mark Moreno, Yul Gibbs, Alvaro Rodriguez, Brian Pritchard, and Jose Chavez.



THE 1999 EIGHTH GRADE LADY BREEZES TRACK TEAM includes (front, l-r) Laci Walker, Amy Esquivel, Lacey Meyer, Allison Calcote, Kirby Jattler, Dana Clough, Leah Bredemeyer, Stefanie Davis, Heather Martin, (back row) Jena Bahlman, Lauren Hogan, Kemari Hale, Kelly Bearden, Leslye Geistmann, Kimberly Sartor, Stacy Walden, Stacey Sneed, Amy Patterson, Michelle Dexter, and Rachel Retana.

BLIZZARD ACTIVITIES

APRIL 15-22, 1999

SOFTBALL
—Playoff Game, TBA

TRACK
—April 15 & 16, District Track, Goldthwaite, VG, VB, JVB

BASEBALL
—April 19, JV, Wall, There, 4:30 p.m.
—April 20, V, Early, There, 7 p.m.
—April 22, JV, Coleman Tournament, TBA

EXTRACURRICULAR
—April 17, State Horse Judging, Lubbock
—April 18, Project Graduation Smoked Chicken Dinner, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., WHS Cafeteria
—April 19, Spring Fling
—April 20, NHS Jave Sale, 9 a.m.
—April 20, Bar Salad Luncheon
—April 20, Kindergarten & Pre-K Roundup, 6:30 p.m., Elementary Library
—April 21, State FHA Convention
—April 21, UIL Band Contest, Coleman

Blizzards continue district golf play

Winters took eighth in the second round of district golf Monday, April 15, at the Winters Country Club. Winters scored 385 points. San Saba's team won the round with 310 points.

Low scorers for Winters were Matt Angel, 88; Kirk Byrd, 91; Justin Meyer, 99; and John Bahlman, 107. Low round for the day was by Mark Whitley of San Saba with 71.

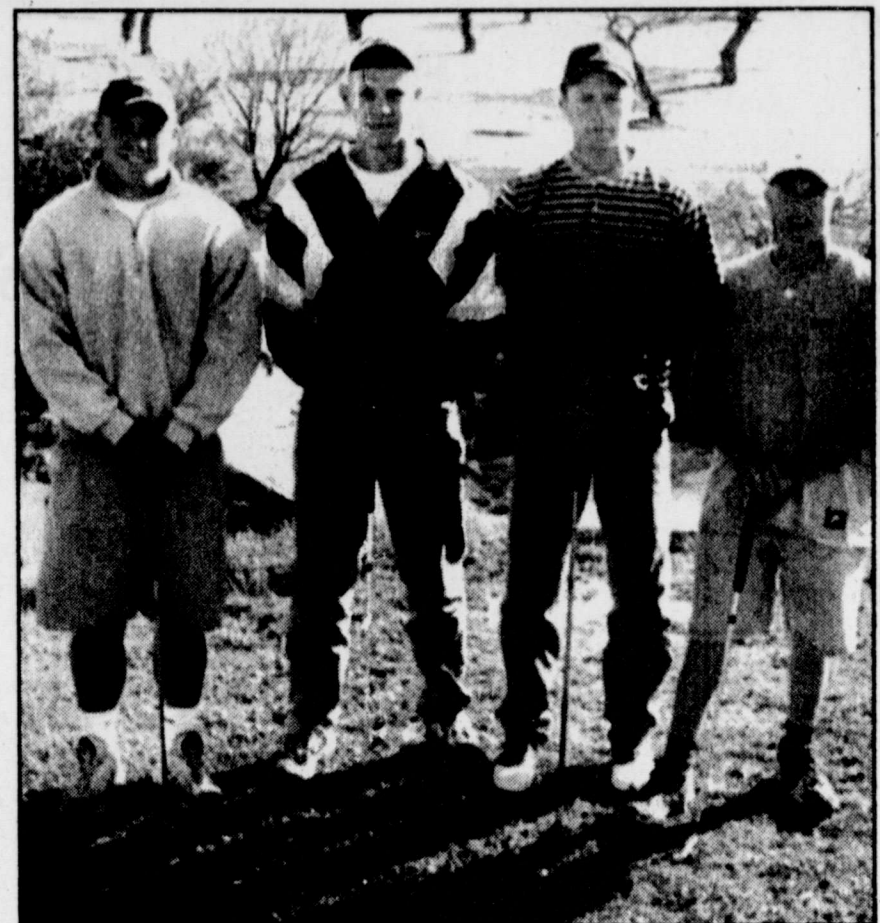
Cinderfella, April 26— WHS annual staff announces spring picture sessions

The WHS annual staff is pleased to announce some upcoming events for the month of April.

Wayne Hennington will be at the high school for spring portraits of students in grades 7 through 12 on Monday, April 19. He will return on Friday, April 23, for group photos of softball, baseball, powerlifting, track, tennis, golf, UIL, FFA, Student Council.

Cinderfella has been scheduled for Monday, April 26, in the high school auditorium. The 'beauty pageant' will begin at 7:30 p.m.

The raucous contest features high school guys dressed as girls and female escorts dressed as guys. There will be \$1 admission at the door. The community is invited to attend.



THE 1999 BLIZZARD GOLF TEAM is (l-r) Kirk Byrd, Josh Bahlman, Matt Angel, and Justin Meyer. Not pictured is Coach Robin Byrd.

Blizzards win shot, 2 mile, and 100M dash— Lady Blizzards win Big Country Relays title; mile relay sets new school record

The Lady Blizzards took the team championship in the Big Country Relays at Clyde on Saturday. Class AAA Clyde was runner-up.

The mile relay team soundly set a new school record with a time of 4:16.55. The relay includes Michelle Paschal, Staci Bishop, Mandy Pritchard, and Misty Pritchard.

The old record of 4:18.18 was set in 1991 by Ashley Allcorn, Stacie Deike, Kim Deike, and Rabbit Smith. The 1992 team having Kim Thompson taking the place of Allcorn ran a 4:18.24.

The girls took first in the 800 meter relay, both sets of hurdles, the 200 meter dash, and the 1600 meter run.

In boy's track Michael Prewit won the shot put with a toss of 51'4 1/2" followed closely by teammate Kenny Whittenburg with a throw of 50'5". Mariusz Skibicki finished fourth.

Jimmy Rodriguez won the 2 mile while Wes Calcote finished with gold in the 100 meter dash with a time 10.8. In JV action, Samson Jackson won both the shot put and discus while Chris Hoppe finished a close second in shot and third in discus.

Both teams compete Thursday and Friday in district track at Goldthwaite. Field events start Thursday at 2:30 p.m. with running prelims beginning at 5:30 p.m. The 3200 meter run will conclude Thursday's events.

On Friday the remaining field events will start at 10 a.m. with running finals beginning at 3 p.m. Results from the Clyde meet

are as follows:

Varsity Boys
Shot Put
1st, Michael Prewit, 51'4.5"
2nd, Kenny Whittenburg, 50'5"
4th, Mariusz Skibicki, 44'6"
Discus
2nd, Kenny Whittenburg, 141'9"
5th, Mariusz Skibicki, 135'4"
Triple Jump
5th, Larry Hoyle, 40'4"
3200M Run
1st, Jimmy Rodriguez, 10:17
400M Relay
4th, Winters, (Martinez, Hoyle, Rodriguez, Calcote), 44.9
800M Run
4th, Juan Santos, 2:11
100M Dash
1st, Wes Calcote, 10.8
400M Dash
6th, Matt Angel, 54.8
300M Hurdles
4th, Jeremy Alvarado, 42.1
200M Dash
5th, Wes Calcote, 23.2
1600M Run
2nd, Jimmy Rodriguez, 4:52
1600M Relay
4th, Winters, (Angel, Hoyle, Martinez, Santos), 3:37
Varsity Girls
Shot Put
6th, Michelle Paschal, 31'2"
JV 2nd, Michelle Walden, 29'6"
Long Jump
6th, Misty Pritchard, 15'1.5"
3200M Run
5th, Cassandra Johnson, 13:12
8th, Kourtney Cathey, 14:19
400M Relay
2nd, Winters, (Cross, Paschal, Ma. Pritchard, Bishop) 52.88

800M Run
4th, Juanita Armendariz, 2:44
6th, Jackye Dexter, 2:46
100M Hurdles
1st, Kelli Slimp, 15.99
5th, Kaci McCuiston, 17.99
100M Dash
4th, Tracey Burns, 13.01
JV 5th, Michelle Walden, 13.99
800M Relay
1st, Winters, (Simp, Burns, Ma. Pritchard, Mi. Pritchard), 1:48.76
400M Dash
2nd, Staci Bishop, 63.89
300M Hurdles
1st, Kelli Slimp, 46.55, (personal best)
5th, Kaci McCuiston, 52.56
200M Dash
1st, Misty Pritchard, 26.46
3rd, Tracey Burns, 27.35
4th, Michelle Paschal, 27.79
JV 6th, Michelle Walden, 30.2
1600M Run
1st, Cassandra Johnson, 5:56.17
6th, Juanita Armendariz, 6:12.89
7th, Kourtney Cathey, 6:16.03
1600M Relay
2nd, Winters, (Paschal, Bishop, Ma. Pritchard, Mi. Pritchard), 4:16.55 (new school record)
JV Boys
Shot Put
1st, Samson Jackson, 43'2"
2nd, Chris Hoppe, 43'1"
Discus
1st, Samson Jackson, 122'4"
3rd, Chris Hoppe, 118'4"
Long Jump
5th, Brandon Titus, 17'6.5"
Triple Jump
4th, Robert Gibbs, 36'5.25"
400M Relay
5th, Winters, (Titus, Gibbs, Oats, Yanez), 48.8
100M Dash
6th, Brandon Titus, 11.8
300M Hurdles
3rd, Chris Yanez, 45.1
1600M Relay
2nd, Winters, (Oats, Yanez, Parramore, Hope), 3:50

Local twirler qualifies for Nationals

The National Baton Twirling Association recently held the Southwest Regional Championship Competition in Amarillo. Shasta Snuffer competed as a beginner and placed first in her division and placed third in beginner 2 baton, and was overall beginner champion.

Shasta has now qualified to compete in the National Championship which is to be held in Indiana in June.

Shasta will be a May graduate of Winters High School and plans to attend McLennon Community College in Waco.



Project Graduation needs donations

Winters High School graduation is growing near and the Class of '99 parents need support from the community in order to have a successful party.

Project Graduation is held after graduation to ensure new graduates have a safe celebration. Games are played and prizes are awarded. Parents host the party from 11:00 p.m. until 5:00 a.m.

If you would like to make a monetary donation or donate a door prize, please contact Keri Lyn Burns at 743-8671, Carolyn Scarborough at 754-5210, or Jim Lincycumb at 754-5738.

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Classifieds Get Results

Poe's Corner

By Charlsie Poe

Miss Kitty comes home

Miss Kitty and I get along remarkably well considering the beginning of our relationship.

I had no pets but there was a plump black male cat who came by occasionally, when he was alone, without his supper.

Soon he was joined by this string bean female cat who waited in the shadows until she could find an uneaten morsel.

In time, Tom Cat disappeared and I fed Kitty until her coat was glossy. It was soon apparent that her brown and white coat was not all fat. She clung closer to me and began to look here and there for a place to deliver her babies.

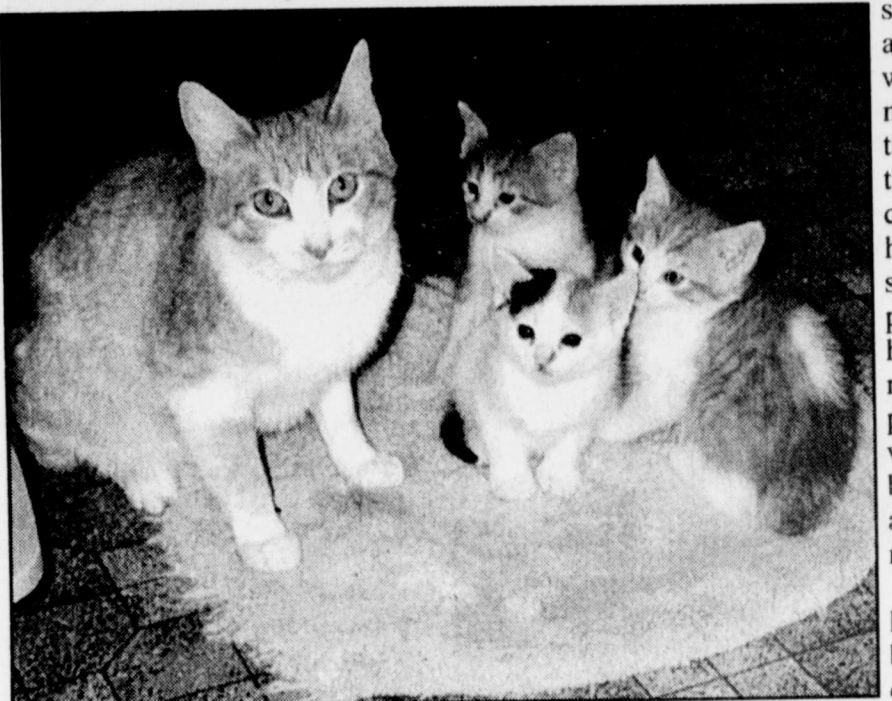
All I had was a heavy cardboard box. It was not long enough, but we turned it sideways and she managed to get her big feet in. The kittens came in the night and so did a rain. I provided some bath room rugs and moved the little family to my back porch—after several days of sunshine I moved them outside again. That night there was a freeze. The kittens were moved in the house again and there they stayed until they needed more space.

The garage apartment was next—it was furnished—but no trouble was expected. The kittens were well trained—used the litter box before they could walk—but I was mistaken—they



Charlsie Poe

climbed the walls like monkeys—pulled down the curtains and



broke all the pictures they could reach.

The two larger cats were pals and the little calico cat stayed with her mother.

I found good homes for the big cats, leaving the little one for her mother. But she soon became so adventuresome that I found her a good home.

Miss Kitty and I settled down to a peaceful life, or so I thought. But soon, she was demanding more and more of my time. She had been an outdoor cat and stayed outdoors much of the time. This gave me an idea to give her to my friend, Beckie Brown, who

lives out between Winters and Ballinger. They have a large barn and many cats, but they can always use more to help keep the mice and snakes away.

Beckie wasn't home but her husband helped me unload Miss Kitty. She shot out of the cage like a gun and we saw no more of her.

Several days later Beckie said she was not afraid anymore and

she seemed to be adjusting very well until one morning I opened the back door and there she was my cat—she could hardly make a sound and her pretty long tail had the fur all rubbed off. The pads on her feet were bright red. I began feeding her and she slept in my lap for hours.

When Beckie heard she had been found, she came over and told me that Kitty stayed four days and was gone a while. Then she returned and seemed happy. The next time she left, she was going home. I've always heard that we don't own cats, they own us.

Linda, Beckie's daughter, couldn't believe the cat had made her way home—there was three creeks to circle, through broom weeds, shrubs and dry stalks from crops, coyotes, bob cats and other wild cats, not to mention crossing the highway. This teaches us all that if we have a goal stick with it no matter how difficult. One thing for sure, Miss Kitty has a home as long as I live.



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Farmers Insurance donates to Project Graduation

Farmers Insurance Group announced today a donation of \$150.00 to Winters High School for "Project Graduation 1999." Project Graduation is a drug and alcohol-free alternative to post graduation for seniors.

Winters High School Commencement and post graduation festivities are scheduled for May 28, 1999.

Farmers' agents have become dedicated to Project Graduation out of concern for the safety of graduating seniors and young people across the state.

"Graduation from high school is an exciting and memorable time. The company wants to avoid a tragedy in our community by helping make this event fun for all," noted local Farmers' agent Jimmy Hatler.

Regional science fair results

On March 25, 1999, the CAP High School science students attended the Regional Science Fair in San Angelo. They had very interesting projects and did excellent with them. The science fair students included five team and six individual entries.

One team consisting of Johnnie Spire, Jenny Hernandez, and Ernest Rodriguez, won best of show in the senior division. Their entry was on catatonic schizophrenia—a two year study.

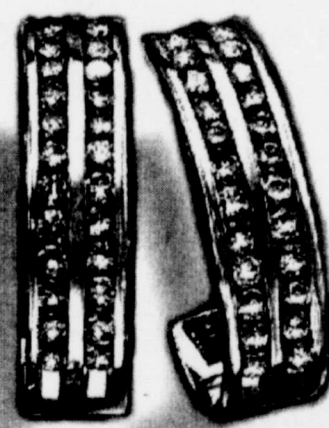
Virginia Davis and Melissa Dawkins presented a project on smoking and won an accommodation certificate from the Surgeon General as recognition for their project.

Other teams included: J.J. Helser and Traci Ortega with a project on "Smoking and it's affects on plants"; Earl Nowlain, Abraham Kay, and Michael McAnn had a project on the gasoline engine; Misty Penny and Jeremy Prater presented a project on optic fibers.

The six individual projects included Nathan Blaine, who won second in Chemistry, Michael Henderson, who won third in engineering, Joseph Johnson placed third in computers, Amanda Penny who won first in Gerontology, Steven Perkins won third in Zoology, and Justin Sartain placed third in Physics. Joseph Johnson also won two special awards in computers with his robot.

These students all worked very hard and did an exceptional job. They are all to be commended for their work.

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Winters Kindergarten Round-Up on April 20

Pre-registration for 1999-2000 Pre-kindergarten and Kindergarten students will be Tuesday, April 20, at 6:30 p.m. in the elementary library.

Parents of children who will be four (4) years old for Pre-K or five (5) years old for Kindergarten, on or before September 1, 1999, should bring birth certificates (hospital or church records), immunization records, and Social Security cards.

Those students not enrolled in Kindergarten and who will be six or before September 1, 1999, should also register for the first grade.

A 4-year-old child shall be eligible for Pre-K if he/she is unable to comprehend the English language or is from a family whose income is at or below subsistence

level. Pre-K classes shall be offered for one-half day.

It is very important that all students should be pre-registered. The school needs to determine the number of Pre-Kindergarten, Kindergarten and First Grade teachers that will be needed for the 1999-2000 school year.

The Winters ISD is required to provide a summer school program for limited English proficient students who will be eligible for admission to kindergarten and first grade at the beginning of the school year.

If you believe your child is eligible, please come to the Kindergarten Round-Up to register for this program.

The district has to have ten children signed up to offer this summer program.

Website up and running—Chamber continues Mayfest plans; welcomes three new members

by Carolyn Scarborough, Chamber of Commerce Secretary

The chamber held their regular monthly meeting on April 7. All directors were present to discuss plans for Mayfest.

This year's Mayfest theme is "Winters, Texas is Y2K Ready!!" There are still a few booths available, so if you haven't signed up your group yet, call Carolyn at the chamber office at 754-5210.

Deadline for the softball tournament is April 28, so make sure you get your team signed up as soon as possible. This year's tournament is coed division only.

There will be games, entertainment, food, and activities scheduled from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. We would like to have some more food and game booths so sign up today!

The Women's Service League in conjunction with the Winters Police Department will sponsor Kid Print and a car safety seat check by safety Education Officer Sparky Dean of the Abilene

based Department of Public Safety. These services will be offered from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. only.

We plan to have hourly drawings for gifts and tickets to attractions such as Joyland, Fiesta Texas, and Hurricane Harbor.

We are trying to get together a pet show, but need to have some volunteers to help out. Volunteers are needed to help man booths such as concessions. If you would like to help please contact the chamber.

The chamber voted to make the Winters Area Business and Industrial Board honorary members of the chamber due to the major support they have given the chamber.

We also welcome the Lions Club and Winters Public Library as new members of the chamber.

The city web site is up and running although not yet complete. If you would like to visit the site, surf to www.winters-tx.org.

Smoked chicken lunch Sunday—sponsored by Project Graduation

Project Graduation will sponsor a mesquite smoked chicken dinner on Sunday, April 18. The meal will be held in the school cafeteria.

Adult meals are \$5 each and will include half a smoked chicken with beans, coleslaw, bread, tea, and our choice of homemade dessert.

Child plates for 10 years and under are \$3 and include either one or two chicken legs in addition to all the trimmings.

Project Graduation provides a fun-filled night of activities free of alcohol and drugs for graduating high school seniors. Proceeds from the chicken dinner will benefit this event.

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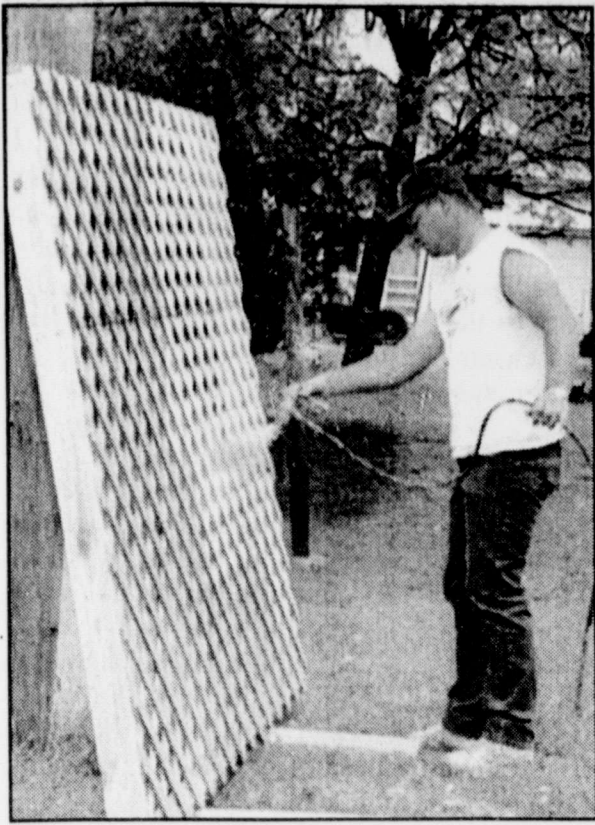
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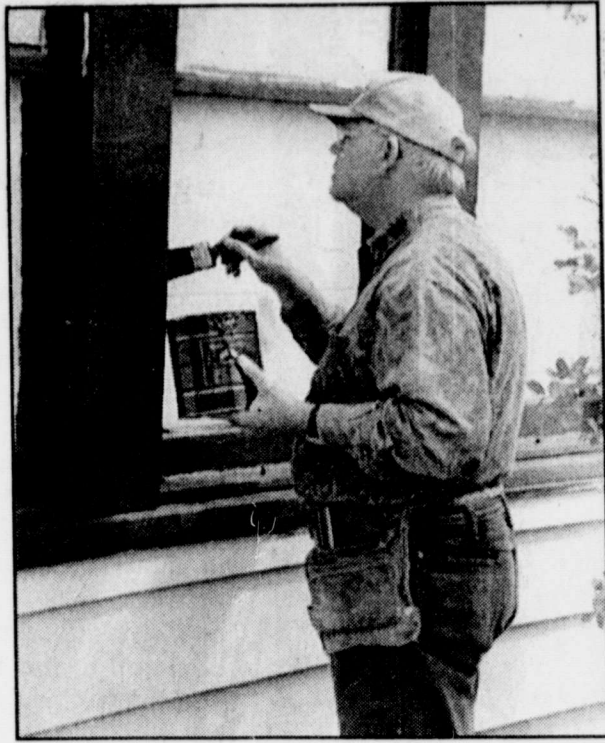


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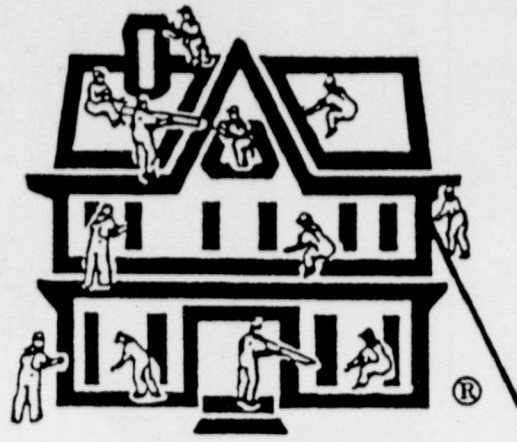
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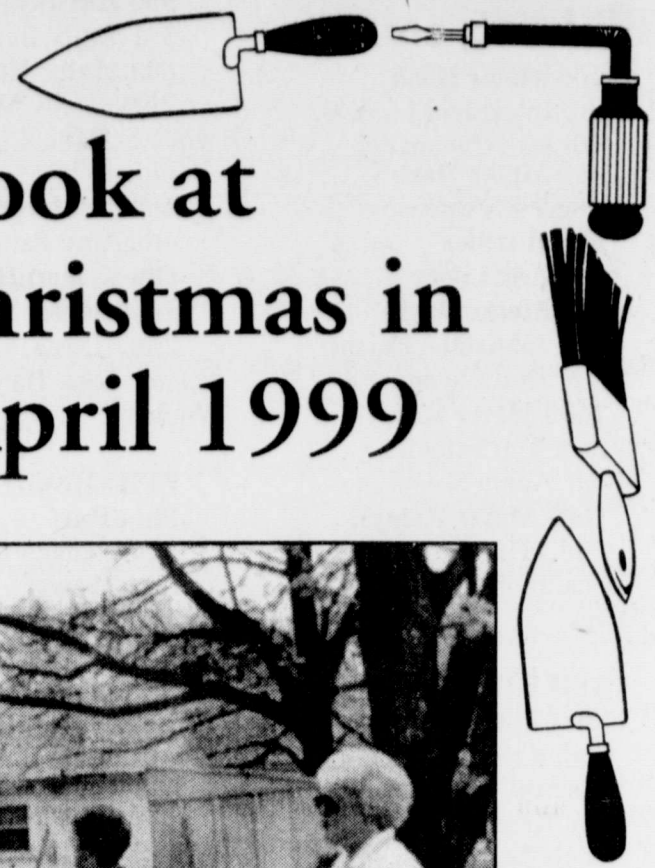
GORDON FENWICK gives a quick coat of paint to some lattice.



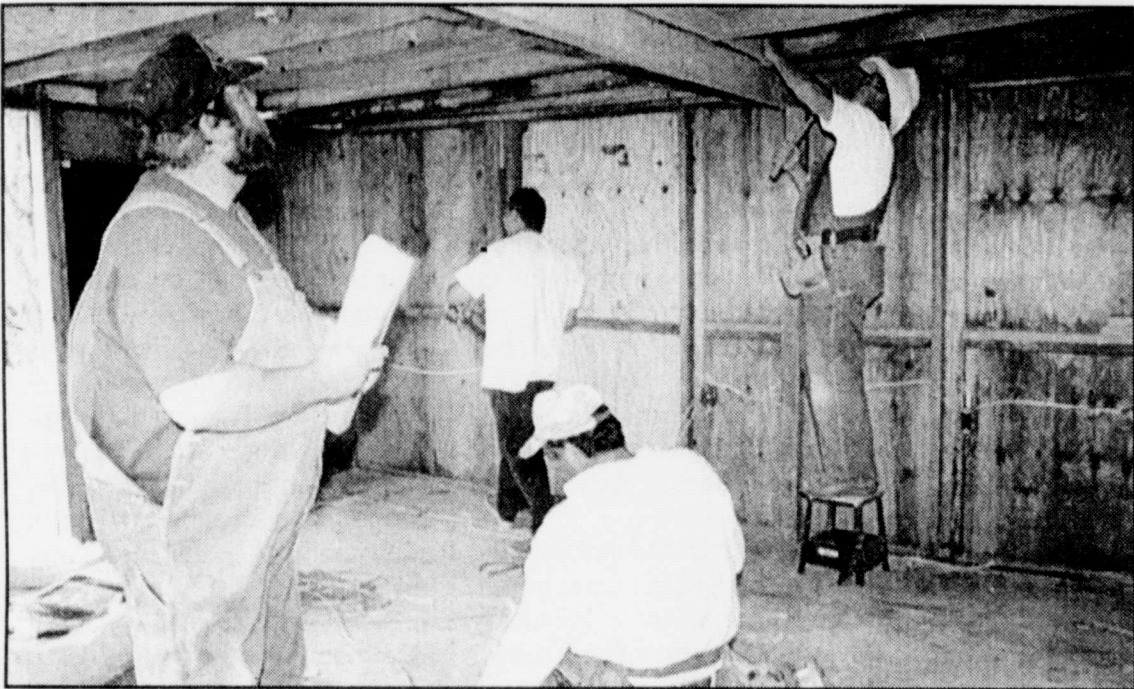
BARRY TAYLOR uses a steady hand to paint window trim. (Editor's note: Barry, who is pastor at First Baptist Church, asked that I publish his picture so folks would know he works more than one day a week.)



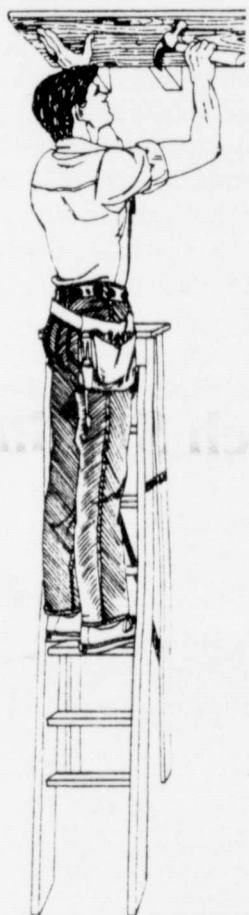
A look at Christmas in April 1999



LOUISE CECIL (seated) watches in appreciation as men and women make repairs around the exterior of her home. The elderly woman said she just "can't believe how hard everybody worked and how nice everybody is to help her."



BLAS LUGO (squatted at center) and his crew completely remodel an interior room.



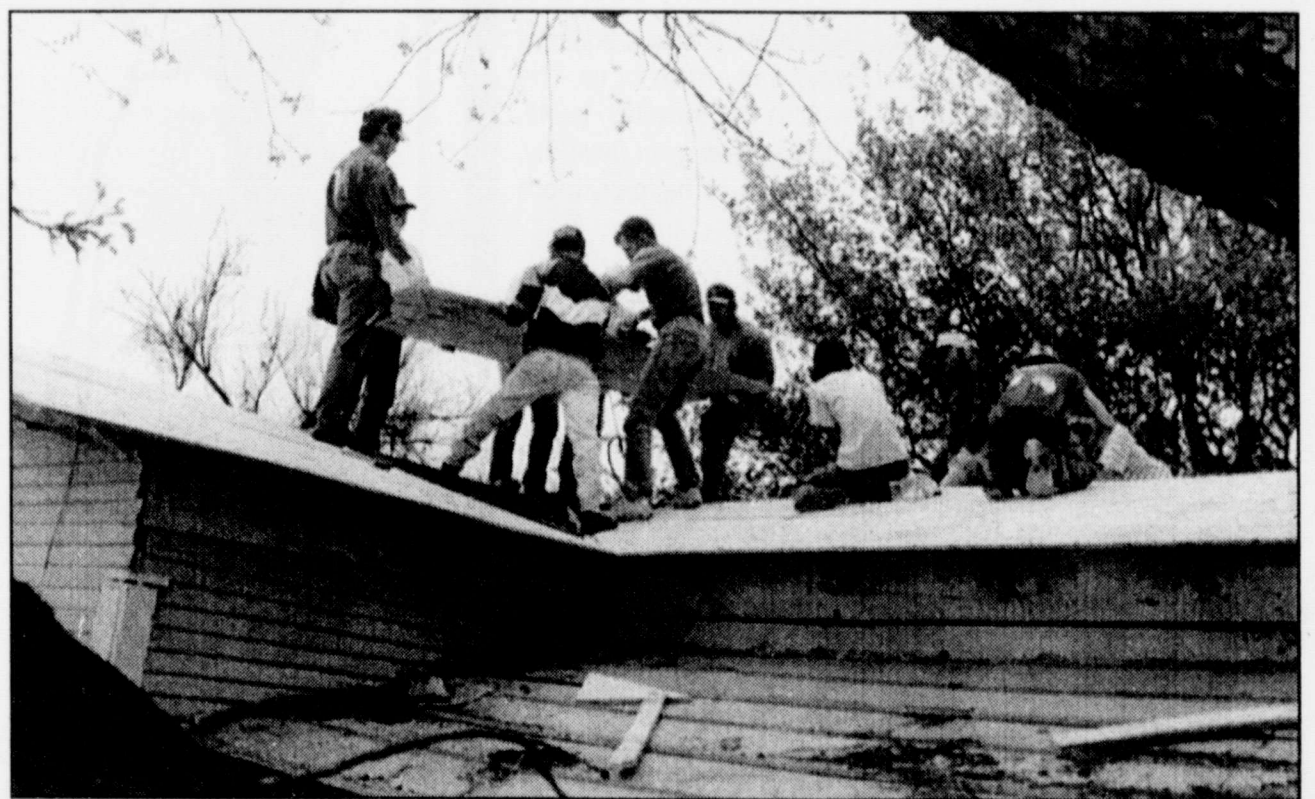
ENJOYING A LUNCH BREAK are Freddie Grohman, Charles Murphy, Larry Walker and Aref Hassan.



JANE BOURDO makes quick work of cutting and installing insulation.



LANNY BAHLMAN gets up close and personal as he works his way into a corner.



SEVERAL MEN (and Laci Walker, in white t-shirt with a broken arm) work together to replace roofing.



CLAY TROJCAK and his sister, Carrie, don't seem to mind working at great heights while they paint the top of their CIA home.

*Thanks
to all the fine folks
who made
Christmas in April
a huge success!*



JUDY BIDDIX and LANDA FLOYD enjoy visiting and painting in the sunshine.

TRACK, cont'd

100 Meter Dash
3rd Johnathan Lujano
6th Josh Cavanaugh
400 Meter Dash
4th, Will Ahrens
300 Hurdles
5th, Eric Lopez
200 Meter Dash
3rd, Johnathan Lujano
6th, Josh Cavanaugh
1600 Meter Run
2nd, Tim Fenwick
4th, Adam Solorzano
1600 Meter Relay
2nd, Tim Fenwick, Basilio Rocha, John Heathcott, and Benji Valles

8TH GRADE GIRLS
Shot Put
2nd, Kelly Bearden
Discus
5th, Kemari Hale
High Jump
2nd, Stacey Sneed
2400 Meter Run
3rd, Kemari Hale
4th, Lacey Meyer
6th, Michelle Dexter
400 Meter Relay
2nd, Laci Walker, Stacey Sneed, Dana Clough, and Jena Bahlman
800 Meter Run
3rd, Amy Esquivel
5th, Amy Patterson
400 Meter Run
6th, Amy Esquivel

**RESULTS OF JR. HIGH TRACK MEET
Thursday, April 1**

7TH GRADE GIRLS
5TH OVERALL, 21 PTS.
110M Hurdles
3rd, Jessica Barron
6th, Amanda Poe
400M Relay
6th, Briana Parramore, Jessica Barron, Brittany Burelson, & Macy Hopson
800M Relay
5th, Briana Parramore, Jessica Rodriguez, Brittany Burelson, & Amanda Poe
400M Run
5th, Briana Parramore
6th, Suzanne Jones
800M Run
4th, Jessica Rodriguez
8TH GRADE GIRLS
5TH OVERALL, 71 PTS.
Shot Put
2nd, Kelly Bearden
Long Jump
4th, Jena Bahlman
High Jump
5th, Stacey Sneed
400M Relay
1st, Stacey Sneed, Laci Walker, Dana Clough, & Jena Bahlman

300 Hurdles
3rd, Kelly Bearden
800 Meter Relay
2nd, Laci Walker, Stacey Sneed, Dana Clough, and Jena Bahlman
1600 Meter Run
4th, Amy Patterson
6th, Kemari Hale
1600 Meter Relay
2nd, Dana Clough, Stacey Sneed, Jena Bahlman, and Laci Walker

7TH GRADE GIRLS
Shot Put
4th, Brittany Burelson
High Jump
6th, Amanda Poe
400 Meter Relay
4th, Macy Hopson, Brittany Burelson, Jessica Barron, and Briana Parramore
800 Meter Run
3rd, Jessica Rodriguez
100 Meter Hurdles
6th, Amanda Poe
400 Meter Dash
5th, Briana Parramore
6th, Jessica Rodriguez
300 Meter Hurdles
6th, Amanda Poe
800 Meter Relay
4th, Briana Parramore, Amanda Poe, Brittany Burelson, and Jessica Rodriguez
1600 Meter Relay
4th, Jessica Barron, Susanne Jones, Kayla Calcote, and Jessica Pritchard



Courtesy photo
RUNNELS COUNTY JUDGE MARILYN EGAN signs a proclamation designating April as Child Abuse Prevention Month in Runnels County. Looking on are, from left, Betty Weant with Child Protective Services and Peggy Freeman who serves on the board of Runnels County Child Protective Services.

April proclaimed Child Abuse Protection Month

Runnels County Judge Marilyn Egan has proclaimed April as Child Abuse Prevention Month in Runnels County.

In conjunction with recognizing April as Child Abuse Prevention Month, a number of Runnels County businesses and organizations are participating with the Runnels County Child Protective Services Board in a Blue Ribbon Campaign to help raise awareness of the problem of child abuse and neglect in this area.

In 1998, there were more than 111,000 investigations of child abuse and neglect by Child Protective Services in Texas. Of this number, there were 30,000 confirmed victims of abuse and neglect. Child abuse and neglect is a problem which affects everyone. Many abused children grow up to be abusive parents themselves.

Child Abuse Prevention Month is a time when communities who care about their children and families can work to find solutions to tough problems. Help make Runnels County an area that cares. Get involved in preventing child abuse before it occurs.

Report child abuse at 1-800-252-5400.

Ladies' Night Out "Spring Fling"
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VFW auxiliary observes Children & Youth month

The American Legion Auxiliary Unit 261 of Winters will observe Children and Youth Month during April.

Locally, the auxiliary has made meaningful contributions to the well being of the children and youth of Winters and the surrounding area.

They have made donations to the Children's Miracle Network and has supported the Girl Scouts in gathering items to sell for the network.

The auxiliary has also made a donation to the Heart of Texas Girl Scout Council to be divided between the communities of Coleman and Winters. A donation was also given to Project Gradu-

ation. The observance in Winters will be one of many throughout the nation as more than 14,000 American Legion Post's auxiliary emphasize the Legion's continuing concern for the well-being of the nation's children and youth.

For more than 77 years, the American Legion Auxiliary has devoted countless hours of volunteer effort and donated millions of dollars in support of programs and activities for the benefit of children and youth.

During the 12-month period ending May 31, 1995, the American Legion and its Auxiliary have spent nearly \$5.6 million in the program area.

Stenholm announces 1999 Academy cycle

Congressman Charles W. Stenholm is pleased to announce the beginning of the 2000 United States Academy cycle. At this time, information is being forwarded to all area high schools and those individuals who have expressed interest in applying for a nomination to the U.S. Air Force Academy at Colorado Springs, the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, the Naval Academy at Annapolis, or the Merchant Marine Academy at Kings Point.

Congressman Stenholm, along with Congressman Lamar Smith, will again sponsor an Academy Day orientation for all high school students interested in learning about their opportunities to acquire and education at one of the academies.

The Academy Day will be held Sunday, April 18 from 2-4 p.m. at the Math-Computer Science Building on the Angelo State University campus in San Angelo. Parents, counselors, and friends of students are welcome.

The Academy Day program will include an introduction of Congressional staffers and academy representatives who will be working with the students during the nomination process, an explanation of nomination procedures, and a videotape of life at each academy. There will also be opportunities for students and par-

ents to visit with academy and ROTC representatives.

To be eligible to attend an academy, an applicant must be between 17 and 22 years of age, unmarried with no dependents, and a U.S. Citizen. Congressional nominations can be obtained through the U.S. Representative in whose district the applicant resides, from each of the two U.S. Senators from Texas, and from the Vice President of the United States. Congressional nominations account for about 80 percent of all nominations awarded annually.

Selections are made in mid-December, using a formula based on the candidate's high school record, class standing, SAT, and/or ACT scores. Involvement in athletics and school and community extracurricular activities are important factors in determining the individual's ability to effectively function under pressure. Evaluations by school officials and other individuals who are familiar with the candidate are also used in the decision-making process.

Motivated, self-starting individuals who like to be challenged are strongly encouraged to contact Congressman Charles Stenholm, 1211 Longworth HOB, Washington, D.C. 20515 for further information.



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Crews News

By Hilda Kurtz



Hilda Kurtz

When I was young, I admired clever people. Now that I am old, I admire kind people.

Hopewell W.M.U. ladies had their mission study Monday at 9 a.m. Present were Juanita Shields, Selma Wilkerson, Carolyn Webb, Melvena Gerhart, and Nila Osborne.

Around 35 people showed up at the Crews Cemetery workday, Saturday, April 10. They had a good meeting with the same officers installed again. Dale Duggan is president; Therin Osborne is vice-president; Linda Duggan is secretary/treasurer.

Rodney Faubion ate lunch with Linda and Dale Duggan on Sunday. Will and Leslie, Katy, and Linda were in San Angelo on Sunday to see Aunt Frances Brown who is in the rest home.

My daughter, Hildegarde Schovajsa, spent Thursday with me. She always finds something that needs done. My quilt/blanket closet now has a new look.

I enjoyed having breakfast Sunday morning with Sissy Alexander before going to church.

Elizabeth, Bolynn, daughter Lorella, son Roy, and a friend, Michael Orr of ACU, visited with Edith Everett. On Friday, Edith returned home after being with her son, Jim Everett, in Asper-

mont. Edith's granddaughter of Stockdale visited.

Carolyn and Joe Webb made a business trip to Austin on Wednesday. They also visited son Gene and came home on Thursday.

These are some of the folks who helped Saturday with Christmas in April: Melvena and Marvin Gerhart, Bro. Ferris Akins and Ramona, Nila and Therin Osborne, Stefanie McGallian, Fred and Brenda Watkins, Dennis and Audine McBeth, and Scott and Melissa Gerhart.

Eileen Cartwright, Tiffany and Jeremy Prater spent most of Wednesday with Aunt Mary Louise Dunivan who is staying in the Winters nursing home awhile.

Rodney Faubion spent Friday and Saturday with his folks, the Noble Faubions. Carolyn Kraatz prepared dinner Sunday.

Carol and Mike Kozelsky stopped by Margie Jacob's home Sunday afternoon after coming back from Bryant, Texas, where they had spent the weekend with son Scott. Scott was celebrating his birthday.

Margie Jacob visited Evelyn and Herbert Jacob on Sunday. Others who came were Cecil and Wilma Halfmann of St. Lawrence. Olen and Merl Wieshuhn, Sheryl and Daniel Strubble of Wall, Bennie and Mary Beth Wheelless, and Marvin.

Fairey and Wilbert Alcorn had her three brothers, Jarrell, Abe, and Fred, here over the weekend. Also Joanie Mathis of Springfield, Missouri, and Linda Denson of Weatherford came Friday and stayed till Sunday. On Sunday, all

were in San Angelo to attend church with Isaac and Shannon Denson. Afterwards, they enjoyed eating out.

Edd, Dodie, and Kalyn Drake of Winters spent Sunday with Pat and Earl Cooper. In the afternoon, they enjoyed playing 42.

On Saturday afternoon, Fairey Alcorn and her daughters, Jonna and Linda, came over to see the new home of Joe and Betty Pierce. On Saturday evening, the Pierces were in San Angelo and attended the West Texas Boys Ranch benefit dinner at the San Angelo Coliseum.

Bro. Akins and Ramona, Betty and Joe Pierce, and Helen Alexander enjoyed dinner with Juanita Shields on Sunday.

Once again, Josie Hoppe, Elaine and Dan Miller entertained with their old-fashioned Easter egg hunt for anyone who wanted to come. There were lots who did come!

Wallace Farris of Coleman came Saturday and visited Elaine Miller and Josie Hoppe.

On Sunday, Dan Miller brought dinner plates from the church to Josie Hoppe; Carl and Lois Miller of Clyde; and Dawn, Brent, Scott, and Clint Bryan. Elaine also came.

Selma Wilkerson spent Monday afternoon helping Georgia Gibbs quilt.

Lelon and Doris Bryan's visitors were Gary Bryan; Brent and Scott Bryan; and Kelly, Vicki, Alex, and Andrew Blackerby. Alex was outside after school Monday and killed a rattlesnake on the front porch by the front door.

Official Records

County Court Criminal

April 1

Travis Willborn, Winters, filed for hindering secured creditor

April 5

Darren Halford, Ballinger, filed for theft of food by check

April 6

Cecilia Wakefield, Ballinger, filed for hindering a secured creditor

Darrell Hart, Arlington, filed for theft of services by check

Dispositions

Natalia L. Zuniga, theft of merchandise by check, pleaded guilty, fined \$100, plus \$184.25 court costs and \$15 hot check fee

James Floyd Lail, possession of marijuana, pleaded guilty, fined \$750, plus \$184.25 court costs

Maria Trevino, theft of merchandise by check, pleaded guilty, fined \$100, plus \$184.25 court costs, \$15 hot check fee, \$100 restitution

Civil

April 8

Harrell Josey vs. City of Winters, suit for damages

Marriage licenses

March 31

Estaban Reyna Jr. and Beatrice Reyes

April 5

Richard Anthony Denigro and Carolyn Ruth Horton

District Court Civil Cases

April 4

Hayden Barker vs. Mikeska Gin & Grain Co., damages

Divorces Filed

April 8

Gary Lynn Harrell and Carla Gay Tyree Gentry Harrell

Divorce Granted

April 8

Patrick Hartley and Joyce Hartley

Justice of the Peace Precinct 1

Felony

April 8

Trinidad Juarez, filed for aggravated assault with a deadly weapon

Criminal

April 2

Michael J. Fry, filed for possession of undersized catfish

April 3

Fredrick M. Franklin, filed for no life vest in row boat

Report Child Abuse Call

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"In matters of principle, stand like a rock, in matters of taste, swim with the current."

—Thomas Jefferson



Twain Talk

by Taylor Twain

Secretaries — a tale of Woo or Woe?

Are you a secretary? Maybe a boss with your own secretary? Or maybe just a desperate person who'd like to have your own secretary? I can relate to all three categories but must admit that working as a secretary was by far the most adventuresome.

Once heard the phrase, "you're just a secretary" but I never thought of it that way. After all, being a secretary was a great deal like living the life of that schizophrenic lady, Sybil.

Just take a look. These are a few of the "honors" we secretaries are "privileged" to hold:

Chauffeur - "run" to school and pick up boss's kids and take wherever the little darlings desire. "Run" pick up very important papers for special project from office across town. All driving to be done in personal vehicle. Boss's fancy company car is too new for secretary to drive.

Cook - make coffee every morning. Might even get to whip up a little snack for boss when he gets mid-afternoon hungries from working two solid hours.

Maid/waitress - fetch and serve above mentioned coffee several times throughout day. (Apron optional).

Dishwasher - wash all dirty cups, plates, silverware, etc. from above festivities. (Apron advisable).

Triathlete - necessary for first four jobs. Muscle strengthening

and endurance level improved by lifting typewriters, computers, and overstuffed filing cabinets. Weight of the world may be placed on shoulders.

Actress - feed the general public a convincing line of baloney while trying to cover boss's backside. My favorite is "sorrytime" when boss says he's "out" but he's really "in".

Peacemaker - an extension of Actress category. Must be able to use worldly diplomatic skills as liaison between boss and hostile public. Special care taken with boss's wife, girlfriend, accountant and creditors.

Psychic - must be able to stay ten steps ahead of any possible change in plans that boss might decide. Logic not relevant to decisions.

Sparring partner - must be willing to go at least ten rounds when boss in bad mood. Remember the phrase "Roll with the Punches" during this segment.

Beef jerky - boss always needs someone to chew on and on and on. An extremely tough hide is recommended. (Please note: only boss can be upset, late for work, in bad mood, have flu, serious personal problems, etc. Secretary cannot.)

Fashion designer - must be able to make complete trendy wardrobe from four garments. Salary cannot support more than this. Good idea to buy chameleon-skin

shoes so only pair owned will change to match wardrobe.

Clown/Magician - must be able to cheer up boss, boss's wife, boss's clients, etc. Psychic powers also handy in this area.

Insomniac - doesn't need much sleep. Willing to work a good 10 hours a day and be satisfied with hearing "think of all the prestige". (What ever happened to big raises and bonuses?)

Octopus/Juggler - a must! Definitely be able to do 15 things at once and be in 4 places simultaneously. No excuses. After all, boss allowed you 30 minutes to finish report he left lying on his desk for two weeks.

Photographic memory - be able to retrieve every minute piece of information within seconds. Must also remember boss's anniversary, wife's birthday, doctor appointments, and most important, boss's tee-off times.

So, Sister Secretaries, if for some really strange reason you ever question your sanity and why you are a secretary, just put down that telephone, turn off that computer, climb out from under that mountain of paperwork and step back a pace or two.

After all, isn't that how the system works for us secretaries - one step forward and two steps back?

Happy Secretaries' Week!
--And Ne'er the Twain Shall Meet--

City sales tax rebates decrease 26.57%

As reported by the office of State Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander, April sales tax rebates for the city of Winters decreased 26.57 percent as compared to the prior year's April payment.

This month's sales tax rebates include local sales taxes collected in February, and reported by businesses filing monthly tax returns in March.

Winters' rebates totaled \$10,067.98 this reporting period. For the prior year's reporting period, rebates totaled \$13,712.81.

Receipts in Miles increased 34.18 percent; Ballinger decreased 0.15 percent and reported \$26,697.64 in payments.

City sales tax rebates to date for Winters, County, for the 1999 reporting period total \$211,706.97, a 12.09 percent decrease as compared to last year's period total of \$240,838.38.

The current city sales tax rate for Winters and Ballinger is 1.5 percent. Miles is 1.00 percent.

The Comptroller's next sales tax allocation is scheduled for Friday, May 14, 1999.

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Luncheon features Texas Forts Trail

Civic leaders and volunteers are invited to take advantage of a networking opportunity Monday, April 19, 1999, in Colorado City, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Civic Center, 157 W. 2nd, next to the Chamber of Commerce office.

Texas Midwest Community Network (TMCN) is sponsoring a series of network luncheons this spring. The Colorado City luncheon is the second in the series. Speaker for the luncheon is Lisa Sanders, Regional Coordinator for the "Texas Forts Trail" project.

Chamber of commerce, economic development, city officials, county officials, and community volunteers are invited to attend. Cost for the luncheon is \$8. Reservations may be made by calling 254-725-6397.



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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, April 4, 1999, through Saturday, April 10, 1999. Winters Police Officers:

- arrested Charles Anthony Hagle, 30, of Winters, for disorderly conduct after a disturbance at the Winters Community Center.
- arrested Santos Serelo Rodriguez, 32, of Winters, for disorderly conduct after a disturbance at the Winters Community Center.
- arrested Pablo Soto Longoria, 21, of Winters, for class A assault after a disturbance at the Winters Community Center.
- arrested Corey Lee Johnson, 29, of Novice, for driving while intoxicated and evading arrest after an attempted traffic stop in the 600 block of N. Main.
- arrested Ruth Marie Nesbit, 39, of Ballinger, for public intoxication after a reported disturbance in the intersection of Redner and Farrar.
- arrested Jimmy Wayne Nesbit, 42, of Ballinger, for public intoxication and aggravated assault on a public servant two times after a reported disturbance in the intersection of Redner and Farrar.
- received a report of a stolen vehicle in the 500 block of Walnut. Charges are pending against a female suspect.
- received a report of a burglary of a habitation in the 300 block of N. Fannin. This case is still under investigation.

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 Crimestoppers tip, call your local law enforcement agency at:

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



INMATES IN THE RUNNELS COUNTY JAIL were moved to the new jail facility on Saturday, April 10. With the assistance of a U.S. Border Patrol bus, all 30 inmates and their personal belongings were moved in one trip. Runnels County Sheriff Bill Baird supervised the move with the help of deputies, Ballinger Police Department, Winters Police Department, Game Warden Lane Pinckney and Texas DPS troopers.

Reeves awarded ACU Carr Scholarship

Eric Reeves, a student at Winters High School, has been awarded a Carr Academic Scholarship at Angelo State University for 1999-2000.

Carr Academic Scholarships are being awarded for 1999-2000, ranging in value from \$1,500 to \$6,000, to qualified undergraduates. During the current year over 900 students from throughout Texas and the nation, as well as numerous foreign countries are attending Angelo State University on Carr Academic Scholarships.

As a general rule, entering freshman must rank in the top 15 percent of their high school class and present either a combined math and verbal score of 1140 on the SAT I or a composite score of 25 on the ACT.

Eric is the son of Mike and Carolyn Scarborough of Winters.

Classifieds Get Results

Industrial Production Index decreases

As reported April 5, 1999, by the Research Department of the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas, the Texas Industrial Production Index fell a seasonally adjusted 0.6 percent from January to February. February's level was 1.9 percent below the year-ago figure.

Changes in major components of TIPI between January 1999 and February 1999:

- ◆ Overall manufacturing output decreased 0.3 percent. Durable goods decreased 0.1 percent. Nondurable goods decreased 0.6 percent.

- ◆ Mining decreased 1.7 percent.
- ◆ Utilities increased 0.1 percent.

Changes in major components of TIPI between February 1998 and February 1999:

- ◆ Overall manufacturing output increased 1.1 percent. Durable goods increased 1.5 percent. Nondurable goods increased 0.7 percent.
- ◆ Mining decreased 9.8 percent.
- ◆ Utilities decreased 2.6 percent.

The Winters Enterprise is in need of your help!

Due to limited space, it is not possible to maintain files for the many numerous published photographs. The idea of simply throwing these precious photos away just doesn't seem quite right. We are asking anyone who has turned in a picture to come by our office and pick it up.

Our office hours are 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

If you send in a picture for publication and wish to have it returned, you should enclose a stamped self-addressed envelope.

Edward Andrus new pastor at Southside Baptist

Edward Dewayne Andrus, II, started his first pastoring position at Winters Southside Baptist Church Sunday, April 4, 1999. The Church is located at 617 Crews Road.



Andrus was born in Hobbs, New Mexico and attended school at Aspermont and college at Southwest Texas State University,

San Marcos, and Western Texas College at Snyder.

He has been active in church music, youth work, counseling youth, and supply preaching for the last several years in Aspermont and Abilene.

Dewayne's hobbies include hunting, fishing, metal working, and he has been active in coaching Little Dribblers basketball. He has also been involved in community work as a member of the Lion's Club and Chamber of Commerce in Aspermont.

"My heart's desire is to be an effective and obedient reflection of the love of Christ to a lost world," Dewayne said about his new position as pastor.

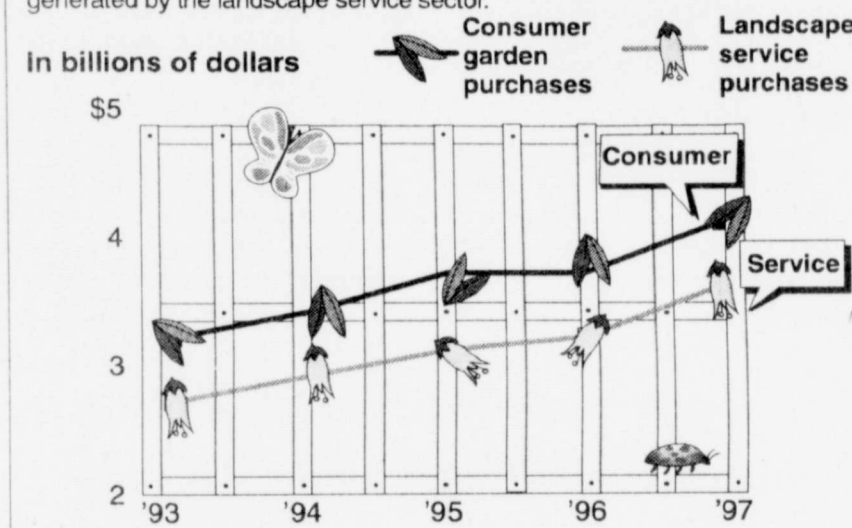
Dewayne currently lives in Abilene and works for Haverty's Furniture. He also is the music director for the Second Baptist Church.

Dewayne has one sister and his mother and stepfather live in Aspermont.

Keeping an eye on Texas

How do Texans' gardens grow?

Texans love their gardens so much that green industry sales exceeded \$7.7 billion in 1997. About 55 percent of sales are through retail marketing channels by do-it-yourself gardeners. The remaining 45 percent are generated by the landscape service sector.



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(A los votantes registrados del Winters I.S.D. Texas:)

Notice is hereby given that the polling places listed below will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., on May 1, 1999, for voting in a general election, to elect trustees for districts 2, 4, 5, & 6.
(Notifíquese, por las presente, que las casillas electorales sitados abajo se abrirán desde las 7:00 a.m. hasta las 7:00 p.m. el 1 de mayo de 1999 para votar en la Elección para sindico distritos 2, 4, 5, y 6.)

LOCATION(S) OF POLLING PLACES
(DIRECCION (ES) DE LAS CASILLAS ELECTORALES)

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(Biblioteca Escolar Elemental de Winters, 702 N. Heights, Winters, Texas)

Absentee voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at
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between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. beginning on April 14, 1999
(entre las ocho de la mañana y las cuatro de la tarde empezando el 14 de abril, 1999)
and ending on April 27, 1999.
(y terminando el martes 27 de abril, 1999.)

Applications for ballot by mail shall be mailed to:
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Jimmy N. Butler Jr.
(Name of Absentee Voting Clerk)
(Nombre del Secretario de la Votación En Ausencia)

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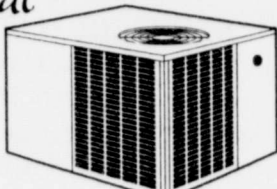
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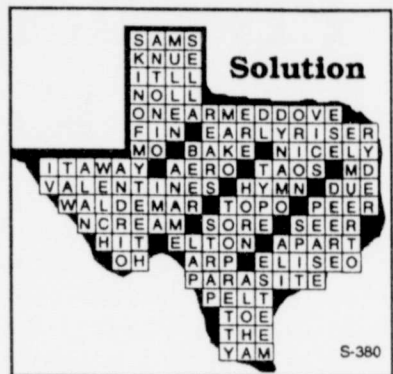
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The applicant proposes to dispose of oil and gas waste into the Capps Lime formation, L.E. Jacob lease, Well Number 2. The proposed disposal well is located 5 miles North-east of Winters in the Winters (Capps) field in Runnels County. The waste water will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 3,945 to 3,955 feet.

LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Texas Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

Requests for a public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected, or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing, within fifteen days of publication, to the Environmental Services Section, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 12967, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas 78711 (telephone 512/463-6792). 10-15(1tc)

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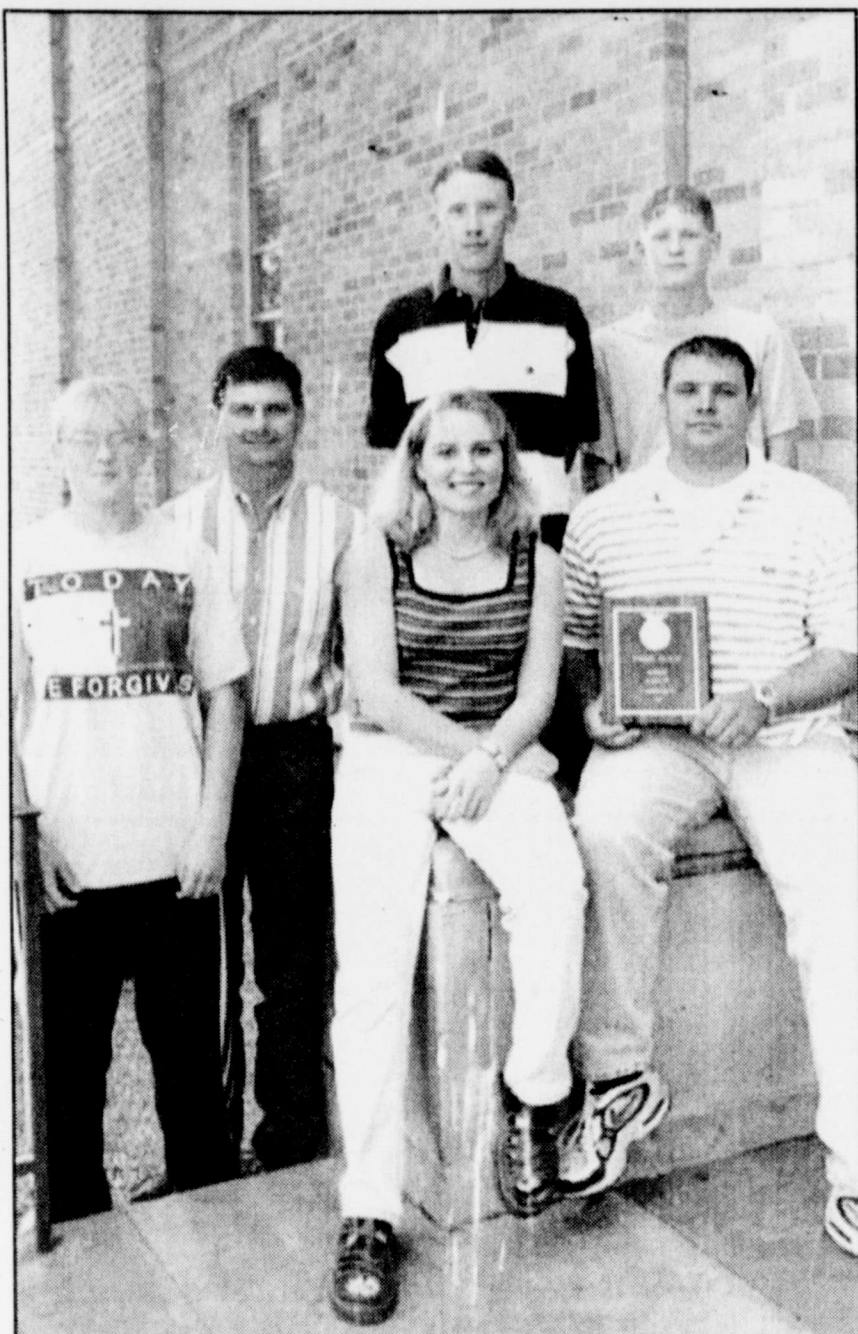
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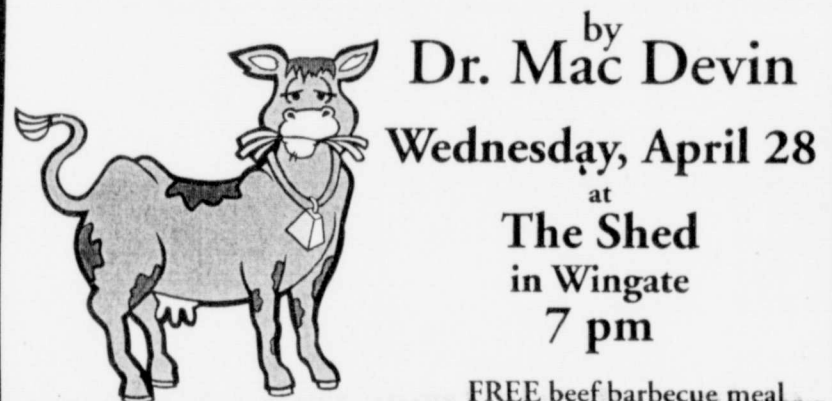
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Cow business survival—

Pioneer Vet Clinic to host presentation

How to survive in the beef production business "during tough times" will be the topic of discussion for an evening at The Shed in Wingate on Wednesday, April 28. The meal will begin at 7 p.m. followed by the presentation.

Pioneer Vet Clinic and Fort Dodge Laboratories are teaming up to bring Dr. Mac Devin of Clarendon, Texas for his presentation on "How to Survive in the Cow Business." Herd health, nutrition, vaccination, and ways to cut corners without cutting production will be covered.

A beef barbecue meal will be served prior to the presentation, free of charge. If you are interested in attending, contact Pioneer Vet Clinic at 754-5487 and reserve your seat by 5 p.m. on Wednesday, April 21.

The Shed can only seat and serve 250 people, so call and reserve your place early.



CHANDA HOPPE, A SENIOR AT WINTERS HIGH SCHOOL was second high individual in the livestock judging category of the FFA Invitational Career Development event hosted recently by Tarleton State University. Tarleton graduate students Johnny Treichel (left) and Laura Johnson served as contest directors. Ten different contests were held during the day hosted by Tarleton's College of Agriculture and Technology. Nine hundred fifty students competed from 235 high schools from across Texas. Chanda is the daughter of Glenn and Melinda Hoppe. She plans to attend Texas A&M in the fall.

"A Gathering of Goat Producers" to be presented June 29-July 1 in Kerrville

There's a unique program this summer called "A Gathering of Goat Producers" whose speaker list reads like a "who's who" of today's meat goat industry. "If they're in the business, chances are they'll either be in Kerrville talking or listening from June 29-July 1," said Dr. Rick Machen, Uvalde-based Extension livestock specialist and an event coordinator.

The event will be headquar-

tered in Kerrville's YO Holiday Inn. The program's live animal activities and trade show exhibits will be at the Hill Country Youth Exhibition Center. The Texas Agricultural Extension Service-sponsored program is dubbed the most comprehensive educational event ever offered to the meat goat industry.

Registration is June 29 from 4-6 p.m. at the Hill Country Youth Exhibition Center.

"Many of the industry's sharp-est minds and forward thinkers with a vision toward the future of the meat goat business are scheduled to participate," said Machen. "If you are involved in any aspect of the meat goat business, this is the place to be this summer."

Registration for the program on or before May 15 is \$75 for the first family member and \$50 for each additional family member. There is no charge for youth

under 8 years old. Late registration, after May 15, is \$125 for the first family member and \$75 for each additional family member. Again, there is no charge for youth under 8 years of age.

For more information, contact Dr. Rick Machen, Uvalde-based Extension Livestock Specialist, at (830) 278-9151 or any of the County Extension Agents involved in the program.

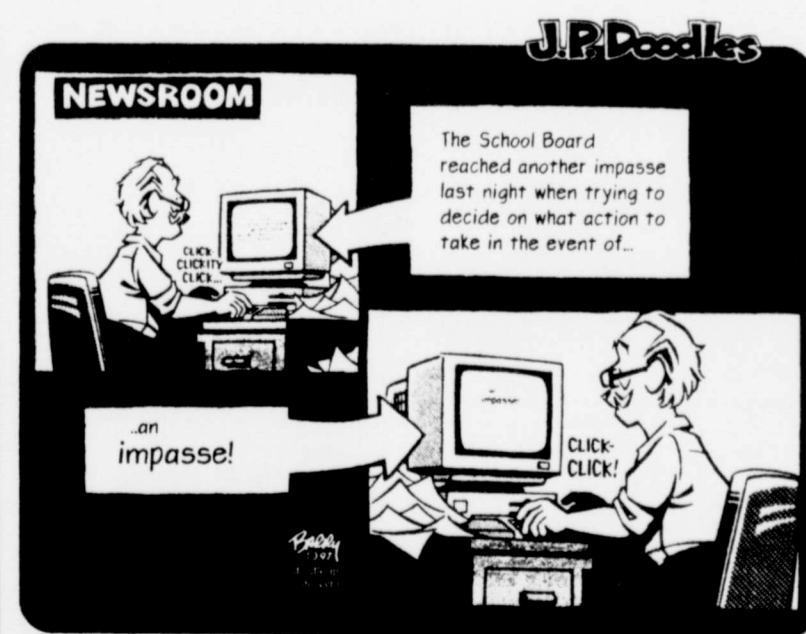


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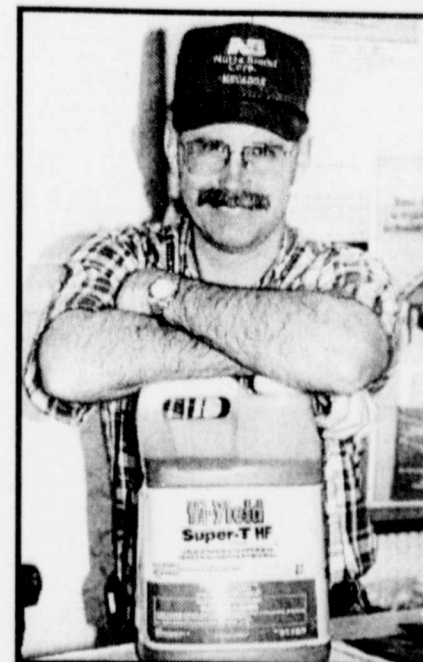
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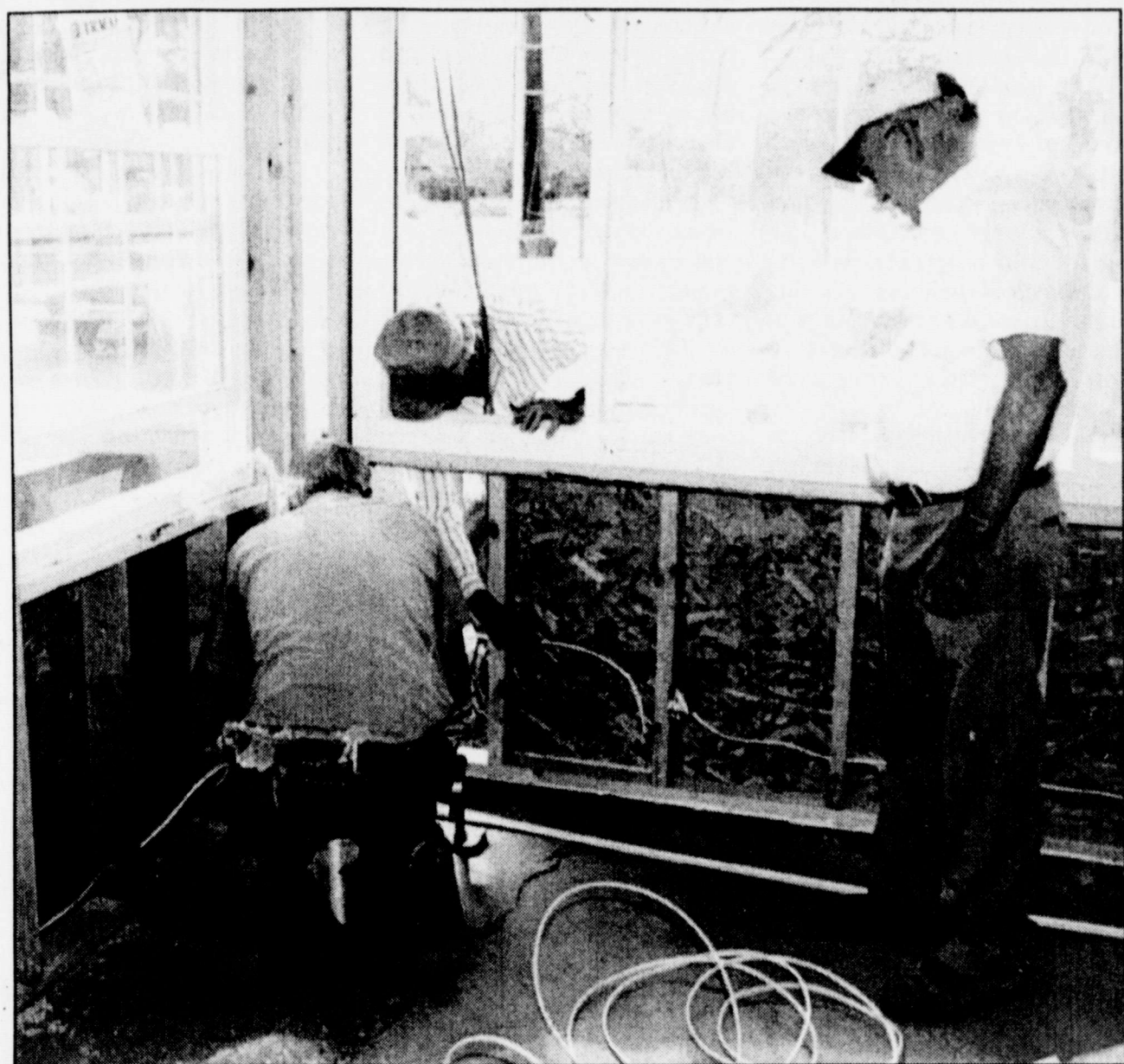
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HERMAN SMITH, OWNER OF A-1 HOME IMPROVEMENT, watches as applicators work on the sunroom addition to his home. Through A-1, Herman and wife Pat offer replacement and storm windows, steel and vinyl siding, storm doors, metal roofing and much more.

Locally owned and operated—

A-1 Home Improvement can enhance the beauty of your home; make it energy efficient

Each year when spring rolls around, with it comes change — new life. Animals rebuild their homes, and Mother Nature redecorates the countryside.

It would seem only natural then, for people to do the same. Herman and Pat Smith, owners of A-1 Home Improvement, couldn't agree more.

A-1 has been in the Winters area about a year now, and offer you the opportunity for energy efficiency and beautification through home improvement.

Specializing in siding and replacement windows, they can also provide metal roofing, storm doors, patios, and carports. Furthermore, they do remodeling and room additions.

Herman and Pat offer a vinyl replacement window that is custom made to the size you need. They unlock and tip to the inside so cleaning never has to be done outside and screens don't have to be removed and replaced.

They are guaranteed for life and assure no moisture comes between the glass panes. Pat adds that these windows "really cut down on dusting and cleaning", particularly here in West Texas with the perpetual winds.

Herman states, "It's proven that these windows pay for them-

selves in three to five years from energy savings. Vinyl doesn't conduct heat or cold — so there's not heat transfer. With energy costs that just keep going up and up, you need to think efficiency."

The vinyl and steel siding have the added benefit of a 3/4" foam insulation backing. Therefore it reduces heating and cooling costs. In addition, it eliminates painting forever, with a variety of colors to choose from.

As for their metal roofing, they offer 15 different colors to choose from including a new steel roof that looks like wood shake shingles. Like the siding, you'll never have to replace this roof.

Wood decks, metal or composition shingled roofs are just part of what they have to offer in patios. They provide general, all-metal framing and roofing on carports.

A-1 provides free estimates for home improvement and a 10% discount to senior citizens. Pat stresses, "Do the work as you can afford it. You don't have to do it all at one time." Even partial improvement will net energy efficiency and lower electric bills.

FHA Title I financing is available and payments can be designed to fit your budget.

Herman is originally from Brown County and started A-1 in the Texas Panhandle in the late 1970s. At one time he had seven salesmen and 13 crews. He left the panhandle in 1986.

He moved to New Mexico and started the business there. In 1996 he returned to Brown County. In November of 1997 he married Pat Fenter of Winters. A longtime childcare provider, Pat closed her daycare doors on July 31, 1998.

"We started the business up again — and it's been real good to us. In fact, far better than we expected," said Herman. "However the majority of our business has been outside of the Winters area. We're hoping to change that around!"

With its unique properties of insulation and outstanding protection, siding and replacement windows are a sure bet for rejuvenating the exterior of the older home. It is quite popular with folks who are building their first home and want it to be as maintenance free as possible.

For more information, contact Herman or Pat at A-1 Home Improvement, 754-4727. Or you can watch for their booths at the Ethnic Festival in Ballinger and Mayfest in Winters.

Springs tips for your pet's health

Dr. Jimmy Smith, DVM, offers these tips for a safe and pest free spring for your animal.

• Have your dog tested yearly for heartworms. Mosquitos transfer this horrible parasite to your dog. Mosquitos use an already infected dog's blood for dinner and swallow the tiny worms. They ride their host to the next dog who is not infected and pass them on.

There are five stages of the worm's life cycle. The best way to describe what a heartworm looks like is angel hair spaghetti. Sizes range from 8 inches in males to 14 inches in females.

Usually the heartworm is in advanced stages of the disease once symptoms are noticed but it is still a good idea to know them.

*** Chronic soft coughing**
*** Short-winded and difficulty breathing**

*** Exercise intolerance**
*** Nose bleeds**
*** Noninfectious pneumonia**
*** Vomiting**
*** Potbellied appearance**
*** Fatigue**
*** Loss of appetite**
*** Weight loss**
*** Congestive heart failure**

Heartworm infection means that the dog is infected by at least one worm in any life stage, but with the disease there are many worms in the right ventricle of the heart and pulmonary arteries. The dogs are very sick and close to death.

Medicine is available to take daily to prevent heartworms. See your vet now for more information.

Control fleas and ticks on your pets and in their environment. (See page 3B of our spring supplement for Mike Mauldin's column on flea control.) See your local veterinarian for suggested tick treatment for your animal. As for the lawn, one chemical can be found to control both fleas and ticks.

See PET TIPS, pg. 4B

Owned and operated by Jimmy Ripley—

Magic Shine offers complete carwash and detailing service along with carpet dying, windshield repair

"Your vehicle is an investment and you need to treat it like an investment," said Jimmy Ripley, owner of Magic Shine located at 301 South Main.

Ripley has been offering Winters and the surrounding communities a full service carwash and detailing service for about six months now.

"I've thought for several years that a good carwash and detail shop would be good in Winters," said Ripley. "No one offered it as a full service — so I tried to find the right location."

After a while, he was able to convince Gene and Doug Wheat that the service station they owned on South Main would be an ideal location. "They liked the idea and my intentions for the place."

"By October 15, I was washing cars as a fast service wash," he said. "I didn't have any experience — I just learned by getting after it," he laughed. However a few months passed by and "I realized in order to stay in business, I was going to have to learn the detailing business," he added with seriousness.

"Elma and I were taking two hours to wash a vehicle real thoroughly with the chemicals I was using — I wasn't able to charge enough to make it work." That's when Ripley met up with AutoMagic.

"All their products are top rated detailing chemicals. They sent me to three detailing seminars. I learned if you use real good chemicals, you can cut your time in half."

Ripley's detailing service includes:

• Wash and Vacuum
• Complete engine compartment degreasing, acidizing, and dressing (a shiny black — new look that repels dust and dirt)
• Complete reconditioning of the interior, including shampooing and stain removal, scotch guarding, leather conditioning and dressing on vinyl and rubber to protect from UV rays and cracking, as well as odor neutralizers for even the most persistent

odor
• Compound buffing, polishing and waxing on the exterior using a high speed buffer and paint sealants if necessary

• On pick-ups, he paints the undercarriage black with a non-rust paint, just like at the factory

• Cleans the rims and puts a gloss on the tires with a petroleum based dressing which gives a 'new look' that lasts even through several run ins with water

He estimates the prices on his detailing starting at \$80 for a car, \$90 for a pick-up, and \$100 for subvans or vans. Of course the dirtier the vehicle the more costly the job.

"An average detailing job takes from 3 to 3 1/2 hours or longer depending on the condition of the vehicle. I spend a lot of money on chemicals and I use them effectively. Give me the filthiest interior possible and I can make it look new again."

"A vehicle is an investment and detailing is protecting that investment. My detailing can last up to a year if the vehicle is washed and maintained — shampooed when it's stained."

"If you're looking to trade in or sell — detailing will help increase the value of your vehicle. It will look well maintained. I do all of Tolliver Brothers (in Ballinger) detailing and they're pleased with my work," he proudly states.

In addition, Ripley has added two other services with a third on the way. "I offer carpet dying for the stain that just cannot be removed by a stain removing chemical. Big Red and Kool-Aid are not going to come out of your vehicle's carpet," he assures. "We clean as much of the dirt and grime as we can then dye the stain to match the carpet. Actually I do quite a bit of it." Depending on the job, dying costs approximately \$20 to \$30.

Ripley is very proud of his windshield repair service. "I am trained and certified by Glass Magic out of San Angelo." Ripley repairs rock chips from your

windshield and can repair most cracks, with his objective — to keep it from spreading any further.

Many insurance companies will waive the deductible to pay for windshield repair instead of having to replace an entire windshield. If Ripley's crack repair breaks out or spreads further, he'll credit the cost of the repair to wards the value of a new windshield purchased through Magic Shine.

The first rock chip repair costs \$35 with each additional chip repair on the same glass costing \$5 each. "Now is the time to repair," he emphasizes, "especially with summer coming. Rock chips and small cracks need to be fixed now. When glass heats up (during those hot summer days) that's when it breaks out — particularly with the West Texas weather."

Ripley plans to add auto paint touch up as his newest service. As soon as he completes training in this area he'll offer the touch up for areas like door jams, and door dings, scratches that penetrate through the paint to the metal and are unable to buff out, rock chips on paint, and bumper painting.

Ripley is a 1990 graduate of Winters High School and previously worked at Wackenhut Correctional Unit as a dorm supervisor and John's International as warehouse clerk and inventory coordinator. He and Elma Bernal have two sons, Riley, age 4, and Jimmy John, age 2.

"Wackenhut was a rough job — very stressful. I was working 80 to 90 hours a week. John's was a good job — I took a big risk leaving there. But I thought, life is about risks and you'll never know unless you take one. I'm trying hard to make it — to stay in business."

"Stop by and let me explain about the detailing and why you need to maintain your vehicle. Challenge me — no matter how bad or tough your interior is — I virtually guarantee I can get it clean. If you'll just try us, I think you'll be satisfied," he assures.

Get free shade trees from National Arbor Day Foundation

Ten free shade trees will be given to each person who joins the National Arbor Day Foundation during April 1999.

The free trees are part of the nonprofit Foundation's Trees for American campaign.

The ten shade trees are Red Oak, Sugar Maple, Weeping Willow, Green Ash, Thornless Honeylocust, Pin Oak, River Birch, Tuliptree, Silver Maple, and Red Maple.

"These trees were selected to provide shade and beauty, and a variety of forms, leaf shapes, and beautiful fall colors," John

Rosenow, the Foundation's president, said.

The trees will be shipped post-paid at the right time for planting April or May with enclosed planting instructions. The six- to twelve-inch trees are guaranteed to grow, or they will be replaced free of charge.

To become a member of the Foundation and receive the free trees, send a \$10 contribution to **TEN FREE SHADE TREES**, National Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Avenue, Nebraska City, NE 68410, by April 30, 1999.



RILEY RIPLEY, AGE 4, double checks to see if dad, Jimmy Ripley, really does use high quality chemicals in his auto detailing business. Jimmy owns and operates Magic Shine at 301 S. Main.

Extension News & Views

By Patricia Hohensee, Extension Agent-HE

Tips to make spring cleaning easier

The ritual of spring cleaning has certainly changed from back in grandma's day to modern times.

Central air-conditioning and tightly closed homes have lessened the need for many of the intensive spring-cleaning chores that were commonly done in the past.

For example, few of us wash walls and ceilings anymore. Still, there are some big jobs that should be tackled at least once a year.

Not many of us actually enjoy general house cleaning chores. Cleaning house means cleaning surfaces—floors, walls, windows, rugs, appliances, light fixtures, and more.

A clean house means fewer health problems and accidents for you and your family and really makes your home a lot more pleasant.

The once-a-year jobs require three things: a little planning, some time, and the opportunity to involve the entire family in working toward a common goal.

Washing windows doesn't sound like a time, but when done in a spirit of cooperation and fun, the whole family can share in a sense of accomplishment, and get the extra work done, too.

Supplies needed: broom, mop, cloth or sponge, two buckets of warm water—one for washing, one for rinsing, soap, detergent or bleach, scouring powder, and a

stepladder or strong chair (a stepladder is safer).

Warning: Do not mix bleach with any other cleaning product. This may produce deadly poisonous fumes. Be sure to keep all cleaning products out of reach of young children.

Some tips for spring cleaning:

• Glass Windows

1. Brush window frames and sills to remove loose dirt.

2. Spray and clean top window panes first with cleaning solution and crumpled newspapers, paper towels, or lint-free cloth.

3. Clean each pane from top to bottom.

4. Dry the panes with a dry cloth or paper to obtain streak-free surfaces. Using crumpled newspaper makes windows sparkle.

5. Wipe and dry window sills. You may want to wax the sills.

6. Rub the inside of windows in one direction and the outside in the other direction to determine which side is streaked. Try to avoid spilling any of the cleaner on painted or varnished woodwork, because it can damage the paint or finish.

•Mini-Blinds can be washed in many ways.

1. In the bathtub: take blind down and pull the cord so that the slats are open.

Fill the tub halfway with warm water. Add soap or detergent and swish up suds. Put the blind in the tub and spread it out.

Wash both sides with a sponge

or cloth.

Scrub tapes and cords with a sudsy brush. Let the sudsy water drain out of the tub. Half-fill the tub with clean water to rinse away dirt and suds, drain, and repeat.

2. Let the blind stay in the tub until it stops dripping, then wipe with a cloth or towel. Put it back on the window and let it hang open, dropped all the way down, until it is dry. Put old clothes under it to catch dripping water. Or take it outside and hang on a clothesline or fence until dry.

•Curtains and draperies should be washed or dry-cleaned, if possible. If not, either vacuum or take them outside and shake gently to remove dust.

•Shower curtains can be washed in a washing machine. Set the water temperature to cold, add the curtain, a couple of bath towels, and detergent. Add 1/4 cup vinegar to the rinse cycle.

•Spring-cleaning is a great opportunity to clean kitchen cupboard shelves with soapy water, rinse well, dry thoroughly, replace shelf paper, and reorganize.

•Don't forget to turn mattresses and run pillows through the air fluff cycle in the dryer.

•To clean ceiling fans, wipe each blade with a damp cloth, then dry.

•Clean glass globes for light fixtures in a sink full of soapy water. Use 1/4 cup vinegar in rinse water to reduce spotting.

Good quality soil is pertinent to gardening

by Richard Mizenmayer, Extension Agent - IPM, Runnels/Tom Green Counties

Soil is an integral part of plant growth, development, and survival. We often curse it, seldom praise it, but expect to change what took eons to make in one single gardening season. To better understand a plant's response to air, water, and nutrients, we have to understand what we call dirt but soil scientists refer to as soil. "Soils result from the interaction of climate and organisms on geologic materials as conditioned by topography over a period of time," according to Texas A&M soil scientists.

The ideal native soil consists of 50% soil particles which is a result of weathering of hardened surfaces such as rock and the decomposition of organic matter. The balance of a good soil is 25% air and 25% water. This ideal ratio allows for root growth and enlargement and absorption of nutrients and water which are absorbed in a dissolved or oxidized form.

Now let's be realistic, who has the ideal soil? We can all improve garden soils, planting beds, and even soil which grows turf and trees can be improved. Under natural conditions the falling leaves and breakdown of plant tissues such as stems, limbs, bark, etc., provides a food source for bacteria, fungi, and higher forms of life such as worms. Over time these organisms and the resulting materials provide increased pore space which translates into easier passage of water and air. Decom-

posing matter also serves as a bonding site for nutrients which are held until roots can absorb them. This reduces the premature leaching of nutrients that we often find in sandy soils.

Soil particle size and combinations of different sizes create our soil classifications and texture and determine their characteristics. Of the three size groups (sand, silt, and clay), clay is the smallest particle. When clay is a major contributor, soil is hard to work, easy to compact, and often better for bricks than gardening. Clay soils often have a less than ideal ratio of air, moisture, and particles, therefore hindering development.

The addition of organic matter such as manure, compost, leaves, wood shavings, leaf mold, etc., will loosen clay and over time, change its texture and improve plant growth. An exception to this would be the frequent use of cedar or pine needles. Sand is not a cure for tight clay soils and in some cases makes good concrete.

The addition of organic material to soil can put a temporary demand on nitrogen and actually cause plants to grow poorly until the material is decomposed further. Microorganisms responsible for refuse breakdown require nitrogen to perform their duties. Coarser materials such as wood shavings and tree leaves will require the addition of fertilizer to speed the breakdown process.

A good game plan for keeping garden soil fertile and pliable is

to add organic matter annually in the off season, usually several months before planting. A layer of one to two inches of compost, old manure, leaf litter, grass clippings, or the like added to the soil with nitrogen such as 21-0-0 fertilizer at the rate of 1 lb. per 100 square foot and plowed to a depth of 6 to 8 inches will work wonders.

Those who have rocky, exceptionally tight clay or no soil should consider gardening in raised beds using timber, brick, rock, etc., as a border. The addition of organic material and good topsoil will keep raised beds productive also.

The topsoil, or surface soil term loam, refers to a combination of soil particles. Terms such as sandy loam means the major contributor is sand by clay and silt also are present. Loamy soils can be clay loams, silt loams, for a total of seven combinations with different percentages which are loamy soils. When adding soil to beds, it's not the color or the name that makes it good. The texture and feel determines how well it will grow roots.

The returning of grass clippings to the turfgrass by mulching when mowing will over time also improve soil texture. This addition of plant matter also increases pore space which improves air, moisture, and roots of turf and trees.

Soil is much like a pair of boots. Feels good, works good.



BRENDA AND WILLIE GREEN get a jump on yardwork with the recent warm weather. Many locals have started their spring planting, be it in the flower beds or the garden.

Environmentally speaking, we need to be responsible when tending to plants, soil & water

by Rick Minzenmayer
Extension Agent, IPM, Runnels/Tom Green Counties

The term environmentalist makes some puff-bird and others cringe. The fact is we all are environmentalists because we live in this place.

Those of us who choose to garden, plant, landscape, or own indoor plants have the opportunity to influence our environment. No longer should we act or react irresponsibly when tending to plants, soil, or water.

When gardening problems such as insects, diseases, weeds or poor performance surface, a diagnosis is critical to a solution. Too many times actions are taken or products are applied which cannot effectively control the true problem. Know the pests or the reason for production loss.

Once the culprit is identified then determine the need for control. Is it infectious, a rapid populator, a carrier of disease, a nuisance pest which is just or a bother to you and me and not really a plant problem at all?

Increasing our threshold levels to things which can eventually be controlled could save the application of pesticides. A case in point is an aphid insect population which may be in low enough numbers to be seen but not damaging.

Beneficials such as lacewing and ladybird beetles may be able to keep them in check. Avoid spraying as either a preventative or at the first sign of the pest unless history indicates the need for such action. In commercial agriculture it is often necessary to take action to prevent irreversible crop damage.

After identification of the problem and then determining the need to do something, choose a method which affords good control or response with the safest impact on our environment.

This does not mean always choose the chemical free method. But if biological methods or management techniques can solve the problem or bring it to a tolerable level, then this should be a strong choice.

When pesticides or inorganic fertilizers are selected as a need, then read labels closely and select those which are targeted for your problem and that will be safe for your location and especially cleared for use on the plants or material in question.

I personally don't like worms in my tomatoes, but I also want to know what I eat is good for me.

See ENVIRONMENT, pg. 3B



LUCY NITSCH rakes the leaves from her flower beds as she tidies her yard for the spring and summer months.

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Protect investments: add termite inspection to spring cleaning

Get ready to guard your home and other property investments for a potentially destructive adversary — the termite.

Because of this year's mild Texas winter, the termite population was not set back and statewide conditions are ripe for an exceptionally active termite season.

And while the insatiable insects cost Texans \$300 million annually in damage and associated expenses, Texas Agricultural Extension Service entomologists say there is something you can do to protect your investments and prevent costly damage.

Every year in early February to early March, termites go through a swarming behavior. This is when the king and queen termites leave the colony to establish new colonies.

Extension entomologist Dr. Roger Gold said prime conditions for termite swarming activity include 70 degree temperatures and spring rains.

"When we see these kind of conditions, the termites will actually start to build mud tubes on and around the structure and they will swarm from that," he said. "This is when the insects become very apparent and easy to spot for most people."

Gold said termites look a lot like ants, but have one major distinguishing characteristic. "Termites are broadly joined at the

waist unlike ants," he said. "They don't have the wasp-type waist that ants do, and they are whitish to grey in color. There can be thousands of these insects in a colony or in a section of a wall."

The mud tubes that the termites build are used as tunnels into and out of the structure, Gold said.

"These mud tubes are slightly smaller than a regular number two pencil and the insects move up and down in their own environment within the tube," he said. "This offers them protection."

Gold said these mud tubes found going up a foundation, in a weep well or dropping down from a ceiling are a sure sign that you are dealing with termites, and a thorough inspection of the structure should be conducted.

"Many people discover these tubes when doing spring cleaning duties or as they are doing maintenance," he said. "When the wood is destroyed and it crumbles when you touch it, you may need an inspection."

Gold said the plumbing penetrations of a structure are an area that need direct attention. These areas, like penetrations underneath the bathtub and shower stalls where the plumbing comes through from the slab, are a popular entry point for termites.

"We recommend that people have this area inspected on a regular basis or that they do it them-

selves by installing trap doors so they can be easily accessed," he said.

"That's also a good way to tell if you are getting a good professional inspection. We feel strongly that pest control operators should be doing a bathroom bathtub inspection at a minimum."

If you do have termites, Gold says an integrated pest management approach is best to remedy the problem. A combination of termite baits and termiticide sprays can help suppress the immediate damage and continue to protect the structure from future attacks.

There are some quick and easy steps to prevent a structure from attracting the destructive insect pests. First, make sure all firewood is stored away from the structure so that there is not an available food source for the termite.

Gold also suggests using treated wood if you are building a fence, making the material unacceptable for the termite's voracious appetite. Regular inspections are also "a must" in the battle against termites.

Gold said it has been predicted in Texas that by the time a house is 40 years old, it has a 95 percent chance of being infested with one of several species of termites that exist statewide.

Extension News & Views

By Mike Mauldin, Extension Agent-Ag

Suggestions for indoor/outdoor flea control

Flea control is unlike any other pest control problem homeowners experience. Cockroaches, armyworms, and other indoor and outdoor pests can often be controlled within 24 hours with a single application of a pesticide. Not so with fleas.

Flea control, at best, is a difficult task. Heavy populations may take several applications of a pesticide and as long as four weeks to control. With fleas, patience is a virtue.

Successful flea control must include a thorough treatment of the infested animal and the entire infested premises — indoors and outdoors. Homeowners often wait until adult fleas are seen before treatment is begun. Research indicates the best strategy is to start early (in March or April) before fleas have the chance to gain the upper hand.

CONTROL — Control of heavy infestations of fleas is probably best left to a pest control operator. Often, these servicemen have access to products that are not available to homeowners.

PETS — First, you start with the vet. Visit your local veterinarian or vet supply store and purchase one or more of the new recommended products.

OUTDOOR/INDOOR — Now you need to go to the premise treatment (indoor and outdoors).

Outdoor Treatment:
1. Treat soil in shaded areas where pets spend a lot of time.
2. Wash and treat or replace pet bedding.

Indoor Treatment:
1. Mop, vacuum, and dust thoroughly, including floors, cushions, under curtains and the furniture.
Note: Dispose of vacuum bag contents after use.

2. Wash and treat or replace pet bedding.

3. Orient curtains so they stand out. Remove cushions from furniture and stand them up.

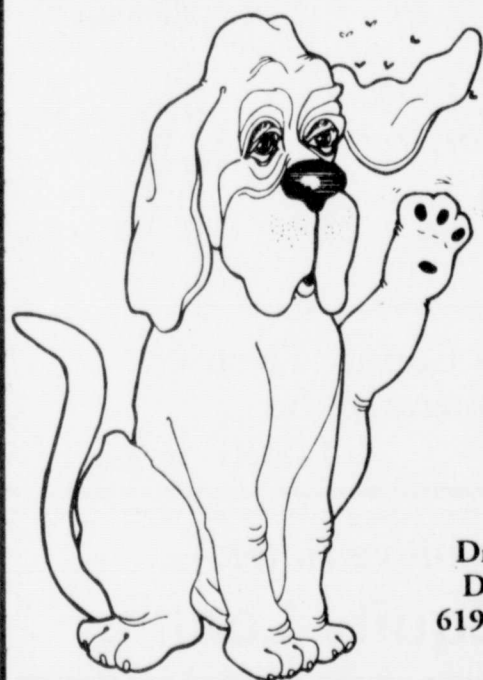
4. (A) Use a total release aerosol (fogger).
(B) If an aerosol fogger is not available, use a liquid spray.

5. If using a liquid spray, treat floors, especially carpet, furniture, and cushions in areas frequented by pets. Be sure to treat under beds and furniture.



THESE THIRD GRADE STUDENTS have been busy planting flowers to enhance the landscape around the elementary school. These future florists include Cassi Mendoza, Shelby Walker, Susan Sneed, Chris Smith, Juanita Simpson, and Andrew Blackerby. They are students in Brilla McGee's gifted and talented classroom.

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Bold not always beautiful— Decorative interior painting is 95% fun and 5% color selection

by Dawn Green, Manager of Higginbotham's

There are five different techniques that can give your interior paint job a whole new twist. They are: sponging, ragging, washing, whisking, and striping.

Decorative painting techniques are 95 percent fun and rewarding, and 5 percent color selection. The latter seems to be the area most of us fear.

As a beginner, keep in mind that techniques are a process to add texture to color. So resist the urge to select bold colors that may fight each other. When a softer combination would be best.

Let these suggestions be basic guidelines for getting started in selecting color combinations. Practice a little, then let your imagination go! Always remember the beauty of paint is, it can be changed with very little effort, time, or money.

So try these techniques or develop some of your own, sit back and enjoy the compliments.

Color combinations that use several colors can be tricky, unless they are achieved with variation of a single hue. The 4 color tone on tone method uses four shades or tints of one color. This means, a near white, a light, a medium, and a dark version.

This layering of tone on tone creates tremendous depth and interest, yet through proper color choice, remains a subtle background. This technique is good with ragging and sponging.

Fewer colors may seem less interesting, however, two color tone on tone gives a more refined

appearance, especially when the tones are similar. Try a near white and a light or a medium tone. A near white and a dark create too much contrast.

This method can give very different results, depending on which color becomes the basecoat. A light basecoat with a darker technique coat finishes with a more dramatic result. In contrast, using the lightest color on top usually softens the look.

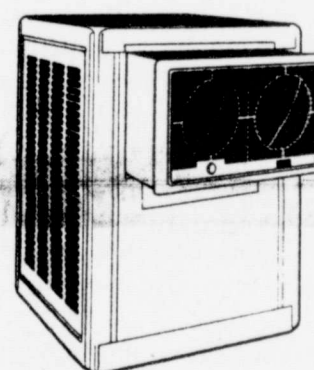
Select the two color tone on tone method for ragging, washing, and striping. It can work beautifully with sponging too if the colors are very close or try using a different sheen topcoat versus the bottom coat.

Whites are always classic and work beautifully with any color. However, there is one trick. Select the color first, identify it as warm or cool and then select the white accordingly. Cool colors blend best with stark cool whites. A warm color requires a yellowed or antiqued white.

Perhaps the most difficult method of color selection, color plus color can give very interesting results. Always experiment and test color combinations before working on walls. Sometimes simply switching the base and top coat will make a world of difference.

Higginbotham's has a staff with training in the above color selection and techniques. Literature is available to anyone interested. Exterior paint ideas are also available.

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Extension News & Views

By Rick Minzenmayer, Extension Agent-IPM

Gardening tips for producing best crop

Trees

Major pruning of trees should have been completed prior to new leaf formation.

Decisions to remove storm damaged limbs can be postponed until new growth indicates how vigorous the trees and limbs are. The tips of trees which have no bark left as a result of hail are dead. It may be impractical or cost prohibitive to remove all dead limbs. Winds and time will remove them. Topping trees is not essential to survival.

Fertilizing trees with a complete fertilizer such as 16-8-8 at a rate of 1 lb. per inch of trunk diameter is recommended. Apply at the drip line in early May if more growth is needed.

Pecan trees need 21-0-0 or any nitrogen fertilizer. Producing pecan trees need to grow 8 - 12 inches each year. Alternate cropping, poor quality, and stress can be reduced by regular annual fertilization.

Shrubs

The practice of early spring scalping dormant warm season turfgrass such as Bermuda and St. Augustine may have originated from an untruth. Dead grass and runners are removed to give green a place to grow and spread. Scalping does not promote early green-up of turf and can result in dam-

age from exposure to cold. Scalping should normally begin after grass displays green-up and has actually grown at least 1-2 inches. Use the removed clippings in compost piles, as a mulch in beds or in vegetable garden plots.

The spring fertilization of turfgrass follows the first mowing with a timed release formula such as 21-7-14, 16-4-8, 15-5-10 or similar analysis. This initial fertilization should carry established yards well into summer. Some turf will benefit from the addition of iron which will produce a greener turfgrass with little additional growth.

Pre-emergent herbicides for the control of summer weeds such as sandbur, ragweed, and other pesky broadleaves should be applied now.

Watering turfgrass begins in earnest with root activity. Weekly irrigation should be applying 1 inch of water to turfgrass through October. Additional watering during the heat of summer may be necessary to prevent turfgrass from wilting.

Fescue turf is in its prime now. Watering weekly along with fertilizing every 6 weeks will keep it looking great into the heat of summer. Watering only in the early morning hours will help to reduce incidence of turf diseases.

Vegetable Gardening

Soil preparation is one of the most important steps to successful gardening.

Before the planting of most summer crops, we should be adding organic matter to our soil now. Compost, old manures, peat moss, etc. can be piled on the surface to a depth of about 2 inches and plowed in to a depth of 6 to 8 inches. This action performed at least a couple of weeks before planting will improve soil drainage, workability, and plant production. This should be an annual task.

The last average spring freeze in Runnels County was March 20. No hurry on squash, okra, beans, etc. Warmer soil temperature will allow for quicker germination and more rapid growth. Stagger planting of each crop by a week to 10 days. This will extend the harvest season of many crops.

Varieties of tomatoes which perform good in our area are Celebrity, Carnival, President, Carmello, and Super Fantastic. Surefire and Whirlaway are best suited for planting in July in our area.

Gardening is still an important hobby to many and a joy to most. This year can only be better than last year. Weather is still the trump card.

Hay fever usually triggered in spring; antihistamines help relieve symptoms

Hay fever is one of the most common allergies. It can cause an itchy nose and eyes, sneezing, and sneezing with a clear nasal discharge, and possibly also sinus or ear congestion.

These symptoms return year after year, probably for a lifetime. The trigger for these reactions is usually pollen, but can be animal dander, smoke, molds, or anything else your child is allergic to.

The following suggestions cover a number of different areas. Use those which are helpful to your child in preventing symptoms.

- Keep the child's bedroom windows closed; if possible use air conditioning or filters. Recirculate the air in the room rather than pulling in air from outdoors, and change the filters frequently. Ducts for central heating and air should be professionally cleaned yearly.

- Avoid drives in the country or outings where pollen is common. Pollens from grasses, weeds, and even trees are lightweight and can be carried for miles. The pollen count is especially high when it is windy.

- A shower and shampoo can rinse off any pollens or other allergens after exposure. Keep dirty clothes out of the bedroom/sleeping area.

- Feathers in pillows can be a trigger; molds can grow in foam pillows; washable polyester filled pillows may be the best.

- If the allergen or trigger is pet dander, avoid exposure to these pets, and to farms and stables.

- Compost piles and greenhouses can also be sources of molds.

- Vaporizers and humidifiers are ideal places for molds to grow. If you use them be sure to change the reservoir daily, washing thoroughly with soap and hot water. Refrigerators, bathrooms, and damp basements are also common areas for mold growth. Clean regularly, using dilute household bleach if necessary. Dehumidifiers may also be helpful.

- House dust cannot be avoided and it collects on everything. You can minimize it by avoiding clutter and dust catchers, especially in the bedrooms. Even drapes and blinds can hold dust. Bare floors are ideal; vacuum carpeting frequently and thoroughly, ideally everyday. Then allow time to let the dust settle before nap or bedtime.

- Cover mattresses and box springs in allergen-proof covers. Tape zippers and other openings closed. Avoid feather, wool or foam products.

- Consider finding another home for any pet who is a source of symptoms for your child. Certainly try to keep the animal outside and never allow it in the bedroom.

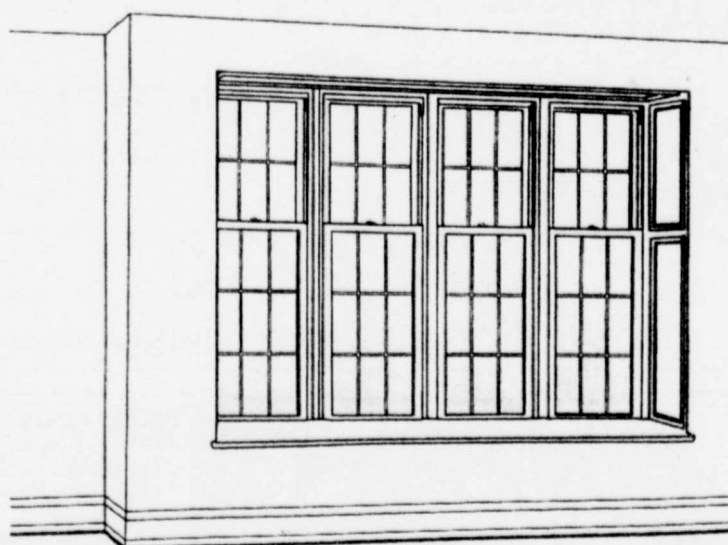
The best drug for hay fever is an antihistamine. Some effective nonprescription antihistamines are Benadryl, Chlor-Trimeton, Dimetane, and Teldrin. You can also ask your doctor for suggestions.

Symptoms clear up faster if antihistamines are given at the first sign of sneezing or sniffing. For children who have daily symptoms, the best control is attained if antihistamines are taken continuously throughout the pollen season.

Vasoconstrictor nose drops or nasal sprays are usually not helpful because they are washed out as soon as they have been put into the nose. Also, they can cause nasal irritation and increased congestion if used for more than five days.

The main side effect of antihistamines is drowsiness. A combination antihistamine and decongestant can help if this is a problem.

Prescription medications can be tried if these over-the-counter drugs are not effective. Itchy, watery eyes can be helped by washing the face and eyelids, and then applying a cool wet cloth to the eyes.



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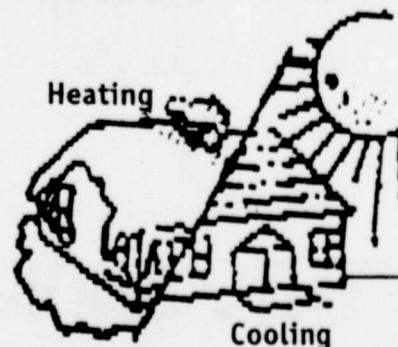
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Follow checklist for safety during dangerous storms—

Thunderstorms and tornadoes a part of severe weather that comes with spring

Spring means more than house cleaning, home improvement, yardwork, and garden planting. With spring comes severe weather, particularly in West Texas. Each spring, Texas experiences numerous outbreaks of severe weather. Many of these outbreaks are deadly.

Over the past few years, the National Weather Service's capability to warn people of impending hazardous weather has improved dramatically through the use of state of the art Doppler weather radar. But early warnings are useless unless people know how to react to impending severe weather.

The typical thunderstorm is 15 miles in diameter and lasts an average of 30 minutes. Despite their small size, all thunderstorms are dangerous.

Every thunderstorm produces lightning, which kills more people each year than tornadoes. Heavy rain from thunderstorms can lead to flash flooding. Strong winds, hail, and tornadoes are also dangers associated with some thunderstorms.

Lightning

- Occurs with ALL thunderstorms

- Averages 93 deaths and 300 injuries in the U.S. each year

Flash Floods

- The #1 thunderstorm killer — nearly 140 deaths each year

- Nearly half of all flash flood deaths are auto-related

- Two feet of water will carry away most automobiles

- Many fatalities are children playing in drainage ditches

Straight-line Winds

- Thunderstorm winds can exceed 100 mph!

- Can cause damage equivalent to a strong tornado

Large Hail

- Causes nearly \$1 billion in damage annually

Tornadoes

- Nature's most violent storms

- Winds can exceed 200 mph

- Result in an average of 80 deaths each year

- Most deaths occur in mobile

homes and automobiles

The NWS considers a thunderstorm severe if it produces hail at least 3/4" in diameter (about the size of dimes), wind gusts to 58 mph or higher, or tornadoes. In West Central Texas, the most active months for severe weather are April, May, and June.

Typically the peak of this severe weather season occurs in the second half of May. Though severe weather tends to peak during the spring months, thunderstorms and their accompanying severe weather can occur at any time of the year.

In order for thunderstorms to develop, three ingredients must be present: moisture, unstable air, and lift. Active cold fronts from the north and west collide with warm, moist air from the Gulf of Mexico during the spring bringing these three ingredients together over West Central Texas.

Thunderstorm Safety Checklist

Before the storm...

- ✓ Check the weather forecast before leaving for extended periods outdoors.

- ✓ Watch for signs of approaching storms.

- ✓ If a storm is approaching, keep a weather radio or AM/FM radio with you.

- ✓ Postpone outdoor activities if thunderstorms are imminent.

As thunderstorms approach...

- ✓ If you can hear thunder, you are close enough to the storm to be struck by lightning. Go to safe shelter immediately!

- ✓ Move to a sturdy building or car. Do not take shelter in small sheds, under isolated trees, or in convertible cars.

- ✓ If lightning is occurring and a sturdy shelter is not available, get inside a hardtop automobile and keep the windows up.

- ✓ Get out of boats and away from water.

- ✓ Get to higher ground if flash flooding or flooding is possible. Once flooding begins, abandon cars and climb to higher ground.

Do not attempt to drive to safety.

If caught outdoors and no shelter is nearby...

- ✓ Find a low spot away from trees, fences, and poles. Make sure the place you pick is not subject to flooding.

- ✓ If you are in the woods, take shelter under the shorter trees.

- ✓ If you feel your skin tingle or your hair stand on end, squat low to the ground on the balls of your feet. Make yourself the smallest target possible.

Tornado Safety Checklist

Before the storm...

- ✓ Develop a plan for you and your family for home, work, school, and when outdoors.

- ✓ Have frequent drills.

- ✓ Have a weather radio with a warning alarm tone or listen to radio and television for information.

If a warning is issued or if threatening weather approaches...

- ✓ In a home or building, move to a pre-designated shelter, such as a basement.

- ✓ If an underground shelter is not available, move to an interior room or hallway on the lowest floor and get under a sturdy piece of furniture.

- ✓ Stay away from windows.

- ✓ Get out of automobiles.

- ✓ If caught outside or in a vehicle, lie flat in a nearby ditch.

- ✓ Mobile homes, even if tied down, offer little protection from tornadoes and should be abandoned.

- ✓ In schools, develop a severe weather action plan and have frequent drills.

- ✓ Make special provisions for those in portable classrooms

- ✓ Gymnasiums, cafeterias, and auditoriums offer no protection from tornado-strength winds.

- ✓ Move students quickly into interior rooms or hallways on the lowest floor. Have them assume the tornado protection position — kneeling on the floor with arms and hands protecting the head.

Willie Wirehand says...

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