

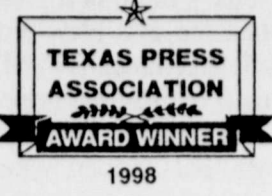
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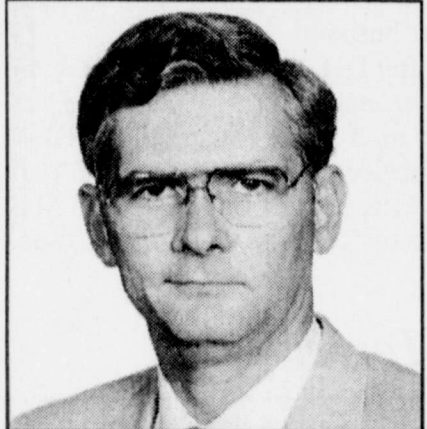
Thursday, July 9, 1998

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Rev. Glenn Shoemake to leave First Baptist Church after 15 years

Glenn Shoemake, pastor of First Baptist Church of Winters



Rev. Glenn Shoemake

for more than 15 years, announced his resignation last Sunday.
 Rev. Shoemake began his ministry at Winters in February, 1983. During his tenure here, a new fellowship hall was built through donations from the Allie Jones estate.
 He plans to enter a clinical pastoral education program through Baylor University Medical Center in Dallas. Following a one-year residency, Shoemake will explore several areas of work, including service as a hospital chaplain.

Glenn and his wife Marsha have one son, Daniel, who is a respiratory therapy technician at Hendrick Medical Center in Abilene, and one daughter, Angela, who is a freshman at Texas A&M University. Marsha is a Mary Kay consultant.
 Glenn and Marsha will be making their home in the Dallas area.
 Rev. Shoemake will deliver his last sermon as pastor of First Baptist Church, Winters, on Sunday, July 26. Morning worship services begin at 10:45 and evening services begin at 6:00 p.m.



CELEBRATING INDEPENDENCE DAY is Curtis Morrison, resident of the Senior Citizens Nursing Center, as he receives a flag pin from Bill Spiller, right, and Barbie Bishop of First American Bank, while JoanMarie O'Connor, Center Administrator, shares the celebration. Mr. Morrison is a World War II veteran, serving in the Army Air Corp for three years, three months and 18 days, he says. He was stationed at Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941. Spiller, manager of First American Bank, and staff members distributed flag pins, tablets and pens to all 38 residents of the Center, as well as visits and momentos to residents of Our House retirement home. First American Bank also provided U. S. flags to members of the Activity Center for Retired Citizens.

Farm Bureau seeking contestants for Queen, Jr. Miss, and most talented

The Runnels County Farm Bureau will be hosting the annual County Farm Bureau Queen's Contest for girls age 16 to 19, in addition to a Jr. Miss Contest for girls age 13 to 15, and a talent contest for boys and girls age 16 to 19. There are several scholarships available along with other prizes.

The contests are scheduled to be held in the Farm Bureau Office in Ballinger at 809 Hutchings Ave. on Sunday afternoon, July 26, at 2:30.
 For more information on eligibility and rules, please call the Farm Bureau Office at 915/365-2562, or come by the office to pick up an entry form. Entry forms

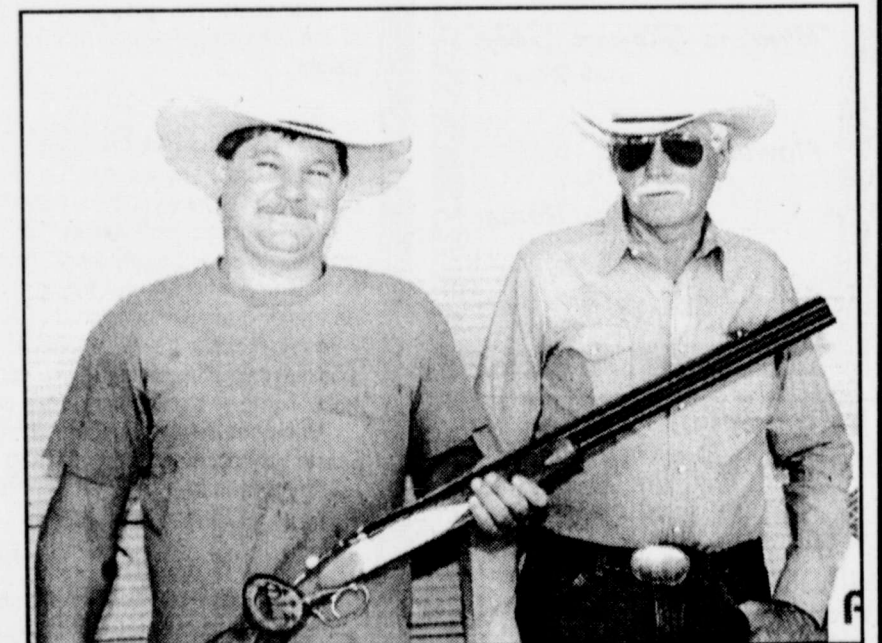
must be returned to the office by Monday, July 20.
 If you know of anyone who could be a contestant, please encourage them or call and let Farm Bureau personnel know so they can contact them. This contest is a great, positive experience for youth.
 Everyone is invited to attend.

William Tischler wins Beretta shotgun Winters takes Ben Richey Boys Ranch benefit prize for second time

Lady Luck has twice struck Winters in as many years!
 William Tischler is this year's winner of the drawing benefiting the Ben Richey Boys Ranch of Abilene. Last year, Edwin Deike, also of Winters, was awarded a commemorative Texas Battleship Colt .45 government automatic pistol.
 William's prize is a Beretta shotgun, model 5686, Silver Pigeon sporting over-under 20 gauge with multi chokes. Its manufacturer's suggested retail value is \$1,760.
 The gun drawing was held in conjunction with the Second Annual Dance for the Ranch, Friday, June 26, 1998. Entertainer Eddie Raven and special comedy guest Tommy Joe Breaux appeared at the Abilene Civic Center. Dance admission and an auction during intermission also benefited the ranch.
 Paul Michaelis of Wingate has volunteered for various functions benefiting the Ben Richey Boys Ranch for about 6 years. He accepted donations for the winning tickets from both Deike and Tischler. According to Michaelis, eight to 10 Winters people were at the dance and he feels comfortable in saying he "sold" about 80 tickets in Runnels

County for the drawing. Tickets were \$5 each and William wanted two. It only took the one to win!
 Michaelis tried a couple of times to call the unavailable Tischler and inform him of the news, but finally left a message on the answering machine. Tischler returned the call and all he could say was "I won the gun? I won the gun!" As an avid gun collector, Tischler will add this

beauty to his display of firearms. He says he will probably never fire the Beretta.
 Michaelis would like to thank all businesses and individuals in this area who continue to support the Ben Richey Boys Ranch.
 And remember — three's a charm! Next year, you could be the fortunate recipient while helping a very worthy cause.



SECOND WINTERS WINNER, WILLIAM TISCHLER (left), is presented a Beretta 20 gauge shotgun by Paul Michaelis. The rifle was awarded in the Second "Dance For the Ranch" benefit drawing for the Ben Richey Boys Ranch of Abilene.

Workers needed for Veterans Room in landmark Rock Hotel

Winters Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 9193 and the Ladies Auxiliary will have a joint meeting Monday, July 13, 1998, in the Post Home at 7:00 p.m. to start planning the actual work on the Veterans Room in the Rock Hotel.
 All members and anyone else interested in helping with this project are invited and urged to attend.
 At this time, there is a need for people who

can lay a subfloor, sheetrock walls and ceiling, and paint. This work can be done at nearly any time of day or night and can be done with a few or many people.
 Bids will be taken on constructing display cabinets. If interested, you may contact Theresa Patterson, Mary Kurtz, or Walter Durham.
 After the joint meeting, the regular meetings of the Post and Auxiliary will be held.

Heaven's Jubilee to sing at Coleman CEC July 17 Meeting

Heaven's Jubilee will be in Ballinger for the Coleman County Electric Cooperative's 60th Annual Membership Meeting to be held on July 17 at the Ballinger High School at 6:00 p.m.
 This group is made up of Marcy Grun and DeWayne Grun from the Moro area, DeWayne Bush and James Allmand from Tuscola, and Jamie Rouse from Miles.
 They are an authentic gospel group whose sound will take you back to the times of all day singings and gospel singing conventions.
 So please join CCEC July 17 at the 60th Annual Membership Meeting to enjoy the gospel music by Heaven's Jubilee.

WHAT'S HAPPENING?

- July 9-10 a.m., Triple L Club, First Baptist Church
- 11:30 p.m., Senior Citizens Meal
- 6-7 p.m., Ladies Swim Night, City Pool
- 6:30 p.m. Game Night, American Legion
- July 10-11:30 a.m., Senior Citizens Meal
- Old Settler's Reunion, Buffalo Gap
- July 11-Old Settler's Reunion, Buffalo Gap
- July 12-10:30 a.m. & 5 p.m., Norton Church of Christ Gospel Meeting
- July 13-11:30 a.m., Senior Citizens Meal
- 7 p.m., VFW & Auxiliary
- 7:30 p.m., School Board
- 8 p.m., Norton Church of Christ Gospel Meeting
- July 14-9 a.m., Writing TAAS Test, High School
- 10 a.m., Commissioners Court, Courthouse, Ballinger
- 11:30 a.m., Senior Citizens Meal
- Noon, Lions Club, Community Center
- 6-7 p.m., Ladies Swim Night, City Pool
- 6:30-8 p.m., Girl Scout Tea Party, First Baptist Church, Ballinger
- 7 p.m., WVFD
- 7:30 p.m., Elm Creek Water Control Board
- 8 p.m., Norton Church of Christ Gospel Meeting
- Woman's Club
- July 15-9 a.m., Math TAAS Test, High School
- 10 a.m.-Noon, FREE Blood Pressure Check, Sr. Citizens Center
- 11:30 a.m., Senior Citizens Meal
- 8 p.m., Norton Church of Christ Gospel Meeting
- WIC, Winters Housing Authority
- July 16-9 a.m., TAAS Reading Test, High School
- 11:30 a.m., Senior Citizens Meal
- 3-8 p.m., IRS Problem Solving, San Angelo
- 6-7 p.m., Ladies Swim Night, City Pool
- 6:30 p.m., Game Night, American Legion
- 7 p.m., Winters Squares
- 8 p.m., Norton Church of Christ Gospel Meeting

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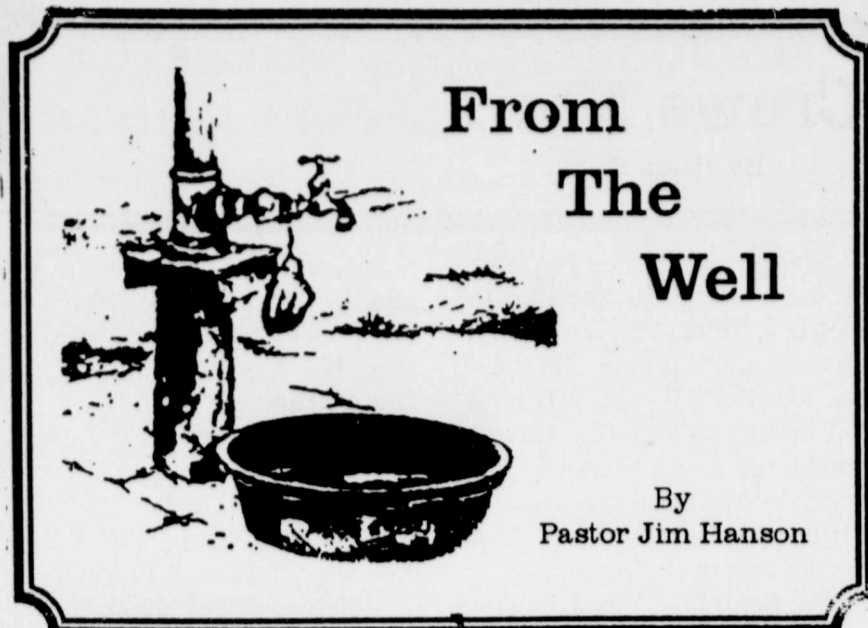
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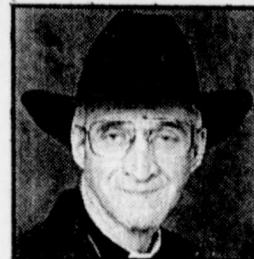
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From The Well

By
Pastor Jim Hanson



Pastor Jim Hanson

As you readers all know, I am not overly enthusiastic about computers and all that. You also know that I do use, frequently, in this column, material that has come on the screen of someone's computer. The real problem for me is that I am resistant to change,

and reluctant to take the time to learn how to run one. At the present time, my "laptop" is a yellow legal pad housed in a leather case. And, a ballpoint pen.

But, I read a dandy the other day. I'm not sure that my copy came from a computer. But, it brought me a chuckle. And some deep reflection, too.

The title of the piece is "Did Jesus Use a Modem?" Here is the article, actually a poem:

Did Jesus use a modem?
At the Sermon on the Mount?
Did He ever try a broadcast fax,
To send His message out?
Did the disciples carry beepers,
As they went about their route?
Did Jesus use a modem,
At the Sermon on the Mount?

Did Paul use a laptop,
With lots of RAM and ROM?
Were his letters posted on a BBS,
At Paul.Rome.Com?
Did the man from Macedonia,
Send an E-mail saying "Come?"
Did Paul use a laptop,
With lots of RAM and ROM?

Did Moses use a joystick,
At the parting of the Sea?
And a Satellite Guidance Tracking System,
To show him where to be?
Did he write the law on tablets,
Or are they really on CD?
Did Moses use a joystick,
At the parting of the Sea?

Did Jesus really die for us,
One day upon a tree?
Or was it just a Hologram,
Or Technical Wizardy?
Can you download the Live Action Video Clip,
To play on your PC?
Did Jesus really die for us,
One day upon a tree?

Have the wonders of this modern age,
Made you question what is true?
How a single man, in a simple time,
Could offer life anew?
How a sinless life, a cruel death,
Then a glorious life again,
Could offer more to a desperate world,
Then all the inventions of man?

If in your life, the voice of God,
Is sometimes hard to hear,
With other voices calling,
His doesn't touch your ear.
Then set aside your laptop and modem,
And all your fancy gear,
And open your Bible, open your heart,
And let your Father draw near.

Amen. Worth pondering. Worth doing. With or without a computer. For He is still speaking. The question is "Are we listening?"

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NEW CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS working toward the betterment of Winters include (left to right) Jimmy Butler, Mike Meyer, and Steve Esquivel. Other council members include Tommy Russell and Joe Gerhart. Dawson McGuffin is Winters mayor, Aref Hassan is city administrator, and Kenneth Slimp is city attorney. The City Council meets the last Monday of each month in regular session at 6 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall, with additional called meetings. The public is encouraged to attend all council meetings.

WHS Class of 1958 planning 40th reunion

The 1958 Class of Winters High School will have their 40th reunion Saturday, July 25, in the Winters Community Center.

- Plans are:
- 10:00 a.m. Registration
 - 12 noon Lunch provided by classmates still in Winters
 - Afternoon Tours of WHS, Elm Creek Lake, Rock Hotel, and Z.I. Hale Museum
 - 5:15 p.m. Class meeting and auction
 - 6:00 p.m. Class photos
 - 7:00 p.m. Catered meal.

There will be special guests and 1950's surprises. Addresses are unknown for Wanda Stevens, Della Taylor, Jackie Ashby, Kenneth Dunham, Sue Edmonds, Gary Green, James Hamilton, Barbara Hubbard, Jimmy Pumphrey, Nolan Scarberry, Lawrence Smith, and Doris Vinson.

If you know the whereabouts of any of the above, or for more information, call Pat Smith at 915-754-4727.

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Chamber hosting golf tournament

The Winters Area Chamber of Commerce invites golfers to play an 18 Hole 4 Person Scramble at the Winters Country Club.

The scramble will be Saturday, July 25, with tee time at 8:00 a.m.

Carts will be available or you may bring your own.

Cash prizes will be awarded to winning teams. Extra contests are scheduled, and door prizes will be awarded to those in attendance.

Entry fee is \$100 per team.

Registration deadline is July 22. Please call the Chamber office at 754-5210 or the Winters Country Club at 754-4679 to sign up.

Norton Church of Christ to conduct gospel meeting July 12-19

Old Norton Church of Christ will conduct a gospel meeting July 12-19, 1998.

Guest speaker will be Elmore Johnson of Lubbock. Song leader is Grady Bryan of Winters.

Services on each Sunday are scheduled at 10:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Weeknight services begin at 8:00 p.m.

Homemade ice cream will be served on Friday.

Exit-level TAAS to be given July 14, 15, & 16

Students in grades 10 and 11 who failed one or more sections of the exit-level TAAS during the March 1998 administration will retake the failed sections on July 14-16.

All tests will begin at 9:00 a.m. at Winters High School. Writing will be on July 14, math on July 15, and reading on July 16.

Students or parents with questions should call Nancy Evans at 754-4797.

Call 754-4958 to place an ad

Boles graduates with honors from Hardin-Simmons

Hardin-Simmons University of Abilene, Texas, announces that Brigid M. Boles of Savannah, Georgia, received her degree during spring commencement exercises May 9, 1998.

Boles graduated cum laude and earned a bachelor of behavioral science degree from HSU. She is married to Brandon Boles, son of Randall and Jean Boles of Winters and grandson of Monroe and Arlene Boles.

Brigid has accepted a teaching position with South Effingham High School in Savannah.

Dr. Teresia Taylor, head of the department of foreign languages, and Dr. H.K. Neely, immediate past dean of the Logsdon School of Theology, spoke to the graduates.

Dr. Lanny Hall, president of HSU presided over the commencement program.

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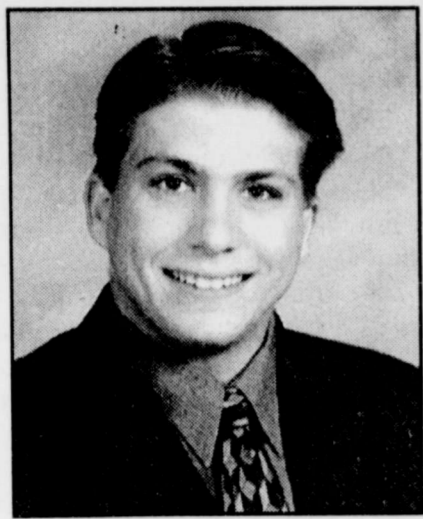
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Grandson graduates with honors



BJ PRITCHARD

Robert Ross (BJ) Pritchard graduated with honors from Trabuco Hills High School in Mission Viejo, California, on Friday, June 19, 1998.

BJ is the son of Bobby and Debbie Pritchard of Rancho Santa Margarita, California. He is the grandson of Weldon and Peggy Holbrooks of Stamford. Weldon is the son of Caleb and Trudie Holbrooks who lived in the Pumphrey community.

While in high school, BJ was active in his church and community. He was on the Principal's Honor Roll every semester

throughout high school. He was selected to be a Student Ambassador with the Ohio delegation of the People to People Organization and traveled with them to England, Ireland, and Wales in July of 1997. While living in Columbus, Ohio, BJ was a caddie at Scioto Country Club and was chosen Rookie Caddie of the Year in 1995.

Attending his graduation were his grandparents and his Aunt Tammy Watson and her sons Sage and Noah of Abilene, Texas.

BJ will be attending Texas Tech University in the fall.

VA clarifies rules for health-care enrollment

In response to incorrect information distributed by others, the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Veterans Health Administration and the Big Spring VA Medical Center (VAMC) are clarifying recent changes regarding veterans' eligibility for health care.

The Department of Veterans Affairs is required by law to establish an enrollment system for health-care services to be in place by Oct. 1, 1998. **While veterans must be enrolled to receive care, it does not mean that veterans who have not applied for enrollment by that date will lose their eligibility for VA health care. Veterans can apply and be enrolled at the time they are in need of VA health care.** Veterans who have received VA health-care services since Oct. 1, 1996, will have an application processed automatically on their behalf.

"Enrolling for VA health-care services will provide improved access for veterans in the Permian Basin to a comprehensive package of services," said Cary D. Brown, director, Big Spring VAMC.

Applicants will be placed in one of seven enrollment priority groups, specified by Congress. Based on the priority they are

assigned, the number of other veterans requesting to be enrolled, and the funds available for VA health care, VA will determine how many veterans can be served. Veterans will be notified by mail beginning in late spring whether or not their application for enrollment has been accepted.

After Oct. 1, 1998, some veterans may still be treated without being enrolled. Veterans with service-connected disabilities may be treated for those disabilities, and veterans who were discharged or released from active duty for a disability incurred or aggravated while on active duty may be treated for that disability within the first 12 months after their discharge.

Veterans who are classified as being service-disabled with a rating of 50 percent or greater will continue to be eligible for VA health-care services without making application for enrollment.

While veterans in these categories do not have to be enrolled to be treated, they are encouraged to do so to help VA plan its services and allocate its resources.

Those who are enrolled will be eligible for inpatient and outpatient services, including preventive and primary care. Other services include: diagnosis and treatment; rehabilitation; mental health

and substance abuse treatment; home health, respite and hospice care; and drugs and pharmaceuticals associated with VA health care services.

Veterans accepted for enrollment will be eligible to receive care at any of VA's more than 1,100 service sites. While enrollment must be renewed every year, a veteran's enrollment will automatically be renewed unless he or she chooses not to re-enroll, or unless VA resources limit the number of veterans the department can cover. Certain veterans will be asked to provide income information annually in order for VA to properly classify them within the enrollment system, as required by law.

To obtain an enrollment form, veterans may contact the Big Spring VAMC, any VA Outpatient Clinic, or their local county Veteran Services Office. The Big Spring VAMC offers a toll-free number to request an enrollment form: 1-800-472-1365, ext. 5801.

Completed forms should be mailed to: Medical Administration Service (136), VA Medical Center, Big Spring, TX 79720.

For additional information, veterans may also visit the VA's Internet web site at <http://www.va.gov/health/elig>.

Crews News

By Hilda Kurtz



Hilda Kurtz

I'm not forgetful—I just can't remember.

Bro. Ferris Akins and Ramona of Ballinger were after church services dinner guests with Nila and Therin Osborne. Mr. and Mrs. David Talbott were morning visitors in church. Mr. and Mrs. Gary Boyd and daughter Kathryn were at the evening service. The Akinses, Boyds, and Selma Osborne went home with Nila and Therin to enjoy a light supper.

Carolyn Webb and her two brothers, Jim and Bob, were hosts to a 90th birthday brunch honoring their mother, Edith Everett, on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. Most of the Crews folks and Edith's kinfolks came to wish her the best.

Present were Ben Barnett of Dallas, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Tyrich of Houston, Myrtle Shepherd of Midland, Mr. and Mrs. Loyd McDonald and daughter Kathy of Midland, Robin Everett and son Joshua of El Paso, Mr. and Mrs. Ray McDonald and son Ian of Kermit, Mary Shaw of El Paso, and Louise Good Dunning of New Mexico.

And Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Lynn and son Roy of Stockdale, Joe Webb and wife Linda, Geneva Andrews of Coleman, Gene Webb and daughters Ashley and Amanda, Stephanie Webb, Jennifer Webb of Austin, Jim and Mary Everett of Grandfalls, Bob Everett of El Paso, Mr. and Mrs. Dirken Everett of Red Lodge, Missouri, and Al Prewitt of Burnet.

More of these happy birthdays Edith!!

Edith played lots of Skip-Bo with nieces and granddaughters while a group of relatives drove out to Talpa Cemetery, where Edith's grandparents were buried around 1906.

On Saturday, about 42 people went out to the Perini Ranch in Buffalo Gap for dinner.

Carolyn's sister, Myrtle Shepherd of Midland, came. Myrtle is 100 years young.

Helen Alexander's cousins, Jamie, Mick, and Elizabeth Detrick of Troy, Ohio, spent a day and a half here before going to Odessa.

Hildegard and Calvin of San Angelo spent Friday with me. They put in a new screen door at my storage house and a rail at my back door to keep me from falling on my "face" at my back steps.

Margie Jacob received a call from her grandson, Bryce Busenlehner of Brownwood, who is attending a talented and gifted program at Texas A&M in Galveston. During the two-week program, he will attend classes in ER, medicine, and trauma at the University of Texas Medical Center.

IRS to host Problem Solving Day, July 16

Sometimes it takes more than just writing letters or calling a toll-free number to solve a tough tax problem. That's why the IRS is setting aside some time to do nothing but listen and help area residents who are experiencing tax problems.

On Thursday, July 16, the IRS will host a Problem Solving Day from 3 p.m.-8 p.m. at the IRS office at 33 East Twohigh in San Angelo.

"We realize that some people are frustrated with the system and feel that they're getting nowhere when they contact us. That's why we're conducting this series of face-to-face meetings with North Texas taxpayers," said North Texas District Director Glenn Henderson.

Taxpayers are encouraged to schedule an appointment, however, walk-ins will receive service as well. To schedule an appointment, call 915-653-0082 or 915-653-3735.

Margie and Brenda Jacob and Beverly VanZandt attended the Rowena 100th Anniversary Celebration on Saturday. They also attended Edith Webb's 90th birthday brunch on Saturday. Beverly and Margie Jacob, Sharon Engler, and Sybil Waller attended the 90th birthday celebration of Anna Dankworth in Ballinger.

On Saturday, Linda Duggan and Jill Bredemeyer attended the Rowena 100th Anniversary. Daughters Katy and Lori were in the parade. On Saturday night, a bunch of guys got together and had fun with fireworks. These were Dale, Linda, Katy, and Will Duggan; Leslie Pruser; Susan, Chauncey, and Amy Mansell; Lewood and Becky Brown; and Rodney Faubion. Afterwards they had chips, dips, and snacks.

Georgia and Connie Gibbs' company on Sunday were Tammy and Haley Kaczyk, Eulie McCutcheon, Tracie Butner, and William Winkle of Bronte.

The Bill Grissom and Steve Grissom families hosted a 4th of July get-together on their farm. All relatives attended. Also Ben and Viola Oden of Lake Whitney. On Friday night, Steve and Penny hosted a dinner for relatives and friends. Vi and Norene Wood of Arkansas, and Ben and Viola spent the night with Adeline Grissom.

Dennis, Audine, and Roy McBeth and their new puppy "Lad" attended the Stamford Cowboy Reunion Saturday. I was told Dennis has already killed 16 rattlesnakes this year.

Helping celebrate Will Mathis' 10th birthday on Sunday with a late dinner topped with a birthday cake and ice cream were Ruth Pape, Marquette Mathis, Shane

Stone, and Marqué's sister, Cari, and William of Dallas, who have a new baby named Cooter William. He was born July 2 and weighed about 8 pounds.

Ruth Pape had several phone visits with her families: David Craig and Lee Ueckert of Houston, Debbie Horn, and Elaine Kennedy of Tampa, Florida.

Coleman Foreman spent Sunday afternoon with Lawan at the Senior Citizens Nursing Home.

The Crews community only received a dozen drops of rain.

Wilbert and Fairy Alcorn and their families attended the Gibbs' family reunion at Brownwood Lake on the July 4th holiday. Twenty-two attended from Lubbock, Waco, Weatherford, Crews, Houston, Levelland, and Brownwood. It rained 6" while they were there.

Visiting Pat and Earl Cooper during the week were Tessie Lacy of New Mexico and son Jerry Lacy of New Mexico and his daughter Carol Lacy of Midland.

Selma Wilkerson and seven ladies came back from a two-week trip to Germany. They visited in Frankfurt, August Fehn, and other towns. They saw the North Sea. There were 180 from other states as well.

Selma and Viron Wilkerson visited Dorintha Wilkerson in Winters on Monday.

Harvey Mae and Noble Faubion's visitors were Gladys Cotton, Walter Pape, Rodney Faubion, Bernie Faubion of Abilene, and Eileen Cartwright of Hawley.

Elaine Miller, Dawn Bryan, and Josie Hoppe were at Bendena Spill Ashburn's funeral on Saturday. They visited awhile with Grandma Bryan later.

A Grand-ma Celebration!



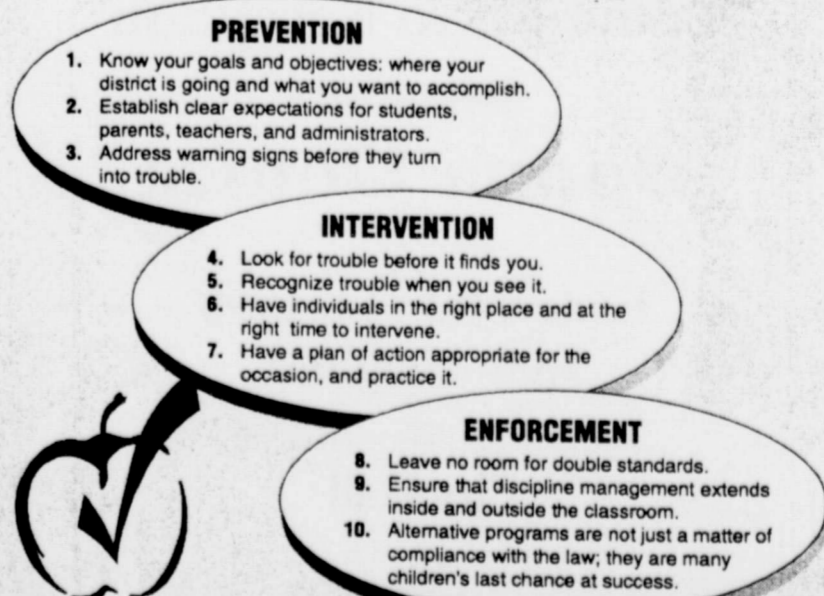
Stella Moore will soon be 95 years young! Please come join our celebration of the sweetest Grandma on the planet!

Saturday, July 18, 1998, 2-4 p.m.
The Rock Hotel, Winters, Texas
Open House, Casual Dress

Keeping Texas Children Safe In School

A new report by Comptroller John Sharp—*Keeping Texas Children Safe In School*—outlines common sense solutions to help address the safety issues and challenges facing most public school districts.

Taken individually, the steps outlined in the law or those used by successful districts don't seem dramatic. But when districts apply these measures in a comprehensive system, they can and do get significant results.



If you would like more information on any aspect of *Keeping Texas Children Safe In School*, or would like to order a copy of the report, please call 1-800-232-8927 or contact us via email at beat-waste@cpa.state.tx.us

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City Manager attends continuing education workshop in Waco

Winters City Manager Aref Hassan attended an educational seminar on municipal personnel management held in Waco, Texas.

The two-day workshop focused on current personnel policies of effective supervision of employees for increased productivity, performance evaluation, employee rights and responsibilities, public service ethnics, and workforce diversity issues.

Dr. Chardean Newell, regents professor of public administration at the University of North Texas, Denton, served as the consultant and primary instructor for the sessions. Dr. Samantha Durst, assistant professor of public administration at the University of North Texas, Denton, instructed the diversity classes.

Newell, a prolific, scholarly author, edited and co-authored the books, "Texas Politics," "Essentials of Texas Politics," and "The

Effective Local Government Manager," second edition, published by the International City-County Management Association. Recently, the Master of Public Administration Degree at the University of North Texas was ranked first in Texas and 11th nationally in the field of city management and urban policy by U.S. News and World Report.

The Texas Municipal Clerks Certification Program located at the University of North Texas, Denton, sponsored the seminar.

Mr. Hassan is enrolled in TMCCP's educational and professional development program and attendance at this workshop fulfills part of the requirements for the certificate. He is a member of the Texas Municipal Clerks Association Inc., a statewide, professional organization of approximately 770 city secretaries and municipal clerks.

Girl Scout Council hosted successful golf tournament

The Heart of Texas Girl Scout Council, a United Way agency, hosted their 5th Annual H.O.T. Shot Classic Golf Tournament Saturday, June 6, at Sugar Tree Golf Club in Robert Lee.

The council wants to thank area sponsors and participants for making this year's tournament a success! The proceeds from this tournament will go toward providing Girl Scouting to all girls between 5 and 17 years of age within the council's 19-county jurisdiction.

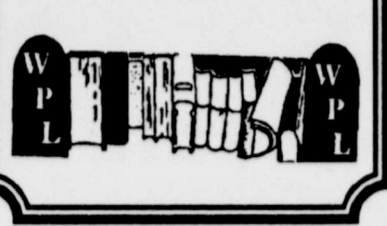
The tournament was a two-man scramble with 30 teams entered. The players were divided into two flights with prizes awarded to the top three teams in each flight. The three prizes awarded to the winners were gift certificates from the pro shop at Sugar Tree. First place in each flight received a \$300 gift certificate; second place, a \$200 gift certificate; and third, a \$100 gift certificate. Golfers were also recognized for Closest to the Pin and Longest Drive.

Through their participation, golfers and sponsors help Girl Scouting maintain its quality program to over 2,200 girls and 900 adults within the council's 19-county jurisdiction. Girl Scouts are not just those cute little girls in green that sell cookies once a year. In reality, the cookie sale only takes up a very small portion of a troop's activities.

The Girl Scout program keeps pace with the times. These days, girls learn about career interests such as math, science, and technology, and they receive guidance in areas that affect their daily lives. The program can include issues such as teen pregnancy prevention, drug abuse prevention, dealing with peer pressure, appreciating cultural diversity, handling family crises, and learning about environmental issues.

Plans are already underway to host the tournament again next year. It will be held the first Saturday in June and all golfers are invited to come back and bring their friends.

Library News



Helen Grantham donates books in memory of her late husband

by Joyce Krause, Librarian

A complete set of home repair and improvement books have been donated to the library.

These books were given by Helen Grantham in memory of her late husband, Mike. Mr. Grantham was principal of the Winters High School from 1978 to 1989. Mrs. Grantham taught in the middle grades from 1978 to 1998.

These books are a nice addition to our library.

If you have or are in need of information about building, landscaping, plumbing, or wiring, come by and check out one of these books.

Jennifer Boles makes Dean's List

Jennifer D'Ann Boles was recently listed on the 1998 spring semester Dean's List at McMurry University.

Jennifer, a senior, is majoring in multidisciplinary studies.

To be eligible for the Dean's List, a student must take at least 12 credit hours and have a 3.5 or better GPA.

Jennifer is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Randall Boles, and the granddaughter of Monroe and Arlene Boles, all of Winters.

Benefit golf tournament in Bronte

There will be a Bronte Voluntary Fire Department benefit golf tournament at the Singing Winds Golf Course in Bronte, Sat., July 11, 1998. The tournament starts at 8:30 a.m.

Teams will consist of three people. Entry fee is \$90 per team.

Call the Singing Winds Golf Course at 473-2156 for more information or to sign up.



SPRINKLER SYSTEMS are currently being installed on the elementary grounds as another step to improve school properties. Sprinkler systems have already been installed in many areas and, according to school maintenance supervisor Dale Montgomery, plans are to install the efficient watering systems throughout the school grounds with work being done by school personnel.

Simpsons make history at 60th reunion

The children, grandchildren, great- and great-great-grandchildren, along with other friends and relatives of the late William and Una Simpson, met the 13th and 14th of June.

The celebration of the 60th annual reunion was held in the Winters Housing Authority.

Gene Hughes, a grandson, caught and cooked the fish which everyone enjoyed.

With such a gathering comes great history stories of the Simpson family. Thelma Long, a granddaughter, has done research from as far back as the 1700's. This was once again another great year for the Simpson family to put in the past. Members are now looking ahead to the 61st reunion next year.

Those in attendance for the 1998 Simpson reunion traveled from as far as Oklahoma.

The children are Fay Seay of Odessa, Gladys Seaborn of Buffalo Gap, Iiis and Maggie Simpson of Winters, and Janie and Charles Wearden of Winters.

Grandchildren that attended are Gatha Sheppard of San Angelo, Thelma Long of Longview, Bill and Bonnie Potter of Snyder, Winford and Ruth Sterling of Granbury, Gene and Ladelle Hughes of Weatherford, Pat and Peggy Adcox of Odessa, Edna Hempel of Cleburne, Ralph and Dorothy Cooper of Shawnee, Oklahoma, and John and Barbra Boozer of Granbury. Also Joe and Maxine Seaborn of Tuscola, James and Ruby Wearden of

Ballinger, Randy and Shirley Thompson of Abilene, Judy and Willi Dorr of Fort Worth, Jim and Glenda Matthews of Winters, and Frank and Jodie O'Dell of Winters.

Great-grandchildren included Guy Sheppard of San Angelo, John Wearden of San Angelo, Jennifer and Jeff Gilbreath of Abilene, Corbin O'Dell of Winters, and Candance O'Dell of Winters.

Also present was great-great-grandson Triston Gilbreath of Abilene and cousins Mack and Helen Casey of Ballinger.

Friends of the family that came to visit were Johnny and Ann Walker of Ovalo, Orbin Purcell of Buffalo Gap, and Bob Webb of Winters.

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Mr. and Mrs. Michael Clayton Mostad

Farmer and Mostad married June 6

Mandy Renee Farmer and Michael Clayton Mostad were married Saturday, June 6, at Elm Valley Community Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Farmer of Elm Valley are the bride's parents. The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. George Mostad of Winters.

Courtney Phillips of San Angelo was maid of honor. Adrienne Farmer of Ovalo was matron of honor. Jill Provost of Lewisville and Kyla Kesler of Elm Valley were bridesmaids.

Josh Grohman of Winters as best man. George Mostad of Winters, Mark Deike of College Station and Cody Whittenburg of San Angelo were groomsmen.

Cambry Phillips of San Angelo was flower girl. Easton Mayo of Buffalo Gap was ring bearer. Randy Farmer of Ovalo and Corey Farmer of Elm Valley, the bride's brothers, were ushers. Candlelighters were Amber Taylor and Jo Dee Wright of Lawn. Receptionists were Natalee Latham and Emily Martin of Tuscola.

The Rev. Tracy Shelton, the groom's uncle, of Bryant, Arkansas, officiated. Rev. Richard Petree of Potosi, and Rev. Scott Latham of Tuscola assisted with the service.

Abby Rambo of San Angelo and Rev. James Martin of Tuscola performed solos. Pianist was Mrs. Susan Conner of Winters, and Mrs. June Whitt of Elm Valley was organist.

Linda McCulloch of Buffalo Gap, Dusty Brown of Ovalo, Adrienne Roberson, and Megan Womack, both of San Angelo, were servers. Sue McDonald, Lou Bridges and Alma Conway, all of Elm Valley, served as hostesses.

The bride attended Jim Ned High School and Angelo State University. She is employed by Jamie's Hallmark Gold Crown Store.

The bridegroom attended Winters High School and Texas Tech University. He is employed by E-Z Pawn Corp. Both attended Howard College.

The couple will live in San Angelo after a wedding trip to San Antonio and Lake Tahoe.

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Poe's Corner

By Charlsie Poe

Florida the beautiful

Part 4 of 5

Florida was a beautiful place with banana, citrus, palm, and mango trees. Flying over the citrus groves, the trees were in line. Each way you looked they were in a straight row.

Joe and his crew weren't far from Cypress Gardens, with its beautiful flowers, magnolia trees, lakes, and fancy water skiing with beautiful girls dressed in "southern belle" attire. There were also walkways crossing little streams. Sebring also had two lakes nearby that provided good fishing and a stray alligator or so.

We caught a two-foot alligator at the railroad trestle on the field and taped his mouth shut with adhesive tape. The sergeant came in "smashed" and slept the rest of the night without realizing he had an alligator for a bed mate.

One overseas returnee picked up an ocelot in South America and another G.I. had a pet raccoon. The coon was a gum chewing, beer drinking pet. He liked to search your shirt pockets for gum and dimes. He'd bite if you interfered.

The ocelot whipped a whole pack of stray dogs near the mess hall, and the men were not bothered by dogs after that. There was a tent in the area that had a wood floor and chicken wire covered by canvas. Here the ocelot and raccoon played for hours.

In 1942, along with several other Keesler air corps graduates, I was unassigned, as crew chief and aerial engineers were doing the same job as master and tech sergeants. When I came on the field, new draftees were assigned and were getting ratings right and left. Truck drivers were wanted overseas and a notice was posted on the bulletin board. I put my name on it.

The next day, there was a notation posted on the board, "Pvt. Emmert, report to the C.O." Joe went to the office, saluted, and stood at attention. The captain said, "Private what in the ___ is your name doing on the bulletin board?"

I told him the problem and he said, "We sent you to airplane mechanic school and we have you where we want you, I don't ever want to see your damn name on that board again."

I had been chewed out proper, but the next month all the remain-



Charlsie Poe

ing Keesler Field graduates were assigned. I hit corporal and skipped PFC, and all the Keesler graduates got ratings.

In December, 1943, I got a furlough. Melba Gurlach, my wife-to-be, was living in San Antonio with an aunt and working at Sears. Her address was San Pedro Street, but no one knew where it was. After taking a bus and walking several blocks, I found the right place. We came back to Winters to be married. The next day I returned to Sebring, Florida.

A few weeks later, I was back at Kelly Field, in San Antonio. Sgt. Diego and I were flight engineers. He was of Italian descent and talked with his hands. We landed at Kelly. Civilians took the plane over, and we were free for the night.

The next morning, Diego and I went out to preflight the plane before we took off. It was a brand new B17G and we were not familiar with the new model. It looked like a sea of airplanes all around us. I started pumping the hand pump. Diego said as soon as we start number 2 and 3 engines, we'll have plenty of pressure. We then fired up all four engines.

Joe had just run engine 1 up when all 4 engines were at idle. He swung on the emergency breaks, and Diego pushed the foot brake and started killing the engines.

We circled around toward a Mexican Government single engine plane on our left. Our number 1 and 2 propellers cut a large portion off the right wing of the Mexican plane. To add to the confusion, one of them stepped on the pull handle of the parachute and it bellowed out all over the cockpit to add to the confusion.

Diego and I made out separate accident reports and we stayed at Kelly four more days for repairs. I just knew my two stripes would be gone. But Boeing had put electrical hydraulic pumps on the big B17G and they wouldn't cut in until you hand pumped also. If I had pumped a little longer, the whole incident would never have happened.

When we got back to Hendricks, all B17Gs were grounded until the pressure switch was set to OPS1, and when turned on the master switch automatically built hydraulic pressure.

Diego remained a corporal, but two sweated blood for awhile. I made sergeant.

Next week "The war is over."

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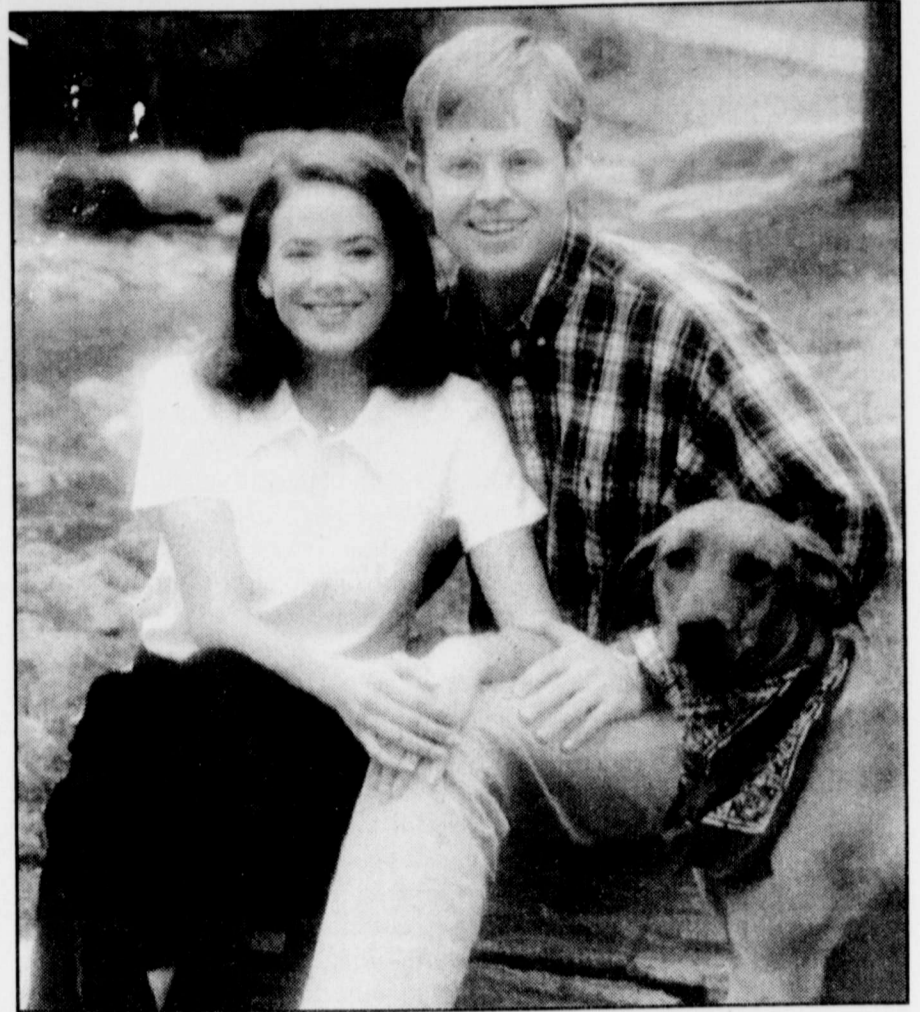
The Winters Police Department would like to remind residents to apply for the Citizens Police Academy. Applications may be picked up Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at City Hall or the Winters Police Department.

A series of six classes are scheduled for Tuesday evenings from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. at City Hall. The first class is scheduled for August 4, 1998. Classes will be conducted each Tuesday through September 8, 1998.

Citizens who live or work in Winters, are at least 21 years of age, and have never been convicted of a Class B misdemeanor or above, may attend.

The academy will cover such diverse topics as training, communications, criminal investigations, DWI procedures, family violence, and juvenile laws. Instruction will consist of lectures, demonstrations, tours, and hands-on experience.

If you cannot be scheduled for attendance at the first series of classes, there will be others announced at a later date.



Jamie Smith and Drew Klassan

Smith, Klassan to exchange vows July 18

Dr. Jimmy Smith of Winters is pleased to announce the upcoming marriage of his daughter, Jamie Susan "Rabbit" Smith, to Mr. Hal Andrew "Drew" Klassen of College Station.

Jamie is a May, 1998, graduate of Texas A&M University with a bachelor of science degree in elementary education. She has accepted a 4th grade teaching position in Bryan.

Jamie is also the daughter of the late Virginia "Ginny" Smith. Drew will graduate from Texas A&M in August with a bachelor of science degree in business analysis and finance. He is an account executive with Cabletime Advertising in College Station. He is the son of Loretta Klassen and the late Hal Klassen of Arlington.

A private family wedding is planned for Saturday, July 18 at St. John's Lutheran Church in Winters.

Jamie and Drew and their families extend an invitation to join them at their wedding reception at the Rock Hotel at 6 p.m. on July 18.

Kirby family beats the heat to enjoy fun, food, and fellowship

The June heat did not keep the Kirby family from gathering at Elvis and Evelyn Kirby's Ranch, outside of Talpa, on Sunday, June 28.

Elvis and his sons Dane and Dale smoked enough briskets and turkey to feed about forty family members and friends. The Kirbys enjoyed catching up on the past year's activities — for some of them, this is the only time they can get together.

Those signing the register were Elvis Kirby; Dale, Seth, and Sean Kirby; Jack Kirby; Joe, Melinda,

Kirby, and Ryan Meyers; J.P. Byers; Dane and Rosemary Kirby; Ruby and Troy Norman; Dorothy King; Olga Meyers; Mary Coleman; Shorty Wustering; Larry Meyers; and Louise Dunnam.

Also Ron and Jeanette Willingham; Viola Davis; Zane, Lori, and Bria Miller; Howard and Patricia Miller; Craig Miller; Becky and Sam Willie; Kenneth and Diane Norman; Melba Lewis; Will Richardson; Kevin and Austin Kirby; Bob Kirby; Otis Kirby; Tim Topkins; Randy Ballenger; and Mike Parker.

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- TXism: "roosters crow, ___ deliver"
- TXism: "best I ever wrapped ___ around"
- TXism: "shoots ___ over the phone" (risk taker)
- TX Janis' "I Got Dem ___ Kozmic Blues Again, Mama"
- what made TX Bush spew in Japan in '92
- TXism: "folks"
- what most TX college students take out
- Ft. Hood's "Robert Gray" and Ft. Bliss "Biggs"
- past Dodger Carl who was signee of TX-made Nokona ball gloves
- this TX Kellon wrote "The Time It Never Rained"
- TXism: "let the cat out of the bag"
- TX Rangers broadcaster Nadel
- throw a fishin' line (2 wds.)
- AAM's "Reveille"
- ___ the occasion"
- this TX Clark was ambassador to Australia
- TXism: "little bitty"
- TX Kite won the U.S. ___ in '92
- Houston's Wortham World of ___ mazes
- celestial sphere

DOWN

- TXism: "___ my boots retreated" (repaired)
- TX actor Wallace
- Padre Island named for ___ Balli
- former "dark" Six Flags ride (2 wds.)
- the only type of car TX Clyde Barrow would steal
- TX Janis Joplin hit
- TXism: "let ___ rip!"
- TXism: "out ___ killer"
- Gilmer's Yamboree features a yam-___
- mother of TX Ginger Rogers
- Inn State Historic Site
- TX co.'s CEO (abbr.)
- this George discovered Glen Rose dinosaur tracks
- slides into a chair
- horse's father
- extremely
- snow glider
- famed aviator Amelia
- Beauford Jester was only TX gov. to ___ office
- ___ Verde County
- shade trees
- this Texan was 1st black golfer to play in the Masters
- rare "groove-billed" birds at Bentzen Park prevented
- Pres. Bush to Gov. Bush
- TX perennial
- this Bing starred with TX Reynolds in "Say One For Me" (init.)
- Fresnos, TX
- Houston Oiler that killed himself in '93 after auto accident
- TXism: "he ___ a wide trail" (big)
- ___ and easy"
- this Ed was Daniel Boone (init.)
- 38 sit for a picture
- country artist Ketchum who started in Austin
- TXism: "___ solid perfect"
- landing at DFW
- TXism: "rode the bed wagon"
- this Republican pres. candidate carried TX in '72 (init.)

Solutions for this puzzle appear in this issue.

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Hunter's Camp

With Don Haley

Queens of the Frio

Service — Honor — Country. The American Creed and some mighty fine words to live by. They're good words, but nobody ever said they were easy ones. Especially if you're an everyday husband who loves his wife and does everything his feeble mind allows to make her and everybody else happy.

So, this past weekend, I attempted to live the American Creed.

Because, out of the "country" south of Junction on the Frio River, it was my "honor" to "serve" three of the world's most beautiful and vivacious women: Miss Jody Meyer, Miss Mary Wilkerson, and my own lovely wife, Miss Deborah Haley.

I refer to them as "Miss" for two reasons.

As you know, being the super-great teachers that they are, that is what they're called by their students, parents, and other teachers. It's a term of respect and rightfully so.

And, being their bonafide weekend servant, I figure that is the appropriate term for someone such as myself to address them. A someone who lives only to make their lives happy, carefree, and easy.

Most people think Abraham Lincoln abolished slavery with the Emancipation Proclamation back in the 1860's. I guess the news never reached the Frio River in ConCan, Texas, in the summer of 1998!

If you trace it back, though, it's mostly nobody's fault but my own. I've come to learn, through experience, that I ain't very smart.

In beggin' my wife to marry

me, who else would make this insane bargain, "If you'll just cook, I'll do everythang else."

Does anybody but me now realize what "everythang else" is? So anyway, the girls planned this tubin' trip down the Frio River. Timmy Meyer, who belongs to Miss Jody, is not due to arrive until the next day.

And Jim Wilkerson, who is owned by Miss Mary, got a reprieve and got to stay back home and work on the plantation.

So that left me, alone in the Frio River backcountry with these three beautiful women and a few assorted kids.

For teachers, it's been a long, pressurized year. So what I did over the next two days, I did for America, I did for you and for me, for our children and children yet to come.

I pampered those women. Yes, I surely did.

When their tubes got hung on a rock, I grunted and I pulled and I strained till I got them floatin' again. When the water was slow, I pushed and I paddled and I shoved till their momentum was restored.

When they wanted a "cold drink," it was yours truly who packed the cooler up mountainsides and down riverbanks, along with the lawnchairs, the blankets, and the tubes, and the towels.

It was kind of like that movie "Driving Miss Daisy," where that guy busts a gut to make Miss Daisy comfortable.

Hollywood might want to make a movie about our trip too, maybe call it "Floating Miss Mary" or something like that. It had all the ingredients and themes you could want: action, romantic comedy, or, at times, a horror movie!

Have to admit, I was weakenin' about the time Timmy got there, but together, we somehow got it all totaled and floated and stacked and packed.

The moral, I guess, is that teachers, it appears to me, have a mighty hard row to hoe.

By and large, it's an all-consuming occupation, mostly thankless, done by some of the most dedicated and giving women I have had the pleasure to know and to admire.

So, if your child comes under the tutelage of one of these pampered and happy teachers, and goes on to become mega-rich by being a plumber, a marriage counselor, a doctor, or a lawyer, you have me and Timmy Meyer to thank.

And if they run away and join a circus, you can blame Jim Wilkerson.

The girls have already begun plannin' next year's float trip. Just like a bunch of teachers, I guess. Always thinkin' of tomorrow.

Timmy and I have been doing a little ponderin' too.

We may gripe and we may bellyache and we may grumble. But we love those women and we had the time of our lives.

Just being in the pleasure of their company was worth every sunburn, every strained muscle, every stretched tendon it took to push and pull them down that dang dried-up Frio River.

May God give us the strength to do it all again next year.....
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Old Settler's 78th Annual Reunion provides something for everyone

Come join the fun at the Taylor County Old Settler's 78th Annual Reunion, July 10 and 11, on the Old Settler's Grounds in beautiful Buffalo Gap. Plan for a weekend of family fun, music, food, and memories. "New and Old Friends" is the theme for this year.

The old fun and heritage will be brought back. An exciting change in the Saturday activities will consist of a wonderful variety of gospel, western, bluegrass, folk music, fiddlers, cowboy poetry from 12:00 noon until 5:00 p.m. Free for your listening under the oaks.

The young settlers will enjoy the petting zoo, games, tattoos, sand pile, air castle, relays and games in the children's area, as well as horseshoe pitching, bubble gum blowing, stickhorse racing, cow chip tossing, sunflower seed spitting, hoola hoops, and more.

The annual 42 and domino tournament will begin at 1:00 p.m.

New and exciting are the demonstration booths and exhibits: cold lye soap making, chuck wagons, horseshoeing and blacksmithing skills, candlemakers, draft horse demonstrations, gun fighting, mule jumping contest, roping skills and techniques, the Dancing Dolls, and many more.

Food vendors and arts and crafts are also expected. The annual Bar-b-que Chuck Wagon Lunch will be catered by Tom Perini.

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Official Records

County Court Criminal June 26

Richard Ochoa, Winters, filed for failure to appear

Michael Paul Medina, Ballinger, filed for failure to appear

Wilton Raymond Watson, Jr., Coleman, filed for failure to appear

Stacy Shane Ortega, Winters, filed for failure to appear

Mitchell Lee Caffey, Ballinger, filed for failure to appear

Cape Edward Tucker, Vega, filed for failure to appear

Jack Nathaniel Curry, Miles, filed for failure to appear

Israel Fuentes, Rowena, filed for failure to appear

June 29

Presiliano Sanchez, Winters, filed for assault

Robert E. Ogle, Ballinger, filed for assault

July 1

David Molina, Jr., Rowena, filed for criminal mischief

Mrs. Jeff Wink, Winters, filed for issuance of a bad check

Dispositions

In last week's Official Records, the following were listed as dismissed for community service restitution. County Judge Marilyn Egan denied the motion for dismissal in each of the cases listed.

Victor Omar Vela, driving while intoxicated

Charles Boyd Brewer, driving while intoxicated

Richard Gomez Jalomo, driving while intoxicated

Vance Winston Palmer, Jr., driving while intoxicated

Manuel Cortinas Lara, driving while intoxicated

Enrique Honesto, Jr., driving while intoxicated

Charles Anthony Hagle, driving while intoxicated, reduced from District Court

Sarah Alley Gray, driving while intoxicated

Marriage Licenses June 30

Edwin Orlando Colwell, Jr. and Elizabeth R. Robinson

Craig Daniel Slaughter and Kimberly Sue Powell

July 2

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Michael Shear and Diana May Shear

July 1

Ann Pauline DeBerry and Douglas Mark DeBerry

Abilene's West Texas Utilities wins 4-H service award District 7 serves Runnels County

West Texas Utilities Company in Abilene has been awarded a Citation for Outstanding Service to the area's 4-H programs.

The company has given freely to the 4-H programs in the far west, west central, and rolling plains areas for more than 40 years.

Toby L. Lepley, Texas Agricultural Extension Service 4-H specialist, says the West Texas Utilities Company has donated more than \$1 million in financial and in-kind support to the 4-H program.

"Despite corporate mergers and company downsizing, West Texas Utilities has continued to increase their support of the area's 4-H programs," he adds.

Their dedication can be attributed to the company's keen understanding of the value and power of the upcoming youth in Texas, Lepley said. "WTU has always seen the value of employee involvement and leadership to youth."

West Texas Utilities demonstrates this understanding through employee involvement and youth leadership. According to Lepley, employees volunteer as lifeguards and square dance callers at 4-H events and have also served as the Texas 4-H Foundation Directors.

Furthermore, the company has sponsored and helped conduct various district 4-H events such as the Gold Star Banquet and the District Fashion Show and donated ribbons for all of the 4-H events in Districts 3, 6, and 7.

Runnels County is in District 7.

EPA reinstates tolerance on Buctril 4EC on BXN cotton

Agriculture Commissioner Rick Perry recently announced that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has reinstated the tolerance for Buctril 4EC for BXN varieties of genetically modified cotton seed.

This reverses an EPA decision in December and allows growers who plant BXN cotton to immediately use Buctril 4EC for post-emergent broadleaf weed control. EPA made the decision based on additional scientific information submitted by manufacturer Rhone-Poulenc Ag Company that shows Buctril 4EC on BXN cotton does not compromise human health or the environment.

Producers should have a copy of the revised label before applying Buctril 4EC. Some of the revisions include:

- Livestock should not be allowed to graze in treated areas or be fed treated forage, hay, or straw for a least 130 days after treatment.
- Workers should not be allowed to enter into treated cotton crops during the restricted entry interval of 96 hours. For all other crops, the REI is 12 hours.
- Buctril 4EC should be applied at a rate of 1/2 to 1 pint per acre but no more than 3 pints per growing season. It can be applied just prior to planting cotton until 75 days prior to harvest.
- After applying more than 1 pint per acre per season of Buctril 4EC, only Transgenic BXN cotton may be planted as a rotational crop.

For more information, contact the Texas Department of Agriculture at (512)463-7407 or 1-800-TELL-TDA.

Want to be West Texas Fair & Rodeo Queen? Here's how...

Entry forms are available at the offices of the West Texas Fair & Rodeo for young ladies interested in the 1998 Miss West Texas Fair and Rodeo Queen and Teen Pageant. The pageant dates are September 11-13, 1998.

Entries must be received in the West Texas Fair & Rodeo Office by 5:00 p.m., August 14.

Winners will reign over the 1998 West Texas Fair and PRCA Rodeo September 15-19, 1998. The winners will also represent the West Texas Fair & Rodeo at various other rodeos, parades, and other activities in the West Texas area during the year and will also compete in the Miss Rodeo Texas Pageant held in San Antonio, Texas, in June of 1999.

Age limits for the "Miss" division are 18-24 years of age, and for the "Teen" division, they are 13-18.

Entrants will be judged in three categories: Horsemanship, Western Attire, and Personality. The pageant committee is looking for talented young ladies who will represent the West Texas Fair & Rodeo well.

Entrants must live within a 100 mile radius of Abilene.

Call the West Texas Fair & Rodeo Office at (915) 677-4376 for entry forms or they may be picked up at 1700 Hwy. 36, Abilene, Texas.

FFA plans state convention

Plans are currently underway for the 70th annual Texas FFA state convention to be held July 14-17, 1998, in Fort Worth at the Tarrant County Convention Center.

The 1998 convention theme is "Ignite Your Ambition."

The convention will feature motivational speakers and entertainment, and recognize students with agricultural scholarships and achievement awards. Over \$850,000 in scholarships will be presented to students, as well as recognition of individual achievement and proficiency.

A new addition to the FFA convention will be an Agriscience Fair to be held on Thursday, July 16, in the Convention Center Exhibit Hall. FFA members will compete in agriscience competition related to biochemistry, environmental sciences, zoology, botany, and engineering.

The FFA's mission is to make a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth, and career success through agricultural education.

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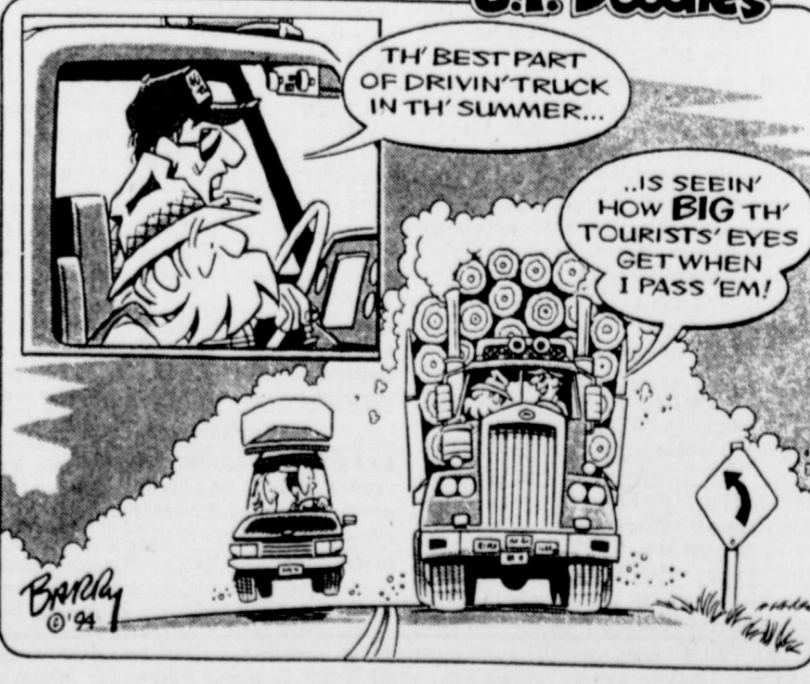
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