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First Day of School apprehension —



KELSEA GARCIA didn't seem quite certain that kindergarten (or away from mom and grandma) was the place she wanted to be as she began her school career last week. Her shyness was very short-lived, however, as soon as new classmates Kaitlyn and twin sister Kailee Johnson included Kelsea in the fun cooking corner of their classroom at right.

Nov. 30 date for ELC to Abilene

Expanded local calling coordinator Randall Boles notified *The Winters Enterprise* that Winters residents will be able to call Abilene toll-free beginning November 30, 1998.

Boles stated, "I know this (obtaining ELC) has seemed to take forever and Southwestern Bell Telephone has really prolonged this process. They (SWB) have extended this process to the maximum number of days allowed."

"Only because the Federal Communication Commission and the Texas Public Utility Com-

mission forced SWB to include Winters did we even get the November date for toll-free calling," added Boles.

On July 31, the PUC established a Procedural Schedule issued by Administrative Law Judge Katherine D. Farroba outlining specific dates for active steps to be taken by Southwestern Bell Telephone.

On August 12, Boles was notified of the implementation schedule for November 30 ELC to Abilene.

Tell us about your favorite Blizzard football game

by Jean Boles

In light of the great response we received last year, we're asking again for all you avid sports fans to tell us about the best Winters High School or Junior High football game you've played in or seen.

Last season we received letters telling of early games in 1923, unruly fans who were jailed in 1932, football legend Gordon Wood and his career at Winters in 1950, a female fan who confessed to scaling the wall to attend a football game in 1939, and, of course, the rivalry between the Ballinger Bearcats and the Winters Blizzards.

So, Blizzard Fans, let's see what you have to offer.

In 500 words or less, tell us about the most amazing, unusual, humorous or exciting Blizzard football game you've been a part of.

Football season is upon us, so don't wait to send your story to:

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Please include your name, address and phone number. All stories become the property of *The Winters Enterprise, Inc.* and will be run at the discretion of the editor.



Wingate residents get ELC

Taylor Telephone Cooperative is pleased to announce that the Wingate subscribers can now call San Angelo, Blackwell, Bronte, and Ballinger, effective Tuesday, August 11, 1998.

These customers previously were capable of calling only Abilene. Expanded local calling was initiated by the Wingate customers through the Public Utility Commission balloting process, and are paying for this service through their local service at the rate of \$3.50 for residences and \$7.00 for businesses.

This is only a small increase of \$.19 residence and \$.36 for business from the original rate they were being charged for expanded calling to only Abilene.

Terry Wyatt named TEPSA District 15 President-Elect

Terry Wyatt, Winters ISD curriculum director, was recently named District 15 President-Elect by the Texas Elementary Principals and Supervisors Association.

Wyatt and fellow state officers were installed at the association's Summer Conference held June 10-12 in Austin.

Wyatt attended Abilene Chris-

tian University and Texas Tech University. He began his 15-year career in education as an elementary teacher. He became an elementary school principal prior to attaining his current position as Winters ISD curriculum director.

Wyatt has been recognized as Region 15 TEPSAN of the Year.

"Much of TEPSA's strength

comes from the service of our state and district leaders," said TEPSA Executive Director Sandi Borden, "so we're excited to have Terry lending his talent and experience."

TEPSA represents more than 5,000 elementary and middle school leaders including principals, assistant principals, central

office administrators and supervisors of reading, mathematics, science, special education, and other disciplines. TEPSA members supervise two-thirds of the children in Texas public schools. Formed in 1917, TEPSA was created to improve children's futures by bettering education at the elementary level.

Meet the Blizzards ice cream supper Aug. 20

Football 1998 kicks off this Thursday, August 20, with the annual "Meet the Blizzards" ice cream supper at 7:30 at Blizzard stadium.

During the program, Winters head coach Robin Byrd will introduce varsity and junior varsity players, and give a short synopsis of the upcoming season. All players, their families and fans are invited to attend this gathering and get a preview of the 1998 teams.

The event is sponsored by the Winters Athletic Booster Club whose president is Michael Minzenmayer, vice-president is Larry Calcote, secretary is Susan Conner, treasurer is Teresa Tekell, and reporter is Renee Calcote.



A LARGE CROWD enjoyed the celebration at the Rock Hotel Sunday afternoon with an unveiling of the walkway bricks and an open house. Shown in center at microphone is project coordinator Randall Conner who emceed the program. At right are The Memory Men, members of the Abilene Chapter of Barbershop Singers who provided entertainment.

WHAT'S HAPPENING ?

- Aug. 20-9 a.m., WeeCare School Begins, Methodist Church
- 11:30 a.m., Senior Citizens Meal
- 3 p.m., Sr. Citizens Nursing Home Birthday Party
- 6 p.m., Winters Squares, Community Center
- 6:30 p.m., American Legion Game Night
- 7 p.m., Open House, Heritage Oaks Estate, Ballinger
- 7 p.m., Assembly of God Revival
- 7:30 p.m., Meet the Blizzards Ice Cream Supper, Blizzard Stadium
- Aug. 21-11:30 a.m., Senior Citizens Meal
- 7 p.m., Assembly of God Revival
- Aug. 22-7 p.m., Winters Squares, Community Center
- Aug. 24-9:30-10:30 a.m., SS Rep, Winters Housing Authority
- 11:30 a.m., Senior Citizens Meal
- 8 p.m., Wingate Masonic Lodge
- Aug. 25-11:30 a.m., Senior Citizens Meal
- Noon, Lions Club
- 7 p.m., WVFD
- Fire Dept. Auxiliary
- Aug. 26-11:30 a.m., Senior Citizens Meal
- 1:30 p.m., TDA Drought Workshop, Texas A&M University Center San Angelo
- Aug. 27-10 a.m., 39+, First United Methodist Church
- 11:30 a.m., Senior Citizens Meal
- 6:30 p.m., American Legion Game Night
- Aug. 28-11:30 a.m., Senior Citizens Meal
- 8:30 p.m., FUMC Street Happening, 100 block of N. Church
- Recycling Event, Wall Co-Op Gin
- Aug. 29-1 p.m., "True Love Waits" Seminar, First United Methodist Church
- 6:30 p.m., Youth/Parent Banquet, First United Methodist Church Depot Daze, Ballinger

Oil Bidness

By Reg Boles ©1998



Are we getting ready for a new round of oil company mergers?

With the announcement of the British Petroleum-Amoco marriage, many pundits are predicting just that. What are the chances that we will see several other business combinations.

The last time we saw a wave of oil mega-mergers was the late 1970's and early 1980's. It would seem to be a totally different situation than the current state of the business.

Then, oil prices were rising and predicted to go to \$100/bbl. Business was, dare I say it, "booming." The impetus to the mergers was the issue of increasing total return for shareholders. T. Boone Pickens and others were pushing oil and gas companies to make sure they were responsive to providing shareholders with sufficient return from the huge cashflows.

Oil companies had large staffs and larger budgets. Growth was a goal, but the idea of driving your business by return on equity (shareholder's mantra) was not the typical way of doing business in the oil patch. Reserves growth, cashflow, and reduced development costs were the primary indicators big company executives looked at. Returning money to the shareholders in dividends and stock appreciation, while a fundamental principle to all corporations, was not a priority.

The corporate raiders changed all that.

But, now, things are different. Companies are lean, return on equity is at the top of the corporate agenda, and oil prices are in the tank. So why would oil company mergers take off again?

The conventional wisdom has the following to say:

1. In order to win the big concessions around the world, you have to be big, really big, to convince the host government that you can swing the big deal.

2. Bigger companies have economy of scale, and, in an era of low prices, that could be the difference between profit and going out of business.

3. Bigger companies have more people to generate more ideas which generate more growth opportunities. Companies in the oil and gas business are hungry for ideas, prospects, etc., so getting more is critical to future success.

4. Exploration is risky and costly. By having a presence in a venue (such as the North Sea or Gulf of Mexico) a large company has an advantage over other smaller companies with scattered operations.

There are more ideas, but these are the most often cited. It is helpful to remember that conventional wisdom is not always all that wise.

It seems many people think bigger may be better right now. We shall see, I guess.

HIGHLIGHTS OF AREA DRILLING ACTIVITY

COMPLETIONS

Runnels County

EDCO Petroleum has completed the Brown #3 in the Triton Field (2 miles SE of Wilmeth) at an initial rate of 98 BOPD & 294 BWPD in the Canyon Sand (perms 3614-20). Loc. is 490 FNL & 550 FNL of R.A. Maulsby Sur., A-663.

Novo Exploration has completed the Coats #1 as a Wildcat, 7 miles NE of Crews at an initial rate of 2450 MCFPD (AOF) in the Morris Sand (perms 3593-98). Loc. is 470 FNL & 1500 FNL of Sec. 26, Blk. 64, T&PRR Sur., A-632.

Pioneer Energy has completed the Snelson #2 in the Saxon Field (4 miles NW of Talpa) at an initial rate of 64 BOPD & 15 BWPD in the Gardner Sand (perms 3558-66). Loc. is 973 FNL & 2161 FNL of ETRR Sur. No. 119, A-148.

STAKINGS

Nolan County

Chisholm Exploration has staked the Texaco Fee #1 as a Wildcat, 6 miles N of Nolan (Depth 3900). Loc. is 1300 FNL & 1100 FNL of Sec. 1, Blk. X, T&PRR Sur.

Hquest Energy, Inc. has staked the Bloodworth Northeast Canyon Unit #5-5 in the Northeast Bloodworth Field, 14 miles SW of Maryneal (Depth 6000). Loc. is 1320 FNL & 1320 FNL of Sec. 235, Blk. 1A, H&TC Sur.

Runnels County

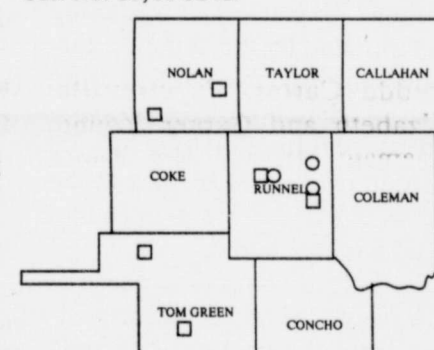
EDCO Petroleum has staked the McNeill #4 in the West Dorman Field, 2 miles SE of Wilmeth (Depth 4800). Loc. is 130 FEL & 837 FSL of H.T. Sapp Sur. No. 807, A-1394. RULE 36.

3-D Oil & Gas has applied to plug back the McLarty -A- #2 in the Beddo Field, 5 miles SE of Hatchell (Depth 3680). Loc. is 1360 FNL & 467 FNL of Tract 20, D. Diaz Sur. #532.

Tom Green County

Asher Group LLC has applied to re-enter the Tom Green County #1 in the South Mt. Susan Field, 1 mile E of Christoval (Depth 5829). Loc. is 387 FNL & 1980 FEL of J. Zerback Sur. No. 1827.

Enxco, Inc. has amended the loc. of the R.W. Hargraves #1 as a Wildcat, 7 miles NW of San Angelo (Depth 6300). Loc. is 1928 FNL & 914 FNL of S. Ligon Sur. No. 18, A-8140.



○ NEW COMPLETION □ STAKED

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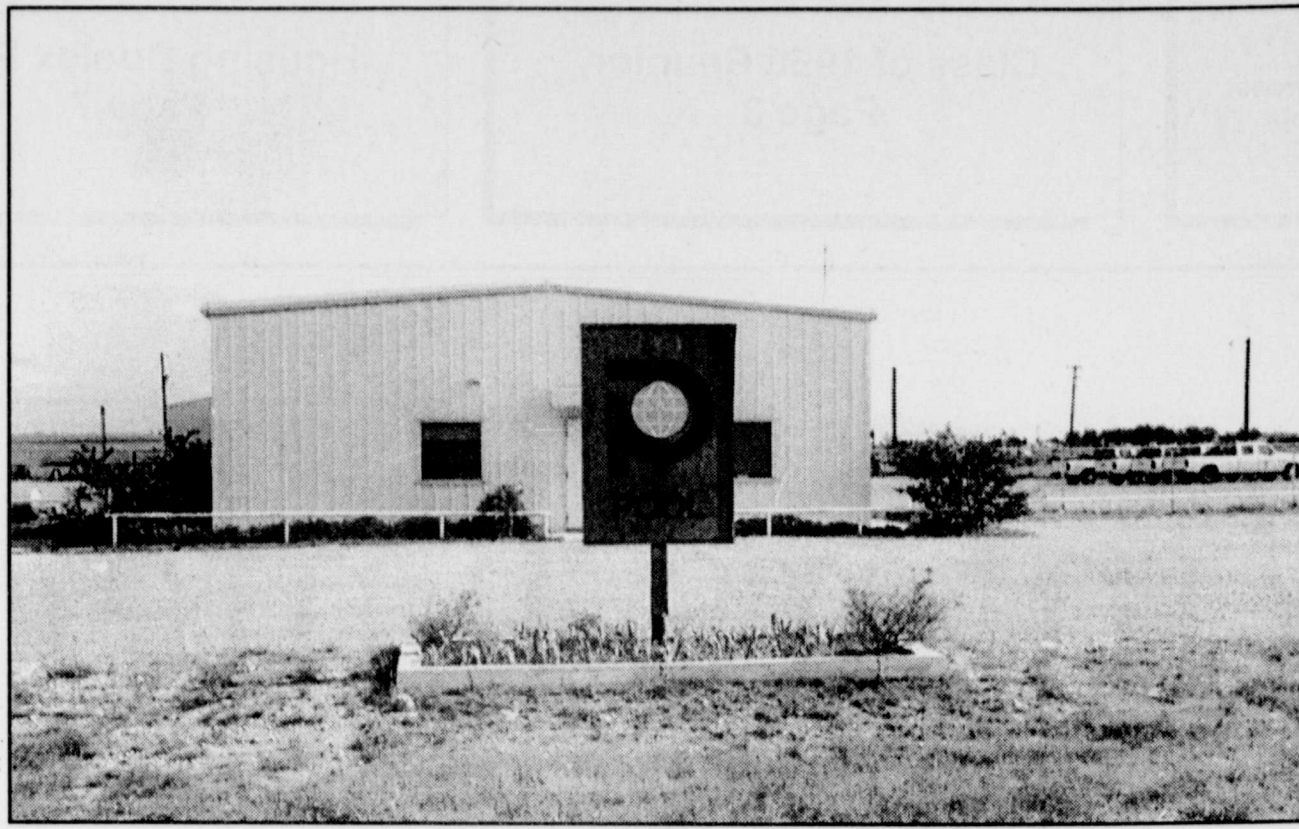
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POOL WELL SERVICE has reduced its Winters camp to only four employees, effective August 3. Pool Well Service, which has been in Winters for approximately 50 years, is a part of Pool Energy Services, a world-wide oil services company. Due to falling oil prices, the company has down-sized drastically over the years, but according to area manager Gary Gilbert of San Angelo, "We will continue to provide the best service available."

Ballinger preparing for City-Wide Garage Sale

Ballinger is gearing up for its 6th annual City-Wide Garage Sale, sponsored by the Ballinger Chamber of Commerce, on September 19, 1998. The Chamber is asking for your participation to succeed in this event.

Each participant will be given the choice of using his home, yard, garage. The downtown location, due to lack of participants, will not be provided this year. The Chamber will be responsible for advertising, furnishing maps, marking each location, and coordinating the event, just in the past

years. There will be no charge, and each individual will receive the proceeds from his or her own sales. Also, tables and chairs will be the individual's responsibility.

To be included on the "garage sale map," please contact the Chamber office at 365-2333 or 365-5611 no later than September 11. Maps will be available at the Chamber office, 7th and Railroad Ave., at 8 a.m. on September 19. No maps will be given out until 8 a.m.

For more information, please contact the Chamber office.

Sr. Citizens Nursing Home News

By Billie Ruth Bishop

Hoppe, 4-H Club showers residents with lots of gifts

Chanda Hoppe, Winters High School senior and 4-H Club member, is an active volunteer in the nursing home.

Chanda has a very warm and caring personality, and is a friend to all the residents. She participates in the activities and even makes a few of her own. She is a good domino player too.

This week, she walked in with a large box of gifts (lotions, Kleenexes, note pads, tooth pastes, hair brushes - just to name a few), from the 4-H Extension Office in Ballinger, to share with the residents. We thank you and especially Chanda.

Our monthly birthday party will be this Thursday at 3:00, honoring our residents who have birthdays in August. They are Lawan Foreman, Janie Willborn, Frances Campbell, and Norma Hogan. The Ruth Sunday School Class of First Baptist Church will host the party.

Senior Citizens Activity Center Menu

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Aug. 24-Aug. 28
Subject to change

Monday, Aug. 24: Sliced barbecue, pinto beans, coleslaw, cornbread, and apple crisp.

Tuesday, Aug. 25: Ham & gravy, lima beans, mixed greens, cornbread, and peaches.

Wednesday, Aug. 26: Chicken & gravy, mashed potatoes, pea salad, rolls, and Mexican wedding cake.

Thursday, Aug. 27: Swiss steak, scalloped potatoes, carrot salad, cornbread, and banana pudding.

Friday, Aug. 28: Spaghetti w/ meat sauce, tossed salad, green beans, garlic bread, and cobbler.

Sell those unwanted items in a garage sale. Advertise in *The Winters Enterprise*. 754-4958

Social Security Rep. in Winters on August 24

Garland Gregg, representative for the San Angelo Social Security Office, has scheduled his August visit to Winters. He will be at the Winters Housing Project Office on Monday, August 24, between 9:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

Your Social Security matters can be handled just as quickly by telephone. For help when you first want to sign up for Social Security or Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefits, call (915) 949-3718. The office is open every weekday (Monday through Friday) except holidays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. If you just need information or are already receiving benefits, call 1-800-772-1213 from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. every weekday except holidays.

If desired, write to the office at P.O. Box 3808, San Angelo, Texas 76902.

Obituaries

Verda M. Smith

WINTERS—Verda M. Smith, 89, died Wednesday, August 12, 1998, at a local retirement center.

She was born August 18, 1908, in Stroud, Oklahoma, and came to Winters as a small child. She married James E. "Buck" Smith in November, 1927, in Winters.

Mrs. Smith was a homemaker and a member of the First Baptist Church and the Diversity Club.

She was preceded in death by her husband and one son, Billy Wayne. Survivors include two sons, James E. Smith of Roosevelt, Utah, and David Smith of Winters; one daughter, Karen Austin of Dallas; one sister, Nettie Bentley of Coleman; eleven grandchildren; twelve great-grandchildren; and five great-great-grandchildren.

Services were held at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, August 15, in the Winters Funeral Home Chapel with Truman Turk and Roy Austin officiating. Burial was in Lakeview Cemetery, directed by the Winters Funeral Home.

Jose Alfredo Martinez

BALLINGER—Jose Alfredo Martinez, 32, died Tuesday, August 11, 1998, in Winters.

He was born October 30, 1965, in Karnes City, Texas, and came to Winters as a child. He married Sabrina Wright on July 4, 1997, in Winters.

Mr. Martinez was a Catholic.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Francisca Martinez. Survivors include his wife, Sabrina Wright Martinez of Ballinger; his parents, Demetrio and Francisca Martinez of Winters; three brothers, Raymond Martinez of Cuero, Demetrio Martinez Jr. and Emilio Martinez, both of Winters; and six sisters, Amelia Tamez, Marie Tamez, Nora Martinez, Florinda Reyna, and Rosalinda Martinez, all of Winters, and Raquel Reyes of Wingate.

Rosary was at 7:00 p.m. Thursday, August 13, at the Winters Funeral Home Chapel. Funeral mass was at 10:00 a.m. Friday, August 14, with Father Sam Homsey officiating. Burial was directed by Winters Funeral Home.

Henery Harvey Long

SYOSSET, NEW YORK—Henery Harvey Long, 75, died Wednesday, August 12, 1998, in a hospital in Syosset, New York.

He was born March 18, 1923, in Winters, Texas. He had lived in New York for the past 30 years.

Survivors include his wife, Gloria Long of Syosset, New York; three sons; one daughter; nine grandchildren; a sister, Dorothy Long of Winters; and several nieces and nephews.

Services were held in Syosset, New York.

Not one man in a thousand and not one woman in a million can resist an invitation to a free meal.—The Winters Enterprise, April 18, 1947

Card of Thanks

We would like to thank each and every person for the flowers, cards, food, and prayers.

A special thanks to Father Sam, the Winters Funeral Home and Mike Meyer, Dry Mfg. Assembly I, John's International, Farmers Seed, Gerber Children's Wear, Louis Halford and Robbie Galloway, the Catholic Church, and the Second Baptist Church for the dinner.

It's always difficult to lose someone who is so very dear, but the special memories that we cherish will always be in our hearts to help us find strength and peace.

The family of
Jose Alfredo Martinez

Card of Thanks

We want to thank relatives and friends for all the prayers, love, kindness, and help shown to us, especially to Bill during the time he was confined to home.

Thanks for all the calls, food, prayers, memorials, cards, visits, and flowers. To Pastor Jim and the choir, you did a wonderful job at the funeral, because Bill was "one of a kind." To Mike and Linda, we appreciate you.

Thanks to everyone.
The family of Bill Hoppe

Memorial to Wayland Scott A Special Cowboy

It has been a year since we lost a wonderful husband, friend, dad, and grandpa.



We still cry at his passing; we still cry at remembering his pain. We laugh at our happy memories and some of our not so memorable vacation trips.

Most of all we miss the cowboy, his smiles, his easy going manner, his tolerance, and all the kind and giving ways. God take care of him, we know he is there with you.

Pat, Lesli, Clay, Donna, Amanda, and Tyler

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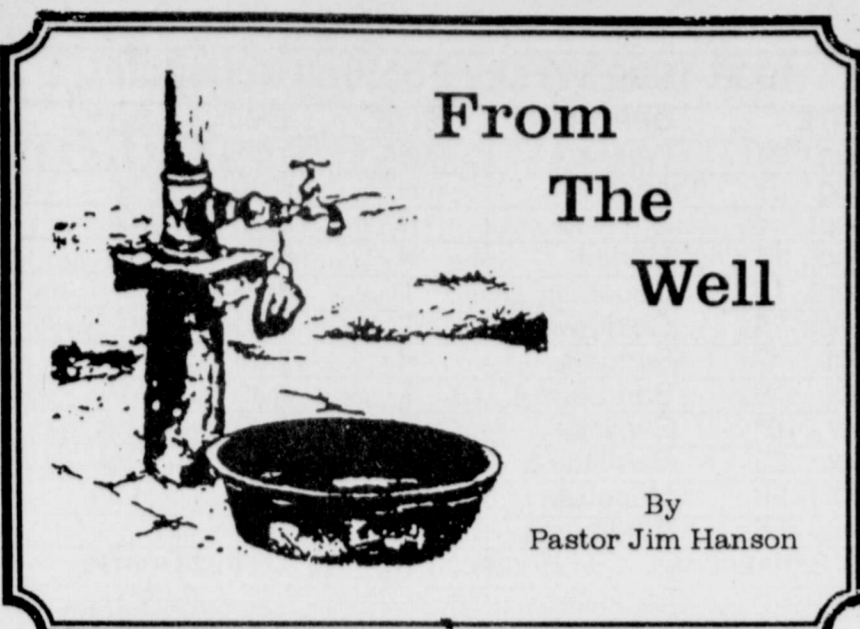
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From The Well

By
Pastor Jim Hanson



Pastor Jim Hanson

I've been reading, on and off, since Spring, some articles that caught my eye. Like the one in the Wall Street Journal last May. Written by Scott Kilman, the title was "On The Northern Plains, Free-Market Farming Yields Pain, Upheaval." It was about the effects of deregulation on farming families. And this in an area that is fertile and has plenty of rain. Kittson County is in the Red River Valley of the north. Haven't had a drought for years. Top soil is measured in feet, not inches. "Deregulation is turning into a disaster for us," said a bank president in Hallock, the county seat.

"Across the Northern Plains, the long migration away from agriculture is turning into a stampede. From Montana to Minnesota, thousands who made their living growing wheat are quitting the bold prairie. A blizzard of barnyard auctions is sending chills down the main streets of the towns that live off farmers. It's a real scary situation."

And just yesterday, August 9, the main featured article on the front page of the *Minneapolis Star-Tribune* was entitled, "The Empty Middle." "Rural America has been losing residents for much of this century, but in the 1990's the Great Plains have taken population loss to a new level...the people who remain say a way of life is disappearing."

Low prices, lousy weather, disease, and a collapsed global market. Lloyd Omdahl, a political scientist and former lieutenant governor of North Dakota adds this, "It's a loss of leadership...a whole class is disappearing. Everyone in rural America realizes this transformation is under way. It's usually framed in economic terms, because it's happening in the ag sector, but we're talking about an entire society that needs to be reinvigorated." It really is a destruction of a way of life that is happening. And nobody seems to think there is anything that can be done to turn it around. And that is depressing.

I really don't like to write this kind of stuff. Because there is more to it than grain prices and grain supports. America is losing, along with most of the rest of the world, its agriculture-based culture. We read about culture-shock, what happens when a person who has been living in a place for a long time is suddenly placed in an area completely foreign to them. Culture is "the set of rules or solutions to problems, handed down from parent to child, so that each new generation does not have to start from scratch."

And, when it comes right down to it, there simply is no substitute for the farm and small town when it comes to forming human culture. Religious belief, family ties, the work ethic, the agricultural moral code, and the small town's sense of community are what have formed America's cultural base. And the loss of these are what have led to our urban societies movement away from its agricultural base. And have led to the breakdown of the American family, decency, moral behavior, crime, drugs, homelessness, and violence on the streets.

I hate to see it go — the rural and small-town life that have been so helpful in providing for us the environment for stability and spiritual life and growth. Does it really have to go?

I don't think so. I think we can recover the plains. The small towns. Not by some big government program. There are too many people in high places that have no idea about what we are talking about. But we can support those that do, with our votes and efforts. We can tell our story, and speak up, when surrounded by those who make fun of and downgrade our rural and small-town culture. We can pay the price — not make as much money so as to have a higher standard of living. We can better afford to maintain a higher standard of life. And, above all else, we can pray to Almighty God, the creator of all things, for wisdom and insight and strength to "keep the faith" and "keep the land" and "keep the culture." There are some things worth dying for. And — most of all — worth living for. Together.

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Join us for a Public Open House
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Dawn Burwick, RN
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Photo courtesy of Stone's Photography

WINTERS CLASS OF '58 met at the Winters Community Center on July 25, 1998. Pictured are (from front, left to right) Roger Long, James L. Parker, Joe Young, Jerry Sullivan, Charles Simpson, James Wright, (row 2) Charles Carter, Annette Phillips Dean, Bob Blackwood, Lavanda Russell Hayward, Robert Dunivan, Martha Bryant, Adalene Tomlinson, Christine White, Karen Smith Austin, Kay England Busher, (row 3) Mildred DeBerry, Shirley Hughes, Charlotte Robinson, Judy Robinson, Elizabeth Young, George Eastes, Dalah Tucker, Elaine Miller, Kleta Gerhart, Pat Smith, (back) Roy Matthies, Jarrell Walker, A.C. Wessels, Pete Gray, Cotton Everett, Joe Tucker, Diane Davis, Jim Lewallen, and Joe Russell.

WHS Class of 1958 gathers for 40th reunion

The Winters High School Class of 1958 met July 25 at the Winters Community Center for their 40th class reunion.

Class members still living in the Winters area decorated the hall with the 50's theme.

Special thanks to Lavelle and Donnie Killough for the use of their 57 Chevy and Abilene

Vending for the jukebox.

Lunch was prepared and served by area classmates and the evening meal was catered by The Shed.

A special thanks to Marlene Smith for the tour of the Rock Hotel and Z.I. Hale Museum and to Bill Cathey for the tour of the high school and gym.

The class purchased a brick

and was able to see it in place. A lot of reminiscing took place that day.

A class meeting was held and members voted to have another reunion in July of 2000.

Members and guests from Winters were Mildred DeBerry, Jerrell and Shirley Walker, Joe and Sharon Young, Bob and June Blackwood, Pat and Herman Smith, Kay and Bud Busher, Pete and Barbara Gray, O.J. and Jackie Murray, Marlene and Elton Smith, Dwayne and Gail Williams, Elaine Miller, Diane Davis, Eula Mae Kruse, and Roy Matthies.

Others were Charles and Fredda Carter, Fayetteville; Elizabeth and Garner Young, Coleman; Mr. and Mrs. James Wright and daughter, De Land, Florida; Annette Dean, Abilene; Cotton Everett, Buffalo Gap; Adalene and Elmer Tomlinson, Llano; Dalah and Joe Tucker, Odessa; Eleta Gerhart, Houston; Carolyn and Don Roach, San

Angelo; Roger and Sandra Long, Denison; and Jerry and Suzanne Sullivan, Sugarland.

Also Karen Austin, Dallas; Charles and Lynn Simpson, Stephenville; George and Mary Eastes, Dallas; Jerrye Carey, Abilene; Robert and Kay Dunivan, Deer Park; Jane Hardy, Taos, New Mexico; Christine White and husband, Abilene; Lavanda Hayward, Abilene; Fred Austin, Yukon, Oklahoma; Shirley Hughes, Longview; Robert and Judy Robinson, San Angelo; James and Toni Parker, Garland; Joe Russell, Brownwood; Ray and Martha Bryant, Memphis, Tennessee; A.C. Wessels, Kerrville; and Jim Lewallen, LaGrange.

A special thanks to Annette Dean for the mailings, Elaine and Mildred for the silent auction, and Bobby and Gerald for all their help. A special thanks from Pat Smith to husband Herman and the others from Winters who helped to make this a great reunion.

Assistance needed when processing local energy crisis applications

Due to the current energy crisis, Central Texas Opportunities Inc. is experiencing a tremendous flow of individuals in need of energy assistance. CTO is attempting to serve all applicants to the best of their ability with the present staff.

Winters Multi-Purpose Center, 601 W. Pierce Street, is open Tuesdays from 9 a.m. to 12 noon and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. to accept applications.

Upon entering the local center, applicants should register. Applicants will be taken in the order they are registered. It takes approximately thirty (30) to forty-five (45) minutes to complete the application process.

Please bring with you, the Social Security number and dates of birth of each resident within the household, proof of income statements, and a twelve-month billing history from the utility company. If anyone over 18 years of age lives in the household and has no income, they need to bring two (2) letters from someone other than a relative verifying their status. Without this information, CTO cannot process the application.

It will take a minimum of ten (10) to fourteen (14) working days for applications to be processed. During this period, applicants could continue to receive

past due notices until the pledges are actually credited to their account.

Recently, the Public Utility Commission passed an Emergency Ruling that the utility company cannot disconnect a customer from now until September 30, 1998, due to delinquent bills. This does not apply to city owned utilities.

If you have any questions or problems, you may call the Public Utility Commission Consumer Hotline at 1 (888) 782-8477 or 1 (512) 936-7120.

"Depot Daze," Aug. 29-30

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Display booths full of arts & crafts, commercial items, trader/flea market goods, and food will be set up on the pecan tree shaded land adjacent to the railway in beautiful downtown Ballinger, Texas, directly behind the restored Santa Fe Depot. The two-day event is sponsored each month by the Ballinger Chamber of Commerce.

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Where Can I Get More Information

Help and information are available from many sources:

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Tuesday-Aug. 25
Toast
Cream of Wheat
Juice

Wednesday-Aug. 26
Biscuits
Sausage
Juice

Thursday-Aug. 27
Cinnamon Roll
Cereal
Juice

Friday-Aug. 28
Toast
Sliced Ham
Juice

Lunch

Monday-April 13
Chicken Spaghetti
Broccoli & Cheese
Hot Roll
Mixed Fruit

Tuesday-April 14
Steak Fingers & Gravy
Mashed Potatoes
Green Beans
Hot Roll

Wednesday-April 15
Tostado/Meat/Cheese
Refried Beans
Tossed Salad
Pear Half
Cinnamon Roll

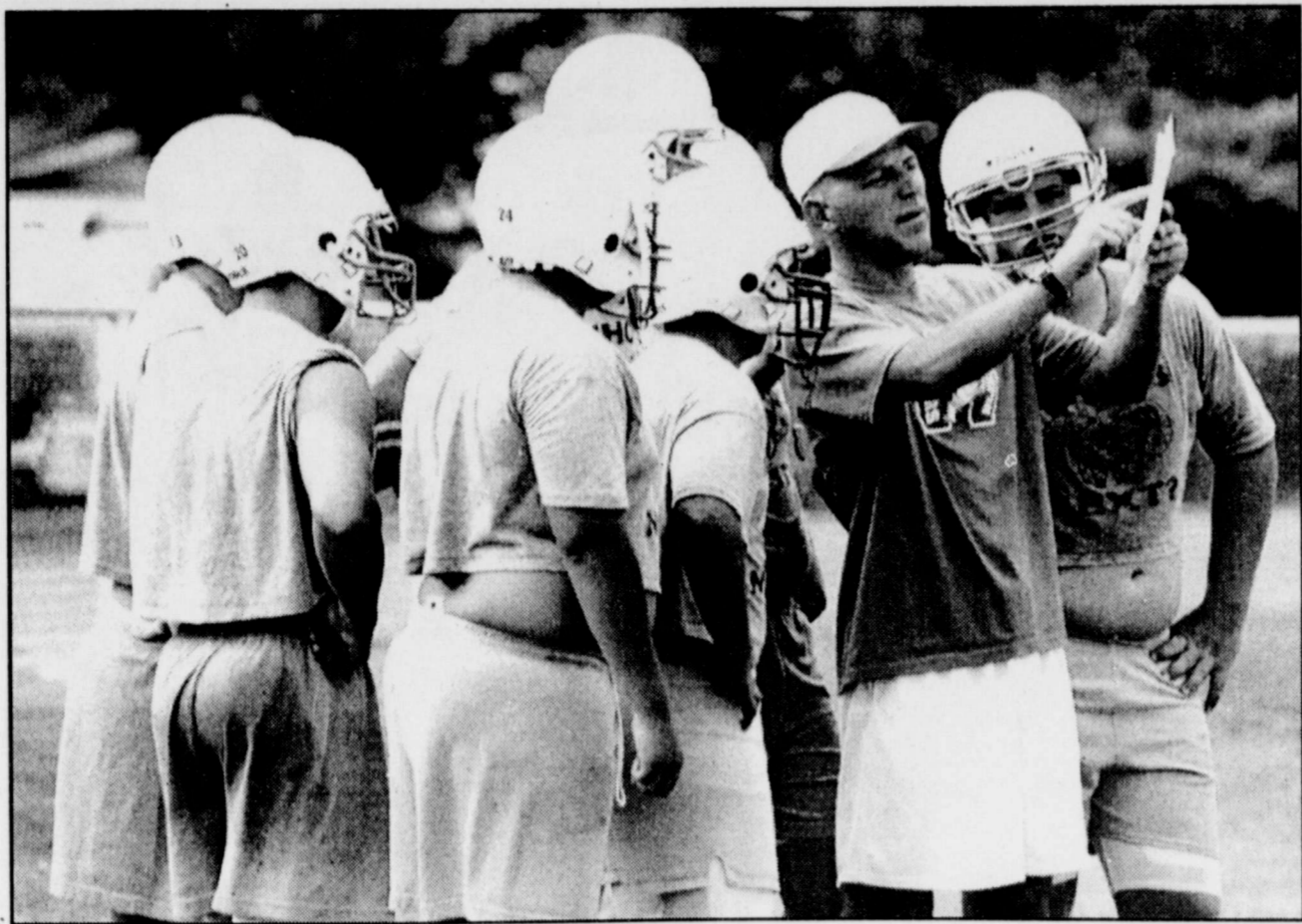
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COACH CHUCK LIPSEY, offensive coordinator, goes over some plays with members of the varsity Blizzards during workouts. "Meet the Blizzards" ice cream supper will be Thursday at 7:30 p.m. at the stadium. The junior varsity and varsity will scrimmage the Hawks at Wall on Friday, August 21, beginning at 6 p.m.

1998-1999 Varsity Football Schedule

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME	SCORE
Aug. 21	Wall*	TBA	TBA	
Aug. 27	Anson*	H	6:00	
Sept. 4	Jim Ned	H	8:00	
Sept. 11	Merkel	H	8:00	
Sept. 18	Ozona	T	8:00	
Sept. 25	Goldthwaite▲	T	7:30	
Oct. 2	Bangs▲	H	7:30	
Oct. 9	San Saba▲	T	7:30	
Oct. 16*	Early*▲	H	7:30	
Oct. 23	Hamilton▲	T	7:30	
Oct. 30	Mason▲	T	7:30	
Nov. 6	Coleman▲	H	7:30	

1998-1999 Jr. Varsity Football Schedule

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME	SCORE
Aug. 21	Wall*	TBA	TBA	
Aug. 28	Anson*	TBA	TBA	
Sept. 3	Jim Ned	T	6:30	
Sept. 10	Merkel	T	6:30	
Sept. 17	Ozona	H	6:30	
Sept. 24	Goldthwaite▲	H	6:00	
Oct. 1	Bangs▲	T	6:00	
Oct. 8	San Saba▲	H	6:00	
Oct. 15	Early*▲	T	6:00	
Oct. 22	Hamilton▲	H	6:00	
Oct. 29	Mason▲	H	6:00	
Nov. 5	Coleman▲	T	6:00	



TEACHERS' PETS serving a delicious "Welcome Back to School" luncheon at the beautiful Rock Hotel to WISD faculty and staff last week were these members of the Chamber of Commerce, Z.I. Hale Museum and the Business and Industrial Corporation. Seated left to right are Nina Hale, Virginia Brown, Kay Colburn, Lee Colbath, Carolyn Scarborough, Bill Spiller, Kay Sharpes, Gail Williams, Melanie Wade and Nancy Thompson. Standing left to right are Steve Esquivel, Theresa Patterson, Brenda Burton, Marlene Smith, Edna England, Cynthia Glass and Kevin McMahon.

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EDUCATION FOR ALL CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES
The Winters Independent School District offers a free appropriate public education to all children with disabilities ages 3-21.
Services for students who are deaf-blind, visually handicapped and auditorially handicapped begin at birth. Call 754-5577, Ext. 320 for Elementary and Secondary Education or Early Childhood (ages 3-5).
Educacion Especial
El Distrito Escolar Independiente de Winters ofrece una educacion publica gratis adecuada a todos los ninos con impedimentos, entre las edades de 3 y 21 anos. Los servicios para ninos sordos-ciegos, y con impedimentos de la vista y del oido, empiezan desde su nacimiento. Llame al 754-5577 (ext.320) para Educacion Especial Elemental y Secundaria y para la Educacion de los primeros anos de la Ninez (3 a 5 anos).
Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requires that the Winters Independent School District not discriminate on the basis of handicap in any district program or activity. The district will identify, evaluate, and provide appropriate public education to students who are handicapped under Section 504, including homeless children. Call the Section 504 coordinator at 754-5577 for students of elementary age and 754-5516 for students of junior high or high school age.
La seccion 504 de la Ley de Rehabilitacion de 1973, y la Ley de Americanos con Impedimentos (ADA) requieren que el Distrito Escolar Independiente de Winters no discrimine basandose en impedimentos en ningun programa o actividad del Distrito. El Distrito identificara, evaluara, y ofrecera una educacion publica adecuada a los estudiantes con impedimento, de acuerdo con la Seccion 504, incluyendo a los ninos sin hogar. Llame al Coordinador(a) Elemental de la Seccion 504 al 754-5577 o al Coordinador(a) Secundaria de la Seccion 504 al 754-5516.

Soccer registration is here!
Deadline is August 25

All youth ages 4-12 interested in playing during the fall soccer season must sign up by Tuesday, August 25.
Registration forms will be available for students enrolled in Winters Elementary School beginning August 18. Open registration for Winters and Ballinger players will also be held at Wal-Mart in Ballinger on August 22.
Forms may be returned to the students' teacher, delivered to Regina Fenwick at the elementary school, or mailed to Debbie Sudduth (121 Penny Lane, Winters).
Registration fees will not be collected with the registration forms. Fees for the 1998 fall soccer season will be \$15 for the first child, \$13 for other children in the family. These fees will be collected by the coaches during the FIRST team practice.
Teams will be formed on August 29 and coaches will be contacting players shortly after that to begin practice. First games for the season will be Sept. 19.
According to Debbie Sudduth, during the 1997 fall season, over 100 Winters youth signed up to play soccer with nine teams being formed. "Winters youth enjoy the team spirit, competitiveness, and fun that soccer brings," says Sudduth.
Coaches and assistant coaches are always needed!!! Please parents, friends, and relatives sign up EARLY to help coach this year's soccer games. Contact Debbie Sudduth (754-5745) to sign up to coach or fill out the parental support section of the registration form. Debbie says that help is available from "experienced coaches" so "I don't know anything about coaching soccer" is NOT a valid excuse.
Plans are also underway to allow all 1998 fall soccer teams to attend the Brownwood tournament during the early part of the season. More details will be provided as they become available. A fund-raiser will be held to help defray the cost of the tournament fees.

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Pruser, Duggan exchange marriage vows in enchanted garden setting

Leslie René Pruser, daughter of Robert and Janice Pruser of Winters, and William Edwin Duggan, son of Dale and Linda Duggan of Ballinger, exchanged marriage vows at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, August 1, 1998. Officiating for the double ring ceremony was Danny Duggan, uncle of the groom and executive director of Cherokee Home for Children, Cherokee, Texas.

The wedding was celebrated in an enchanting garden setting at the home of the bride's parents.

A lattice-backed arch was graciously draped with fresh garlands of salal and plumosa greenery, and accented with containers of large, flowing Boston fern. Draped greenery garlands also flowed from the arched area to form an aisle. Esquisite Madame Del Bar Fire and Ice roses, stargazer lilies, miniature calla lilies, and moire bows of burgundy and ivory, the couple's chosen colors, were appropriately placed throughout to enhance the garden setting.

Greeting family and friends as they arrived were: register attendants, Katy Duggan, sister of the groom, and Amy Mansell, cousin of the groom, both of Abilene; ushers, John Pruser, brother of the bride, of Dallas, and Brandon Mansell, cousin of the groom, of Ballinger; and parking supervisors, Malcolm Bredemeyer, cousin of the bride, of Winters, Justin Wiley of Ballinger, and Landon Neal and Jim Bob Giddens, both of Abilene.

Selected wedding music, including "I Can Love You Like That," "Keeper of the Stars," "Ice Castles," "Everything I Do," and "From This Moment On," was furnished by Susan Conner of Winters.

Escorted by her father, Leslie wore a champagne satin, tea-length gown featuring a Queen Anne neckline, short leg-of-mutton sleeves, a fitted bodice with a Basque waistline, a heart-shaped keyhole back, and straight skirt. The entire bodice was covered with lace and delicately accented with pearls and iridescent sequins.

Her fresh bouquet of Fire and Ice roses, stargazer lilies, and ming fern was hand-tied with an ivory moire bow.

In keeping with tradition, the bride wore something old (a wedding ring belonging to her grandmother Theodora Frick), something new (her shoes), something borrowed (the gown belonging to her sister-in-law Melody Pruser) something blue (a garter fashioned by her mother), and two pennies (with the couple's birth dates) in her shoe.

Matron of honor was Janet Cason and bridesmaid was Debbie Lange, both of Winters. They wore sleeveless, burgundy print, A-line dresses accented with lace-trimmed collars. They carried smaller fresh bouquets identical to the bride's.

Flower girl was Samantha Pruser, niece of the bride, of Dallas. She wore an ivory dress identical in style to the other attendants and a braided, burgundy, moire ribbon halo accented with ivory satin roses.

Will was strikingly attired in a Black Classic Notch Full dress jacket, ivory wing-collar shirt, black crossover tie, and black Riata jeans. His attendants also wore identical attire.

Best man was Mike Fecci and groomsmen were Seth Denbow, both of Abilene. Ringbearer was Robbie Pruser, nephew of the

bride, of Dallas.

The reception table was laid with a burgundy cloth and an ivory overlay. Appointments were of crystal and silver.

The bride's cake consisted of a round base tier, three heart-shaped tiers, and ivory icing. A blown glass ornament featuring two intertwined hearts and two tiny doves accented with ivory lace, ruffled burgundy moire ribbon, and burgundy satin roses, topped the cake. Fresh Fire and Ice roses, stargazer lilies, baby's breath, and greenery were arranged between the tiers and cascaded down the side of the cake.

The groom's chocolate cake was decorated with camouflage icing and featured an outdoor scene with turkeys and a deer.

The wedding cakes were baked by Carol Kozelsky of Winters.

Serving approximately 260 guests, members of the house party were Melody Pruser of Dallas, Christi Sanders of Fort Worth, Carol Lynn Birnbaum of Atlanta, Georgia, Heather Brown of Hamlin, Elaine Musolino of Hesperia, California, Susan Mansell of Ballinger, and Dana Wade, Sharon Deike, Beth Bradley, Cynthia Glass, Betty L. Grenwelge, and Marie Kruse, all of Winters.

The rehearsal dinner was hosted by the groom's parents at the Catholic Church Hall, 119 West College, Winters.

The bride is a graduate of Winters High School and received her Cosmetology degree from Western Texas College in Snyder. She owns and operates Your Hair Place in Winters.

The groom is a graduate of Ballinger High School and is currently attending Hardin-Simmons University in Abilene, majoring in Physical Education.

Following a wedding trip to Cancun, Mexico, the couple will reside in Winters.



Mr. and Mrs. Will Duggan

Letter to the Editor

Why build the duplexes?

I have attended meetings at City Hall with the City Council, Housing Finance Corp., and Industrial Board about the duplexes being built in our neighborhood. They truly weren't interested in our opinions.

These houses will not bring any school or city taxes to our town.

To our City Council, do you think it is fair for all of us to have to pay more taxes?

Would it be asking too much to ask you to lower our taxes as you are downgrading our neighborhood?

Katty Brown

Street dance, youth seminar and banquet on August 28 & 29

The First United Methodist Church is sponsoring two free back-to-back events for all area junior high and senior high youth and their parents.

On Friday, August 28, a "Street Happening" will begin at 8:30 p.m. in the 100 block of North Church street. Live music, dancing and refreshments are just a few of the fun-filled, action-packed events for the evening.

On Saturday, August 29, a True Love Waits seminar will begin at 1:00 p.m. in the youth and educational buildings. Leaders will be J'Lynn and Alan Cooper, Joannie and Danny Prado, and Jeff Mills.

A True Love Waits banquet will follow at 6:30 p.m. with delicious food and inspiring program.

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Points to Ponder:

- Why isn't phonetic spelling spelled the way it sounds?
- Why are there interstate highways in Hawaii?
- Why is that when you're driving and looking for an address, you turn down the volume on the radio?

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON TAX INCREASE

The City of Winters will hold a public hearing on a proposal to increase total tax revenues from properties on the tax roll by 7 percent. Your individual taxes may increase or decrease, depending on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property and the tax rate that is adopted.

The public hearing will be held on August 31, 1998, at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall.

FOR the proposal: Councilman Russell, Councilman Esquivel, Mayor McGuffin

AGAINST the proposal: Councilman Gerhart, Councilman Butler

PRESENT and not voting: None

ABSENT: Councilman Meyer

The following table compares taxes on an average home in this taxing unit last year to taxes proposed on the average home this year. Again, your individual taxes may be higher or lower, depending on the taxable value of your property.

	Last Year	This Year
Average home value	\$27,000	\$27,000
General exemptions available (amount available on the average homestead, not including senior citizen's or disabled person's exemptions)	\$ -0-	\$ -0-
Average taxable value	\$27,000	\$27,000
Tax rate	.6554/\$100	.7054/\$100
Tax	\$176.96	\$190.46

Under this proposal, taxes on the average homestead would increase by \$13.50 or 7 percent compared with last year's taxes. Comparing tax rates without adjusting for changes in property value, the tax rate would increase by \$13.50 per \$100 of taxable value or 7 percent compared to last year's tax rate. These tax rate figures are not adjusted for changes in the taxable value of property.

Wingate student in ACU's Junior Scholars program

Lee Nault of Blackwell High School participated in Abilene Christian University's Junior Scholars program this summer.

Nault is the son of David L. and Sharon Nault.

This summer, 56 students who finished their junior year in high school with a strong grade point average have been taking courses at ACU during one or both of the summer sessions (June 1-July 2 and July 6-August 6). Junior Scholars enroll in freshman- and sophomore-level courses with current ACU students during the sessions.

Participating students can earn up to 14 hours of college credit by taking classes such as foreign languages, history, art appreciation, public speaking, math, sciences, Bible, theatre, political science, psychology, and various physical education classes.

Students have a chance to experience what college life is really like by living in a dorm, using the library, and eating in the cafeteria. Students have the opportunity to participate in social events such as movies, pizza parties, and dinner theatre. They may also take advantage of athletic facilities such as the racquetball and tennis courts and the Powell Fitness Center.



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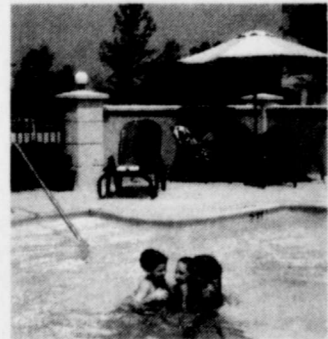
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Robert Lee to host Labor Day Extravaganza Sept. 5

The West Coke County Community Development will sponsor its annual Labor Day Extravaganza on Saturday, Sept. 5, at the Shady County Park in Robert Lee.

The all-day family event will begin with a parade at 9:30 a.m. at the courthouse. It will proceed to the county park where booths and games will be set up under the trees near the swimming pool and baseball fields. Food and entertainment will be available all day.

A dance with a nominal admission fee will be held 8 p.m.-12 midnight under the big open-air pavilion in the park.

To be a part of the parade, entertainment, or reserve a booth, call 915-453-4777, 453-2548, 453-2301, or 453-2713.

Call 754-4958 to place an ad

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, August 9, 1998, through Saturday, August 15, 1998. Winters Police Officers:

- received a report of a criminal mischief in the 300 block of N. Frisco.
- filed charges on a juvenile through Juvenile Court for possession of a dangerous drug.
- received a report of a burglary of a motor vehicle in the 300 block of E. Reeves.
- received a report of a criminal mischief in the 200 block of Jones.
- received a report of a theft of a bicycle in the 300 block of S. Cryer.
- received a report of a criminal mischief in the 200 block of Wood.
- arrested Jessie Joe Ortiz, 20, of Winters, for driving while license suspended. He was also issued a citation for minor in consumption with a detectable amount of alcohol after a traffic stop in the 300 block of S. Main.
- received a report of a family disturbance in the 500 block of Bowen. Victim refused to file charges.
- arrested Steven Garcia Diaz, 23, of Knox City, for driving while intoxicated after a traffic stop in the 100 block of W. Dale.
- arrested Martin Herrera Gomez, 39, of Abilene, for public intoxication.
- arrested Jose Domingo Sanchez, 39, of Mexico, for driving while intoxicated after a traffic stop on S. Main.

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

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

Crews News

By Hilda Kurtz



Hilda Kurtz

The best way to get ahead is to have one.

Fairy and Wilbert Allcorn spent most of the week in Springfield, Missouri, with the Densons, Mathises, and Christsons. Fourteen stayed in the home of Johnny and Joanie Mathis. Visitors were from Amarillo, Weatherford, San Angelo, Winters, Crews, and Des Moines, Iowa.

All helped Fairy celebrate her birthday. Happy birthday!

Fairy wishes to thank all who sent birthday cards. A special thanks to Mildred Morrison.

Abe and Jarrel Giles of Brownwood came by awhile on Saturday on their way home after visiting brother, Fred Giles, in the El Paso Hospital.

Coleman spent Sunday with Lawan at the Senior Citizens Nursing Home after church services and eating out.

Traci Copeland and son Hunter of Alpine visited the Kenny Cartwright family over the weekend. Eileen and Ruth Pape had a real good turnout over the weekend for their sale.

Hildegard Schovajsa of San Angelo spent Wednesday with me. Like always, she found things to do. She also brought a surprise — dinner. How good can it get!

Jeremy and Tiffany Prater were at Schlitterbahn, near New Braunfels, on Saturday with their youth group.

Dee and Sam Faubion's grandson, Sammy Brown, of Dallas, spent the weekend and did some odd jobs.

Georgia and Connie Gibbs celebrated their 57th anniversary Sunday in the home of Linda and Travis Ford in Rising Star. All the family was there.

Sue Shields, niece of Juanita Shields, was a visitor in Hopewell Church for Sunday services.

Thelma Hoppe and Wayne Satterfield came out Sunday evening and had coffee and cake with Josie Hoppe. Glenn Hoppe also came by during the week.

Margie Jacob and her families enjoyed camping Friday through Sunday at Concan, Texas. They had an all around good time. Those who came were Sharon and Jerry Engler of Brownwood; Bryce and Justin Busenlehner; Krista Ellis of Eden; Brenda Jacob of Midland; Cookie, Corey, and Brad VanZandt; Mike, Carol, Jeanna, and Kathryn Kozelsky; and Doug and Melissa Little of Eden.

Carolyn and Landa Gay Kraatz spent Sunday with Noble and

Harvey Mae Faubion.

Earl Cooper got rid of two more rattlesnakes this week. His dogs helped find them.

Selma and Viron Wilkerson spent Wednesday night with Mildred Morrison.

Daughter Judy and Lee Harrison gave Selma a birthday supper on Friday night. Many more birthdays, Selma.

Dale and Linda Duggan, Will and Leslie Duggan, and Jerry and Mary Duggan attended Angelo State University's graduation ceremonies on Friday night. Mary and Jerry came from Waco. Graduating were Jerrod Duggan and April Boone.

Mary and Jerry Duggan of Waco came Thursday through Saturday to visit Dale and Linda. Katy also came on Saturday.

Dale went in and picked up dinner for the family at the Winters Firemen's Fish Fry on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Maloe Bryant, Robert and Douglas Bryant, and their friend of Abilene spent Sunday with Doris Wood. On Sunday evening, they went to the Rock Hotel Open House and brick unveiling.

It's raining right now (9 p.m. Monday) as I write. If I don't forget when I do my chores in the morning, I will check my rain gauge.

On Tuesday morning, I had received 2/10 of an inch of rain.

Official Records

County Court Criminal August 3

Colby Don Carthel, Friona, filed for driving while intoxicated

August 5

Dennis W. Carroll, Brownwood, filed for theft of services by check

Patsy Madewell, San Angelo, filed for theft of merchandise by check

Margie Rodriguez, San Angelo, filed for hindering a secured creditor

August 6

Sebero Tobar Galvan, Donna, filed for driving while intoxicated

August 7

Augustin Rubio Alvarado, Stamford, filed for driving while intoxicated, subsequent offense

Michael Anthony New, Ballinger, filed for possession of marijuana

August 11

Cary Mac Davis, Stamford, filed for driving while intoxicated

Mark Anthony Garcia, Killeen, filed for driving while license suspended

Gabriel Domingo Cavazos, Ballinger, filed for driving while intoxicated, making alcohol available to a minor

August 12

Tad Alan Box, Midland, filed for driving while intoxicated, subsequent offense

Marriage Licenses August 14

Mickey Shane Smith and Beulah Reyes

District Court Divorces Filed August 13

Cecilia Reeves and Jim L. Reeves

Civil August 13

Winters Seed Co. dba Farmers Feed and Supply vs. Bobby Flores and Belia Flores dba Nueces Hardware—account

August Grand Jury Indictments

Toribio Camacho, Ballinger, driving while intoxicated, endangering a child

Raul Rene Luna, Ballinger, criminally negligent homicide

Dorsie Eugene Blosser, Midland, driving while intoxicated

Douglas Wayne Cole, Ballinger, driving while intoxicated, two counts

Abelino Escobar Prendez, Ballinger, unauthorized use of a motor vehicle, driving while intoxicated

Allen James Norton, Lamesa, driving while intoxicated

Lori Yvonne Luera, Ballinger, possession of a controlled substance

Karla Gonzalez, Hobbs, NM, aban-

doning a child

Ada Pena, Ballinger, forgery by passing

Felix Cortez, Jr., address unknown, unauthorized use of a motor vehicle

Billy Ray Hollis, Jr., Winters, hindering a secured creditor

Patricia Lee Hollis, Winters, hindering a secured creditor

Lisa Kearney, Winters, burglary of a habitation

Cynthia Ann Woo, Abilene, endangering a child

Larry Allan Hollingsworth, Temple, driving while intoxicated

Justice of the Peace Court Precinct #1 Criminal August 2

David D. Killingsworth, filed for no

personal flotation device on a child under 13 years of age

Jeffrey L. Wheaton, filed for no personal flotation device on a child under 13 years of age

August 10

Ada Pena, filed for forgery by passing

Leonard Dell Fletcher, filed for felony driving while intoxicated

August 11

Ralph Robert Kruppa, filed for aggravated assault

August 14

Luther David Cowart, filed for forgery by passing

Small Claims August 13

Keel Drug Store vs. Sharon Simons—account

1998 Property Tax Rates in Winters I.S.D.

This notice concerns 1998 property tax rates for Winters I.S.D. It presents information about three tax rates. Last year's tax rate is the actual rate the school district used to determine property taxes last year. This year's effective tax rate would impose the same total taxes as last year if you compare properties taxed in both years. This year's rollback tax rate is the highest tax rate the school district can set before it must hold a rollback election. In each case, these rates are found by dividing the total amount of taxes by the tax base (the total value of taxable property) with adjustments as required by state law. The rates are given per \$100 of property value.

Last year's tax rate:	
Last year's operating taxes	\$ 919,652.00
Last year's debt taxes	\$ 170,908.00
Last year's total taxes	\$ 1,090,560.00
Last year's tax base	\$ 81,918,060.00
Last year's total tax rate	\$ 1.340000/\$100

This year's effective tax rate:	
Last year's adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property)	\$ 1,090,561.00
+ This year's adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new property)	\$ 81,052,290.00
= This year's effective tax rate	\$ 1.345503/\$100

This year's rollback tax rate:	
Amount of local taxes needed based on state funding formulas and 1998-99 student enrollment	\$ 1,025,676.00
+ This year's adjusted tax base	\$ 81,385,120.00
= This year's local maintenance and operation rate	\$ 1.252075/\$100
OR adopted 1996 maintenance & operation rate	\$ 1.100000/\$100
= This year's maintenance and operation rate (use greater of 2 rates above)	\$ 1.252075/\$100
+ S.08	\$ 1.332075/\$100
+ Rate increase adopted for 1997-98 school year	\$ 0.002861/\$100
+ This year's debt rate	\$.232709/\$100
+ Rate to recoup loss certified by commissioner of education	\$ 0.000000/\$100
= This year's rollback rate	\$ 1.567645/\$100

SCHEDULE A: Unencumbered Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will be left in the unit's property tax accounts at the end of the fiscal year. These balances are not encumbered by a corresponding debt obligation.

Type of Property Tax Fund	Balance
General Fund	\$ 943,099.00
Debt Service Fund	\$ 128,006.00

SCHEDULE B: 1998 Debt Service

The unit plans to pay the following amounts for long-term debts that are secured by property taxes. These amounts will be paid from property tax revenues (or additional sales tax revenues, if applicable).

Description of Debt	Principal or Contract Payment to be Paid	Interest to be Paid	Other Amounts to be Paid	Total Payment
Unltd Tax School Bldg Bonds, Series 1991	\$106,000.00	\$76,746.00	\$260.00	\$183,006.00
Total required for 1998 debt service			\$ 183,006.00	
- Amount (if any) paid from funds listed in Schedule A			\$ 0.00	
- Excess collections last year			\$ 0.00	
= Total to be paid from taxes in 1998			\$ 183,006.00	
- State aid for facilities			\$ 0.00	
+ Amount added in anticipation that the unit will collect only 96.00% of its taxes in 1998			\$ 7,625.00	
= Total Debt Levy			\$ 190,631.00	

This notice contains a summary of actual effective and rollback tax rate calculations. You can inspect a copy of the full calculations at Business Office, 603 N. Heights St., Winters, Texas 79567.

Name of person preparing this notice: Jimmy N. Butler, Jr.
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Projected plans for housing duplex

The Winters Area Business and Industrial Corporation was formed several years ago to assist local industry, attract new industry and business, and to promote the economic development of the Winters area.

The Industrial Corporation Board consists of 15 local people who meet the first and third Wednesdays of each month at 7:00 a.m. at the Chamber of Commerce.

The Industrial Corporation has worked with Dry Manufacturing and John's International to help them obtain additional buildings, attract new employees, and assist in other ways. The Industrial Board has worked to draw new industry/business to Winters, such as the ABF Freight Terminal and Associated Beef City (feedlot).

Many business prospects have been explored and the Industrial Corporation has purchased 15 acres (Nitsch property) south of town for business development.

Over the past four years, the Board has met with Dry's, John's International, Alderman-Cave, and the Winters schools (the four largest employers in the area). The need for rental housing surfaced as the number one problem facing each of the employers with which the Industrial Board could help.

Initially, the Board looked at refurbishing older houses, building apartments, developing a mobile home park, and building single unit homes. Various individuals and groups were approached, but with no success.

The major problem for private investors is obtaining financing.

The existing Winters Housing Authority (a HUD project) was approached about modifying rental rates. Since this is a low income project, the rental rates for those making any significant income became impractical. We were unable to get a waiver from the government to rent these units at less than 30% of income (after some adjustments).

The new project is not a HUD project, but is planned for medium income households.

In November 1997, the Board was approached by Millennium Real Estate Development Ltd. of Austin. They presented their project to the Board and City Council over 2-3 sessions. The

Industrial Board recommended to the City that we proceed with the Millennium plan.

The City of Winters authorized the formation of the Winters Housing Finance Corporation and a local Housing Board was appointed by the City Council.

This Board entered into an agreement with Millennium to proceed with the project and Millennium began the legal process.

The Housing Corporation is a non-profit, public corporation. It is owned by the City of Winters and any financial benefits must go to the City for the benefit of its citizens. It is set up under an act of the state legislature, which allows the formation of Housing Corporations in cities which cannot obtain financing through regular financial institutions.

The Housing Corporation issues bonds (not government or government-backed bonds). The bond investors take the entire risk on the bonds—the City of Winters is not responsible for payment if the Housing Corporation cannot make its payments. The project (houses and land) are pledged as collateral on the bonds.

The Housing Corporation owns the housing project, maintains the project, collects the rents, and makes payments over 30 years on the bonds. The local board oversees everything, but most of these functions will be contracted out to a professional management company.

A feasibility study was conducted by Sidney W. Womack, MAI, a consulting company in Austin. This study indicated that there was a need for 50-100 rental units in the Winters area. For the project to be economical to build for the contractor and to keep the rental rates within the range desired by the Housing Board, this board chose to go with 25 duplex units (50 families). The extra cost of the single units made the project impractical.

In December 1997, a committee of the Industrial Corporation, consisting of Melanie Wade, Larry Suit, Aref Hassan, and Randall Conner, evaluated some 30 sites around Winters for the project. Since the project is a creation of the city, it must be in the city limits or eligible for annexation.

Five sites, based on size, avail-

ability, access to roads and utilities, and suitability as to drainage or fill, were recommended to the Housing Board for consideration. It was later determined that two of these sites were not for sale and one was too small for the project.

The two remaining sites that were recommended by this committee were the Bahlman property on US 83 North and the Mary Jo Tucker (White) property east of Gateway and Penny Lane. The Housing Board initially selected the Tucker property and entered into an Option to Purchase the property.

It took several months for the Housing Corporation to go through the necessary legal paperwork with the Attorney General's Office and to prepare everything necessary to take the project to a bonding company.

After hearing from a number of concerned citizens, the Housing Board decided to change the project to the Bahlman location and to enter into a contract to buy 12 acres, leaving a 2 acre buffer next to the Parkview Addition. At the present time, a request has been presented to the City Council to annex the property to the City of Winters.

The Housing Project with Millennium is the best solution to Winters rental housing shortage that the Industrial Board and/or Housing Board have found. There have been problems with similar projects and every board member has concerns about each of these problems. Both Boards feel that we must address the rental housing situation in the near future and this is the only viable alternative to come our way.

The rental rates for these units should be between \$400 and \$500 per month initially. They are all electric, two and three bedroom units. The Housing Corporation is responsible for all repairs and maintenance and for maintaining the yards. The yards will be landscaped and watered by the underground sprinklers; the cost of this water being included in the monthly rental rate.

The City of Winters' engineering firm, Hibbs & Todd, has indicated that the sewer and water lines in the vicinity of the project are more than adequate to handle the additional load, both in pressure in volume. A letter confirm-

ing this may be obtained from the City.

Because of the structure of the Housing Corporation, the land and units are exempt from property taxes. The roads, curbs, and development of the project are paid for out of project funds. There should be only nominal costs to the city—connection of sewer and water, meters, etc.—and these costs should be recouped through water and sewer revenue. The Housing Corporation can contract with the city or county for services such as paving streets on payment basis.

The total bond issue is about \$3,150,000, to be paid back with interest over 30 years from rental revenue. The construction cost is \$2,258,000. Exact amounts cannot be determined at this time because interest earned during construction can go either to debt retirement or to additional construction improvements. A reserve fund of \$350,000 is maintained to make payments while the units are being constructed and being filled and in case of an economic downturn. The operating budget is based on initial occupancy reaching 80% by the 18th month.

The anticipated renters are teachers and hospital personnel who do not want to purchase a house, young couples who are not ready to buy, widowers/widows who do not want the upkeep of a house or yard, retired couples who want the security of a maintained house, supervisory/clerical/management personnel at local industries, and others who prefer a more apartment-like living.

How will this help Dry's and John's? It is impossible to build new construction that can rent for under \$400. Hopefully, there will be several individuals who will move to the newer units and free up older, less expensive houses for rent or for sale. If the economy continues as it has over the past 30-40 years, in time the \$400-500 units will become more affordable to more families.

The units are two bedroom/two bath and three bedroom/2-1/2 bath, with a living/dining room, kitchen, and patio. They are centrally heated and cooled, with refrigerator, dishwasher, and stove included. Washer and dryer hooks are also included. The units

are frame construction, with brick veneer on a concrete slab. Due to cost limitations, they do not have garages.

Plans for the Winters project call for paved streets, curbs, and concrete driveways. The project will be landscaped with grass, trees, and shrubs. The same basic floorplan will be used throughout the project, but variations in roof line, paint and brick colors, and trims will give some variety in the units.

Other amenities such as carports and fenced patios are being considered by the Housing Board if funding permits.

The construction cost of these units will be about \$45 per square foot.

Millennium Real Estate Development Ltd. is a firm out of Austin, Texas, which provides experts in public finance, feasibility development, design, and construction, and offers turn-key, quality rental housing projects.

Skytech, Skyline Technical Construction Services Inc. is a national company out of San Diego, California, which manages construction projects through various sub-contractors.

The underwriting company for the sale of the bonds is Kinsell, O'Neal, Newcomb, & DeDios Inc.

The trustee for the funds is U.S. Trust Company of Texas out of Dallas.

The anticipated management company for the completed project is Asset Plus Corporation of Houston. They manage other properties in West Texas and will provide marketing of the units, collections, and maintenance. They will employ someone locally to collect rents and to take care of routine maintenance.

Skytech will take bids from sub-contractors and suppliers and will use local businesses where feasible. One of their abilities to perform the project at an economical cost is their ability to buy supplies in large volume.

We had several concerns about a similar project by Millennium and Skytech in San Saba. Local problems and lack of supervision on this project led to a less-than-desirable result. We have learned from their experience and will not accept that type of performance on our project.

There has been some misunderstanding about this project within our community. Some of the initial information was incomplete or inaccurate. This has been a learning experience for each of us, just as it has for our community. We want to address everyone's concerns and end up with something that is positive for Winters and will benefit our businesses and industries, as well as everyone in the community.

Not all of the details in this project have been finalized and likely some changes will have to be made as we go along.

We hope this information will give you a better understanding of what has been done and what plans have been made.

We solicit your input to make this project better.

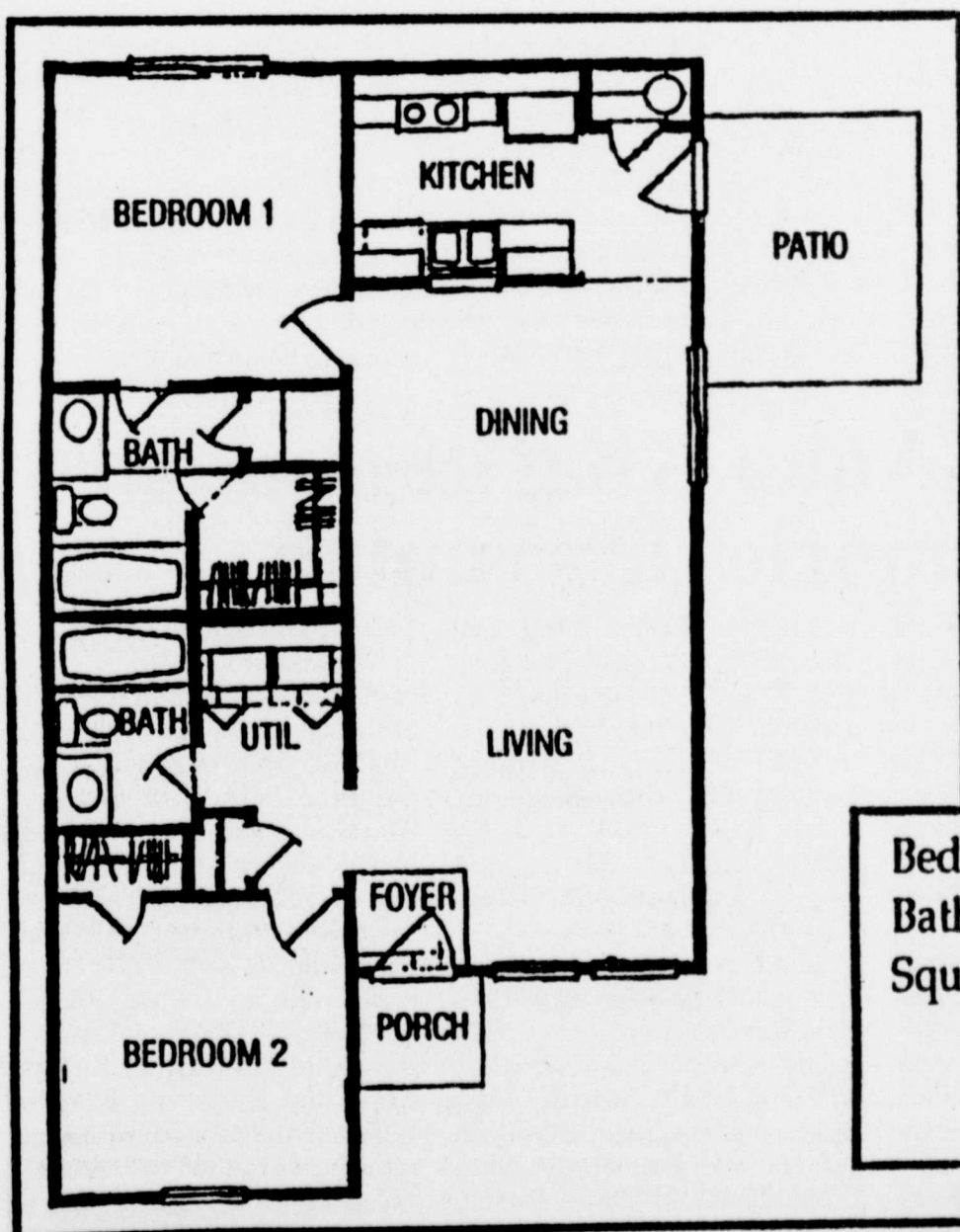
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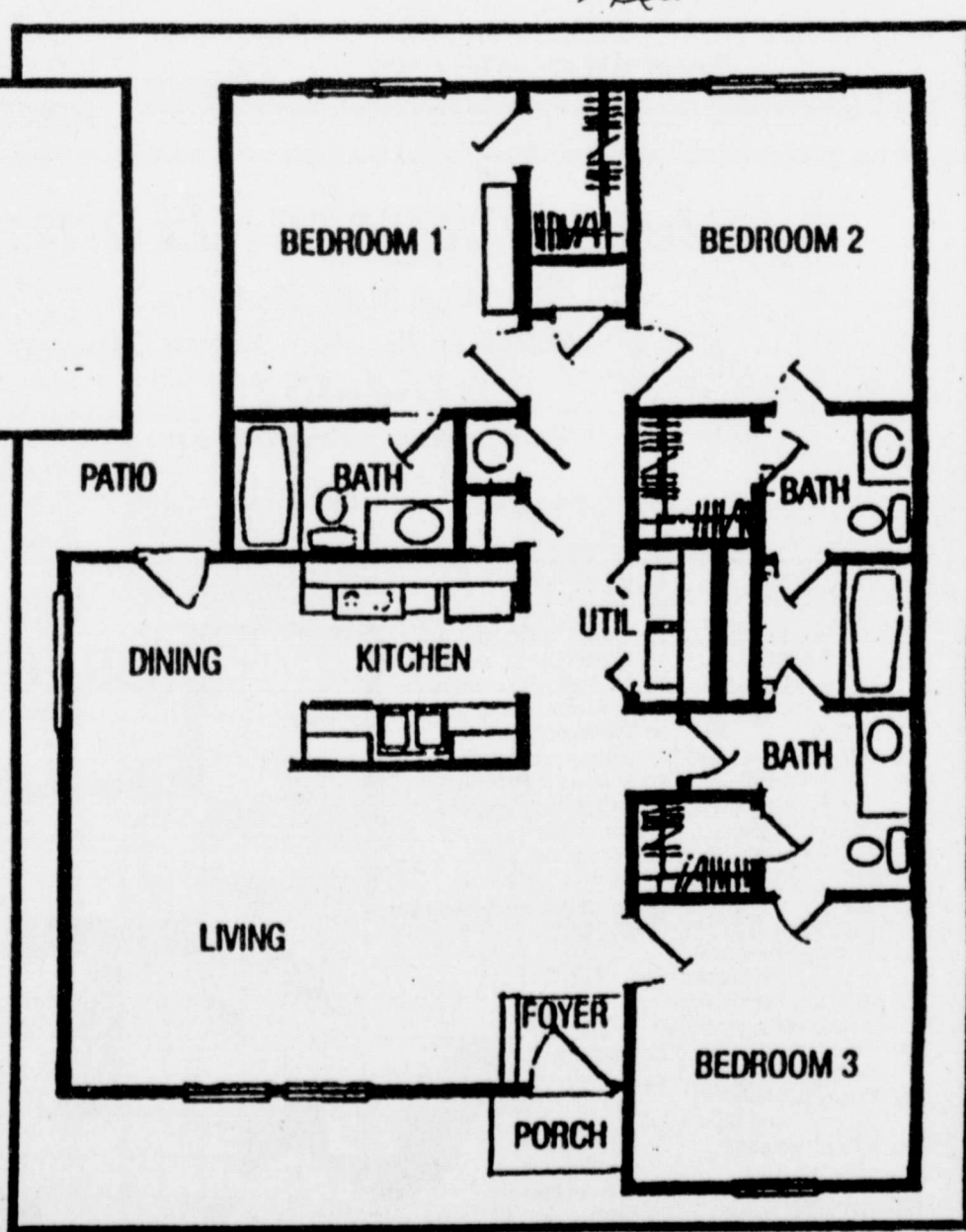
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Toobin' down the Frio

"Toobin' the Frio" is what the kids say as they ride their tire tubes down the flowing river in Frio Canyon.

In some places, they swing on ropes and jump off over the water for a swim. In other places where the water is low, they sing songs and chat with each other until they move on.

The Poes had been looking for a place to gather at a reunion where there would be room to camp and have something to entertain the children as well.

Perry discovered what we needed when he took his family down to River Haven, south of Leakey, last year. He came home urging us to make reservations early as most people did because of the scarcity of log and rustic cabins. We took his advice and had three comfortable cabins with one large enough for a dining room — used frequently.

We left Winters at noon and met some of our group at Eden. As we traveled southward, the trees became smaller but much thicker and looked like oak trees mostly. When we arrived, I was surprised that we were only 150 miles from home, but here the terrain changes.

The Frio is located between the towns of Kerrville and Uvalde. Action here focuses on the upper Frio River, flowing with clear water through 100,000 acres of scenic beauty. Year round activities include hunting, fishing, bird watching, camping, cycling, and driving the mountain roads.

Janie Johnson, our hostess, showed us around the grounds in her little cart. She said the trees



Charlsie Poe

were mostly large cypress trees lining much of the riverbank, with some pecan and oak trees. She warned us that they were having a plague of ants, bees, and wasps—she supposed it was the dry weather—and for us not to leave any bread crumbs around. I saw one small ant, but it was good for us to be informed.

One of the main attractions is Garner State Park in Uvalde County. It is the most popular state in Texas in terms of overnight visitors.

According to park officials, an average of 220,000 visitors a year spend the night at Garner Park—more than double the next busiest state park.

People, from all around, meet at the park snack bar. There is a store that sells gasoline and other necessities, a gift shop, and washeteria.

In addition to swimming and dancing, Garner offers attractions for people who like to hike, climb hills, or observe nature. Nearly all the campers in the area go over to Garner Park for evening entertainment.

Since walking on rocks and swinging in a tube over the river are not my cup of tea, I stayed at home and did a little reading—like catching up on my last four copies of Reader's Digest. When

I grew tired and weary of this, I walked over to the office and talked to the manager.

Janie told me that River Haven has been here for about 55 years. Log cabins were first built in 1985: 10 log and 12 rustic. Janie has been manager since 1978. She grew up in Sugarland and Garland, and began coming to River Haven in 1946.

Janie started her career in Abilene in 1961. After teaching in several schools plus six years in Shreveport, Louisiana, she came to Leakey.

She has been visiting Leakey since she was a small child on summer vacation trips with her mother and father, Margaret and Albert Milikin, now residing in Dallas.

Since moving to Leakey, Janie has been the resident manager at River Haven. This dual role has given her the opportunity to develop a family of friends from across Texas.

She claims that her greatest accomplishments have been in seeing the children learning. She also claims that the Leakey School is an ideal place for students to gain the basis for a strong foundation in their continuing education.

Throughout the years, the Daughters of the Republic of Texas have recognized Janie as an outstanding Texas teacher of history and the influence she had on students entering the Texas history essay contest, promoted and sponsored by DRT. Each student has gone on to receive at least partial college scholarship.

Midwest Rehab Associates offers local physical therapy

Area residents now have an added choice when seeking health care personnel who offer physical therapy and rehabilitation.

Midwest Rehab Associates, located at 120 South Main in Winters, began accepting patients June 15, 1998.

Physical therapists are J. Scott Stubblefield and Fred Garcia, assisted by Robin Williams.

Many may remember Scott, as he spent several of his childhood years in Winters. He and his family lived in Winters from 1973 to 1979. His father, Jimmy, was a football coach and teacher of physics and math at Winters Independent School District. Mother, Linda, was a nurse at North Runnels Hospital. Scott and his family, as well as his parents, presently reside in Ballinger.

Scott is a 1981 graduate of Ballinger High School. He received a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology from McMurry University in 1985, a Bachelor of Science in Physiology from Texas Tech in 1987, and a Bachelor of Science in Physical Therapy from the University of Texas-Medical Branch at Galveston in 1989.

Scott and his wife, Patti, have one son, Seth, age 5, who will be starting kindergarten in Ballinger this year, and one daughter, Alyssa, age 3. They are members of the First Baptist Church in Ballinger where Scott teaches Sunday School to first, second, and third graders. Scott is also a member of the Ballinger Noon Lions.

Scott's hobbies include avid snowskiing, scuba diving, water skiing, and helping his dad farm and ranch.

Raised in San Angelo, Fred graduated from Central High School in 1983. He attended Angelo State University and Texas Tech University. He received his Bachelor of Science degree in Physical Therapy from the University of Texas-Medical Branch at Galveston in 1989.

He and wife Sherri have a daughter, Corin, age 12, and a son, Matthew, 11 months. They reside in San Angelo and are members of the Sacred Heart Cathedral Church.

Fred enjoys scuba diving, snowskiing, racketball, weightlifting, and, occasionally, playing golf.

Both Scott and Fred are members of the American Physical Therapy Association and the Texas Physical Therapy Association.

Robin is a 1986 graduate of Friona High School. She continued her education at Amarillo College and graduated with an Associate's degree in Physical Therapy in 1988.

Robin gained in-field experience after graduation by working



FRED GARCIA, ROBIN WILLIAMS, and J. SCOTT STUBBLEFIELD (left to right) offer physical therapy and rehabilitation at their new business, Midwest Rehab Associates.

as a physical therapist assistant for approximately four years in a Plainview hospital, a year in a private practice, and then another four years in an outpatient clinic.

She is married to Mike Williams. They have two children: a son, Jathan, age 6, and a daughter, Emily, 2. They live in Robert Lee and are affiliated with the Church of Christ.

Robin is also a member of the American Physical Therapy Association, as well as the AON Service Club of Robert Lee.

She mostly enjoys spending time with her children, but also crafts in woodworking and painting. Favorite outdoor activities are softball, volleyball, and swimming.

Scott says that he and Fred were previously employed by Shannon Medical Center in San Angelo. During general conversation with their patients, they realized many were driving from small rural areas to the larger city to receive their treatment. Midwest Rehab was "started in this rural area to provide professional care in town," says both Scott and Fred. "It is much easier for one or two (physical therapists) to pack up and drive this way than for several to drive to a larger city," explained Scott.

Midwest Rehab Associates is

a free-standing outpatient clinic, partnered by Scott and Fred. Colorado City hosts another Midwest Rehab office.

Physical therapy services are provided in orthopedics, gerontology, sports related injuries, workman's compensation cases, and limited neurology. Fred also currently provides home health physical therapy in San Angelo. And Robin says that she enjoys the variety of work offered by Midwest Rehab in the different geographical areas.

Treatment is by appointment and doctor referral only, Monday through Saturday. Early appointments are available. Please call 754-4381. Present office hours are Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 7:30-12 noon.

Fees are based upon guidelines set by the government relating to what services are provided. Medicare is accepted. "We feel that we can be more cost effective because of less administrative overhead," said Scott, "and therefore pass on these savings and can be very competitive in our field."

Fred adds that as the need arises their services will be expanded. Already, the trio of physical therapists are very appreciated by current patients from the surrounding area. Residents have the choice to be treated in town.

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ACROSS

1 TXism: "hot as ___ of mesquite coals"

5 ___ Star State

6 TXism: "windbelly"

7 in TX: "Ripley's Believe ___ Not"

8 Dallas Stars league

9 TXism: "nary a soul"

14 "Don't ___ with TX"

18 TXism: "if it ain't true, there ain't an ___"

21 ex-Cowboy Lilly (init.)

22 Athens hosts Black- ___ Jamboree

23 TX utility commission

24 In Nueces Co. on 44

30 this committee picks TX Olympians (abbr.)

32 TXism: "a whole ___ 'em" (lots)

33 TXism: "wouldn't know 'em from ___" (never met)

36 TX athlete Ddirison

38 with "hook" or "Glig" worker cutbacks by TX companies

40 retired Dallas minister: ___ Criswell

43 Cowboys' sudden death' period (abbr.)

44 TXism: "widdle like a ___ on a hook"

46 Kiowa chief Satana was called ___ the Plains"

48 can find a mess of 'em in TX Country Reporter Cookbook"

50 TX interscholastic league (abbr.)

DOWN

1 rare bison shot near Snyder in 1870s (2 wds.)

2 outlaw cemetery

3 how to get in UT

4 Llano is ___

9 eccentric Texas sculptor Elisabet

10 Mexican cheer

11 TXism: "cold as a week ___ enchilada"

12 TXism: "___ it in the bud"

13 to College Station from San Antonio

14 TX George Jones tune: "Take ___"

15 Wharton hosts TX Beef ___ in the fall

16 TXism: "___ and blowed" (cool coffee)

17 Ellis Co.'s lost atom collider project (abbr.)

19 TXism: "tumble territory" (poor land)

20 Houston's Ben ___ Hospital

24 TX Charley Poole's "Then Who ___?"

25 hair mousse

26 last of the six flags over Texas

27 TXism: "quick ___ can bat an eye"

28 TXism: "your barn ___ open" (unzipped fly)

29 in Morris Co. on 11

31 Arlington has the ___ Antique

34 Gov. Ann's T-shirt: ___ place is in the dome"

35 1st female governor (with nickname)

36 TX newspaper named for Gail's county (2 wds.)

37 military command they melt in mouth, not in hands

41 ___ Worth

45 restored Capitol has an ___-air rotunda

47 Orange's "Gumbo Cookoff" features a crab ___

49 former Houston Oilier CB Dishman

55 TXism for "money"

Solutions for this puzzle appear in this issue.

Sam and Anna King descendants share memories at reunion

The descendants of Sam and Anna King met for their annual reunion on Saturday, August 10, 1998. Sam and Anna King were longtime residents of Coke County. They married on January 1, 1890, in Edith. Their children were Thomas, Sam Beulah, Vela, Frank, George, Lillie, Dave, Anna, Clara, and R.B.

The day was spent visiting, swimming, playing games, eating, and just resting.

Those attending from San Angelo were R.B. and Corrine King; Loucille Middleton; Shirley Strakos; Pam and Sarah Kay Gandy; Clara Belle Deese; Rena Dee and Garland Gaines; Waymond and Katie Dixon; Karla, Kay, Kari, and Kylan Wilson; Sam Keel; Jess and Dorothy Gaines; Vivian Keel; Frank, Robin, and Teri Smith; and Michelle Smith.

Also Christa Gower and Brent McClellan of Abilene; Darlene Gower of Ballinger; Anna Mae and Claude Hartsell, Larry and Kathy Hartsell, and Robert, Jan, Ashton, and Tyler Hartsell, all of Ardmore, Oklahoma; Thomas L. King of Fort Worth; Kay, Ramon, and Brian Morin, and Shannon,

David, and Joshua King, and Madelle Thomas, all of Arlington; Tom King III of Houston; Sam and June Plumlee, Sam Jr. and Debbie Plumlee, and Stan, Mary, Katrina, and Christina Smith, and Allan, Josephine, A.J., K.C., Jackie, and R.J. Barnes, and Eugenia Smith, all of Carlsbad, New Mexico.

And Lorraine Brooks and Angela and Mike Wade of Artesia, New Mexico; Trudi Green of Sun Lakes, Arizona; Judy Snowden, Ann and Eddie Bedrick, Beth Brice, and Mychelle, Bryttanie, Tamara, and Meredith Walker, and Bobby and Joyce Walker, all of Odessa; Bertie and Forrest Wanker of Fairview, Oklahoma; Jesse III, Kayla, John, and Jesse IV Eads, and Tonda Gaines of Midland; Burt and Lavelta McVicker of Burnet; Bonnie McVicker, Eldon and Joan King of El Paso; Annie Faye and Jim King of Wingate; Becky and Gary Verner of Brazoria; and Bud Davis of Portland, Oregon.

In addition were Dorothy and Don King, Andrew King, and Curtis Beach of Stanley, New

Mexico; Don and Wanda Plumlee of West Columbia; Rasler Smith of New Braunfels; Jewel Puckett of Thousand Palms, California; Mike McKicker of Austin; Randy Gaines of Dallas; Carl and Paulie Blair and Pamela Kresta of Bronte; Buddy, Carolyn, and Tiffany Brockett of Spring; Steve and Jesi Gaines of Christoval; Lauri, Jim, Jessica, Robert, and Dusty Hall, and James, Rachel, and Brittany Glaze of Hawley; Kenny Middleton of Euleus; Alvin and Katherine King of Whitesboro; Larry, Joyce, Shane, and Michelle Allen of Lubbock; and Sharon and Joe Glaze of Merkel.

From Robert Lee were Bessie Brice, Willie and Jesse Jr. Eads, Dee Anna Harmon, Jessica Key, Teri Key, Alene and David Key, Vivian King, Raymond E. Smith, and Willa Plumlee.

Friends joining were Mikey Anderson and Carrie Wright of San Angelo, Tim Mayhill of Lubbock, and Tommy Hood of Robert Lee.

There are more of them than us.

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BALLINGER INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT is accepting applications for substitute teachers for the 1998-99 school year. Applicants should contact the superintendent's office to fill out an application form and to submit proof of educational qualifications. 9-33(2tc)

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BID NOTICE
The WINTERS I.S.D. is accepting sealed bids until 2:00 p.m., September 3, 1998, for the purchase of meat, canned food, frozen goods, vegetables, and condiments.
Bid specifications may be obtained from the Business Office, 603 N. Heights, Winters, TX 79567 or by calling (915) 754-5574.
Bids will be opened and read publicly on September 3, 1998, at 2:00 p.m.
WINTERS I.S.D. reserves the right to reject any or all bids or any portion thereof and to accept the bid most advantageous to the district. Any exceptions to the specifications should be clearly explained in writing. Failure to meet all specified conditions may invalidate a proposal.
Bid proposals must be clearly marked on the envelope "FOOD BID." 9-34(2tc)

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Results of Second Summer Classic Livestock Show

The Second Annual Summer Classic Livestock Show was held in Winters on Saturday, August 8. Participants from Winters and the surrounding areas should be congratulated on their efforts.

Results are as follows:

Goats

Grand Champion - Kaela Morris
Reserve Champion - Maegan Avant

Jr. Showmanship — Goats

Wesley Earnshaw, 1st
Kayla Morris, 2nd
Chase Love, 3rd

Sr. Showmanship — Goats

Keegan Jamison, 1st
Zachary Andrade, 2nd
Justin Caraway, 3rd

Heifers

Grand Champion - Chanda Hoppe

Reserve Champion - Cody Halfmann

Jr. Showmanship — Heifers

Jessica Halfmann, 1st
Chris Hoppe, 2nd

Sr. Showmanship — Heifers

Chanda Hoppe, 1st
Cody Halfmann, 2nd
Tanner Donica, 3rd

Sheep

Grand Champion - Brittne McMillan

Reserve Champion - Bob Simmons

Jr. Showmanship — Sheep

Britne McMillan, 1st
Patrick McMann, 2nd
Aaron King, 3rd

Sr. Showmanship — Sheep

Ryan McMann, 1st
Keegan Jamison, 2nd
Sandra Wheeler, 3rd

Steers

Grand Champion - Jake Brown

Reserve Champion - Jake Brown

Government and postal employment information is free.—A public service message from the Federal Trade Commission.

Reservoir News

Open Bass Tournament scheduled Sept. 27 at O.H. Ivie Reservoir

The Runnels County Bass Club's 11th annual Open Bass Tournament is scheduled for Sunday, Sept. 27, 1998, at O.H. Ivie Reservoir.

This open tournament is being sponsored by the Runnels County Bass Club and the Ballinger Chamber of Commerce.

The tournament offers a guaranteed 1st place prize of \$1,700, with cash prizes for 2nd-20th places (based on number of entries), as well as special prizes for each place from 21st-? Also, a

\$500 cash drawing will be held after weigh-in time Sunday afternoon.

Entry fee is \$40 per contestant, and entry forms are available at the Ballinger Chamber of Commerce, any Runnels County Bass Club member, and at many businesses throughout Ballinger.

Deadline for entry is 8:00 a.m. Sunday, September 27, 1998.

For more information, mail inquiries to: Runnels County Bass Club, Box 773, Ballinger, Texas 76821, or phone (915) 365-5859.

Commissioners schedule budget hearing, hire two new jailers

Runnels County Commissioners voted to hold the public hearing on the 1998-99 fiscal year proposed budget Tuesday, August 25, at 10:00 a.m. The vote, at Tuesday's meeting, follows the setting of the tax rate at last week's meeting at \$.81211, the same total at last year's tax rate.

The total proposed budget for the county is \$4,032,293 for 1998-99, which includes \$217,294 for the new jail sinking and interest funds. The 1997-98 budget was \$3,716,541, including \$278,065 in the jail sinking and interest funds. The budget increase is made possible because of an increase in taxable valuations in the county, according to County Judge Marilyn Egan.

Commissioners also approved the hiring of two new jailers by Sheriff Bill Baird. Baird told the court the county was spending as much or more money on overtime as the two new jailers would cost. "I realize you have approved the

hiring of the two additional jailers for the new budget year, but I think we're just throwing money away by not going ahead and hiring the two jailers," he said.

County Treasurer Margarette Smith told commissioners overtime pay for the jail amounted to \$4,796 for the month of July. With the hiring of the two additional jailers, Baird said he would have 12 jailers on staff and one jail administrator. "I think that will adequately staff the new jail when it's finished," he said.

Other business on the agenda and action taken included: •Approval of the renewal of County Choice health insurance coverage through Texas Association of Counties covering county employees.

•Commissioners accepted the recommendation of ArchiSystems to accept the bid of Harrison Roofing for roofing and materials for the new jail. Harrison's bid was \$124,155 plus \$9,744 for alternate #2.

•A bid of \$35,000 to purchase a used caterpillar from Guy's Dirt Contracting, Inc. of Winters was approved unanimously by commissioners.

•Approved the annual review of the statement of agreement between the county and West Texas Centers for Mental Health/Mental Retardation. The county provides office space for the centers.

•Approved the addition of Runnels County Child Welfare Fund to the choices jurors may make to donate their jury service fees.

Sharp unveils proposals to improve conditions for Texas farmers and ranchers hard hit by 1998 drought

State Comptroller John Sharp has unveiled a series of proposals to improve conditions for Texas farmers and ranchers devastated by the 1998 drought. The recommendations include state assistance in the war against the cotton-devouring boll weevils, and water-gulping brush, increased support for soil and water conservation projects, and stepped-up efforts by the Texas National Guard to help ranchers haul hay.

Sharp detailed his proposals before a joint hearing of the Senate Finance Committee and the House Committee on Appropriations on the economic impact of the 1998 drought on the state.

"These proposals offer Texas farmers and ranchers an alternative to the state programs already in place to help in times like these," Sharp said. "Many Texas farmers and ranch-

ers still have not recovered from the 1996 drought, and they are not going to solve their problems by going further into debt with as-

by enacting the following proposals:

- The state should pick up the full tab for eradicating boll weevils in cotton growing regions.

- The state should identify and initiate brush removal projects to restore water and grassland in brush-infested watersheds and use prison labor to do it.

- To help make up for declining federal support, the state should provide additional funding to local conservation districts to support soil and water conservation projects.

The Texas Agricultural Extension Service estimates that the 1998 drought will cost Texas farmers and ranchers as much as \$1.8 billion in cash receipts.

Sharp reiterated that these losses are not expected to have an impact on the preliminary state budget surplus of \$3.7 billion that he announced in July, because the losses were already factored into the Comptroller's estimate.

Texas and the 1998 Drought

- According to the Texas Agricultural Extension Service (TAXES), Texas farmers and ranchers will lose as much as \$1.8 billion in cash receipts because of the 1998 drought.
- The impact—direct and indirect—on the Texas economy could reach \$4.9 billion.
- Combined producer income losses attributable to drought in 1998 and 1999 have reached \$3.9 billion and continue to climb each day.
- Texas cotton farmers will lose approximately \$500 million in income this year, making them the hardest hit of farmers affected by the drought. That is a 42 percent greater loss than the cotton loss attributed to the drought in 1996.
- TAXES recently updated their economic loss projections for livestock sales and added feed costs. In less than three weeks, projections have increased more than 150 percent. Currently, losses from forced sales and added feed costs are projected to total more than \$450 million.
- Corn and sorghum producers could suffer combined direct losses of \$365 million. Forage (hay) producers are expected to suffer about \$330 million in direct loss.
- Dried fruit, vegetable and pecan producers are projected to lose \$100 million due to lost production and crops not being planted.
- Limited or unavailable irrigation is affecting many Texas crops. Particularly hard hit are the citrus producers in the Lower Rio Grande Valley, where trees could die if left without water for too long. Conceivably, the citrus producers could not only lose their crop, but also their capacity to produce.
- From April through June 1998, all areas of the state received less rain than during the same period of 1996.

Loss for producers

In millions	1996	1998	Combined
Cotton	\$369	\$500	\$869
Wheat	222	222	444
Sorghum	205	140	345
Corn	177	225	402
Livestock sales & added feed cost	1,111	451	1,562
Forage crops (hay)	na	330	330
Horticultural crops	na	100	100
Total (livestock)	2,100	1,750	3,850

Commodity Prices

	Jan 1998	Jan 1996	Percent Change
Cotton (cents)	\$0.64	\$0.77	-17%
Wheat (cents)	2.88	5.42	-47%
Sorghum (cents)	4.13	6.69	-38%
Corn (cents)	2.55	4.94	-48%
Beef cattle (pounds)	62.60	54.50	15%

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assistance limited mainly to loan programs."

Sharp recommended that Texas help agricultural producers

production following a drought. Ideas on managing farmland, pastures, and water resources will be shared by leading specialists.

Area banking representatives will also be on hand to assess the drought's impact on lending practices as well as the effects on agricultural loans for the 1999 crop year.

The San Angelo workshop is one of 10 being held statewide throughout the month of August. TDA workshops are also being held in Lamesa, Stamford, Navasota, Weslaco, Victoria, Uvalde, Tyler, Plainview, and Waco.

For more information on the TDA workshops, contact Katie Dickie Stavino, TDA special assistant for Producer Relations, at (512) 463-7593.

Workshop in San Angelo to assist drought-stricken producers

Agriculture Commissioner Rick Perry announced August 17 that the Texas Department of Agriculture will host a workshop on Wednesday, Aug. 26, in San Angelo aimed at providing valuable information to drought-stricken farmers. Topics will include the disaster loan application process, resuming production following the drought, and working with local banks for new agricultural loans.

The workshop will begin at 1:30 p.m. at the Texas A&M Center, 7887 Hwy 87 North in San Angelo. The seminar is free and open to all agricultural producers in the area.

"Reliable information is a critical tool for farmers to ensure they make it through this drought and remain a part of Texas agricul-

ture," Perry said. "I encourage every producer in the area to attend this workshop so they can be better prepared for the coming months."

Perry notes the Texas A&M University System, Texas Tech University, and the U.S. Department of Agriculture Farm Service Agency will be working with TDA to assist producers at these workshops.

All 254 counties in Texas have been declared an agricultural disaster because of drought. The designation allows farmers in each county to apply for low-interest loans from the USDA Farm Service Agency.

In addition to providing background on the disaster assistance process, the workshop will offer essential information on resuming

No trespassing sign deadline September 1

"No trespassing" signs may soon disappear from the Texas landscape. A new law effective last year allows landowners to replace signs with vertical purple stripes. However, until Sept. 1, 1998, landowners are required to post another sign explaining the purple stripes. After that date, no signs of any kind will be required.

The law allowing landowners to use a vertical purple stripe on a tree or post three to five feet above the ground was effective Sept. 1, 1997. For the past year, however,

the stripes had to be accompanied by signs at every vehicular entry point explaining the significance of the purple paint.

The purple stripes must be at least one inch wide and eight inches long. They must be placed every 1,000 feet along the property line, except in forests where they must be every 100 feet. They must be readily visible to anyone approaching the property.

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Rural recycling event set for Wall

The Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission (TNRCC) is offering rural Texans the opportunity to dispose of empty plastic pesticide containers, used tires (tires less than 24.5-inch rim diameter), used motor oil, oil filters, lead acid batteries, and metal wire free of charge.

The Texas Country Clean Up campaign has sponsored 42 one-day collection events throughout rural areas of the state this year.

The collection will take place from 8:00 a.m.-noon. The purpose of the clean up campaign is to offer rural areas the same recycling opportunities as metropolitan areas.

Empty plastic pesticide containers must be clean, triple-rinsed or high-pressure rinsed to be accepted. No hazardous waste will be accepted. Tires will not be accepted from businesses that change or collect tires for a fee.

Also, there is a 50-tire limit per participant.

Collection days across the state this year have been extremely successful. In 42 cleanups this year, 1,303 participants recycled 46,955 empty plastic pesticide containers, 9,918 tires, 34,468 gallons of used motor oil, 54,060 used oil filters, and 2,108 used lead acid batteries.

The collection will be held Friday, August 28, at the Wall Co-Op Gin #1, 8 miles east of San Angelo on Hwy. 87.

Texas Country Clean Up is co-sponsored by the TNRCC, Texas Agricultural Extension Service, San Angelo Friends of the Environment, and the Texas Department of Agriculture. The following local recyclers have donated their time and services for this collection: Interstate Battery San Angelo, E&E Enterprises, and U.S. Ag Recycling.

For more information about the collection program, please contact your local county extension agent.

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