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Miss Sno-Queen



SHELLEY MEYER (left) was crowned the 1999 Miss Sno Queen during Saturday's Christmas parade and festivities. First runner-up is Meagan Galvan-Nitsch (second from left), second runner-up is Alexis Adams, and third runner-up is Teresa Cangiolioli (far right).

Chamber extends thanks to all who made the parade possible

by Carolyn Scarborough, Winters Area Chamber of Commerce Secretary

This year's parade was a big success and so very much fun. The weather was perfect, but maybe just a little warm for Christmas.

We had a lot of entries and then some showed up at the last minute. There were kids and adults of all ages participating. There were trains, cars, go-carts, fire trucks, floats, bikes, and walkers dressed in all kinds of costumes, representing the Nativity, Christmas presents and trees, Santa, reindeer, and kids excited about Christmas.

The judges making the difficult decisions on the winners were Mike White of Ballinger, Linda Butts of Abilene, and Barbara Bolton of Brady.

The winners are as follows:

Floats:

1st - First State Bank
2nd - Jody O'Dell
3rd - Winters Head Start

Motorized Vehicles:

1st - Cody, Collyn, Colby and Corey Pritchard
2nd - Webelos #2
3rd - David Sanchez

Riding Clubs:

Abilene Saddle Club and Nolan County Sheriff's posse shared top honors.

Walkers/Bikers:

1st - Garret, L.J., and Hayden Nitsch
2nd - Brownie Troop #178
3rd - Kendra Esquivel.
Congratulations to all!

The Miss Sno-Queen contest was won by Shelley Meyer. The 1st runner-up was Meagan Galvan-Nitsch, 2nd runner-up was Alexis Adams, and the 3rd runner-up was Teresa Cangiolioli.

The judges were Barbara Bolton of Brady, Elizabeth Parker of Abilene, and Debbie Baker of Cisco. We thank them for their hard work in choosing the winners. We also thank all the girls for their participation.

The Winters Area Chamber of Commerce would like to thank the many businesses and individuals who helped make this parade possible.

Those sponsoring Sno-Queen

contestants were Associated Beef, Bahlman Jewelers, CCS Medical Equipment, Casa Cabana, Dairy Queen, Hatler Insurance, and Gehrel's Insurance.

Also Guy's Dirt Contracting, Heidenheimer's, Kristian's Hair Gallery, Lawrence Bros. Grocery, MSR Exploration, Inc., Milton's Hardware, and Pioneer Vet Clinic. And Senior Citizen Nursing Home, Spill Bros. Furniture, Stitches Post, The Winters Enterprise, and the Winters Funeral Home.

Prizes for the Sno-Queen winners and contestants were provided by Sandy Mesey, Saam Geistmann, Winters Post Office, First American Bank, Busy "B" Cleaners, and Spill Bros. Furniture.

Also The Winters Enterprise, Head Shed, Heidenheimer's, Bahlman Jewelers, Stitches Post, and Video Hut.

And Glenda Matthews, Main Drug, Security State Bank, Motel Winters, and Gray's Video.

The \$300 scholarship which will help Shelley Meyer with her college expenses was funded by Kenneth Slimp, First State Bank, Lawrence Bros. Grocery, Farmers Seed & Supply, Bahlman Chevrolet, WTU, Premium Pump Service, Hatler Insurance, Mac Oilfield Co., Bedford-Norman Insurance, and Higginbotham's.

A special thanks to Flowers Etc. for decorating the stage area and to Winters Flower Shop for providing the flowers for the Sno-Queen winners and contestants.

Also to Jim West for fixing a hitch to pull Santa's sleigh and to Jay West for the use of the trailer for our stage.

The sound system was provided and set up by Mike Meyer.

Business donating prizes for the town drawing were Angel's Auto, Alderman-Cave Milling, Bob's Tire and Auto, Casa Cabana, Heidenheimer's, Hobo Bar-B-Que, John's International, and West Dale Grocery.

Thank you also goes to Pete Gray for playing Santa Claus. The former Sno-Queen float

was pulled by a pickup provided by Bahlman Chevrolet and the poinsettias decorating it were provided by Higginbotham's. Former Sno-Queens participating in this year's parade were Irma Gonzales Blackshear ('77), Robbie Cole Fuchs ('82), Marie Pritchard Payne ('87), Katie Harrison

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Girl Scouts collecting for Toys for Tots

Girl Scout Troop 180 will be collecting toys for Toys for Tots through December 20.

Toys may be left at Bob Loyd L.P. Gas at 104 E. Parsonage from 7:30 a.m.-6:00 p.m.

If anyone would like to make a donation, there will be a collection can at Bob Loyd L.P. Gas and Lawrence Brothers IGA Grocery.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Christmas baskets for needy

The Winters Relief Fund and Food Pantry are preparing to distribute Christmas food baskets on Tuesday, December 22. This program is designed to assure that no family will go hungry on Christmas Day.

If your family is in need or you know of a family in need please fill out the application form below, cut out, and mail to P.O. Box 201 or deliver to an area church during their regular office hours.

Winters Relief and Food Pantry, sponsored by the Ministerial Alliance, provides service to about thirty families per week throughout the year. All funds are donated by local churches and interested community members.

If you would like to have a part in this great ministry, please mail your contribution to P.O. Box 201, Winters, Texas 79567.

If you would like to be involved as a volunteer at the Food Bank, please contact your local pastor or Don Roath at First United Methodist Church.

APPLICATIONS FOR CHRISTMAS BASKET

Name _____ Phone _____
Address _____ City _____
Social Security number (optional) _____
Number of adults in family _____ Number of children in family _____
Ages of children _____

Deadline for applications, December 17

Winters mayor wins \$5,000 grant for city

The National Center for Small Communities (NCSC) has announced that Dawson McGuffin, Mayor of the city of Winters, is a recipient of the American Hometown Leadership Award for outstanding leadership of communities with populations of 25,000 or less.

Wal-Mart, which co-sponsors the award to promote strong leadership in small towns, is presenting a grant of \$5,000 to the city of Winters in McGuffin's honor.

"The winners of the American Hometown Leadership Award demonstrate not only outstanding leadership qualities, but also the creativity and initiative needed to bring a measure of excellence to their work," said Tom Halicki, executive director of NCSC. "Their ability to envision great things for their community, and their ability to translate that vision into action, makes them deserving of our highest honor."

The award recognizes outstanding civic accomplishments by individuals who serve on a local government's elected board or council, or advisory committee in a community with a population of fewer than 25,000 people.

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Mayor McGuffin



JAKE PRADO, age 3, can barely contain his excitement as he watches Santa come down the street during the annual Winters Christmas parade last Saturday. Mom Joanie Prado also appears to be enjoying the spirit of old St. Nick.

Commissioners consider bids for telephone system of new jail

Commissioners handled several items of business related to construction of the new jail facility at their regular meeting on Tuesday.

A lengthy discussion of bids for an inmate telephone system in the new jail was finally tabled to allow commissioners to study the three different proposals received. None of the systems would cost the county any money and would bring in income from inmate phone calls.

Each of the three companies bidding proposed paying different percentages of billed calls. One proposal included a complete computer system for photographing and keeping up with inmates. That proposal was presented by Evercom, whose representative, Tom Keller was present and advised commissioners, "You need to check references on all of these companies making proposals."

Several change orders relating to construction of the new jail

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WHAT'S HAPPENING ?

- Dec. 10-10 a.m., 39+, First United Methodist Church
- 10 a.m., Triple L Club, First Baptist Church
- 10 a.m., Second Down Home Cooking Workshop, Housing Authority
- 11:30 a.m., Senior Citizens Meal
- 7-9 p.m., Heritage Oaks Holiday Grand Opening, Ballinger
- Forage/Grassland Meeting, Texas A&M Research Center, San Angelo
- Dec. 11-11:30 a.m., Senior Citizens Meal
- Forage/Grassland Meeting, Texas A&M Research Center, San Angelo
- Dec. 12-2-5 p.m., Pioneer Vet Clinic Christmas Open House
- Showmanship Clinic, Ballinger Community Center
- Dec. 13-11 a.m., Heaven's Jubilee, Southside Baptist Church
- 2-3 p.m., PIPS, WHS Gym
- Dec. 14-11:30 a.m., Senior Citizens Meal
- 6 p.m., VFW & Auxiliary Christmas Party
- 6-9 p.m., Parent Education Workshop, School Science Lab
- 6:30 p.m., Weight Watchers, Sr. Citizens Activity Center
- 7 p.m., Weigh Down, First United Methodist Church
- Dec. 15-9 a.m.-3 p.m., Pesticide Recertification Training, Eden
- 11:30 a.m., Senior Citizens Meal
- Noon, Lions Club
- 7 p.m., WVFD
- 7 p.m., Athletic Boosters, Blizzard Stadium
- 7:30 p.m., Eastern Star
- Woman's Service League
- Dec. 16-9 a.m.-4 p.m., WIC, Winters Housing Authority
- 10 a.m.-Noon, Free Blood Pressure Check, Sr. Citizens Activity Center
- 11:30 a.m., Senior Citizens Meal
- Dec. 17-11:30 a.m., Senior Citizens Meal
- 4:30 p.m., Sr. Citizens Nursing Home Christmas Pageant & Dinner
- 6:30 p.m., Second Grade Program, WHS Auditorium
- 7 p.m., Select Choir Christmas Program, WHS Auditorium
- 7 p.m., Winters Squares, Community Center

Oil Bidness

By Reg Boles ©1998



My Mom used to call me "contrary", but I prefer "contrarian". In this particular case, I think many experts are missing the trees for the forest. While most pundits believe that OPEC's power will continue to fade under the pressure of ever-lower oil prices, I think the opposite may very well be true.

Most of those guys think that shrinking demand will let the market wrest away what little power is left in OPEC's hands. After all, if fewer people want their product and plenty of other people produce it, why would anybody care if they try to influence the market one way or the other?

The two primary assumptions underlying that theory (lower demand and unlimited alternate supply) are key to the conclusion of lessening OPEC power.

Let me lay out my case. At current prices, it's obvious that there is reduced demand for oil. However, will demand always be at such depressed levels? I don't think so.

This is still a cyclical business and there will come a time when demand is near supply and most likely demand will exceed supply on occasion.

Demand is driven by economic growth and by population increases. The world will most surely experience growth in both sometime in the future. Demand is currently in a slack mode due to certain unusual conditions in major economic centers of the world. This is by no means a permanent condition.

Now that we have established that lower demand is not as much a long-term phenomenon as it is a result of prevailing conditions at any given time, let's talk about supply.

The alternative supply includes: the North Sea, South America, the United States, the former Soviet Union, Africa, and the Far East. This list is long, but there is something particularly unique about OPEC that makes the alternative supply operate at a major handicap.

Besides the fact that there are some OPEC members in some of these alternative supply areas, there is another problem...

But, I am out of space. Stay

tuned next week as we discuss the reason OPEC may actually grow in power in the next century.

HIGHLIGHTS OF AREA DRILLING ACTIVITY

COMPLETIONS

None This Week

STAKINGS

Nolan County

Chisholm Exploration has staked the Texaco Fee #2 in the Mulberry Canyon Field, 4 miles NE of Nolan (Depth 3999). Loc. is 1300 FSL & 1957 FWL of Sec. 69, Blk. 5, T&PRR Sur.

Patterson Petroleum, Inc. has staked the Adams #1 in the South Lake Trammel Field, 2 miles NE of Maryneal (Depth 5400). Loc. is 330 FNL & 660 FWL of Sec. 190, Blk. 1-A, H&TC Sur.

Runnels County

Tracer Operating has staked the O.L. Dean #5 in the West Wingate Field, 2 miles NE of Wilmeth (Depth 5999). Loc. is 683 FNEL & 1186 FNW of Lot 3, H.L. Bays Sur. No. 444, A-17.

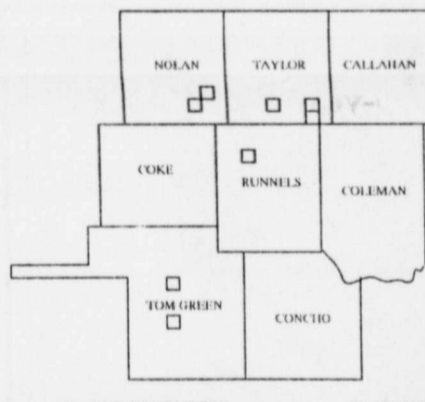
Taylor County

Heart Land Petroleum has staked the West Ovalo Gardner Lime Unit #36 in the County Regular Field, 4 miles W of Ovalo (Depth 4757). Loc. is 330 FEL & 1500 FNL of Sec. 33, Blk. 1, SPRR Sur., A-301.

John S. Sims has applied to deepen two wells in the West Atwood Field, 4 miles SW of Lawn. The C.O. Patterson #2 (Depth 4825) is loc. 2445 FEL & 1685 FSL of J.C. Thompson Sur. No. 433, A-326. The C.O. Patterson #3 (Depth 4554) is loc. 360 FSL & 1923 FEL of same Sur.

Tom Green County

Ladd Oil & Gas has staked two wells (Depth 5600). The Double-M-#1 is loc. 760 FWL & 1980 FSL of Sec. 45, Blk. 25, H&TC Sur., A-1263 and is 5 miles NE of Christoval in the Altrice Field. The McGill #1 is loc. 1000 FEL & 1500 FNL of Sec. 20, Blk. 25, H&TC Sur., A-8635 (RULE 36) and is 10 miles NE of Christoval in the Susan Peak Field.



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DECORATING THE WINTERS PUBLIC LIBRARY Christmas tree with ornaments made at their den meeting are (back row, left to right) Kevin Cook, Matthew Tucker, Andrew Blackerby, and Kaighan Price. Front row, same order, Patrick Escalona, Caleb Pringle, Garret Nitsch, and Michael Blackshear. All are members of Cub Scout Pack 249, Bear Den. Their leader is Melinda Tucker. Other adults helping make ornaments were Rhonda Cook, Diana Escalona, Sharan Price, and Vicki Blackerby.

Medicare costs increase for 1999

The 1999 increases in the hospital costs payable by Medicare beneficiaries—the Part A hospital insurance deductible and the Part B medical insurance premium—were announced in November.

The deductible and the premium are recalculated each year to reflect changes in the costs of health care or changes in Medicare law.

The Part A deductible for beneficiaries admitted to hospitals in 1999 will be \$768, up from this year's \$764.

The monthly Part B premium will increase to \$45.50 a month, up from \$43.80.

The small increase largely reflects savings from reductions in Medicare hospital payments and other program changes signed into law in the balanced budget agreement to help protect and preserve the Medicare hospital Insurance Trust Fund. Last year, the deductible also rose by only \$4.

The Part A deductible is a beneficiary's only cost for up to 60 days of covered inpatient hospital services. For hospital stays longer than 60 days, a beneficiary will be responsible for \$192 per day (an increase of \$1) for the 61st through 90th days, and \$384 per day (an increase of \$2) for the 91st through 150th days.

The skilled-nursing facility coinsurance, which must be paid after the first 20 days of skilled nursing care, will increase by 50 cents to \$96 a day.

When a beneficiary needs therapeutic care in a skilled nursing facility after at least three consecutive days of inpatient hospital care, Medicare pays 100 percent of covered expenses for the first 20 days.

The beneficiary is responsible for \$96.00 per day (an increase of .50) for the 21st through the 100th day.

Low income beneficiaries may get help in paying Medicare premiums, deductibles, and coinsurance through their state Medicaid programs.

Contact your state Medicaid office or public assistance office for more information.

Senior Citizens Activity Center Menu

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Dec. 14 thru Dec. 18
Subject to change

Monday, Dec. 14: Goulash, carrot salad, mixed greens, cornbread, and butterscotch pudding.

Tuesday, Dec. 15: Steak & gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, bread, and Jello with cream.

Wednesday, Dec. 16: Chicken & spaghetti, English peas, tossed salad, roll, and banana nut cake.

Thursday, Dec. 17: Sloppy Joes, cole slaw, French fries, pickles & onions, and peaches.

Friday, Dec. 18: Mexican cornbread, pinto beans, fruit salad, chips & hot sauce, and dump cake.

PARADE, continued

Alexander ('88), Susan Bryan Hamilton ('90), Elizabeth Lozano ('91), Cristi Burton ('94), and Amanda Collom ('95).

Thank you to all who helped and to those of you who came to watch.

Attn: Shut-ins

If you are a shut-in in Winters and would enjoy someone coming by to sing gospel songs with you or to you, please call Lola Scott at 743-2234.

Card of Thanks

I would like to thank the First Baptist Church for the food they gave me for Thanksgiving. I keep everyone in my prayers. God bless you.

Ester Johnson

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Obituaries

Willie O. Vessell

BALLINGER—Willie O. Vessell, 76, died Tuesday, December 1, 1998, at 2:39 p.m. in Shannon Medical Center in San Angelo. He was born January 28, 1922, in Cooke County to Julius and Sadie Jane Taylor Vessell. He married Sue Campbell Vessell.

Mr. Vessell owned and operated a tree trimming business for many years. He was a member of the Ballinger Assembly of God Church. He was preceded in death by his parents.

Survivors include his wife, Sue Campbell Vessel of Ballinger; one daughter, Helen Cash of Wichita Falls; five stepdaughters, Susie Deeds, Sherry Coy, Tracy Cole, and Shona Galindo, all of Ballinger, and Lana Cole of San Angelo; one stepson, Leslie Cole Jr. of Ballinger; one sister, Irene Pierce of Wichita Falls; eleven grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Services were held at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, December 2, at Rains-Seale Chapel in Ballinger with Reverend A.C. Hammer and Reverend Jack Dial officiating. Burial followed in the Evergreen Cemetery in Ballinger, directed by Rains-Seale Funeral Home.

George A. Jansa

MILES—George A. Jansa, 95, died Thursday, December 3, 1998, at the Heritage Oaks Estates in Ballinger.

He was born on May 11, 1903, in Yorktown. He was the last of eleven children born to John and Mary Marsh Jansa a pioneer family of Concho County. He married Angeline Schwertner in Rowena, on February 4, 1929.

Mr. Jansa was a farmer and a rancher, and was a past trustee of the Miles Independent School District, and a past director of the Miles Co Op. He was a member of St. Thomas Catholic Church in Miles and a member of the church building committee. Mr. Jansa was a charter member of the Knights of Columbus, Bishop Forrest Council # 2636 in Rowena.

He was preceded in death by his parents, brothers, sisters, and one granddaughter.

Survivors include his wife, Angeline Jansa; four sons and daughters-in-law, Lester and Mary Lou Jansa of Garden City, James and Reiko Jansa of Fort Walton Beach, Florida, Daniel and Betty Jansa of Wichita Falls, and Fred and Judy Jansa of Miles; twelve grandchildren; fourteen great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Rosary was held at 7:00 p.m., Sunday, December 6, at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Rowena. Funeral Mass was at 10:00 a.m. December 7, at St. Joseph with Father Stephen Kennelly officiating. Burial followed in the St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery directed by Rains-Seale Funeral Home of Ballinger.

Memorials may be made to the Miles Senior Citizens, P. O. Box 367, Miles, Texas 76861, or a favorite charity.

Wesley Adell Clendennen

BORGER—Wesley Adell Clendennen, 64, died in Hillsboro. He was born November 22, 1934, in Ballinger.

Mr. Clendennen served in the Air Force during the Korean conflict. He was a truck driver and also did some farming at the Ben Richey Boys Ranch in Abilene.

Survivors include two daughters, Louise Thurman of Borger and Janet Hinders of Stinnett; four sons, Wesley Clendennen of Pampa, Kenneth Clendennen of Abilene, Dale Vincent of Channing, and Sander Clendennen of Borger; one brother, Charles Clendennen of Abilene; three sisters, Lola Jean Davis of Abilene, Carolyn Louise Barth of Breckenridge, and Geraldine Key; eighteen grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

A memorial service was held at 1:00 p.m. Saturday, December 5, 1998, at Bible Baptist Church in Borger with Reverend Leonard Foresight officiating.

Viron Luther Wilkerson

ROUND ROCK—Viron Luther Wilkerson, 86, passed away Saturday, November 28, 1998, in Round Rock, Texas.

He was born October 13, 1912, in Fort Stockton. He grew up in Crews and married Selma Dietz in 1935.

Mr. Wilkerson attended Howard Payne University and served in the U.S. Navy.

Survivors include two sons, Michael Wilkerson of Austin and Richard Wilkerson of Dallas; one daughter, Patricia Wilkerson of Dallas; one brother, Curtis Wilkerson of Orinda, California; four grandsons; and one granddaughter.

Funeral services were held Monday, November 30, in Dallas.

Hubert Wade, Sr.

NORFOLK, VIRGINIA—Hubert Wade, Sr., 78, died Sunday, December 6, 1998, at Ballinger, Texas.

He was born May 27, 1920, in Knotts Island, Virginia. He married Dorothy Preczewski on September 19, 1945, at Hollywood, Florida. Mr. Wade served 30 years with the U.S. Navy and retired as a survivor of Pearl Harbor.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Teresa Anne.

Survivors include his wife, Dorothy Wade of Norfolk, Virginia; one son, Father Hubert Wade, Jr. of Ballinger; three daughters, Mary Margaret Neff and Dorothea Wade, both of Norfolk, and Michele Talarico of Erie, Pennsylvania; six grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

A memorial mass was held at 7 p.m. Monday, December 7, at St. Mary Catholic Church in Ballinger with Bishop Michael Pfeiffer officiating. Funeral mass will be at 10 a.m. Friday, December 11, at Christ the King Church in Norfolk, Virginia.

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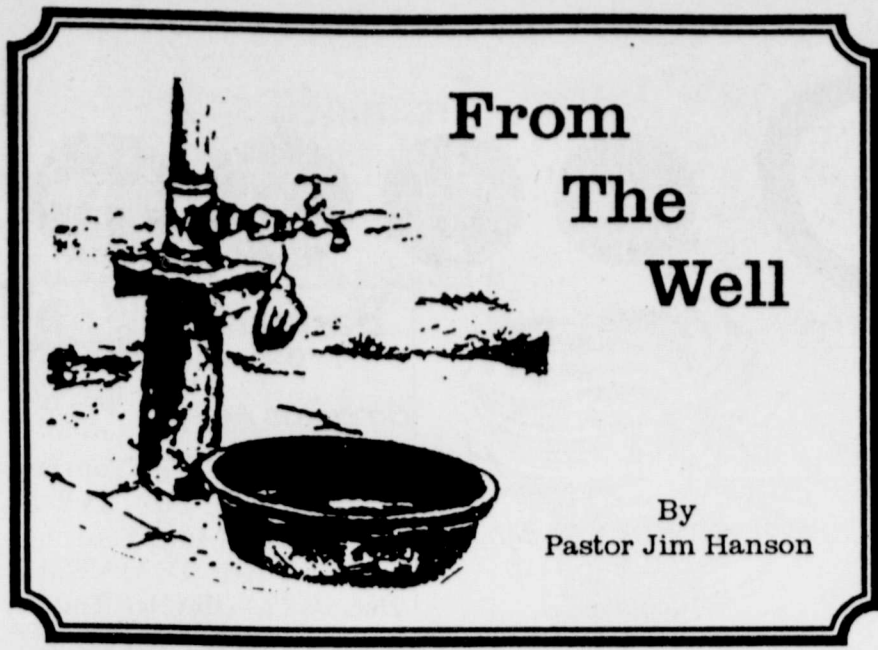
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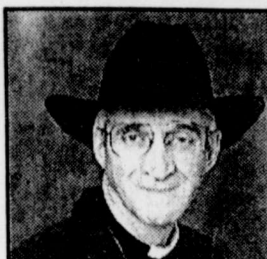
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From The Well

By Pastor Jim Hanson



Pastor Jim Hanson

There's a healing power in singing. Both for the singer and the one sung to. I've experienced it many times. The other day Ramona and I sang "Jesus loves me" together with one of our shut-ins and her family. The singing transformed the room. You could sense and feel a change. And in us, too. Some eyes were filled with a glow others with a tear.

St. Augustine said, "Whoever sings...prays twice." That's why the angels sang when Jesus was born. Filled the air everywhere...with joy. Nothing could announce his arrival better than song.

There is something about singing. Some songs I never forget. One of my old time favorites is "You are my sunshine". It's a kind of a love song. Actually, you could sing it to Jesus. Anyway, the other day Nancy gave me a story. A true one. about a time...well, here's the story. From the internet.

"Like any good mother, when Karen found out that another baby was on the way, she did what she could to help her 3 year old son, Michael, prepare for a new sibling. They found out that the new baby is going to be a girl, and day after day, night after night, Michael sings to his sister in Mommy's tummy.

The pregnancy progresses normally for Karen, an active member of the Panther Creek United Methodist Church in Morristown, TN. Then the labor pains come. Every five minutes...every minute. But complications arise during delivery. Hours of labor. Would a c-section be required?

Finally, Michael's little sister is born. But she is in serious condition. With sirens howling in the night, the ambulance rushes the infant to the neonatal intensive care unit at St. Mary's hospital, Knoxville, TN. The days inch by. The little girl gets worse. The pediatric specialist tells the parent, "There is very little hope. Be prepared for the worst."

Karen and her husband contact a local cemetery about a burial plot. They have fixed up a special room in their home for the new baby and now they plan a funeral. Michael keeps begging his parents to let him see his sister. "I want to sing to her," he says.

Week two in intensive care. It looks as if a funeral will come before the week is over. Michael keeps nagging about singing to his sister but kids are never allowed in Intensive Care. But Karen makes up her mind. She will take Michael whether they like it or not. If he doesn't see his sister now, he may never see her alive.

She dresses him in an oversized scrub suit and marches him into ICU. He looks like a walking laundry basket, but the head nurse recognizes him as a child and bellows, "Get that kid out of here now! No children are allowed!" The mother rises up strong in Karen, and the usually mild-mannered lady glares steel-eyed into the head nurse's face, her lips a firm line. "He is not leaving until he sings to his sister!" Karen tows Michael to his sister's bedside. He gazes at the tiny infant losing the battle to live. And he begins to sing. In the pure hearted voice of a 3 year old, Michael sings: "You are my sunshine, my only sunshine, you make me happy when skies are gray..."

Instantly the baby girl responds. The pulse rate becomes calm and steady. "Keep on singing, Michael."

"You never know, dear, how much I love you. Please don't take my sunshine away..." The ragged, strained breathing becomes as smooth as a kitten's purr. "Keep on singing, Michael."

"The other night, dear, as I lay sleeping, I dreamed I held you in my arms..." Michael's little sister relaxes as rest, healing rest, seems to sweep over her. "Keep on singing, Michael."

Tears conquer the face of the bossy head nurse. Karen glows. "You are my sunshine, my only sunshine. Please don't take my sunshine away." Funeral plans are scrapped. The next day...the very next day, the little girl is well enough to go home!

Woman's Day magazine called it "the miracle of a brother's song". The medical staff just called it a miracle. Karen called it a miracle of God's love!

Wonderful! Love is the greatest gift. And has a special power when wrapped in song. Like the swaddling clothes—bring comfort to the soul. Send this story to all who have touched your life. For Christmas is indeed—the Love Season...every year!



THE GREEN FAMILY gathered on Saturday for the lighting ceremony for the *Light Up A Life Tree* and memorial service to honor the late Oliver Green, longtime Winters resident who passed away on April 17, 1998. Left to right are Monica Brown Allen, Allan Green, Mrs. Oliver Green with great-granddaughter Kelsey Allen, Heather Brown, Jerry Davis, Amber Green, Carolyn Green Davis, Neil Brown, Kay Green Brown, Austen Green, and William Green. The *Light Up A Life Tree*, located at Main Drug, is decorated with doves that anyone can purchase in memory or honor of a loved one, family member, or friend for whom they wish to have a special remembrance.

TCA Cable TV, Concho Valley Regional Food Bank join forces to collect food for area hungry

From November 30 to December 30, TCA Cable TV will work with the Concho Valley Regional Food Bank to gather food for area residents in need, according to Cable TV General Manager Larson Lloyd and Food Bank Executive Director Milt Johnson.

Lloyd said canned food and other commercially-wrapped nonperishable food items will be collected at the cable office, then given to the Concho Valley Regional Food Bank. "People wanting to help neighbors who are having a hard time feeding themselves and their families should bring food donations to our office,

located at 28 West Concho Avenue, from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Friday," said Lloyd.

Lloyd said the cable company's participation in the food drive stems from a commitment to participation in causes that will benefit area residents. "We feel we have the opportunity to spread the word about the food drive over our cable channels, and that many of our fine customers will feel moved to participate," said Lloyd. "Our objective here is to make sure the food drive receives enough donations over the next few weeks so that everyone who is in need will receive

enough to eat this winter."

The cable company is also offering a special incentive for those who wish to contribute to the food drive. New cable customers will receive free installation, and current customers will receive a free connection to various cable service, for the donation of 10 or more food items.

Area residents who have questions about the food drive should contact the cable office at 655-8911.

Post office offers extended hours

The United States Post Office, located at 126 State Street in Winters, announces extended holiday hours to include the next two Saturdays, December 12 and 19, from 9:00 a.m. to noon.

For more information call 754-4718.

Southside Baptist Church to host Heaven's Jubilee, Sunday, Dec. 13

Heaven's Jubilee will be at Southside Baptist Church, Sunday Dec. 13, at 11:00 a.m. for morning services.

Lunch will be served, then at 2:00 p.m. Heaven's Jubilee will sing again.

Everyone is invited to attend.

Teenagers may qualify for Medicaid

Texas teenagers, ages 15-18, have the opportunity to benefit from Medicaid and qualify for health/dental care coverage. To qualify, the teenagers must be a member of a family of four with a yearly income of \$16,450.00 or less.

If you have questions or concerns, please contact Tommy Cowan at 512-463-9283. If you have additional questions, please contact Winters High School at 915-754-5516

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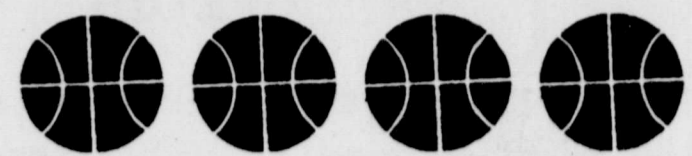
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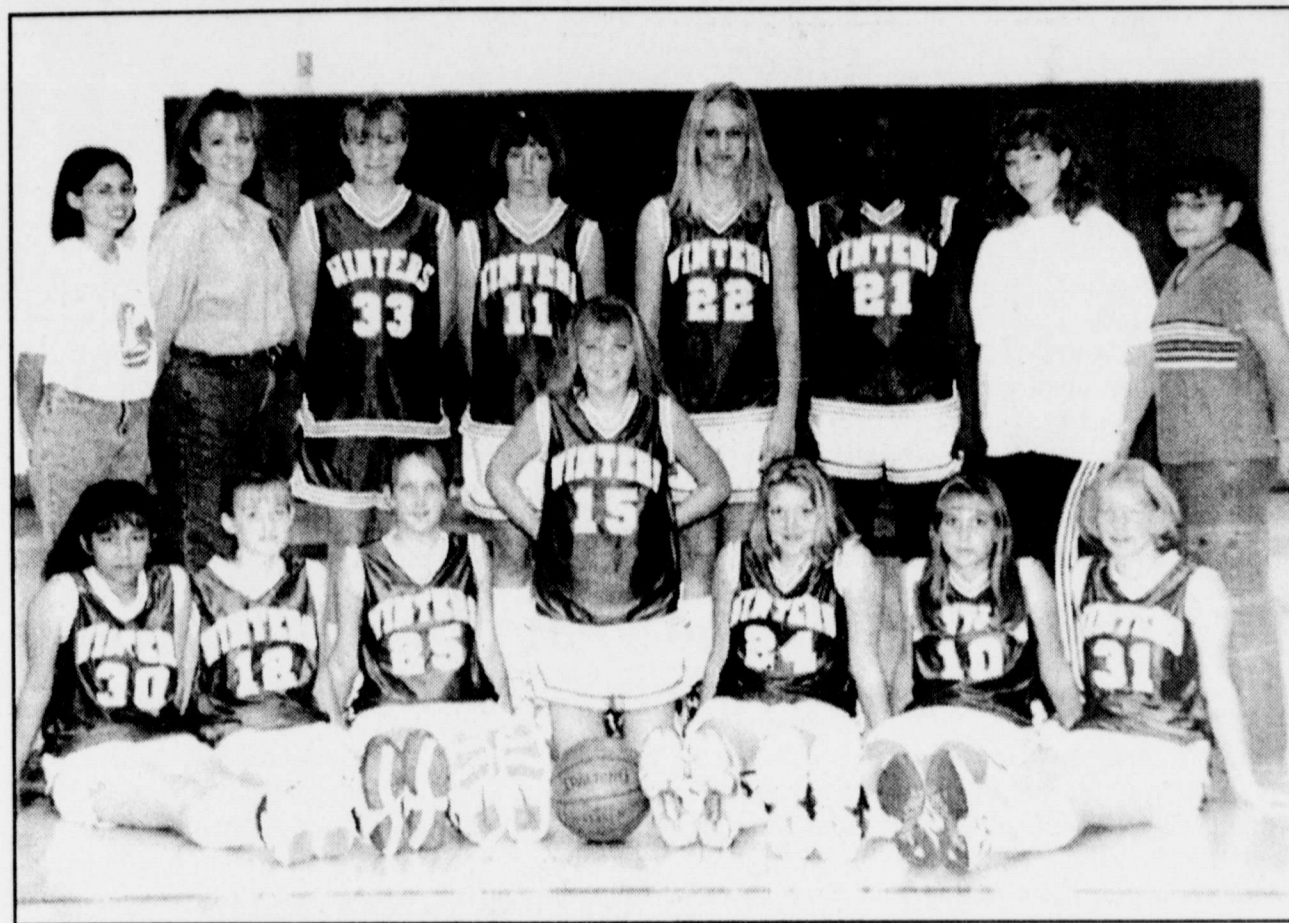
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Standing (left to right) Kimberly Sartor, Coach Fowler, Stacey Walden, Laci Walker, Jena Bahlman, Tacarra Belk, Leslye Geistmann, and Lydia Rocha. Kneeling Michelle Dexter. Back row, same order, Amy Esquivel, Stacey Sneed, Kemari Hale, Allison Calcote, Dana Clough, and Amy Patterson.

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Dec. 10-12—C-City Tourney, There, TBA, JVB
 Dec. 10-12—Miles Tourney, There, TBA, VG, VB
 Dec. 10-12—Jim Ned Tour., There, TBA, 8G, 8B
 Dec. 14—Goldthwaite*
 There, 5 p.m., JVG, JVB, VG, VB
 VG Varsity Girls VB Varsity Boys
 JVG Junior Varsity Girls
 JVG2 Junior Varsity Girls Second Team
 JVB Junior Varsity Boys
 JVB2 Junior Varsity Boys Second Team
 8B 8th Boys 8G 8th Girls
 7B 7th Boys 7G 7th Girls
 *Denotes District Games

CAFETERIA MENU

Dec. 14-Dec. 18
 Subject to change

- Breakfast**
 Monday-Dec. 14
 Cinnamon Roll
 Cereal
 Juice
- Tuesday-Dec. 15**
 Toast
 Cereal
 Juice
- Wednesday-Dec. 16**
 Biscuit
 Sausage
 Juice
- Thursday-Dec. 17**
 Muffins
 Oatmeal
 Juice
- Friday-Dec. 18**
 Waffles/Syrup
 Cereal
 Juice

- Lunch**
 Monday-Dec. 14
 Pizza
 June Peas
 Sliced Carrots
 Chocolate Pudding
 Hot Roll
- Tuesday-Dec. 15**
 Chicken Spaghetti
 Corn
 Tossed Salad
 Pear Half
 Hot Roll
- Wednesday-Dec. 16**
 Chicken Nuggets/Gravy
 Mashed Potatoes
 Green Beans
 Jello/Fruit
 Hot Roll
- Thursday-Dec. 17**
 Grilled Cheese Sandwich
 Vegetable Beef Soup
 Banana Pudding
 Sliced Pickles
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Team: Varsity Girls Coach: Ken Fowler
 Opponent: Lata Date: Nov. 21, 1998
 Place: Lata

POINTS SCORED EACH QUARTER						
WINTERS	1	2	3	4	OT	FIN.
WINTERS	8	16	8	19		51
OPPONENT	13	10	15	9		55

Free throws made: 33 of 10 for 30%

Player Name	Points	Rebounds	Steals	Assists
Amanda Cross	6	1	2	2
Lori Brodemeier	0	0	0	0
Jamie Bishop	0	0	2	0
Kelli Sloop	11	11	4	3
Kasy McAniston	0	5	1	0
Kayla Colburn	0	0	1	0
Jana Presley	2	7	6	5
Kandice Hale	6	2	2	1
Jessica DeLaRosa	3	3	8	1
Michelle Faschul*	17	17	10	10

*Denotes high point individual for Winters

Team: Junior Varsity Girls Coach: Deb Whiteburg
 Opponent: Ackerly Date: Dec. 3, 1998
 Place: Ackerly

POINTS SCORED EACH QUARTER						
WINTERS	1	2	3	4	OT	FIN.
WINTERS	12	5	9	13		43
OPPONENT	16	9	6	12		51

Free throws made: 11 of 33 for 33%

Player Name	Points	Rebounds	Steals	Assist
Stacy Bishop*	11	1	4	0
Tracy Burns	4	0	0	0
Jacky Dexter	4	3	2	0
Tress Hopson	6	5	4	0
S. Montgomery	Injured			
Mandy Pritchard	7	8	4	0
Britney Tekell	8	6	1	0
Michelle Walden	13	15	11	11

*Denotes high point individual for Winters

Team: JV Boys Coach: Bill White
 Opponent: Baird Date: Dec. 1, 1998
 Place: Baird

POINTS SCORED EACH QUARTER						
WINTERS	1	2	3	4	OT	FIN.
WINTERS	8	10	18	19		55
OPPONENT	11	10	10	17		48

Free throws made: 11 of 18 for 61%

Player Name	Points	Rebounds	Steals	Assists
Ben Blaine	1	2	0	0
Justin Calcote	7	3	0	2
Jason Esquivel	2	2	2	2
Justin Hays	1	9	1	0
Samson Jackson	8	9	1	0
Arturo Martinez	8	2	2	5
Leopoldo Martinez	3	3	2	0
Andrew Medina	6	6	4	2
Wade Parramore	4	5	1	0
Chris Santoya*	17	11	3	3
Colby Walker	8	2	1	4

*Denotes high point individual for Winters

Team: Varsity Boys Coach: Robert White
 Opponent: Baird Date: Dec. 1, 1998
 Place: Baird

POINTS SCORED EACH QUARTER						
WINTERS	1	2	3	4	OT	FIN.
WINTERS	1	2	3	4		10
OPPONENT	3	14	18	14		50

Free throws made: 1 of 6 for 16%

Player Name	Points	Rebounds	Steals	Assists
Kevin White	2	3	0	1
Jeremy Abner	7	3	3	4
Larry Hayes	9	9	0	0
Sammy White	19	4	8	4
Eric Portillo	0	0	1	0
Dezar Laz	5	1	1	3
Anton Pritchard	2	2	3	2
Ben Ortiz	16	5	1	0
Ray Harris	1	6	8	0

*Denotes high point individual for Winters

Coach's Comments: It was a good win for us to start our season. Our kids played hard and we learned a lot from the competition. We have to become better rebounders to play with the teams of our district. I am really proud of the way we are adapting to a new style of play. We know that we have a long way to go, but we are headed in the right direction.

Team: Varsity Girls Coach: Ken Fowler
 Opponent: Albany Date: Dec. 3, 1998
 Place: Ballinger

POINTS SCORED EACH QUARTER						
WINTERS	1	2	3	4	OT	FIN.
WINTERS	1	2	3	4		10
OPPONENT	1	2	3	4		10

Free throws made: 12 of 20 for 60%

Player Name	Points	Rebounds	Steals	Assists
Amanda Cross	2	3	0	4
Lori Brodemeier	0	2	0	0
Jamie Bishop	0	0	0	0
Kelli Sloop	14	6	2	2
Kasy McAniston	3	2	1	0
Kayla Colburn	0	0	0	0
Jana Presley	2	4	3	2
Kandice Hale	15	3	3	4
Jessica DeLaRosa	0	0	0	0
Michelle Faschul*	17	17	10	10

*Denotes high point individual for Winters

Team: Junior Varsity Girls Coach: Deb Whiteburg
 Opponent: Hawley II Date: Dec. 5, 1998
 Place: Hawley

POINTS SCORED EACH QUARTER						
WINTERS	1	2	3	4	OT	FIN.
WINTERS	0	4	18	3		35
OPPONENT	4	2	6	3		15

Free throws made: 7 of 14 for 50%

Player Name	Points	Rebounds	Steals	Assist
Stacy Bishop	6	0	5	3
Tracy Burns	9	1	1	0
Jacky Dexter	8	6	1	3
Tress Hopson	0	0	0	1
S. Montgomery	Injured			
Mandy Pritchard	12	2	3	3
Britney Tekell	2	2	0	0
Michelle Walden	2	2	0	0

*Denotes high point individual for Winters

Team: JV Boys Coach: Bill White
 Opponent: Hawley A Date: Dec. 4, 1998
 Place: Hawley

POINTS SCORED EACH QUARTER						
WINTERS	1	2	3	4	OT	FIN.
WINTERS	1	2	3	4		10
OPPONENT	5	10	18	14		37

Free throws made: 5 of 15 for 33%

Player Name	Points	Rebounds	Steals	Assists
Ben Blaine	1	2	0	0
Justin Calcote	7	3	0	2
Jason Esquivel	2	0	4	0
Justin Hays	3	9	1	0
Arturo Martinez	5	3	2	4
Leopoldo Martinez	0	1	0	1
Andrew Medina	5	4	1	1
Wade Parramore	2	0	1	0
Chris Santoya*	11	1	1	0
Colby Walker	1	1	3	1

*Denotes high point individual for Winters

Team: 5th Boys "A" Coach: Chad Russell
 Opponent: Coleman Date: Nov. 30, 1998
 Place: Coleman

POINTS SCORED EACH QUARTER						
WINTERS	1	2	3	4	OT	FIN.
WINTERS	4	2	3	4		13
OPPONENT	6	9	10	7		32

Free throws made: 7 of 14 for 50%

Player Name	Points	Rebounds	Steals	Assists
Kayla Calcote	0	0	0	0
Justin Calcote	0	0	0	0
Jason Esquivel	2	0	4	0
Justin Hays	3	9	1	0
Arturo Martinez	5	3	2	4
Leopoldo Martinez	0	1	0	1
Andrew Medina	5	4	1	1
Wade Parramore	2	0	1	0
Chris Santoya*	11	1	1	0
Colby Walker	1	1	3	1

*Denotes high point individual for Winters

Coach's Comments: Record: 2-1

Team: Varsity Girls Coach: Ken Fowler
 Opponent: Ballinger Date: Dec. 4, 1998
 Place: Ballinger

POINTS SCORED EACH QUARTER						
WINTERS	1	2	3	4	OT	FIN.
WINTERS	1	2	3	4		10
OPPONENT	1	2	3	4		10

Free throws made: 12 of 20 for 60%

Player Name	Points	Rebounds	Steals	Assists
Amanda Cross	2	3	0	4
Lori Brodemeier	0	2	0	0
Jamie Bishop	0	0	0	0
Kelli Sloop	14	6	2	2
Kasy McAniston	3	2	1	0
Kayla Colburn	0	0	0	0
Jana Presley	2	4	3	2
Kandice Hale	15	3	3	4
Jessica DeLaRosa	0	0	0	0
Michelle Faschul*	17	17	10	10

*Denotes high point individual for Winters

Team: JV Girls #2 Coach: Deb Whiteburg
 Opponent: Coleman Date: Nov. 30, 1998
 Place: Winters

POINTS SCORED EACH QUARTER						
WINTERS	1	2	3	4	OT	FIN.
WINTERS	1	2	3	4		10
OPPONENT	18	16	0	11		54

Free throws made: 2 of 6 for 33%

Player Name	Points	Rebounds	Steals	Assists
Megan Galvan	0	1	0	0
Monica Hicks	0	3	1	0
Theresa Cangelosi	4	1	0	0
Kalene Lincecum*	2	2	0	0
Scarlett McMillan	0	4	3	2
Michelle Burton	6	2	2	1
Isha Lara	4	1	0	0
Janina Armandarte	0	2	1	0

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Team: JV Boys Coach: Bill White
 Opponent: Merkel Date: Dec. 5, 1998
 Place: Hawley

POINTS SCORED EACH QUARTER						
WINTERS	1	2	3	4	OT	FIN.
WINTERS	8	4	10	16		38
OPPONENT	6	17	17	9		49

Free throws made: 11 of 17 for 64%

Player Name	Points	Rebounds	Steals	Assists
Ben Blaine	5	2	1	1
Justin Calcote	7	3	0	2
Jason Esquivel	0	2	3	1
Justin Hays	3	1	0	0
Arturo Martinez	13	1	2	1
Leopoldo Martinez	0	2	0	0
Andrew Medina	5	2	3	1
Wade Parramore	2	0	1	0
Chris Santoya*	5	1	0	0
Colby Walker	1	2	2	1

*Denotes high point individual for Winters

Coach's Comments: Record: 3-1. This week, we got 2nd place in the Hawley tournament. Named All-Tournament were Andrew Medina and Colby Walker. Arthur Martinez received Honorable Mention. I was real pleased with the boys' effort. Four games in five days and this being our first week together were real hard on the boys. I gave them a lot to learn and they responded well. With only one JV returning from last year, we are going to be young and green but our hustle will make up for a lot of mistakes. Thanks to the fans.

Team: 7th Girls "B" Coach: Shelly Hayes
 Opponent: Early Date: Nov. 23, 1998
 Place: Winters

POINTS SCORED EACH QUARTER						
WINTERS	1	2	3	4	OT	FIN.
WINTERS	2	0	2	0		4
OPPONENT	12	8	6	6		36

Free throws made: 0 of 6 for 0%

Player Name	Points	Rebounds	Steals	Assists
Kayla Calcote	0	0	0	0
Justin Calcote	0	0	0	0
Jason Esquivel	0	0	0	0
Justin Hays	0	0	0	0
Arturo Martinez	0	0	0	0
Leopoldo Martinez	0	0	0	0
Andrew Medina	0	0	0	0
Wade Parramore	0	0	0	0
Chris Santoya*	0	0	0	0
Colby Walker	0	0	0	0

*Denotes high point individual for Winters

Team: Varsity Girls Coach: Ken Fowler
 Opponent: Eldorado Date: Dec. 5, 1998
 Place: Ballinger

POINTS SCORED EACH QUARTER						
WINTERS	1	2	3	4	OT	FIN.
WINTERS	1	2	3	4		10
OPPONENT	12	16	4	8		40

Free throws made: 12 of 20 for 60%

Player Name	Points	Rebounds	Steals	Assists
Amanda Cross	0	0	0	0
Lori Brodemeier	0	0	0	0
Jamie Bishop	0	0	0	0
Kelli Sloop	11	9	3	1
Kasy McAniston	1	3	2	0
Kayla Colburn	0	0	0	0
Jana Presley	2	4	0	0
Kandice Hale	18	3	3	2
Jessica DeLaRosa	8	5	3	2
Michelle Faschul*	7	11	3	2

*Denotes high point individual for Winters

Team: Junior Varsity Girls Coach: Deb Whiteburg
 Opponent: Hawley II Date: Dec. 3, 1998
 Place: Hawley

POINTS SCORED EACH QUARTER						
WINTERS	1	2	3	4	OT	FIN.
WINTERS	0	4	10	2		16
OPPONENT	7	12	18	8		45

Free throws made: 2 of 9 for 22%

Player Name	Points	Rebounds	Steals	Assist
Cassandra Johnson	0	0	3	3
Megan Galvan	0	0	0	0
Monica Hicks	0	3	1	0
Theresa Cangelosi	4	1	0	0
Kalene Lincecum*	6	0	0	0
Scarlett McMillan	0	1	0	0
Michelle Burton	2	2	1	1

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Select Choir performance changed to December 17

Fran Kidwell, elementary school music teacher, reports that the Christmas program performance by the Elementary Select Choir has been changed to Thursday, Dec. 17, following the second grade's program at 6:30 p.m.
For more information, call Mrs. Kidwell at the elementary school at 754-5577.

"A Sombrero for Santa" to be presented by second graders

The second grade students of Winters Elementary School will perform the musical "A Sombrero for Santa," Thursday, Dec. 17, at 6:30 p.m. in the high school auditorium.
The Mexican flavored show will feature Santa as he visits this foreign country during Christmas season.
A delightful performance is expected.
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Top 10 recommendations

The Texas School Performance Review (TSPR) team finds that some recommendations are worth repeating. The following are TSPR's top 10 recommendations.

- 1 Allocate resources fairly.
- 2 Use automation to reduce paperwork.
- 3 Use site-based decision-making to turn administrators into facilitators.
- 4 Use master planning to maximize investments in facilities.
- 5 Cash and investment management can increase school district revenue.
- 6 Successful purchasing practices can lead to savings.
- 7 Vision and direction lead to accomplishment.
- 8 Make an inventory of fixed assets.
- 9 Established policies and procedures ensure continuity.
- 10 Maximize available dollars.

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I've gathered up the wink-lights and globes of memories.
For Christmas is the secret the tree can't know about;
I'll spring it on her shortly when all my dreams are out.
Surprise! You little devil with arms of hairy green.
I'm ready now to dress you with the likes you've never seen!
I lace you up with wink-lights that blinking wonder why
I bother with the other since they so delight the eye.
Merlin-like, I weave a charm of love—with threads of gold,
And I employ a weaver's trick to conjure loves of old.
Then I find the tip of faith—an endless rope of blue—
And I unroll a length of hope and pass it on to you.
And now I pick a red one in a passion to relive
The spirit of redemption that Christmases should give.
These iridescent bubbles slowly fill your arms
With memories more special than shining crystal charms.
This one, cracked and faded, is from the early years;
And it alone remembers the laughter and the tears.
And at your top, a single star that simply says it all:
An infant came to save us! A message for us all.
When Mom, and Dad, and kids are done, and all the globes are hung;
Grandma has a special wish that "Silent Night" be sung.
With eyes as big as wonder, and blinking back the tears;
We sing the hymn together, believing that God hears.
The magic charms begin to glow with the singing of the hymn—
An incantation of the night to re-discover Him.
The Christening is over! The lights announce with glee,
"Not now a naked forest nymph, at last - - A CHRISTMAS TREE!"

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WINTERS



FORMER MISS SNO QUEENS gathered Saturday to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the contest. Participating in the Christmas parade were (left to right) Miss Sno Queen 1988 Katie Harrison Alexander; Marie Pritchard Payne, crowned 1987; Amanda Collom, crowned 1995; Cristi Burton, crowned 1994; Elizabeth Lozano, crowned 1991; Susan Bryan Hamilton, crowned 1990; Robbie Cole Fuchs, crowned 1982; and Irma Gonzales Blackshear, crowned 1977.

Christmas party for the V.F.W. and Ladies Aux. will be Mon., Dec. 14

Winters Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 9193 and the Ladies Auxiliary will have a Christmas Dinner-Party in the Post Home Monday, Dec. 14 at 6:00 p.m.

All members and their guests are invited to come and enjoy the fun and companionship.

Please bring potluck food and a gift to exchange (under \$5.00).

All veterans and, or veterans families, and widows are invited to attend.

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There will be no smoking in the big room, so all may attend.

It is easier to stay out than get out.

—Mark Twain



WALKERS/BIKERS DIVISION WINNERS were (left to right) Garret, Hayden, and L. J. Nitsch as the walking Nativity.

First Place Winners in the Winters Christmas Parade



FIRST PLACE FLOAT was the First State Bank's ferris wheel manned by Boy Scouts (left to right) Aaron Cook, Pete Griffin, Adam Escalona, and Thomas Doty.



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COMMISSIONERS, continued

were presented by County Judge Marilyn Egan. One change order for \$6,250 having to do with additional carpentry work on forms for sidewalks, etc. was questioned by Commissioner Ricky Strube. He said, "I thought we had already approved a change order for this." Judge Egan said she thought it was for an additional \$5,000, but when she looked it up, found the original change order was for the same amount—\$6,250.

Commissioner Skipper Wheelless moved the change order be accepted, seconded by Commissioner Keith Collom. Strube and Commissioner Thurman Self voted against approving the change order, throwing the vote into a 2-2 tie. Judge Egan cast her vote against approval. "To give us time to check this out and see if it is a duplicate."

Jimmy Guevara, construction

superintendent for the jail project, said things were progressing well with some delay because of the cold weather. In answer to the regular question—"When will it be finished?"—Guevara said he would expect to be finished by the latter part of February.

Other business handled at the meeting included:

•Approval of a petition to close County Road 319 in northern Runnels County. The road is .7 mile long.

•Sheriff Bill Baird's request for permission to hire a kitchen supervisor for the new jail was tabled for further study by commissioners. Baird told commissioners the supervisor was not in his budget for the 1999 fiscal year.

•Approved renewal of a lease agreement between the county and Louise Miller for office space for Runnels County Mental Health Center.

•Approved a contract for home delivered meals between the county and Texas Department of Human Services.

•Agreed to give the okay to ArchiSystems to negotiate with Callaway's Carpet, Inc. for a contract not to exceed \$23,567 for carpet, ceramic tile, quarry tile, resilient flooring in the new jail.

•Approved a field agreement between the county and U.S.D.A. for the county to pay \$900 per month for a trapper.

•Agreed to pay \$1,448 to Region F Regional Water Planning Group for pro rata portion of administrative expenses. Judge Egan explained the county would need to agree to pay the portion in order to allow cities and other water related entities in the county to receive permits.

•Approved December 24 and 25 as holidays for county employees.

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- 1 TXism: "___ of bones" (skinny)
- 5 TX Dr. Pepper rival
- 6 TXism: "come ___ or high water"
- 7 ex-Maverick Tarpley played with ___ Salonica in Greece
- 8 TXism: "big fish ___ small pond"
- 9 Electra hosts a "Goat Cook-___"
- 12 bumper or street
- 16 TX or Nevada town
- 18 TX field where "black gold" is extracted
- 20 Drabek won the ___ Young award before he was an Astro
- 21 type of jet
- 22 TXism: "mighty fine"
- 24 TXism for "kid"
- 30 Sanger Bros. was 1st to have one in TX
- 34 Hereford's Ely who was Tarzan (init.)
- 35 Richard of film "On Wings of Eagles" about TX Perot
- 36 Love Field transport
- 37 Texans Frizzell or Bush
- 39 TXism: "that's a horse color"
- 43 "JFK" director Oliver
- 44 TX Railsback was Charles Manson in film "___ Skelter"
- 45 in '66, Rice won ___ College Bowl
- 46 regrets
- 47 found in TX mines

DOWN

- 1 TXism: "warm ___ (sit)"
- 2 Cascade Caverns are near this town
- 3 Waterfowl Habitat ___ of Texas
- 4 "Buffalo ___ won't you come out...?"
- 9 "Popye" character by TX Duvall (init.)
- 10 TXism: "lost everything but the ___ in my teeth!"
- 11 Canton's First Monday ___ Market
- 12 Channing and TX Burnett
- 13 TXism: "chompin' ___ the bit" (eager)
- 14 record label for TX Charley Pride
- 15 ___ of breath

The Original

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SHIRLEY WALKER was honored with a retirement party, Thursday, October 22, 1998. She was the supervisor of the Assembly II Department of the Dry Division of U.S. Industries and had worked over 29 years for the company.



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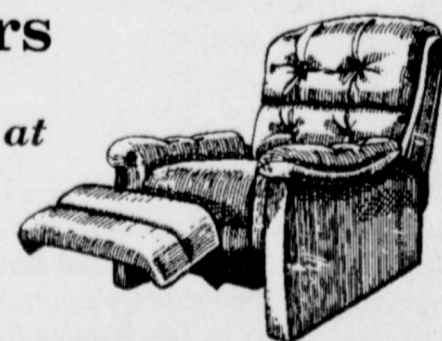
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Poe's Corner

By Charlsie Poe

A visit to Celebration Park

Two bus loads and one car of senior adults and guests left the activity center at 4:30 p.m., Tuesday, December 1, for a trip to Abilene on Highway 277 to see the fall foliage, which was mostly thriving cedars and other green shrubs.

Our drivers were Janet Cason, Tad Cason, Sharon Engler of Brownwood, and Donna Gray. They lost no time in reaching Luby's cafeteria, where we would eat before going on to our destination of "Celebration Park," three miles east of Abilene on I-20.

There was no such thing as reaching Luby's before the crowd, so we all scattered and took our chances—not a person went away hungry.

Our two "Old Geezers" were with us, but they were in different buses, and one sat by his wife. We missed their lively chatter and hope they are together on our next trip.

Myriad of lights began to appear before we reached the park entrance.

We were instructed to remain in our cars and not stop anywhere or drive over five miles an hour, also not to throw anything out of the car. We were also given a tape of Christmas music for our enjoyment.

As we drove through 40 acres on a one-mile, winding road, lined with over 1,500 decorated trees, we began to appreciate the comfort of our cars, and the music was great.

We began with Jesus in the



Charlsie Poe

Manger, the Wise Men, the Three Kings, and other scenes in colored lights. We were told that the colored lights faded so that they had to be taken down at the end of each season. The clear lights can remain.

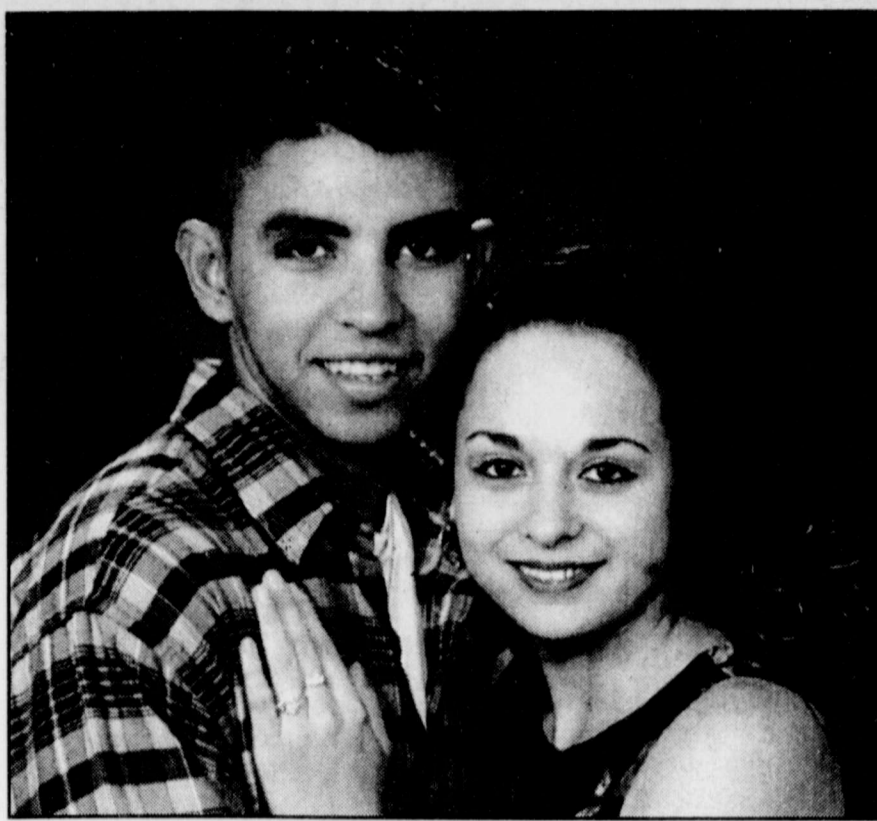
New additions for this year are a 200 ft. long tunnel of lights with over 60,000 lights. There is more animation, more displays, and more Santas.

The 1998 season began Nov. 1 and continues through Jan. 3, from 6:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. nightly.

Others not already mentioned that were on the tour are Ollie Webb, Glen and Melba Hoppe, Hattie Minzenmayer, LaVonda Herrington, Dick Mayo, M.L. and Odessa Dobbins, Eddy Bennie, and myself.

Also attending were R.O. and Doxie Lou Marks, Olga Meyers, Sybil Waller, Marie Jacob, Monroe and Arlene Boles, Noma Eoff and Eula Mae Kruse, Danille Clark, and Ty and Wacey Cason.

A few more were Joe and Dorine Kozelsky, Clay McIver, Pauline Briley, Carolyn Webb, Herbert and Evelyn Jacob, Clarence Huckaby, Mrs. Wood, Betty Henson, and the Jerry Englers of Brownwood.



Ricky Luz Jr. and Teresa Ann Cabrera

Ricky Luz Jr. and Teresa Ann Cabrera proudly announce their engagement and approaching marriage.

Teresa is the daughter of Roger and Cynthia Martinez of Ballinger and the granddaughter of Theresa Cabrera of Ballinger. Ricky is the son of Enrique and Lydia Luz of Winters and the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Reynaldo Cavazos of Miles.

A December 26 wedding is planned at the Winters Community Center.

The bride-elect is a 1997 graduate of Ballinger High School, and has completed two semesters of college at Angelo State University and plans to return in the fall of 1999. She is majoring in Biochemistry. The prospective groom is a 1998 graduate of Winters High School and is currently in the United States Marine Corps stationed at Camp Johnston in North Carolina for schooling in the administration military occupational speciality field.

Winters Police Academy applications available thru Dec.

The Winters Police Department announces the formation of its second series in its Citizens Police Academy.

The academy will begin January 13, 1999, with classes being conducted at City Hall on Wednesday nights for six consecutive weeks.

The academy was created to provide information to the attending citizens so that they may make informed judgements about the Police Department and police activity, according to Sergeant Alfredo Sanchez.

Sanchez says the department becomes more aware of the feelings and concerns of the community from the students' interaction

and input. The instruction increases police/community rapport through the educative process.

Topics to be addressed include training, communications, criminal investigations, DWI procedures, family violence, and juvenile laws. Instruction will consist of lectures, tours, demonstrations, and hands-on experience.

You must live or work in Winters, be 21 years of age, and never have been convicted of a Class B misdemeanor or above to enroll in the academy.

Applications are available at City Hall and will be accepted through December 31, 1998.

Official Records

County Court Criminal November 30

Rhode Joe Cook, Ballinger, filed for driving while intoxicated (subsequent offense)

Dispositions

Ernest Ray Guevara, theft of merchandise by check, pleaded guilty, fined \$100 plus \$184.25 court costs, \$15 hot check fee, restitution of \$47.20

David James Vasquez, possession of marijuana, pleaded guilty, fined \$750 plus \$184.25 court costs

Della Merrifield Condra, driving while intoxicated, case dismissed, defendant convicted in another case

Stephen Joseph Freeman, possession of drug paraphernalia, appealed from municipal court, case dismissed for community service restitution

David Alfaro, driving while license suspended, pleaded guilty, fined \$350 plus \$184.25 court costs

Monica Sanchez, assault, case dismissed, insufficient evidence

Robert Torres Navez, making alcohol available to a minor, pleaded guilty, sentenced to six months in county jail, probated to one year, fined \$350 plus \$184.25 court costs, 30 hours community service

Demetrio (Junior) Martinez, assault, pleaded guilty, fined \$350 plus \$184.25 court costs

Marriage Licenses December 3

Alubunmi Akinfolajimi and Valerie Ann Summerlin

Robert Lee Owens and Mary Grant Newman

December 4

Jason Robert Barrigan and Shaydee Lyn Dahlberg

Justice of the Peace Court Precinct #1 Criminal November 10

Chad Borden, filed for issuance of a bad check

Edward Villarreal, filed for issuance of a bad check

Dora E. Chappa, filed for issuance of a bad check, two counts

Leah Smith, filed for issuance of a bad check

Juana Orozco, filed for issuance of a bad check

November 14

Bruce L. Plumley, filed for hunting from a public road

Terry B. Plumley, filed for hunting from a public road

Joe A. Black, filed for hunting from a public road

William E. Potts, filed for hunting from a public road

Jason D. Smith, filed for hunting from a public road

Michael D. Bell, filed for hunting from a public road

November 17

Juanita Brown, filed for theft by check

Blanca R. Escamilla, filed for theft by check

Edna Hudson, filed for theft by check

Carrie Gentry, filed for theft by check

Jessica Lynn Baldwin, filed for theft by check

Benito Romo, Jr., filed for theft by check, two counts

Joy Williams, filed for theft by check

Dave C. Cruz, filed for theft by check

November 15

Terry Plumley, filed for public intoxication

November 18

Santos Pena Mendoza, filed for theft by check

Jesse Castanuela, filed for theft by check

Santos Garcia, Jr. filed for theft by check

Tammy Smith, filed for theft by check

Cheri Watkins, filed for theft by check

Ada L. Pena, filed for theft by check

Clarence J. Manis, filed for theft by check

Jody Foster dba R & J Construction, filed for issuance of a bad check

November 22

Michael R. Martinez, filed for hunting from a public road

Isaac P. Garcia, filed for hunting from a public road

Alfredo C. Castaneda, Jr., filed for hunting from a public road

Loy J. White, filed for waste of game

December 2

Phillip Boggess, filed for theft by check

December 4

Donald Whillock, filed for hunting deer at night

Sidney James Scarborough, filed for theft by check

Waylon D. Wilke, filed for theft by check

Felony Criminal Cases November 25

Jesse Avila, filed for aggravated sexual assault to a child

December 1

Eracho Miranda Rogers, filed for aggravated assault with serious bodily injury



John H. Loud, an American inventor, patented a ball point pen in 1888.

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Crews News

By Hilda Kurtz



Hilda Kurtz

Gossip travels freely, but good news has to be helped along.

The Crews Supper on Saturday night was well attended. Fred and Brenda Watkins were hosts. We exchanged beautiful Christmas ornaments from under the tree. It was nice to see Bro. Akins and Ramona, Pastor Jim and Ramona, Betty and Joe Pierce. The next supper will be the first Saturday in January. Bring soup or stew.

Hopewell Church had one visitor Sunday. All were glad to see Mildred Morrison. She came to spend a few days here at home. Hopewell ladies had no mission and Bible study this week.

We are glad to have Betty and Joe Pierce in our mist. They built a new home on the once Marion Wood farm. They came from San Angelo.

Everyone out here welcomed and enjoyed the nice rain this week.

Wesley and Karen McGallian of Wingate and Linda Duggan visited in the Osborne home during the week.

Doris Wood spent Thanksgiving with nephew Ronnie. Brett Walters of Aledo visited Doris during the week.

After church and lunch, Coleman Foreman spent the day with Lawan at the Senior Citizen Nursing Home.

During the week with Connie and Georgia Gibbs were Tammy, Mark, and Haley Kaczyk of Winters; and Linda and Travis Ford of Rising Star.

Carolyn Webb and Helen

Alexander shopped Tuesday and Thursday in Ballinger. On Friday, Carolyn and Helen were at Bangs Green House where they got some nice poinsettias.

Dennis and Audine McBeth attended the wedding of Jennifer Boles and Cole Adams at the Winters First Baptist Church.

Alta and Albert Spill, Alvena Gerhart visited Josie Hoppe during the week. Josie had nice phone visits with Katherine Willand and niece Sylvia Drobot of New Mexico.

My daughter, Hildegard Schovajsa of San Angelo, spent Monday with me. She always finds something to do.

Mildred Morrison and Selma Wilkerson were in Ballinger and visited Harvey Mae Faubion and Sallie Mae Gerhart, both in different nursing homes.

On Monday afternoon, Selma, Mildred, and Edith Everett enjoyed several games of cards.

Ruth Pape of Mexico spent Wednesday with me and later went over to visit with Eilene Cartwright. Ruth had been visiting her kids in South Texas for a week or more.

Margie Jacob and a group of Winters senior citizens spent a day in Abilene enjoying a Christmas party. They saw the beautiful Christmas lights and ate out at Lubby's. All had a wonderful time.

There was a going away party for Jeff and Bernie McCoy at Nila and Therin Osborne's home on Sunday night. Guests enjoying sandwiches and cake were Jeff and Bernie, Marvin and Melvena Gerhart, Dale and Linda Duggan, Hilda Kurtz, Elwood and Becky Brown, and Gene Faubion.

Jeff and Bernie are on their way to Azores Islands in the Atlantic Ocean. They will be there for 2 years and 4 months. Their new address will be:

Jeff and Bernie McCoy
PSC #76, Box 1239
APO, AE 09720
e-mail address: bernie-and-jeff@hotmail.com.

Sallie Mae Gerhart will be staying at Canterbury Villa in Ballinger, room 2, while she recuperates from her broken ankle.

Myrtle Wright has been moved to the skilled nursing floor in Shannon. She will be there a week or more.

Dale, Linda, and Katy Duggan went to Bernie and Jeff's Christmas/going away party in Abilene on Saturday night. Gene Faubion and 34 others attended.

Marvin and Melvena Gerhart were in Clyde on Saturday helping Keith and Kathy work on their house.

Dale, Linda, Will, and Leslie Duggan went to San Antonio on Sunday to attend the bridal shower of Mike Fecci and Amy Wall.

Seven entries in Runnels County Pecan Show advance to regional

Ballinger FFA, David Lange, and Donna Kalina take county championships

The 1998 Runnels County Pecan Show and Open House was held Tuesday, Dec. 2, at the First National Bank of Ballinger.

Seventeen entries were received this year. Seven of the county entries have been sent to the Regional Pecan Show in Abilene.

The county champion winners in each division were awarded a plaque and rosette and the reserve champion a rosette. Ribbons were awarded to the first three in each division according to Mike Mauldin, county extension agent.

Commercial Division

Champion: Ballinger FFA - Pawnee
Reserve Champion: Chester McCown - Cheyenne
Cheyenne: 1st - Chester McCown
Choctaw: 1st - Rudy & Sophie Fuentes

Mohawk:

1st - K.D. Feist
Pawnee: 1st - Ballinger FFA
2nd - Donna Kalina
Sioux: 1st - Chester McCown
Tejas: 1st - Robert Behrens
Wichita: 1st - K.D. Feist

Classic Division

Champion: David Lange-Variety Seedling
Reserve Champion: Patricia Lange - Burkett
Burkett: 1st - Patricia Lange

Shawnee:

1st - K.D. Feist
Variety Seedling: 1st - David Lange
2nd - Gary & Terri Cahoon

Native Variety Division

Champion: Donna Kalina
Reserve Champion: K.D. Feist
Natives: 1st - Donna Kalina
2nd - K.D. Feist
3rd - Ricky Sonnenberg
Lightest: 1st - Jerry Pospichal

Second "Down Home Cooking" workshop Dec. 10

A second in a series of "Down Home Cooking" workshops will be held on Thursday, December 10, in the Winters Housing Authority Meeting Room.

The program begins at 10:00 a.m. and will feature simple, inexpensive holiday recipes.

The workshop is being offered as part of Runnels County's Better Living for Texans project. The project focuses on providing basic nutrition education for limited resource families.

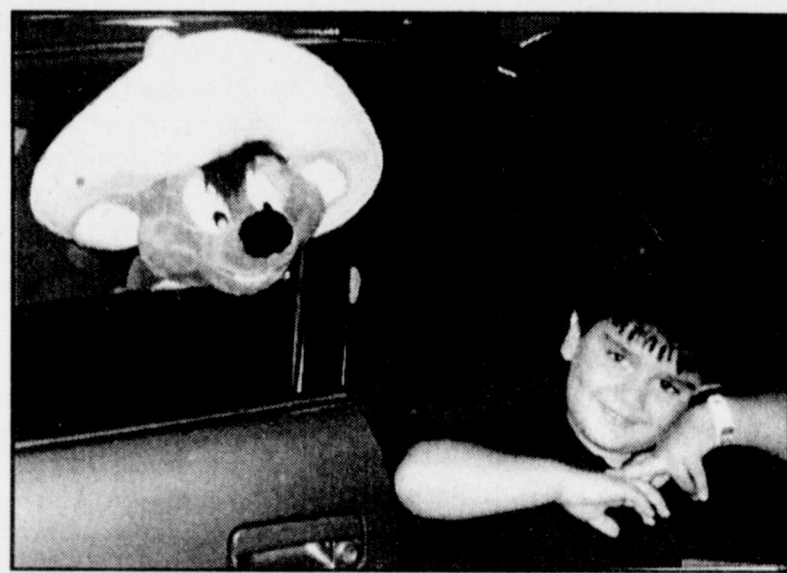
Participants will receive complimentary recipe handouts and samples of recipes prepared during the class.

For information, call Patricia Hohensee at the County Extension Office at 365-5042.

Extension programming is open to all audiences regardless of race, color, religion, sex, age, handicap, or national origin.

We will seek to provide reasonable accommodations for all persons with disabilities for this meeting. We request that you contact Patricia Hohensee at 915-365-5042 as soon as possible to advise us of the auxiliary aid or service that you will require.

Who's Speedy Gonzales?



We love you, from Daddy, Rachel, Angelina

Identity of Birthday Boy is revealed elsewhere in this issue.

Sr. Citizens Nursing Home News

By Billie Ruth Bishop

Annual pageant, Christmas tree, and family dinner will be Thurs., Dec. 17

Thank you to so many friends for so many wonderful things you have done for the Nursing Home's residents.

To: George and Aline Watson for the cookie jar and visits; to Virginia Brown and her Sunday School class, for the beautiful cards; to Juanita Bredemeyer for the subscription to Guide Post magazine; to Lucille Pritchard for the crocheted afghans; to Fred Brown for the watermelon; for all the volunteers and the time they give. We thank you all.

The annual pageant, Christmas tree and family dinner will be on Thursday, Dec. 17 beginning at 4:30 p.m. This is a beautiful time for the residents.

Pastor Jim and Ramona Hanson will be in charge of the Pageant, leading in Christmas carols, with Lesli Sheppard being the pianist.

The dinner will be under the direction of Ace Polk, one of our employees.

We are looking forward to a good time, with, of course, Santa Claus being here!

The employees are planning a party on Friday, Dec. 18, at the Nursing Home, with gift exchange, games and refreshments.

Monday, December 7 was Pearl Harbor Day. Freddie Bredemeyer brought us a program with patriotic songs following The Pledge of Allegiance and a brief history of Pearl Harbor. The residents all remembered what they were doing on that day.

We have Christmas decorations up and things are looking pretty inside and out.

Jewel Smith and Katie Boatright are hospitalized at this time. Jewel is in Abilene Regional and Katie is in North Runnels. We hope they have a good day.



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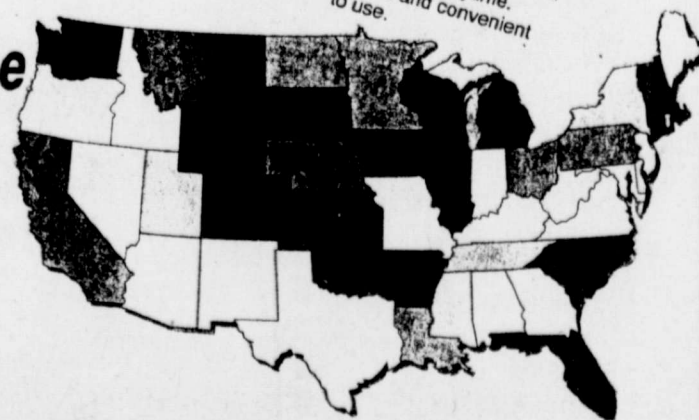
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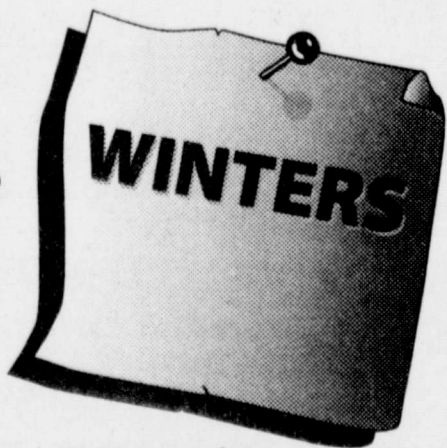
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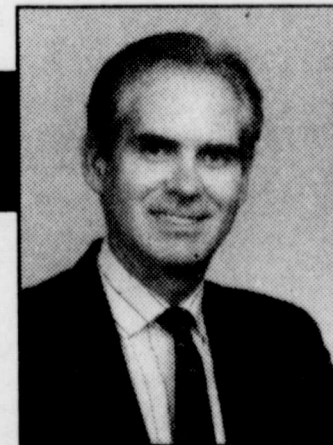
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Winters Police Department reports received and/or investigated from Sunday, Nov. 29, 1998, through Saturday, Dec. 5, 1998. Winters Police Officers:

- received a report of a forgery in the 900 block of N. Main. This case is still under investigation.
- received a report of an unauthorized use of a motor vehicle in the 200 block of Spill Street. The suspect is a relative.
- arrested Jason Wayne Allen, 19, of Abilene after a traffic stop in the 100 block of North Main for an outstanding warrant out of Taylor County.
- received a report of child welfare concern in the 300 block of N. Cryer.
- received a report of a dog bite in the 200 block of S. Arlington. The dog bite did not break the skin.
- received a report of a student with marijuana on the school grounds. Student was left in school and charges are pending at this time for possession of marijuana on school grounds.

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Reed Stultz of San Angelo will be conducting the sheep and goat clinics and Asst. Extension Agent -Ag, Brandon Morgan, will be conducting the swine clinic.

Nutrition, showmanship skills, shearing and clipping, care and pre-show preparation will be discussed at these clinics.

To get the most out of the sheep and goat clinics, each participant is recommended to bring one animal.

The swine will be provided, so do not bring any pigs.

There will be a registration fee of \$2.00 for these clinics. This fee covers all clinics.

The tentative schedule will be as follows:
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 Goats - 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM
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STATE-2 BR, 1 bath, 774', fenced yard. \$9,000.

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RUNNELS CO. 4-H'ERS who competed at the District 7 4-H Food Show are (1st row, left to right,) Melissa Dickson, Jessica Halfmann, Courtney Faubion, Luke England, Rachel Davis, and Shelly Overgard. Second row, same order, Meagan Minzenmayer, Kelly Travis, Jamie Wanoreck, Holly Englert, and Amy Schwertner. Not pictured was Travis Grohman.

Runnels County does well at District 4-H Food Show

Runnels County competed favorably at the District 7 4-H Food Show recently in Wall.

Twelve county 4-H'ers competed with Four-H'ers from 22 other counties in their respective age groups and food categories.

Judging was based on a nutritional knowledge interview and a dish prepared by the 4-H'er.

Three received 1st place honors and they are Amy Schwertner in Jr. Breads & Cereals, Shelly Overgard in Jr. Nutritious Snacks, and Meagan Minzenmayer in intermediate Nutritious Snacks.

Receiving 2nd place honor was Rachel Davis in Intermediate Main Dish.

Third place recognitions were awarded to Melissa Dickson in Sr. Fruits & Vegetables, Travis Grohman in Sr. Nutritious Snacks, and Holly Englert in Sr. Breads 7 Cereal.

Kelly Travis received fifth place in Intermediate Breads and Luke England placed 6th high in Jr. Main Dish.

Also competing in the Food Show were Jessica Halfmann, Courtney Faubion, and Jamie Wanoreck.

Holly Englert received special recognition for her 3rd place Project Form.

Runnels County's Food Safety exhibits earned top placings.

First Place Over-all Jr. Group Exhibit winners were Allison Ramsey, Kendi McGuire, Laryn Hohensee, Amy Schwertner, and Amber Glass.

Third place over-all winners were Karla Glass and Sara Schwertner.

Melissa Dickson and Evan Heinze also received a 1st place Sr. Exhibit recognition.

An exhibition of a new 4-H

event, Nutrition Bowl, was held at the District Food Show.

Runnels County's Jr. team of Allison Ramsey, Amber Glass, Amy Schwertner, Sara Schwertner, and Karla Glass excelled in their matches with other counties.

The Senior Team of Jessica Halfmann, Melissa Dickson, and Holly Englert also participated.

Nutrition Bowl is a team competition testing for nutritional and food service knowledge. The event will become a bonafide state competition in 1999.

Accompanying the 4-H'ers were enthusiastic parents and County Extension Agent Patricia Hohensee. The District Food Show was sponsored by West Texas Utilities, Town & Country Food Stores, and Adams Extract Co.



Hunter's Camp

With Don Haley

Ace.. buck fever.. and a fat man in a red huntin' suit

"What's all the ruckus, I asked Doc, who was squintin' through his binoculars across a shinoak flat.

"It's Slim and Buck," he said. "And they're carrin' Ace!"

When we got there, it was apparent that Ace had met up with another misfortune. He was scratched, bruised, and appeared to be in some kind of post-traumatic shock.

"What in the world happened to Ace!" I asked Slim.

Buck was soakin' a hankerchief from his canteen and laid it across Ace's battered brow.

"I'll tell ya, but you ain't gonna believe it," Slim began.

"I was sittin' on my perch yonder, watchin' that little brushy creek bottom. Through the trees, I seen some deer antlers flashin'."

"It weren't long before I could make out nine bucks grazin' in the draw. Not one or two, but nine!"

"They was deer only they wasn't, if ya know what I mean. They had horns and lots of 'em, but they was funny lookin'."

"About that time, I spot Ace slippin' up the canyon. He was sneakin' along real slow...and then he seen them bucks!"

"Ya'll know how Ace is. He gets the shiverin' all-overs when he sees one buck, much less nine of 'em at once."

"I seen him shakin' and lookin' though his scope, tryin' to get steady. But buck fever had done set in and his rifle barrel was wavin' like a flagpole in a hurricane."

"Ka-wham!"

"That .30-06 went off like a

sonic boom. The bullet musta just creased the back of one a' them bucks, cause he let out a beller and pitched like a buckin' horse, but he didn't seem to be hurt none."

"That's when it happened...I cain't believe I seen...."

"Saw what, Slim? What happened to Ace?"

"I was screened off by the mesquite brush, but I seen this big fat feller with white hair and a white beard come runnin' toward Ace faster 'n a hound dog at a cat convention."

"He came scootin' outa that big wash where them bucks was. He was wearin' a red and white huntin' suit, but he weren't carrin' no gun. And it's a good thang he weren't, cause he was hotter 'n a hen in a sack."

"He grabbed hold a' Ace and went to whuppin' on him like egg whites fer a lemon meringue pie. As you can see from lookin' at Ace, that big fat feller was a might peeved."

"A big fat feller with white hair and beard, dressed in red and white?" Doc asked. "And you say he came runnin' out of a herd of nine funny lookin' buck deer...."

"Slim, it sounds like you're sayin' Ace got whupped by Santa Clause!"

Ace began to come-to about that time.

"Ace...wake-up, Ace... is it true? Did you really get into a fight with Santa Clause?"

Ace was a might woozy, but we sat him up and got some hot coffee down him.

"What did Santa say to you

Ace...what did Santa say?"

Ace had the kind of wild-eyed look you get when you wake up from a terrifyin' nightmare and realize it wasn't a dream at all.

"Well...uhhh...he said he was fixin' to commence to boxin' my ears fer takin' a shot at Rudolph."

"Oh, Ace," we all said at once, "Rudolph!...you shot at Rudolph!"

"What did he do then, Ace? What did he do?"

"Well, after he got done boxin' my ears, he hitched up them bucks to a sleigh loaded down with presents and stuff and just flew off. He didn't say Ho Ho Ho or nothin'."

"Nothin', Ace? Santa didn't say nothin' after beatin' ya like a dirty rug at a spring cleanin'!"

"Well...he did have two pieces of advice fer me before he left. Sort of a farewell gift, he called it."

"The first piece of advice was that I oughta be home with my family on Christmas Eve, 'stead of wanderin' around out here in the brush."

"What was the second, Ace...what was the second?"

"The second was to concentrate real hard on winnin' the Texas lottery."

"Santa had advice on winnin' the lottery, Ace? Tell us... what!...what!"

"Yea...he said the odds of me winnin' the lottery were gonna be a whole lot better than my chances of ever gettin' another Christmas present...."

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Pesticide recertification training set for Tuesday, December 15 in Eden

by Steve Byrns, Communication Specialist, Texas Agricultural Extension Service

Pesticide applicators can earn five continuing education units (CEUs) during a special pesticide recertification training set for Tuesday Dec. 15 in Eden's Multi-Purpose Center.

Registration starts at 8:30 a.m. The program will be from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.

The Extension-sponsored training includes five hours of credit.

The hours are: one in Laws and Regulation, one in Drift Minimization, and three in Integrated Pest Management.

Cain Cline, area Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) inspector at San Angelo, will open the training with a session of Laws and Regulations.

Cline is followed by a team of County Extension Agents (CEAs) who are scheduled to give instruction on minimizing drift through proper nozzle selection. The team members are Jerry Kidd, McCulloch CEA; Terry Millican, Menard CEA; and Lance Rasch, Concho CEA.

Dr. Michael Masser, extension fisheries specialist at College Sta-

tion, will close the morning session with "Control of Aquatic Weeds for Renovation of Existing Stock Tanks."

A catered lunch will be served on-site at noon.

The two afternoon speakers and their topics are to be: "Pasture Weed and Brush Control-Chemical Selection of Targeted Plants," Dr. Allan McGinty, extension range specialist, San Angelo and "Integrated Pest Management Decisions and Insect Identification," Dr. Chris Sansone, extension entomologist, San Angelo.

The training will end with the distribution of CEU certificates.

Registration for the training is \$10 per person. The fee includes the price of the noon meal.

Those interested should RSVP by Friday Dec. 11. Seating is limited to 120 persons.

To RSVP call any of the following Texas Agricultural Extension Service offices: Concho (915) 732-4304; McCulloch (915) 597-1295; or Menard (915) 396-4787.

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