

Apples of Gold
FAITH—If seeds in the black earth can turn into such beautiful roses, what might not the heart of man become in its long journey toward the stars?

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City Council passes increases 911 services approved

In their regularly scheduled meeting Monday night, the Winters City Council approved an increase of a tax rate to \$.75 from last year's rate of \$.6734. Also approved was a \$1.50 per customer increase in the sewer rate which makes the rate \$12.50 per month. The cost of water per thousand gallons inside the city limits will rise from \$2.66 to \$2.81.

The water and sewer rates will go into effect beginning September, 1999.

In other action, the Council passed a \$590,000 general fund budget which is a \$37,000 increase over last year's budget. Within this budget is a line item for \$12,228 to pay the City of Ballinger for 911 emergency services. In their August 16 meeting, the Ballinger City Council approved an interlocal agreement for 911 and emergency communication.

This agreement is for a period of one year from October 1, 1999, to September 30, 2000, and stipulates that the City of Ballinger provide communication services for all entities in Runnels County. The agreement specifies that Runnels County will pay \$60,000 toward the cost of the service, the City of Miles will pay \$1,225, and the City of Ballinger will pay \$18,547.

The County Commissioners are to work toward moving the 911 emergency communications to fall under the County's responsibility.

Water Superintendent Jack Davis, Jr. expressed a concern to

the Council about furnishing sewer service to Casa Cabana restaurant on North Main. Davis explained that once the restaurant was included in the city limits, a different set of health codes apply. One of these codes requires that the sewer line not run under any buildings. Presently, Casa Cabana sewer lines run underneath storage buildings on the north side of the restaurant property. The sewer line then merges with K. W. Cook's sewer line and then empties into the city's main line.

Davis outlined two options to remedy the situation:

a) place a new sewer line directly east of the restaurant to the main sewer lines. To do this would require an easement from K. W. Cook.

b) run a sewer line south to the old Hydro-Chem building and join in with the sewer line on property presently owned by Dr. Tommy Russell. This sewer line also runs across land owned by K. W. Cook.

Mr. Cook addressed the Council with several problems to this second option. He thought the line had been abandoned for approximately twenty years, and also that there is no easement for that sewer line.

The Council tabled this item for further investigation to determine more facts and solutions.

In an unrelated item, an amendment to the annexation ordinance was passed by the Council to delete Snappy Enterprises from annexation. City Attorney See CITY COUNCIL, pg. 3



JOHN MCGALLIAN of the Winters Volunteer Fire Department operates the water spray in the battle against a large grass fire just north of the Drasco road on Hwy. 83. Winters VFD members responded to the call at 5 p.m. Friday and worked until 8:30 fighting the blaze using two firetrucks and two water haulers. Firemen were called back out to the rekindled fire at 10 p.m. for another hour of firefighting. Runnels County continues to be under a burn ban due to extremely dry conditions.

No school prayer at ballgames

With football season upon us, fans will notice one dramatic change in pre-game activities.

Texas school districts, including Winters Independent School District, have been advised by the Texas Association of School Boards (TASB) that the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals held that a district policy allowing invocations and benedictions at high school football games violated the Establishment Clause of the United States Constitution.

The court made clear that a school district violates the Establishment Clause if it allows someone to recite a prayer over the loudspeaker at a football game.

It does not matter whether the person leading the prayer is a school district employee, a member of the clergy, or a student.

Although the decision has been See NO PRAYER, pg. 9

Census workers checking addresses in Runnels County

Census 2000 will be the largest peacetime operation in the nation's history and it is barely 200 days away. So local census offices are busy finalizing preparations for field operations.

Since one of the most important tasks is checking the accuracy of household addresses, census field workers are spreading out across Runnels County these next few weeks. They will go down city streets and rural roads to reconcile the Census Bureau's addresses with the address listing recently provided by local officials.

"A key to successful census is identifying all the places people live," explains Jack Evans, census office manager in Abilene. "If

our list of addresses is wrong, then some people won't receive the census form next March."

The Census Bureau's address list is confidential by law, and census workers must adhere to

accurate plans for roads, schools, hospitals, and many other services the county needs."

Census address lists can be identified by their red, white, and blue badges which read "Census

Enumerator."

The badges, which should be displayed prominently, contain the census worker's name and feature the official seal of the U.S. Department of Commerce — U.S. Census Bureau.

If anyone has questions concerning this census field work, they are welcome to contact the census field office in Abilene at (915) 672-5722 or Fort Worth at (817) 978-0600 or the Regional Census Center in Dallas at (214) 655-3001.

"With accurate census figures, county officials can make more accurate plans for roads, schools, hospitals, and many other services the county needs."
 —Jack Evans, Abilene census office manager

Early deadlines set for Sept. 9 edition

Due to the upcoming Labor Day holiday, Monday, Sept. 6, *The Winters Enterprise* requests that newsprint for the Sept. 9th edition be turned in to our office no later than the following date and times:

General news/retail advertising	Fri., Sept. 3	12 noon
Classified advertising	Fri., Sept. 3	5 p.m.



GATORADE BRIGADE comprised of (l-r) Don Davis, Kody McCuiston and Stephen Goetz push and pull to help Coach Chuck Lipsey haul out the sports drinks and water during the recent Blizzard scrimmages. The varsity will open regular season play on Friday against the Jim Ned Indians in Tuscola. The junior varsity meet the Indians in Blizzard stadium tonight at 6:30.

Commissioners adopt budget

Runnels County Commissioners adopted a 1999-2000 fiscal year budget at a special meeting Tuesday, August 24. The budget, totaling \$4,248,791, is for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 1999 and running to September 30, 2000.

At another special meeting on Tuesday, August 31, commissioners set the county tax rate at \$.79954 per \$100 valuation.

Because of an increase in valuations of taxable property in the county, it is expected the county's income will increase by \$273,608 over the last fiscal year.

Only one person showed up for the public hearing on the proposed tax rate on August 24 and he made no comment at the meeting.

Reminder: Hospital forum with Congressman Charles Stenholm on Thursday, Sept. 2 at 1:30 Embassy Suites, Abilene

WHAT'S HAPPENING ?

- Sept. 2-10 a.m.-Noon & 1:30-3 p.m., Immunization Clinic, TDH
- 11:30 a.m., Senior Citizens Meal
- 1:30 p.m., Hospital forum with Congressman Stenholm, Abilene
- 6:30 p.m., Emmaus, St. John's Lutheran Church
- 7 p.m., Revival, Assembly of God Church
- 7 p.m., Winters Squares, Community Center
- Annual Sheep & Goat Field Day, San Angelo
- Sept. 3-11:30 a.m., Senior Citizens Meal
- 7 p.m., Revival, Assembly of God Church
- 7:30 p.m., Cowboys for Christ, Drasco Baptist Church
- Sept. 4-9:30 a.m., Cross Country Meet, Sherrod Park, Abilene
- Sept. 5-11 a.m.-3 p.m. WJH Cheerleader Fundraiser, The Shed, Wingate
- Sept. 6-10 a.m., Drasco Homecoming, Drasco Baptist Church
- 7 p.m., Band Boosters
- 7:30 p.m., Ballinger Masonic Lodge
- NO SCHOOL
- The Winters Enterprise Closed
- LABOR DAY
- Sept. 7-11:30 a.m., Senior Citizens Meal
- Noon, Lions Club
- 5 p.m., Museum Directors
- 7 p.m., WVFD
- 7 p.m., Athletic Boosters, Blizzard Field
- 7 p.m., American Legion
- 7 p.m., Winters Squares, Community Center
- Sept. 8-10 a.m., 39+, First United Methodist Church
- 11:30 a.m., Senior Citizens Meal
- Sept. 9-11:30 a.m., Senior Citizens Meal
- West Texas Fair Begins, Abilene

Oil Bidness

By Reg Boles ©1999



The great philosophers of the oil and gas business who ponder such things have made a few pronouncements of late regarding the present and the future. After much thought and consideration, they have divided the industry into three new layers.

There are the "mega-majors", the "mid-level players" (or "mezzo" as per the McKinsey Quarterly—a consultant's report), and the "specialists". According to those in the know, if you're not in one of these groups, you are either about to be swallowed, no longer exist, or are already irrelevant.

There is no time to argue with these conclusions at this juncture. Save it for later as we spend our time dissecting these scholarly prognostications. It goes something like this...

The mega-majors are an elite group, for sure. BP-Amoco-Arco, Shell, and Exxon-Mobil come to mind. They are the companies that now have the unsurpassed capability to fund, develop, and dominate major projects around the world. It is unlikely that any additional combination of companies (not already mega-majors) will ever reach this level.

The mid-level players are those companies that were once considered majors but are now relegated to second-tier status. They haven't merged with anybody to become really big, and they aren't small enough to be agile. Besides the former majors, there are also some smaller integrated companies included in this group.

The specialists are smaller companies who have developed a particular niche. The niches are usually those where the company has a special expertise, a unique experience factor in a particular venue, or special relationships with host governments or other key players around the world.

The prognosticators and pundits are hypothesizing that the mega-majors will dominate the massive projects in the world, while the specialists will orbit around these huge companies

picking off opportunities that play to their strengths where they can.

Meanwhile, the mid-level players are caught without a particular specialization and without the clout held by the mega-majors.

Each of these groups will fare differently in the future based on their position, their strengths, and their weaknesses.

Stay tuned next time for where these three groups are headed and for what will become of the rest of us.

HIGHLIGHTS OF AREA DRILLING ACTIVITY

COMPLETIONS

Coleman County

Caddo Operating has completed the Coates #4A in the Whitley Field (2 miles SW of Novice) at an initial rate of 50 BOPD in the Gray Sand (perms 3822-32). Loc. Is 1263 FSL & 1263 FSL of Sec. 27, Blk. 2, T&NO Sur., A-651.

Double Eagle Petroleum Corporation has completed the Warren-Thurman #1 in the Camp Colorado Field (8 miles S of Burkett) at an initial rate of 750 MCFPD (AOP) in the Caddo (perms 2068-78). Loc. Is 1764 FWL & 1024 FSL of Sec. 27, Blk. 3, HT&B Sur., A-775.

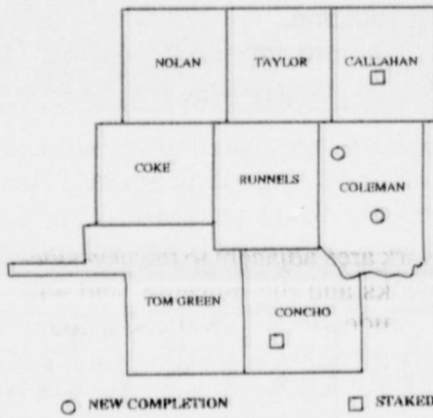
STAKINGS

Callahan County

D-T Development Company has staked the DT #1 in the County Regular Field, 6 miles S of Putnam (Depth 4100). Loc. Is 1741 FWL & 616 FSL of Sec. 315, Blk. 5, SPRR Sur., A-371.

Concho County

Ultra Oil & Gas has staked the Troglin #3 in the Dare I Field, 7 miles SW of Eden (Depth 2000). Loc. Is 330 FWL & 1365 FSL of Sec. 161, Blk. 72, T&NO Sur., A-908.



Obituaries

Josie Hoppe

WINTERS—Josie Hoppe, 91, died Sunday, August 29, 1999, in Shannon Medical Center in San Angelo.

She was born Josephine Rose Spill on November 8, 1907, in Runnels County and was a lifetime resident. She married Bill Hoppe on January 11, 1931, in Winters.

Mrs. Hoppe was a homemaker and a member of St. John's Lutheran Church, serving on the Chancel Guild and the Ladies Aid.

Survivors include one daughter, Elaine Miller and husband Dan of Winters; two brothers, Albert Spill and Walter Spill, both of Winters; three grandchildren, Dawn Bryan and husband Brent of Winters, Francine Miller of San Angelo, and J'Dan Miller of Winters; two great-grandchildren, Scott and Clent Bryan of Winters.

Visitation was at 6:00 p.m. Tuesday, August 31, at Winters Funeral Home. Services were held at 2:00 p.m. Wednesday, September 1, at St. John's Lutheran Church in Winters with Reverend James Hanson officiating. Burial was in Lakeview Cemetery in Winters, directed by Winters Funeral Home.

Memorials may be made to West Texas Rehab, the Rock Hotel, or the Z.I. Hale Museum.

Ida Pearl King

WINGATE—Ida Pearl King, 71, died Tuesday, August 24, 1999, at Hendrick Medical Center in Abilene.

She was born on March 24, 1928, in Fredricksburg and was raised in Medina. She married Weldon W. King on January 2, 1946, in Junction. She lived in San Antonio until the late 1980's, moving to Winters.

Mrs. King was a homemaker and, for the past five years, was a caregiver for the elderly and a member of the Wingate Baptist Church. She was preceded in death by her husband.

Survivors include one son, Wayne King and wife Brenda of San Antonio; one daughter, Wanda Bartlett and husband Edward of San Antonio; three sisters, Alvera Sprott of San Antonio, Alene Smith of Spokane, Washington, and Geraldine Hueckel of Conway, Arkansas; nine grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Services were held at 2:00 p.m. Friday, August 27, at the Wingate Baptist Church with Reverend Charles Myers and Reverend Ken Jones officiating. Burial followed in the Crews Cemetery, east of Winters, directed by Winters Funeral Home.

Ernest M. Barker

ABILENE—Ernest M. Barker, 78, died Monday, August 30, 1999, at Abilene Regional Medical Center in Abilene.

He was born December 23, 1920, in the Moro Community in South Taylor County and attended school there. He married Christine Bryan on March 31, 1939, in Winters. They lived in California for 53 years moving to Abilene in 1992.

Mr. Barker was a self-employed real estate agent and a member of the Church of Christ. He also served in the U.S. Marine Corps during World War II.

Survivors include his wife, Christine Bryan Barker of Abilene; one brother, Albert Barker of Modesto, California; two sisters, Lorena Claxton of Modesto, California, and Doris Armstrong of Modesto, California.

Services were held at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, September 2, at the North Main Street Church of Christ in Winters with Guss Eoff and Royce Williamson officiating. Burial followed in Wilmeth Cemetery directed by the Winters Funeral Home.

Pallbearers were Gary Bryan, Dewitt Bryan, Leland Bryan, Sealy Bryan, Ted Dunavant, and Benny Whitehead.

Memorials may be made to the American Heart Association.

Dickie Jon McNeill

WINGATE—Dickie Jon McNeill, 50, died Friday, August 27, 1999, near Rotan.

He was born on July 3, 1949, in Winters and lived in Wingate most of his life. He served in the U.S. Navy during the Vietnam War. He married Charlotte Morrison on February 14, 1970, in Crane.

Mr. McNeill was a self-employed courier and a member of the Wingate Baptist Church.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Zane McNeill.

Survivors include his wife, Charlotte Morrison McNeill of Wingate; one son, Jon Fred McNeill of Wingate; one daughter, Lynn Ann Sahr and husband Leslie of Sonora; one grandson, Clayton Wayne Sahr of Sonora; his parents, Jon and Lavoy McNeill of Wingate; two brothers, Flent McNeill of Abilene and Kent McNeill of San Angelo; and three sisters, Judy Scott of Hamlin, Jan Oden of Albany, and Jill McClellum of Abilene.

Graveside services were held at 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, August 31, at Knickerbocker Cemetery in Knickerbocker, Texas, south of San Angelo. Burial was directed by Winters Funeral Home.

Memorials may be made to the American Heart Association or the Knickerbocker Community Center, c/o Jose Tweety, Knickerbocker, Texas 76939.

Wilber D. Waggoner

WINTERS—Wilber D. Waggoner, 90, died Saturday, August 28, 1999, at Hendrick Medical Center in Abilene.

He was born on September 24, 1908, in Eastland County, and at age 9 moved to Mills County. He married Wilma Louise Hamilton on December 10, 1927, in Winters. They lived in Mills County, moving to Winters in 1943. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II.

Mr. Waggoner was the water superintendent for the City of Winters for 35 years and 6 months. He was a lifetime member of the Winters Square Dance Club, The Country Cousins, and the Key City Squares. He was a member of the First Baptist Church in Winters and a Mason for 60 years, serving as Past Master of Lodge 743.

Survivors include his wife, Louise Waggoner of Winters; three sons, N.D. Waggoner and wife Nevell of Tulia, Rodney Waggoner and wife Jeanie of Plano, and Bruce Waggoner and wife Sherry of Lake Conroe; nine grandchildren; and seventeen great-grandchildren.

Services were held at 2:00 p.m. Monday, August 30, at the First Baptist Church in Winters with Reverend Barry Taylor officiating. Burial was in Lakeview Cemetery in Winters, directed by Winters Funeral Home.

Troy Cleveland McElrath

ARLINGTON, VIRGINIA—Troy Cleveland McElrath, 85, formally of Ballinger, died Monday, August 23, 1999, in Culpepper Garden Retirement Center in Arlington, Virginia.

He was born on August 3, 1914, in Winters and moved to Lorraine at the age of four. He later lived in Eastland then Ballinger. He married Ruth Allen on July 29, 1939, in Ballinger and then lived in San Angelo for thirty-five years.

Mr. McElrath worked in the construction of steel buildings for Madison Industries of Phoenix, Arizona, and retired in 1976 when he moved to San Antonio. He was a member of the West Avenue Church of Christ in San Antonio.

He was preceded in death by a son, Stephen Franklin McElrath.

Survivors include his wife, Ruth Allen McElrath of Reston, Virginia; one son, Robert Lee McElrath of Reston, Virginia; two grandchildren, Sean McElrath of Reston, Virginia, and Scott McElrath of Kyle, Texas; and two great-grandchildren, Dalton and Lindsey McElrath of Kyle, Texas.

Graveside services were held at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, August 26, in Lakeview Cemetery in Winters, Texas, with Max Pratt officiating. Burial was directed by Winters Funeral Home.

Memorials may be made to The American Cancer Society, 124 Park Street SE, Vienna, VA 22180-0699.

Danny Boy Castillo Sr.

ABILENE—Danny Boy Castillo Sr., 43, died Friday, August 27, 1999, at Hendrick Medical Center in Abilene.

He was born on January 30, 1956, in Abilene and was a lifetime resident.

Mr. Castillo was a tile setter and a member of Ambler Baptist Church.

Survivors include his mother, Ruth Castillo of Abilene; one son, Danny Boy Castillo Jr. of Dallas; three brothers, Joe Castillo, Randy Castillo, and Frank Castillo Jr., all of Abilene; and one sister, Pat Castillo of Abilene.

Prayer services were held at 7:00 p.m. Sunday, August 29, at the Winters Funeral Home. Graveside services were at 10:30 a.m. Monday, August 30, at Lakeview Cemetery in Winters with Reverend Charles Maciel officiating. Burial was directed by Winters Funeral Home.

L.D. "Dick" Holstead

BALLINGER—L.D. "Dick" Holstead, 78, died Saturday, August 28, 1999, at his residence.

He was born on March 2, 1921, in Ballinger, Texas. He was a flight instructor in the U.S. Air Force during World War II, and married Gennie Conaway on November 15, 1941, at Ballinger.

Mr. Holstead was vice-president of Coleman P.C.A. for 40 years. He was a director of the Ballinger Housing Authority, and a member of the Ballinger Lions Club, the Downtown Bible Class, and American Legion Post 8, and the Ballinger Country Club.

Survivors include his wife, Gennie Holstead of Ballinger; one son and daughter-in-law, Richard and Linda Holstead of Clyde; one daughter and son-in-law, Sherry and Dave Hubbard of Junction City, Kansas; two sisters, Vida Black and Margie Routh, both of Ballinger; four grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Services were held at 10:00 a.m. Monday, August 30, at Avenue B Church of Christ in Ballinger with Reverend Charles Ball and Reverend Ferris Akins officiating. Burial was in Evergreen Cemetery in Ballinger, directed by Rains-Seale Funeral Home of Ballinger.

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Dr. Boles to provide Texas Health Steps

Dr. Keith Boles in Winters is now a provider for Texas Health Steps (THS). THS is a Medicaid funded program to ensure children receive regular checkups to stay healthy.

The services include a general health exam along with growth, development, and mental health screenings. Additionally, immunizations, screens for lead and tuberculosis exposure, and dental referrals are provided.

Your Medicaid card will tell you when these checkups are due. Call Dr. Boles' office at 754-1317, for more information or to schedule an appointment.

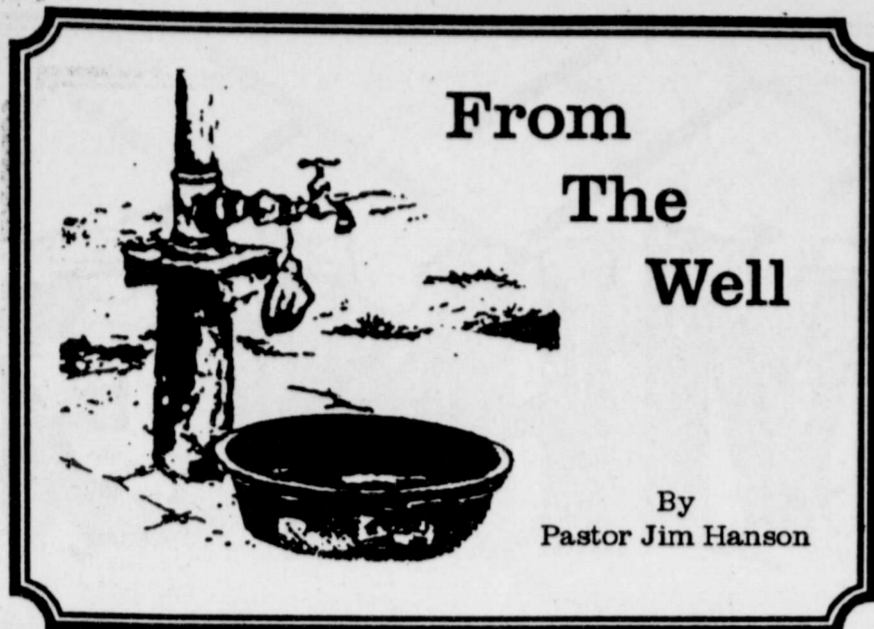
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From The Well

By Pastor Jim Hanson



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There are times when I feel like I have "memory loss." I cry out, "Ramona, have you seen my Bible?" Or, "Where in the world is my little red book?" My daily organizer that tells me where I have promised to be—appointments, meetings, etc. Next to my Bible, it's my most important book. Apparently it is a universal problem among those of us who are older. It even makes the comic strips. The other day in the *Abilene Reporter News* I found this in Sally Forth, one of the strips. Sally is talking to an older friend, an employee who works with Sally. She is concerned about losing her memory. Sally tells her, "The reason you're having trouble with your memory is that you have to focus on so many things at once."

And gives her this advice, "When you feel so stressed that you can't think straight, take a pause. Just step back and zone in on what's most pressing." Her friend replies, "Lunch." And Sally Forth says, "It's funny how even in the most hectic of times we can always remember what's truly important." Well, I haven't missed any meals—so I must still be okay.

But, a week or so ago, I was missing my check book. Ramona and I had been to Abilene to make some hospital calls, and, on the way home had stopped at Dillard's. I made a purchase and wrote a check. Came home. Emptied my pockets on the dresser top. And crashed. (Went to bed, that is. Slept like a rock.)

The next morning we took off for Angelo—to do some hospital visiting. And, when it came time for me to make a purchase, I reached for my check book. It wasn't there. I did have some cash, so I made my purchase. And then, the panic started to set in. "Where is it?" "What did I do with it? Did I leave it on the counter at Dillard's?" We started a mad and furious hunt. Just the day before Ramona had found it on the floor behind the back seat of our suburban. It had flipped out of my pocket while I was reaching over the back seat to get a package. So—we searched the car. We did not find it.

When we came home, we looked and looked. Went through the house. Every nook and cranny. Even went to the church—and the education building. Checked out the waste baskets. Finally—we called Dillard's lost and found. And then, that terrible intuition—"Somebody took it. Stole it out of my pocket." Or—found it and didn't return it. Where is it?

We went to the bank and asked the folks there to stop payment on any checks that might not be ours. They were so kind. Apparently the "loss of check book" disease (it is "dis-ease"—truly upsetting to mind and spirit) is more prevalent than you might think.

And then, after exhausting all the possibilities, I took a "strategic pause." One I should have taken from the beginning. I took it to the Lord in prayer. He tells us to "Ask, seek, and knock." And he tells us to "Seek first," the first thing. To put ourselves and the matter in His hands first. I often do that, but many times I don't. I end up "Seeking last," when all else fails. And believe me, all else does fail. It's really a "faith loss" as well as a "memory loss." In a sense—I did lose my mind, my faith mind. After all, God doesn't lose anything. And His eye is on the sparrow. Even this one.

As I released my anxiety, I started to pray—right, "Lord, when I am ready to see it, lead me to where it is." I didn't get an answer. But I did get a leading. (That's usually the way it happens...He leads us rather than giving us a map. We follow after Him, one step at a time.) And one day I found it. Where? In a zippered case! One that contains my hearing aid supplies, batteries, instructions, etc. Where else would a man put his check book? An intelligent person as focused as I?

For the life of me I can't imagine how I did that, how I happened to put it there. But, for the life of me I do know how I happened to find it. He who counts the hairs of my head, whose job it is to seek and to save the lost directed me. And there was great joy in my heart. Just like the little woman who lost her coin and the shepherd who lost his sheep and the Father who lost His son. (Luke 15). The lost is found.

In all of our fussing around as church people—do we have the same concern for "the lost souls" as we do for check books, date books, etc.? Have we a "memory loss" as to what God is really about and what He really wants. I think it is time for me to take a strategic pause. And to step into the God zone. And zone in on what's most pressing. For sure, it's not lunch! For sure...it is "the lost." That they might be found. And great joy—here on earth...and in heaven.

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Sr. Citizens Nursing Home News

By Billie Ruth Bishop

Residents enjoy birthday party

Mrs. Reese has returned from Hendrick Medical Center in Abilene. We welcome her back.

Thursday, August 19, 1999 we celebrated birthdays for three residents with our monthly birthday party, hosted by the Ruth Sunday School class of the First Baptist Church. The honorees were: Lawan Foreman, Elva Jackson, and Janie Willborn.

Thanks to the family of John Schaffrina for the beautiful potted plants they brought to the nursing home.

The birthday party for the month of September will be hosted by the Hopewell Baptist Church on Thursday, September 16, 1999. Those having birthdays in September are: Velma Simpson-9/16; Edna Sudduth-9/9; Katharine Spill-9/11; Louise Cecil-9/26; and Eva Reese-9/28.

Thanks to Ethel Hantsche for the frozen turkey breast she donated to the Senior Citizens Nursing Home. It was very delicious.

Velma Simpson is a patient in Community Hospital in San Angelo at this time. We hope she has a good day today.

Card of Thanks

The Senior Citizens Activity Center would like to say thank you to Rodrick and Malcolm Bredemeyer; and Tad, Wacey, and Ty Cason for all of their volunteer help during our renovation of the back dining room.

Thanks to the City of Winters for allowing us to do all the repair.

We appreciate each one of you! Thanks again.

Janet Cason, director

39+ will meet September 9

In order to give opportunity for older adults to have a profitable time together, the First United Methodist Church has, since April 1991, set aside one day per month to play games, have fellowship together, ask the Lord's blessings on those in our community with special needs, and eat a meal together.

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by Randall Conner

The Winters Area Business and Industrial Corporation is introducing a "Driving Tour of Winters." The tour features historical and other points of interest in our community, including several older homes. It takes a little over an hour, and there is something of interest to almost everyone.

The purpose of the driving tour is two-fold. First, it is to help those who live here to have a better appreciation for our town and what it does have to offer. Secondly, it offers travelers coming through Winters a chance to see the community.

Tourism is now the number two industry in Texas and more and more people are going to rural areas to visit. As we look around, Winters has as much history and places of interest as almost any town our size.

The Industrial Board and the Chamber of Commerce encourage you to take this tour of Winters. The brochures are available at many businesses around town.

For those who take the tour by September 30, 1999, there will be a drawing for a \$100 certificate redeemable at any Winters business. Just take the tour, fill out the form, and drop it by the Chamber of Commerce or Winters Public Library.

We hope you have fun on the tour!

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Sept. 6 thru Sept. 10
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Monday, Sept. 6: Closed for Labor Day.

Tuesday, Sept. 7: Barbecue on bun, chips, corn salad, pickles & onions, and fruit.

Wednesday, Sept. 8: Chicken & gravy, mashed potatoes, tomato salad, roll, and chocolate cake.

Thursday, Sept. 9: Liver & onions, baked potatoes, boiled cabbage, cornbread, and dump cake.

Friday, Sept. 10: Meatloaf, blackeyed peas, mixed greens, cornbread, and Jello.

Birthday boy is Charley Eubank.

Letter to the Editor

Teacher expresses concern about teenagers' irresponsibilities

Dear Editor,
I predict a teenager at Winters High School is going to die this year. And it's going to be an underage driver without a license. Or someone is going to die because of an underage driver.

Why do I make this grim prediction? Since last spring there have been three major accidents in the Winters area that were caused by unlicensed or newly licensed (less than a year) drivers.

The first was last spring when two freshman girls borrowed a senior's car. The girl driving mixed up the brake and gas pedal. As a result a woman was sent to the hospital and had to stay overnight.

The second was this summer "out in the country." This time it was two freshman boys. They ended up running one of our coaches and his family off the road and causing a lot of damage. Besides scaring them all to death.

The third was just a few weeks ago. A sophomore girl and her sister had borrowed the car of her mother's friend. They ended up meeting with a friend of theirs and decided to play "chicken." Again, there was a lot of damage and someone could have been killed.

First State Bank donates land to Hale Museum for Sidewalk Project

First State Bank, N.A., Winters Branch, recently donated several lots adjacent and behind the museum to the Z.I. Hale Museum Foundation.

The property on the east side will be incorporated into the proposed Winters Sidewalk Improvement Project. If approved by the Texas Department of Transportation, the project will provide a park area adjacent to the new sidewalks and the museum, and will include flower gardens, a fountain, decorative lighting, and underground irrigation for the existing pecan trees and grass.

The area behind the museum will provide much-needed parking space for the museum and the Rock Hotel Heritage Center.

The application to the Department of Transportation is enhanced by including park areas, open space areas, and pedestrian walkways, as well as including landscaping, planters, benches, decorative lighting, and other amenities.

The directors of the Z.I. Hale Museum wish to express their appreciation to Mr. Jim Jordan and First State Bank for their initiative to improve the Z.I. Hale Museum and the community.

CITY COUNCIL, continued

Kenneth Slimp explained that notice of the annexation was given to K. W. Cook and not to Snappy Enterprises; therefore, the annexation was not legal. Slimp continued by saying that even though Mr. Cook owns Snappy Enterprises, the notice had to be delivered directly to Snappy Enterprises as an entity.

The Council also created a Municipal Court Technology Fund to receive the collection of up to \$4 per defendant from any fines assessed in Municipal Court. The past State Legislature allows cities to set up this fund to collect money to upgrade municipal court technology assets. This \$4 per defendant fee will begin September 1, 1999.

Also at Monday night's meeting, Steve Ballard's lease agreement concerning airport space was passed by the Council at the same rate as in the past.

Employee contracts were approved as follows:
Mike Dillard — reading of city water meters
D'Ann Perrie — cleaning of city offices
Jack Davis, Sr. — lease agreement on city house
Louis Esquivel and Oscar Torres — cleaning of community center

Councilmen present at Monday evening's meeting were Tommy Russell, Steve Esquivel, Jimmy Butler, and Joe Gerhart; Mayor Dawson McGuffin; City Manager Dr. Aref Hassan; and City Attorney Kenneth Slimp. Absent was Councilman Mike Meyer.

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CAFETERIA MENU
September 6-10
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Breakfast
Monday-September 6
No School
Labor Day Holiday
Tuesday-September 7
Toast
Cream of Wheat
Juice
Wednesday-September 8
Biscuits
Sausage
Juice
Thursday-September 9
Cinnamon Roll
Cereal
Juice
Friday-September 10
Toast
Sliced Ham
Juice

Lunch
Monday-September 6
No School
Labor Day Holiday
Tuesday-September 7
Steak Fingers/Gravy
Mashed Potatoes
Green Beans
Vanilla Pudding
Hot Rolls
Wednesday-September 8
Toastada/Meat/Cheese
Refried Beans
Tossed Salad
Pear Half
Cinnamon Roll
Thursday-September 9
Corn Dogs
June Peas
Pineapple Chunks
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Friday-September 10
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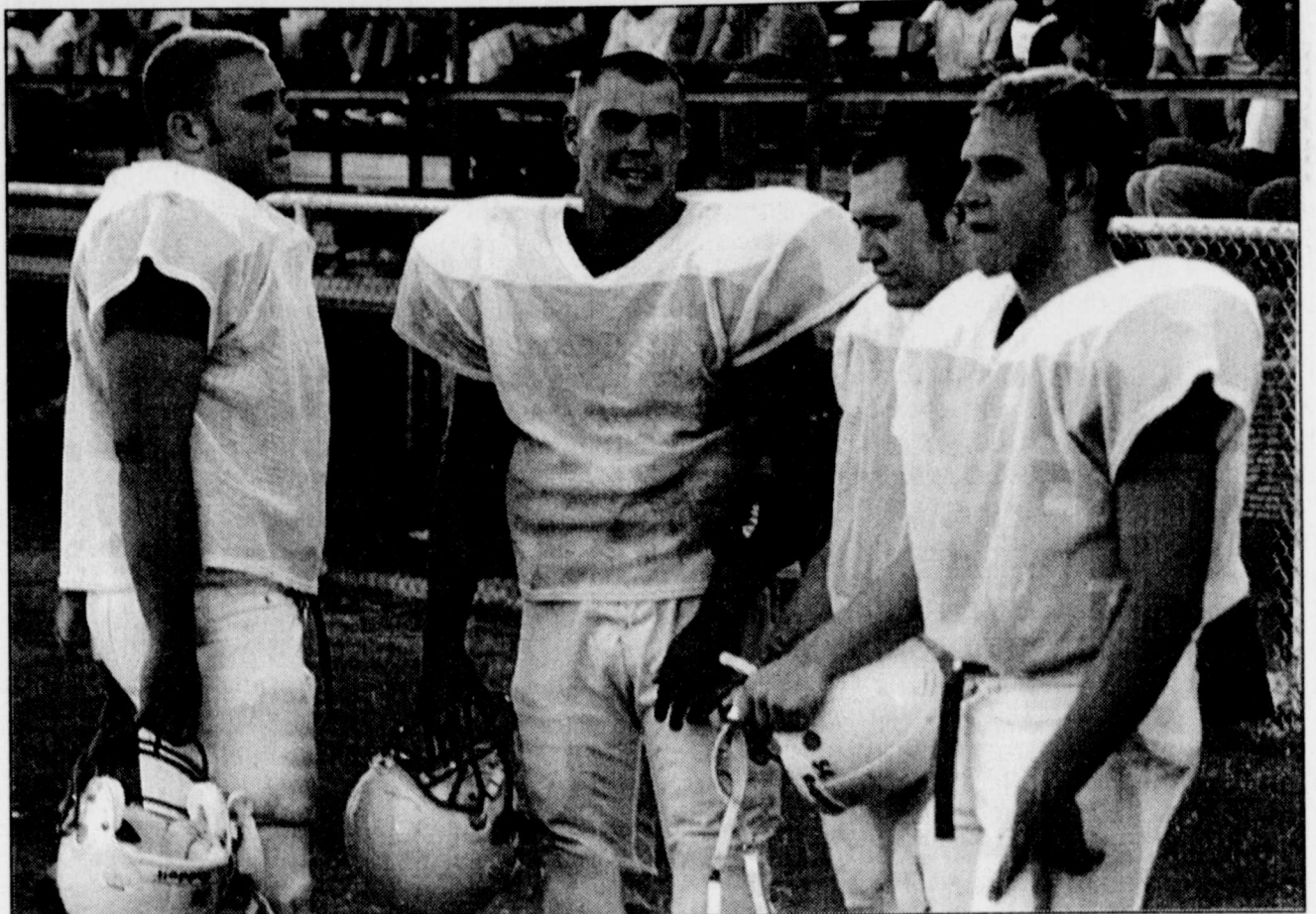
Junior High— Cheerleaders to wait tables at The Shed on Sunday

The Winters Junior High Cheerleaders will be holding a fundraiser at The Shed, "down on the farm" in Wingate, Sunday, September 5.

The girls will wait tables from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. All tips the girls earn will go towards the expenses they have incurred for uniforms, equipment, and summer cheer-leading camp.

The girls and their family paid for all of their own expenses to be a junior high cheerleader last spring. They are allowed two major fundraisers for the year to help defray those costs.

They promise "spirited" and efficient service on Sunday and would appreciate your support!



ALL SENIORS, ALL FOOTBALL are (l-r) Aaron Taylor, Kirk Byrd, Craig Conner and Wes Calcote as the four Blizzard starters take a breather during a recent scrimmage and devise their plan for beating the Jim Ned Indians this Friday in Tuscola.

Secondary School "Meet The Teacher" set for Sept. 13

Winters Secondary School would like to invite all parents to attend the first "Meet The Teacher" scheduled for Monday, September 13, at 7:00 p.m.

A short meeting will first be held in the auditorium and then guests will be dismissed to go to their children's classes. Each class will consist of approximately 10 minutes with a five minute passing period.

Teachers will discuss what is happening in their classes.

Since time will be short, parents are asked to speak individually, if needed, with the teacher during a scheduled conference time. Available times will be posted in the classrooms.

On this night, everyone is also invited to visit the new junior high building.

Blizzards to face Jim Ned in season opener

The 1999 Winters Blizzards kick off the new season in non-district play this Friday night against the Jim Ned Indians.

Kickoff will be at 8 p.m. in Indian Stadium at Tuscola. Student tickets to Friday night's showdown will be sold for \$2.00 at the Winters ISD business office until 3 p.m. on Friday. Jim Ned declined to allow adult tickets to be sold in advance.

Always a strong rival, the Indians are returning their second team all-state quarterback.

Blizzard defensive coordinator Charles Murphy stated, "We'll really have to pay attention because when you try to flush him (the quarterback), he scrambles well and is able to find his receivers."

Coach Murphy also said that the Indian defense "looks better than they have in a long time."

Jim Ned comes off a 6-6 season as the third place district playoff team.

The Blizzards whipped the Indians 35-13 last year and 34-8 in 1997. Winters may have a tougher time this year as the Indians bring back a heavy senior-laden team with good people at the skilled positions.

The Blizzards come off of a so-so scrimmage against Anson last week. Coach Chuck Lipsey said, "I thought we played good in spurts, both offensively and defensively, but we had trouble with consistency. We did have some of

our starters out, recovering from injuries. We're still improving and must get better each week."

Coach Murphy added, "Anson had three big plays that hurt us where we missed the coverage. Other than that, we pretty well wore them down and shut them out defensively."

Some starters will be playing with injuries this week. Sophomore lineman Chris Hoppe has a soft cast for a severe bone bruise on his left hand; Chris Yanez and Taylor Brown, both juniors and defensive backs, are recovering from pulled leg muscles; senior defensive back Oscar Luz is nursing a dislocated kneecap, but everybody should be able to play Friday, according to Lipsey.

Student Council members attend ASU conference

Winters High School 1999-2000 Student Council officers were among 300 to attend a leadership conference at Angelo State University, June 7-11.

John Bahlman, Kelli Slimp, Gabriel Hernandez, Eileen Alvarado, and Holley Woffenden, were among those students divided into eight "councils" where they created an imaginary high school with real life problems to solve.

Officers were elected and a project agreed upon. The project was then carried out during the week. Issues included teenage drinking and drug abuse, pregnancy, school violence, teacher appreciation, small school pride and patriotism, lack of respect, work ethic, funding, apathy, and health problems.

Also attending was Rhea Parramore, WHS sponsor.

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Comanche at Goldthwaite	Eldorado at Hamlin	Eldorado at Hamlin	Eldorado at Hamlin	Eldorado at Hamlin
Merkel at Hamlin	Clyde at Stamford	Clyde at Stamford	Clyde at Stamford	Clyde at Stamford
Wylie at Breckenridge	Brownwood at Sweetwater	Brownwood at Sweetwater	Brownwood at Sweetwater	Brownwood at Sweetwater
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Tecka Mobley Jr. High English



Tecka Mobley was employed by Winters Independent School District in August 1999. She

currently teaches junior high English.

Mrs. Mobley received her bachelor of science degree in kinesiology and English from Angelo State University in San Angelo.

She is married to Shane, also a teacher and coach at WISD. They have one son, Hunter, 10 months of age. They are members of the First Baptist Church of Winters.

Mrs. Mobley enjoys camping, softball, and reading. She considers Sweetwater her hometown, and presently resides in Winters.



BLIZZARD JUNIOR VARSITY members listen as coaches Shane Mobley and Chris Bearden give instructions during the scrimmage against Wall. The junior varsity meet the Jim Ned Indians in Blizzard stadium tonight, Sept. 2, at 6:30 to open regular season play.



1999 Blizzard Cross Country Schedule

DATE	TIME	LOCATION
Sept. 4	9:30 AM	ACU
Sept. 11	9:00 AM	SA Central & Water Valley
Sept. 18	9:45 AM	Jim Ned
Sept. 25	9:30 AM	McMurry
Oct. 2	9:50 AM	Coleman
Oct. 9	9:30 AM	ACU
Oct. 16	TBA	TBA
Oct. 25 (Monday)	10:00 AM	District Meet Hamilton
Nov. 6	Regional Meet	San Antonio
Nov. 13	State Meet	Round Rock

Birthday girl is Mincy Briley.

Thanks Winters for your support! Go Blue!

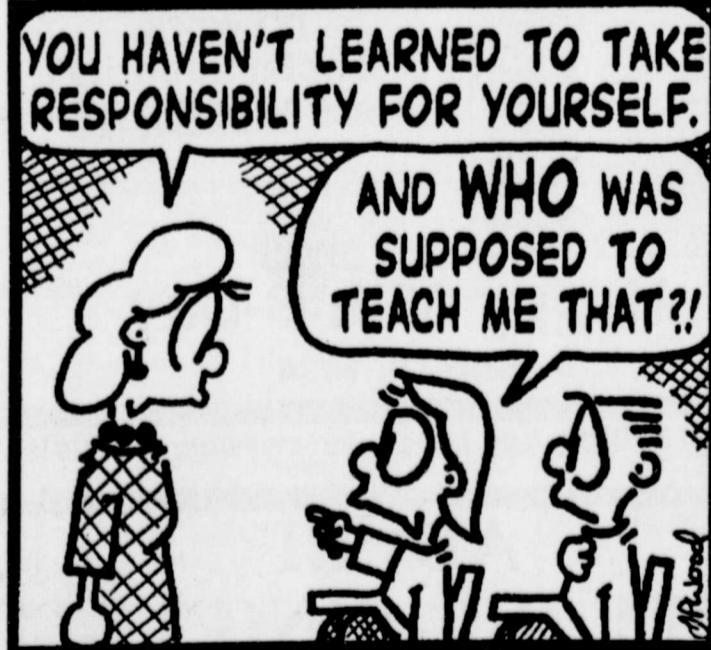
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Blizzard spirit items for sale

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The shirts and hats are selling fast with only a limited number available. All items will be sold at the games starting with the Winters vs. Jim Ned junior varsity game on September 2. If you would like any of these items, please contact Teresa Davis at 754-5422 or Kim Jackson at 754-4339.

Buchanan earns degree from ASU

Richard Lee Buchanan of Winters received a Bachelor of Science, with a major in Kinesiology, at Angelo State University.

He was among 238 students to receive degrees during the summer commencement at the university.

Mr. Buchanan is a secondary mathematics teacher and an 8th grade coach in the Winters Independent School District.

Concession stand workers needed

Parents of all band students and athletes are reminded to sign up to help in the concession stand during football games.

Cards have been mailed to all parents asking them to choose a night to work. Selection of the work schedule is on a first come, first served basis. There are enough band and athletic parents, that they should have to work only once—if everyone does their part.

The Winters Booster Club supports athletes in all sports, as well as the band. If you did not receive your card, or you need to schedule your time to help, please call Susan Connor at 754-5760, Kim Jackson at 754-4339, or Teresa Davis at 754-5422 to schedule your time to help.

1999-2000 Varsity Football Schedule

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME	SCORE
Aug. 20	Wall*	H	7:30	
Aug. 26	Anson*	T	7:30	
Sept. 3	Jim Ned	T	8:00	
Sept. 10	Merkel	T	8:00	
Sept. 17	Ozona	H	8:00	
Sept. 24	Goldthwaite▲	H	7:30	
Oct. 1	Bangs▲	T	7:30	
Oct. 8*	San Saba▲	H	7:30	
Oct. 15	Early▲	T	7:30	
Oct. 22	Hamilton▲	H	7:30	
Oct. 29	Mason▲	H	7:30	
Nov. 5	Coleman▲	T	7:30	

* Scrimmages * Homecoming ▲ District Games

1999-2000 Jr. Varsity Football Schedule

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME	SCORE
Aug. 20	Wall*	H	6:00	
Aug. 26	Anson*	T	6:00	
Sept. 2	Jim Ned	H	6:30	
Sept. 9	Merkel	H	6:30	
Sept. 16	Ozona	T	6:30	
Sept. 23	Goldthwaite▲	T	6:00	
Sept. 30	Bangs▲	H	6:00	
Oct. 7	San Saba▲	T	6:00	
Oct. 14	Early▲	H	6:00	
Oct. 21	Hamilton▲	T	6:00	
Oct. 28	Mason▲	T	6:00	
Nov. 4	Coleman▲	H	6:00	

* Scrimmage Games ▲ District Games

1999-2000 Jr. High Football Schedule

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME	SCORE
Sept. 9	Merkel	T	5 & 6:30	
Sept. 16	OPEN			
Sept. 23	Goldthwaite▲	H	5 & 6:30	
Sept. 30	Bangs▲	T	5 & 6:30	
Oct. 7	San Saba▲	H	5 & 6:30	
Oct. 14	Early▲	T	5 & 6:30	
Oct. 21	Hamilton▲	H	5 & 6:30	
Oct. 28	Mason▲	H	5 & 6:30	
Nov. 4	Coleman▲	T	5 & 6:30	

▲ District Games

WHS Class of '79 will host 20th reunion at Blizzard Homecoming

The Class of 1979 will hold their 20-year reunion during Homecoming weekend, October 8 & 9.

Alumni and their families will meet at Blizzard Field on Friday at 7:30 p.m. for the homecoming game against San Saba.

Classmates, families, and friends will meet from 10 a.m. to noon on Saturday at Winters City Park. At noon they will

caravan to the Catholic Church for a luncheon catered by JC's Catering.

Cost of the meal is \$6 per person. Members of the Class of 1979 are encouraged to attend, bringing family and friends.

For catering purposes, classmates are asked to please RSVP to Janet Jacob Cason at 915/754-5202 or e-mail to Regmo@aol.com.

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Poe's Corner

By Charlsie Poe

Fifth HSU generation



Charlsie Poe

When Hardin-Simmons asked for pictures of my family to write a fifth generation story, I was glad to comply. It came out recently in the *Range Rider*.

Matt Poe of League City, Texas, currently enrolled as a jun-

ior at HSU as the fifth generation in his family to attend the university. His great-great-grandmother, Eula Mae Cooke Graham, received her certificate from the Simmons College Academy on May 31, 1905.

This diploma, with some summer courses, earned her a first grade certificate to teach school. The next year, she taught school at Denvey in South Taylor County. Her salary was \$50 a month instead of the usual \$35 because she could teach Latin.

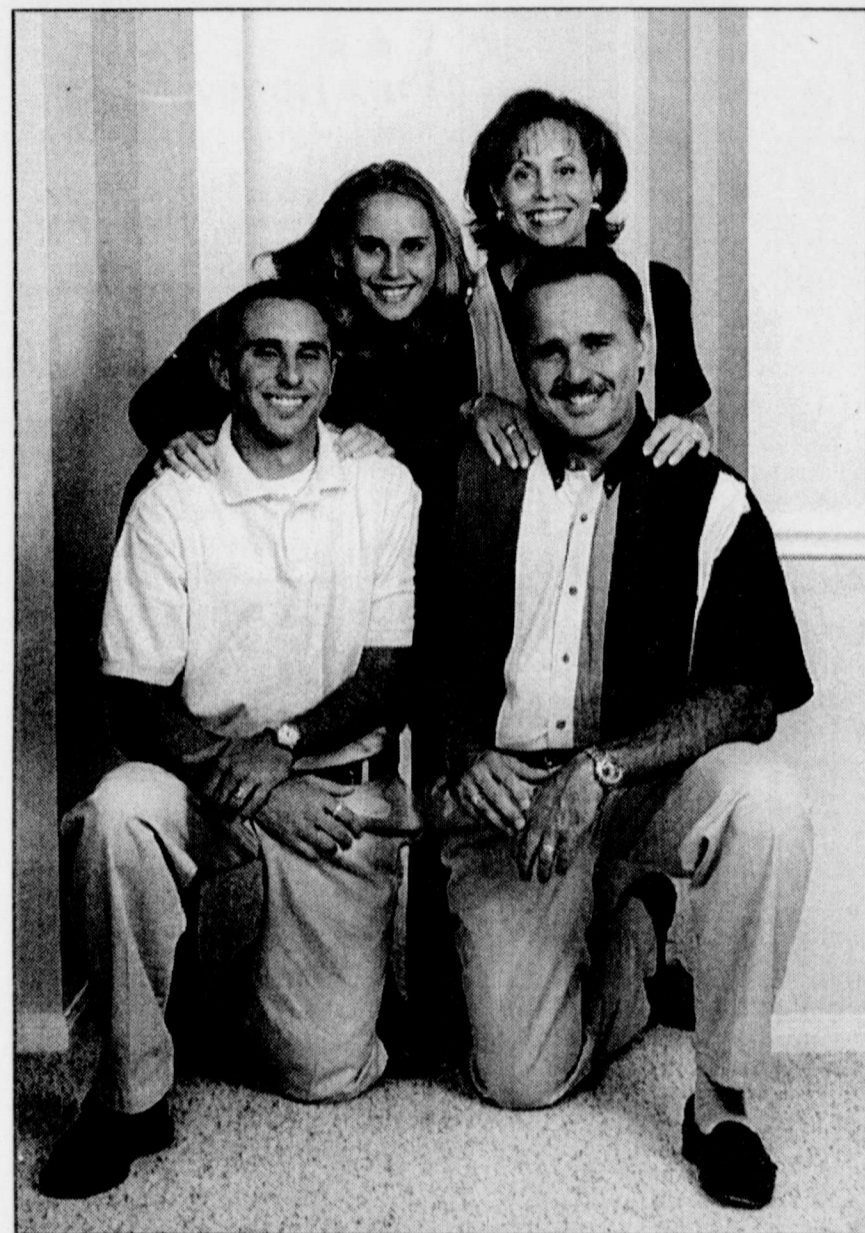
Matt entered HSU in January

of 1997, and is presently serving as the minister of youth in First Baptist Church of Winters.

Matt's great-grandmother, Charlsie Graham Poe, 90, who attended HSU in 1925, is still an active member of the church. She married George Poe in 1927, and their son Dennis enrolled in HSU in 1951. He played the trombone



EULA MAE COOKE was the first of the five Poe generations to attend Hardin-Simmons University. She is the great-great-grandmother of Matt Poe who is currently attending HSU.



TWO OF THE FIVE POES to attend Hardin-Simmons University are (kneeling, left to right) Matt and his father Cliff. Daughter Bethanie and wife Jean are also pictured.

in the Cowboy Band.

Dennis (Cliff) Clifford Poe received his BA degree from HSU in 1976. While at HSU, Cliff met and married Jean Beth Scholfield. Their son Matt was born while Cliff was a student at Golden State Baptist Seminary. They also have a daughter, Bethanie.

The family moved back to Texas in 1980. Cliff has served as the pastor of several churches and is currently at Trinity South Shore Harbour area of League City congregation he helped to found.

HSU's strong heritage and legacy is exemplified by Poe's story. The alumni office is collecting similar stories. Please notify the alumni at HSU if you have a story.

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PUC implementing new laws

Customers can look for lower prices, enhanced services, and stronger protections from new telecommunications and electric utility laws passed last spring which became effective yesterday.

"Customers win big with these laws," said Public Utility Commission (PUC) Chairman Pat Wood, III. "They get the lower prices that come with competition plus legislative assurance that customer abuse will not be tolerated in Texas."

Senate Bill 560, authored by Senator David Sibley and Representatives Toby Goodman and Leticia Van de Putte, lowers telephone access charges to significantly lower prices for intrastate long distance calls.

To implement this part of the law, the PUC this month ordered long distance companies to pass these access charge savings through to customers and broadened the Texas Universal Service Fund to provide affordable local telephone service to all Texans.

SB 560 also requires Southwestern Bell Telephone Company (SWBT) to reduce its access charges by another penny on September 1, 1999, that will save SWBT customers an average of

five cents per minute off their intrastate long distance calls.

No later than June 1, or when SWBT begins offering interstate long distance service, another two-cent reduction will take effect. Approximately 76 percent of Texas telephone lines are served by SWBT.

Also effective September 1, 1999, customers' local telephone service cannot be disconnected for nonpayment of long distance charges.

This benefit is due to SB 86 by Senator Jane Nelson and Representative Debra Danburg, a comprehensive customer protection bill that also:

- Protects customers from fraudulent, deceptive, and anti-competitive practices.
- Outlaws cramming, the adding of unauthorized charges to your phone bill.
- Prohibits changing phone service based on a "negative option" offer—an offer that switches the customer's service if the customer takes no action preventing the switch.
- Bans discrimination based on income level, source of income, or geographic area.
- Requires phone bills to use "clear, readable format and easy-

to-understand language." • Requires that eligible customers be automatically enrolled in discount programs for low-income customers.

On the electricity side, Senate Bill 7, authored by Senator David Sibley and Representative Steve Wolens, freezes electric rates on September 1, 1999, for all customers of investor-owned utilities, which serve approximately 80 percent of Texas customers. That will be followed by a six percent rate reduction in January 2002.

Also beginning September 1, 1999, electric cooperatives will no longer be regulated by the PUC, but will be required to adopt equivalent customer protection standards.

In addition, the General Land Office can begin selling electric power at discounted rates to school districts, state universities, and state agencies as well as cities and counties.

"We are proud to say that Texas now has the best electric restructuring legislation in the country," said Commissioner Judy Walsh. "We think competition and these customer protections will be good for all Texans."

Elvia Moreno awarded SEU scholarship

St. Edward's University recently awarded 414 academic scholarships, totaling more than \$1 million for the 1999-2000 school year. Elvia Moreno of Winters has been awarded one of these scholarships. She is majoring in Religious Studies.

Scholarship recipients were chosen from a group of highly deserving applicants. The selection committee was comprised of faculty and staff members of the university. The scholarships serve as recognition for outstanding academic achievement.

St. Edward's University is an independent Catholic liberal arts university of 3,400 students in Austin.

Triple L monthly meeting changed for September

The Triple L Club has rescheduled their regular monthly meeting. Instead of meeting the second Thursday of the month, they will meet on Tuesday, September 21, with the Abilene Triple L Club in Abilene.

The meeting will begin at 11:30 a.m. followed by a catered luncheon at noon. Cost of the luncheon is \$2.50. Guests are invited to attend. The church bus will leave from the First Baptist Church parking lot at 10 a.m. Club members and guests are asked to call the church office at 754-5521, by Friday, September 17 to register for the trip.

The Abilene club and Brother L.L. Trott organized the Winters affiliation in 1979. The organization is open to any senior adult, age 65 and older.

Runnels County Emmaus to meet September 2

Runnels County Emmaus will meet Thursday, September 2, at 6:30 p.m. at St. John's Lutheran Church in Winters.

Members are encouraged to attend.

Attention!

To all the people who are living, or who have lived in the Drasco community:

You are encouraged to attend the Drasco Homecoming on Labor Day, Sept. 6, 1999, at the Drasco Baptist Church.

Fellowship will begin at 10 a.m., so come and visit old friends. Reverend Merriel Abbott, retired Methodist minister from Lubbock, will be giving the devotional.

Bring a covered dish to share at the noon meal, as well as old memories of time spent in the Drasco community.

Activities planned for Texas Forts Trail during September

One of the greatest events in the history of the western frontier was the arrival of the stagecoaches carrying mail and passengers from St. Louis and San Francisco.

These semi-weekly coaches of the Butterfield Overland Mail Company began on September 15, 1858, and continued to run until the beginning of the Civil War. This direct and rapid communication was vital to the settling of the frontier.

Fort Belknap was used as a depot where mules were kept to pull the stage through Indian Territory. Here the stagecoach horses were replaced by mules; no self-respecting Comanche would ride a mule! The mail route followed the military road from Jacksboro, Fort Belknap, then Forts Phantom, Hill, and Chadbourne.

This September, both travel and communication along these military roads have improved dramatically and the attractions and sites could not be busier. Almost every community along the Texas

Forts Trail has a unique activity to share this month but one that should not be missed is the World Championship Goat Cook-Off in Brady over Labor Day weekend.

September 10-18 brings the West Texas Fair and Rodeo to Abilene, along with traditionally a chance of rain. Eastland hosts the Old Rip Festival on September 18 and the San Angelo Museum of Fine Arts opens its new facility on September 25.

Also, Eldorado, Texas, and its energetic high school students, are hosting the First Annual Texas Forts Trail Day, living histories, readings, and music are a part of this day long festivity. Austin recording artist Pat Green ends the day with an outdoor concert. And also on September 25, Comanche welcomes the Comanche County POWWOW, a tribute to the Native Americans that populated the area.

For more information and the newly published Fall Calendar of Events, please contact the Texas Forts Trail office.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING Runnels County Appraisal District Budget

The Runnels County Appraisal District will hold a public hearing on a proposed budget for the 2000 fiscal year.

The public hearing will be held on September 13, 1999, 12 noon, at the Appraisal District office, 406 Hutchings Avenue, Ballinger, Texas.

A summary of the Appraisal District budget follows:

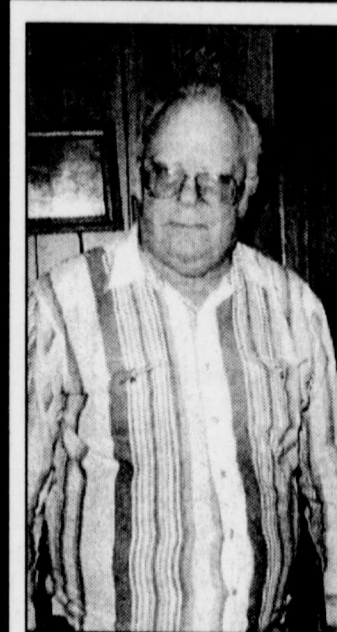
Total of proposed budget	\$254,960
Amount of increase over current budget	\$ 265
Number of employees under proposed budget	5 full-time 1 part-time
Number of employees under current budget	5 full-time 1 part-time

The Appraisal District is supported solely by payments from the local taxing units served by the Appraisal District.

If approved by the Appraisal District Board of Directors at the public hearing, this proposed budget will take effect automatically unless disapproved by the governing bodies of the county, school districts, and cities served by the Appraisal District.

A copy of the proposed budget is available for public inspection in the office of each of those governing bodies. A copy is also available for public inspection at the Appraisal District office.

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Crews News

By Hilda Kurtz



Hilda Kurtz

A rumor is about as hard to unspread as butter.

Beverly VanZandt, Margie Jacob, and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Watkins all enjoyed grilled hamburgers and homemade ice cream with Mike and Carol Kozelsky on Saturday night. Later they played Mexican dominoes.

On Sunday, Mike and Carol Kozelsky, Cookie VanZandt, and Margie Jacob were in Brownwood and had dinner with Jerry and Sharon Engler and Bryce Busenlehner.

The Hopewell Baptist Church congregation enjoyed their fifth Sunday dinner afterservices. They had a short service before going home. Robert Bryant of Abilene was a visitor.

Our sympathy goes out to the Hoppe families due to the passing away of our dear friend Josie Hoppe on Sunday morning. She

was buried Wednesday. Eileen Cartwright carried her dad to his eye doctor appointment during the week.

Carolyn Webb's mother, Edith Everett, has moved to Aspermont where she will be living with her son, Jim Everett and family.

Carolyn Webb spent last week in Austin with her family and helped celebrate her granddaughters' birthday, Jennifer and Stephanie.

We missed a good rain again this passed week. The Allcorns did get 3/10 of an inch.

Linda and Dale Duggan spent four days in Ruidoso, New Mexico, last week visiting Linda's brother, Roy Brown and his wife Dawn and their sons. They came back to Texas on Wednesday.

On Friday, Lanell Hayes, Linda's neighbor came by and had a nice visit.

On Saturday, the Duggans had Kyle and Katy Grigsby of Abilene and Will and Leslie Duggan of Winters as supper guests.

Doris Wood had most of her family out helping getting ready for the Labor Day weekend and more.

Coleman Foreman spent Sunday afternoon with Lawan at the

Nursing Home after eating lunch at the church.

Fairy and Wilbert Alcorn spent Friday afternoon with Helen Alexander. Abe Giles of Brownwood spent Sunday with the Alcorns. He also spent part of the afternoon with Leona and Roy Matthis.

We received word on Sunday that my sister Josephine's husband, Marvin Mittlesteadt died Sunday in Baldwin Park, California. The funeral is pending.

There will be no supper at the Crews gym Saturday night due to the Labor Day holiday. The next supper will be September 11.

I received three long distance phone calls Friday. First, Lillie Wenchester, sister Pauline Seiger of Michigan, and Ruth Pape of New Mexico. Ruth says, "hello."

Adeline Grissom's grandson, Scott Amidon, is improving nicely. He may get to go home this week. His address is 835 Orita Drive, Brawley, California, 92227.

While Nila and Therin were in Ballinger, they went in to say hello to Dee Faubion and Adeline Grissom. Louise Osborne came out Saturday to be with Nila and Therin.

Hildegard of San Angelo spent Monday with me and as usual, she found something to do.



"WE NEED MORE WATER," says Fire Chief Jack Davis, Jr. to Fireman Rodrick Bredemeyer who arrived just in time with his water tank. Winters Volunteer Firemen Chris Ozborn on front of truck, John McCallian at back, and Rene Woffenden at door get ready to fight more of Friday's grass fire near Winters. Firemen battled the grass fire for more than four hours.

Cowboys for Christ to meet in Drasco

The Bluff Creek Chapter of Cowboys for Christ is now holding its meetings at the old Drasco Baptist Church building on Friday nights at 7:30 p.m.

Everyone is welcome to attend.

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 22, 1999, through Saturday, August 28, 1999. Winters Police Officers:

- investigated a criminal mischief case at Winters High School. At 3:20 a.m. an officer spotted a coke machine at the high school that had been vandalized.
- investigated unknown person(s) that vandalized the guard light at Gray's Video.
- investigated a case of Class A assault of family violence; a man and wife got into a fight over some missing money. Charges are pending.
- investigated a report of burglary of a motor vehicle. Unknown person(s) threw a rock through the complainants window. A purse and its contents were taken.
- investigated a report of burglary of a motor vehicle. Unknown person(s) removed \$190 worth of rolled quarters from the console of a parked vehicle.
- investigated a report of burglary of a building at Inglesia Bautista Emanuel Church, 511 Roberts St. Some windows were broken out and microphones were taken.
- arrested Rosendo Roman, Jr. on a motion to revoke probation warrant.
- investigated a report of Class C assault which had occurred four days prior. No charges filed.
- investigated a report of a domestic dispute between a man and woman. No charges filed.
- investigated a case of theft, shoplifting at the grocery store. Presiliano Sanchez was filed on for Class C theft.
- investigated a report of barking dogs in the 400 block of East Truett.
- investigated a report of burglary of a habitation. Unknown person(s) forcibly entered a travel trailer and removed some items.
- investigated a report of a Class A assault of family violence, involving two juveniles. Case referred to juvenile probation and CPS.
- arrested Isabel Tamez on a warrant.
- arrested Joann Ortiz Rivera on a warrant.
- investigated a reported fight at a dance Saturday night at the Community Center.

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

Winters Police Department—754-4121

Ballinger Police Department—365-3591

Sheriff's Department—365-2121

Wildfire conditions serious; dry stock tanks cause time loss when suppressing fires

Hurricane Bret left most of South Texas in a happy situation. Ten to twenty inches of rainfall relieved wildfire and drought situations. But on the other hand West Texas is still high, dry and NO rain.

This weather pattern has Volunteer Fire Departments and Texas Forest Service officials in a state of concern!!!

The Texas Forest Service has a Wildfire Prevention Team stationed in Abilene. The Wildfire Prevention Team's mission is to spread the word of Wildfire Prevention to help people protect the natural resources, life, and property of the citizens of Texas.

West Texas is so dry at this time, that wildfire conditions are serious. Eighty-four counties in Texas have implemented burn bans. Things to think about to prevent wildfires are:

- Do not drive or park on dry grass or brush as exhaust systems can easily start fires.
- Dispose of cigarettes or other smoking materials properly. Use

your ashtray!

- Use caution when operating farm or lawn equipment on dry grass or brush or near other flammable materials.

Natural resources for extinguishing wildfires are minimal. Wildfire suppression forces are concerned about stock tanks, creeks, and lakes that are drying up. Wildland firefighters depend on these water sources, which may not be available when needed.

Volunteer Fire Departments expressed a concern of traveling to a reported wildfire and finding the stock tanks in the area have dried up. Lack of water resources can cause a loss of valuable time in suppressing a wildfire.

Our main message is to be extremely careful and remember not to do any outdoors burning until we get a ground soaking rain. And remember...

DON'T LET TEXAS BURN!!! PREVENT WILDFIRES.

Charlie Stenholm to host FUNDay on September 11

Area residents invited to attend

Congressman Charlie and Cindy Stenholm will host FUNDay on Saturday, September 11, 1999, at the Ericksdahl Picnic Grounds east of Stamford. Festivities will begin at 4:30 p.m. and continue into the evening.

The annual event draws people from throughout the vast 17th Congressional District.

The program includes barbecue, entertainment, and a drawing for flags flown over the U.S. Capitol. The Cooper Fiddlers from Cooper High School in Abilene will provide entertainment.

"Cindy and I want to invite everyone to come and spend the day in Ericksdahl," said Stenholm. "FUNDay is a great time to meet new people and visit with old friends.

"In addition, a few of my colleagues will be visiting, and they need to know the concerns of the people here in west Texas. This year I will be bringing Represent-

tative Mike Doyle, Representative Leonard L. Boswell, and Representative Rosa DeLauro. Mike Doyle is a third term Congressman from Swissvale, Pennsylvania; he serves on the Science Committee for Basic Research, Energy, and Veterans' Affairs for Health. Leonard Boswell is a second term Congressman from Davis City, Missouri; he serves on the Agriculture Committee. Rosa DeLauro is a fifth term Congresswoman from New Haven, Connecticut; she serves on the Appropriations Committee for Agriculture and Rural Development, FDA & Related Agencies; Labor, Health & Human Services and Education."

Tickets for FUNDay, which remain at \$10 per person, will be available at the gate. Children's activities will also be provided. For more information, contact the Stenholm Campaign office at 1-800-391-0704 or 915-773-5521.

Official Records

County Court Criminal Cases Filed August 16

Junea Woodcox, filed for theft of food by check

August 17

Jerilyn Welander, filed for theft of food by check

Mary L. Reeves, filed for theft of food by check

August 18

Curtis McCreight, filed for hindering secured creditor

August 25

Sylvia Molina, filed for telephone harassment

District Court Civil Cases Filed August 27

First National Bank of Ballinger vs. Michael J. Boone and Eloise M. Boone, suit on promissory note

Divorces Granted August 26

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- TXism: "___ bien"
- TXism: "___ a soul"
- TXism: "stay on your ___"
- TX Kite success: hole in ___
- TXism: "he'd be unarmed in ___ of wits"
- shrimp catchers
- TXism: "hard pill"
- TX Buddy Holly tune "Rave ___"
- TXism: "jump ___"
- TX Strait's "Come to Expect It From You"
- most mature Valley citrus
- Albany's yearly historical musical
- Paso
- Mexican general in 1846 battle at Palo Alto, TX
- bell ring
- spiral-horned antelope raised in TX
- TXism: "playing ___"
- TXism: "chompin' ___ the bit"
- TXism: "restless as ___ church"
- Star goalie Belfour
- TXism: "strong as battery ___"

- drug-sniffing Austin police canine: "Wonder Dog"
- "The Raven" in reference to Sam Houston
- Ranger Zimmerman stat.
- TX Willie's "Farm Aid ___" was in Indiana
- TXism: "he's on ___"
- transfer title (2 wds.)
- TX actress Stephenson
- bride's face covering
- Juan Peron's wife
- TXism: "good ___ boy"

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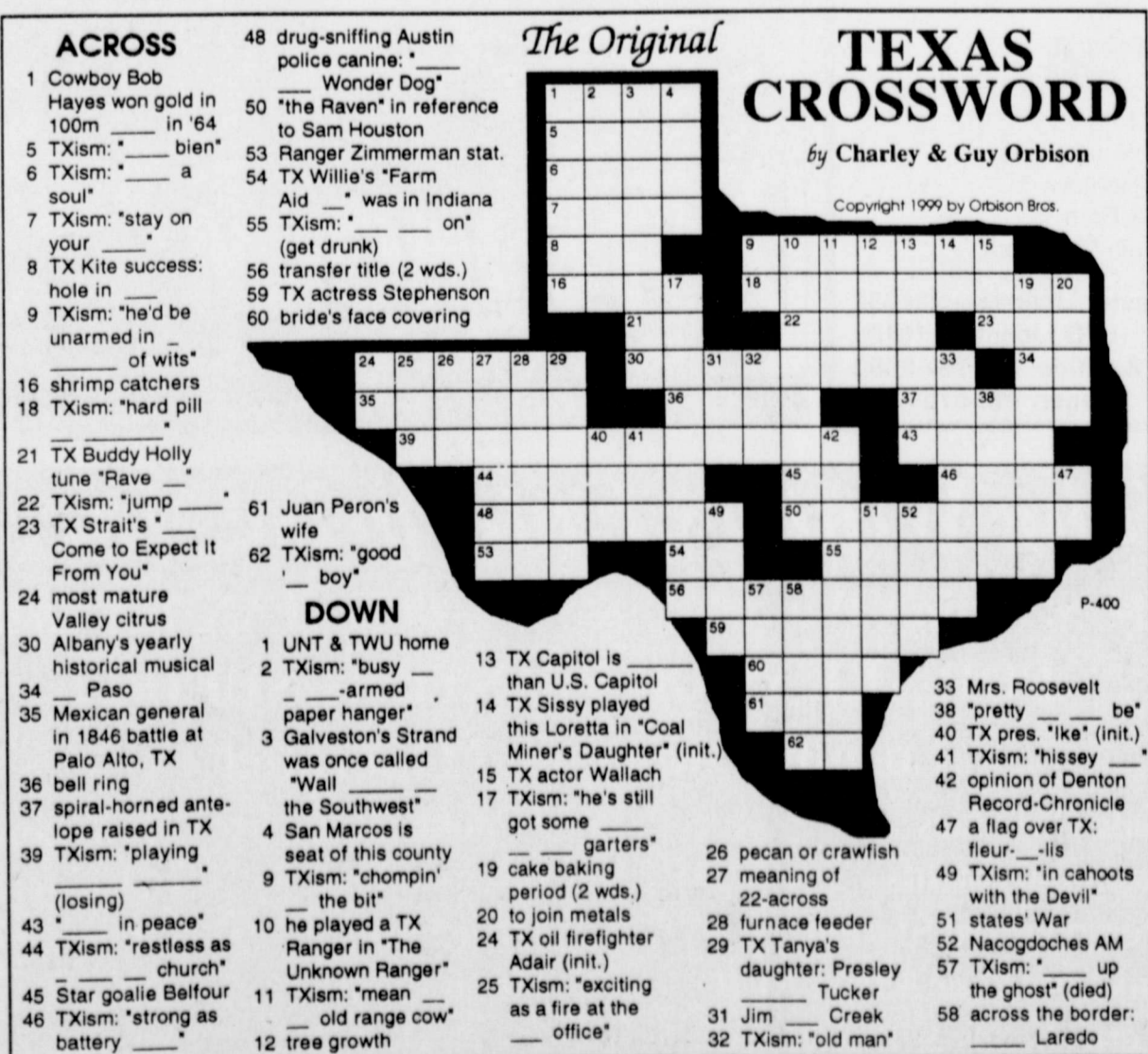
- UNT & TWU home
- TXism: "busy ___"
- armed paper hanger
- Galveston's Strand was once called "Wall ___"
- San Marcos is seat of this county
- TXism: "chompin' ___ the bit"
- he played a TX Ranger in "The Unknown Ranger"
- TXism: "mean ___"
- old range cow
- tree growth
- TX Capitol is ___ than U.S. Capitol
- TX Sissy played this Loretta in "Coal Miner's Daughter" (init.)
- TX actor Wallace
- TXism: "he's still got some ___ garters"
- cake baking period (2 wds.)
- to join metals
- TX oil firefighter Adair (init.)
- TXism: "exciting as a fire at the ___ office"
- pecan or crawfish
- meaning of 22-across
- furnace feeder
- TX Tanya's daughter: Presley ___ Tucker
- Jim ___ Creek
- TXism: "old man" ___ Laredo
- Mrs. Roosevelt
- "pretty ___ be"
- TX pres. "ike" (init.)
- TXism: "hissey ___"
- opinion of Denton Record-Chronicle
- at a flag over TX: fleur-___lis
- TXism: "in cahoots with the Devil"
- 51 states' War
- Nacogdoches AM
- TXism: "___ up the ghost" (died)
- 58 across the border: ___ Laredo

The Original

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Solutions for this puzzle appear in this issue.

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Anniversary



Edward and Frances Bredemeyer

Mr. & Mrs. Edward Bredemeyer to celebrate 40th anniversary

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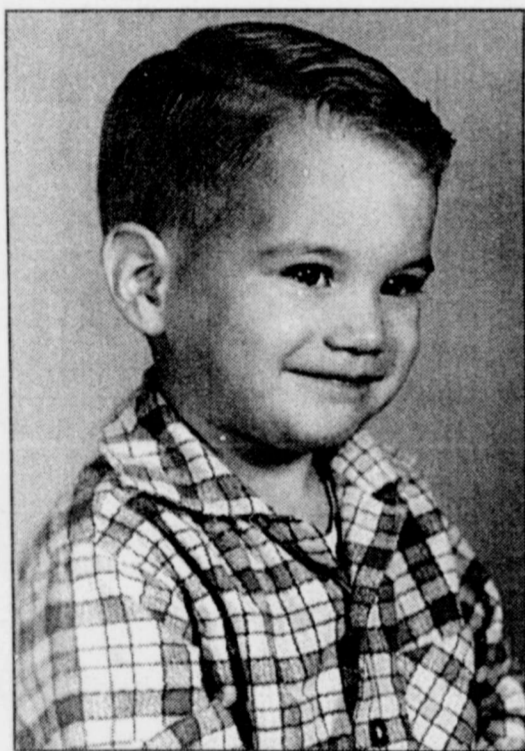
Edward was born and raised in Winters and has farmed in this area all of his adult life except for two years spent in the military as a military policeman.

Frances came to Winters in June of 1957 as an employee of Humble Oil and Refining Company. She was born and raised in Stephens County. She taught commercial subjects at Winters High School from 1963 until 1993.

The Bredemeyers married on September 5, 1959. They have three children, Kathryn Carnes and her husband Greg; Bill and his wife Sharla; and Edward, Jr., also known as "Little Ed." They have three grandchildren, Cody and Colton Carnes and Ethan Bredemeyer.

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Twain Talk

Fat Pencils & Woodchip Paper

Is it time for school again already? My, how time flies!

Once again it's the season to put aside the carefree days of summer, get the ol' brain off the shelf, and gear up for battle in the halls of education.

But first, you had to get the right school supplies. I remember.

A new box of crayons was a must. It's as simple as that. You just could not start a new school year with those peeled down, rounded, short crayons that make it impossible to stay in the lines. And it was such a big deal trying to decide whether to get the basic set the teacher recommended, or go for broke and get the big box of 48! Never could tell when you'd need Ailing Azure or Piti-ful Purple.

Then there were the scissors. Why did we have to get those stupid kind that wouldn't cut hot butter? The ends were blunt and the hinge part was welded so they made those gosh-awful creases around your thumb and smushed your left-over fingers when you tried to cram them in the other hole.

No — I needed some *real* scissors. Some that would cut the hair of the person sitting in the desk in front of me without making too much noise. Good scissors.

Now let's get to the paper. Couldn't be just any paper. Had to be that funny kind with the big lines and chunks of wood floating around. I blame my poor penmanship today on those wood slivers that I worked so painstakingly to draw over and around.

My teachers always felt that

pencils were important. They were kinda funny that way, what with their thinking and stuff. They had some really strange ideas like making you use giant pencils twice the size of your hand.

The only way I could physically manage one of those was to use both hands at the same time — something similar to the way a witch stirs her boiling brew. But the good thing about those mammoth pencils was that they provided me with more paint to chew off and swallow.

Speaking of eating school stuff, how much glue can one kid consume and still live? Now I'm sure I ate my share of paste and glue, but we had one kid in class who was just incredible with his glue diet. Guess it didn't affect him too much, except that he now works as an agent for the Internal Revenue Service and he smiles a lot, even when he's alone.

I was so deprived way back then. Didn't even have a Dale Evans lunch box! Would you believe I had to actually carry a real live paper sack. And sometime I had to carry the same sack more than once. Yikes!

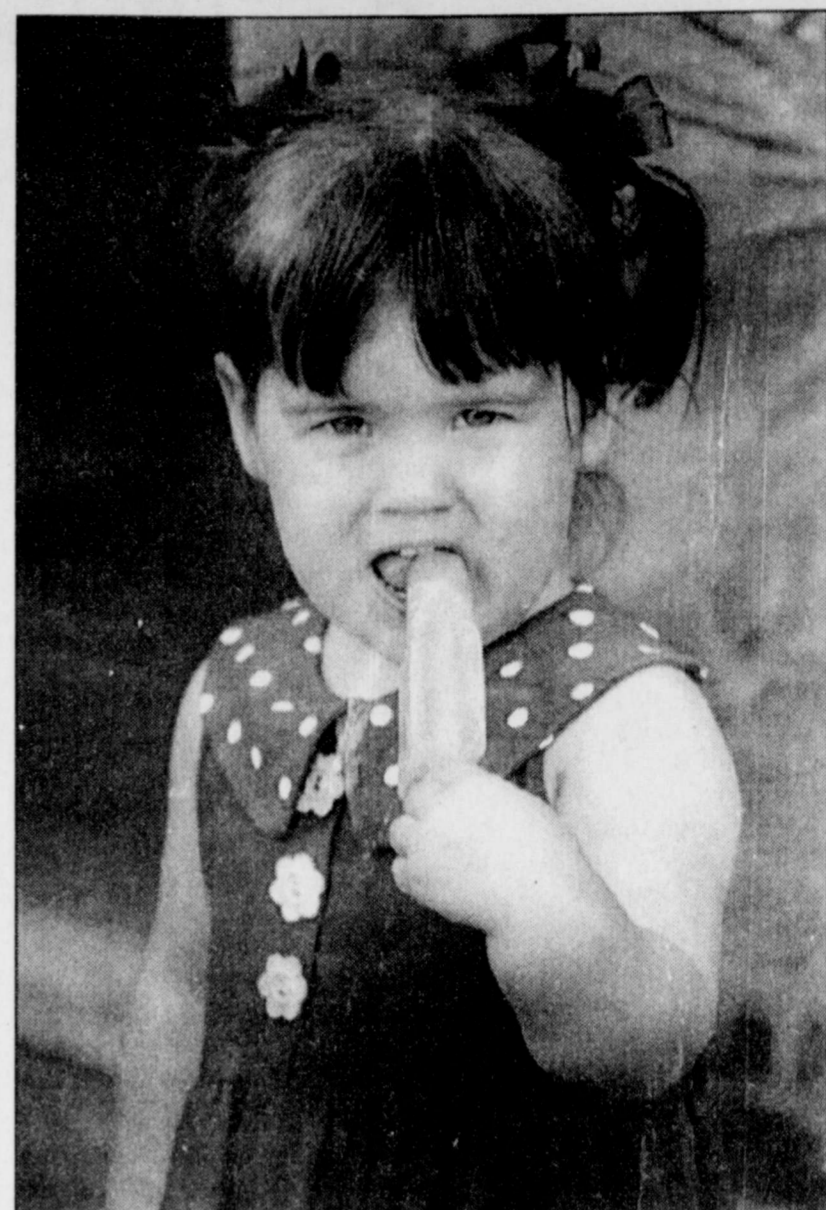
It was always amazing to me how soft and wrinkled a paper sack could get and still hold a warm peanut butter and jelly sandwich, crumbled chips, a half-eaten apple (turned brown), sixteen pieces of bubble gum for important trading, and one hunk of ponytail from the girl who sat in front of me.

I loved school!

--And Ne're the Twain Shall Meet --

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KIDZ KORNER . . .



"THIS IS GONNA BE COLD on my two front teeth," may be what Ashley Guy, age 2, is thinking as she bites into a popsicle after a day of Vacation Bible School activities in early June. As summer draws to a close, popsicles are still the treat of choice to beat the seemingly unending heat. Ashley is the daughter of Barron and Donna Guy.

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Weddings

Duggan and Grigsby united in country wedding August 14



Mr. and Mrs. Kyle Grigsby

Katy Ann Duggan of Abilene and Kyle Aaron Grigsby of Abilene were married Saturday, August 14, 1999, at the home of Dale and Linda Duggan. Judge Jess Holloway of Abilene officiated the double ring ceremony. The marriage prayer was given by

Danny Duggan of Cherokee, uncle of the bride. The bride is the daughter of Dale and Linda Duggan of Ballinger. Grandparents of the bride are Jerry and Mary Duggan of Waco and Elwood and Becky Brown of Ballinger.

Parents of the groom are LaNell Grigsby of Hawley and Ronald and Martha Grigsby of League City. Grandparents of the groom are Evelyn and Charley Clary of Breckenridge, Larry and Gwen Gage of Snyder, Edna Lee Grigsby of Andres, and the great-grandson of Lena Henderson of Breckenridge.

Matron of Honor was Crystal Button of Abilene and serving as Best Man was Paul Briggs of Abilene. Ushers were Will Duggan of Winters, brother of the bride, and Keith Grigsby of Alpine, brother of the groom.

Decorations and fresh flowers at the ceremony and reception were provided by Janice Pruser of Winters.

Following the ceremony, a reception was catered by Chauncey and Susan Mansell at the Carnegie Library in the Mary Sykes Auditorium.

The bride's cake was decorated with fresh flowers made by Carol Kozelsky of Winters. Serving the bride's cake was Will and Leslie Duggan of Winters.

The groom's cake was decorated with a golf scene of Ben Hogan, also made by Carol Kozelsky. Serving the groom's cake was Keith and Amy Grigsby of Alpine.

Other members of the house party included Harm Ray and Cynthia Glass, Sharon Deike, Beth Bradley, Jill Bredemeyer all of Winters; Roy, Benjamin, and Andrew Brown of Ruidosa, New Mexico; Beth Fecci of San Antonio; Amy Mansell of Abilene; Brandon Mansell of Lubbock; and Matthew Patterson of Austin.

Following their honeymoon to Colorado and New Mexico, the couple will reside in Abilene.

Kathleen Glass and Houston Guy exchange June vows in San Angelo

Kathleen Evelein Glass and John Houston Guy were married June 26, 1999, at the First United Methodist Church in San Angelo with Dr. Shane Barnes officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Daniel Glass, Jr. of Sterling City. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Barney Guy, Jr. of Winters.

Grandmother of the bride is Mrs. C.J. Dunn of Sterling City and grandmother of the groom is Mrs. Alvin Jolley of Abilene.

Matron of Honor was Jennifer Glass of Water Valley and Maid of Honor was Carolina Brachetta of Dallas. Bridal attendants were Dacia Alford of Corpus Christi, Beth Clowe of San Antonio, Samantha Stokes of Abilene, Stephanie Frizzell Baldwin of Muleshoe, Tami Wright Russell of Menard, and Janet Guy of Abilene.

Flower girls were Abby Jones of Temple and Danielle Sullivan of Sterling City. Candle lighters were Rory Jones of Temple and Wiley Guy of Winters. Ring bearer was James Glass of Water Valley.

Ushers were Mark Sullivan and Danny Glass of Sterling City, and Russell Jones of Temple.

The bride chose a gown of ivory dupioni silk and re-embroidered point d'allencon lace, with a jeweled bodice of pearls and paillettes.

The molded bodice was designed with an off the shoulder neckline and short sleeves and was accented with medallions of beaded lace, outlined in tiny pearls and soutache.



Mrs. John Houston Guy

The slender slipper length skirt was bordered in sparkling lace as was the full detachable train. A fine rolled satin ribbon encircled the imported illusion veil. She wore her mother's pearls and an English six pence in her shoe.

Bridesmaids wore long dresses of periwinkle dupioni silk and the flower girls wore ivory dupioni silk dresses trimmed in lace.

A reception was held at the Bentwood Country Club in San Angelo. Serving in the house party were Deborah Miller Ander-

son of Reeves, Louisiana, Terry Clanton of Blooming Grove, Kelly McCreia Smith of San Angelo, LaShea Butts of Ballinger, Robbie Clanton of Blooming Grove, Elaine Clanton Nelson of Athens, and Carla Dunn Jenner of Clint.

The bride is an interior designer for Visions Design Group and the groom is a teacher and coach at Wall High School.

After a wedding trip to the Virgin Islands, the couple lives in San Angelo.

NO PRAYER, continued

appealed to the United States Supreme Court, all school districts must comply with this ruling unless the Supreme Court rules otherwise.

According to information released by the TASB, school districts that continue to allow school-sponsored prayer at football games are taking significant legal risks. If successful, a person challenging the practice could recover injunctive relief, monetary damages, court costs, and attorney's fees from the district. Individual trustees and school district employees could face similar penalties for allowing the practice and immunity would not be available.

As outlined by the TASB, students may pray on their own (individually or in groups) at football games — as long as they are not leading the entire crowd in prayer and as long as school district employees are not involved.

A moment of silence at the start

of each football game may be permissible but if a district is interested in instituting a moment of silence, the district is advised to consult its local attorney.

The moment of silence "should be for purposes such as student safety and good sportsmanship and not for religious purposes," according to TASB information.

Mike Harris, Winters ISD Superintendent, expressed his deep disappointment in the ruling.

"Until a week ago, we (WISD trustees and Harris) were going to go ahead with our prayers as we've done in the past, but with this latest directive, we just can't afford to jeopardize the entire district."

Harris said that possible punitive damages could be in the millions of dollars.

"I don't worry about anybody in Winters suing us," he said, "but I'm sure there's somebody out there just waiting to file suit."

"I don't like for anybody to tell me when I can and can't pray, but my job is to protect the district so for now, we'll observe the 'moment of silence'," said Harris.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The Winters I.S.D. will hold a public meeting at 7:30 PM, September 13, 1999 in the Administration Building at 603 N. Heights, Winters, Texas 79567.

The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates					
	Maintenance & Operations	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year's Rate	\$1.185000	\$0.210000	\$1.395000	\$1,478	\$5,818
Less State-Funded Tax Relief	(\$0.285000)	\$0.172000	(\$0.113000)	\$0	\$0
Last Year's Rate Adjusted for Tax Relief	\$1.470000	\$0.038000	\$1.508000	\$0	\$0
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service **	\$1.360000	\$0.081000	\$1.441000	\$1,392	\$5,322
Proposed Rate	\$1.340000	\$0.055000	\$1.395000	\$1,407	\$5,818

* The Interest and Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both. The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.
 ** The Rate to Maintain the Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service does not reflect revenue available to the district in the 1999-2000 school year for the pay raise for classroom teachers, full-time librarians, full-time counselors, and full-time school nurses enacted by the 76th Legislature. The estimated cost of the pay raise for the 1999-2000 school year is \$271,383.

Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year's Levy on Average Residence		
	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	\$27,110	\$27,120
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$12,110	\$12,120
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$1.395000	\$1.395000
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$168.93	\$169.07
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes	\$0.14	

Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in tax rate or property value.

Notice of Rollback Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is \$1.580353. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of \$1.580353.

Fund Balances	
The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment:	
Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s)	\$1,058,648
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$142,733

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Dove hunting season opens
 Dove season opens in September. During the 1997-98 season, 359,103 hunters bagged 4,314,415 mourning doves.

Mourning doves bagged 1997-98 by ecological area

High Plains	177,528	Blackland Prairies	300,251
Rolling Plains	471,859	Cross Timbers and Prairies	722,107
Trans-Pecos Mountains and Basins	50,153	Edwards Plateau	756,254
		Pinney woods	168,202
		South Texas Prairies	956,106
		Post Oak Savannah	371,082
		Gulf Prairies and Marshes	340,873

SOURCES: Carole Keeton Rylander, Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts, (www.window.state.tx.us), and Texas Parks and Wildlife.

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"Cousin Eddie" and the gang— Vacation sidetrips prove embarrassing for young female family members

by Deb Pritchard

Though it won't be official for a month, summer is coming to an end—school has started. The Pritchard family did make their pilgrimage to Indiana. As always, it gave us a host of new adventures to laugh about—and conjured up a bunch of old war stories. You know, the Cousin Eddie kind from Chevy Chase's Family Vacation movies.

Like the time about six and a half years ago after our Christmas trek up north. Grandma and grandpa had given us some money specifically to go to that homestead filled with history ... Graceland. You know—Elvis' house!

Graceland is located in Memphis, Tennessee which just so happens was on our route home to Texas. Actually, we were pretty excited—a cultural mecca for our children to absorb and share with classmates when we returned from our holiday.

Of course it was everything we dreamed of ... and more! Crystal chandeliers, green and gold shag carpeting, orange upholstered chairs and leather sofas. We were totally caught up in the awe of such a 1970's decor that we hadn't really paid much attention to our girls.

I think what really shook us into reality were some teenage girls who were laughing and pointing at our daughters calling them "mosquito bite girls." Why

were they so rude? Then I noticed that the girls were developing what looked like a terminal case of acne —ALL OVER THEIR BODIES.

They had been complaining in the car about itching and being uncomfortable, but we never really paid attention. Guess what?—We should have! They had chicken pox—nearly full blown—right there in Elvis' house.

Well what are you going to do? We'd already paid big money to see the home of "The King"; there was no turning back now. We still had the museum of all his classic cars to go through yet! And besides, they'd already exposed a few (hundred) people, what was a few (hundred) more going to hurt.

Needless to say, once we were back in the car and on the road, the further we went, the more miserable they were. They looked like monkeys at the zoo—digging and scratching. They'll be so proud I shared this vacation highlight.

The girls seem to embarrass pretty easily about stuff like that. Take for instance this year. On our way to my native Hoosierland we stopped in Springfield, Missouri. After several hours in the BASSPRO® Shop we drove another 7 or 8 miles up the road to Lambert's Cafe.

Now Lambert's is renowned as

the Home of the Thrown Roll. My parents discovered this country boy's delight on one of their trips to the Lone Star State and put it on their map. (My mom marks all the good restaurants, shopping, and lodging between here and there on this road atlas. You can't read the map for all her notations!)

But back to the rolls, Lambert's has been billed as such because they bake huge cloverleaf yeast rolls in muffin tins that they wheel around the restaurant on carts yelling "Hot rolls—who needs one?" You wave your hand in the air for everyone to see and this guy hauls off and throws your steaming hot roll across the dining room.

Following directly behind this fellow is the "sorghum molasses" guy. He carries a tin pale of sorghum with a wooden wand and twirls and swirls a glob of the potent stuff onto your roll. In addition, there is always someone walking around with a huge metal mixing bowl full of either fried okra, macaroni and tomatoes, or perhaps fried taters.

You get all of this just by flailing your arms in the air—on top of the mammoth servings you receive with the meal you ordered. Johnny and I both swear that their salads are made with a whole head of lettuce!

There is invariably some elderly person who obviously de-

ecided that a meal was just too big for their appetites—so they order a chef's salad. It takes two people to serve it and it comes in a small watering trough. They don't need a doggie bag—they need a feed sack for leftovers!

Anyway, the point of this tale was how easily our daughters get embarrassed. As the family tumbled in droves from the suburban, I went ahead and put our name in for the long wait. (There were people everywhere.)

After about 40 minutes, I went inside to inquire how much longer it would be. They told me we'd be the next name up. So I waited inside with our youngest as they called the rest of the family off the porch.

"Cousin Eddie—party of 7, your table is ready." Of course Johnny and the boys popped right up and headed in—our youngest daughter just kind of melted into the pavement.

She hung back about 15 feet (as if no one saw her sitting with the rest of the family)—she was way too cool to be seen with us! "Mommmyyyy ... how could you do that? It's sooooo embarrassing. In the end, it didn't seem to affect her appetite—the sorghum molasses guy even took a shining to her!

Someday, she'll look back on our "quality family time" together and see the humor—it may take a decade or so, though.



CHIEF PETTY OFFICER BRIAN D. LEE was recently awarded the U.S. Coast Guard's Medal of Achievement for superior performance of duty and exceptional leadership and judgment.

Locals' son receives Medal of Achievement from Coast Guard

Brian D. Lee, son of Linda and Dennis Rozmen of Winters, achieved the rank of Chief Petty Officer and was awarded the Medal of Achievement on May 1, 1999.

Chief Petty Officer Lee is cited for superior performance of duty while serving as Operations Center Controller at Coast Guard Group New Orleans, Louisiana, from August 1995 to May 1999. Displaying exceptional leadership and judgment, Chief Lee served as the Search and Rescue Mission Coordinator for more than 500 rescue cases, saving over 20 lives and property valued at more than \$20 million.

Especially noteworthy were his efforts in prosecuting the rescue of three crew members that had abandoned their vessel after it caught fire off Southwest Pass and his rapid response to the report of four children swept offshore in a small raft in Lake Pontchartrain during a thunderstorm. He skillfully directed Coast Guard small boats, helicopters, and commercial vessels to the scene to assist and recover personnel in both cases.

With similar expertise, he coordinated the search and rescue efforts that located a downed PHI helicopter and directed several

commercial "Good Sam" vessels to the scene to recover its four crew members.

Additionally, he served as mission controller and coordinator for drug interdiction cases, fisheries catch seizures, illegal migrant interdiction cases, marine pollution incidents, and maritime collisions and allisions.

Demonstrating outstanding resourcefulness and attention to detail, Chief Lee developed a new Group Operations Controller qualification guide and updated the Group's Ready for Operations Inspection training checklist for the WLIC, WLM, and WPM class cutters.

Chief Lee's diligence, perseverance, and devotion to duty are most heartily commended and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Coast Guard.

In transferring this summer from New Orleans, Louisiana, to Birmingham, Alabama, Lee was appointed Officer in Charge of Recruiting in Central and Northern Alabama.

Brian attended Cooper High School and received his diploma through Cooper's adult education program in 1984. He joined the U.S. Coast Guard in June 1984.

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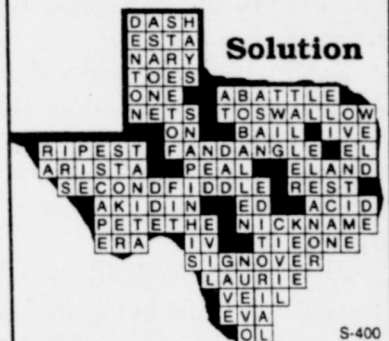
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 WINTERS I.S.D. reserves the right to reject any or all bids, and to award bids in the best interest of the district.
 Bid proposals must be clearly marked on the envelope "VEHICLE BID."
 10-34(2tc)

Public Notice
 Elm Creek Water Control District will meet in regular session on Tuesday, September 14, 1999, at the Winters Area Chamber of Commerce, 118 West Dale, Winters, Texas.

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 S-400

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204 Paloma	Budget Bungalow. 3 bedroom, 2 bath, updated on corner lot. Approx. 1250 sq. ft.	113 N. Main	Great Location For Antique Store. Retail store front, architectural facade. Approx. 2000 sq. ft.	Roberts St.	Newly Remodeled, Near School. 3 bedroom, 1 bath. Approx. 1100 sq. ft.
400 Wood	Large Commercial Building With Lot. With window display to highway. Approx. 3400 sq. ft.	507 Tinkle	Room To Play. Price reduced! 3 bedroom, 1 bath, large fenced backyard with attached single carport. Storage building. Approx. 1400 sq. ft.	104 West St	Functional Flair. Price reduced! 3 bedroom, 1 bath, open living/kitchen area, newly remodeled. Approx. 1302 sq. ft.
1032 N. Main	Standout Style, Near Downtown. 3 bed-room, 2 bath, large living area w/fireplace, garden room, double car garage, large lot with rear chain link fence. Approx. 1600 sq. ft.	101 Gateway	Open Concept Floor Plan. 3 bedroom, 2 bath, great floor plan, brick facade, fireplace, double garage, cedar fencing, lg. basement. Approx. 2366 sq. ft.	250 Ac. Farm	Prime cultivation, approx. 5 miles south of Winters, with two producing oil wells.
210 S. Melwood	2 bedroom, 1 bath, detached carport, storm cellar. Approx. 1025 sq. ft. Lot 82' x 82'	Hunters Glen	Building Site. Lot size 100'x120'.	205 N. Cryer	Newly Remodeled. 3 bedroom, 1 bath, large lot. Approx. 900 sq. ft.
New Listing: 417 E. Dale				410 S. Melwood	Home + Beauty Shop 3 bedroom, 2 bath, single carport, attached beauty shop w/full equipment. Approx. 1300 sq. ft.

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Needin' More Than Rain

Lord, we've been praying that this ole country would get real wet. Please forgive our impatience that a downpour hasn't happened yet. And speaking of forgiveness, that's what we haven't asked for enough. Help us look to You and get our minds off this worldly stuff.

By the way that we've been talking and moaning and kicking the dirt. Looks like we think we're the only ones that have ever been hurt. So Lord, please forgive us for the way that we take on and complain. Help us to look into your Word and learn to understand your pain.

Thanks for putting up with us; a self-indulgent and ungrateful bunch. While we sit in front of the air conditioner and complain — right after lunch! We "suffer" in luxury in this bountiful land flowing with milk and honey. Oh Lord, please forgive us for worrying so about things and money.

Maybe this is a reminder to count our blessings — good health, family and friends. And we can just go on and on counting the good things and the list never ends. Help us to encourage one another to remember to always give You thanks. Instead of worrying so much about those notes down at the banks!

In your Book, you tell us that all good and wonderful things are heaven sent. With this in mind, Lord, we come to you and of our sins we do repent*. Help us to concentrate on you, Lord, and on the heavenly things above. Cleanse us, Lord, touch our hearts and fill us with your unending love.

Lord, you've placed us as stewards over the crops, livestock and land*. So please watch over us and hold us in the palm of your hand. Forgive us, Lord, for our selfish motives; you know it's dry and awful hot. But your Word reminds us that have not, because we ask not.*

So we humbly come before You and remember: Our God Reigns! And we'll give you the thanks for the gully-washers that come with the rains. Help us to remember that you were there and you heard our pleas*. While we're fixing water gaps, there's more than one reason to be on our knees.*

And, Lord, please be patient with us as we face another hot and dusty day. As we try our best, Lord, help us to look to you for the rain for which we pray*. But most of all, Lord, we need a spiritual rain for our dry and hardened heart. So we'll remember to gratefully say "Thank You" when the raindrops start.
by Justan Ole Sinner, S.B.G. (Saved by Grace*)

(*2 Chron. 7:13-14, Gen. 1:26, James 4:2, Luke 24:47, Matt. 7:7, Phil. 2:10, John 14:13, Eph. 5:20).

Editor's note: We've got a local poet, and sure didn't know it. Said don't put his name with this story — "Just be sure to give God all the glory."

Swine validation tag orders due to Extension Office or FFA Advisors

Statewide swine validation will take place during the month of November. However, tags must be ordered during September.

All swine, including barrows and gilts, must be validated. This includes swine that will be shown at local and/or major shows.

Anyone planning on exhibiting swine under Runnels County 4-H must contact the Extension office before Tuesday, September 14, with the number of tags you plan to order. Please be as accurate as possible when making these orders.

If you are going to show swine under FFA, please turn in your tag orders to your respective agriculture science teachers by the September 14 deadline.

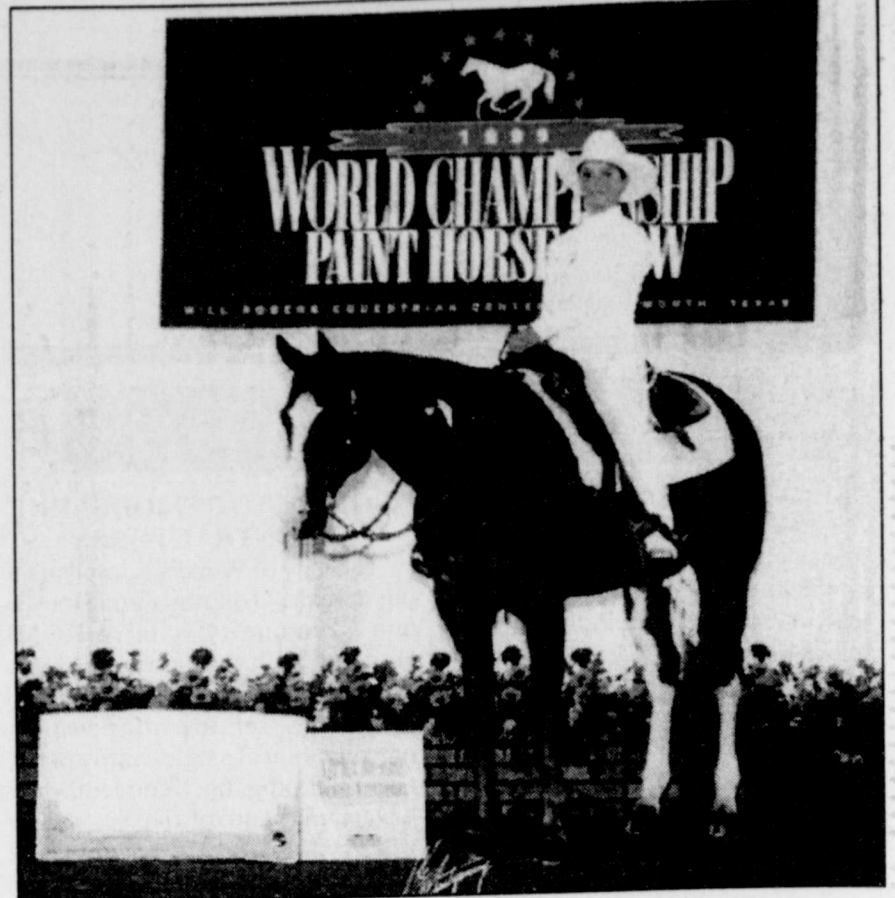
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KENDRA KEMP and horse ULTIMATE LEGACY pose at the 1999 World Championship Paint Horse Show. Kendra qualified for the Top Ten in ten separate events with horses Legs and Trixie.

Area teen earns honors in World Championship Paint Horse Show

Kendra Kemp, daughter of Stephen and Brenda Kemp of Talpa, recently competed in fourteen classes of the 1999 World Championship Paint Horse Show. She was in the Top Ten (tabulated points under all five judges) in ten events, and was very successful with her horses, "Ultimate Legacy" and "Trixie Malone."

On Trixie, Kendra claimed one World Championship in Barrels, 4th in Pole Bending, 8th in Stake Racing, and 8th in Goat Tying.

On her horse "Legs," short for Legacy, Kendra took two Reserve World Championships — one in Showmanship and the other in Western Riding. They were also 4th in Hunter Hack, 7th in Reining, 8th in Hunter Under Saddle,

and 8th in Trail. After all this hard work, Kendra received Reserve High Point 13 and Under honors.

Kendra and Legs are currently leading the 13 and Under Top 20 in the World. She is also leading nine APHA Honor Rolls in various events on Legs and four Honor Rolls on Trixie.

Kendra has accumulated 973 APHA points on Legacy in 1999 and 1,704 points over the last two years. Kendra and Trixie have earned 170 points in 1999 and 318 over the last two years.

Kendra hopes to hold on to the Top 20 with this being her last year in the 13 and Under age division.

Runnels County 4-H seeking calf scramble participants for Houston and San Antonio Stock Shows

The Runnels County Extension Office has applications for the 2000 Houston and San Antonio Stock Show Calf Scrambles. The deadline for 4-H members interested in the Houston scramble is Thursday, September 2. Deadline for San Antonio is Thursday, September 16.

Scramble contestants must have reached their 12th but not their 18th birthday on January 1, 2000, and not be enrolled beyond their junior year in high school.

The Houston Livestock Show also suggests that a participant's weight should not be less than 100 pounds and that they be in top

physical condition. In Houston, those 4-H'ers catching a calf can buy either a beef or a dairy heifer of their choice.

The value of the 2000 calf scramble certificate at San Antonio will be \$800. Contestants must purchase a breeding project and exhibit the animal at the 2001 show in one of the following junior breeding departments: cattle, swine, sheep, goats, or dairy.

A 4-H'er cannot scramble under both 4-H and FFA sponsorship. Any Runnels County 4-H'er interested in this event must come by the Extension Office by the deadline dates.



Hunter's Camp

With Don Haley

Damsels in distress— Queens of the Frio (year two)

Well folks, we did it again. Headed south to Concan, Texas, to tube down the Frio!

Wild and untamed at times, rough in some spots, but silkenly smooth in others. Intoxicatingly beautiful, yet dangerous, with enough nastiness to keep you wary and make you tough as a river rock or die.

And that's just Mary Wilkerson and Jody Meyer. You should see the river!

Concan is really a place best suited for mothers, kids, sunscreen and Visa Cards. And since any fool with the brains of a pack mule has figured out the meaning of the term "Sherpa," I'm the only husband around camp most times. My main function is to load

and unload suitcases, tote tubes and chairs and coolers and towels, chase stuff down the river before it gets past Uvalde and haul or swim it back upstream to The Damsels - a.k.a. Jody Meyer, Mary Wilkerson, and Deborah Haley.

I am also there in case The Damsels wish to vent any pent-up anger, have someone to whom they can be mean and vindictive, or just be somebody to yell at. You know, regular husband stuff.

Since they won't display this behavior to kids or parents or strangers and since The Damsels are all teachers and school was just out and tensions needed a release and since I was the only available husband, it's three against one!

The Damsels like to dangle their feet in the river and, like a black widow spider, wait for the designated victim (me) to ask a stupid question like "Hey Mary, I shore do like yore new Tahoe. How much did ya pay for it?"

The initial tongue-lashin' is merciless and fierce. It singed the hair plum off my ears and I had to jump in the river to keep from catchin' fire.

Somehthin' about me bein' a "condescending, non-appreciative, lower-than-a-snake-in-the-grass typical male," not thinkin' that such a Damsel could make a decent car trade on her own without the need of "a #\$\$&* man."

My Damsel wife says that Mary only talks down to me and chews me out like a red-headed stepchild because she "likes me."

Likes me! After the stings and barbs I pulled out my hide followin' our car conversation, it's obvious that Mary must love me very, very deeply!

About that time I hear, "Oh my, help...help!" I look up in time to see one blue

and white sandal racin' 400 mph around a river bend, hell-bent for the Gulf of Mexico. Like a fireman answerin' a 911 call, I tore out after those flippies like a fightin' sow after a yard dog.

It would have helped if The Damsel in Distress (a.k.a. Jody Meyer) had yelled out that only one of the slippers was loose, thereby preventin' me from runnin' and dog-paddelin', and partially drownin' halfway to Pearsall tryin' to head off the other one.

But hey, that's my job and that's why I'm there.

And so, another Frio tubin' vacation is over and done.

I would like to report that The Damsels, no longer in distress, are now relaxed, pampered, rested and content, and all things point to another great school year.

That's the good news.

The bad news is that the mailman just delivered the Visa Card bill for the fun and games on the Frio.

Help! Help! Husband's in Distress...

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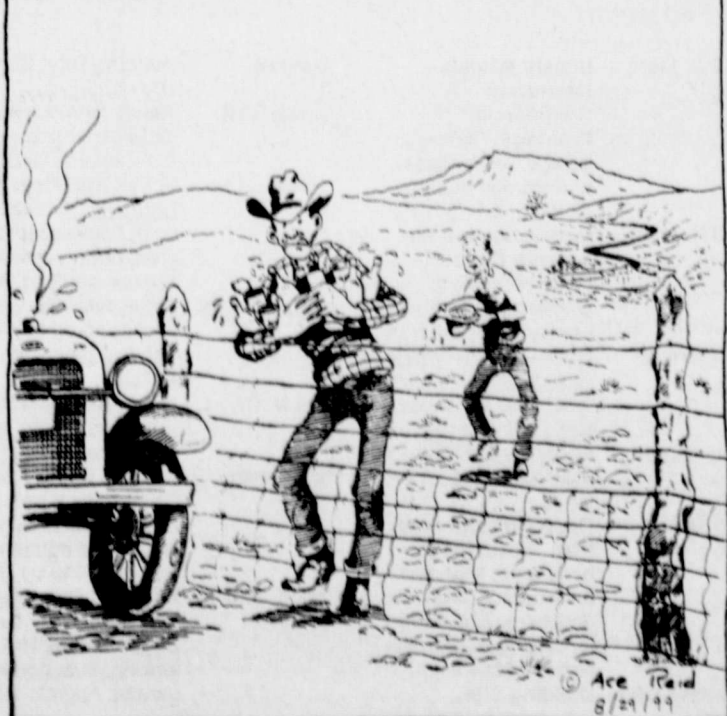
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