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LOVE—Success in marriage is much more than finding the right person; it is a matter of being the right person.



Happy Valentine's Day

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Winters, Texas

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Lady Blizzards earn playoff berth

From 2-12 record in 1999 to playoffs in 2000

For the first time since 1995, the Lady Blizzards are in the basketball playoffs.

The 62-56 overtime victory against Early last Friday night cinched second place for the Winters team. With this win, the Lady Blizzards secured a two-game lead over third place Hamilton.

One game remained in regular season, against Hamilton Tuesday, Feb. 8. No results were available at press time. Playoff schedules were not determined until Wednesday; however, Coach Ken Fowler said his team will have a practice game against Eden at the Mason junior high school gym on Friday, Feb. 11, at 6:30 p.m.

The Lady Blizzards finished last in their district with a 2-12 record in 1999, making great strides this year to be in the 2000 state playoffs.

"I hope the community will support these deserving young ladies the same way that they have backed the boys in football," said Coach Fowler. "They have worked very hard over the sum-

mer and through the school year to accomplish their goals. If you haven't seen them play, you have missed some exciting basketball.

"If it has been a while since you've seen girls basketball, you

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need to see these girls get after it," Fowler continues. "It will make you proud that they are from Winters. They promise to keep you excited until the end. These daughters, granddaughters, nieces, neighbors and friends need and want your support. Help fill the gyms with blue and white throughout the playoffs."

Everyone is encouraged to attend a pep rally on Tuesday, Feb. 15 at 3 p.m. in Blizzard gym.

District 25-2A standings as of 2/7 are:

Goldthwaite	12-1 (their only loss was to the Lady Blizzards)
Winters	10-3
Hamilton	8-5
Coleman	5-8
Early	5-8
San Saba	5-8
Mason	4-9
Bangs	3-10



COACH KEN FOWLER gives his Lady Blizzards some last minute instructions during their exciting match against Early last Friday night. Winters won the district game 62-56 in overtime, securing a place in the playoffs for the first time since 1995.

No Swimming? No Kidding!



WITH THE WATER LEVEL at 20-22 feet below normal, Elm Creek Reservoir has only approximately 20 months' supply of water, according to City Water Superintendent Jack Davis, Jr. Steps are being taken to pump water from Old Lake Winters and private wells into the Reservoir. At top right is the dock and boat ramp which is now approximately 75 yards from the water's edge.

Area water crisis continuing

With the continuing drought, more steps are being taken to conserve and provide water to the citizens of Winters.

Water Superintendent Jack Davis, Jr., estimates that the city's current water source, Elm Creek Reservoir, is now 20-22 feet below normal, with approximately 20 months' supply remaining.

During the regular meeting of the Winters City Council on January 31, water rates, to be reflected in March billing, were increased 50 percent to help alleviate costs of pumping water from Old Lake Winters into the Reservoir.

City Manager Aref Hassan estimates the cost for this operation at \$30,000 per month.

Also during the meeting of Jan. 31, Davis said there are several good water wells around the lake and steps are being taken to tap into these wells.

Owners of these wells include Don Davis, Jimmie Whittenburg, Jay Davidson and Bobby Rogers.

Pipelines will have to be laid from these wells to the lake and the well water will have to be tested by the Texas National Resource Conservation Commission (TNRCC) before being approved

for drinking.

A resolution was also passed which prohibits the watering of lawns and any use of any open-ended water hoses which deliver

10-15 gallons per minute, according to Davis. Car washes use pressure sprayers which deliver 1.5-3 gallons per minute.

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How We Use Our Water:

- (all figures are approximate)
- Average household with four members uses 10,000 gallons per month
 - Each commode flush uses 1.5-5 gallons, depending on age and type of commode
 - Each full washer load of clothes uses 36-50 gallons
 - Each normal dishwasher cycle uses up to 21 gallons

County gets "clean" audit

Neely Plum of Norman-Austin Architects out of Dallas spoke to Runnels County Commissioners at their regular meeting Tuesday morning concerning applying for a grant to restore the courthouse. Runnels County Courthouse is one

of the historic courthouses which can apply for a grant from the Texas Historical Commission to help with restoration.

Because Plum was not on the agenda for the meeting, no action could be taken on his proposal.

In other business, County Judge Marilyn Egan passed out the outside audit report for the county's 1998-99 fiscal year, commenting, "We received a clean audit this year—no discrepancies and no office was written up." The audit, performed by Ekert, Ingram, Tinkler, Oliphant, Featherston and Barr, L.L.P. of San Angelo, was approved by unanimous vote of the court.

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WHS Glacier royalty crowned tonight at 7 p.m.

The WHS Glacier King & Queen Coronation will be held tonight at 7 p.m. in the high school auditorium.

Highlighting the evening's events will be the crowning of the 2000 Glacier king and queen. In addition, senior honors and class favorites will be announced. All WHS royalty will be recognized including homecoming king and queen and football sweetheart.

The public is invited to attend. Admission is \$3 for adults and \$1 for students. All proceeds from the event will go towards the annual's operating budget.

WHAT'S HAPPENING ?

- Feb. 10-9 a.m., Glacier King & Queen Presentation/Class Honors
- 10 a.m., Triple L Club, First Baptist Church
- 10 a.m., 39+, First United Methodist Church
- 11:30 a.m., Senior Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center
- 7 p.m., Glacier King & Queen Coronation
- 7-8 p.m., Winters Community Baseball Registration, Yellow Bldg.
- 8:30-10:30 a.m. Pre-K thru 4th Grade Dental Health Awareness
- Feb. 11-11:30 a.m., Senior Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center
- 6:30 p.m., Lady Blizzards vs. Eden at Mason Junior High Gym
- 7 p.m., Fine Arts League, Coleman
- 7:30 p.m., Cowboys for Christ, Drasco
- 9:30 a.m., 5th & 6th Dental Health Awareness, Elementary School
- Feb. 12-9 a.m., Chisolm Trail Pinewood Derby, Abilene
- Feb. 13-11 a.m.-1 p.m., Freshman Class Chicken Fried Steak Dinner, School Cafeteria
- Feb. 14-HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY STUDENT HOLIDAY—NO SCHOOL
- 11:30 a.m., Senior Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center
- 2:30 p.m., Retired Teachers, First United Methodist Church, Ballinger
- 7 p.m., VFW & Auxiliary, Post Home
- Feb. 15-11:30 a.m., Senior Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center
- Noon, Lions Club, Community Center
- 3 p.m., Lady Blizzard Playoff Pep Rally, WHS Gym
- 5-6:30 p.m., Pioneer Club, First United Methodist Church
- 7 p.m., WVFD, Fire Station
- 7:30 p.m., Eastern Star
- Feb. 16-9 a.m.-4 p.m., WIC, Winters Housing Authority
- 10 a.m.-Noon, FREE Blood Pressure Check, Sr. Citizens Center
- 11:30 a.m., Senior Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center
- 7 a.m., Industrial Board, Chamber Office
- Feb. 17-11:30 a.m., Senior Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center



PLAY-OFF PEP RALLY
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 15
3PM — WHS Gymnasium
Support your Lady Blizzard Basketball Team!

* Winters will play Eden in a practice game tomorrow night at Mason at 6:30 p.m.

Oil Bidness

By Reg Boles ©2000



Those of us watching the incredible speed with which the information technology business is moving may have thought that the oil business was being left far behind. Not so, it turns out.

The last few weeks have brought several announcements of new ventures that are part of an effort to hitch this business to the speeding train of new technology, particularly the internet. This new push is not just some order for faster computers or newer software (that goes on all the time). It involves a potential transformation of every facet of the business, including services, equipment, and reserves.

The biggest pushes have come from the larger oil companies that are seeking cost savings and new efficiencies. Shell, Chevron, and Statoil are companies that have recently signed deals with e-commerce companies to facilitate doing business with their service companies and vendors via the internet. The hope is that these new paths by which to do business will short-cut the old pathways.

The result may be that stimulation companies, pipe suppliers, tool companies, and anyone that makes a living providing services and supplies to producing companies may make presentations, proposals, and sales through a portal on the internet. While this is good news for efficiency, it may cut way back on the number of free lunches with salespeople, I'm afraid.

The new partnerships being formed are primarily aimed at exchanging information on upcoming vendor requirements, budgets, costs, and work programs. This, it is hoped, will allow vendors to know within hours what they need to bid on and then find out, also within hours, whether they got the job or not. It will undoubtedly allow producing companies to do better comparisons, cut down on the manpower needed to evaluate proposals, and make final decisions more straightforward and transparent.

The real untold story is that these companies are not planning to limit these new partnerships to just their own use. They are planning on building stand-alone entities that other companies, particularly smaller operating companies, can use to accomplish the same efficiencies. But, the founding companies do not intend to do this all out of the kindness of their heart. They will charge for the use of these sights and hope to build a new profit center.

There is some talk that these new ventures, once picked up by the analysts, may boost stock prices of the major companies involved because of the frenzy over anything with "internet" in the business plan. Based on recent observations, they can really jack-up their price by losing large amounts of money, but I digress...

And, lest I lead you astray, not all of the new e-commerce deals are concerned with the service company/operating company relationship.

Recent competing plans by different groups, including operators, banks, financial consultants, and others have sprung up to create websites to trade properties. There is talk about "virtual data rooms," "internet-powered Q&A," "electronic due diligence," and the like. This idea has been sitting there for quite a while waiting for someone with the right connections to take advantage.

We will watch all of these developments with interest. There is no doubt, based on the experience of the rest of the business world, that participants in the oil and gas business can not just sit back and ignore such developments.

We all must be ready to adapt. But, that has never been a problem before, and I don't expect it to become a problem now.

HIGHLIGHTS OF AREA DRILLING ACTIVITY

COMPLETIONS

Coke County

L.C.S. Production has completed the Morris #1 in the Fort Chadbourne Field (7 miles N of Bronte) at an initial rate of 150 BOPD & 55 BWPD in the Odom Lime (perms 5550-77). Loc. is 100 FEL & 523 FNL of M.C. Allen Sur. No. 1, A-1154.

Coleman County

Petro-Beth Oil & Gas, Inc. has completed the Evans #3 in the Snavo Field (3 miles SW of Valera) at an initial rate of 10 BOPD & 50 BWPD in the Overall Sand (perms 2060-62). Loc. is 330 FSL & 2548 FWL of Sec. 63, Blk. 1, GH&H Sur., A-340.

Nolan County

R.L. Adkins has completed the Morrow Unit #1 in the Mulberry Canyon Field (4 miles NE of Nolan) at an initial rate of 127 BOPD & 42 BWPD in the Cisco Sand (perms 4061-63). Loc. is 522 FNL & 1522 FWL of Sec. 68, Blk. 5, T&PRR Sur.

Runnels County

Purvis Operating has completed the L.J. Currie #4 in the Trinity Field (8 miles SW of Ballinger) at an initial rate of 60 MCFPD (AOF) in the Odom (perms 4552-58). Loc. is 3040 FSWL & 78 FSEL of J. Hernandez Sur. No. 347, A-243.

STAKINGS

Coleman County

Kornye-Tillman Company has staked the Hall Unit #2 in the County Regular Field, 4 miles N of Coleman (Depth 4000). Loc. is 1539 FNL & 1829 FEL of Sec. 8, Blk. 2, GH&H Sur., A-891.

Concho County

Hobbs Energy Corp. has staked the Kruse #2 in the Halloran Field, 9 miles SW of Eden (Depth 4000). Loc. is 1690 FWL & 1690 FNL of Sec. 72, Blk. 8, H&TC Sur.

Runnels County

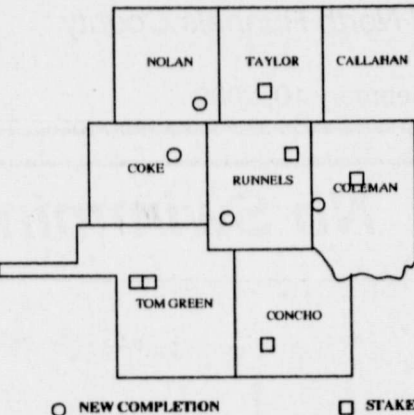
Pioneer Energy has staked the Griffin #2 in the Spillkirk Field, 5 miles E of Winters (Depth 4250). Loc. is 5900 FNL & 467 FEL of E. Mather Sur., A-368.

Taylor County

Tom Graham Drilling Co. has staked the Graham #2 in the County Regular Field, 3 miles N of Tuscola (Depth 2200). Loc. is 1650 FNL & 20 FEL of Sec. 43, Blk. 1, SPRR Sur.

Tom Green County

B&R Operating has applied to re-enter one well and staked another in the McIntire Field, 5 miles SW of Knickerbocker (Depth 1200). The Rathbone 390-X is to be re-entered and is loc. 1605 FEL & 1003 FSL of Sec. 9, Blk. 20, H&TC Sur. The Rathbone #1509A has been staked at 931 FSL & 952 FEL of same Sur.



Census 2000 expands test dates, times

Census 2000 has expanded its testing dates and times.

Testing will be conducted in Winters at the Winters Housing Authority Meeting Room at 2:00 and 6:00 p.m. every other Thursday beginning February 17. Scheduled dates are Feb. 17; March 2, 16, & 30; and April 13 & 27.

Testing continues in Ballinger every Wednesday at 10:00 a.m. & 2:00 p.m. on the third floor of the Runnels County Courthouse.

Please bring a drivers license and social security card!

WATER, continued

Davis asks for citizens to continue to pray for rain and to use water conservatively with such recommendations as follows:

- turning off the shower between soaping and rinsing,
- turn off water while brushing teeth,
- rinse dishes using a sprayer hose if possible,
- shower instead of taking a bath,
- repair any leaking faucets, and
- use consideration and courtesy in all other uses of water.

Retired Teachers to meet Feb. 14

The Runnels County Retired Teachers Association will meet Monday, February 14, at 2:30 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church in Ballinger.

Vanessa Hays, dietitian with Shannon Hospital of San Angelo, will present "You Are What You Eat!"

All former teachers in the area are invited.

Card of Thanks

Can you believe it? Because of your generous support and matching funds from Lutheran Brotherhood Branch #8824 and Aid Association to Lutherans Branch #7878, St. John's will be giving a check for \$4,598.44 to "Christmas In April."

Special thanks to Nancy Spill, Teresa Davis, Ace & Marty Polk, Dale Montgomery, Buddy Miller (who did the chickens), Juanita Bredemeyer, who enlisted from good folks the best dessert table, and Wes-T-Go for donating potatoes for the potato salad—and to all who worked in the kitchen, and the cleaner-uppers and all who helped in anyway.

God Bless You All!

Card of Thanks

Thank you, to all the people that helped in tearing down my house. A special thank you to Charles and Jeannie Bahlman and Guy's Dirt Contractors. God bless you all.

Thanks again,
Margaret Huffman

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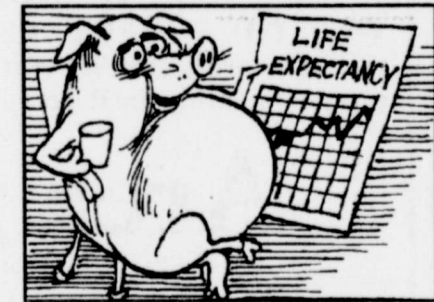
Monday, Feb. 14: "Lovers" meatloaf, "Darlings" potatoes, "Sweeties" beans, "Honey's" bread, and "Valentine" cake.

Tuesday, Feb. 15: Bar-B-Q on bun, chips, macaroni salad, pickles & onions, and fruit.

Wednesday, Feb. 16: Pork roast, sauerkraut salad, scalloped potatoes, rolls, and cake.

Thursday, Feb. 17: Lasagna, tossed salad, green beans, garlic bread, and Jello.

Friday, Feb. 18: Salmon croquette, pork & beans, carrot salad, cornbread, and cobbler.



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Obituaries

Doyle Kenneth Wimberley

WINTERS—Doyle Kenneth Wimberley, Sr., 67, died Friday, February 4, 2000, at North Runnels Hospital.

He was born September 4, 1932, in Portales, New Mexico. He moved to Elida, New Mexico, as a child and graduated from high school there. He was as a farmer and a John Deere mechanic and moved to Winters in 1992 and worked as a cook for The Shed in Wingate.

Mr. Wimberley was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Winters.

He was preceded in death by his son, Joseph Daniel Wimberley. Survivors include four sons, Doyle Kenneth Wimberley, Jr. of Chicago, Illinois, Robert Michael Wimberley of Plainview, Clifford Matthew Wimberley of Mineral Wells, and William Lawrence Wimberley of Mineral Wells; two daughters, Carmen Rene Lindsey of San Diego, California, and Karen Jo Wimberley of Mineral Wells; and one brother, Irie B. Wimberley of Canyon, Texas.

Services were held at 2:30 p.m. Sunday, February 6, at the First United Methodist Church in Winters with Reverend Don Roath officiating. Burial was in Lakeview Cemetery in Winters, directed by Winters Funeral Home.

Charlene Blanche "Pat" Polston

ABILENE—Charlene Blanche "Pat" Polston, 72, died Tuesday, February 1, 2000, in an Abilene hospital.

She was born in Wheeler, Texas, and attended school in Ballinger. She moved to Abilene from Ballinger in 1945. She married Harold Oren Polston on August 12, 1960, in Wichita Falls.

Mrs. Polston was a homemaker and a member of Wylie Baptist Church. She had been a member of Women's Bowling Association for many years.

She was preceded in death by a brother, James R. Burkner, in 1995. Survivors include her husband, Oren Polston of Abilene; three sons, Benny Polston and wife Becky of Lawn, Bill Polston and wife Carmela of Winters, and Harold Polston of Abilene; two daughters, Linda Speegle and husband Danny, and Brenda Polston, all of Abilene; two brothers, Arthur R. Burke of Marietta, Georgia, and Charles L. Burke of Abilene; three sisters, Ida B. Mudd of Abilene, Dorothy L. Short-Walsh of Wichita Falls, and Mary N. Rogers-Goodlett of Abilene; four grandchildren, Michelle Marcenaro and husband Ozzy, Paige Polston, Brendan Polston, and Jaxon Speegle; and two great-grandchildren, Paisley Polston and Peyton Polston.

Family visitation was from 6:00-8:00 p.m. Thursday, February 3, at Elliott-Hamil Funeral Home of Abilene. Services were at 10:30 a.m. Friday, February 4, at Wylie Baptist Church with Reverend Oscar Fanning officiating. Burial was in Elmwood Memorial Park in Abilene, directed by Elliott-Hamil Funeral Home.

Pallbearers were Ken Rogers, Dale Grider, Don Grider, Ozzy Marcenaro, David Short, and Mike Cook.

Memorials may be made to West Texas Rehabilitation Center, 4601 Hartford, Abilene, TX 79605, or Hendrick Home for Children, P.O. Box 5195, Abilene, TX 79608.

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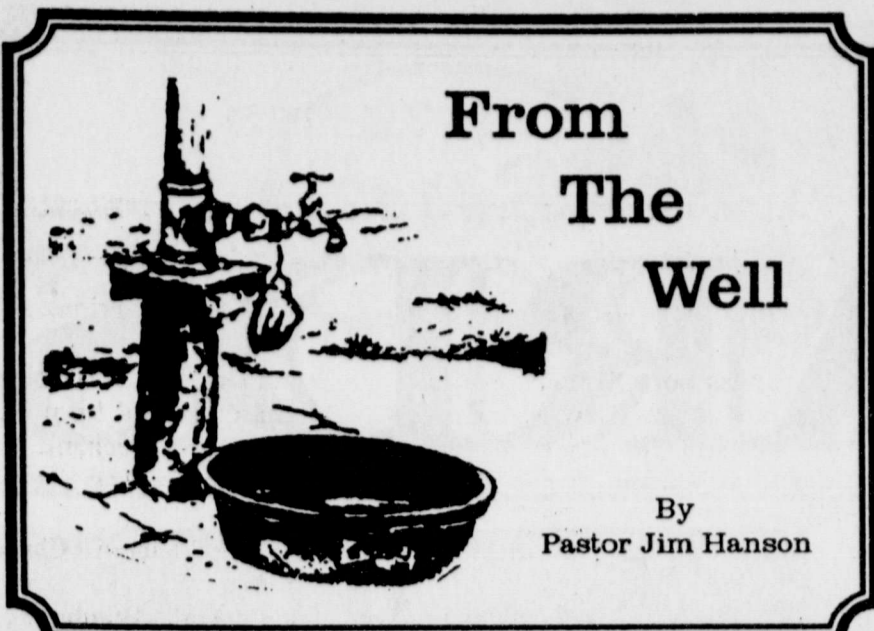
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From The Well

By Pastor Jim Hanson



Pastor Jim Hanson

On Saturday night, January 29, 2000, I had a "surprise." A big one. It seems as if everybody in my family, everybody in Winters, everybody...everywhere knew about it but me. For I was honored to be selected Man of the Year, 2000.

I am honored. I am humbled. One does not wear such an honor lightly. One's head does not swell. For sure one's heart does - with gratitude to the folks who live in and around Winters. Who have been so gracious and supportive to Ramona and me as we have lived and served St. John's and the community that surrounds it.

As you know, Ramona couldn't be here. She is still with Katie who is waiting to deliver her 3rd child and our 14th grand-child. (As of this writing, Katie is in the hospital at Sioux Falls, S.D., with her husband Dan and Ramona taking turns "being with her.") The baby could come any time now. Anyway, part of the surprise was that Paul and Mary, son and daughter-in-law, and their 2 children, Timothy and Lyndi, were somehow smuggled into the Community Center that night. And kept from my sight...right up to the moment when Randall Conner, who was introducing me said, "born in Bemidji, Minnesota," and I knew, and my stomach said "Oh...oh." It was then I heard a little voice saying, "Hi grandpa." Little Tim and Lyndi - were finally released to come see grandpa. After greeting me, their first words were, "Where is Grandma?"

Such a good question. Kids have it together. And know that were grandpa is...there should also be grandma. (Grandma knew about the award coming, but she did not know she would be so honored by her grand-kids!) And I can assure you all that whatever good I might have done, it would not ever have happened without Ramona's support, and encouragement, and, more often than not, her active participation with me.

For some reason...I believe it is part of my call from God. I have believed, since my earliest days in ministry, that a pastor and a congregation that do not get involved with the community and work with it and for it - do not deserve to live in that community. To me, it is part of my ministry and mission, and so also the church.

I really learned that in my first parish. In Hardin, Montana. As a young preacher, full of energy and a desire to serve, I made lots of calls. House calls. Most of my parishioners were farmers and ranchers...and like the farmers and ranchers in West Texas had plenty to do...all the time. When the preacher came, they felt they had to stop their work in order that I could do mine. After about six months of this, one of them, a very good friend of mine, came up and said, "Jim, we really like you. And we appreciate your coming to see us. But...could you do it a little less often?" I got the message. I was "released" to serve outside as well as inside the congregation.

I then discovered the joy of volunteering in the community. And, also, the joy of coming together with preachers and congregations - not Lutheran. Having been raised in a Norwegian White Lutheran ghetto up in Minnesota, I didn't know Baptists, Methodist, Mennonites, Pentecostals. In that little Montana town I got introduced and inducted into the fellowship of inter-denominational Christian work in and for the community. It was great!

And - I also got involved in the community - establishing Little Leagues in football and baseball, singing in a quartet, being an active member of Kiwanis (a service club like Lions), and other things.

I've been involved ever since. With other churches. And in community service. In 2 towns in Montana, 1 in Northern Minnesota, 1 in Odessa, and now in Winters.

Winters has been the best! We truly have loved every minute of these past 9 years. The Ministerial Alliance is truly the best I have ever been in. Most committed. Most "open" to each other. Most fun-filled and Spirit-filled. I hate it when I can't be there for a meeting.

And...the community. A wonderful place to live, and serve. So many good things - "Christmas in April," Hospice, Scouts, Schools, Food Pantry, Industrial Board, Chamber of Commerce. And many more. We are so blessed!

It's almost funny. When I took the call to St. John's in Winters, a number of folks asked, "Why Winters?" Our response was "Why not?" I guess some have a poor opinion of our community. They just don't know. What we know and some friends of ours know. They had been looking for a long time for a place to live. One day they happened to be driving outside Winters and saw a place. And a FOR SALE sign. They bought it. Again, that same question. "Why Winters?" To which the lady of the house replies, "I guess we're just lucky."

Lucky...Blessed. All of that. To be so honored. My heart overflows with gratitude to God and to you all for making it the best years of our ministry.

To top it all off - where else in the U.S.A. would the Chamber of Commerce Annual Dinner feature a Southern Gospel Quartet? Heaven's Jubilee, by name? It figures. Winters is that kind of town. Thanks. And God Bless You all.



SERVING FOR A GOOD CAUSE are members of St. John's Lutheran Church at right, who held a barbeque lunch on Super Bowl Sunday to raise money for Christmas in April. With earnings from the lunch and the matching funds from Lutheran Brotherhood Branch #8824 and Aid Association to Lutherans Branch #7878, St. John's will be giving almost \$4,600 to Christmas in April.

Official approval—

Winters sidewalk improvement project awarded \$636,768 by Texas Transportation Commission

According to a January 27 announcement made by Congressman Charles Stenholm, Winters is to be the recipient of \$636,768 in federal funding approved by the Texas Transportation Commission and issued by the State-wide Transportation Enhancement Program.

The program funds non-highway related transportation projects such as bicycle and pedestrian facilities, landscaping and scenic beautification, historical preservation, and environmental mitigation.

Enhancement projects are eligible for federal reimbursement of up to 80% of allowable costs, and work must be authorized in advance by the Federal Highway Administration for eligible cost reimbursements.

According to Randall Conner, Winters Area Business and Industrial Corporation manager, the Winters Sidewalk Improvement Project will include rebuilding the downtown sidewalks along Main and Dale streets and will include landscaping, pedestrian lighting, and park areas adjacent to the

sidewalks. Handicapped access and safety are primary parts of the project, along with beautification of downtown.

The Winters community is responsible for raising \$44,000 in matching funds, of which \$34,000 has been pledged to date. Approximately \$10,000 is still needed.

The Winters Area Business and Industrial Corporation is asking all businesses and individuals to give what they can to this project. This can do more to revitalize downtown Winters than anything else that can be done.

Please send your check or pledge today to WABIC, P.O. Box 211, Winters, Texas 79567.

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- TX Janis Joplin died of a drug over
- Cowboy lineman Williams
- TV's "Nick at
- TXism: "in the towel" (quit)
- TX B.J. Thomas' "New Looks From An Lover"
- X-rated
- TX Fulghum's "All I Really to Know I Learned in Kindergarten"
- TX Tubb's "I'm Walking the You" (43)
- TXism: "let 'em rip!"
- boot aroma
- dir. to Waco from Abilene
- TX's westernmost major city
- TXism: "attracted like a
- Cowboy score
- TX soul singer (30s)
- TXism: "never eyes on it"
- TX rancher Chuck Norris' "Silent
- TX liars
- cattle disease: worm
- TXism: "hungry on a concrete pasture"
- "Hook Horns!"
- singer Carnes & actress Novak
- UT's Charles who got nickname "Cotton" after '70 Cotton Bowl
- TX fathers
- TX Perot's naval rank in '53 (abbr.)
- Canadian h.s. class 55 securities for debts
- TX-made '79 film: "Crazy"
- TXism: "I get your TX Jim Reeves" "Losing You?"
- Dallas mayor Wise (in '75)
- TX cosmetics queen Mary Kay

DOWN

- UNT & TWU's city 2 bird found only in TX: Altamira
- TXism: "he in the saddle" (experienced)
- Cowboy score
- TXism: "out a living"
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- TX rancher Chuck Norris' "Silent
- TX liars
- cattle disease: worm
- TXism: "hungry on a concrete pasture"
- "Hook Horns!"
- singer Carnes & actress Novak
- holds in high regard
- this Adair used process in 29-down
- Gov. Davis (1869)
- Fresno, TX
- Nocona, TX was named for chief
- Nocona
- ref. gives the coin to start the game
- Mexican poncho
- nitro detonated over an oil fire snuffs the
- "My Sal"
- TXism: "in with"
- TXism: "smells like a powder in July"
- this Dolphins QB gave Oilers fits
- TX Robin Wright film
- TXism: "in one and out the other"
- TXism: "in a big pond"
- TX-born jockey Shoemaker (int.)
- TX Cynthia Ann was kidnapped in an Indian
- TXism: "mean as a bulldog on a gun-powder"
- TX-Mex border drug agcy. (abbr.)
- TXism: "bead on it"
- Dime Box, TX got name from gifts to March of

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Breakfast
School Holiday
Tuesday-Feb. 15
Toast
Cereal
Juice

Wednesday-Feb. 16
Biscuits
Sausage
Juice

Thursday-Feb. 17
Cinnamon Roll
Cereal
Juice

Friday-Feb. 18
Toast
Sliced Ham
Juice

Lunch
Monday-Feb. 14
School Holiday

Tuesday-Feb. 15
Steak Fingers/Gravy
Mashed Potatoes
Green Beans
Vanilla Pudding
Hot Roll

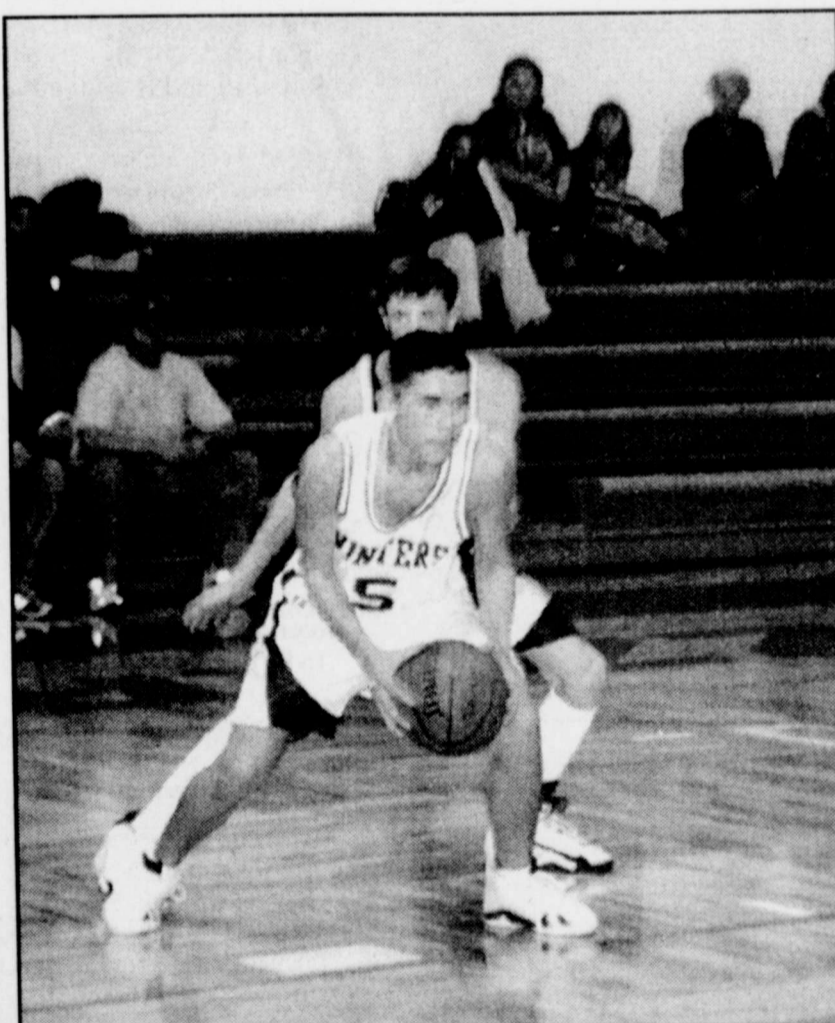
Wednesday-Feb. 16
Tostada/Meat/Cheese
Refried Beans
Tossed Salad
Pear Half
Cinnamon Roll

Thursday-Feb. 17
Corn Dog
June Peas
Pineapple Chunks
Peanut Butter Cookie

Friday-Feb. 18
Chicken Fillet/Sandwich
French Fries
Sliced Pickles
Peach Cobbler

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ARTEMIO LOPEZ, JR. takes the bounce pass during junior varsity action against San Saba.

Freshman Class
Chicken Fried Steak Dinner
Sunday, February 13
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Basketball Hoopla

Team: Varsity Boys Coach: Robert White
Opponent: San Saba Date: Jan. 28, 2000
Place: Winters

POINTS SCORED EACH QUARTER						
WINTERS	1	2	3	4	OT	FIN.
WINTERS	10	1	4	1		51
OPPONENT	13	14	11	16		54

Free throws made: 13 of 18 for 72%

Player Name	Points	Rebounds	Steals	Assists
Colby Walker	10	4	1	2
Josh Muenchmeyer	12	8	3	3
Shane Colburn	0	0	0	0
Shane Parramore	4	5	0	4
Arthur Martinez	0	0	0	0
Oscar Lutz	5	1	0	1
Jason Fritchard*	20	8	3	1
Jeremy Hope	2	1	3	1
Chris Santoya	0	0	0	0

*Denotes high point individual for Winters

Team: Junior Varsity Boys Coach: Deb Whittenburg
Opponent: Early Date: Feb. 4, 2000
Place: Winters

POINTS SCORED EACH QUARTER						
WINTERS	1	2	3	4	OT	FIN.
WINTERS	11	9	13	10		43
OPPONENT	6	9	9	10		34

Free throws made: 11 of 20 for 42%

Player Name	Points	Rebounds	Steals	Assists
Mandy Fritchard	9	13	2	2
Brentley Tekell	8	6	1	2
Samuel Montgomery	0	2	0	0
Kelly Walker	0	1	0	0
Stacey Speed*	17	5	2	0
Jacky Deater	0	1	0	0
Michelle Deater	2	1	0	0
Jana Bahman	2	2	2	2
Kenneth Hale	0	1	0	0
Ali Calcutt	0	1	0	0
Tami Hopson	0	2	0	1

*Denotes high point individual for Winters
Coach's Comments: Season Standing 14-7, District Standing 8-3.

Team: 8th Girls Coach: Ed Poehl
Opponent: Early Date: Jan. 31, 2000
Place: Winters

POINTS SCORED EACH QUARTER						
WINTERS	1	2	3	4	OT	FIN.
WINTERS	3	7	6	4		20
OPPONENT	3	7	6	4		20

Free throws made: 8 of 13 for 61%

Player Name	Points	Rebounds	Steals	Assists
Jessica Barron	2	2	2	2
Briana Parramore	0	4	1	1
Macy Hopson	0	2	0	0
Margan Schwartz	4	1	0	0
Suzanne Jones	0	2	4	0
Karla Calcutt	0	1	0	0
Amanda Poe*	6	7	1	0
Kari Walker	0	8	3	1
Hick Quisenberry	0	1	0	0
Jessica Fritchard	0	1	0	0

*Denotes high point individual for Winters
Coach's Comments: The Lady Breezes showed a great improvement over the first time they played Early.

Team: 8th Girls Coach: Ed Poehl
Opponent: Early Date: Jan. 29, 2000
Place: Jim Ned Tournament

POINTS SCORED EACH QUARTER						
WINTERS	1	2	3	4	OT	FIN.
WINTERS	1	4	5	3		13
OPPONENT	1	8	6	9		24

Free throws made:

Player Name	Points	Rebounds	Steals	Assists
Jessica Barron	1	0	2	0
Briana Parramore	0	1	2	0
Macy Hopson	0	1	2	1
Margan Schwartz	2	3	0	0
Suzanne Jones	3	3	2	0
Jessica Fritchard	0	0	0	0
Karla Calcutt	0	1	1	0
Dani Walker	0	2	0	0
Hick Quisenberry	0	3	2	0
Hope Quintavara	0	1	2	0

Team: Varsity Girls Coach: Ken Foster
Opponent: San Saba Date: Feb. 1, 2000
Place: San Saba

POINTS SCORED EACH QUARTER						
WINTERS	1	2	3	4	OT	FIN.
WINTERS	5	9	20	19		51
OPPONENT	13	14	11	16		54

Free throws made: 15 of 18 for 83%

Player Name	Points	Rebounds	Steals	Assists
Jessica Dale Ross	2	3	1	2
Kendra Hope*	18	6	1	3
Jana Presley	10	4	0	2
Kelly Slimp	4	6	0	1
Michelle Paschal	10	8	0	1
Kacy McCutson	2	0	0	0
Lucy Walker	11	6	2	3
Staci Bishop	4	2	0	3
Lori Bredeemeyer	0	0	0	1

*Denotes high point individual for Winters

Team: Junior Varsity Girls Coach: Deb Whittenburg
Opponent: San Saba Date: Feb. 1, 2000
Place: San Saba

POINTS SCORED EACH QUARTER						
WINTERS	1	2	3	4	OT	FIN.
WINTERS	8	0	10	12		30
OPPONENT	2	17	8	11		38

Free throws made: 8 of 13 for 61%

Player Name	Points	Rebounds	Steals	Assists
Mandy Fritchard	0	0	0	0
Brentley Tekell	4	5	3	2
Samuel Montgomery	0	4	3	3
Kelly Walker	0	3	1	1
Stacey Speed	6	5	1	0
Jacky Deater	0	0	0	0
Michelle Deater	0	3	2	1
Jana Bahman*	9	3	2	1
Kenneth Hale	8	9	0	2
Lisa Hopson	0	0	0	3

*Denotes high point individual for Winters

Team: 9th Girls Coach: Ed Poehl
Opponent: Early Date: Jan. 31, 2000
Place: Winters

POINTS SCORED EACH QUARTER						
WINTERS	1	2	3	4	OT	FIN.
WINTERS	10	13	7	12		42
OPPONENT	10	13	7	12		42

Free throws made:

Player Name	Points	Rebounds	Steals	Assists
Heather Martin	1	1	1	1
Lauren Hogan	1	1	0	1
Stacy Walker*	17	12	3	3
Lacey Meyer	0	3	2	1
Kurti Haller	0	1	1	1
Lash Bredeemeyer	1	2	3	2
Ali Calcutt	2	3	2	2

*Denotes high point individual for Winters

Team: Freshman Boys Coach: Shane Mobley
Opponent: Early Date: Jan. 31, 2000
Place: Early

POINTS SCORED EACH QUARTER						
WINTERS	1	2	3	4	OT	FIN.
WINTERS	16	24	39	51		51
OPPONENT	12	12	22	29		35

Free throws made:

Player Name	Points	Rebounds	Steals	Assists
Jim Medina	0	0	0	0
Mark Meyer	0	0	0	0
Mal Morrison	0	0	0	0
Brandon Davis	4	0	0	0
Mark Meyer	0	0	0	0
Jason Fritchard	12	6	1	0
Rusty Jackson*	23	0	0	0
Jarrett Giffith	0	0	0	0
Dustin Edmonstone	0	2	0	0

*Denotes high point individual for Winters
Coach's Comments: This was the second time to play Early. We beat earlier this year 21 to 20. We have improved our game tremendously. Great job guys of working the ball and taking your shot. Both Brian and Rusty had a great game. Good job guys and thanks for all the fan support.

Team: 7th Boys Coach: Bill White
Opponent: Early Date: Jan. 31, 2000
Place: Early

POINTS SCORED EACH QUARTER						
WINTERS	1	2	3	4	OT	FIN.
WINTERS	4	8	11	5		28
OPPONENT	15	9	11	10		45

Free throws made:

Player Name	Points	Rebounds	Steals	Assists
Pete Griffin*	11	3	0	1
Max Harrison	6	13	0	0
Jacob Hernandez	2	2	4	0
Jeremy Mendoza	2	2	3	1
Thomas Rice	0	4	2	2
Sky Salinas	0	0	0	0
Jose Hernandez	0	2	0	0
Matthew Gray	0	2	0	0
Scott Bryan	2	4	5	0
Shawn Keatz	0	1	1	0
Jacob Applegate	5	5	1	0

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Coach's Comments: Except for the first quarter it was a close game. We played better than the first time we played them. Pete made the fifth player to be high scorer for our team this year. It will pay off in the future not to always have the same leading scorer.

Team: 7th Boys Coach: Bill White
Opponent: Early Date: Feb. 1, 2000
Place: Early

POINTS SCORED EACH QUARTER						
WINTERS	1	2	3	4	OT	FIN.
WINTERS	4	8	11	5		28
OPPONENT	15	9	11	10		45

Free throws made:

Player Name	Points	Rebounds	Steals	Assists
Pete Griffin	0	1	1	1
Max Harrison	6	13	0	0
Jacob Hernandez	2	2	4	0
Jeremy Mendoza	2	2	3	1
Thomas Rice	0	4	2	2
Sky Salinas	0	0	0	0
Jose Hernandez	0	2	0	0
Matthew Gray	0	2	0	0
Scott Bryan	2	4	5	0
Shawn Keatz	0	1	1	0
Jacob Applegate	5	5	1	0

*Denotes high point individual for Winters
Coach's Comments: Just a lot better team.

Team: 7th Boys Coach: Bill White
Opponent: Jim Ned A Date: Feb. 3, 2000
Place: Jim Ned Tournament

POINTS SCORED EACH QUARTER						
WINTERS	1	2	3	4	OT	FIN.
WINTERS	4	7	8	11		30
OPPONENT	4	7	8	11		30

Free throws made:

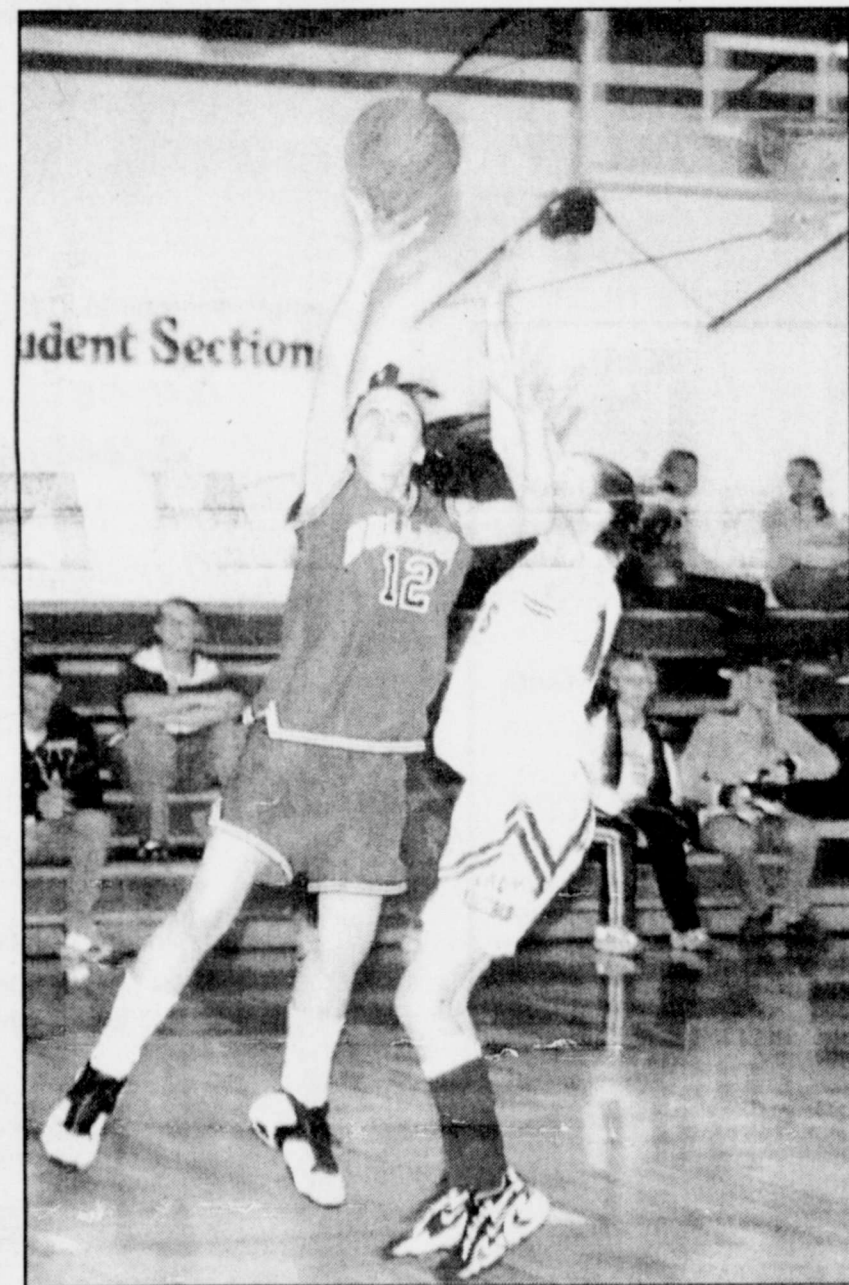
Player Name	Points	Rebounds	Steals	Assists
Pete Griffin	0	1	1	0
Max Harrison	5	3	1	0
Jacob Hernandez*	7	0	4	0
Jeremy Mendoza	0	1	2	0
Thomas Rice	0	0	0	0
Sky Salinas	0	0	0	0
Jose Hernandez	0	2	0	0
Matthew Gray	0	0	0	0
Scott Bryan	2	0	0	0
Shawn Keatz	0	1	2	0
Jacob Applegate	4	0	1	0

*Denotes high point individual for Winters
Coach's Comments: 7 for 20 on the free throw line was a big disappointment. It was a close game with lots of fan involvement. The game was good for the boys for two reasons—to learn how to handle pressure and to make those precision free throws.

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THE SEVENTH GRADE BOY'S BASKETBALL TEAM recently finished third in the Blackwell Invitational Tournament. The team was awarded the consolation trophy, the first trophy for Winters Schools this millennium. Team members are (front, l-r) Tony Hernandez, manager, #25 Hallis Gibbs, #24 Jeremy Mendoza, #11 Jacob Hernandez, #10 Thomas Rice, and Aaron Cook, manager. Back row is #15 Shawn Kraatz, #31 Skye Salinas, #23 Matthew Gray, #33 Max Harrison, #13 Jacob Applegate, #12 Scott Bryan, #21 Pete Griffin, and #25 Jose Hernandez. Not pictured is Coach Biff White.



STACEY SNEED, junior varsity Lady Blizzard, guards the Lady Bulldog shooter from Hamilton.

Chisolm Trail Pinewood Derby slated Saturday, in Abilene

Lawrence Hall Chevrolet will sponsor the Chisolm Trail Pinewood Derby on Saturday, February 12, in Abilene. The event will be held at the Ben Richey Boys Ranch Gymnasium located at 501 Ben Richey Drive.

All Tigers, Wolves, Bears, and Webelos are eligible to race at the council level regardless of results at the local level.

Registration will be held from 9-11 a.m. Racing will begin immediately after judging is completed, approximately 11:15 a.m. Races for Grand Champion will begin as soon as all the Cub Scout age group races have finished.

There will be an adult division with races being held after the Cub Scout events.

All The Way, Lady Blizzards!

Winters Community Baseball registration set for tonight

The Winters Community Baseball has begun their plans for the 2000 season. Registration for baseball and softball players will be held on Thursday, February 10, in the Yellow Activity Building, from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Any boy or girl who will be five years old or older by September 1, 2000, will be eligible to play.

Everyone needs to bring a copy of their child's birth certificate to verify the child's age. This will eliminate a lot of confusion when time to select teams. We also need social security numbers for all players.

Registration fees will be \$35 for the first child in a family, \$30 for the second, and \$25 for each child after the second per family. Payment plans are available. There will also be a \$5 deposit fee due at registration time for uniforms. The deposit will be refunded at the end of the season when the uniform is turned into

the coach.

The Winters Community Baseball is looking for umpires. If you are interested, please contact Wayne Green (754-4430) after 5:30 p.m. or Marie Fisher (754-4246) after 5:30 p.m. Everyone interested will be certified by ASA or Little League officials.

There will be sign up sheets at the registration for coaches, fundraising committee, and umpires.

The new Winters Community Baseball Board Members are: Bob Lindley-Chairman of the Board and President of WCB, Marie Fisher-Little League Vice President (1), Yvonne Blackshear-Little League Vice President (2), Wayne Green-ASA Vice President (1), Cheryl Kruse-ASA Vice President (2), Dawn Green-Secretary, Mincy Briley-Treasurer, Kenny Gibbs-Safety Officers, Belinda Schwartz-Equipment Officers,

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Class size is limited, so each participant must register prior to first class date. Courses will be held on Saturday mornings. Each course costs \$20. All courses will be taught in the Jr. High School computer lab located at 705 Rogers St. First class is Sat., February 19, for Beginning Computer Skills. For more information call 754-5574.

Powerlifting Meet at Eden Saturday, February 19

Basketball '00 Catch the Action

Feb. 11--6:30 p.m. Winters vs. Eden @ Mason Jr. High Play-off practice game for Lady Blizzards
Feb. 15--Coleman, TBA, Here, JVB, VB
Feb. 15--PEP RALLY 3 p.m. Lady Blizzards Bi-District Play-off Game, TBA

Conner named to Dean's List at McMurry

Dennis Conner has been named to the McMurry University Dean's List for the 1999 fall semester. He is the son of Randall and Susan Conner.

Students qualifying for the Dean's List must have at least a 3.5 GPA on a 4.0 scale and take 12 or more credit hours.

McMurry University is a four-year liberal arts institution located in Abilene and is affiliated with the Northwest Texas and New Mexico Conferences of the United Methodist Church.

Linsey N. Brown on Dean's List

Linsey Nicole Brown was named one of 1,981 students to the Dean's Academic Honor List for the 1999 fall session at Baylor University.

To be named to the Dean's List, a student must be an undergraduate with a minimum grade-point average of 3.7 while enrolled in a minimum of 12 semester hours.

Linsey is a sophomore majoring in education. She is the daughter of Charlie and Laura Brown of Winters.

2000 Blizzard Golf Schedule

Feb. 26	Anson Boys	4:00
March 6	Robert Lee Girls	4:00
March 7	Robert Lee Boys	TBA
March 20	Hamilton* Boys	4:00
March 21	Goldthwaite* Girls	4:00
March 28	Winters* Girls	4:30
March 29	Coleman* Boys	4:00
April 3	San Saba* Boys	TBA
April 4	Mason* Girls	5:00

*Denotes District Game

2000 JR. VARSITY BLIZZARDS BASEBALL SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	PLACE	TIME
March 6	Wall	Here	4:00
March 13	Ballinger	There	1:00
March 16-18	Grapecreek Tourney	There	TBA
March 20	Mason	Here	4:00
March 27	OPEN		
April 3	Wall	There	4:00
April 10	OPEN		
April 13-14	Coleman Tourney	There	TBA
April 20	Mason	There	4:30
April 24	Coleman	Here	4:30

2000 VARSITY BLIZZARDS BASEBALL SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	PLACE	TIME
Feb. 24	Eula	Here	4:00
Feb. 26	Jim Ned	Here	1:00
Feb. 29	OPEN		
March 2-4	Colorado City Tournament	There	TBA
March 7	Bangs	There	TBA
March 10	San Saba	Here	4:00
March 14	Early	There	5:00
March 17	Hamilton	Here	4:00
March 21	Mason	Here	4:00
March 24	Coleman	There	4:00
March 28	Eula	There	4:30
March 31	Bangs	Here	4:00
April 4	San Saba	There	TBA
April 7	Early	Here	5:00
April 19	Hamilton	There	TBA
April 20	Mason	Thursday	7:00
April 25	Coleman	Here	4:30

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2000 LADY BLIZZARDS SOFTBALL SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	PLACE	TIME
Feb. 24	Albany Tourney	There	TBA
Feb. 25	Eula	Here	4:30
Feb. 26	Albany Tourney	There	4:30
Feb. 29	Loraine*	There	4:30
March 3	Wall*	Here	4:30
March 7	Miles*	Here	4:30
March 10	OPEN		
March 14	Hermleigh*	Snyder	4:30
March 17	Coahoma*	Here	4:30
March 21	Jim Ned*	There	4:30
March 24	Loraine*	Here	4:30
March 28	Wall*	There	4:30
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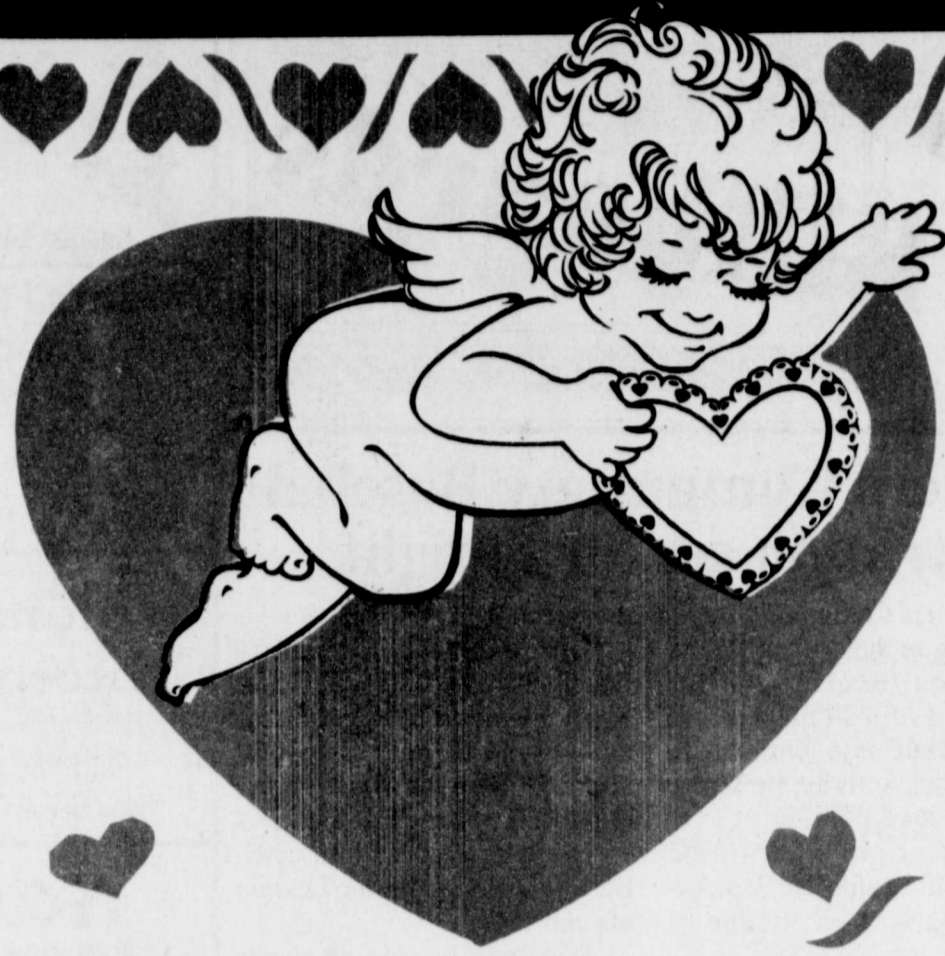
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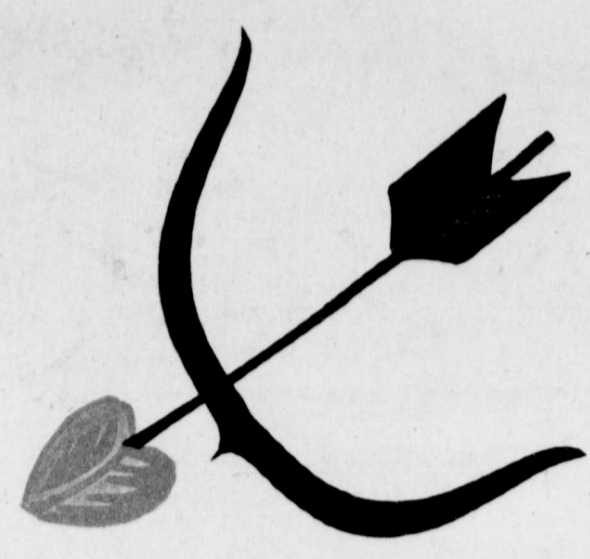
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NEW WINTERS POST OFFICE CONSTRUCTION continues on schedule with completion planned for late March or early April.

Crews News

By Hilda Kurtz

Word processors should be combined with food processors in case we have to eat our words.

There was a good attendance at the get-together and supper on Saturday night at the gym. Eileen and Kenny Cartwright were the hosts. We had some visitors which we were proud to have including Leona and Joyce Nance, Pat Bryant with son and grandson, Mr. and Mrs. Maloey Bryant of San Angelo, Robert and Douglas Bryant of Abilene, and Mr. and Mrs. Butch Kendrick and sons Roy and Cody.

Claude Smith of Content was a visitor at Hopewell Baptist Church during Sunday evening services.

Juanita Shields attended two friends funerals during the week—Mrs. Charlene "Pat" Polston and Mrs. Russell North in Abilene.

After church Sunday dinner guests with Selma Wilkerson were Betty and Joe Pierce and Bro. Ferris and Ramona Akins.

Frances and John Hord, Pat Bryant, Mr. and Mrs. Maloey Bryant, Robert and Douglas Bryant of Abilene visited with Doris Wood.



Hilda Kurtz

Jeremy Prater spent Sunday with Noble and Harvey Alcorn Faubion.

Stefanie McGallian and Simon Camacho of Ballinger and Louise Osborne visited with Nila and Therin Osborne on Saturday.

Fairy and Wilbert Alcorn attended the birthday part for Abe Giles in Brownwood on Saturday night in the home of his son Johnny and wife Lora Giles. Twenty-three attended, mostly family came from Brownwood, Crews, Levelland, Lubbock, Weatherford, and Georgetown.

"Happy—and many more birthdays, Abe."

Spending the evening with Connie and Georgia Gibbs on Friday night were Saffron, Kenny, Tana, and Lane Gibbs of Winters, Horace Gibbs of Rising Star, and Lynda and Travis Ford of Rising

Star. They spent Sunday with Lynda and Travis Ford.

Helen Alexander went over and had a nice visit with Juanita Shields on Sunday. Pat and Earl Cooper's granddaughters Dodie and Gina and their daughters visited over the weekend.

Once again, I thank all who sent cards and phone calls—I love you all, you all make my day.

Linda Duggan, Chauncey and Susan Mansell, and Sherry Pollan were in Abilene on Friday to attend the art show at the Grace Museum.

On Saturday, Linda's brother Roy Brown of Ruidoso, New Mexico came and spent several days with his folks the Browns. Roy also showed his arts in the art show in Abilene. On Saturday, Linda and Dale Duggan visited Katy and LaNell Grigsby.

Leslie and Will Duggan of Winters spent Sunday with Dale and Linda. Linda spent Monday in San Angelo with her Aunt Frances Brown.

Dinner guests with Margie Jacob on Sunday were Sharon and Jerry Engler, Beverly VanZandt, and Carol and Mike Kozelsky. Sharon prepared a nice turkey dinner. Later the women all attended the baby shower in Winters for Megan Danielle Jacob in Winters. She is the baby daughter of Susan and Mark Jacob.

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Only a gift of your presence is requested. Since a memory book is planned, a picture and/or letter of a fond remembrance will afford Mrs. Kruse many hours of pleasure. If unable to attend in person, the notes can be mailed to Mrs. Charles Kruse Jr., 608 N. Main, Winters, Texas 79567.

Letter to the Editor

Husband expresses love for his wife

Dear Editor,

I love my wife! Husbands, don't be afraid to tell the world that you love your wife. I know most of us tell our wives that we love them, but I think we sometimes fall short when showing it to the rest of the world. God tells us to love our wife as Jesus loved the church, guess what, he gave his life for the church!

Don't ever be ashamed to stand up for and display your love for your wife even in a group of men who think it's funny or popular to cut down their wives. God provided us with helpmates to help us through this life and we should cherish them just as any gift from God. Lots of marriages go down because of not appreciating and honoring your wife!

I believe a wife is a living mirror of the husband. Look in your mirror and see how you are treating your wife! A wife will be glad to submit to a husband that loves her as Jesus loved the church!

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Jerry Loehman

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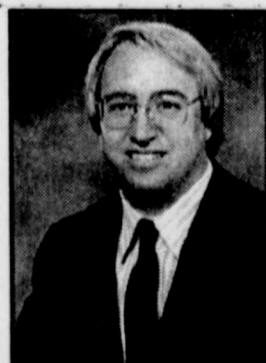
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Dr. Carter is a native of Ft. Worth and graduated from Texas Tech University. He received his medical degree from the University of Texas Health Science Center-San Antonio and completed his residency at Scott and White Memorial Hospital and Clinic. He also served on five medical trips to Mexico and speaks fluent Spanish.

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Poe's Corner

By Charlsie Poe

Childhood memories...

When Geneva's 100th birthday reception was announced, her 88-year-old sister, Vermelle Roberts of Austin, sat down and wrote her a letter of their childhood memories in case she was unable to attend the party, (but she was there).

The letter was charming and educational. I'm sure there are many others who have fond memories. I'm going to write mine—this would be good for those of us who have time.

Charlsie

You know that I have always been a "tomorrow" person, looking for tomorrow and to the future. But since living at Golden Age Personal Care, I have time to think about my early years and the changes that have come about since 1900.

I especially remember you being the oldest girl of nine children. I remember how you would take the youngest to the front porch and look up at the stars in the sky, and how you would help us find the Evening Star, the Man in the Moon, the planets, Mars, and Jupiter. When you left for college, I thought of you when I looked at the night sky.

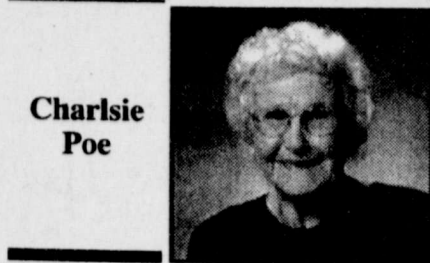
On Sunday afternoon, after church and dinner, we would take a walk in the woods and pick violets to take to Mama; we might pick dew berries and wild plum for Mama to make berry cobbler and plum jelly.

Sometimes we went to Buzzard's Roost, a valley and a hill where we saw buzzard's roosting... I thought the hill was a mountain! Some Sundays all our friends would come to our home and you would play the piano for us so beautifully, and we would sing religious songs.

Then you would play music like "The Tennessee Waltz," "Girl of My Dreams," "By the Light of the Silvery Moon," "When the Roll is Called Up Yonder," and "I Am Bound for the Promised Land"...

We had sad times and yet good times to remember, and I didn't realize we were poor until I attended a class in Community Psychology at the University of Houston and found out that we really classified as poor, I thought we were rich!

Today, our father would be called a child abuser because if



Charlsie Poe

one of the boys skipped school, he was paddled at school, then Papa would give him a whipping with a limb of the chinaberry tree.

We said "Yes Sir," and "No Sir," and Mama taught us to say "Thank you" and "Excuse Me," and to honor and respect our father and mother. We were also taught not to lie; we would be punished if we did so. Mama would wash our mouths out with soap—not so today!

Among other changes over the last 99 years, Geneva, did you know that they have outdated the 2-hole outdoor privy to ones that flush themselves when you stand up? Gone is the "Sears catalogue toilet paper."

How about our transportation, the wagon and mule and the beautiful buggy and horse that took folks to church? We walked everywhere in Bruceville: to church, to town, to see friends. We walked a lot... three miles to school.

Papa would ride with us on the train to see Grandma Rucker in Temple, Texas. Then Papa bought a brand-new 1926 Ford with a crank. We were so proud that it cranked! And now today our cars are computerized.

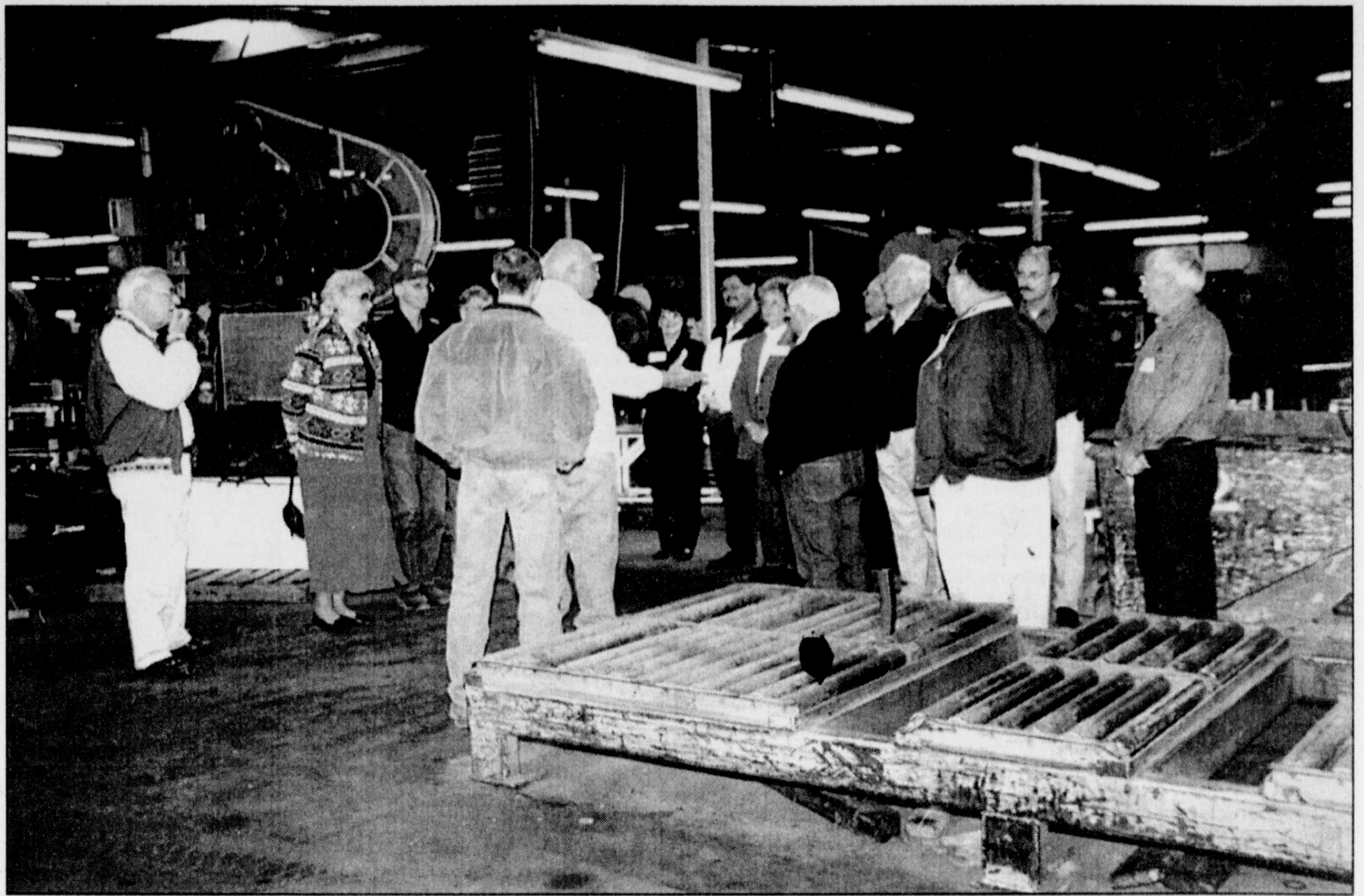
You and I have travelled in jet planes and there are fancy ships that tour the world. Going to the moon is a new adventure for travellers—especially John Glenn.

We ate lots of vegetables, mostly grown around Bruceville. Papa bought meat for Sundays. We had plain cake with homemade pudding and light bread only on Sundays, biscuits and cornbread daily.

He bought sacks of apples and oranges, a large box of crackers, and gallon of peanut butter for school lunches. An apple and a biscuit with butter and sugar was a pretty good school lunch.

We had a kerosene lamp to study by. Now there are all kinds of pretty lights; the halogen lights the astronauts used in space are now used in our homes.

To be continued.



CHARLIE WEKENBORG (center, with hand extended), Manager of New Product Development and Maintenance, directs members of the Winters Area Business and Industrial Corporation through a tour of the Winters plant. John's International, now owned by Contico, manufactures aluminum and steel truck boxes, and employs approximately 160 workers.

WABIC working on several projects to improve Winters

by Randall Conner, WABIC Manager

The Winters Area Business and Industrial Corp. continues to work on projects to improve the economic situation of our area. There are several possible new businesses which are looking to locate in Winters. We hope to attract at least one or two of these this year.

The state did not receive federal funding for the veterans nursing homes. This will slow that potential project by a year or so, but the state does still plan to build these facilities.

The Industrial Corp. is working with a group for a child care center and we recently received information on a grant for a wellness center. The Lone Star Estates housing project is nearing completion and should be ready for occupancy by the end of February.

The new Post Office is well under way and hopefully will be ready by May. The sidewalk project has been approved and work should begin this fall. The Museum is working to open a

"Manufactured in Winters" exhibit in the former Masonic Lodge building.

The Industrial Board has been working with the rural health issue and other legislative situations which affect our community. Also, the Board is in the process of developing an incentive policy for new business and business expansion.

The WABIC Board, along with the Museum Board, has adopted a 10 year plan for development of a Winters Historical District along West Dale Street.

The Board requests your input into potential projects which can improve the economic conditions of our area. If you have contacts with people and businesses who are interested in locating this part of Texas, especially computer-based enterprises, we would appreciate having their names. Randall is now employed by the Industrial Board for 30 hours per week and you can contact him at 754-4542.



JOHN'S INTERNATIONAL EMPLOYEES Omar Armendariz (left) and Renaldo Ramos form the wrapper which is the bottom part of the full size diamond aluminum plate truck box. Armendariz has been with John's for about a year and Ramos two years.

Winters residents asked to do their part in observing National Salute to Hospitalized Veterans for 2000

by Mary Kurtz

The week of February 14 has been designated as the National Salute to Hospitalized Veterans for 2000. This official VA program was established in March, 1978.

Because there are no VA hospitals close to Winters, the Winters Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 9193 and Ladies Auxiliary realize that is hard to volunteer personally to help in the medical centers.

The two groups are sponsoring a drive to collect cards, letters, toiletries, games, cards, puzzles, craft items, paperback books, and anything else that would make their stay in the hospital more pleasant.

If you are interested in donating any items to this cause, please take them to the Winters Area

Chamber of Commerce at 118 West Dale between 9 a.m. and noon daily or contact Mary Kurtz at 754-5182 or Robert Holder at 754-4089 by Saturday, February 12.

The more than 62,000 veterans of the U.S. armed services, who are cared for every day in the Department of Veteran's Affairs (VA) medical centers and nursing homes are important and need to be recognized at all times.

By observing this special week we have a chance to especially pay tribute and express appreciation to these veterans who have served our country with heroism, duty, faithfulness, and sacrifices. They have helped preserve the freedoms and values that Americans cherish.

Runnels Baptist Association to host music festival Sunday, February 20

The Runnels Baptist Association will meet Sunday, February 20, at First Baptist Church in Winters for a music festival.

The music festival will begin at 4:00 p.m. Dale Ellis, Association music director, will be in

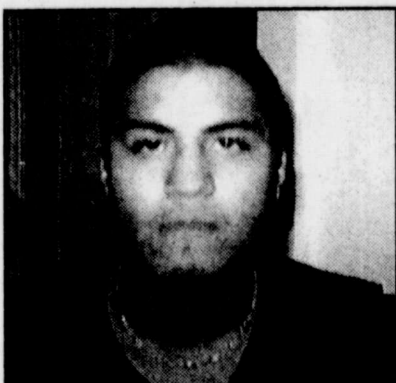
charge of the program.

The executive board and WMU will not meet.

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Mid-West Texas Artists Guild enjoys program on pottery

The Mid-West Texas Artists Guild, in a recent meeting was informed by President Jean Hensley about several workshops and opportunities to exhibit.

Ruth Jackson will be teaching a workshop in Abilene at the Center for Contemporary Arts on Saturday, March 18.

In other business during the meeting, Jean Hensley stressed the need for more greeting cards. These cards are designed and painted by members and are selling fast at the Old Ice House.

Ota Bell Clifton reminded members to pick up their paintings and move them to the next exhibit area. Dolly Airhart volunteered the Security State Bank of Wingate to the circulating exhibit.

Sandee Kasper and Jean Hensley have paintings on exhibit

at the Carnegie Library of Ballinger. These paintings will be changed on February 15.

During the program portion of the meeting, Shirley Minzenmayer welcomed special guest artist Pat Zappe Billmeir. Pat gave a pottery demonstration to 14 members and four guests.

She had selected a variety of vessels from her collection of artists in North America, Turkey, and Greece, to use in her demo. She explained shapes, types of clay, glazing, and firing methods. Members enjoyed a demonstration of pot throwing by the artist, as well as her sense of humor.

The March 7 meeting of the guild will be held at the home of Sandee Kasper at 308 N. 8th in Ballinger.

Law requires publication of sex offender information

In accordance with the Code of Criminal Procedure, Article 62.03, the Runnels County Sheriff's Department is required to have published information pertaining to local sex offenders.

Notice shall be entered into the newspaper of greatest paid circulation in the county where the registrant intends to reside. It shall be published in both English and Spanish.

The authority shall publish a duplicate notice in the newspaper, with any necessary corrections, during the week immediately following the week of initial publication.

Information cannot be published in the newspaper about a juvenile. The same publication procedures occur when a registered offender

moves to Texas. Information that must be included in the public notice includes: offender's name, age, and gender

a recent photograph of the offender
a brief description of the offense for which the offender is subject to registration (victim's age and gender)

municipality, numeric street address or physical address
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Police Beat

The information below is taken from reports on file with the Winters Police Department. Some of the information is provided to police by citizens, and in some cases, police have not finished investigating the reports. These reports make up a small percentage of the total calls the Department receives and responds to each week.

Winters Police Department reports received and/or investigated from Sunday, January 30, 2000, through Saturday, February 5, 2000. Winters Police Officers:

- received a report of a vehicle approximately five miles south of Winters on Highway 83 driving with one tire missing. The vehicle was emitting sparks from driving on one rim. After using lights and sirens to affect a stop, the vehicle stopped in the intersection of Highway 153 and Highway 83. The driver had a strong odor of alcohol on his person, was unable to keep his balance, and refused the field sobriety tasks. Natividad Lara Cruz of Winters was arrested for driving while intoxicated and taken to Runnels County Jail.

- stopped a suspicious vehicle after observing it driving around several businesses. A license check of the driver showed suspended drivers license for a previous DWI charge. Rito Luna Ramon of Sweetwater was arrested for driving while license suspended and taken to Runnels County Jail.

- received a report of a gas drive-off in the 800 block of S. Main. Officers arrived within two minutes and were advised a blonde female driving a small red car left driving towards Ballinger after pumping \$15 in gas. No vehicle matching the description was located. This case is under investigation as Class C theft.

- received a report of threats in the 500 block of Wood Street. A female subject alleged that John Ash Jr. of Winters had threatened bodily harm then threatened to kill her if she notified police. While interviewing the victim, Mr. Ash returned to the scene and became profane. The officer warned Mr. Ash to calm down and Mr. Ash directed his anger toward the officer making threats to him. Mr. Ash was then arrested for disorderly conduct and terroristic threat and taken to Runnels County Jail. Mr. Ash also faces charges for retaliation.

- received a report of a breach of computer security occurring in the 200 block of Jones Street. An unknown subject has allegedly accessed the password and e-mail account of a 16-year-old female of Winters. The subject has allegedly been using the e-mail account of the victim to send obscene and profane messages to various other e-mail accounts. This case is under investigation as breach of computer security, a state jail felony.

- stopped a vehicle for a mechanical violation on N. Main Street. The driver had an odor of alcohol on his person and subsequently failed several field sobriety tasks. The driver also had a suspended license for no insurance. Luther Lee Smith of Abilene was then arrested for driving while intoxicated and driving while license suspended and taken to Runnels County Jail.

- received a report of an intoxicated driver possibly heading towards Winters from Ballinger. The vehicle was located and stopped on North Highway 83. The driver had a strong odor of alcohol on his person and was unable to keep his balance. The driver was offered several field tasks, but refused stating to officers, "He was too ripped to do any roadside tests." Paul Wayne Gomez of Ballinger was then arrested for driving while intoxicated and taken to Runnels County Jail.

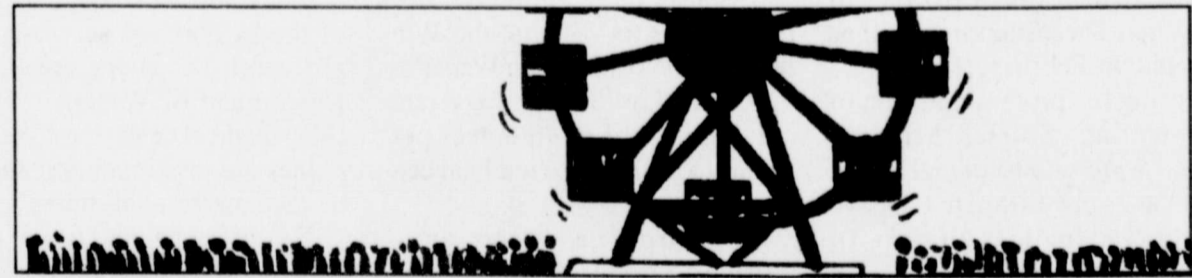
information which leads to the grand jury indictment or conviction of offenders and the caller does not have to give his or her name. To give a Crimestoppers tip, call your local law enforcement agency at:

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

Call report of the Winters Volunteer Fire Department

Members of the Winters Volunteer Fire Department responded to 7 emergency calls in January as reported by Chris Ozbin, recording secretary for WVFD:

Jan. 2	4:20-5:30 p.m.	2 miles north of Bradshaw. Assisted Moro, Lawn, Buffalo Gap, Tuscola, View, Ecca. Grass fire started by semi-truck running on rim after blowout.
Jan. 3	11:30-12:30 p.m.	Coleman County Co-Op, CR 316, Drasco Road. Electricity pole broke and started fire in ditch.
Jan. 3	1:10-2:45 p.m.	2 miles north of Bradshaw. A re kindle of the Jan. 2 fire. High winds carried embers across Hwy 83. Responded with Buffalo Gap, Ecca, Lawn, Tuscola, View, Morro.
Jan. 5	3:45-6:10 p.m.	Grass fire 3 miles east of Winters behind golf course.
Jan. 5	7:25-8:30 p.m.	400 block of Pierce Street. Storage shed on fire.
Jan. 9	5:50-6:50 p.m.	1 mile south of Lutheran Cemetery. Grass fire started by hunters.
Jan. 13	1:30-4:45 p.m.	West of Norton. Grass fire started by welders building fence.



In 1892 George W.G. Ferris designed the Ferris Wheel and built his first one the following year for the Columbia Exposition.

Legal Notices

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

On Tuesday, Feb. 15, 2000, the Transportation Planning and Programming Division (TPP) of the Texas Department of Transportation will conduct a public meeting in San Angelo, Texas, to discuss possible changes to the route selection criteria of the Texas Highway Trunk System. The Texas Trunk System is a planned 4-lane divided highway system that includes and complements the interstate highway system. The system has not changed since its adoption by the Transportation Commission in 1990.

TPP is proposing to review the existing selection criteria codified in the Texas Administrative Code and received comments on possible additions to the criteria at a series of public meetings held throughout the state. These changes, if adopted by the Texas Transportation Commission, could add highways to the existing system.

The San Angelo meeting will be in the Training Room of the Vehicle Titles and Registration Building, located at 4502 Knickerbocker Rd.

Other meetings, including contact phone numbers, that are scheduled include Childress, Feb. 14 (940-937-2571); Uvalde, Feb. 16 (210-615-1100); Corsicana, Feb. 22 (214-320-6100); Huntsville, Feb. 28 (409-778-2165). From 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., displays showing the current Trunk System and selection criteria will be available for review. During this time, TPP staff will be available to answer questions. AT 7:00 p.m., there will be a formal presentation followed by a public comment period.

At each location, the meeting will continue (1) a discussion of the Trunk system development; (2) a presentation on existing selection criteria and (3) an overview of the impacts of changing the criteria and the steps involved.

All interested citizens are invited to attend the public meetings. Comments regarding proposed changes to the Trunk system selection criteria are requested at the public meeting or may be mailed or delivered to Mr. Alvin R. Luedcke, Jr., P.E.,

COUNTY, cont'd.

Commissioners agreed to buy a high speed buffer to be used for buffing floors in county buildings, including the jail, at an estimated cost of \$1,100 to \$1,200.

Representative Jim Keffer, scheduled to speak to the court, failed to appear. His subject was to have been the concerns of Runnels County pertaining to the current and future viability of rural areas and small cities and towns in Texas.

Other agenda items and actions taken:

- Commissioners agreed to place used equipment, vehicles, office machines and furniture in a public auction to be held in Wingate April 8. Commissioners are to have items to be sold reported to County Auditor Darlene Smith by March 9.

- Several utility easements and communication line installations were approved by the court.

- The bond for the new assistant District Clerk, Tammy Burleson, was approved by commissioners.

- Approval was given to pay for the annual software support agreement for the County Clerk's office—cost, \$3,000.

- Five names were drawn from the grand jury list to ask to serve on the county's salary grievance committee.

- A service contract for one of the county's copiers was approved at a cost of \$252 per year.

- The lease for offices occupied by the Texas Department of Human Services was renewed for a period of one year, beginning September 1, 2000.

- The regular meeting for March was changed to Monday, March 13, since the county offices will be closed on March 14, primary election day.

The next meeting of Commissioners' Court will be Tuesday, February 15 at 10:00 a.m.

DINNER, continued

ends at 1 p.m. Accompaniments to the steak include mashed potatoes, green beans, rolls, dessert, and tea.

Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$3.50 for children 10 and under. Please contact Kim Jackson at 754-5032 or 754-4339 or Teresa Davis at 754-5422 for advance ticket purchases. Tickets may also be purchased at the door.

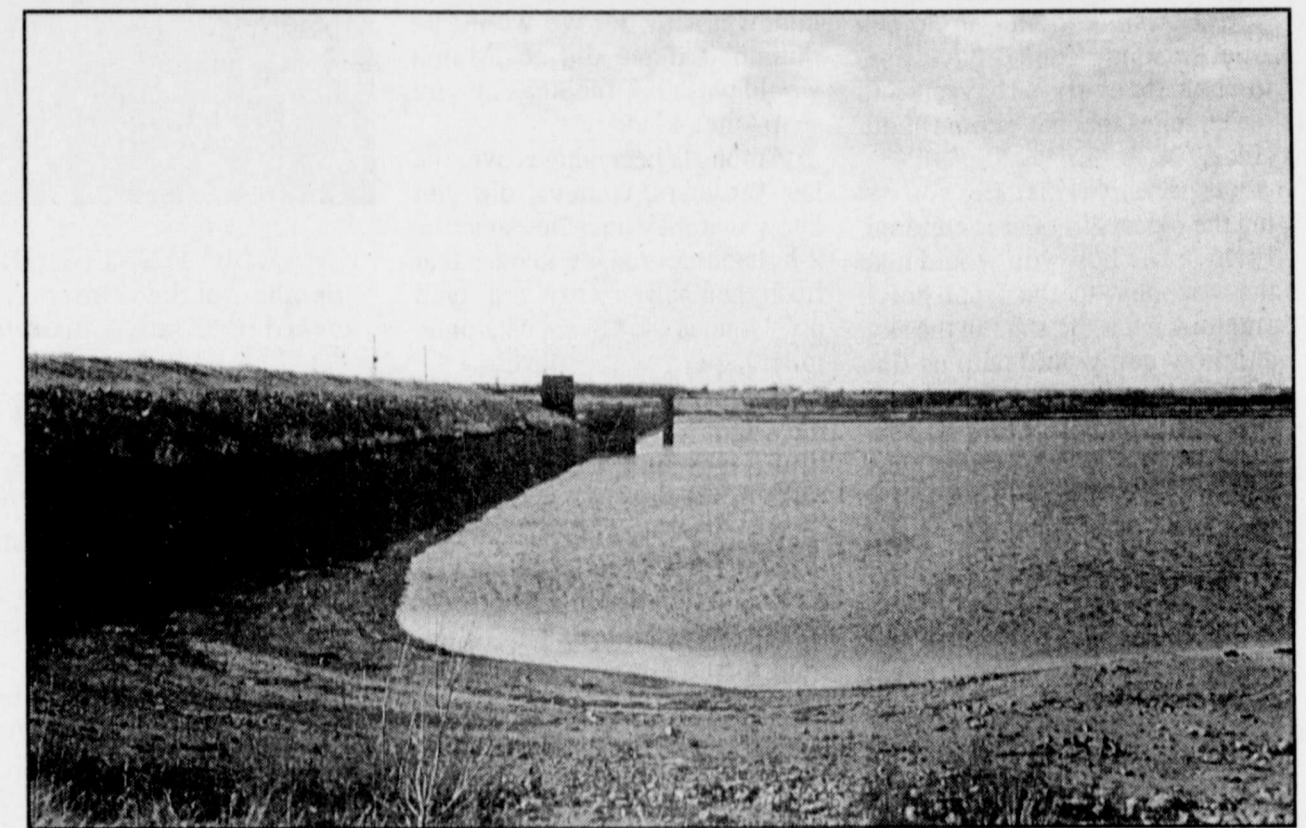
Cowboys for Christ to meet in Drasco

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.



GETTING SMALLER EVERY SUNNY DAY is Elm Creek Reservoir, which is now 20-22 feet below normal. As far as the amount of water remaining in the Reservoir, City Manager Aref Hassan reports approximately four feet covering 400 acres for an estimated 521,361,600 gallons.



ELM CREEK RESERVOIR DAM is in full view at left as the water continues to recede with each unseasonably warm, sunny day.

Official Records

County Court Dispositions

Tommy Lee Winter, driving while intoxicated, dismissed, insufficient evidence
Johnny Wayne Liggins, criminal trespass, dismissed, complaining witness requested dismissal

Criminal Cases Filed

February 1
Yvette O'Connor, filed for theft of service by check
Kenneth Gray, filed for theft of merchandise by check
Katharina Neufeld, filed for theft of merchandise and/or cash by check

February 2
Benjamin Glenn Bell, filed for driving while intoxicated
Price Rowe Moore, filed for driving while license suspended

February 3
Juan M. Delarosa, filed for theft by deception

District Court Civil Cases Filed

February 1
Stella Gonzales and Raul M. Gonzales, surviving parents of Raul C. Gonzales, vs. Ray Martinez and Michelle Hollis, suit for damages

Divorce Cases Filed

February 3
Felix Juan Agüero vs. Loretta V. Agüero
Lana Kay Burton v. William Floyd Burton

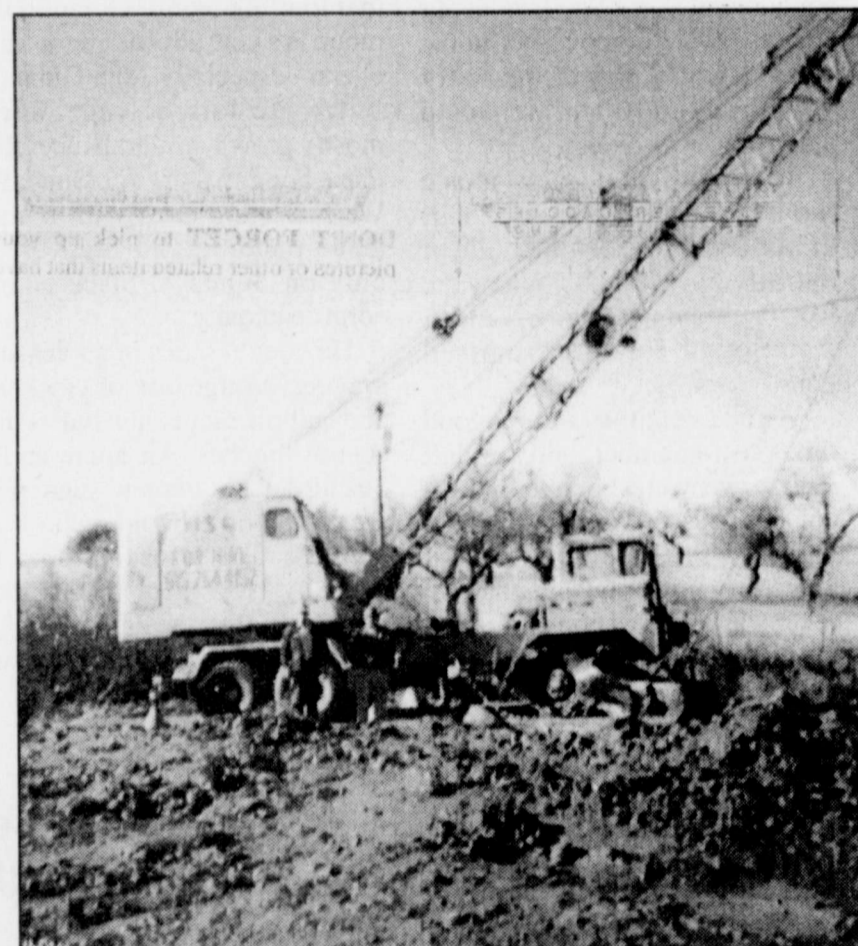
Jennifer Dianne Reyes v. Joe Reyes II

Divorces Granted

November 8
Cody Scott Martin and Cynthia Ann Martin

Justice of the Peace Precinct 1

February 2
Felony Cases Filed
Connie Jeanette Robinson, filed for hindering apprehension



GOING FOR THE GOLD or at least more water is dragline owner and operator Mark Goetz who recently cleaned out a spring at the Winters Country Club, increasing the water level from one foot to four feet. Goetz said the drought conditions have brought calls from property and livestock owners who need tanks, creeks, ponds and anything else with water cleaned out.

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Theda Rhea to demonstrate with character/figure study in pastel

The Fine Arts League of Coleman County will have its regular meeting on Thursday, February 10, 2000, at 7:00 p.m. in the Coleman County State Bank Club Room.

The public is invited to this meeting with the program to be a demonstration done by Theda Rhea. Refreshments will be served.

Theda Rhea will demonstrate with a character/figure study in pastel using a live model. You will find that her colorful personality and enthusiasm for her art is contagious.

Theda Rhea (known by some Coleman High School classmates as "Pat" Bucy Hazlewood) is an accomplished painter of children. Her career spans years of studying and "living" with the native peoples, especially those of Mexican, South American, and Native American descent, which she captures in her art so beautifully.

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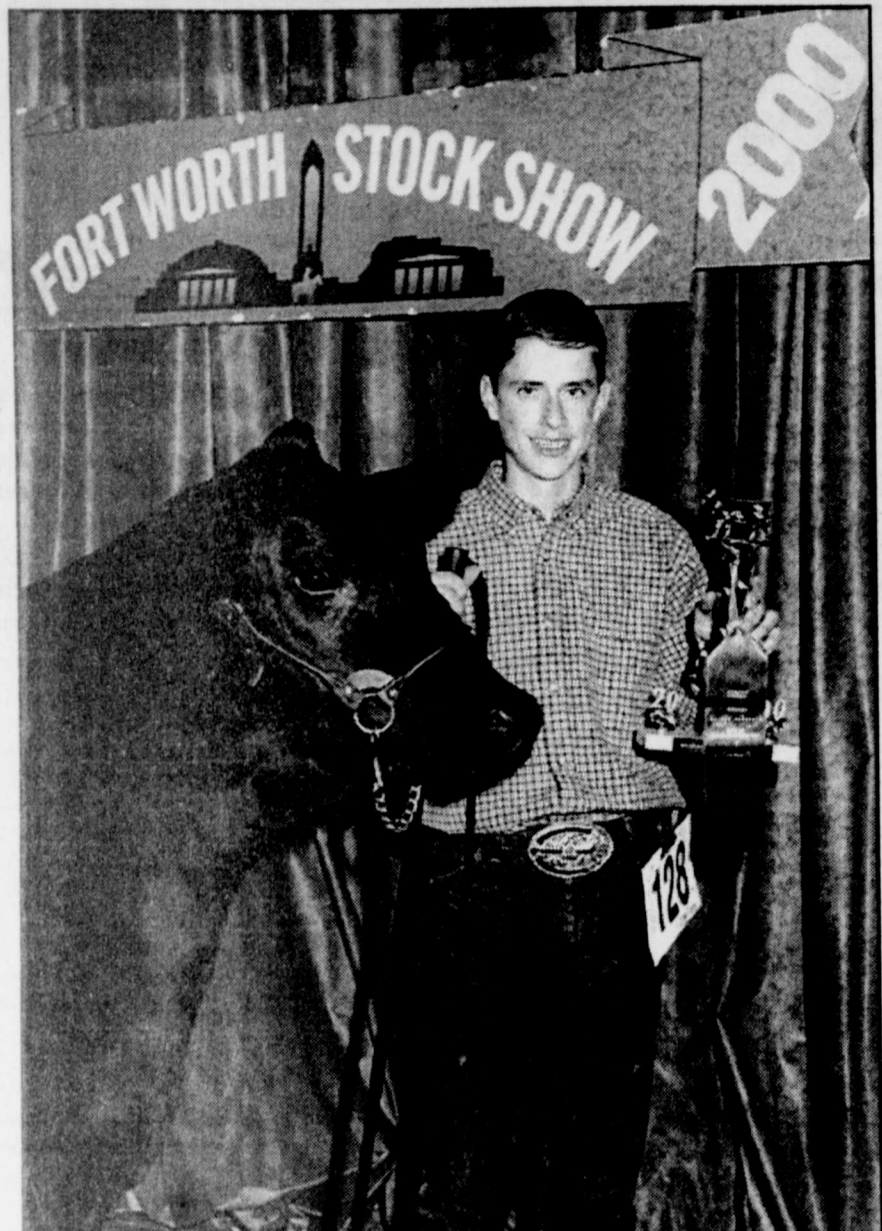
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THESE WINTERS FFA MEMBERS WERE RECENT WINNERS at the Southwestern Exposition and Livestock Show in Fort Worth. These three exhibitors placed first in their class during the Heifer Show on January 21 and 22, (l-r) Jeffrey Jordan in the Angus division, Camille Kruse in the Polled Hereford division, and Dalton Shackelford in the Polled Hereford Division. Dalton was also awarded second place in showmanship in the Polled Hereford division. Other results for the first half of the Ft. Worth Stock show are listed in a story below.

Local FFA members claim top honors during first week of Southwestern Exposition & Livestock Show in Ft. Worth

Winters FFA members earned top honors in the Beef Heifer and Breeding Sheep divisions during the first week of the Southwestern Exposition and Livestock Show in Ft. Worth.

The first weekend of the show, Camille Kruse and Dalton Shackelford placed first in their Polled Hereford heifer classes, while Jeffrey Jordan placed first in the Angus division. Shackelford was also honored as the second place showmanship

winner in the entire Polled Hereford division.

Chris Hoppe took second in the Simmental heifer division and Travis Grohman was second with a Charlois heifer.

Matt Angel finished fifth in his Polled Hereford heifer class while Trenton Grohman placed eighth in his Charlois class and Cody Pritchard was eighth with a Shorthorn heifer.

Both Maegan Schwartz and Ryan Bland placed 13th with their

Simmental heifers; Jami Harris was 15th with her Polled Hereford and Colby Pritchard also finished in 15th with his Shorthorn heifer. Mandy Pritchard placed 22nd with a Shorthorn heifer.

The following weekend, in Breeding Sheep competition, Jarrett Gerhart garnered several first and second place finishes including the Reserve Champion Suffolk Ram in the Junior Show.

Jessica Pritchard finished second in the Junior Ram show,

fourth with a Junior Ewe, fifth in the Open Ram show, 2-Toothed Aged Ewe, and Buck & Ewe Pair. She also finished seventh with a Futurity Southdown Ewe.

Camille Kruse was third with a Futurity Southdown Ewe, and seventh in the Junior Ewe show.

Dalton Shackelford placed third with 2-4 Toothed Yearling Ewe and eighth with a Futurity Ewe. Devon Shackelford also exhibited.

Farmers Tax Guides now available at Extension office

The 1999 Farmers Tax Guides are now available in the Runnels County Extension Office.

The office is located in the annex building behind the courthouse, next to the driver's license office.

Anyone wishing to receive a guide should stop by the office Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m.-noon and 1:00-5:00 p.m.

For more information, contact Mike Mauldin, CEA-Ag, at 365-2219.

Agri-Plex Ag Day scheduled for Tuesday, March 14, in Ballinger

Agri-Plex Ag Day will be held on Tuesday, March 14, 2000, at Ballinger High School. The first of the new millennium, Agri-Plex Ag Day is a relatively new name for the Runnels County Ag Day, which is in its thirteenth season.

This year's theme is "Agriculture—Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow," and will address a variety of issues that address agricul-

ture. The event will include a trade show, complimentary catered noon meal, concurrent programs for producers and ladies, a youth program, health fair, awards program, and barbecue supper.

The Southern Rolling Plains Cotton Growers Association will kick off the day by holding their annual meeting at 10:30 a.m.

Texas Sheep & Goat Raisers' Association to meet Feb. 23

The Winter Texas Sheep & Goat Raisers' Association Directors' Meeting will be held at the Schleicher County Agriculture Barn in Eldorado on Wednesday, February 23, 2000.

The meeting will get underway with registration at 9:00 a.m., and the business session will begin at 9:30 a.m.

Schleicher County TSGRA directors are hosting the noon meal. Howard Graves, chancellor of the Texas A&M University Sys-

tem, will be the luncheon speaker.

Producers will be updated on TSGRA activities in the areas of environmental rights, natural resources/water issues, predator control, education/promotion, and animal health, as well as lamb, wool, and mohair marketing.

Please make plans to join TSGRA on February 23 for an update on Association activities and matters of importance to the sheep and goat industry.

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