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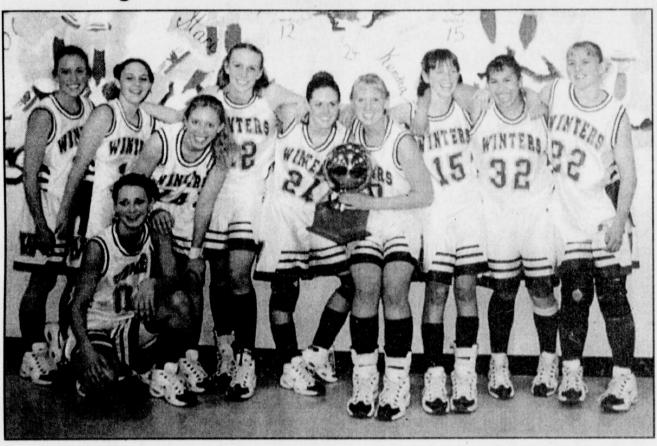
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# Lady Blizzards win bi-district championship



LADY BLIZZARDS 2000 BI-DISTRICT CHAMPIONS with their 50-45 victory over the Lady Eagles of Johnson City Monday night are (I-r) Lori Bredemeyer, Staci Bishop, Jana Presley (kneeling) Kaci McCuistion, Kelli Slimp, Kendra Hope, Michelle Paschal, Laci Walker, Jessica DelaRosa and Michelle Walden. The Lady Blizzards are coached by Ken Fowler and Deb Whittenburg, and now face the Lady Comanches of Shiner. Tipoff is Friday at 7:30 p.m. in Lampasas.

Despite playing with a bad case holding a narrow lead 32-27. of "nerves," the Lady Blizzards pulled off a late fourth quarter rally to beat the Johnson City Lady Eagles 50-45 in bi-district playoff action Monday night in Junction.

Almost half of the first quarter was gone before the ice was broken. Jana Presley, WHS senior, opened the scoring when she found the basket and put two points on the board for Winters. Johnson City answered with a quick 3-point shot but both teams continued to struggle. At the end 34. of the first quarter the score was Winters 8, Johnson City 5.

Second quarter play didn't improve much for either team, but the Lady Eagles appeared to be loosening up more. Changing to a zone defense and shutting down the inside shooting for Winters, Johnson City went ahead of the

Lady Blizzards 22-19 at the half. Jessica DelaRosa hit a crucial 3-point shot to tie the score 24-24 midway through the third pe-The third quarter ended with JC

the fourth quarter scoring with Blizzard defense caused the turntwo more points, and less than a over. Michelle Paschal then went minute later, Presley hit another to the free throw line and added "3" to tie the score 34-34 with another two points for Winters 6:19 left in the contest.

Senior Kelli Slimp was called to the free throw line and hit the Lady Blizzards held the lead 38- on top 50-45.

lead to 41-36.

But the Lady Eagles rallied and with 54 seconds left, pulled to within three points of the Lady Blizzards 45-42.

Coach Fowler and Assistant

riod, and both defenses tightened. Presley was fouled. She hit both stepped up and did the job." free throws for a total of 19 points

for the evening. On the Lady Junior Kendra Hope opened Eagles inbound play, the Lady with 20 seconds left. The score was 49-42.

The Lady Eagles hurried down first. She missed the second but court and added three points but Winters got the rebound and fed the Lady Blizzards didn't let up. the ball out to Hope who hit a Lori Bredemeyer topped off the much needed"3". For the first victory with another free throw time since the first quarter, the and the game ended with Winters

Playing before a large crowd With less than four minutes left of Winters fans, the Lady Blizto play, DelaRosa nailed yet an- zards had captured the bi-district other 3-pointer, pushing Winters' championship for the first time since 1995.

Reflecting on the slow pace of most of the game, Coach Fowler. said, "It was obvious, the way we shot the ball, that this was the first playoff game for these girls. But Coach Deb Whittenburg called I'm really proud how we didn't another time out to re-focus their give up when we were down in the fourth quarter. Jana (Presley) Winters inbounded the ball and and Jessica (DelaRosa) really

See CHAMPIONS, pg. 4

# WISD trustees renew contracts, set election date

During an early morning meeting of the Board of Trustees of the DelaCruz, Virginia Brown and Jo Poe. Winters Independent School District on February 14, the contract of Elementary Principal Tammy Bright was extended for one year with a \$2,000 increase effective July 1, carried unanimously.

Trustees also voted unanimously to extend the contracts of Business Manager Jimmy Butler and Athletic Director Robin Byrd one

A resolution was adopted to hold a trustee election at the WISD elementary school library on May 6, 2000. Filing dates for candi-

dates are February 21, through March 22, 2000. Election judge will be Kay Colburn, and clerks will be Nadine

Early voting will be at the school business office from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. beginning April 19 through May 2, 2000. Early voting clerks are Rhonda Goetz, Sherry Byrd and Jimmy Butler.

In other action, trustees heard reports from Principal Bright and Superintendent Mike Harris.

Present for the 7:00 a.m. meeting were Trustees Allen Andrae, Jack Davis, Jr., Jerry Sims, Bob Prewit, Ronald Presley, and Larry Walker, Superintendent Harris, Principal Bright and Business Manager Butler.

# Old jail renovation "slow"

Dr. Bill Tatum reported to Runnels County Commissioners on progress relating to converting the old Runnels County Jail into a museum at their special meeting on Tuesday.

Dr. Tatum said progress was slow and until the group could secure non-profit designation from the Internal Revenue Service progress would continue at a slow pace. He said a name had been decided upon, Runnels County Historical Jailhouse Museum and Fine Arts Center, and officers elected.

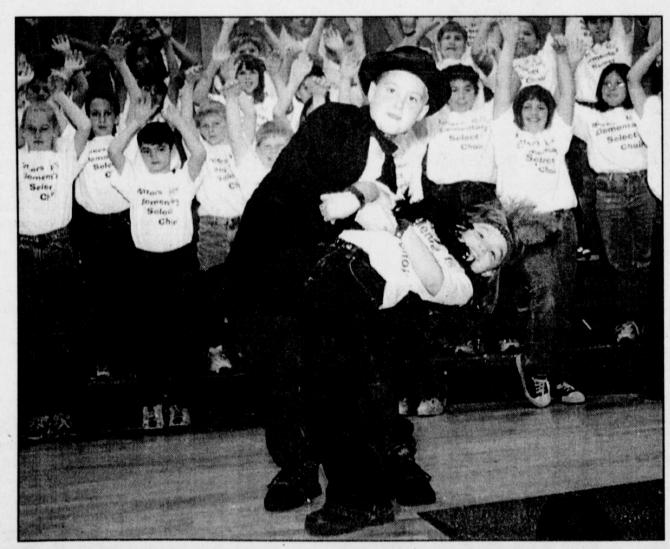
Elizabeth O'Connor of Ballinger is serving as secretary See RENOVATION, page 6

#### **Directions to** Lampasas High **School Gym**

Basketball fans traveling to Lampasas in support of the Lady Blizzard basketball team may find the following information useful.

From Goldthwaite, take Highway 183 south to Lampasas. Go nearly through the town of Lampasas before turning right on West 8th Street (there is a McDonalds on the right corner).

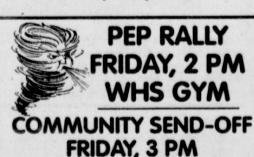
Go approximately two blocks-West 8th will come to a T' at the high school. Turn left and go one block. The gym is white brick and is located on the fight side of the road.



"LET US ENTERTAIN YOU," say Flappers Kody McCuistion and Charlotte Horton during the very delightful performance by the Winters Elementary Select Choir. By invitation, the 79member choir recently performed at E. L. Kent Elementary School in Carrollton, and spent the remainder of the day touring the Natural Museum of Texas History, the Aquarium, and the Omni Theatre where they saw "Fantasia 2000." The fifth and sixth graders enjoyed the wonderful trip on Jan. 28, as one young choir member expressed, "This was the best day of my life."

**Area Playoffs Winters Lady Blizzards Shiner Lady Comanches** Friday, February 18, 2000 7:30 PM Lampasas High School

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WHS 2000 GLACIER ROYALTY are Queen Carmen Martinez, junior candidate, and King Kirk Byrd, senior candidate, crowned in ceremonies on Thursday, February 10. Senior honors & class favorites will be published in future editions of the paper.

#### WHAT'S HAPPENING ?

Feb. 17-11 a.m.-1 p.m., Stew Lunch, Rock Hotel

11:30 a.m., Senior Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center

2 & 6 p.m., Census Testing, Winters Housing Authority 6:30 p.m., Women's Service League, Methodist Church

7-8 p.m., Winters Community Baseball Registration, Cafeteria

Feb. 18-11:30 a.m., Senior Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center

2 p.m., Lady Blizzard Pep Rally, WHS Gym

3 p.m., Downtown Lady Blizzard Send-off, Main Street 7:30 p.m., Lady Blizzards vs. Shiner Lady Comanches at Lampasas

7:30 p.m., Cowboys for Christ, Drasco

Feb. 19-Powerlifting at Eden UIL Solo/Ensemble Contest, ASU, Abilene

UIL Academics Competition, Wylie Feb. 20-4 p.m., Baptist Association Music Festival, First Baptist Church

Feb. 21-PRESIDENT'S DAY 11:30 a.m., Senior Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center

3-8 p.m., Pesticide Applicators Course, A&M Center, San Angelo 6 p.m., Weight Watchers, Sr. Citizens Activity Center

Feb. 22-11:30 a.m., Senior Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center

Noon, Lions Club, Community Center

5-6:30 p.m., Pioneer Club, First United Methodist Church 7 p.m., WVFD, Fire Station

**WVFD** Auxiliary Feb. 23-7 a.m., Industrial Board, Chamber Office

9 a.m., Sheep & Goat Raisers Association, Eldorado 10 a.m. & 2 p.m., Census Testing, Courthouse, Ballinger

11:30 a.m., Senior Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center 24-11:30 a.m., Senior Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center

5 p.m., Hale Museum Board, Z.I. Hale Museum

#### **Oil Bidness**

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We have been speaking of new technology lately, and one of the catch-phrases tossed around in this arena is "virtual whatever." You've heard it: "virtual reality," "virtual time," and so on.

Well, how about the "virtual oil and gas company?"

I first heard the phrase a few years ago at a technical conference, but it was used at an obscure presentation as an aside. I didn't think much more about it until recently.

The Oil & Gas Journal used the term in a recent article about a large independent who is farming out the operations of a significant part of its portfolio in the Gulf of Mexico to a service company. The producing company will pay a flat, contracted fee for the turnkey operations of the wells and facilities in specific fields offshore Texas and Louisiana.

The thought of a virtual oil and gas company came up when the author of the news item pondered if the company would end up letting most of its operating personnel go. With that small digression, I began to think: the next logical step would be for the company to contract out the rest of its operations, let go all of its field and operations personnel, and keep only a skeleton corporate staff.

The company left would be one that owned significant reserves, made significant money, was publically-traded, and adds significant amounts of production to the country's daily volume of oil and gas. However, it would be a company with no connection with the field of operations.

The company would take the risk that they might overpay verus their own costs, but they are willing to look at the upside of avoiding the unknown. The company could set a cost, budget for it, and have no surprises. And, the company might actually hire someone who was better than they were at operating the properties.

Now, naysayers would advocate the position that operating companies need a stake in what they operate to do it well. I can understand that position-I have felt the same way. However, I have also come to know that, at least in the oil patch, pride goes a long way. Those that work at their jobs seem to have a pride in doing it well. And, with specialized companies operating fields, they will probably be well-stocked with employees with just such pride in workmanship and the

honed skill to do it better. But, I am also a realist. I figure that a bonus system would have to be in place for the companies operating the property, as well as the employees who do the work. Incentives work as long as they are connected to performance. And, there is a chance that companies too far removed from the field operations that make this business work might lose its edge.

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I doubt if we will see a com- Nolan County pletely "virtualized" oil and gas company right away. But, I am quite convinced that there are many out there contemplating just such an arrangement. Will it work? Only time will tell.

Many of you reading this may be afraid of people losing their jobs over this kind of thing. I think

I see opportunity for people willing to attack this market with skilled people, flexible organizations, and result-oriented structures. New companies will spring up to offer these services. The oil and gas economy could actually grow instead of shrink. But, in any event, the business will see an increased efficiency from it all. in that direction.

It will be interesting to see if any other developments in this direction spring up. I'll make sure vou know it as soon as I do.

#### **HIGHLIGHTS OF AREA** DRILLING ACTIVITY COMPLETIONS

**Nolan County** 

Chisholm Exploration has completed two wells in the Mulberry Canyon Field (6 miles NE of Nolan) in the Cisco formation. 3873-3880) and is loc. 330 FSL & 1024 FWL of Sec. 69, Blk. 5, T&PRR Sur., A-237. The Texaco Fee #4 potentialed at 105 BOPD & 50 BWPD (perfs 3894-3900) and is loc. 1053 FWL & 1530 FSL Sec. 48, LAL Sur. of same Sec.

Enrich Oil Corporation has completed the A.M. Brown #1 in the Divide Field (1 mile S of Nolan) at an initial rate of 65 BOPD & 50 BWPD in the King Sand (perfs 4071-4139). Loc. is 672 FNL & 2211 FWL of Sec. 286, Blk. 64, H&TC Sur., A-1729.

**Taylor County** Royal Texas Petroleum has completed a re-entry into the H. McCoy #6 in the Reddin Field (5 miles NE of Merkel) at an initial rate of 31 BOPD & 54 BWPD in an unidentified zone (perfs 2458-60). Loc. is 1240 FWL & 2550

#### FNL of J.A. Nabors Sur., A-822. **STAKINGS**

Callahan County S.B. Street Operating, Inc. has staked the Cochran #1 in the County Regular Field, 8 miles SW of Baird (Depth 1600). Loc. is 496 FWL & 2316 FNL of Sec. 2, Blk. 2, SPRR Sur., A-693. Coleman County

Caddo Operating has staked the Coates-Wright #10A in the Whitley Field, 2 miles SW of Novice (Depth 4500). Loc. is 1607 FEL & 1395 FNL of Sec. 27, Blk. 2, T&NO Sur., A-651.

Encon Services, Inc. has staked the Sealy-Smith #12 in the Lake Coleman Field, 7 miles NE of Novice (Depth 3000). Loc. is 775 FEL & 1180 FNL of Sec. 79, Blk. 2, GH&H Sur., A-258.

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R.L. Adkins has staked two wells. The Killgore -115- #3 is in the Group West Field, 3 miles SE of Maryneal (Depth 7500) and is loc. 1861 FSL & 1333 FEL of Sec. 115, Blk. 1A, H&TC Sur. The Morrow-State of Texas #1 is in the Mulberry Canyon Field, 4 miles NE of Nolan (Depth 4200) and is loc. 351 FNL & 653 FWL of Sec. 68, Blk. 5, T&PRR Sur.

Irving W. Avery has staked the Texaco Fee #1A in the Mulberry Canyon Field, 4 miles NE of Nolan (Depth 4100). Loc. is 330 FSL & 330 FWL of Sec. 69, Blk. 5, T&PRR Sur.

Runnels County

Bettis, Boyle & Stovall has staked the Watkins #1 in the Bays Capitalism has a way of driving Field, 1 mile NE of Wilmeth (Depth 5000). Loc. is 500 FSL & 1000 FWL of Subd. 14, H.L. Bays Sur. No. 444.

> DBO Oil Incorporated has applied to re-enter the C.C. Grey #2 in the DBO Field, 5 miles NE of Ballinger (Depth 3800). Loc. is 2688 FNL & 1616 FEL of ETRR Sur. No. 147, A-159. **Taylor County**

G&F Oil, Inc. has amended the permit for Sandusky #2 in the NAB Field, 3 miles S of Merkel The Texaco Fee #3 potentialed at (Depth 3070). Loc. is 1100 FNL 102 BOPD & 50 BWPD (perfs & 1580 FWL of Sec. 5, Blk. 18, T&PRR Sur., A-358.

GeoSurveys, Inc. has staked the Franklin #1 in the Potosi Field, 2 miles S of Potosi (Depth 2100). Loc. is 2310 FNL & 1380 FEL of

L.C.S. Production has staked the Girand #2 in the County Regular Field, 3 miles W of Tuscola (Depth 4999). Loc. is 1700 FEL & 2100 FSL of Sec. 36, Blk. 1, SPRR Sur., A-513

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Wednesday, Feb. 23: Chicken & gravy, mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables, rolls, and cake.

Thursday, Feb. 24: Spaghetti w/meat sauce, green beans, tossed salad, garlic bread, and

Friday, Feb. 25: Hamburger, chips, pea salad, pickles & onions, and cobbler.

## 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 &

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

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## Obituary

#### Lorene Bush Clark

WINTERS-Lorene Bush Clark, 87, died Wednesday evening, February 9, 2000, at the Senior Citzens Nursing Home.

She was born May 12, 1912, in Coleman County and graduated from Content High School. She married Arthur E. Clark in 1936 in Winters. She owned and operated a beauty shop and was a member of the Southside Baptist Church.

Survivors include a sister, Mrs. G.C. (Elma) McAdams of Odessa. Services were held at 2 p.m. Friday, February 11, at the Winters Funeral Home Chapel with Reverend Dwayne Andrus officiating. Burial followed in Midway Cemetery near Novice directed by Winters Funeral Home.

#### Manuelita Gonzales

WINTERS—Manuelita Gonzales, 70, died Wednesday, February 9, 2000, in the Runnels County Rehabilitation Center in Ballinger.

She was born December 25, 1929, in San Antonio and came to Winters as a young girl. She was a homemaker and a Catholic.

Survivors include her mother Matiana Medena Gonzales of Winters; two brothers, Pete Gonzales of Winters and Lorenzo Gonzales of Abilene; four sisters, Janie Bernal of San Antonio, Max Mardegal of San Angelo, Mary Helen Campos of Winters, and Mary Lou Perez of Bakersfield, California.

Rosary was held at 7 p.m. Friday, February 11, in the Winters Funeral Home. Mass was held at 2 p.m. Saturday, February 12, at Mt. Carmel Catholic Church with Father Sam Homsey officiating. Burial . followed in Lakeview Cemetery under the direction of Winters Funeral Home.

#### Frank Austin Hope

WINTERS-Frank Austin Hope, 84, died Saturday, February 12, 2000, at Our House Retirement Center in Winters.

He was born December 22, 1915, in Merkel. He moved to Ackerly and farmed, then to Winters where he was a bus driver for several years, and then to Big Lake where he worked in the oilfield as a contract pumper. He returned to Winters in April 1999 after his retire-

Mr. Hope was a member of the Church of Christ.

Survivors include two sons, Jon Hope of Houston and Ronnie Hope of Winston Salem, North Carolina; one brother, Pee Wee Hope of Winters; and three grandchildren.

Graveside services were at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, February 13, at Fairview Cemetery in Winters officiated by Reverend Barry Taylor. Burial was under the direction of the Winters Funeral Home. Memorials may be made to Hendrick Hospice Care.

#### Gladys Jewel (Mrs. Homer Ernest "Chic") Swofford

CLYDE—Gladys Jewel (Mrs. Homer Ernest "Chic") Swofford, 88, died Wednesday, February 9, 2000, at Abilene Regional Medical

She was born December 4, 1911, in Abilene. She graduated from Winters High School and attended Texas Tech University. She married Homer Ernest "Chic" Swofford on October 12, 1933, in Winters.

They moved to Abilene and then Clyde in 1941. They bought the Clyde Insurance Agency in 1944. She was the secretary for the agency until they sold the agency in 1980. She was a member of the Eastern Star and the First Baptist Church of Clyde for over 50 years.

She was preceded in death by her husband, a son, Gaston Swofford, a grandson, Stormy Swofford, and two brothers, George and Charles Robert Graham.

Survivors include a son, Jerry Swofford of Clyde; a daughter-inlaw, Mary Elaine Swofford of Clyde; a sister, Charlsie Poe of Winters; two grandsons and wives, Charles and Lisa Swofford of Atlanta, Georgia, and John and Melissa Swofford of Midlothian; four granddaughters and husbands, Diane and Doug Horner of Baird, Lynne and Stephen Settle of Austin, Sharla Durham of Chino Hills, California, and Shelley Swofford of Clyde; and twelve great-grandchildren.

Services were held at 1 p.m. Saturday, February 12, 2000, at the Bailey Funeral Home Chapel with Reverend H.B. Terry and Dr. Jerry Joplin officiating. Burial followed in the Clyde Cemetery under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home in Clyde.

### Vanity Claresee Woods

WINTERS-Vanity Claresee Woods, infant daughter of Cindy Nava and Otis Brooks Woods was stillborn on Thursday, February 10, 2000, at San Angelo Community Hospital. Survivors include her parents; a sister, Anissa Sarah Woods of

Coleman; maternal grandparents, Demetrio Jr. and Betty Martinez of Winters; paternal grandparents, Alfreda and Charles Nickerson of Coleman; maternal great-grandparents, Felix Sr. and Edna Cortez of Winters; and paternal great-grandfather, William Colbert of Las Vegas, Nevada.

Services were held at 10 a.m. on Saturday, February 12, at Babyland in Lakeview Cemetery in Winters under the direction of Winters Funeral Home

#### Andrew A. Wilde

ROWENA-Andrew A. Wilde, 94, died Monday, January 7, 2000, at Shannon Medical Center in San Angelo after a short illness.

He was born June 11, 1905, in Westphalia to Ben and Mary Fuchs Wilde. He attended St. Edwards University in Austin and married Minnie Willberg on November 24, 1931, in Rowena.

Mr. Wilde owned and operated Wilde Gin Company in Rowena with his father and brothers for many years and continued the business with his son Carl until retirement. He was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Rowena, where he served on the Church Council and St. Joseph School Board for many years. He was also a member of Rowena Knights of Columbus Council #2636.

He was proceded in death by his parents; four brothers, Albert, Ben J., Arthur, and Victor Wilde; two sisters, Otillia Moeller and Helen Kasberg; and one son-in-law, Joe Kozelsky, Jr.

Survivors include his wife, Minnie Wilde of Rowena; one son, Carl James Wilde and wife Jeanette of Rowena; one daughter, Janet Kozelsky of Ballinger; five grandchildren, Lisa Kasberg of Birome, Darrell Wilde of Keller, Denise Medrano of Rowena, Tim Kozelsly of Pearland, and Darren Andrew Kozelsky of Arlington; and seven great-grandchildren.

Rosary was held at 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, January 8, at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Rowena. Funeral mass was at 10:00 a.m. Wednesday, January 9, at St. Joseph Catholic Church with Father Stephen Kennelly officiating. Burial followed in the St. Joseph Cemetery in Rowena, directed by Rains-Seal Funeral Home of Ballinger.

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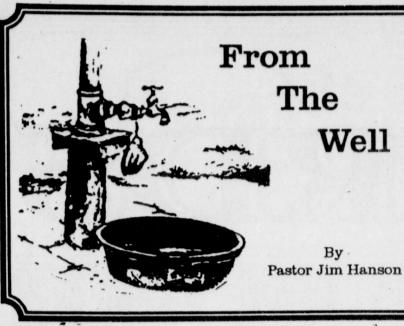
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One night, early last fall, my son John called. He talked about his hunting trip in Northern Wisconsin. We talked about his kids...his wife...and the church he serves. Then, all of a sudden, his voice softened. And he said it..."Kirk died."

And, I cried.

And he went on to tell how. Kirk was going for a walk...alongside the road. It was dark. And the good old dog didn't see or hear too well anymore. And, he was right in the middle of the right hand lane. He got hit. By a car. And died instantly.

Kirk was a real dog. Big. Mostly "lab." A man's dog. A kid's dog. Lived in his dog house in front of the parsonage on a hill in central Wisconsin.

He started his life at a Seminary! Just a pup, John had given him to a friend for a wedding present. The bride said, "No way," so Kirk came to live with John in a room in the dormitory. That summer, when John went off to work at a Church Camp, Kirk went along. When John and Julie got Married, Kirk was there, waiting for them, when they came home from their honeymoon.

Ramona and I first met him at Flathead Lake near Kalispell, Montana. He was wonderful. He'd pick up a stick, come over to me, drop it at my feet, and head for the lake. Then it was up to me to throw it, out, into the lake. And he'd go after it, and come back dripping wet, and lay the stick at my feet. And look up, as if to say, "What are you waiting for?"

He went with John and Julie to another church camp-this one in Wisconsin. As the family grew, Kirk's responsibilities grew.

He'd haul them around in a cart in the summer, and on a sled in the winter. He'd let them ride on his back, pull on his hide. He'd just seem to love it.

He didn't ever forget me...old grandpa that I am. Wherever he was living, when I'd pull up in the car and open the door and step out-he'd be there. Wagging his tail. Look at me. And then rub up on me-ready to go. For we had become "walkers."

Whenever I'd get up in the morning and get ready to go for a walk, he'd be there at my side in a matter of moments. And, off we'd go. Up and down the hills on that country road. He'd hit the ditches and do his thing...but he'd always come back to walk at my side.

As the kids got older, they'd join us. Peter, Rachel, and Mara. Later on, Abigail. We were sort of a squad, a "dog squad." It was fun. We'd look for wild flowers to take home to "mom." Or look for the birds.

He was not a "barker." Once in a while...when a real strange car would pull up...he might. I only heard him growl once. We were sitting on the bench looking at John and his wife weeding the garden. (I had been...I needed a break!) On the far side of the garden was a shelter belt. There was an opening in the trees, a kind of path. For some reason my eyes found that space, and at that very moment I spotted a wolf there. So did the kids. Kirk growled. I mean-his hair stood up on end...as did mine. And the wolf ran away. He knew this was Kirk's territory! I reached over and scratched his neck and said, "Good dog." He was the guardian of the family.

I miss him. When I was up north this January the dog house was empty. And, as I went for a walk I could almost feel him walking beside me. I grieved.

I never have had a dog. But I can really understand how some can be "a man's best friend." Kirk was surely a friend of mine.

Some folks wonder if dogs go to heaven. Billy Graham says they do, if we truly want them to be there. Mark, the one who wrote the second book of the New Testament, tells us that Jesus said "Preach the gospel to all creatures." That could surely include dogs.

The other day I got a piece on the Inter-net. It was a lesson. A lesson taught by a dog. In answer to a very important question. It went like

A man was in the hospital. Dying. One day he asked his doctor, "Do you know what it's like on the other side?" The doctor replied, "I have some ideas about it, but I can't say that I know." The patient retorted, "You, a Christian doctor...and you don't know?"

Just then the doctor heard a scratching on the door...and an eager whining. He opened the door, and his dog leaped in and jumped all over

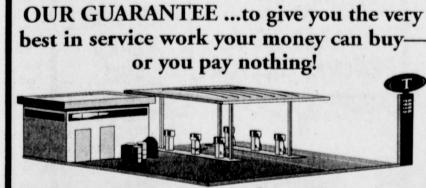
The doctor then said, "My dog has never been in this room before. He truly knows nothing about this room. But he knew his master was in that room. And that's all he needed to know. And so ... it is with me.

I don't know what it's like on the other side. But I do know that my Master is there.

And that's all I need to know."

Me, too. And you, too. How else do we "enter into the joy of" our Master?

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MRS. EULA MAE KRUSE (left) is congratulated on her 90th birthday celebration by sister-in-law Mrs. Walter "Sippy" Kruse, who is a mere 96 years young. Eula Mae, was boarding with Sippy and Walter in 1929, when they introduced her to Walter's brother, Charles, at a Bib and Apron party. It was "love at first sight, "according to Eula Mae, and the couple wed Sept. 17, 1930. Much reminiscing was shared by friends, family and former students who attended the reception on Feb. 12 at St. John's Lutheran Church Fellowhip Hall.

## Mrs. Eula Mae Kruse celebrates 90th birthday

ored Saturday with a reception at St. John's Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall, commemorating her 90th birthday. The event was hosted by her children James Charles (Jimmy) and Wanda Kruse and Charles and Lynann Simpson and grandchildren, and was attended by friends, family and former students.

Eula Mae Barker was born February 18, 1910, the eighth of nine children to Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Barker, pioneer settlers of Runnels County.

She graduated from Ballinger High School in May, 1928, then enrolled in the University of Texas at Austin. She then transferred to West Texas State Teachers College at Canyon, Texas, and then qualified for a temporary teacher's certificate.

sity, then attended five summer sessions at Sul Ross State Teachers College in Alpine, receiving a August, 1942. She received her honor society in 1948. Master's Degree from Hardin-Simmons University in Abilene in August, 1951

spanned forty years, began at Dale, a small rural school in Runnels County, six miles southeast of Winters. She said, "My salary was a whopping \$90 per month! My room and board cost me \$25 per month, so I had \$65 left to

Mrs. Eula Mae Kruse was hon- spend as I pleased. I was rich!" She said the mile and a half walk to and from school each day

> "was no chore." After seven years at Dale School, she moved to Harmony School, about eight miles northeast of Dale, where she taught for four years.

> In the fall of 1940, she began teaching at Winters, where she taught for twenty-nine years until her retirement on May 31,1971. She spent her entire teaching career within a radius of ten miles.

> She was a charter member of the Winters Classroom Teachers Association, and served as the first president of the Runnels County Retired Teachers Association which was organized in 1974.

Among her many honors, she received the coveted John H. Lovelady Lifetime for Youth She returned to Texas Univer- Award at Houston during the Texas Future Teachers of America State Convention in 1971. She was initiated into the Alpha Beta Bachelor of Science Degree in Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma

Mrs. Kruse has also been involved in many civic and church organizations. She has been a Her teaching career, which member of St. John's Lutheran Church since 1937.

She married Charles Kruse on September 17, 1930. He died August 19, 1985, after a lengthy battle with cancer.

In addition to her two children and their spouses, Mrs. Kruse has five grandchildren.

## **Health Notes**

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#### **EMPHYSEMA**

The most common cause of death from respiratory disease in the United States, emphysema is one of several diseases usually labeled collectively as chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD).

Emphysema appears to be more prevalent in men than in women; about 65% of patients with well-defined emphysema are men, about 35% are women. Postmortem findings reveal few adult lungs without some degree of emphysema.

#### Diagnostic Tests

· Chest x-rays in advanced disease may show a flattened diaphragm, reduced vascular markings at the lung perphery, overaeration of the lungs, a vertical heart, enlarged anteroposterior chest diameter, and large retrosternal

· Pulmonary function tests typically indicate increased residual volume and total lung capacity, reduced diffusing capacity, and increased inspiratory

· Arterial blood gas analysis usually shows reduced PaO2 and normal PaCO<sub>2</sub> until late in the disease. Electrocardiography may reveal tall, symmetrical P waves in leads II, III,

and a V<sub>D</sub> vertical QRS axis; and signs of right ventricular hypertrophy late in · Red blood cell count usually demonstrates an increased hemoglobin

vel late in the disease when the patient has persistent severe hypoxia.

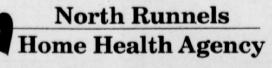
Emphysema management usually includes bronchodilators, such as aminophylline, to promote mucociliary clearance; antibiotics to treat respiratory tract infection; and immunizations to prevent influenza and

Other treatment measures include adequate hydration and (in selected patients) chest physiotherapy to mobilize secretions.

Some patients may require oxygen therapy (at low settings) to correct hypoxia. They may also require transtracheal catheterization to receive oxygen at home. Counseling about avoiding smoking and air pollutants is necessary.

Remember, patients always have the right to choose their Home Health Agency.

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# Dr. Keith's Health Tips

by Keith Boles, M.D.

National Heart Disease Month-

## Lifestyle changes a must to prevent heart attacks

February is Heart Disease Month so this article will attempt to inform you about the number 1 killer in the United States.

When heart disease is mentioned most people are talking about coronary artery disease which is blockages of the blood vessels which supply the heart. When these blockages become severe, they cause heart attacks.

What causes these blockages? Lots of chicken fried steak. And a few other things. Risk factors for Coronary Disease are age 45 in males, 55 in females, high cholesterol, smoking, high blood pressure, diabetes, and inactivity (sedentary lifestyle).

An additional risk factor that weighs pretty heavily is family history. Family history becomes even more important if a first degree relative (parents or siblings) has had a heart attack at age 45 for males and 55 for females.

Even if you have a strong family history of heart disease, the best thing you can do to prevent heart attacks is EXERCISE and EAT RIGHT!! By far, these Lifestyle Changes can do alot more than any doctor can to prevent heart attacks.

But here in West Texas, the Chicken Fried Steak capital of the world, I sometimes feel like I'm beating my head against the wall when talking about these ideals. Even here, though, you can get a grilled chicken sandwich (cut the mayo because of its fat content) at the local fast food eatery.

The pizza place also has a nice salad so you do have choices!! It seems to be a macho thing to eat high fat foods. I haven't figured and when you sit on the couch it that one out yet. If you find yourgoes away. See your physician if self craving these high fat foods, limit them to one meal each week. Splurge and enjoy that one meal a week, but, stick to the low-fat diet the other 20 meals a week.

How about exercise? Since there's no Gold's Gym here in the Agri-plex, we're limited once again. But we have nice weather in which to walk or jog and a nice track to do the same. Three times a week will keep you away from the cardiologist.

I don't buy that "I don't have time bit." Just keep a log of how many hours a week you sit and watch TV and then talk to me about lack of time.

Now cholesterol. I recommend checking your cholesterol when you hit 35 years of age. High cholesterol can also be genetic (run in families).

We used to go by total cholesterol (over 200 was bad), but now we go by Bad cholesterol only, which is LDL (low density lipoprotein). The levels we go by depend on your risk factors for coronary disease. There are lots of good medicines that lower cholesterol if Lifestyle Changes

don't quite cut the mustard. Let's go over the symptoms of a heart attack or coronary artery disease. Chest pain associated with heart attacks is what physicians call angina. This is usually a constant pressure-type discomfort just under the sternum.

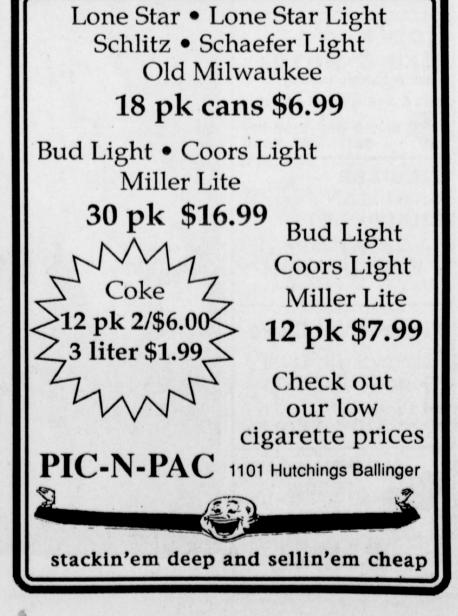
Sharp pains in your chest you get every now and then that last only seconds at a time are probably just chest wall pains and not from the heart.

Angina is also associated with nausea, sweating, and radiation of the discomfort down the left arm or into the jaw. Angina is usually worse with exertion. When you walk to the mailbox, it's worse you're having any of these symp-

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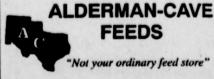
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**Breakfast** Monday-Feb. 21 **Biscuits** 

Sausage Juice Tuesday-Feb. 22 Toast

Cereal Juice Wednesday-Feb. 23

**Blueberry Muffins** Cereal Juice

Thursday-Feb. 24 Pancakes/Syrup Cereal Juice

Friday-Feb. 25 Cheese Toast Cereal Juice

Lunch Monday-Feb. 21 Pizza

Corn June Peas Chocolate Pudding Tuesday-Feb. 22 Chicken Nuggets/Gravy Mashed Potatoes

Green Beans Pears Hot Roll Wednesday-Feb. 23 Taco/Meat/Cheese **Tossed Salad** Red Beans Fruit

Brownie Thursday-Feb. 24 Turkey Roast/Gravy **Mashed Potatoes** June Peas Pineapple Chunks Hot Roll Friday-Feb. 25 Barbecue on Bun

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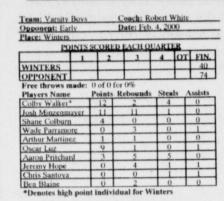
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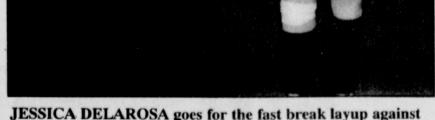
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the Johnson City defender.

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Jarrett Gerhart						

were never able to get things to fall for us. These guys played hard and did a good job. It was one of those situations to where we didn't get beat, the time just ran out on us. Good job

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Heather Martin		2	0	1	0
Lauren Hogan		0	2	0	0
Stacy Walden		3	4	0	0
Lacey Meyer		2	0	0	0
Kirby Hatler*		5	0	1	0
Jeana Bahlman		0	4	0	1
Michelle Dexte		0	1	2	1
Lori Bredemey	ег	3	0	1	0
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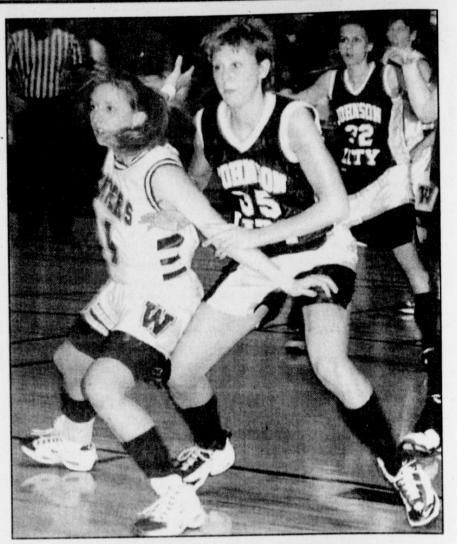
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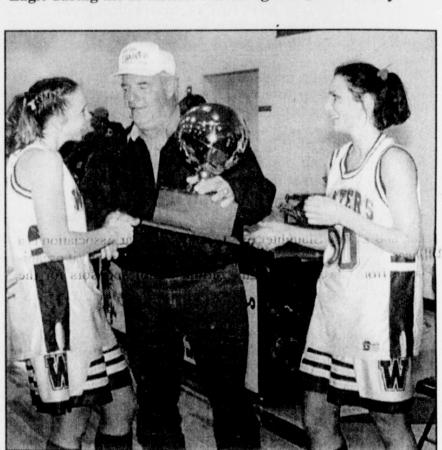
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Thomas Rice		4	2		0	0
Sky Salinas*		5	4		0	0
Jose Hernandez		3	0		4	0
Matthew Gray		0	0		0	0
Scott Bryan		0	0		0	0
Shawn Kraatz		0	0		0	0
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KACI McCUISTION, WHS junior, blocks out the 6'0" Lady Eagle during the bi-district contest against Johnson City.



ACCEPTING THE BI-DISTRICT TROPHY from WHS Principal Charles Kidwell are Lady Blizzard seniors Kelli Slimp (left) and Jana Presley.

#### CHAMPIONS, cont'd. -

Coach Fowler added, "Man, all the way to Austin." we really appreciate the commugreat. We hope to keep doing that area competition.

The Lady Blizzards will meet nity support, and the student body the Lady Comanches from Shiner that showed up was super. All the at Lampasas High School gym on signs (in the gym) were really Friday, Feb. 18 at 7:30 p.m. in

Thanks Winters for your support! Go Blue!

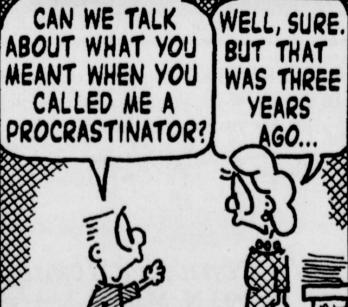
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## Wes Calcote to play for South in Big **Country All-Star Football Classic June 3**

Wes Calcote of Winters High School has been chosen to play for the South team in the inaugural Big Country All-Star Football Classic to be held Saturday, June 3, in Abilene's Shotwell Stadium.

Wes, the son of Larry and Bobbie Calcote, was one of 70 area athletes selected for the first annual game, which benefits the Big Country Chapter of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA).

Representing 38 area schools. the rosters for the North and South squads were announced at a press conference last Saturday at the Ramada Inn in Abilene.

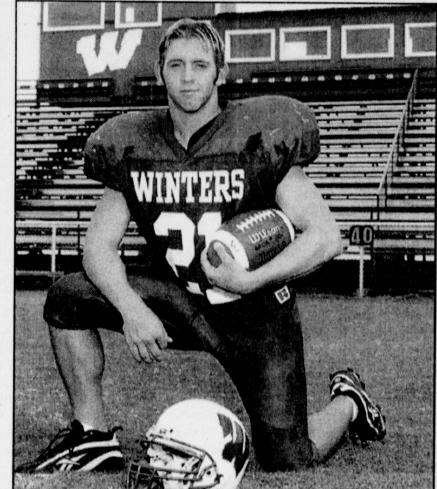
About 100 players were nominated by their head coaches for the game, which features schools from an approximate 75-mile radius of Abilene. The teams were chosen by a selection committee made up of the eight all-star coaches, former McMurry College coach Wilford Moore, retired Abilene Reporter News sportswriter Bill Hart and radio sportscaster Jimmy Pogue.

The North team will be coached by Steve Warren of Abilene High and assistants Hank Dowell of Sweetwater, Denny Faith of Albany, and Gerald James of Colorado City.

Hugh Sandifer of Abilene Friday night, June 2. Wylie will be the head coach for Ballinger.

Class A, in addition to two players from Abilene Christian High School, a private six-man program, make up the team. By classification, the two 35-man squads big Country Athletics, Fastsigns, break down like this: 8 from 5A, First National Bank of Abilene, 12 from 4A, 17 from 3A, 14 from Harv-al Athletic Wear Manufac-2A, 17 from A, plus the two players from ACHS.

Sixteen additional players were selected as alternates and will participate if a roster spot becomes available due to injury or other circumstances.



Teams will report for two-aday workouts on Tuesday, May 30. A Sharing the Victory Banquet honoring the players and local FCA huddle members will be held

All proceeds generated from the South, along with assistants the game will benefit the Big Steve Freeman of Brownwood, Country chapter of the Fellowship Randy Quisenberry of Abilene of Christian Athletes. The Big honoring the top players in the Cooper, and Danny Slaughter of Country All-Star Association is a game. newly formed non-profit organi-Players from Class 5A through zation. Major sponsors for the event are Dr. Pepper and Lawrence Hall Chevrolet. Other key sponsors include Abilene Dianostic Clinic, Athletic Supply, turing, HealthSouth, KTAB-TV, Ramada Inn of Abilene, Riddell, and West Texas Utilities.

> The game will be televised and shown on tape delay by KTAB-TV of Abilene. A live radio broadcast will be produced in Abilene

## Freshmen boys win district basketball championship

The WHS freshmen boys basketball team finished the 1999-2000 season as district champions. The Blizzards lost only one district game, early in the season to Coleman.

"The starting five did an outstanding job this year," according to Coach Shane Mobley, "with Mark Moreno and his 3-point shot, Dustin Palmertree with his outside shot, Brian Pritchard who will drive the ball to the goal if you give him a little bit of a lane, Guy Slimp who is the king of assists to the Big Dog—Rusty (Big Dog) Jackson who had an inside

game that no one could stop. "Rusty was high scorer this

year with over 240 points in 12 games-yes I taught him everything he knows," joked Mobley. These guys couldn't have done

it without the help of the rest of the team which included Alex Blackerby, Yul Gibbs, Jarrett Gerhart, Matt Meyer, Matt Moreno, Tim Medina, and Brandon Davis.

Thanks to the families and friends-for all the support and helping to make it a dominating

## **Winters Community Baseball** second registration tonight

Winters Community Baseball eliminate alot of confusion when continues their plans for the 2000 season. The second registration for baseball and softball players will be held on Thursday, February 17, following PIPS practice, in the school cafeteria 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

Everyone needs to bring a copy of their child's birth certificate to verify the child's age. This will 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.

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Contact Coach Ken Fowler 754-5223 at WHS



#### 2000 Blizzard Tennis Schedule Varsity & Junior Varsity

March 3-4 March 10-11 March 17-18 March 24-25 March 24-25 March 31-April 1 April 5-6 April 26-27

May 8-9

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#### 2000 BLIZZARD HIGH SCHOOL TRACK SCHEDULE

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Sat., March 4	Roscoe - Boys	
Sat., March 11	Eldorado - Boys/Girls	
Sat., March 18	Sweetwater - Boys/Girls	
Fri. & Sat., March 24 & 25	San Angelo Relays - Boys	
Sat., March 25	A.C.U. Relays - Girls	
Sat., April 1	Coleman - Boys/Girls	
Sat., April 8	Winters - Boys/Girls	
Mon. & Tues, April 15 & 16	DISTRICT - Bangs	
Fri. & Sat., April 28 & 29	<b>REGIONAL- San Marcus</b>	
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#### 2000 BREEZES JR. HIGH SCHOOL TRACK **SCHEDULE**

Fri., March 3	Wall
Fri., March 10	Merkel
Fri, March 31	Jim Ned
Fri., March 3 Fri., March 10 Fri, March 31 Thurs., April 6	DISTRICT - Winters

#### 2000 LADY BLIZZARDS SOFTBALL SCHEDULE BASEBALL 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	Loriane*	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
March 31	Miles*	There	4:30
April 3	Abilene High Soph.	There	4:30
April 7	Hermleigh*	Here	5:00
April 11	Coahoma*	There	5:00
April 14	Jim Ned*	Here	5:00
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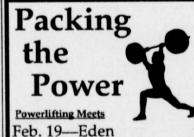
# 2000 VARSITY BLIZZARDS

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

Friends of the Z. I. Hale Museum will host a Stew Lunch today, Thursday, February 17, from 11a.m. to 1 p.m. at The Rock Ho-

The meal will include homemade stew, cornbread, dessert and drink for \$5. Takeouts will be

wards the upkeep and restoration of the museum.



Feb. 19—Eden Feb. 26—Colorado City March 11—Regional at Levelland March 25—State at Killeen

## 2000 **Blizzard** Golf Schedule

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

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Joanie Sherman & Chester Plumley

## Joanie Sherman to wed **Chester Plumley Feb. 26**

Robert and Joann Sherman of Winters announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Joanie Sherman, to Chester Plumley of Ballinger. He is the son of Bonnie Plumley and Kenneth Plumley of Ballinger.

The couple will marry at 3 p.m. on Saturday, February 26, 2000, at the Winters Christian Fellowship Church.

The bride-elect is scheduled to graduate from Abilene High School in May, 2000.

The future groom is a 1997 graduate of Rochelle High School. He is employed by Mueller's in Ballinger.

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#### **Crews News**

By Hilda Kurtz

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Note: Hopewell Baptist Church will not be having any evening services on Sunday, February 20, in case the ones that would like to attend the Runnels Association Music Festival at the First Baptist Church in Winters.

Hopewell Baptist Church had no Sunday visitors. The Hopewell Ladies Bible Study ladies will meet next week.

Jessie and Al Collom's son Dale Collom of Dallas spent the day on Saturday.

Brother Ferris and Ramona Akins of Ballinger enjoyed Sunday dinner with Fairy and Wilbert Alcorn. Ramona—I read your sweet card not once, but again and again. It made my "day."

Nila and Therin Osborne spent Friday evening and had supper with Wesley, Karen, and Stefanie McGallian. Louise Osborne came out and spent Sunday afternoon with the Osbornes.

Coleman Foreman went in twice this week to be with Lawan in the Winters Nursing Home.

Haley and Tammy Kaczyk of Winters and Horace Gibbs of Rising Star spent Saturday with Connie and Georgia Gibbs.

Linda Duggan spent Sunday in San Angelo with Aunt Frances Brown and ran some errands and shopped.

Bernie and Jeff McCoy of Abilene came out and had supper with Linda and Dale Duggan on Thursday. Linda and Dale spent Sunday in Abilene with daughter Katy and Kyle Grigsby and Kyle's mother LaNell.

Bill and Sharon Grissom's son Monty and his two children, Ariel and Nickie Grissom of Midland spent several days and "had more

my sister Josie in California. She had three tenths of much needed rain. Said everything was looking

Carolyn Webb spent a few days visit with family and friends.

Stew Lunch Friends of the Z.I. Hale Museum



in Austin with her daughter and granddaughters Jennifer, Stephanie, Amanda, and Ashley Webb.

She also visited a few old friends, Max and Maribel Rychlik and H.B. Laudan. She also helped H.B. with his garage sale to open in a few days. Carolyn visited with her son Gene and Michelle Webb on Saturday.

Doris Wood's grandsons Larry and Wes Calcote of Winters spent Sunday with her.

Kenny and Eileen Cartwright celebrated their sixth anniversary during the week in Abilene. They attended the movie The Green Mile and ate out afterwards.

Many more of these anniversa-

Jeremy and Tiffany Prater spent the past week in San Angelo with Mike Prater.

Herbert and Evelyn Jacob visited with Margie Jacob on Monday night. They enjoyed playing Skipbo.

Sharon Engler from Brownwood spent Tuesday night with Margie after returning from Abilene.

On Wednesday, Laverne Goetz, Sybill Waller, Sharon Engler, Beverly VanZandt, and Margie Jacob had lunch together at the Senior Citizens Activity Center. They later gathered at Laverne's to play cards and visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Engler, D.J. and Laverne Goetz, Sybill Waller, Carol and Mike Kozelsky, Margie Jacob, and Herbert and Evelyn Jacob attended the services on the I had a long phone visit with Chaplet on Divine Mercy at St. Mary's Church in Ballinger on Wednesday night.

Corey VanZandt from Lubbock was home over the weekend to

Thursday, February 17

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#### Hannah Elizabeth McGuire

Russell and Michelle (Bryan) McGuire of Hawley, are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Hannah Elizabeth McGuire. She is also welcomed home by two brothers, Kevin and Trevor McGuire of Abilene.

Hannah was born September 21, 1999, at Hendrick Medical Center in Abilene. She weighed 7 3/4 lbs. and was 19 1/2 inches long at

Maternal grandparents are Sealy and Nancy Bryan of Winters. Maternal great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Glen Bryan of Norton.

#### Bryn Elise Tvedt

Pastor Jim and Ramona Hanson are most happy to finally announce the birth of their new granddaughter, Bryn Elise Tvedt. She is the daughter of Dan and Katie Tvedt of Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

Born on Saturday, February 12, 2000, Bryn weighed 8 lbs. 10 ozs. She is also welcomed home by big brother Hans, age 5, and big sister, Ciri, age 3.

The Hanson's "would like to thank y'all for all your prayers."

#### Clara Heaven Katherine Willborn

Johnny and Jennifer Willborn of Winters are proud to announce the birth of a baby girl, Clara Heaven Katherine Willborn.

Clara Heaven Katherine was born at 8:32 a.m. on Tuesday, February 1, 2000, at Abilene Regional Medical Center. She weighed 6 lbs., 13 oz. and was 19 inches long.

She was welcomed home by two sisters, Allyson Willborn of Coleman and Kimberly Willborn of Winters; and one brother, Michael

Maternal grandparents are Jerry and Pam Ripple of San Angelo. Paternal grandparents are Ronnie and Debbie Willborn of Las Ve-

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of the organization and Anthony Lange of Norton is serving as treasurer.

Commissioners ratified a contract with the Carnegie Library of Ballinger and agreed to fund the library with \$4,950 for the 2000 calendar year.

The court also voted to retain the law firm of Biggerstaff, Heath, Smiley, Pollan, Kever and Mc-Donald L.L.P. to provide redistricting services for the county following the 2000 census.

A rental agreement between the county and Freddie and John Medrano was approved at a cost of \$40 per month. The agreement covers the property used by Precinct 1 for parking of county equipment and vehicles.

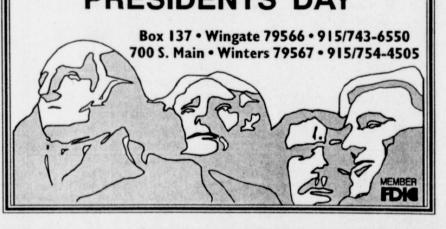
Advertising for bids for asphalt and topping rock was approved by commissioners.

Finally, Commissioner Skipper Wheeless reported that with cooperation between Precinct 1 and the City of Ballinger, a drainage ditch in South Ballinger had been cleaned out and he and City Administrator Tommy New had agreed to cooperate in keeping the ditch cleaned out in the future.



Esther Cleveland, the second child of President Grover Cleveland, is the only child to have been born in the White House.

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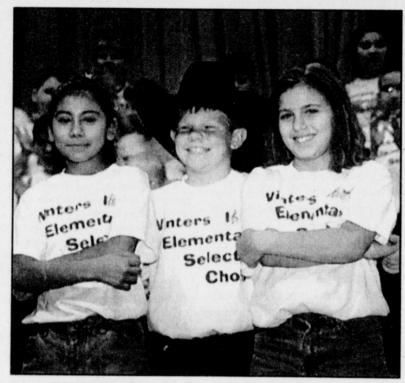
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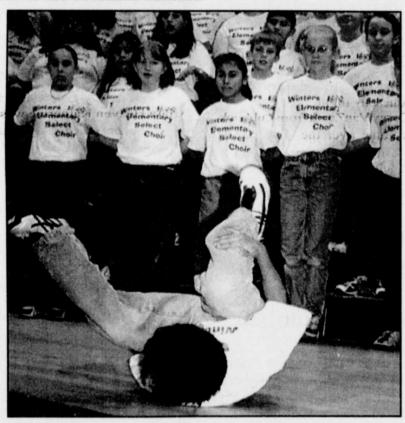
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"CELEBRATING 2000" was the theme of the recent musical program by the Winters Elementary Select Choir. The 79-member group, by invitation, performed at E. L. Kent Elementary School in Carrollton on Jan. 28, and spent the remainder of the day sightseeing and visiting the Natural Museum of Texas History, the Aquarium, and the Omni Theatre. The choir is under the direction of Elementary Music Teacher Fran Kidwell, assisted by Joanie Prado, fourth grade teacher.

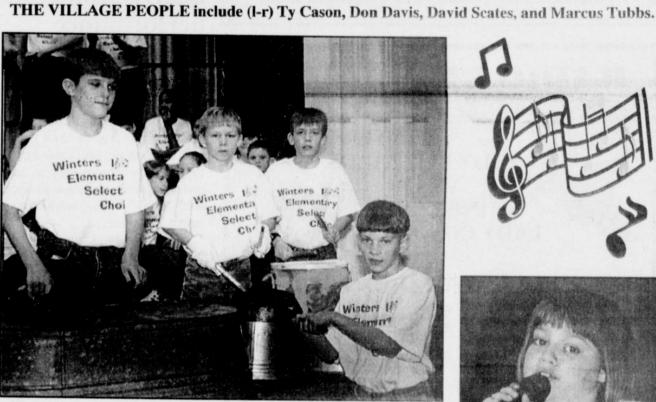


WESTERN SWING DANCERS are (I-r) Nicole Fields, Keegan Kurtz and Savannah Sanchez.



JOSE MORENO goes through some fancy moves during his breakdancing routine portion of the program.





WASHPOT AND SKILLET DRUMMERS are (I-r) L. J. Nitsch, Justin Fenwick, Bryce Wilkerson and Ben Hord.



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ADRIENNE MONTGOM-ERY showed poise and talent

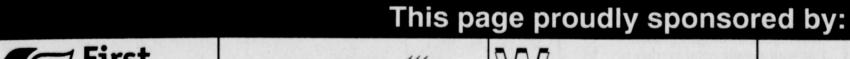




SINGING FOR THE FUN OF IT include these choir members (I-r) Adrienne Montgomery, Javier Rodriguez, Jessica Meyer and Erica Lujano. Choir members practiced daily during school hours along with extra night rehearsals in preparation for their big performance in Carrollton.



FRAN KIDWELL (left), Elementary School Music Teacher, and her assistant, Joanie Prado, fourth grade teacher, are the forces behind the magical performances of the Elementary Select Choir.

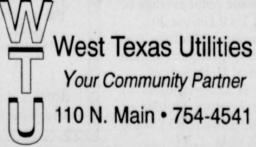




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## More childhood memories...

This is the second of a two part series from a letter Vermelle Roberts wrote to her sister Geneva Emmert on the occasion of her 100 birthday.

We received only one newspaper once a week. Papa sat on the front porch in a swing on Sunday and read the paper to us from front to back.

Mama wrote poems, like the one about ironing towels for Papa's barber shop, and entertained us with stories and riddles. News now comes from radio. cable, satellite, and the Internet and e-mail.

My boys, Don and Jim, have a fax machine; their customers can describe the purpose and size of what they need, see a sketch of what it will look like and order it custom made, all by fax.

Next, they are going "on-line" with a computer. The computer appears to be the outstanding invention of the 1900's, but there are questions as to how it is used, for good or bad.

Remember the old black pot that Mama boiled dirty clothes in? There was a rub board, a clothesline, and the sun to dry. One whole day a week was washday. Now washing machines and dryers work in just a few hours—what a great thing!

All the changes have made life more comfortable and buys more time. Diagnosing illnesses early, new medical treatment and surgeries have contributed to longer that people have not progressed

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life; great progress has been made. We took care of our parents in the home when wither became ill or disabled.

Now the children have to make a living in this modern world, so Mom and Pop are moved into a modern health care facility. Some people are very lonely; their children live far away or else have deceased.

I would like to go back to when you had the first grandchild for Mama and Papa. It was the year 1922; our youngest brother Payne was three months old.

Mama was nursing Payne from her breast and Jack and I were playing nearby while Mama read your letter that you have given birth to your first child, a son, named after our father, Joseph. Mama looked down at little Payne and said, "Hello Uncle Payne."

She looked at Jack and me and said "How would you like to be called Aunt Vermelle and Uncle Jack?" and tears rolled down her cheeks. We didn't use telephones or telegrams in those days—you could wait and wait for letters to

What is said to me, Sister, is

in their values; character development is delayed; people are not maturing. People are not taking responsibility for their actions: population explosion, drugs, crime, disease, alcoholism, mental illness, child and wife abuse...

And don't forget, men are also verbally abused and they suffer, too; they either take it or just walk away. Somehow people have regressed.

Children and young people have been neglected due to "progress;" our material needs are greater and Moms feel a need to work in order to supplement the father's income.

Teachers tell me youngsters do not know that God gave us the Ten Commandments and The Golden Rule as guidelines for living. Not only God's guidance, but the respect of the law of the USA: the Constitution is being abused.

I have always had an optimistic attitude toward life and always look forward to tomorrow, but today I am sad and wonder how we are going to make it through the next Millennium. Just pray and have faith, I guess.

I pray that I can attend your 100th birthday. I hope we can watch the 2000th year come in and see what the Millennium holds in store for the people of America.

Your loving sister, Vermelle

#### Official Records

**County Court** Marriage Licenses Filed February 7

Grady Lee Campbell and Marie Chester Gwyn Plumley and Robin

Jean Sherman February 9 Victor Orozco and Von-Dean

Gutierrez February 11 Stephen Randall Herrington and Jenny

**District Court Divorce Cases Filed** February 4

Gregory Dean Walden vs. Annie Louise Walden

February 9 Bruce R. Storms v. Nancy Jean Storms

#### In Appreciation

#### Card of Thanks

The kindness and sympathy of friends and neighbors meant so much to us in our loss. Our sincere thanks and gratitude for your many comforting acts. May God bless each of you.

The family of Winnie Sneed

#### Card of Thanks

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our friends and relatives who helped us with our wonderful 50th anniversary celebration on Jan. 16. Thanks for all the cards, well wishes, and gifts.

To each and everyone may God bless you abundantly as He has us. We love you all.

Jack & Frances Davis

families and friends in the Win-

The Polston family would also

Grand Court, Gloria Guerrero,

and the many people who helped

The family of

Charlene Blanche "Pat" Polston

**Association to host** 

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The executive board and WMU

A meal will follow the music

The public is invited to attend.

tion will meet Sunday, February

20, at First Baptist Church in Win-

at 4:00 p.m. Dale Ellis, Associa-

tion music director, will be in

**Runnels Baptist** 

Sunday, Feb. 20

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#### Card of Thanks Workshops to Ben and Bill and their families analyze calf crop are thankful for the love and supperformance port received from their church

Ranchers interested in comters community. mance Analysis (SPA) of their like to thank Dr. Paul Borgfield, 1999 calf crops can attend workshops beginning in March.

The Texas Agricultural Extension Service is giving ranchers in the state the opportunity to complete this production and financial analysis by offering workshops in seven locations.

The workshops are as follows: March 14-15 in Amarillo, April 19-20 in San Angelo, April 26-27 in Ardmore, Oklahoma, May 4-5 in Laredo, May 9-10 in Vernon, May 24-25 in Victoria and June 7-8 in Paris.

The opening session will begin with an overview of the Texas Cow-Calf SPA. According to James McGrann, extension agricultural economist, ranch managers use the SPA to measure performance and manage improvements of their cow-calf operations. Presently, data for 151,000 cows are maintained on 215 Texas herds throughout this analytical

Throughout the day, district extension specialists and county agents will assist producers in organizing their data for the analysis and using SPA production and financial software. Individual conferences will be held with ranchers the following day to interpret the SPA results.

The registration fee is \$150 per ranch and includes the software and educational materials. The fee is \$100 for ranchers who have completed the analysis in the past. Registered operators will be sent forms to organize their data before the workshops.

For further information and to register, contact James McGrann at (409) 845-1861 or imcgrann@tamu.edu.

# **Holder on TTU**

He is a freshman biology major and a 1999 graduate of San Angelo Central High School.

Kenneth is the grandson of Robert and Adeline Holder of Winters, and Norbert and Lucille

#### **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,

February 6, 2000, through Saturday, February 12, 2000. Winters Police Officers: • stopped a 1991 Nissan car for speeding on N. Main Street. After contacting the driver, the officer noticed a strong odor of marijuana coming from within the vehicle. A subsequent search revealed small amounts of marijuana hidden throughout the vehicle. Charles Walter Stowers of Vernon, Texas, was arrested for possession of marijuana under 2 oz. and taken to Runnels County Jail.

· received a report of a vehicle left parked in front of the fire department blocking the bay doors. Witnesses stated that a Hispanic male subject parked the vehicle, a 1982 Olds, and walked away. A license check revealed that the vehicle had fictitious registration and inspection and was towed for numerous violations. As of 02-13-00, no one has come forward to claim the vehicle from the wrecking yard.

 received information of a wanted subject in the 400 block of E. Dale Street. Catherine Plumley Asebiz of Winters was found to have an outstanding warrant from Levelland, Texas, for theft by check. She was taken to Runnels County Jail.

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· received warrant information on a subject for failure to comply with a court order (failure to attend school). The subject, Julian Ray Nava, of Winters was located in the 700 block of Alexander Street and arrested for the warrant and taken to Runnels

County Jail. • received a report of a dog bite victim in the 100 block of Novice Road. A 49-yearold male of Winters was bitten on the left forearm by a German Shepard when the male approached a residence in the 100 block of Novice Road. The male was treated for minor injuries and the dog was quarantined for 10 days.

• while investigating a domestic dispute, deemed a female subject to be the cause of the dispute and ordered her to leave the residence. As the female was leaving, she stated she had been threatened by family members and the officer advised her how to file charges. The female then began shouting vulgar and obscene language, committing a breach of the peace. Martha Raynille Perkins was arrested for disorderly conduct and taken to Runnels County Jail.

• stopped a vehicle for speeding on N. Main Street. A license check of the driver revealed outstanding Department of Public Safety warrants totaling \$533. The driver, Kristie Lynn Juarez, was unable to pay the fines and was arrested and taken to Runnels County Jail.

• received a report of vandalism in the 200 block of Paloma Street in which a yard ornament was removed from the front yard of one residence, carried across the street, then broken in the front yard of another residence. This case is under investigation as criminal mischief with damages estimated at \$50.

• received a report of fight in progress in the 500 block of Bowen Street involving 45-year-old male of Winters and a 38-year-old male of Abilene. The 38-year-old male was issued a citation for assault by offensive contact and a separation was made of all parties involved.

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:

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PETE OCHOA

Un hombre hispano de 23 años de edad que habita en 505 N. Rogers, Winters, Tejas. Fue declarado culpable por Intento sexual asalto de un niña. La victima fue una niña de 16 años de edad.

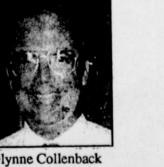
For more info on local sex offenders, visit the Texas DPS web site at http://records.txdps.state.tx.us

Para mas informacion en ofensores sexuales en su localidad visite el Departamento de Seguro Publico en http://records.txdps.state.tx.us

# **President's List**

Kenneth Norbert Holder, son of Richard and Janice Holder of San Angelo, made the President's List with a grade point average of 4.0 at Texas Tech University.

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The WINTERS I.S.D. is accepting sealed bids until 2:00 p.m., March 3, 2000, for commercial auto, property, and general liability insurance.

Bid specifications may be obtained from the Business Office, 603 N. Heights, Winters, TX 79567 or by calling (915) 754-5574.

Bids will be opened and read publicly on March 3, 2000, at 2:00 p.m. WINTERS I.S.D. reserves the right to reject any or all bids, and to award bids in the best interest of the district.

> 11-7(2tc) **BID NOTICE**

The City of Winters is accepting bids to drill water wells on City property. Bids will be accepted at City Hall, 310 S. Main, Winters, Texas 79567, until 2:00 p.m. Wednesday, February 23, 2000. For more information, call 915-754-4424, Monday thru Friday, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. The City re-

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The purchased heifer then becomes a year-long project for the scrambler and must be shown at Both youngsters will be among the 2001 Houston Livestock

**Cemetery Lots** 

### **Runnels County** Rumors

From the United States Department of Agriculture, Agricultural Stabilization & Conservation Service

Sign-up for the 1999 Crop Disaster Program began December 13, 1999, and continues through February 25, 2000. This program provides benefits to eligible producers who suffered crop losses in 1999.

To be eligible, farmers must have lost at least 35% of their 1999 crops because of natural disaster. The Crop Disaster Program (CDP) will cover losses on insurable and non-insurable crops (including but not limited to wheat, grain sorghum, cotton, oats, hay, etc.) whether or not insurance coverage was actually obtained.

Eligible farms will receive an advance payment equal to 35% of their projected total payment as soon as their application is approved. Participants will receive the final payment after all applications nationwide have been received and approved.

Sign-up will be conducted by appointment only, so please contact the office prior to your visit. CRP Emergency Grazing—

Emergency grazing has been approved for Runnels County for the period from February 4 throught April 30, 2000.

The required payment reduction is 10% of the per acre annual rental payment rate times the number of acres actually grazed in FY2000.

Producers are reminded NOT

1999 Crop Disaster Program— to begin any CRP grazing before signing up. Participants who graze CRP acreage without approval will be subject to a penalty or possible termination of their CRP contracts. For more information, please contact the of-

County Committee Election—

We will be conducting a County Committee election for Area 1, which is the Norton-Wingate communities.

Ballots will be mailed February 24, and must be returned to the office by March 6, election day, to be counted. **Brush Control**—

The Runnels County Soil and Water Conservation District is sponsoring a meeting on brush control in the Upper Colorado River Watershed.

The meeting will be on Tuesday, February 29, at 6:30 p.m. at the Ballinger Community Center.

At this meeting, program coordinators will explain how the feasibility study will be conducted, how the program will be implemented if funded, and the legislative process. There will be time set aside for landowners' questions and input.

Office Closed for Holiday—

The Runnels County FSA office will be closed Monday, February 21, in observance of President's Day.

Most licenses due at end of month-

## Pesticide applicators course planned Monday, February 21

There have been many calls about CEUs recently. Most of the tification you should have relicenses are due at the end of Feb-ceived your form from the Texas ruary, so hopefully you have re- Department of Agriculture by ceived your required education units to renew your license.

However, if you have not, there is a course from 3 to 8 p.m. on Monday, February 21 at the Texas A&M Center in San Angelo.

The course will provide five continuing education units, with one in laws and regulations, and one in Integrated Pest Manage-

There will be a \$10 charge for the course, which includes a meal, but you must preregister at 659-6522 before February 18, if you

If your license is up for recer-

If you have received your required CEUs, simply fill out the back of the form with your course numbers and dates of courses you attended.

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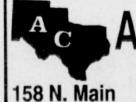
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