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Teenager escapes serious injury after being hit by car

A 14-year-old male was injured Sunday afternoon when he apparently rode his bicycle into the path of an automobile.

Justin Gomez was traveling south on Murry street at a high rate of speed, according to police reports, when he failed to stop upon reaching Tinkle street. Witnesses said he tried to brake but slid into the path of a 1995 Chevrolet pickup driven by Ray Guevara, 50, of Winters who was traveling west on Tinkle.

Gomez was treated by North Runnels Emergency Medical Service and taken by ambulance to Abilene Regional Medical Center.

The accident occurred about 2:20 p.m. on April 9. No traffic citations were issued, according to Terry Johnson, investigating officer with the Winters Police Department. Officer Johnson also said that Gomez was not wearing a helmet.

Members of the Winters Volunteer Fire Department also assisted at the scene of the accident.

Commissioners approve \$20,000+ for architects' fees and expenses

An agreement with Norman Alston Architects of Dallas was approved at the regular meeting of Runnels County Commissioners on Tuesday. At a special meeting last week, the Alston firm was selected to serve the county in preparation of the historic courthouse master plan.

The agreement calls for a fee of \$20,000 plus reimbursable expenses such as travel, lodging and other expenses associated with the preparation of the master plan and the grant application for the Texas Historic Preservation Program.

Commissioners also approved an expenditure of \$16,000 from the County Clerk Records Management Fund for microfilming of county records. County Auditor Darlene Smith told commissioners the expenditure was budgeted and the microfilming is now complete.

Also approved was an expenditure of \$5,225 from the Court-

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HOPEWELL BAPTIST CHURCH MINISTERS attending the 100th anniversary celebration of the country church on Sunday were (l-r) Ken Jinks (1977-79), Clinton Eastman (1945-46), Jim Shipman (1982-85), James McGlothlin (1968-70), Edgar Jones (1948-50) and Ferris Akins (1996-present). More than 200 members, former members and guests attended.

School board ignores audience

Parents, cheerleaders left waiting for their turn

In spite of "Audience with Individuals" listed as the second item on Monday night's agenda, members of the WISD board of trustees failed to recognize more than a dozen people waiting to address the board.

Winters High School cheerleaders and parents had said they wanted to present their ideas and views on cheerleading eligibility and financing. Parents said they had approached board members as well as Superintendent Mike Harris prior to the meeting to make certain their opinions and requests would be heard.

However, after calling the meeting to order and taking roll call (agenda item #1), board president Allen Andrae moved to

agenda item #3, "Reading and approval of the minutes of the regular meeting held March 20, 2000."

The board then moved through other items on the agenda, hearing reports from Elementary Principal Tammy Bright, Secondary Principal Charles Kidwell, and Superintendent Harris.

Following executive session, trustees voted to employ David Hale as Dean of Students effective for the 2000-2001 school year.

In other items of new business, trustee Bob Prewit made a motion, seconded by Ronald Presley, to change the cheerleading rules to coincide with UIL rules for eligibility effective for the 2000-

2001 school year. The motion carried with four yeas, with Jerry Sims and Larry Walker opposed.

Principal Bill Cathey and cheerleading sponsor Beth Wortham were assigned the task of rewriting the cheerleading rules to coincide with UIL eligibility.

Superintendent Harris presented to the board three options on the 2000-2001 school calendar. One calendar was called "traditional" and was set up very similar to the present year calendar.

Calendar number two had an August 10 starting date for school with the Fridays of the following two weeks being teacher work days to allow pre-K, kindergarten

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Volunteers still needed for CIA

Babysitting will not be provided this year

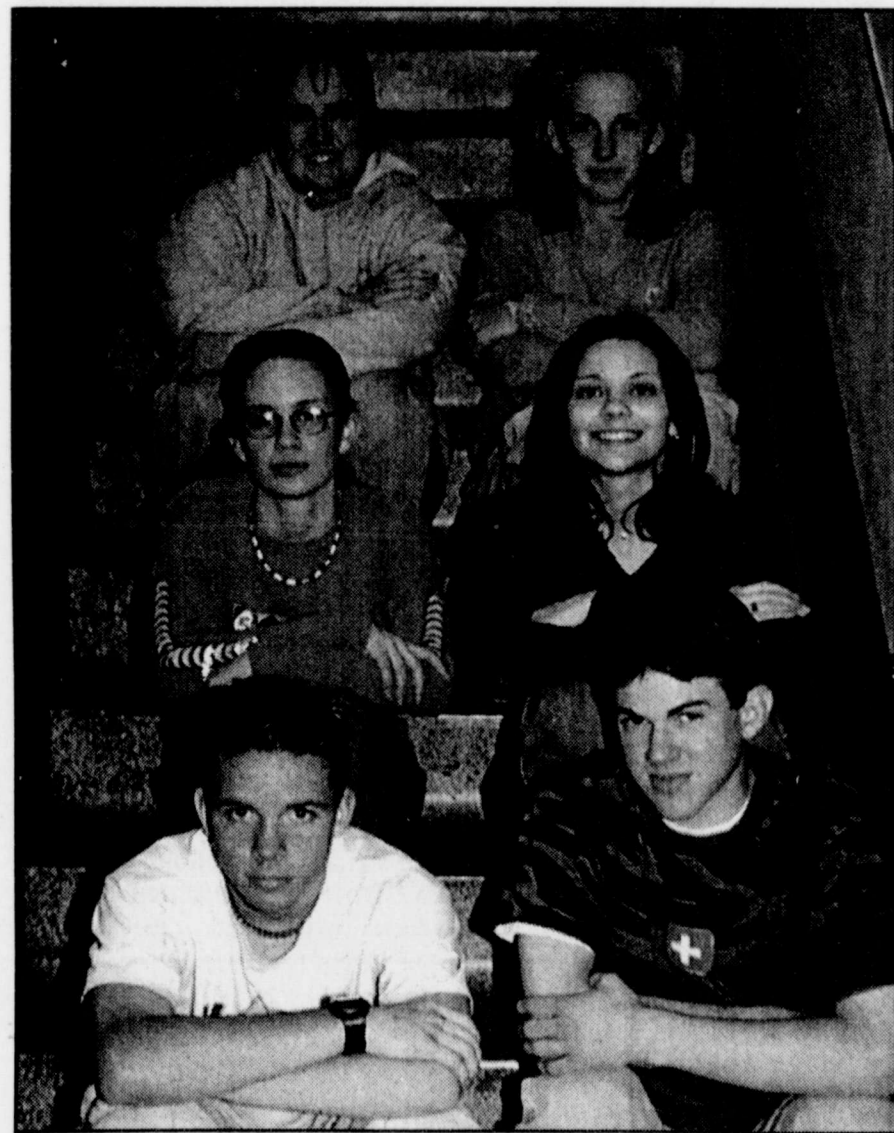
The weekend for Christmas in April will be Saturday, April 15. Volunteers are still needed for painting, roofing, plumbing, general carpentry, and cleaning & cooking. **Babysitting will not be provided this year.**

Committees will be working on seven projects this year.

Project captains are Lanny Bahlman, Larry Walker, Phillip Colburn, Robert Garza, Robert Lindley, Keith Martin, and Blas Lugo.

The day will begin at 7 a.m. with breakfast at the Winters High School Cafeteria and a meeting with project captains or

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ADVANCING TO ACADEMIC REGIONAL CONTESTS are (clockwise, lower left to right) Clay Trojcek, Darci Lindsey, Tracie Morrison, Kelli Slimp, Misty Melton and Kenny Green. Not pictured is Shelley Meyer.

Seven WHS students advance to UIL academic regional competition

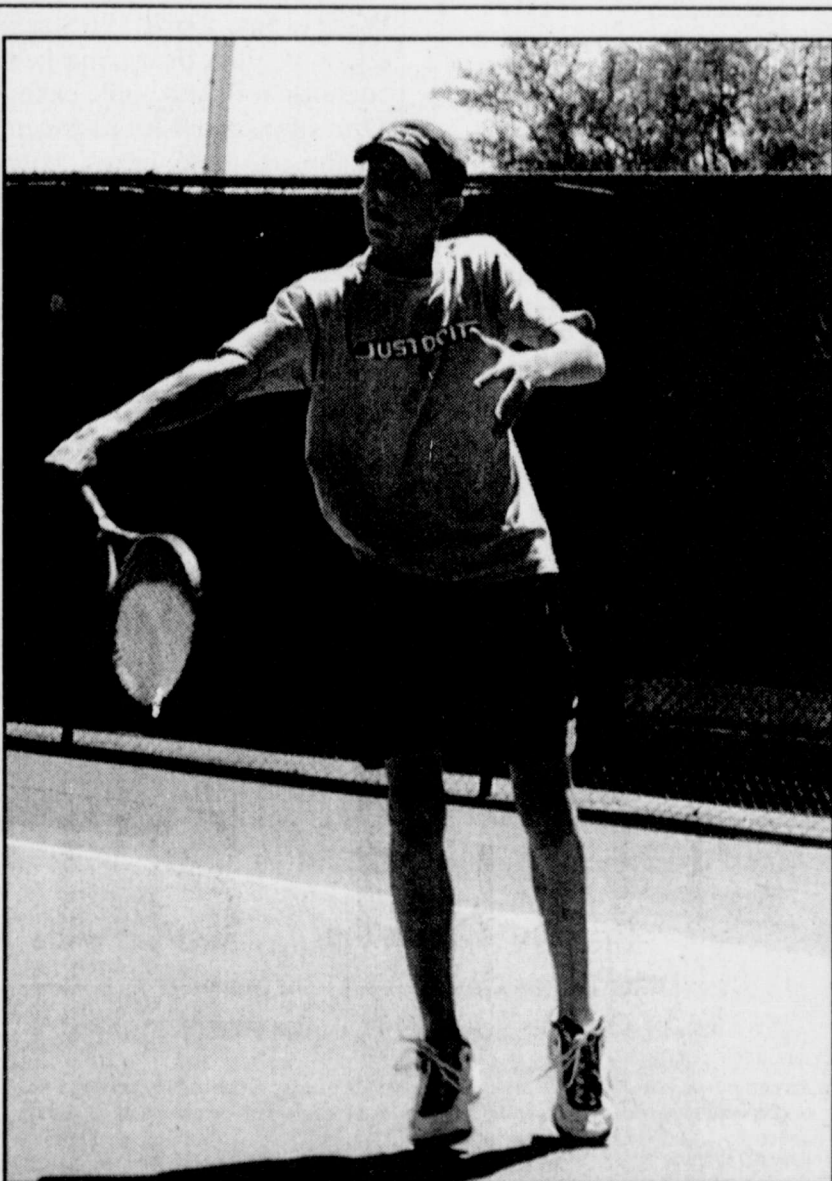
Seven WHS students have qualified for the regional UIL academic meet to be held Saturday, April 15, in San Marcos.

Winters competed in the district 25-AA UIL academic meet held at Early on March 27 and 30. Those advancing are Kelli Slimp, Shelley Meyer, Misty Melton, Tracie Morrison, Darci Lindsey, Clay Trojcek, and Kenny Green.

WHS results from district competition are as follows:

News Writing
2nd, Kelli Slimp
6th, Cari Trojcek
Feature Writing
1st, Shelley Meyer

4th, Kelli Slimp
Editorials
2nd, Misty Melton
Headlines
4th, Clay Trojcek
6th, Kasey Murphy
Ready Writing
5th, Darci Lindsey
Literary Criticism
3rd, Shelley Meyer
5th, Tracie Morrison
1st team, Winters (Meyer, Morrison, Darci Lindsey, Kenny Green, Alt.)
Current Events
5th, Craig Conner
Prose
6th, Mandy Pritchard



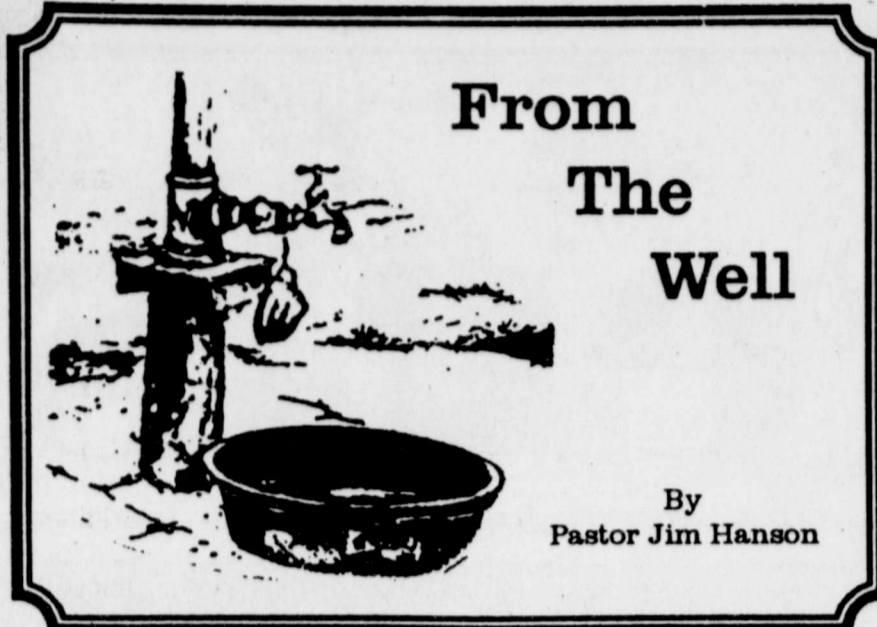
COLBY WALKER follows through with the backhand en route to his first place finish in district 25-AA varsity singles competition at Mason on April 5 & 6. Walker, the number one seeded singles player in the district, won all three matches in straight sets and will now advance to regional play in San Marcos on April 26 & 27.

"Pray for Rain" service April 17

The Winters Ministerial Alliance is hosting a "Pray for Rain" service on Monday, April 17 at 7:00 p.m. at the Elm Creek Reservoir pavilion. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

WHAT'S HAPPENING ?

- April 13- 10 a.m., Triple L Club, First Baptist Church
10 a.m., 39+, 9th Anniversary Celebration, Methodist Church
11:30 a.m., Sr. Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center
2 & 6 p.m., Census Testing, Winters Housing Authority
6:30 p.m., Electronic Financial Aid Seminar, WHS Computer Room
JV Baseball at Coleman Tourney
TAAS Social Studies, Grade 8
- April 14-11:30 a.m., Sr. Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center
5 p.m., Softball vs. Jim Ned, Winters
7:30 p.m., Cowboys for Christ, Drasco
J.V. Baseball at Coleman Tourney
TAAS Science 8th grade
- April 15-Christmas in April
April 16-9:30 a.m., Marriage Enrichment Seminar, N.Main Church of Christ
April 17-11:30 a.m., Sr. Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center
Noon, Holy Week Lunch & Service, Community Center
5:30 p.m., Runnels Baptist Association, First Baptist Church, Miles
7 p.m., Pray for Rain Service, Elm Creek Reservoir Pavilion
5:15 p.m.-6:30 p.m., Winters 4-H Club, Mt. Carmel Catholic Church
High School District Track, Bangs
- April 18-11:30 a.m., Sr. Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center
Noon, Holy Week Lunch & Service, Community Center
5-6:30 p.m., Pioneer Club, First United Methodist Church
High School District Track, Bangs
No School
- April 19-7 a.m., WABIC, Chamber Office
9 a.m.-4 p.m., WIC, Winters Housing Authority
10 a.m.-Noon, FREE Blood Pressure, Sr. Citizens Activity Center
11:30 a.m., Sr. Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center
Noon, Holy Week Lunch & Service, Community Center
Varsity Baseball at Hamilton
- April 20-11:30 a.m., Sr. Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center
Noon, Holy Week Lunch & Service, Community Center
4:30 p.m., J.V. Baseball at Mason
7 p.m., Varsity Baseball at Mason
Women's Service League
First Day of Passover



From The Well

By
Pastor Jim Hanson



Pastor Jim Hanson

The thing about forgiveness is that it really works. It should. In a sense we could say God bet the life of His Son on it. It is so basic. It is the solution for sin in the world. In fact...it is the only solution for that which divides us, and causes us to hurt and hate others. And ourselves.

It's so simple. But not easy. The Cross is the symbol for it. And the Cross is in our being forgiven and giving forgiveness. Jesus Christ died for the forgiveness of sins of all people of all time. He taught us, "Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us." When we ask for forgiveness, it crucifies our pride.

Going way back, I can remember a time when I was not in a good way with my mother. I was in college at the time. And one night it hit me—I need to ask her for forgiveness. Oh, I never beat on her. Or spoke ugly to her. But I had thoughts—lots of them—that were truly not good. To myself I would say "Why is she so against my friends?" or "Why does she make such a fuss about my smoking?" Things like that. And my attitude toward her was creating a big space...a big gap.

For some reason...I believe it was the Holy Spirit, I came under conviction of my sin. I was truly not honoring my mother. So, I confessed my sin to God. But He did not let me off the hook. This voice kept coming to me, "Write her a letter. Ask for her forgiveness."

Finally...I did.

As I wrote the letter I could feel the pressure leaving. You know, it takes a lot of energy to maintain a resentment. Anyway, I finished the letter.

That was the main part. My need to ask forgiveness. And, once I started by humbling myself (not easy), I knew I was on the right road. When she answered, with her letter of forgiveness, we were completely reconciled. From that time on we never had a serious difference, and we became "best friends" as well as mother-son.

And then there was a time in our marriage when I was a perfect ass. Perfect 10, if you please. Could have won a blue ribbon at any stock show. I was so full of self that I was constantly correcting and reading out my sons at meal time. Especially son John. I even lost it (my temper) so bad that during lunch, in the presence of guests, I challenged him to hit me. (I have since been grateful that he didn't. My jaw would still be aching.)

That did it for Ramona. The next day she sat me down and told me that unless I would change my ways, she would leave. Get a divorce. Of course I was shocked. And, at first, somewhat defensive. But, she was right.

I was guilty. There was only one thing for me to do. To crucify my pride. My self-centeredness. And ask for forgiveness. It puts everything in the right perspective. God's perspective.

I remember reading about the "12 little words." They were first coined by Billy Graham's song leader—years ago. He was the man who directed the choirs and led the whole audience in singing. I forget his name. But I'll never forget the "12 little words." To be used whenever there is ice forming in your relationship to your spouse. Guaranteed to melt down the ice.

"I am wrong." Because—you are. You did something to hurt your spouse. Or you said something ugly. So, "fess up."

"I am sorry." And, you are. Deep down. You didn't really want separation and coldness to set in. So, "say it."

"Please Forgive Me." A little harder. But the heart of the matter. Forgiveness is a "GOD WORD," "so ask for it."

"I love You." Yes. The Amen-Word. "It shall be so." What God is all about.

The sequence...the order...is so important. All 12 words need to be said. And heard. In all relationships that need it.

When they are, all heaven rejoices. "Even the angels rejoice over one sinner who repents."

An old Pentecostal preacher, whom I consider the greatest, once wrote in his Christmas Letter:

"This year give the gift that last forever.

Give forgiveness. To all. And, ask for it. You'll get it."

Christmas in April. In May, June, and July. All the time. It's always in season. It's "the gift that keeps on...for-giving."



MAKING SWEET HARMONY are members of the Winters Community Choir as they rehearse for their upcoming performance on April 30 at the Winters High School auditorium. The choir is under the direction of Pastor Don Roath.

OBITUARIES, continued

Emily Cortez Bazan

WILLOWS, CALIFORNIA—Emily Cortez Bazan, 75, died Friday, April 7, 2000, at her residence.

She was born March 18, 1925, in Texas.

Mrs. Cortez worked as a caregiver and was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary.

Survivors include her husband, Tom Bazan of Willows, California; four sons, Tom Bazan Jr. of Hayward, California, Jerry Bazan of Chico, California, Ron Bazan of Willows, and John Bazan of Reno, Nevada; four sisters, Bertha Archer of Arizona, and Otilia Reyes, Mante Martinez, and Hermalinda Garcia, all of Ballinger, Texas; six brothers, Rudy Cortez, Oscar Cortez, Joe Cortez, and Bobby Cortez, all of San Angelo, Texas, and Jessie Cortez and Felix Cortez, both of Ballinger; six grandchildren; and several cousins in Winters and the Big Country.

Rosary was at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 12, at St. Monica's Catholic Church. Service was at 10:00 a.m. Thursday, April 13, at the church with burial in Willows Catholic Cemetery in California. Arrangements were directed by F.D. Sweet & Son Mortuary.

Mrs. Alma Spann

SAN ANTONIO—Mrs. Alma Spann, 99, formerly of Wingate died Saturday, April 8, 2000, at Heartland Northwest Nursing Home in San Antonio.

She was born to William Riley "Bill" Murphy and Lula L. Lambert Murphy on August 4, 1900, in Norton. She was married to Albert J. Spann on January 29, 1927. She lived most of her life in Runnels County. She had resided in the towns, Wingate, San Angelo, Mart, Seguin and San Antonio.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Bill and Lula Murphy; her husband, Albert Spann; two sons, Riley and Royce; three brothers, Kirk, Bud and Elvin; and two sisters, Tina and Ada.

Survivors included one daughter, Lillie Simons and husband Carroll of Riverside; one son Rudy Spann and wife Delores of San Antonio; two sisters, Ola Dee Caudle of Clyde and Idella Patterson of Dallas; six grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren.

Family visitation was held from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Monday, April 10, at Winters Funeral Home.

Services were held at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, April 11, in Winters Funeral Home Chapel. Burial followed in Fairview Cemetery directed by Winters Funeral Home.

Memorials may be made to the charity of your choice.

Peggy Jean Lovelady

KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE—Peggy Jean Lovelady, 76, passed away Monday, March 20, 2000, at Baptist Hospital following a brief illness.

Mrs. Lovelady had taught school in Texas for 20 years and had lived in Knoxville since 1964. She was a member of First Baptist Church of Knoxville and the Lillian Russell Bean Chapter of DAR.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Estel Ellis and Dora Tipton Wilmeth, and one brother, Lt. Col. (retired) Elwood E. Wilmeth.

Survivors include her husband, Ewing "Buz" Lovelady of Knoxville; one daughter, Carol Anne Milliken and husband James; one sister-in-law, Maria Wilmeth of McLean, Virginia; one granddaughter; two nieces; and one nephew.

Services were held Wednesday, March 22, at the Highland Memorial Funeral Home Chapel with Dr. David Hull and Dr. Melvin Faulkner officiating. Burial followed in the Highland Memorial Cemetery under the direction of Highland Memorial Funeral Home.

Donations may be made to The First Baptist Church Renovations Fund, 510 W. Main, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902.

Burns, Davis, Harris, & Montgomery to compete for Hospital Board

Three positions for directors are open on the North Runnels Hospital Board.

Candidates for the May 6th election are incumbents Tobin Burns, Carla Harris, and Dale Montgomery. Jack Davis Jr. has also filed application as a candidate.

Early voting by personal appearance begins April 12 and ends April 26 at the administrative offices of the hospital.

Ballots by mail should be requested from Teresa Davis, North Runnels Hospital, P.O. Box 185, Winters, Texas 79567. No ballots

will be accepted after April 29.

Winters election officials will be Mary Beth Drake, presiding judge, assisted by J.P. Drake and Melvena Gerhart. In Wingate, LaVoy McNeill will preside and Joyce Broadstreet will act as election clerk. Early voting judge is Teresa Davis, assisted by deputy clerks Jana Smith and Shelly Sudduth.

Winters citizens vote 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., Saturday, May 6, at the Winters Elementary School Library. Wingate citizens will vote at the Wingate Lions Club building.



April 17—April 21
Noon—12:50 p.m.

Holy Week Community Lunch and Service Winters Community Center

Monday	Mark Edge, Devotional Gethsemane Meal	Church of Christ
Tuesday	Rev. Jim Hanson, Devotional Betrayal Meal	Lions Club Ladies
Wednesday	Rev. Barry Taylor, Devotional Trial Meal	First Baptist Church
Thursday	Fr. Sam Homsey, Devotional Eucharist (Lord's Supper)	Mt. Carmel Catholic Church
Friday	Lola Scott, Devotional Death on the Cross Meal Somebody Cares Ministries St. John's Lutheran Church First United Methodist Church	

Music Director—Don Roath Announcements—Bob Jones
Lunch will be served and you'll be back at work by 1 p.m.

OTHER SERVICES

Sunday, April 16	10:40 a.m.	Palm Sunday Services Worship with Palms & Confirmation St. John's Lutheran Church
Wednesday, April 19	7:30 p.m.	The Cross & Prayer Mt. Carmel Catholic Church
Thursday, April 20	6 p.m.	Holy Thursday, Passover Meal St. John's Lutheran Church
	7 p.m.	Celebration of first Lord's Supper St. John's Lutheran Church
	7:30 p.m.	Lord's Supper Mt. Carmel Catholic Church
Friday, April 21	3 p.m.	Good Friday Services Mt. Carmel Catholic Church
	7 p.m.	Good Friday 7 last words of Christ on the Cross St. John's Lutheran Church
	7 p.m.	Drama and Tenbrae Service First United Methodist Church
Saturday, April 22	7:30 p.m.	Easter Fire & Water Mt. Carmel Catholic Church

Complete schedule of areawide Easter Services will be published in the April 20, 2000 issue.

Pray for rain —
The Winters Ministerial Alliance is hosting a community-wide praise and worship service with a plea for rain on Monday, April 17 at 7:00 p.m. at the Elm Creek Reservoir pavilion.
Everyone is encouraged to attend.

Thought of fixin' Easter Dinner 'egg'cite you?
Let Janet help with:
• Smoked Hams
• Smoked Turkeys
• Desserts
• OR complete Easter Dinner
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EASTER SUNRISE SERVICES
7:00 AM - APRIL 23
At the Club House on the Golf Course
Bring a lawn chair to sit in and celebrate the Risen Lord with us!
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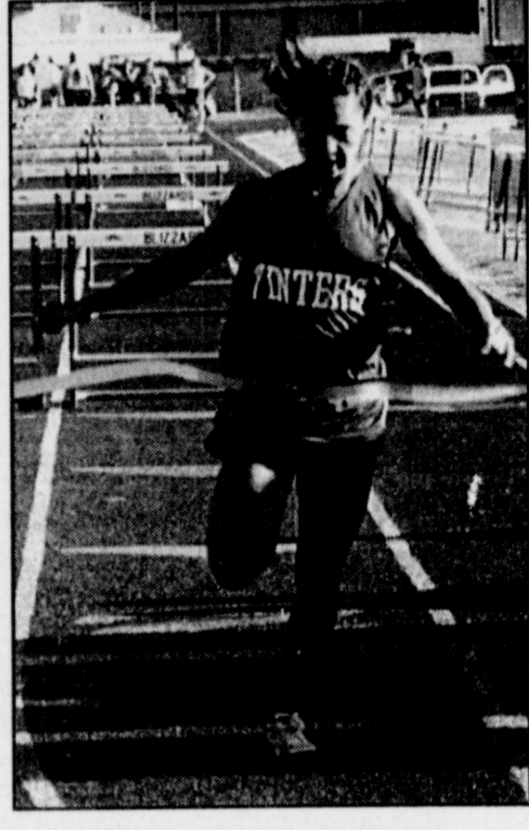
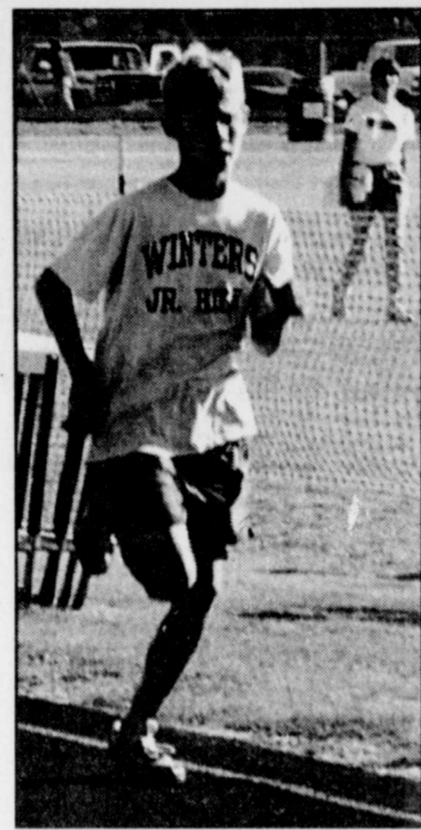
Craig Conner named All-State in powerlifting
 WHS senior Craig Conner has been named All-State Powerlifter in the 220 lb. division, according to Coach Shane Mobley. Conner finished third in state competition last month and received a \$1,000 scholarship from the Texas High School Powerlifters Association. He is the son of Randall and Susan Conner.

SPRING WINTERS 2000

CAFETERIA MENU
 April 17-21
 Subject to change

Breakfast
 Monday-April 17
 Biscuits
 Sausage
 Juice
 Tuesday-April 18
 No School
 Wednesday-April 19
 Blueberry Muffin
 Cereal
 Juice
 Thursday-April 20
 Cheese Toast
 Cereal
 Juice
 Friday-April 21
 No School-Good Friday

Lunch
 Monday-April 17
 Pizza
 Corn
 June Peas
 Chocolate Pudding
 Tuesday-April 18
 No School
 Wednesday-April 19
 Taco/Meat/Cheese
 Tossed Salad
 Red Beans
 Pineapple Chunks
 Thursday-April 20
 Hamburger
 French Fries
 Lettuce/Pickles
 Sliced Peaches
 Cookie
 Friday-April 21
 No School-Good Friday



THE DISTRICT 25-AA JUNIOR HIGH TRACK MEET hosted by Winters last week saw WJH tracksters presented with 33 medals including (1-r) 8th grader Tim Fenwick, 7th grader Pete Griffin, and 7th grader Ashley Santoya, who accounted for one third of those medals. Seventh and eighth grade squads from Bangs, Coleman, and Early joined Winters in the competition.

WJHS tracksters earn 33 medals while hosting District 25-AA Jr. High Track Meet

Winters Junior High School hosted the District 25-AA Track Meet last Thursday, April 6. Bangs, Coleman, Early, and Winters competed in the event.

WJHS earned 33 medals in both girls and boys, seventh and eighth grade divisions. Earning medals were Ashley Santoya (4), Max Harrison (5), Kendra Esquivel (1), Michael Roman (1), Pete Griffin (3), Jose Lozano (2), Adrian Hernandez (2), Briana Parramore, Amanda Poe (1), Kari Walker (1), Tim Fenwick (4), and Eric Lopez (3), Benjie Valles (2), Basilio Rocha (1), Will Ahrens (1), and Jonathan Lujano (3).

Results of the district meet are as follows:

- 7th Grade Girls**
 Shot Put
 5th, Rachel Davis, 21'8.75"
 6th, Amy Reyes, 21'5.75"
 Long Jump
 3rd, Ashley Santoya, 13'10.5"
 Discus
 6th, Marci Paschal, 53'8"
 400 M Relay
 4th, Winters (Rachel Davis, Amber Green, Kat Hatler, Tina Perrie), 1:03.14
 800 M Run
 2nd, Kendra Esquivel, 3:00.78
- 100 M Low Hurdles**
 1st, Ashley Santoya, 18.57
 100 M Dash
 2nd, Ashley Santoya, 13.95
 300 M Hurdles
 1st, Ashley Santoya, 54.64

- 800 M Relay**
 4th, Winters (Rachel Davis, Marci Paschal, Kendra Esquivel, Tina Perrie), 2:17.59
 1600 M Relay
 4th, Winters (Tina Perrie, Katy Wilkerson, Marci Paschal, Angelita Moreno) 5:30.60
- 8th Grade Girls**
 High Jump
 3rd, Amanda Poe, 4'6"
 Triple Jump
 5th, Briana Parramore, 26'2.5"
 6th, Macy Hopson, 25"
 1600 M Run
 1st, Briana Parramore, 6:27.28
 400 M Relay
 4th, Winters (Briana Parramore, Jessica Barron, Macy Hopson, Kari Walker), 1:01.59
 800 M Run
 4th, Briana Parramore, 2:55.11

- 100 M Low Hurdles**
 2nd, Kari Walker, 18.97
 5th, Amanda Poe, 20.30
 300 M Intermediate Hurdles
 5th, Amanda Poe, 59.92
 800 M Relay
 4th, Winters (Amanda Poe, Jessica Barron, Macy Hopson, Kari Walker) 2:09.93
- 7th Grade Boys**
 Shot Put
 3rd, Michael Roman, 33"7"
 Long Jump
 2nd, Max Harrison, 16"3.25"
 Discus
 1st, Max Harrison, 121"
 High Jump
 2nd, Pete Griffin, 4'10"
 Triple Jump
 1st, Max Harrison, 33"9"
 4th, Jose Hernandez, 30"10"
 Pole Vault
 4th, Matt Gray, 7'
 400 M Relay
 3rd, Winters (Adrian Lozano, Pete Griffin, Max Harrison, Jose Hernandez), 59.75
- 100 M Dash**
 4th, Adrian Lozano, 13.57
 5th, Michael Roman, 13.67
 400 M Dash
 4th, Michael Roman, 1:08.30
 300 M Intermediate Hurdles
 5th, Jose Hernandez, 55.08
 1600 M Relay
 3rd, Winters (Adrian Lozano, Pete Griffin, Max Harrison, Jose Hernandez), 4:29.85
- 8th Grade Boys**
 High Jump
 2nd, Jonathan Lujano, 5'8"
 Triple Jump
 5th, Eric Lopez, 35'
 Shot Put
 5th, Jerry Hord, 40'6.5"
 Discus
 4th, Jerry Hord, 112'
- Pole Vault**
 3rd, Tim Fenwick, 7'6"
 2400 M Run
 1st, Tim Fenwick, 9:02.26
 400 M Relay
 3rd, Winters (Jonathan Lujano, Eric Lopez, Will Ahrens, Benjie Valles), 50.67
 110 M High Hurdles
 1st, Eric Lopez, 17.78
 300 Intermediate Hurdles
 5th, Benjie Valles, 49.94
 100 M Dash
 5th, Jonathan Lujano, 12.57
 1600 M Run
 2nd, Tim Fenwick, 5:43.51
 1600 M Relay
 3rd, Winters (Tim Fenwick, Eric Lopez, Benjie Valles, Basilio Rocha), 4:14.86

All The Way, Blizzards!



JUNIOR JIMMY RODRIGUEZ (left) edges out a Jim Ned competitor to take the gold, his second of the day, in the 1600 meter run at the Blizzard Relays hosted by Winters last Saturday. Rodriguez won the 3200 meter run earlier in the day. In other track action, sophomore Mandy Pritchard takes the hand-off from freshman Jena Bahlman in the 800 meter relay. Winters won the relay which also included sophomore Staci Bishop and senior Kelli Slimp. The WHS teams travel to Bangs for district competition next week.

WHS hosts Blizzard Relays; ready for district meet Monday and Tuesday

The WHS track teams hosted the Blizzard Relays last Saturday and in the process posted several good marks and times before heading into district action at Bangs next week. Once again, the Blizzards earned a pair of gold medals from Jimmy Rodriguez in the 3200 meter and 1600 meter runs and a third from Tony Aguero in the 400 meter dash. The sprint and mile relays earned silver medals, as did Samson Jackson in the shot put and Aguero in the long jump. Gary Woodbury placed third in the 200 meter dash. Kelli Slimp finished first in the

300 meter intermediate hurdles and second in the 100 meter low hurdles for the Lady Blizzards. The 800 meter relay team also earned first place medals and plaque. Rusty Jackson placed first in the shot put and third in the discus, while Jeffrey Oats earned a pair of bronze medals for his efforts in the 400 meter dash and long jump. Over a dozen schools were represented by JV boys, and varsity boys and girls teams. According to Coaches Deb Whittenburg and Chuck Lipsey, over fifty-five Winters residents and students

helped with all phases of the meet. Winters also hosted the district 25-AA junior high track meet on Thursday. "Thanks to all who helped in any way with our track meets this past weekend," said Whittenburg and Lipsey. "Without everyone's help, we wouldn't have been able to hold the quality and size of meet that we did. We appreciate all of your efforts." All Blizzard track teams will compete in the district 25-AA track meet at Bangs on Monday, April 17, and Tuesday, April 18. Field events begin at 3 p.m. on Monday and 10 a.m. on Tuesday.

Running pre-lims will start at 6 p.m., Monday with running finals starting at 3 p.m. on Tuesday. Blizzard Relay results are as follows.
Boys Varsity Results
 Shot Put
 2nd, Samson Jackson, 50'10.75"
 4th, Chris Hoppe, 45'9.25"
 Long Jump
 2nd, Tony Aguero, 19'11.75"
 Triple Jump
 5th, Josh Minzenmayer, 40'2"
 3200 M Run
 1st, Jimmy Rodriguez, 10:21
 1600 M Run
 1st, Jimmy Rodriguez, 4:44

- Team Totals**
7th Grade Girls
 1. Coleman, 191
 2. Early, 169
 3. Bangs, 145
 4. Winters, 76
8th Grade Girls
 1. Coleman, 194
 2. Early, 176
 3. Bangs, 142
 4. Winters, 51
7th Grade Boys
 1. Early, 176
 2. Bangs, 165
 3. Coleman, 119
 4. Winters, 92
8th Grade Boys
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Crews News

By Hilda Kurtz

Live this day as if it were your last—it might just be.

Hopewell Baptist Church celebrated its 100th anniversary on Sunday, April 9, 2000. There were 200 in attendance from as far away as Arizona, Kansas, Colorado, and Oklahoma. Lunch was served to 193 people. A few left before lunch and several people came in later for the afternoon session.

Many who grew up in the church were present and a good time was had by friends visiting with friends again. Twenty-four of 29 resident members were present and had family and friends with them.

Those members worked hard to prepare for this event and were pleased with the great centennial celebration.

Six former pastors were in attendance including Clinton Eastman of San Angelo, Edgar Jones of Graham, James McGlothlin of Dallas, Ken Jinks of Phoenix, Arizona, James Shipman of Stephenville, and Oscar Fanning of Abilene.

Dr. McGlothlin brought the morning message and Reverend Fanning presented the afternoon message. The others also brought greetings to the church.

Those attending the Ladies Mission Study were Ramona Akins, Jean Talbot, Nila Osborne, Selma Wilkerson, Juanita Shields, and Lawanda Wells of Mustang, Oklahoma.

Brad VanZandt came home Friday after leg surgery. He is doing o.k. He went for a check up on Monday.

Noble Faubion is glad to be home after several days in North Runnels Hospital for tests. Visiting the Noble Faubion family in their home during the week were son Lynn Faubion, Robert, Rose Marie, Jennifer, Holly, and Tyler Englert, Hilda Kurtz, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Boatright, Amantine and

Hilda Kurtz



Jimmy McAden, and Nila and Therin Osborne.

Karen McGallian came by to see her folks on Sunday after the anniversary celebration.

Hildegard and Calvin Schvojsa of San Angelo spent Saturday with Hilda. As usual, she found something that needed doing. We did watch Randall Kurtz run his dozer and fix where the water would run in our new clean, dry tank—just in case it rains.

The Crews Cemetery officers and Linda and Dale Duggan and Nila and Therin Osborne. Thirty-six people met on Saturday morning. We're proud of the good attendance.

Will and Leslie Duggan, and Linda and Dale Duggan attended the wedding of Dale's college friend in Austin on Saturday afternoon.

Marvin and Melvena Gerhart spent Friday in Clyde with Keith and Cathy Gerhart.

Selma Wilkerson's brother R.L. and Lawanda Wills of Mustang, Oklahoma are spending a week with her. Also attending church on Sunday were Louis Deitz and family of Wichita, Kansas.

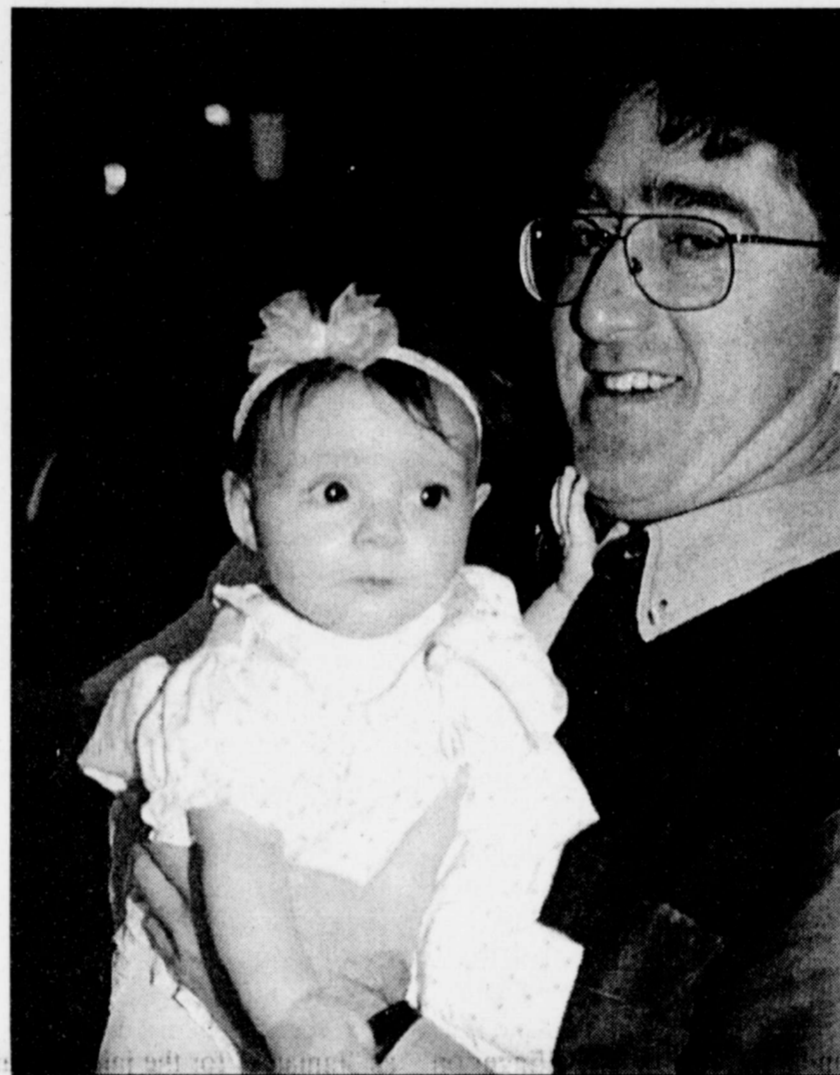
Darryl Egger of Ft. Worth visited Doris Wood during the week.

Jean Gibbs and Tammy and Haley Kazcyk of Winters spent Sunday with Connie and Georgia Gibbs.

Spending the weekend with Helen Alexander was her son Jerry Alexander and her brother of Austin. Billy Dee Fenton of Coleman spent Sunday with Leona and Roy Matthis.



REMINISCING TOGETHER with Nila Osborne at the Hopewell Baptist Church 100th anniversary celebration last Sunday are (l-r) Naomi (Brevard) and Elvin Berry and Maggie Ruth (Brevard) Stokes. The Berrys and Mrs. Stokes attended Hopewell during the 1930's.



MACEY GERHART, four-month-old daughter of Scott and Melissa Gerhart of Winters, was the youngest attendee at the Hopewell Baptist Church 100th anniversary on Sunday. She is the granddaughter of Marvin and Melvena Gerhart, longtime residents of the Crews community and members of the Hopewell Baptist Church.

Card of Thanks

On behalf of the family of Shane Preston Rice, we would like to extend our most sincere appreciation for all of the cards, donations, flowers, food, prayers, and, most of all, the support from our friends during this terrible time in our lives.

God needed Shane, and He took him from us. We know Shane is in a much better place. He will ALWAYS be in our hearts, and he is with us in spirit. One day we will see him again. I'm sure he'll have lots of stories to tell us when we get there.

When I say that we will miss Shane, I know that we are not alone. I don't think there was anyone who knew him who felt as though you had known him for years. In fact, we should all be more like Shane.

Again, thank you God for blessing us with Shane for the time he was with us, and thank you for our wonderful friends and family. We couldn't get through this without you.

God bless you all,
Tracy and Sharon Rice
& family

WHS seeking scholarship donors for deserving grads

Any organization or business who would like to give a scholarship to a deserving senior at Winters High School is asked to contact WHS counselor Becky Reel at 754-5516.

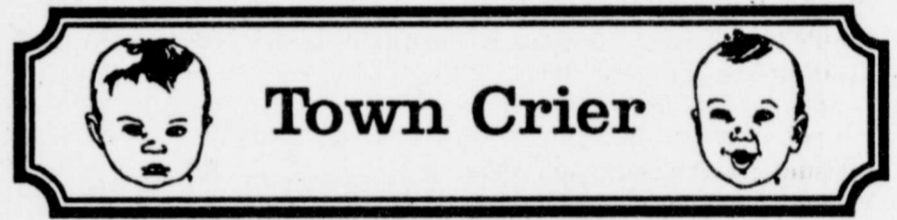
Any type of funding to assist these students in furthering their education would be appreciated.

Card of Thanks

We wish to express our heart felt thanks to the many friends and family who expressed their sympathy and helped us during the loss of our loved one.

A special thanks to Dr. Y.K. Lee and the staff at North Runnels Hospital.

Amy Esquivel & Steven Cavazos



Town Crier

Codie Lynn Boyd

Wayne and Lisa Boyd of Enterprise, Kansas are proud to announce the arrival of their daughter, Codie Lynn Boyd.

Codie was born Monday, February 21, 2000, in Kansas. She weighed 9 lbs., 13 ozs. and was 21 inches long.

She is welcomed by three sisters, Stacey Boyd and Amy and Dana Sellens all of Enterprise.

Paternal grandparents are Mac Boyd of Shep and Shirley and Cecil Motley of Abilene. Maternal grandparents are Richard and Norma Rupp of Wilson, Kansas.

Great-grandmother is Oneita Owens of Abilene.

Tonight in WHS computer lab—

Winters ISD offers workshop to do financial paperwork electronically

Parents and students are invited to complete an electronic FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) on the computers at the high school.

This form will need to be completed before any financial aid can be given for any technical, two or four year school.

WISD will be working with

parents of senior students in completing financial aid paperwork on Thursday, April 13, at 6:30 p.m. in the high school computer lab.

Information on taxes filed for 1999 will need to be completed on the form. Please call the WHS counselor's office at 754-5516 to reserve a place for the evening.

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Solutions for this puzzle appear in this issue.

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"Moonlight & Magnolias"

Woman's Club plans sixth annual "Ladies Night Out" for April 27

The Winters Woman's Club will sponsor their sixth annual Ladies Night Out at 7 p.m. in the Jones Fellowship Hall of First Baptist Church on Thursday, April 27.

Theme for the evening will be "Moonlight and Magnolias." Entertainment will be provided at 7:45 p.m. by Renus, a barbershop quartet from Abilene.

The menu for the evening will include Garden Delight (tossed green salad), Puffs of Moonlight

(mini muffins), French Quarter Quiche, Fruit D'Jour, Southern Breeze Pie (creamy pineapple), Mint Julep Tea, Coffee.

Tickets must be purchased in advance and are available at \$10 per person. Only 150 tickets will be sold, and they will not be available at the door. Door prizes will be given away at 7:30 p.m.

For ticket information, contact Gail Williams at 754-4242, Marlene Smith at 754-4961, or Cheryl Bryan at 754-4057.

WHS Class of 1950 plans reunion for May 19 & 20

The WHS Class of 1950 is planning their 50th reunion for Friday, May 19, and Saturday, May 20.

On Friday at 9 a.m., the class will present a 2000 graduate with a scholarship at the WHS Awards Day Assembly. A tour of the school has been scheduled for 6 p.m. that evening.

There will be a catered dinner at the school cafeteria at 7 p.m. Spouse and special friends are invited to attend with the class

members.

Saturday's festivities will begin at 10:30 a.m. at the Rock Hotel. There will be a catered barbecue lunch at noon. Beginning at 2 p.m., a reception is planned for Winters friends to stop by and visit with the class.

The class is still seeking information on two classmates, Dovie Bardin, and Ruth Baker. Anyone with information is asked to call Lounette at (915)486-0074 or Joanie at 754-5105.



HIKING TO THE TOP OF ENCHANTED ROCK are Brownies #338 (back row, standing, l-r) Haley Kaczyk, Shelby Gehrels, Regan Newsom (back, seated) Alex Newsom, Abby Guy, (front, Ursula Estrada, Lisa Dees, Miranda Torres, and Sarah Campos.

Brownies take to hiking at Fredericksburg

Brownie Troop #338 recently had an adventure in hiking. Saturday, April 1, the troop hiked Enchanted Rock located in Enchanted Rock State Park near Fredericksburg.

Brownie troop members making the hike included Haley Kaczyk, Shelby Gehrels, Regan Newsom, Abby Guy, Ursula Estrada, Lisa Dees, Miranda Torres, and Sarah Campos. Brownie member Hannah Lugo was unable to participate. Troop

leaders Ral and Laura Dees accompanied the girls.

Others participating in the field trip were Donna Guy, Tammy Kaczyk, Eve Torres, Diane Torres, and Regina and Alex Newsom.

The group enjoyed overcast skies intermittent with rain showers. The weather was cooler for hiking, but the showers made for slippery rock surfaces. The group finished the hike with only a few

bruises and bumps, and everyone had a great time.

Brownie members participated in the hike to work toward earning their "Outdoor Adventure" Try-It patch.

Troop #338 will be taking their next field trip April 29 to Camp Wood Lake at Lake Brownwood. The troop will be going to the Girl Scout Camp to participate in Brownie Play Day and to earn another Try-It patch.

Who says your coop is not a major taxpayer...

Since rural electric cooperatives were formed in the 1930s, there have been those political factions that have lied to the public by saying that cooperatives do not pay taxes.

The only tax cooperatives do not pay is the income tax, because cooperatives are non-profit and consumer-owned companies created to provide goods or services which are not available at an affordable price. That makes them different from an investor-owned utility which is created by owners (stockholders) to make a profit.

If a cooperative collects more money for its goods or services than it costs to provide them, the difference belongs to the members. These margins, as coops refer to them, are not taxed. They are basically the same as if you and your neighbor pool your resources to repair each other's roofs after a hailstorm. The money you have left over after the job is complete are your margins and are not taxable.

Coleman County Electric Cooperative's bill for property

and school taxes for 1999 were as follows:

Coleman County	\$26, 286.91
Coleman Schools	18,082.04
Novice Schools	7,623.06
Santa Anna Schools	6,393.73
Paint Rock School	2,781.48
Ballinger School	8,820.90
Miles School	2,402.85
Bangs School	1,659.48
Cross Plains School	1,316.56
Coke County	84.97
Winters School	6,090.99
Jim Ned School	688.30
City of Coleman	1,359.65
City of Novice	224.45
Panther Creek School	11,237.76
Concho County	1,823.25
Runnels County	14,730.10
Olfen School	546.49
Brown County	417.68
Callahan County	225.17
Clyde-Hamby School	34.65
Bronte School	1,536.13
Taylor County	27.21
Tom Green County	110.48

The total for all these counties and schools is \$114,504.29. This is in addition to numerous other taxes and assessments paid to various government entities.

"Jail and Bail" fund-raiser to benefit Soccer Association

Accepting volunteers and donations—

The Ballinger Area Soccer Association is sponsoring the first "Jail and Bail for B.A.S.A."

The fund-raiser will be held during the Texas State Ethnic Festival of Ethnic Cultures and Arts and Crafts Show in Ballinger on Saturday, April 29, and during

Mayfest in Winters, Saturday, May 6.

The Ballinger Area Soccer Association serves youth ages 4-12 from across Runnels County.

Volunteers are needed to serve as "inmates" for the jail and bail events. Corporate and individual

donations are also being accepted. Proceeds from the "Jail and Bail" will be used for upgrades to soccer equipment and uniform replacements.

For more information and/or to volunteer, please call Toby Virden at 365-2158 or 365-7337.

Mid-West Texas Artists Guild inspired by Sylvia Ewing

by Elouise Chesnut

At the recent meeting of the Mid-West Texas Artists Guild, Sylvia Ewing challenged and inspired 14 members and one guest to explore different materials and techniques in their paintings.

Ewing's demo included the use of Crayolas, Kleenex, coffee filters, coffee, rice paper, and coffee grounds with water color and acrylic. She also instructed inter-

ested artists how to make spirit cards.

Whether working in Raku, ceramics, oil, watercolor, or acrylic, Ewing gives each piece of artwork energy and character. She allows herself freedom to use bright, vivid colors and whimsical forms — a hallmark in her style.

At the business meeting, mem-

Must be preapproved—

Municipal Judge agrees to service in community to pay court fines

Municipal Judge Virginia Parr has announced a plan to "work off municipal court fines," by performing community service.

Two upcoming community projects for this "work off" are the Elm Creek Reservoir Clean-up, April 29, and Mayfest, May 6. Manpower will be needed for both projects.

Judge Parr will allow service to these projects in lieu of paying the court fines. An agreement must be preapproved with the judge prior to the "work off."

If you are interested, contact one of the following people for details: Judge Parr at 754-4126, or Saffron Gibbs at 754-4424.

School transfer forms available

All students who do not live within the Winters School District and who desire to attend the Winters Schools for the 2000-2001 school year must fill out a transfer form before April 28, 2000.

Forms have been sent home with transfer students currently enrolled in the Winters Schools. Extra forms are available in each campus office and the central administration office.

If you should have any questions, please contact the superintendent at (915) 754-5574 or <mike.harris@netxv.net>.

"Jesus His Story" to be presented April 15-22

The Pioneer Baptist Church of Abilene proudly presents their annual pageant "Jesus His Story" April 15 through April 22 at the Abilene Civic Center.

Presented with music and animals, the story of the life of Jesus is told from his birth to his death. Chris Boniffant is writer. Director is Fred McNab, music minister at Pioneer Baptist Church.

Schedules and times follow:
 April 15 7:30 p.m.
 April 16 3:00 p.m.
 April 17-21 7:30 p.m.
 April 22 3:00 p.m.

All seating is general and free of charge; however, admission requires presentation of tickets. Tickets may be acquired by calling Pioneer Baptist Church at 692-6776.

Legion Post #261 nominates new officers

The Winters American Legion met at 7:00 p.m. at the Post #261 home, 138 West Dale, on April 4. Guest speaker, attorney Kenneth Slimp, spoke to the post and the auxiliary members about wills and Medicaid eligibility for nursing home care.

In the regular American Legion business session, the nominating committee presented a new slate of officers for the year 2000-2001. New officers will be voted on at a later meeting. In addition, members discussed plans to participate in Mayfest.

The American Legion meets every second Tuesday of the month. Everyone is invited to attend, especially veterans of any war. The next scheduled meeting will be May 2.

Runnels Baptist Association to meet April 17

The Runnels Baptist Association will meet Monday, April 17, at First Baptist Church in Miles.

A program on Sunday School emphasis has been planned.

The Executive Board and W.M.U. will meet at 5:30 p.m. The evening meal will be served at 6:00 p.m.

The Sunday School emphasis program begins at 7:15 p.m. Barry Taylor, Association Sunday School Director, is in charge of the program.

The public is invited to attend.

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Open House slated April 18 at CAP High School; public invited to attend

The public is invited to attend an Open House at CAP High School on Highway 503, three miles north of Valera. The event will be held on Tuesday, April 18, from 6-8 p.m.

The school will be open for touring of the facility, viewing student work, and interacting with faculty and staff. Refreshments will be served in the cafeteria.

CAP is a cooperative program which serves students from Ballinger, Bangs, Coleman, Jim Ned, Novice, Panther Creek, Santa Anna, and Winters.

In its 12th year of operation, CAP is expected to graduate about 30 students this school year. All interested persons are encouraged to attend this open house.

City park playground workday scheduled for Saturday, April 15

The Women's Service League will give the Winters City Park a facelift on Saturday, April 15. The group plans to clean up, paint, and repair some of the park's playground equipment.

The project is slated to begin at 10 a.m. in the park. Anyone not involved with Christmas In April is encouraged to assist the club members with the improvements. Paint and some brushes will be

furnished by the club. Anyone able to provide sanders and extension cords, rakes, tools, and paint brushes, is asked to bring them.

Bring a sack lunch and enjoy the fellowship, while improving the playground facilities.

For more information or to notify of your intent to work, contact club president Carla Hooper at 754-5627.

COMMISSIONERS, continued

house RMO Fund for the District Clerk.

Commissioners again discussed the remodeling of the county building in Winters which houses the branch tax office, Precinct 2 Justice of the Peace office and a sheriff's deputy office, along with a parole office. Commissioner Thurman Self was given the responsibility of overseeing making the office Americans With Disabilities Act compliant and making some changes inside the office.

Other business and action taken included:

- Sheriff Bill Baird was authorized to advertise for sale a 1993

Chevrolet presently being driven by Deputy Dana Gore.

- Rejected all bids received last month for topping rock and approved the re-advertising for bids on topping rock.
- Approved communications line crossings of county roads in precinct 1 by GTE Southwest.

Representatives of North Runnels Hospital and Ballinger Memorial Hospital were present for the meeting and made requests to be on the agenda for the May 9 Commissioners Court meeting to discuss emergency medical service responsibilities and also the lower funding being caused by the Balanced Budget Act.

"Jesus His Story," April 15-22

Abilene's Pioneer Baptist Church to present annual Easter pageant

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CHRISTMAS, continued

volunteer coordinators to receive instructions for the day.

Lunch and snacks will be brought to the project sights. Barbecue will be served to volunteers at 5 p.m. at the Winters High School.

Come and join this community day of work, fun, and fellowship!

For more information on volunteering, please call Audine McBeth at 723-2536 or pick up a volunteer sheet at *The Winters*.



A lion's life expectancy is 30 years at the maximum.

Telecommunicator Week, April 9-15

A time to thank local safety dispatchers

April 9-15 is National Telecommunicator Week.

Paul Boggess, Ballinger Chief of Police, would like to encourage everyone to recognize and "take their hats off" to local public safety dispatchers.

These are the folks whom most first contact when there is an emergency or simply when a problem needs addressing.

Not only are these hard working professionals the first link to emergency services, but they are also 9-1-1 operators, court clerks, secretaries, computer data specialists, and information specialists.

They are the lifeline for law enforcement, fire, and emergency medical services.

They work long hours and their services are offered 24 hours a day, every day of the year.

Local emergency services dispatchers are communications officers, Janice Amarine, Frances Rodriguez, Donna Howell, John Flores, and Jack Davis Sr. and wife Frances. These officers serve all of Runnels County and do an excellent job.

Help make their week by letting them know how much you appreciate their dedication and hard work.

"Pray for Rain" service April 17

The Winters Ministerial Alliance is hosting a "Pray for Rain" service on Monday, April 17 at 7:00 p.m. at the Elm Creek Reservoir pavilion.

Everyone is urged to attend.

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Call report of the Winters Volunteer Fire Department

Members of the Winters Volunteer Fire Department responded to 10 emergency calls in March as reported by Chris Ozborn, recording secretary for WVFD:

- March 2 Dispatched 2 trucks to grass fire 2 miles west of Wingate on FM 2595.
- March 10 Dispatched 2 trucks to grass fire on FM 2647.
- March 10 Dispatched 4 trucks to house fire in Wingate.
- March 12 Dispatched 2 trucks to barn fire on CR 384, approximately 12 miles out.
- March 12 Dispatched 2 trucks and jaws of life to East Highway 153 near Bluff Creek bridge. Two cars hit a horse.
- March 13 Dispatched to house fire 10 miles east on Highway 153.
- March 14 Dispatched 2 trucks to grass fire in bar ditch on FM 1770 west of Bluff Creek bridge.
- March 24 Dispatched to grass fire in bar ditch south of Winters on Highway 83.
- March 29 Dispatched to grass fire in Taylor County on CR 208 and 277.
- March 31 Dispatched 2 trucks and jaws of life to 4-car accident at intersection of Main and Broadway streets.

Official Records

County Court Criminal Cases
 April 3
 Justin Leathers, filed for theft of merchandise by check

District Court Civil Cases filed
 April 3
 Lease Comm. Corporation vs. Juan Ornelas, individually and dba Ornelas Mechanic shop, suit for default
 Lee Ann Bates Scheffe vs. Rosetta Dunbar, appointment of receiver

April 6
 Mueller, Inc. vs. Mike Irvin, suit on account

Divorce Cases Filed
 April 3
 Michael Dean Titus vs. Debra Christine Titus

April 5
 Cynthia Ann Mata vs. Adam Cruz Mata, Sr.

April 6
 Jeffrey Anthony Willborn vs. Jody Ann Willborn

Head Start Roundup is Tuesday

Roundup for Head Start, the preschool program for children age 3 to 5, will be held from 2:00 until 5:00 p.m. Tuesday, April 18, at the Winters Head Start, 601 W. Pierce.

Parents should bring income verification, shot records, and their child's birth certificate.

Head Start provides health services, speech and hearing tests, meals and snacks, family services, individualized teaching, dental services, and services for disabilities.

Children need to be 3 years old by September 1 to enroll.

Refreshments will be provided.

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, April 2, 2000, through Saturday, April 8, 2000. Winters Police Officers:

- stopped a Chevy pickup in the 700 block of N. Main for a traffic violation. The driver was observed to have a strong odor of alcohol on his person, and was offered and subsequently failed several field sobriety tasks. Eusebio Reyna of Winters was arrested for felony driving while intoxicated and also for making alcohol available to minors as there were three juvenile males in the pickup. Approximately 23 cans of beer were located in the pickup. Mr. Reyna's blood alcohol content was over twice the legal limit. A 17-year-old passenger was found to have been consuming alcohol and was issued a citation for minor in consumption of alcohol.
- received a report of a fight in progress in the 600 block of N. Main Street. No fight was located at the address given, so officers contacted the reporting party, a 54-year-old male of Winters. Investigation determined the male had made false report stemming from a domestic dispute with his spouse. The male had also set loose his wife's dog, creating a traffic hazard. The male was issued a citation for animals at large and no rabies vaccination. County charges are pending on the male for false report to a peace officer.
- received a report of vandalism in the 1100 block of W. Dale Street. Between the hours of 3:45 p.m. Monday to 2:15 a.m. Tuesday, person(s) unknown cut the bottom hose connection to a pickup radiator. The damage was not immediately noticed and extensive damage was incurred to the pickup's motor. This case is under investigation as criminal mischief.
- received a report of suspicious person(s) in the 500 block of Jones Street. Officers located one male, fitting the description given, in the 700 block of E. Truett Street and determined he was intoxicated. Austin Hord was issued a citation for public intoxication and released to his family. The other male was identified, but not located.
- received a report of a breach of the peace in the 100 block of N. Main Street. A 24-year-old male of Winters alleged a female known to him was using profanity and threatening him bodily injury. The victim advised he wished to pursue charges and the matter has been forwarded to the city attorney's office for review.
- received a report of a theft in the 400 block of S. Melwood Street in which a 40-year-old female of Winters alleged a cassette tape valued at \$16 was taken from her home sometime during the previous two weeks. A possible suspect has been named. This case is under investigation as Class C theft.
- stopped a vehicle for a traffic violation in the 300 block of N. Main Street. A license check of the driver revealed outstanding D.P.S. warrants totaling \$101.00. The driver, Phoutsady Phillips of Tyler, Texas, was able to pay the fines and was released.

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

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Extension News & Views

By Mike Mauldin, Extension Agent-Ag

Test water quality for landscape irrigation

As the troubles and woes of the drought continue to mount up, we find more and more people looking for any source of semi-affordable water they can find to keep their valuable landscape plants alive.

When samples are sent off for evaluation from old wells, often times, we get back results that are not favorable. Therefore, it's extremely important to have your water tested if you are unsure of its quality. The water level in some of these old wells is so low that they may be allowing poor quality water from another strata to contaminate the original water that once was good.

The Soil and Water Testing Lab at College Station is a part of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service. The lab is able to conduct comprehensive water quality tests on samples from private ground-water wells, or on water used for irrigation, aquaculture, or livestock operations.

The lab does not test water from public drinking water supply wells and it does not perform bacterial analysis (those tests are performed by the Texas Department of Health).

Water quality for irrigation purposes is rated on three or more factors. These include specific conductivity, sodium absorption/

ratio (SAR), and boron levels.

The specific conductivity is a measure of the salinity level. The salinity is caused by evaporation of your irrigation water which results in salt being left in the soil. The trees or shrubs in your landscape essentially go into drought stress because the salt is competing with the plant roots for moisture and the salt wins out.

Boron is an essential plant element but can become toxic to some plants when the soil-water concentration exceeds only slightly that required for optimum plant growth. Generally, toxic boron concentrations in the soil are found only in arid regions of the state. Some waters in Texas contain toxic levels of boron. Crops vary in their tolerance of boron; therefore, water that is marginal for sensitive plants still may be used for more tolerant crops.

The lab analysis contains a great deal of information and provides accurate data on many water quality properties. There are also several private labs that do an excellent job.

If you are in doubt about your water and would like to have it tested, you can pick up information sheets and collection instructions at the County Extension Office.

Winters ISD presents new Distance Learning Lab with Region XV Video Showcase Day

The Winters ISD will be a host of the Region XV Video Showcase Day on Wednesday, April 19, 2000. The event will take place from 9-11:30 a.m. in the Distance Learning Lab. The lab, formerly Studio 7, is located in the building southeast of the high school, next to the Winters Junior High School.

The event will include a tour of the Network Operations Center at the Region XV facility in San Angelo. Other programs to be presented include a Texas Tech Writing Project sponsored by Menard and Brownwood ISDs.

A fifth grade teacher in the Wall ISD will share part of her curriculum on the "Early English Settlement," followed by a virtual (electronic) field trip to the "Orange County Marine Institute." The Sterling City site will sponsor a Howard College dual credit course, Economics 301.

The lab is designed to electronically allow Winters ISD access to sites and facilities without leaving the Winters campus. "This lab offers such new technology," said Site Coordinator Susie Taylor, "that we're not even fully aware of its capabilities."

Winters is one of 12 sites to share a \$2.8 million Technology Integration in Education (TIE) Grant to build the facility. The other sites include Bronte, Brownwood, Crockett County, ESC Region XV, Grape Creek, Mason, Menard, San Felipe Del Rio, Schleicher County, Sterling City, and Wall.

Besides new carpeting, lab tables and chairs, the facility boasts an operating console equipped with a FAX and copy machine, VCR, and video equip-



SITE COORDINATORS Dottie Loudermilk (left) and Susie Taylor discuss plans for the Region XV Video Showcase Day on April 19 in the new Distance Learning Lab on the WISD campus.

ment.

In addition, an overhead projector camera with microscopic zooming capabilities, a computer with monitor and controlling devices are included in the console and three 27" screen televisions for viewing are placed throughout the lab.

The Distance Learning Lab has primarily four purposes including the ability to offer dual credit courses in which students receive

high school and college credit from one course.

Secondly, students and staff have the ability to take electronic field trips anywhere that offers the new technology. Taylor said that just last week a group took a tour of the Egyptian Mummies Exhibit at the Indianapolis Children's Museum in Indiana.

In addition, college courses can be offered as needed starting in the fall, and Winters ISD faculty

and staff can participate in staff development programs without having to plan travel time into the process.

Mike Neal is the Technology Coordinator for the entire Winters campus, and is responsible for the maintenance and upkeep of the lab. Taylor, along with Dottie Loudermilk and Rhonda Goetz are site coordinators, responsible for booking the lab programs and overseeing the events.

Winters 4-H Club changes meeting

The Winters 4-H Club will hold their monthly meeting on Monday, April 17, one week early due to the Easter holidays.

The meeting will be held from 5:15 to 6:30 p.m. in the Mt. Carmel Catholic Church Fellowship Hall.

Election of officers for the year 2000-2001 will be the order of business. Officers to be filled include president, two county del-

egates, vice-president, secretary, treasurer, historian, and reporter. In addition, there are two committees, phone and refreshment.

Members running for office are encouraged to have brief speeches prepared.

All 4-Hers should bring ham raffle tickets and money to turn in as the month's community service. Drawing for the ham will be held during the meeting.

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