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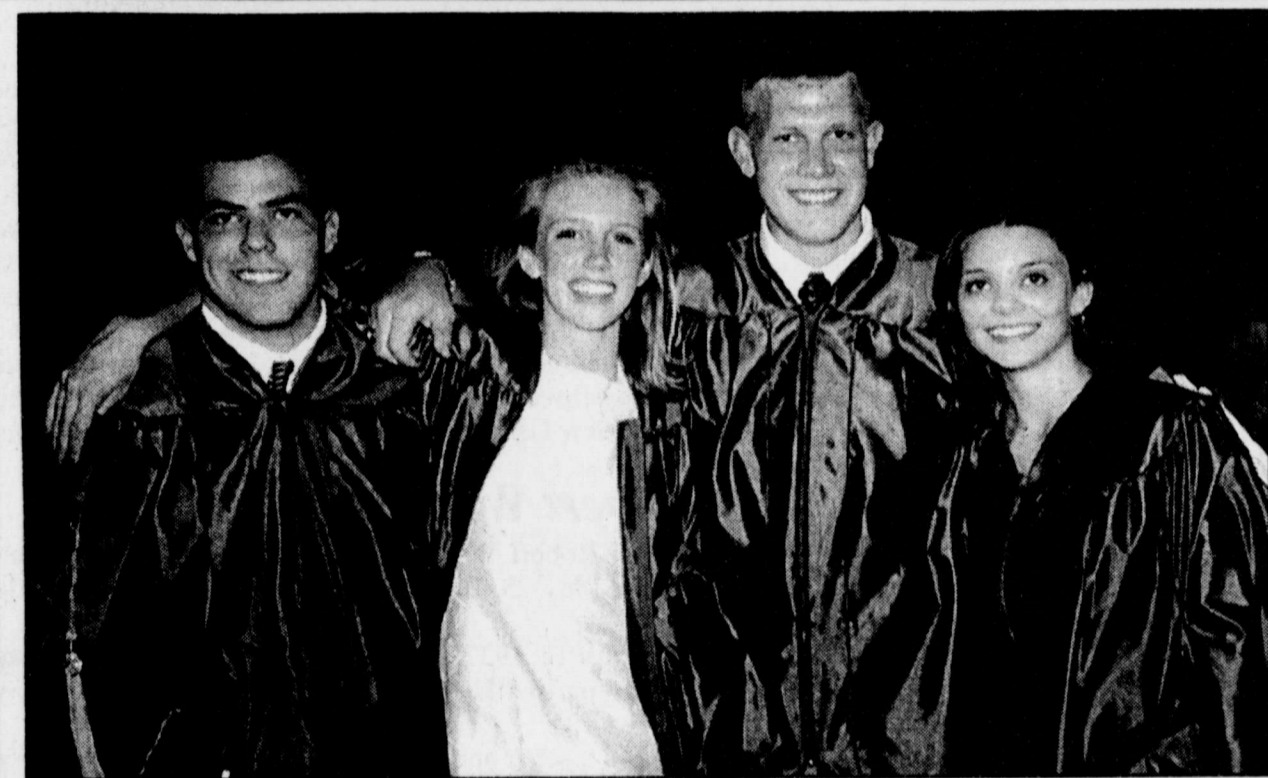
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SPECIAL WHS GRADUATES recognized during commencement exercises Friday night included (l-r) Kirk Byrd, recipient of the Floy Hood Hodge Scholarship, Kelli Slimp and John Bahlman, recipients of the Jake Joyce Memorial Award for outstanding students, and Misty Melton, recipient of the Pearl Jackson Memorial Scholarship. Thirty-eight seniors received diplomas from Winters High School.

Children's health insurance reps at BMH on June 6

Will be at North Runnels Hospital later in June

According to Dominick Yanez with the People for Progress, Inc. of Sweetwater, every Texas child, regardless of how much the family earns, can now be assured of health insurance coverage.

Since April 3, families in Runnels County have had the opportunity to enroll their children from birth to age 18 under the state's new insurance initiative, the TexCare Partnership.

This partnership offers three separate health insurance programs for Texas children: Texas' Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP), Medicaid, and the Texas Healthy Kids Corporation (THKC).

Yanez says, "Even if you have

never been able to afford health insurance for your children, you will be able to now. Rates are based on the number of people in your family and family income and expenses.

"Keep in mind," he continues, "that the most any family would pay is \$18 a month for the family of children. That's right. On CHIP, you will not pay more than \$18 a month. Not \$18 per child but \$18 for all your children."

Benefits include regular check-ups and doctors' office visits, shots and immunizations, eye exams and glasses, prescription drugs and medical supplies, hospital care and services, x-rays and

lab tests, dental care and mental health care.

CHIP representatives with People for Progress, Inc., a community action agency, will be at the Ballinger Memorial Hospital on Tuesday, June 6, 2000, from 1:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Parents will need to bring at least two months' worth of income verification (check stubs, W-2's, or a letter from their employer) and proof of day care expenses.

CHIPS representatives will be at the North Runnels Hospital in Winters later in June; however, a specific date has not yet been set.

Anyone may call 1-800-592-7433 for further information.

Enterprise sponsoring first annual "Dad & Me Contest" for Father's Day 2000; three lucky winners to be chosen

Your dad could be in for a big treat with Father's Day fast approaching. The Winters Enterprise is sponsoring its first ever "Dad and Me Contest" in conjunction with the June 15 issue of the paper.

Children (and moms) are encouraged to submit a favorite photo of dads and their child(ren) to The Enterprise by noon on Monday, June 12. All photos will be featured in the June 15 issue in honor of Father's Day.

Three lucky winners will be

selected at random from our entries to win prize packages worth \$100 each, donated by local merchants. Sponsors to date include Higg-inbotham Bros., Milton's Hardware & Auto Supply, The Stitchin' Post, Alderman-Cave Feeds, The Shed, and The Winters Enterprise.

Winners will be selected on Wednesday, June 14, and announced on the Father's Day photo page that week.

Those wishing to participate simply need to bring or send a

photo and \$10 to The Enterprise office at 104 N. Main, before noon on Monday, June 12. Please include the complete name of the dad and children shown in the picture, address, and a phone number to contact if your dad is chosen one of our three lucky winners.

Pictures may be picked up at The Winters Enterprise after 1 p.m. on Wednesday, June 14, or leave a self-addressed stamped envelope and we'll return the photo to you.

Calcote to play in first Big Country All-Star Football Classic

The best of the Big Country will participate in the first annual Big Country All Star Football Classic to benefit the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. Wes Calcote of Winters will be among the 70 players.

The all star game will begin at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, June 3, in Abilene ISD's Shotwell Stadium.

Not only will this game pit the best players in the sport against each other, but it will also be a fund-raising effort to support a full-time FCA coordinator for this part of West Texas. According to the FCA, it will require approximately \$90,000 annual operating expenses to create an FCA area directors office. This director would operate an office in

Abilene and serve an area with an approximate radius of 80 miles of Abilene.

In April of 1988 Florida State University's head football coach, Bobby Bowden, came to Abilene and provided great insight into why a full-time staff person is important. The main function of

See CALCOTE, page 4

Davis & Wilkerson to be recognized by Duke University for outstanding college entrance exam scores

Rachel Davis and Katy Wilkerson of Winters are among 1,287 seventh grade students who have been invited to Duke University's Talent Identification Program (TIP) state recognition ceremonies at Texas Christian University in Fort Worth on June 2.

Rachel is the daughter of Mike and Nancy Davis of Winters and the granddaughter of Charlotte and Bill Barker of Winters, and Mary and Duncan Wheeler of Ballinger. She is the great-granddaughter of Mary Driskell of Ballinger.

Katy is the daughter of Jim and Mary Wilkerson of Winters and the granddaughter of J.C. Wilkerson of Winters and Mrs. Bonnie Aycock of San Angelo.

Miss Davis and Miss Wilkerson achieved outstanding scores on college entrance exams and

will be awarded Certificates of Distinction during the state ceremony. The ceremony will be similar to a graduation where the honorees are called onto stage to receive their certificates and

ers who tested; Katy scored higher in English than 77%.

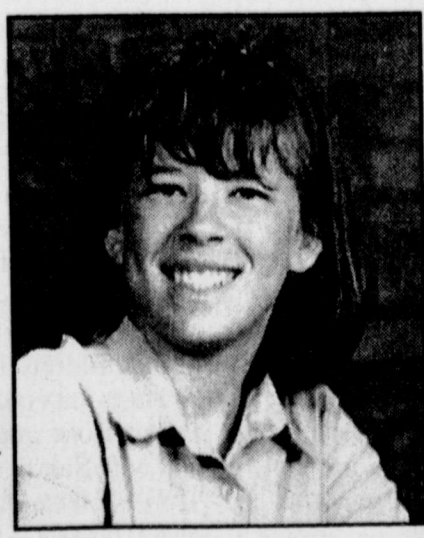
TIP aims to identify and develop academic talent. Participants receive literature advising them of how best to use their abilities, available educational opportunities, and the needs and interests of gifted children.

"The gifted youngster is arguably America's most precious natural resource," said Steven Pfeiffer, TIP's executive director and a Duke psychology professor. "All too often, gifted students go unrecognized or overlooked by their teachers."

The Scholastic Assessment Test and the American College Testing Assessment were administered to 87,034 seventh graders in 16 states during the school year 1999-2000.



Rachel Davis



Katy Wilkerson



ZANNIE SLIMP, age 6, turns on the charm and talent in her star performance as Bunny Sue, the bunny who could not hop, during the first grade musical program "Get Hoppin'!" Approximately 65 children participated in the delightful program under the direction of elementary music teacher Fran Kidwell and first grade teachers Karen Colburn, Sherry Cavazos, Cheryl Sneed and Chris Parramore. More pictures on pg. 4.

Summer Reading Club begins at Winters Public Library, Tuesday

The Summer Reading Club at the Winters Public Library will get underway on Tuesday, June 6, and continue each Tuesday through July 11. The program will be held from 2 to 3 p.m. The club will not meet on Tuesday, July 4.

All children, ages 1 to 13 years old, are invited to come and join us for some story reading and fun activities. Children between the ages of 1 and 6 must be accompanied by an adult.

The purpose of the Summer Reading Club is to help kids retain the reading skills gained during the school year by encouraging recreational reading.

Call or come by the library to preregister now. Fill your child's summer days with fun and adventure with books. Some videos and audio books are available for check out.

Children can choose from mystery, western, action, adventure, biography, romance, science fiction, technology, and more.

The Winters Public Library is located on North Main in downtown Winters. Library hours are from 1-6 p.m., Monday through Thursday. For more information about the summer reading program contact librarian Carolyn Scarborough, at 754-4251.

First Baptist Church to host Vacation Bible School June 5-9

The First Baptist Church invites all children in Winters and the surrounding areas to join them at SonZone Discovery Center!

FBC will host their Vacation Bible School from Monday, June 5 to Friday, June 9. Children having just finished the sixth grade to 3-years-old are invited to attend.

Classes will be held from 9 a.m. to noon daily. Family Night is scheduled for Friday, June 9, at 7 p.m.

Pre-registration for VBS will be Saturday, June 3, from 10-11 a.m. in Jones Fellowship Hall. Children will make a "time capsule" to place their daily worksheets in and a "bouncy ball"

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WHAT'S HAPPENING ?

- June 1-10 a.m.-Noon & 1:30-3 p.m., Immunization Clinic, TDH
- 11:30 a.m., Sr. Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center
- 5 p.m., WMA Outreach Center Workday
- 7 p.m., Winters Squares, Community Center
- June 2-11:30 a.m., Sr. Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center
- Cowboys for Christ, Drasco
- June 3-11 a.m.-Noon, Vacation Bible School Pre-Registration, First Baptist Church
- 7:30 p.m., All-Star Football Classic, Shotwell Stadium, Abilene
- June 4-Noon-2 p.m., FBC Youth Spaghetti Dinner, School Cafeteria
- June 5-9 a.m.-Noon, Vacation Bible School, First Baptist Church
- 9 a.m.-4 p.m., WIC, Winters Housing Authority
- 11:30 a.m., Sr. Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center
- 6 p.m., City Council, City Hall
- 7:30 p.m., Ballinger Masonic Lodge
- June 6-9 a.m.-Noon, Vacation Bible School, First Baptist Church
- 11:30 a.m., Sr. Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center
- Noon, Lions Club, Community Center
- 1-3:30 p.m., CHIP Representative, Ballinger Hospital
- 2-3 p.m., Summer Reading Club, Winters Public Library
- 3 p.m., Friends of Hale Museum, Z.I. Hale Museum
- 7 p.m., American Legion, George Beard's Home
- 7 p.m., WVFD, Fire Station
- June 7-7 a.m., Industrial Board, Chamber Office
- 9 a.m.-Noon, Vacation Bible School, First Baptist Church
- 11:30 a.m., Sr. Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center
- 5 p.m., "Relay for Life" Organizational Meeting, Kelly Lipsey's Home
- 6 p.m., Chamber Directors, Chamber Office
- June 8-9 a.m.-Noon, Vacation Bible School, First Baptist Church
- 10 a.m., Triple L Club, First Baptist Church
- 10 a.m., 39+, First United Methodist Church
- 11:30 a.m., Sr. Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center

Oil Bidness

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Sometimes when you listen, I mean really listen, to someone outside of the oil and gas business, you can learn something. I know because this happened to me just the other day.

And, these guys weren't talking about the price of rice in China or the availability of prescription drugs in Canada. They were talking about our business!

These guys were studying our business looking for profit opportunities and came upon something besides oil and gas production right here in the oil patch. Yes, they came up with something, alright. It is something already in operation, but they termed it differently and found a marketing angle to make it a profitable enterprise in and of itself.

The something? Why, it's carbon dioxide injection in west Texas!

I know, it's being done, already. What's the big deal?

Well, these guys call it carbon dioxide "disposal," and they have a market that is underserved in this regard. It seems there are lots of industries that have carbon dioxide that they want to get rid of, and they are willing to pay others to take it off their hands.

I can remember in the 1980's struggling to find sources of carbon dioxide at a low enough cost to make carbon dioxide flooding projects viable. Now, folks are willing to pay oil and gas operators to dispose of it. And, they don't really care if it actually creates benefits of higher recovery for us!

In a study of the numerous floods around Denver City, Texas, these guys found that the customers have started rolling in to pay someone to take their carbon dioxide. And, the carbon dioxide flood operators in the area, are all too happy to accept the large checks for accepting a substance they happen to need.

To really make it a big deal, though, these guys want the operators to market themselves as carbon dioxide "disposal experts" and approach those with excess carbon dioxide ready to make a deal.

I was under the impression that everyone was still struggling trying to buy carbon dioxide at a decent price. Boy, you learn something every day—if you listen, anyway.

I'll keep you updated on this idea to see if it really takes off.

HIGHLIGHTS OF AREA DRILLING ACTIVITY

COMPLETIONS

Coleman County

Delray Oil has completed the E. Her-ring #13 in the County Regular Field (4 miles NE of Talpa) at an initial rate of 28 BOPD & 14 BWPD in the Palo Pinto (perfs 3204-10). Loc. is 3280 FNL & 766 FEL of D. McLean Sur. No. 757, A-493.

Nolan County

Patterson Petroleum LP has completed the Wilks #1 in the South Lake Trammel Field (2 miles NE of Maryneal) at an initial rate of 105 BOPD in the Canyon (perfs 5126-42). Loc. is 330 FNL & 330 FEL of Sec. 191, Blk. 1-A, H&TC Sur., A-174.

STAKINGS

Concho County

Daubert Operating, LLC has staked the Pfluger -D- #3 as a Wildcat, 7 miles SW of Eden (Depth 2100). Loc. is 467 FEL & 467 FNL of Sec. 167, Blk. 72, T&NO Sur., A-911.

Ultra Oil & Gas has staked three wells in the Dare I Field, 7 miles SW of Eden (Depth 2000). The R. Pfluger #C-1 is loc. 800 FNL & 1100 FSL of Gideon Pace Survey No. 25, A-1112. The W. Pfluger #19 is loc. 870 FSL & 473 FEL of J.M. Young Sur. No. 2049, A-1003. The W. Pfluger #21 is loc. 1000 FNL & 2400 FEL of J. Mahr Sur. No. 2050, A-633.

Nolan County

Ampak Oil Co. has amended the loc. of the Bridford #1 in the West Group Field, 4 miles SE of Maryneal (Depth 6400). The new loc. is 1504 FNL & 1078 FEL of Sec. 103, Blk. 1A, H&TC Sur., A-55.

Irving W. Avery has staked the Texaco Fee #2A in the Mulberry Canyon Field, 5 miles NE of Nolan (Depth 4300). Loc. is 1431 FSL & 392 FNL of Sec. 69, Blk. 5, T&PRR Sur., A-237.

L.C.S. Production has staked two wells 14 miles SE of Sweetwater (Depth 4999). The Adkins #1 (Weaver Springs Field) is loc. 901 FSL & 960 FEL of Sec. 3, Blk. 6, T&PRR Sur. The Connally Unit (Chalky Mountain Field) is loc. 223 FSL & 1060 FNL of same Sec.

Runnels County

DBO Oil has staked the C.C. Gray #4 in the Beddo Field, 5 miles NE of Ballinger (Depth 4100). Loc. is 2926 FEL & 1687 FSL of ETRR Sur. No. 147, A-159.

TDC Engineering, Inc. has applied to plug back the Gressett #1 in the Alcorn Field, 6 miles NW of Talpa (Depth 3750). Loc. is 2270 FSL & 467 FNL of Sec. 129, ETRR Sur., A-149.

Tracer Operating has amended the loc. of the Nichols-Henderson #1 in the Matt-Pat Field, 5 miles NE of Norton (Depth 4999). Loc. is 732 FNL & 82 FSL of Blk. 1, T. Fowler Sur. No. 440, A-177.

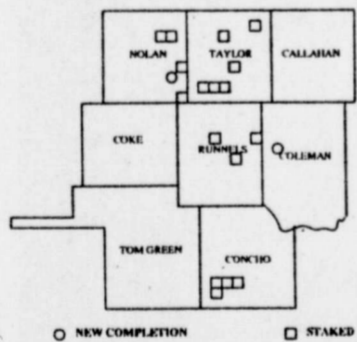
Taylor County

DWR Oil Company has applied to re-enter the Guitart -B- #1312 in the Miracle Field, 4 miles S of Tye (Depth 2500). Loc. is 448 FNL & 302 FNL of Subd. 13, W.R. Willis Sur. No. 122.

E&R Oil has applied to plug back three wells in the County Regular Field, 5 miles W of Bradshaw (Depth 3400) in the Audas-Graham Unit. The #4202 is loc. 2173 FNL & 780 FSL of Sec. 138, Blk. 64, H&TC Sur., A-1287. The #6402 is loc. 2196 FNL & 1468 FNL of Sec. 125, same Blk. The #6901 is loc. 1000 FEL & 800 FSL of same Sec.

Tom Graham Drilling Co. has staked the Graham #3 in the County Regular Field, 3 miles N of Tuscola (Depth 2200). Loc. is 1090 FNL & 350 FEL of Sec. 43, Blk. 1, SPRR Sur.

Keith Wells has staked the S.E. Griffith, et al #1 as a Wildcat, 1 mile E of Abilene (Depth 3400). Loc. is 720 FSL & 2300 FNL of Sec. 31, BAL Sur.



Z.I. Hale Museum to hold annual meeting and membership drive

The Z. I. Hale Museum, Inc. will hold its Annual Membership Meeting on Sunday, June 11, 2000, at 4 p.m. in The Rock Hotel Heritage Center.

There will be a program on area history, and refreshments will be served.

All members should have received a ballot in the mail recently for the election of directors. These ballots should be returned by mail or brought to the annual meeting. Officers will be elected at the meeting.

All Hale Museum members are reminded to send in their annual

dues at this time. Families and businesses are encouraged to become members of the museum association.

Dues and other fund-raising activities are used to support the operation of the museum and its many activities. Rental of The Rock Hotel generates less than one half of its operating costs, so extra gifts are appreciated.

Family memberships are \$15 and business memberships are \$40. Lifetime memberships are \$125. Dues may be sent to Z.I. Hale Museum, P.O. Box 42, Winters, TX, 79567.

Card of Thanks

The family of Norman "Shorty" Wuistinger would like to thank all who came by, called, brought food, and offered their condolences during the recent loss of our loved one.

We would like to express a special thank you to Linda Dry and Mike Meyer of Winters Funeral Home. As always, they show special love and concern to the family during a time like this.

We would also like to thank the wonderful ladies of St. John's for preparing and serving the meal for the family.

Thank you also to Pastor Art Goetz for the lovely service.

It really means a lot to have wonderful friends and family during a time like this.

The family of Shorty Wuistinger

Volunteers needed to remodel WMA Outreach Center

Volunteers are needed to help remodel the Winters Ministerial Alliance Outreach Center (Food Pantry and Clothes Closet).

There will be a workday on Thursday, June 1, at 5:00 p.m. to put up the ceiling. Last week, volunteers put up part of the ceiling and insulation.

The Outreach Center is in the building just south of the First United Methodist Church.

Census 2000 to hire more recruits

The Decennial 2000 Census is continuing recruiting efforts in Runnels County. Testing will be held on Wednesdays at 2:00 p.m. in the Courthouse through the month of July. Not only are there more census takers needed at this time, future projects that begin after the Non-Response Follow-Up (enumeration) will create more jobs.

The Accuracy Coverage Evaluation will begin in July, with hiring beginning in June. Only a few people per county will be needed for this project. The ACE project will require employees to use laptop computers, which the Census Bureau will provide.

Runnels County residents are encouraged to apply for all Census jobs. "Let's bring a little extra \$\$ into the community this 'droughty' summer!" said Sandra Burroughs, recruiting assistant.

For information about where and how to apply, call toll free 888-325-7733.

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June 5 thru June 9
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Monday, June 5: Goulash, hominy, beets, cornbread, and banana pudding.

Tuesday, June 6: Swiss steak, mixed greens, corn, cornbread, and Jello.

Wednesday, June 7: Chicken & gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, rolls, and cake.

Thursday, June 8: Tuna salad, chicken salad, vegetable salad, orange salad, and chocolate delight.

Friday, June 9: Hamburger, French fries, pea salad, cookies, and ice cream.

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Obituaries

Patsy Marie Grohman

WINTERS—Patsy Marie Grohman, 69, died Wednesday, May 24, 2000, in the Senior Citizens Nursing Home in Winters.

She was born February 19, 1931, in Novice and graduated from Novice High School. She married Charlie Grohman in January 1951 in Novice and has lived in the Winters area all her life. She attended Draughtons Business College and Beauty School in Abilene.

Mrs. Grohman was a member of the Novice Methodist Church.

Survivors include her husband, Charlie Grohman of Winters; one son, David Grohman of Winters; one daughter, Mary Lou Grohman of Abilene; one brother, Glenn Barnett of Water Valley; two sisters, Nina Wilson of Novice and Sarah Davis of Abilene; five grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Graveside services were held at 9:00 a.m. Friday, May 26, at Truett Cemetery near Winters with Reverend Art Goetz officiating. Burial was directed by Winters Funeral Home.

Memorials may be made to the West Texas Rehabilitation Center.

Lucy McGary Kittrell

WINTERS—Lucy McGary Kittrell, 98, died Sunday, May 28, 2000, in an Abilene healthcare facility.

She was born August 24, 1901, in Eastland County. She attended public and private schools and Britton College in Cisco. She moved to Winters in 1945 and taught school for a number of years. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church.

Survivors include a niece, Laura Francis Kittrell of Houston, a great niece, Elizabeth Schueler of Houston; a great nephew, Jack Kittrell Cory of Houston, a great-great niece, Valerie Schueler Bass of Houston; and a great-great-great niece, Kathryn Louise Bass of Houston.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. on Thursday, June 1, in the Winters Funeral Home Chapel with Reverend Don Roath officiating. Burial will follow in Lakeview Cemetery directed by Winters Funeral Home.

Robert Woodrow Wilson

BALLINGER—Robert Woodrow Wilson, 62, passed away on Thursday morning, May 25, 2000, in Lubbock after a valiant battle with cancer.

He was born August 12, 1937, in Ballinger to Woodrow and Loucille Sledge Wilson. He married Barbara Holbrook in Ballinger on May 25, 1968.

Mr. Wilson was a teacher and a rancher. He taught in the Ballinger School District for 39-1/2 years, sometimes teaching third generation students American and Texas history. He loved teaching and driving the school buses. He was proud to be a charter member of the Ballinger Breakfast Lions Club with 100% attendance, serving in several offices. He served with the Texas National Guard for 30 years, retiring as a Lieutenant Colonel in 1990. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Ballinger and was extremely proud of his Seekers Sunday School Class.

He was preceded in death by his father in 1986.

Survivors include his wife of 32 years, Barbara Wilson of Ballinger; one son, Alan Wilson of Ballinger; two daughters, Stacie Black and husband Craig of Lampasas, and Jana Wilson of Lubbock; his mother, Loucille Wilson of Ballinger; one sister, Dorothy Hearn of Ballinger; and a special niece, Susan Hearn of Ballinger.

Family visitation was from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Saturday, May 27, at Rains-Seale Funeral Home in Ballinger. Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m. Sunday, May 28, at the First United Methodist Church with Reverend Bill Hughes officiating. Graveside services followed in the Evergreen Cemetery in Ballinger.

Pallbearers were Rodney Flanagan, Dale Herring, Tom Lee, Jimmie Caughron, Robert Behrens, and Daniel Beimer.

Memorials may be made to the Robert Woodrow Wilson Scholarship Fund, c/o the Ballinger National Bank, P.O. Box 660, Ballinger, Texas 76821.

Geneva Sensabaugh

BALLINGER—Geneva Sensabaugh, 71, died Friday, May 26, 2000, in a local nursing home.

She was born January 16, 1929 in Hooker, Oklahoma. She married Oscar Sensabaugh on August 12, 1955. She was a seamstress and a homemaker. Mrs. Sensabaugh was a Methodist.

Survivors include her husband Oscar Sensabaugh of Ballinger; six children, Marlis Ashton and Patricia Pecor of Ballinger, Stanley Kershman and Diana Bryan of Mesquite, Linda Kershman of Quindland, and Stephen Kershman of Abilene; two sisters, Helen Rock of Beaver, Oklahoma, and Mary Belles of Porter; a brother, Kenneth Williams of Nevada; eleven grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

A memorial service was held on Sunday, May 28, 2000 at 4 p.m. in the Rains-Seale Chapel in Ballinger. Arrangements were directed by Rains-Seale Funeral Home.

Memorials may be made to the American Heart Association or the American Diabetes Foundation.

Arnold Fuchs

ROWENA—Arnold Fuchs, 82, died Friday, May 26, 2000, following an automobile accident.

He was born March 8, 1918, in Olfen to Joseph and Helena Seidel Fuchs. He married Agnes Halfmann on September 19, 1940, in Olfen. They were members of St. Boniface Catholic Church in Olfen until moving to Rowena in 1975 where they joined St. Joseph Catholic Church.

He was a charter member of the Knights of Columbus and received his fifty-year pin. He served on the Board of Directors of Coleman County Electric Co-op for 39 years and was president for 10 years. He served on the Board of the Federal Land Bank for 25 years and on the St. Boniface Church Board for a number of years.

He loved to farm and was an avid sportsman. He umpired numerous little league games and loved hunting, fishing, skat, and dominoes. He took great pride in the accomplishments of his children and grandchildren. He was a lifelong resident of Runnels County.

He is survived by his wife Agnes Fuchs of Rowena; his children, Helen Rose and husband Albert Ebaugh of Houston, James Fuchs and wife Sandi of Roseville, Minnesota, Sister Deborah Fuchs of Tyler, Tom Fuchs and wife Janis of San Angelo, Roy Fuchs and wife Diane of St. Charles, Missouri, and Bob Fuchs and wife Puggy of Olfen; and thirteen grandchildren.

He is also survived by a sister Anna Dankworth and husband Charlie of Ballinger; sisters-in-law and brothers-in-law, Annie Fuchs of Olfen, Mary Lou and Alfred Multer, Lydia Halfmann, Dorine and Maurice Moeller, Norbert and Lou Halfmann, and Doris Halfmann.

A wake service was held at 7 p.m. on Sunday, May 28, at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Rowena. Funeral mass was Monday, May 29 at 9:30 a.m. at St. Joseph with Monsignor Curtis Halfmann and Father Stephen Kennelly co-celebrating. Burial followed in the St. Boniface Catholic Cemetery in Olfen. Arrangements were made by Rains-Seale Funeral Home.

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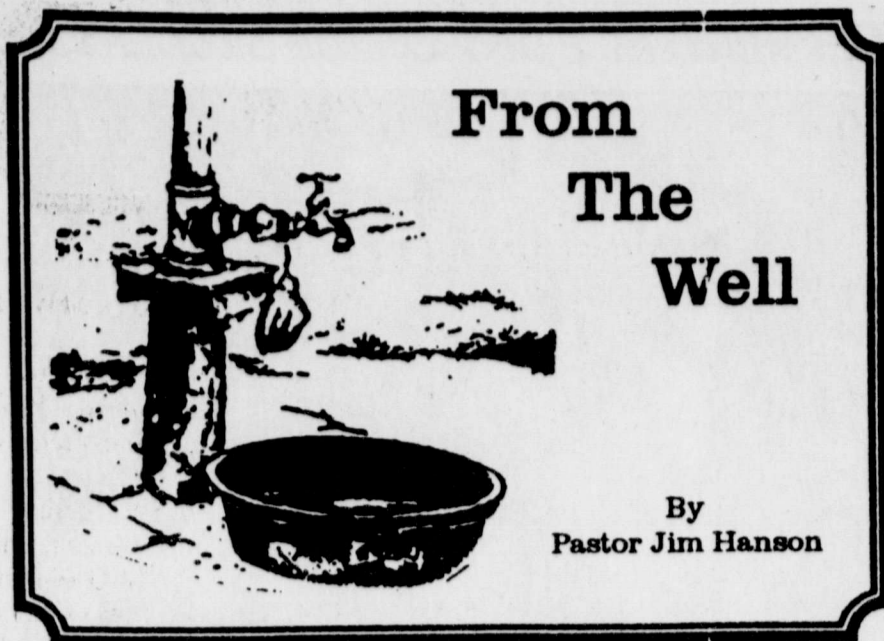
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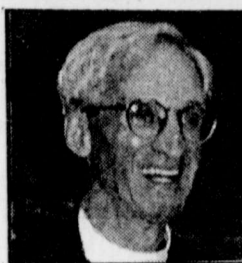
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From The Well

By Pastor Jim Hanson



Pastor Jim Hanson

"A title... or a testimony?" That's what I heard him say. Our son John, who was talking with Ramona. I overheard him. And he was talking like an Afro-American evangelist... with his highs and lows, shouts and whispers. I wondered what it was all about.

Later in the day I found out.

It seems that John had been at a church meeting, where a man by the name of Tony Campolo was the main speaker. Tony is a sociology professor at a college out East. But he's more than that. He is an evangelist. An evangelist to church people. And what he's calling us to do is to live an evangelistic life-style. John was quoting from his speech. And rather than tell me more about it, he did a very wonderful thing. He gave me an audiovisual tape to look at and listen to. Which I did. Four times.

I was, and continue to be, overpowered and deeply moved by this man and his message. He stirred the waters of my well. I can't get his speech out of my mind. I wake up in the morning with the phrase "title... or testimony?." Often during the day, when my mind wanders, scanning my built in computer, it comes up on my inside screen. IN BIG LETTERS.

Tony is a member of a large Afro-American church. When he really wants to make a point in his speeches, he usually comes up with something that had happened... in church. He was exhorting his audience (clergy, theological professors, and seminary students) to be doers of the Word and not just hearers. You could tell that he was struggling for just the right illustration. And then he told the story. It went something like this.

"Many of you know that I am a member of an Afro-American church. Every year they have a Recognition Sunday. It is a very moving service. For on this Sunday, the congregation is honoring their students who are in college, or graduating from college, or going to postgraduate school. Each student gets up front and tells the congregation who they are and where they are in their studies. Like 'My name is Florence Johnson. I am a senior at the University of Michigan. I am majoring in Sociology. When I graduate I intend to go on to further study.' Each one tells his or her story.

"After each speaker, there is a pause... and then, coming from the pews... where the grandpas and grandmas, the mothers and dads, the aunts and uncles... many of whom never even finished the 8th grade... some groans and sighs of rejoicing... and words like 'Thank you Jesus.' 'Glory be to God.' 'Bless you child.' It is a holy moment. The folks in the pews are so proud of their children who are so successful and so honored. And, so grateful to God.

"After the students finish their part, the preacher goes to the pulpit. He has streaks of grey in his hair, and he isn't so young any more. He moves in and out of the pulpit. And he begins by announcing in a loud, clear voice, 'SOMEDAY YOU ARE ALL GOING TO DIE. And then we'll take you to the cemetery. And we'll throw some dirt in your face. And then we'll go to the church basement and eat potato salad.'

"Unless you are a testimony, and not just a title. Not just a B.A., or an M.A., or a Ph.D., or an M.D. Not just a title. Now Pharaoh... he had a title! He was the king of Egypt. He had all the training. He had the schooling. And he had the power.

"But Moses! He was a man of God, he did what God called him to do. He stood up to Pharaoh. He had a testimony. My God will deliver us! And God did. And Moses led the people out of slavery into the Promised Land! HE HAD THE TESTIMONY!

"And Jezebel. She had the title. She was the Queen. She had 400 prophets. She had the army. She brought in her false gods. And she led the people into idolatry!

"But Elijah! He had the testimony. He took on the prophets of Baal! He did it in the name of the Lord. He won. He did not have the title. But HE HAD THE TESTIMONY.

"And you, my young friends, when you die... if you have the title, and that's all you have, we'll take you to the cemetery, and throw dirt in your face, and go to the church and eat potato salad. BUT, if you have the testimony, if you have the faith, the courage, and the power of God to serve Him no matter what... you will be praised... and remembered... not only here on earth... BUT IN HEAVEN. FOREVER!

"WHAT HAVE YOU... A TITLE OR TESTIMONY?"

WOW! What a message. Ringing in my ears. Reverberating in my mind. There's still time. For us who are still in school. And still in the school of life. It's never too late. Titles might be on your tombstones. But testimony puts your name in the Book of Life. For keeps. Forever.

Letters to the Editor

Residents thank helpers for Kentucky Mission project

Dear Jean,
Elaine Miller and I were again honored to recently give our doll program to the residents of the Senior Citizens Nursing Home.

For our doll program we showed corn cob dolls, a corn husk doll, a spool and button doll, and Elaine's grandma and grandpa dolls complete with false teeth.

The ladies at the nursing home dressed twelve dolls for the Children of Henderson Settlement Mission in Frokes, Kentucky.

Elaine and I have sent nine boxes so far to the Mission this year. They consisted of stuffed animals, oatmeal box cradles each with a doll, and fifteen warrior action toys for little boys.

So far we have collected 43 new and used dolls for this year's collection with an October 15 deadline.

Our thanks go to Billie Ruth Bishop and the residents of the Senior Citizens Home for allowing us to spend the afternoon with them.

Our thanks also go to Ray and Billie Alderman, Tammy Young, Michael and Rose Alatorre, Margaret Pruser and Estella Bredemeyer for their wonderful help.

If anyone has any used dolls to donate, call me at 754-4593, or leave them on my front porch at 207 N. Church.

We appreciate any help you can give us.

Sincerely,
Nadine Bedford

City Manager publicly expresses appreciation to Strake Foundation

George W. Strake, Jr., President
Strake Foundation
712 Main Street, Suite 3300
Houston, TX 77002-3291

Dear Mr. Strake:

We never forget people who help us when we need them. This is the second time you held our hand. Sincere help is when one gets into his pocketbook to help others.

The \$3,000 check that we received, for the second time, from your foundation went a long way. The tennis players of our community, in a hand-in-hand and heart-to-heart feeling, put their efforts together and provided the labor to paint the tennis courts. The City paid \$3,450 for the material. Since we did not have to pay for the labor, our volunteers were able to paint and stripe one more tennis court that had never been painted before. We were also able to purchase a new net for that same court.

This is the fruit of partnership between public, private sectors and volunteers' sweat and blisters. This partnership would not have been possible without your generosity.

Thank you and God bless you Mr. Strake! I hope you live a long happy, healthy, and prosperous life with your family and loved ones. People like you never die anyway. You just change vehicles from a short temporary life to a perpetual heavenly life next to the Almighty God, the creator of Heaven and Earth.

On behalf of the Mayor, City Council, City employees, tennis players, and residents of this area, please accept my highest regards and gratification.

Sincerely,
Aref Hassan
Aref Hassan, Ph.D.
City Manager

☆FUMC Youth Fundraisers☆

☆CHOCOLATE CANDY BAR SALES

Krispy, Almond, Toffee & Plain—\$1 each from any youth

☆LOVE OFFERING DINNER

Sunday, June 4 following church services at First United Methodist Church

☆BAKE SALE

Noon—Saturday, June 10
WalMart SuperCenter in Abilene

All proceeds to benefit expenses of Youth Evangelism Conference.

Family literacy program to begin in Ballinger

Do you have a child who is behind in school because he/she needs help in reading? Are you yourself having a difficult time reading?

According to VISTA volunteer Virginia Robbins, Central Texas Opportunities is offering free help to any person, regardless of age, who would like to learn to read.

For details, call 365-2275 or come by 702 South 8th Street in Ballinger.

Central Texas Opportunities is also offering other services. GED classes are planned to start as soon as possible. In these classes, GED pretests are available for study. Mentoring and tutoring, after-school tutoring, and job search information are all available at CTO.

Volunteers are needed for the family literacy program. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Ms. Robbins at 365-2275.

Call 754-4958 to place an ad



PROUD GRADUATES FROM TWO GENERATIONS recently receiving diplomas are Jim Henson and his twins, Amanda and Thomas. Dad received his bachelor's degree from Abilene Christian University on May 6, majoring in biology and minoring in Bible. The twins, home-schooled by their mother, the former Becky McAnally, received diplomas on May 18 from Big County Home Educators of Abilene. Mr. Henson is employed in the microbiology lab of Hendrick Medical Center in Abilene. Thomas is a phlebotomist at HMC this summer while Amanda works with the Concepts of Care in Winters. Both will attend ACU next fall to pursue careers in the medical field.

Vacation Bible School

Monday, June 5-Friday, June 9
9AM-Noon daily
Family Night, Friday at 7 PM

Pre-registration—Saturday, June 3
10-11AM in Jones Fellowship Hall

Ages 3 to 6th grade invited to attend.

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No swimming in Winters, but two pools open within a 25 minute drive

With temperatures soaring near 100° daily and no water to open the Winters City Pool, families may be looking elsewhere to beat the summer heat.

Two pools are open for the summer within a 20 to 25 minute drive from Winters, including the pools at Abilene State Park and Bronte City Park.

There is no admission to the Abilene State Park pool, however there is a \$3 charge per person, age 13 and over, upon entering the park. The pool is open from noon to 8 p.m., Thursday through Sunday. It is also available for private parties.

The pool is large with both a low and high diving board. A large kiddie pool is located apart from the main pool, yet within the facilities. A spacious area of grass and walkways is available for sunning or watching children swim. Floaties, life jackets, and

balls are allowed.

The park is located five miles southwest of FM 89 in Buffalo Gap on Park Road 32. For more information, contact the park office at (915)572-3204.

The Bronte pool is located within their city park and is open Monday through Saturday from 2-6 p.m. and Sundays from 1-5 p.m. Cost is \$1.50 for children and \$3 for adults. Children pre-school age and younger are admitted free of charge.

The pool features a low diving board and water slide. A small kiddie pool is directly adjacent to the main pool. Life jackets, floaties, and balls are allowed.

Season passes are available at \$30 for children and \$120 for a family. The pool is also available to rent for private parties. For more information contact the pool at 473-2401.

Children ages 1-18 eat free through Summer Food Service Program

The Winters Independent School District will again sponsor the Summer Food Service Program. This program is administered by the Texas Department of Human Services. Breakfast and lunch will be provided to ALL children FREE of charge. Children DO NOT have to qualify for free/reduced lunch.

All meals will be served and eaten in the WISD cafeteria. Breakfast will be served from 7:30 a.m. until 8:00 a.m. Lunch will be served from noon until

12:30 p.m. The Summer Food Service Program will operate each weekday through July 10, 2000.

The Winters Independent School District announces the sponsorship of the Summer Food Service Program. Meals will be provided at the WISD cafeteria. People who are eligible to participate (children ages 1-18) in the program must not be discriminated against because of race, color, national origin, sex, age, disability, religion, or political belief. Anyone who believes that they have been discriminated against should write immediately to: Director, Civil Rights Division, MC W-106, Texas Department of Human Services, P.O. Box 149030, Austin, Texas 78714-9030 or the Secretary of Agriculture, Washington, D.C. 20250. NOTE: Discrimination complaints based on religion or political beliefs must be referred only to the Director, Civil Rights Division, Texas Department of Human Services.

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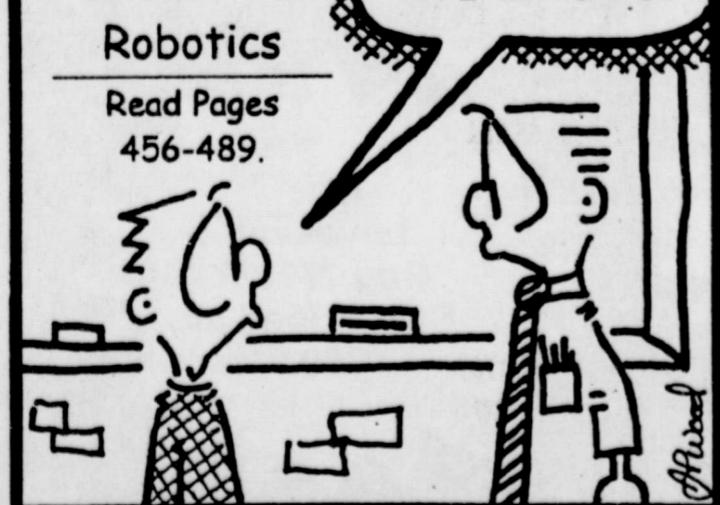


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GET HOPPIN'! — BY WINTERS ELEMENTARY FIRST GRADE STUDENTS



RAYMOND RODRIGUEZ and JESSE BUTLER make some pretty convincing frogs as they leap and croak during the first grade performance of "Get Hoppin'!"

Slimp named to Standard-Times All-West Texas Track Team

WHS 2000 graduate Kelli Slimp has been recognized once again as she was named to the *San Angelo Standard-Times* All-West Texas Track Team.

Slimp joins an elite group of young ladies from class A to 5A schools in the area named to the honor.

She was one of two named in hurdles. The other honoree was Ballinger's Jenny Edgington.

Slimp placed second in the 2000 state class 2A 300 meter hurdles. She was state champion in the event in 1999.

Slimp plans to attend Abilene Christian University to study mass communications and run track. She is the daughter of Ken and Mary Slimp.



C.J. JOHNSON and SCOTT CURRY, as birds of a feather, flock together to encourage Bunny Sue to learn to hop during the first grade musical.



"DOCTOR" DREY RICHARDS and "NURSE" ABBY GUY are all smiles even though they are at a loss as to how they "cure" Bunny Sue's inability to hop.



COLORFUL FISH, RILEY SPILL (left) and VALERIE VASQUEZ, invite Bunny Sue to come swim in their school and perhaps learn to hop.

CALCOTE, continued

an FCA Area Staffer is to support the area huddle coaches and through that support strengthen the individual huddles.

Al Pickett of the *Abilene Reporter News* said it best. "A full-time person working for the FCA means more young people involved in FCA. And more young involved in the Fellowship of Christian Athletes means stronger schools locally."

The North team will be coached by Abilene High head football coach Steve Warren. Joining Warren will be Hank Dowell of Sweetwater, Dency

Faith of Albany, and Gerald James of Colorado City.

The South squad will be led by Wylie High School head football coach Hugh Sandifer. Assistant coaches will be Randy Quisenberry of Cooper, Dan Slaughter of Ballinger, and Steve Freeman of Brownwood.

On Friday evening, June 2, the All Star Sharing the Victory Banquet will recognize players, players' parents, coaches, officials, and FCA huddle sponsors. Also the Big Country Athlete of the Year for men and women will be named.

First Baptist Church Youth
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Crews News

By Hilda Kurtz

Years ago I was a failure; I had no money. Now I'm a success; I owe money. I'm saving my money. Someday it may be worth something. Money talks—but it doesn't say when it's coming back.

Hilda Kurtz



Hopewell Church had good attendance Sunday and all enjoyed the dinner at noon. There was a service before going home in the afternoon. Visitors were Chris Shields of Abilene, Leon and Joyce Nance of Grape Creek, and Mildred Morrison.

Mr. Orville Jarrase died in Houston. He was buried at 3 p.m. Sunday in the Crews Cemetery. He was related to the Morrison families. Son-in-law James and Anna Morrison once lived in Crews.

Selma Wilkerson attended the funeral of her uncle, Homer Martin, age 96, in San Angelo on Wednesday. He was buried in the Mertzon Cemetery.

I was sorry to hear Mrs. Charlie (Patsy) Grohman died and was buried Friday. The Grohman families have our sympathy.

Leona and Roy Matthies were in Cisco Sunday and picked up grandson T.C. Hall who will be spending several days. Abe and Pat Giles of Brownwood came Sunday afternoon.

Rodney and Alvi Faubion and son Mark of Irving spent the weekend with Noble and Harvey Mae Faubion and Eileen and Kenny Cartwright. Eileen baked Mark his 8th birthday cake. Auntie wishes you many, many more birthdays as do we.

Eileen and Kenny Cartwright attended Jerry Prater's graduation on Thursday night at CAP High School. The Cartwrights spent Tuesday night in Abilene shopping and ate out at the Texas Roadhouse.

Carolyn and Joe Webb were in Abilene Tuesday shopping.

Chris Shields of Abilene spent the weekend with Juanita Shields.

Wayne Kraatz and Tonya New were in Abilene Saturday and shopped. They came home with baby chicks and turkeys. (Wish I could do that.)

Weldon and LaVanda, Elise and Tye Foreman of Kerrville

spent Monday and Monday night with Helen Alexander. The Foremans came from Elk City, Oklahoma. S.K. Alexander of Austin spent two nights with Helen.

Leona Osborne of Winters spent Saturday with Nila and Therin Osborne and also enjoyed supper.

Amy and Brandon Mansell, Katy Grigsby and son Kadlan of Abilene were down to spend Sunday with Linda and Dale Duggan. Dale and Linda Duggan, Will and Leslie Duggan were in San Antonio and attended the wedding of Will's college friend, Ben Gary, to Carrie Feccil. Chauncey Mansell and family, Becky and Elwood Brown, and Casey Laird spent Memorial Day with Linda and Dale.

Coleman Foreman spent Saturday in Winters with Lawan at the Senior Citizens Nursing Home.

Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Schraer from Miles and Selma Wilkerson were over to see Margie Jacob last Monday night and enjoyed playing dominoes.

Visitors over to see Margie Jacob were Melvena Gerhart; Doris Woods; Selma Wilkerson; Jerry Engler; Brenda Jacob of Midland; Scott and Jeanna Kozelsky of College Station; Beverly VanZandt, Corey, and Brad; and Bryce Busenlehner.

Margie's children prepared dinner at her home on Sunday. Scott made some good grilled chicken. Thanks to all.

Brenda Jacob of Midland spent a few days visiting with friends and relatives during the Memorial holiday. They returned home on Monday.

Scott and Jeanna Kozelsky dropped by to say good-bye to Grandma Margie before returning to College Station on Monday.



APPROXIMATELY 100 WORSHIPPERS gathered last year to participate in the 1999 March for Jesus celebration. This year's march will be Saturday, June 10, beginning at 9 a.m. at the city park. For more information, contact Noelisa Loehman at 754-4328.

FUMC Vacation Bible School set for June 12-16

The First United Methodist Church invites all children ages three through those entering the sixth grade to star in Bible adventures at HolyWord Studios Vacation Bible School.

HolyWord Studios begins Monday, June 12, and continues through Friday, June 16. VBS will meet at the Methodist Church daily from 9 a.m. to noon.

Children will enjoy songs, games, tasty treats from Movie Munchies, Bible adventures, and crafts throughout the week.

HolyWord Studios is an exciting way for children to learn God's story in their story. They will join nearly one million children in North America in studying this VBS curriculum and take part in a hands-on mission project that will reach needy children across the globe.

For more information or to pre-register your child, call the church at 754-5213, Maurine Davis at 754-4450, or Karen Mills at 754-5060.

Engagement

LaMoyné Moore, "Buzz" Lovelady engagement announced

The families of LaMoyné K. Moore of Winters, Texas, and Ewing "Buzz" Lovelady of Knoxville, Tennessee, are pleased to announce their engagement.

LaMoyné and Buzz plan to marry in July in Winters. She is the daughter-in-law of Stella Moore of Winters. He is the son of Agnes Lovelady of Ballinger.

LaMoyné and Buzz are graduates of Winters High School.

VBS, continued

to take home. Refreshments will be served.

Advanced sign-up is encouraged to prepare for daily refreshments and ease congestion on the first day of VBS. However, pre-registration is not mandatory.

This year's Vacation Bible School will explore the wonders of God's universe through lively songs, humorous skits, and "science-with-a-twist" based crafts and games. But most importantly, students will look in the Bible for the answers to questions such as

"Why am I here?"; "What is God like?"; and "Why did Jesus have to die?"

SonZone is a very special place—a fantastic inventor's museum designed just for kids. Children will join Professor Meganoggin in her search for God's awesome plan.

Annual "March for Jesus" set for Saturday, June 10

The annual "March for Jesus" will be held in Winters on Saturday, June 10.

Activities will begin at Ted Meyer Park at 9:00 a.m. with singing and praise. The march will start at 10:00 a.m. and will go from the park down Main Street to the area north of the new post office. From there, the march will go by Senior Citizens Nursing Home and Our House and end back at the park.

Everyone is asked to bring sandwiches, chips, and drinks so that a picnic lunch may be shared together after the march.

For additional information or to purchase shirts or tee shirts, contact Noelisa Loehman at 754-4328.

FBC Youth to host Spaghetti Dinner Sunday

The youth of the First Baptist Church in Winters will sponsor a Spaghetti Dinner on Sunday, June 4, from noon to 2 p.m. in the school cafeteria.

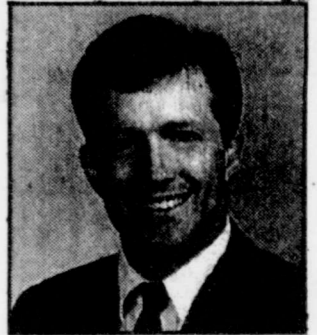
The meal will include spaghetti and homemade meat sauce, tossed salad, garlic bread, homemade desserts, and tea. Cost is \$5 for adults and \$3.50 for children 10 and under. Tickets may be purchased at the door.

Takeouts will be available. Meal delivery to shut-ins is available by contacting the church office at 754-5521.

All proceeds from the dinner will go towards financing the youth's summer mission trip to Houston and summer camps.

Troy L. Carter, M.D. Surgical & Medical Diseases of the Eye

Dr. Troy Carter, a member of Texas Midwest Eye Center in Abilene, has joined with North Runnels Hospital and Dr. Mike Bacigalupi, to offer cataract surgery in Winters. Patients can now be evaluated, have surgery with complete post-op care and never leave Runnels County. Please call North Runnels Hospital today to schedule an eye exam and cataract screening with Dr. Bacigalupi.



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Come by our office or send your picture TODAY! Be sure to include dad's AND all the children's names shown in the photo, your address & phone number, and a phone number where "DAD" can be notified if he is one of our lucky winners! Cost of the contest is \$10 and is due at the time of entry. DEADLINE IS NOON MONDAY, JUNE 12. All pictures will be featured in the June 15 issue—just in time for Father's Day! Pictures can be picked up at our office Wednesday, June 14, or provide a self-addressed, stamped envelope.

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Police Beat

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

Winters Police Department reports received and/or investigated from Sunday, May 21, 2000, through Saturday, May 27, 2000. Winters Police Officers:

- stopped a 1978 Dodge car on N. Rogers Street for driving erratically. A strong odor of alcohol was detected as well as slurred speech on the driver. The driver was given field sobriety tasks and she subsequently failed. Mary Trevino of Winters was then arrested for driving while intoxicated and taken to Runnels County Jail. Her blood alcohol content was over the legal limit.

- stopped a Ford pickup on S. Main Street for a mechanical violation. A license check of the driver showed him to be under A.L.R. suspension for a previous D.W.I. Alejandro Ybarra of Quanah, Texas, was arrested for driving while license suspended and taken to Runnels County Jail.

- stopped a 1989 Pontiac car on N. Main Street for a traffic violation. An odor of alcohol was detected on the driver who was offered field sobriety tasks and did pass the tasks; however, a license check revealed his license to be suspended for no liability insurance. Luis Acosta of Abilene was arrested for driving while license suspended and taken to Runnels County Jail. A passenger, Bobby Stokes of Abilene, was found to have an outstanding D.P.S. warrant totaling \$325. He was unable to pay the fine and was also taken to Runnels County Jail.

- received a report of burglary in the 700 block of W. Alexander Street. Two residences located next to each other were reported broken into and numerous items were allegedly taken from the homes. Entry was gained through an unsecured door. There are witnesses and the suspects have been identified. Charges are pending for burglary of a habitation.

- received a report of a man threatening subjects with a knife in the 700 block of W. Pierce Street. Investigation revealed an assault with bodily injury had occurred. Injuries were observed to the face and mouth of a 39-year-old female. A knife was recovered, but witnesses stated it was not used in the assault. Witnesses also identified the attacker as Ricky Ortiz of Winters. Mr. Ortiz was arrested for assault causing bodily injury (family violence) and taken to Runnels County Jail.

- received a report of harassment in the 400 block of E. Pierce. A 33-year-old female of Winters reported that a female neighbor had yelled at her and she was offended. No obscene or profane words were stated and no further action was taken. This incident is considered unfounded and is part of an ongoing feud between the two neighbors.

- received a report of a capias warrant out of Ballinger Municipal Court on an Alice Ann Mathews (Sorell) for unpaid traffic fines. The subject was located in the 500 block of E. Truett Street and surrendered without incident. She was taken to Runnels County Jail and booked on the warrant.

- received a report of an intoxicated driver entering Winters on U.S. 83. The vehicle was located and stopped on N. Main Street. A strong odor of alcohol was detected on the driver who also had slurred speech and seemed disoriented. The driver stated to the officer that he was attempting to locate U.S. 83, but couldn't find it. The driver was offered and subsequently failed several field sobriety tasks. A 7-year-old male passenger was found in the vehicle and the officer believed the passenger to be in danger of injury due to the intoxication of the driver. Harvard Eberling Jr. of San Antonio was arrested for driving while intoxicated and endangering a child and was taken to Runnels County Jail.

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

Winters Police Department—754-4121
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Official Records

County Court Dispositions	Divorces Filed
Patrick Shannon Hartley, possession of marijuana, pleaded guilty, fined \$750 plus \$210.25 court costs	May 23 Elaine Julia Salazar vs. Michael Paul Hernandez
District Court Civil Cases Filed	Divorces Granted
May 25 Mark Goetz dba M.S.G. Operating vs. Myrtle Seals—account	Sept. 18, 1999 Thomas Wayne Ford and Judith Kay Ford
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Winters ISD libraries offer "state of the art" capabilities to students, faculty, and staff



WINTERS ISD LIBRARIAN JEFF MURPHY (standing) observes freshmen Johnny Olvera and Lisa Lee as they utilize the electronic online database, Texas Library Connection (TLC) in the Winters High School library. Murphy was recently named one of the top 20 most active librarians in Texas in an interlibrary loan program through the TLC. Winters students, faculty, and staff enjoy "state of the art" computer capabilities throughout the schools' libraries.

The Winters ISD library system is an active member of the Texas Library Connection (TLC), an electronic online public school database allowing access to 38 million publications for reference, research, and entertainment.

School librarian Jeff Murphy was recently named one of the top 20 school librarians in Texas who were most active in an interlibrary loan program through TLC. As a recipient of the award, the Winters High School Library received copies of "Duncan's Way" and "Boy of the Deeps", autographed by author Ian Wallace.

According to Murphy, "No school library can afford to own all the information that may be needed by its users." The TLC has 4,100 school libraries in 804 school districts statewide.

Through this program WISD students, staff, and faculty are able to borrow books from libraries across the state. In addition, WISD has interlibrary loan capabilities with the Winters Public Library and Abilene Public Library.

Winters ISD receives approximately \$7,000 worth of online services free as a result of their membership with the TLC. "I think this opens up a wealth of information outside our library that we never had before," said Murphy. "It opens up our walls...we can just about go anywhere—nationally and internationally."

Murphy is proud to point out that the school libraries in both of

WISD's buildings are "state of the art libraries." "We can match the big cities (with our equipment and capabilities), he said. "It has taken about six years to accumulate all of the hardware, software, and technology needed to get our program in place."

Other online services provided to Winters' students by the TLC are the Britannica Online Encyclopedia and The Gale Group: magazines, newspapers, and the Texas Almanac.

In addition to the TLC and interlibrary loan program, Winters ISD libraries have compiled a strong Accelerated Reading program including 150 books for a Spanish AR collection.

Murphy says he is working on a collection for remedial/special education students and students with reading disabilities, of high interest/low level books.

Murphy also points out that through the library's technology, the faculty and staff have a number of capabilities including picture scanning, documents, forms, letter editing, local and regional e-mail, and numerous software programs.

"Jeff Murphy has been dedicated to these libraries as long as he has been here," said Mike Neal, Director of Technology for Winters ISD. "He's maintained a high quality and quantity of equipment for student/faculty resources. We are fortunate to have a man of his dedication and capabilities."

FUMC youth sponsoring fund-raisers to attend Youth Evangelism Conference

Teen youth from the First United Methodist Church will be sponsoring three fund-raisers in the next two weeks to help defray costs for the Texas Youth Evangelism Conference (YEC) in San Antonio. The conference will be held at the Alamo Dome from June 22-24.

Teens will be selling chocolate candy bars in four varieties for \$1 each. The selection includes krispy, almond, toffee, or plain. The candy will also be available at the church office.

A Love Offering Dinner will be held on Sunday, June 4, in the fellowship hall following church services.

In addition, the youth will sponsor a bake sale at the

WalMart SuperCenter in Abilene on Saturday, June 10, beginning at noon.

Many of the youth planning to attend need sponsors or financial help from these fund-raisers. Besides the conference, adult sponsors will also chaperone a trip to Six Flags Fiesta Texas and the Riverwalk for the teens.

The purpose of YEC is to bring youth to a knowledge of Christ and a commitment or a recommitment to Him.

Free will donations are also welcomed at the church office. For more information contact Albert or Christy Bernal at (800)605-4510 or FUMC at 754-5213.

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.

One community service for this "work off" is the Animal Shelter remodeling project, June 3, beginning at 8 a.m. In addition community service can be performed every Tuesday and Thurs-

day for the Winters Area Little League or at Elm Creek Reservoir every weekend.

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 Judge Parr at 754-4126.

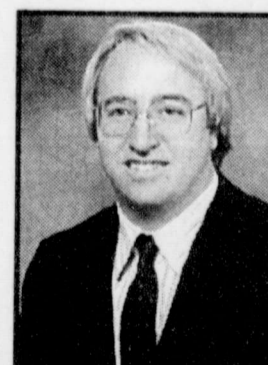
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TEXAS NATURAL RESOURCE CONSERVATION COMMISSION NOTICE OF APPLICATION AND PRELIMINARY DECISION PERMIT NO. 10320-001 APPLICATION AND PRELIMINARY DECISION. City of Winters, 310 S. Main, Winters, Texas 79567, has applied to the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission (TNRCC) for a major amendment to Permit No. 10320-001, to authorize an increase in the daily average flow from 490,000 gallons per day to 530,000 gallons per day; to increase the acreage irrigated from 250 acres to 282 acres. The proposed amendment also requests to authorize to beneficial land apply sludge on 50.9 acres of land adjacent to the west site of the treatment facility. This permit will not authorize a discharge of pollutants into waters in the State. This application was submitted to the TNRCC on August 24, 1999.
 The wastewater treatment facilities and disposal area are located approximately 5,600 feet east and 2,900 feet south of the intersection of State Highway 153 and U.S. Highway 83, southeast of the City of Winters in Runnels County, Texas. The sludge disposal site is located on 50.9 acres of land adjacent to the west site of the treatment facility. The plant site and disposal area are located in the drainage basin of Bluff Creek in Segment No. 1426 of the Colorado River Basin.
 The TNRCC executive director has completed the technical review of the application and prepared a draft permit. The draft permit, if approved, would establish the conditions under which the facility must operate. The executive director recommends issuance of this draft permit. The permit application, executive director's preliminary decision, as contained in the technical summary and/or fact sheet, and draft permit are available for viewing and copying at Winters City Hall, 310 S. Main, Winters, Texas.
MAILING LISTS. You may ask to be placed on a mailing list to obtain additional information regarding this application. You may also ask to be on a county-wide mailing list to receive public notices for TNRCC permits in the county. To get on a mailing list, send a request to the Office of the Chief Clerk, at the address listed below.
PUBLIC COMMENT/PUBLIC MEETING. You may submit public comments or request a public meeting about this application. The TNRCC will hold a public meeting if the executive director determines that there is a significant degree of public interest in the application or if requested by a local legislator. A public meeting is not a contested case hearing.
Written public comments and requests for a public meeting should be submitted to the Office of the Chief Clerk, MC 105, TNRCC, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, TX 78711-3087 within 30 days of the date of the newspaper publication of the notice.
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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ACTION. The executive director may issue final approval of the application unless a timely contested case hearing request or a timely request for reconsideration is filed. If a timely hearing request or request for reconsideration is filed, the executive director will not issue final approval of the permit and will forward the application and requests to the TNRCC Commissioners for their consideration at a scheduled Commission meeting.
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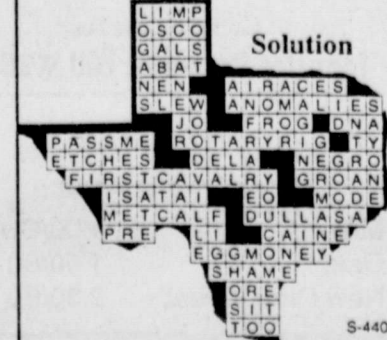
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Pest Management News

By Richard Minzenmayer, Extension Agent-Entomology (PM)

Tips when confronted with Africanized honey bees

Africanized honey bees are a hybrid cross between European and African races of the honey bee. The initial cross occurred in Brazil about 1957 when queens brought from Africa for breeding studies escaped and mated with European honey bees.

Africanized bees are more defensive than domestic European honey bees when their colony is threatened. European bees have been selected by man over centuries for gentleness, honey production, and other desirable traits. Although Africanized honey bees defend their colonies faster and in greater numbers, there is no justification for the name "Killer Bees." The term is used by the news media to attract the public's attention to this defensive behavior. **The sting of the Africanized bee is no more venomous than that of the common European bee.**

Africanized honey bees look like the common honey bee. Africanized honey bees are slightly smaller than their domesticated cousins. The differences

are very slight. Positive identification requires computer-assisted measurements of chemical and physical characteristics. The important difference between the common European and Africanized honey bee is its behavior. The average person and even experienced beekeepers cannot distinguish one from another in the field.

Many people imagine Africanized bees as large swarms moving across the countryside in search of humans or animals to attack. This dramatic scenario does not occur. Although the bees are often described as aggressive, **defensive** is a more accurate description since they do not attack unless provoked. However, when their colony is threatened, intentionally or not, they do respond more quickly and in greater numbers than domestic honey bees. About ten times more stings will result from disturbing an Africanized colony. This intensity of attack is enough to impress even an experienced beekeeper.

Africanized bees are most eas-

ily provoked by lawnmowers, weed eaters, and barking dogs. There has been a number of cases in Runnels County where dogs have provoked the bees and resulted in the death of the animal. If you have an established bee colony in or around your home or other dwellings which are frequented by people, it should be removed. Africanized bees often take over established European bee colonies. Therefore, a colony which has been docile can become very aggressive due to a mating of an Africanized swarm to a European Queen.

If you are stung, don't remove the stinger by squeezing. Scrape it out with a fingernail. If someone else is being stung by honey bees, help them out of the area as quickly as possible. Protect your-

self and the other person from stings with clothes or blankets and run away from the bees.

DO...

- Run away if you are chased by honey bees. Most people can outrun them. Keep going until they stop following you or you can get inside a house, car, or other shelter.

- Be alert to the need to move livestock and pets away from nests. Leave honey bees alone, and they'll leave you alone.

DON'T...

- Don't try to remove or kill a swarm. Get help by calling your local Extension agent, fire department, or pest exterminator.

- Never try to remove a swarm or a nest by spraying it with water or flame.

- Don't disturb honey bees.

BE CAREFUL WITH HONEY BEES

- * Honey bees are an essential part of agriculture.
- * Without the pollen that honey bees transport, many plants can't produce the fruits, vegetables, and seeds that we harvest. One-third of our diet comes from crops pollinated by honey bees.
- * Honey bees do sting, particularly if you disturb their nests.
- * If you see or hear a large group of rapidly flying bees, you've probably found a migrating swarm. Move away slowly and let the bees pass. They have no interest in you. Leave the bees alone.
- * If you see a lot of bees flying in and out of a small opening, there is probably a nest inside. Leave it alone. Bothering a nest is the best way to get stung.

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Hints from the Housebroken

Well, boys...I believe I finally figured it all out.

Women is what I'm talkin' about. You know...women...wives...

After years of ponderin' and real life experience, I done went and broke thangs down into two major creeds for husbands to live by:

- 1) if you wanna say it, don't say it...
- 2) if you wanna do it, don't do it...

By livin' these truths, a husband can improve his already slim odds of not bein' gnawed on like a fresh-hung hindquarters at a tiger convention.

The other day, my wife asks me if I thought she was gettin' fat. "Huh...what?" I say.

"Gaining weight...do you think I'm gaining weight?"

"Naw," I tell her. "I thank you're just good and sturdy is all."

"Sturdy!"

"Huh?"

"Sturdy...you said I looked sturdy. What do you mean when you say I look sturdy?"

"Uh...well..."

"What you mean is that I wouldn't blow away in a hurricane is what you mean!"

"That I'm strong and wide, like a double-T brace post is sturdy! Is that what you mean when you say I'm sturdy! Tell me the truth or you'll be sorry!"

"No...I mean...yea..."

I mean..."

"Do you think I have gained weight or not!"

"Well...you have beefed up a little..."

"Beefed up!...Beefed up!..."

"Well, yea...but in a good way... like a heifer fillin' out in the spring time..."

"Heifer!...filling out!..."

"You know...like when a cow grazes on good wheat pasture after a long winter. She rounds out all the sunk-in places and..."

"Cow!...rounds out!..."

Well, I reckon you can figure out how it went from there.

As you can imagine, like always, I throwed myself out further than I can swim in from.

Thanks to my big mouth, I continue my meager existence with more sanctions imposed upon me than Sadaam Hussein.

Yep, them cheese taters and pork chops and other thangs I kind of got to likin' is now a thang of the past.

But hey, I ain't near as stupid as I look and act, so you other husbands had best take a lesson that I learned the hard way.

If ever a growed-up woman eases up to you real sweet-like and asks you what you think they might weigh - study 'em real close, set yore jaw tight as the hide on a goat, scratch yore head a time or two and then say as serious as you can muster...

... "I'd have to say about 60 pounds soakin' wet, I reckon..."

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Patton improving after bee attack

James Patton, 82, remains in Abilene Regional Medical Center following an Africanized bee attack that occurred Thursday, May 18, at his home in Wingate.

Originally in guarded condition in ICU, Mr. Patton has now been transferred to a regular room. "I am still sore and they continue to run tests," said Mr. Patton on Tuesday afternoon, May 30. When asked if he knew when he might get to come home, Mr. Patton simply said he didn't know.

He would appreciate receiving your letters and cards. Write to: James Patton, c/o Abilene Regional Medical Center, Room 207B, 6250 Highway 83-84 Antilley Road, Abilene, Texas 79606.

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