

Apples of Gold

Honor thy father and thy mother so that you may live long in the land the Lord your God is giving you.—Exodus 20:12



Happy Father's Day

Sunday, June 18, 2000



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Winters, Texas

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— Filling public pool still questionable

Rains allow city to pump from old lake to reservoir

After getting almost eight inches of rain about two weeks ago, plus another three-tenths on Monday afternoon, the water crisis in Winters is slowly improving.

City Water Superintendent, Jack Davis, Jr., said the water level in Elm Creek Reservoir has risen by twenty-one inches, and continues to rise, bringing the level to almost six feet. The Reservoir is 30 feet deep and had gotten as low as having only four feet of water.

Davis and his crew began pumping water from the old Winters lake into the Reservoir on Monday, June 5, following a weekend of rain. He said they plan to continue pumping for several more days, hopefully raising the Reservoir level by three inches per day.

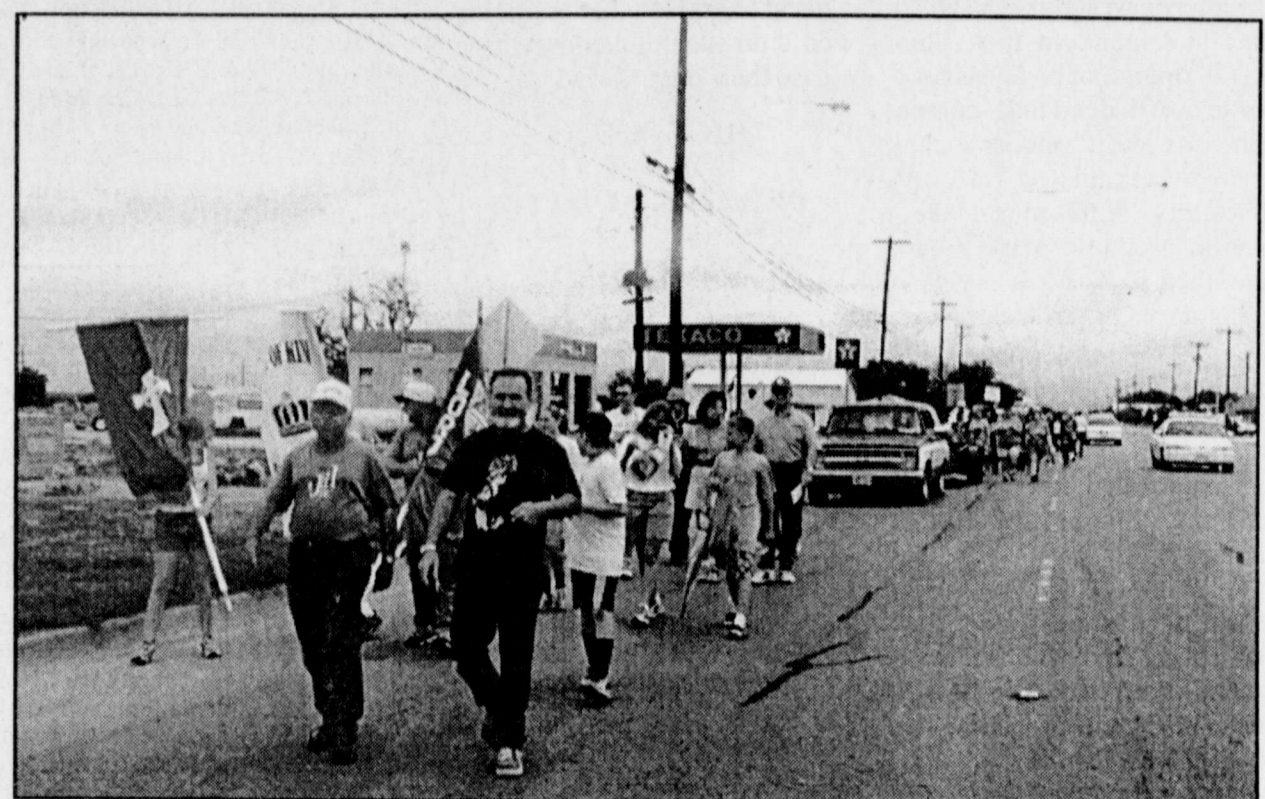
Davis said approximately 11,000 gallons per minute are being pumped from the old lake at a cost of about \$100 per day.

Until the rains, the city water supply had also been aided by

wells which were dug around the Reservoir. However, the wells are not being used at this time since water is available from the old lake at a much more cost efficient rate.

The ten wells had been temporarily shut down by state inspectors who determined that the depth and slope of the concrete around the wells did not meet state regulations. White Drilling Company of Clyde had poured the slabs.

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MORE THAN 200 WORSHIPPERS joined in the annual March for Jesus on Saturday, June 10. Activities began at the city park at 9:00 a.m. with a worship and praise service. In spite of a light drizzle, the crowd remained enthusiastic and prayerful in their efforts.



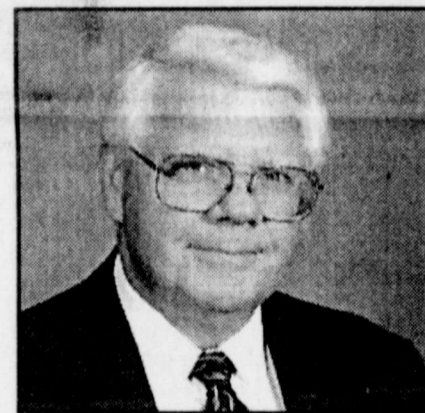
LADY BLIZZARDS SELECTED FOR 25-AA ALL-DISTRICT SOFTBALL are (clockwise from left) Paula Salas, 2nd team, outfield; Kendra Hope, 1st team, catcher; Kayla Colburn, 2nd team, first base; Michelle Paschal, 2nd team, second base; Jessica DeLaRosa, honorable mention, shortstop; Michelle Burton, 1st team, third base; Carmen Martinez, honorable mention, outfield; Jana Presley, Most Valuable Player, pitcher; and Jamie Reeves, honorable mention, outfield.

Kenneth Lee Williams, new music and education director at First Baptist Church

First Baptist Church of Winters is pleased to announce Kenneth Lee Williams of Orange, Texas, as their music and education director effective June 15, 2000.

Brother Williams was born February 25, 1937, in Monroe, Louisiana. He attended school in Shreveport, Louisiana, graduating from Fair Park High School in 1955. He earned a bachelor of music degree at Louisiana Tech University in 1960 and a master of church music degree at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary in 1962. His college and seminary degrees were completed with voice as the major applied discipline.

He had served the First Baptist Church of Orange, Texas, since 1972 as minister of music, youth, and senior adults as well



as director of the outreach program. His responsibilities included music in worship services and music and other activities with youth and adult choirs, ensembles, and handbells. He coordinated activities for the full church membership in training and promoting outreach/inreach. He also planned and lead disciple-

ship training for evangelism and other disciple courses, and directed two senior adult Sunday school departments.

Prior to working in Orange, Williams served from 1967-1972 as minister of music at Bull Street Baptist Church in Savannah, Georgia; in 1964-1967 as minister of music and youth at Edgewood Baptist Church in Columbus, Georgia; and from 1962-1964 as minister of music and youth at Monte Sano Baptist Church in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

"My longterm interest in ministry with senior adults has now become my primary responsibility," says Mr. Williams. He has coordinated activities for the senior adults including but not limited to:

See WILLIAMS, page 11

NR Hospital plans change to limited service facility

The public is invited to attend the North Runnels Hospital Board of Directors meeting on Monday, June 19, at 7 p.m. at the Winters Community Center.

The main purpose of this meeting is to allow the community an opportunity to give feedback to the directors and to be involved by having direct input into the direction of local resources and services.

Any hospital providing medical services in the State of Texas must be licensed as either a general or special hospital. There is no separate licensing requirement for a Critical Access Hospital (CAH). The term CAH is used for Medicare purposes only, not for licensing purposes. However,

there are certain limitations mandated by the Medicare certification agency, such as:

- Limits on number of beds (of which 15 are for acute care with 25 total including swing beds. North Runnels Hospital currently has 16 beds.

- Average length of stay of 96 hours. Currently, the average stay at NRH is less than 96 hours per patient.

Therefore, NRH has no problem meeting the criteria to make application to become a CAH.

The board is considering converting the local hospital from an Acute Care Facility (ACF) into a Critical Access Hospital (CAH).

See HOSPITAL, pg. 10

God's Great Rescue—

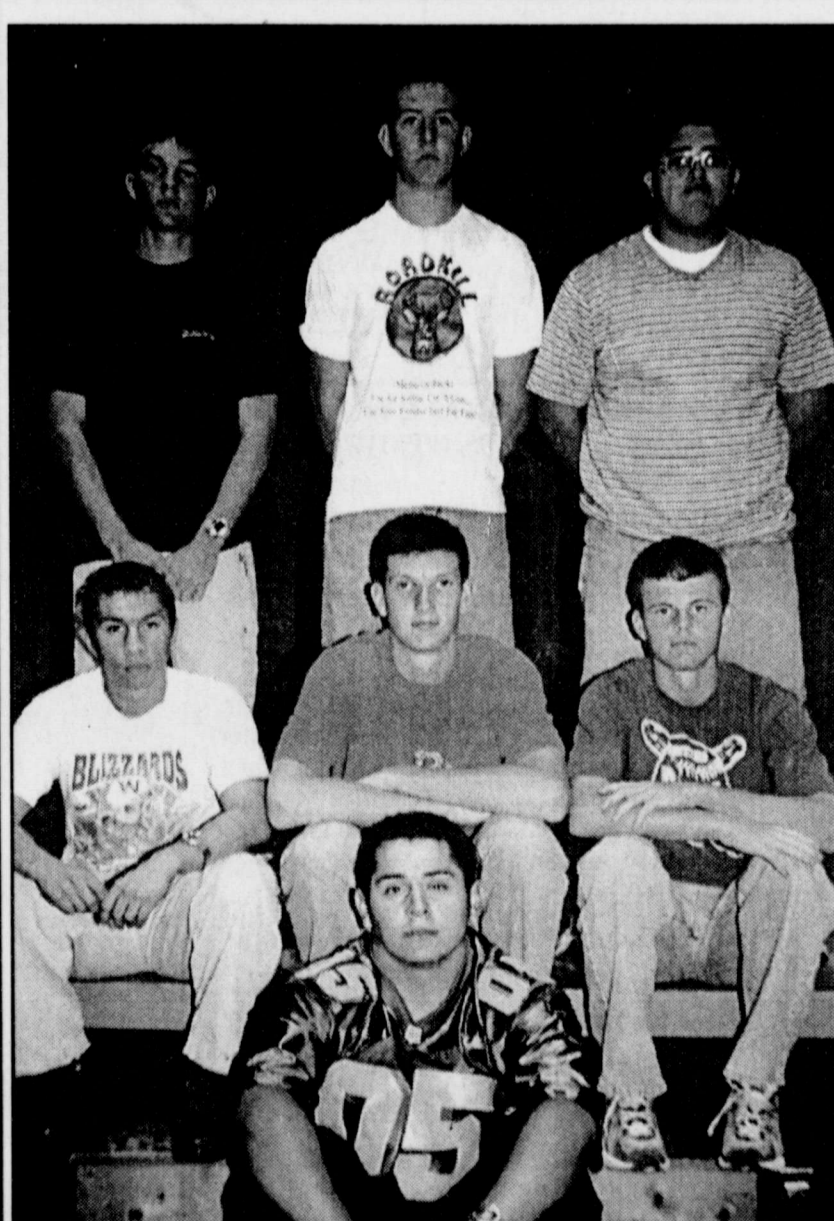
Lutherans plan three day Bible School, June 20-22

St. John's Lutheran Church will host their Vacation Bible School for three days only, Tuesday through Thursday, June 20, 21, and 22. The event will be held from 9 a.m. to noon each day.

"God's Great Rescue" is this year's theme for VBS and the three days will be filled with fun, crafts, games, refreshments, and

Bible study. The Lutheran VBS will be open to 4-year-olds through those children just completing the fifth grade.

The church is located at 1100 West Parsonage. For more information contact the church office at 754-4820 or Sherry Kurtz at 754-5626.



BLIZZARDS SELECTED FOR 25-AA ALL-DISTRICT BASEBALL are (back, left to right) Justin Calcote, 2nd team, outfield; Ben Blaine, 1st team, outfield; Louis Esquivel, 1st team, utility player; (middle) Jason Esquivel, 2nd team, outfield; Josh Minzenmayer, 2nd team, infield; Will Blaine, one of three selected as Newcomer of the Year; (front) Chris Lujano, 1st team, infield. Not pictured is Oscar Luz, 2nd team, infield.

Runnels County burn ban lifted

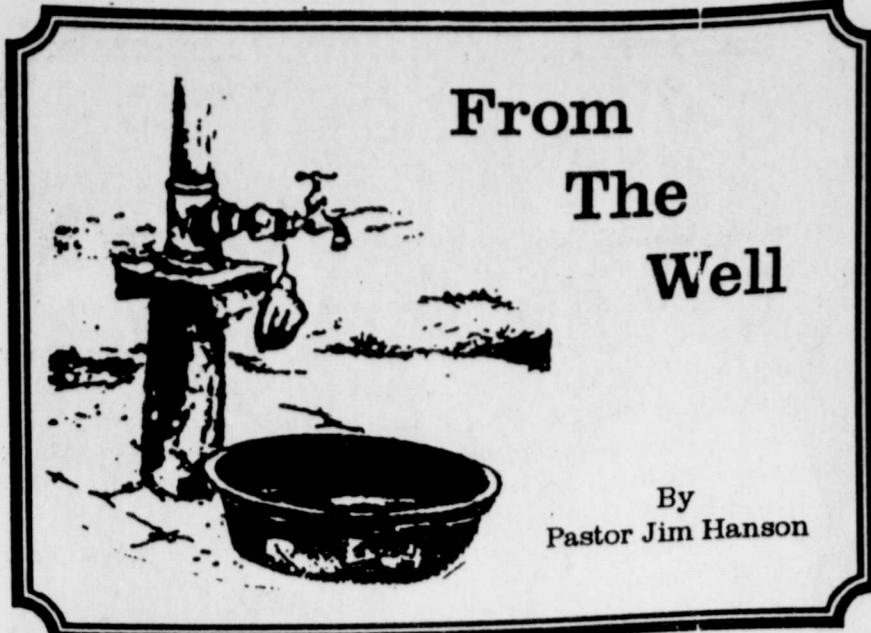
Runnels County Commissioners rescinded the burn ban which had been in effect for almost a year at their regular meeting Tuesday morning. Without discussion, the court voted to allow open burning in the county, something which had not been allowed during the dry weather. County Judge Marilyn Egan commented, "I hope the media will publicize this action—maybe it will cut down on our phone calls!"

The board met in executive session and following that, Commissioner Skipper Wheelless moved that the county enter a bid according to the appraisal received for the National Guard Armory in Ballinger and the seven acres adjoining it. The motion passed unanimously. The county had been notified by the state that the building and property would be

See COMMISSIONERS, pg. 11

WHAT'S HAPPENING ?

- June 15-9 a.m.-Noon, Vacation Bible School, First United Methodist Church
- 11:30 a.m., Sr. Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center
- June 16-9 a.m.-Noon, Vacation Bible School, First United Methodist Church
- 11:30 a.m., Sr. Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center
- 7:30 p.m., Cowboys for Christ, Drasco
- June 19-11:30 a.m., Sr. Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center
- Deadline for "Shoot To Chill" Basketball Camp
- June 20-9 a.m.-Noon, Vacation Bible School, St. John's Lutheran Church
- 11:30 a.m., Sr. Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center
- Noon, Lions Club, Community Center
- 2-3 p.m., Summer Reading Club, Winters Public Library
- 6:30-9 p.m., Computer Class, Winters High School
- 7 p.m., WVFD, Fire Station
- 7:30 p.m., Eastern Star
- June 21-7 a.m., Industrial Board, Chamber Office
- 8:30 a.m., Turnrow Meeting, Ballinger Co-Op
- 9 a.m.-Noon, Vacation Bible School, St. John's Lutheran Church
- 9 a.m.-4 p.m., WIC, Winters Housing Authority
- 10 a.m.-Noon, FREE Blood Pressure Check, Sr. Citizens Activity Center
- 11:30 a.m., Sr. Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center
- June 22-9 a.m.-Noon, Vacation Bible School, St. John's Lutheran Church
- 11:30 a.m., Sr. Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center
- 6:30-9 p.m., Computer Class, Winters High School



From The Well

By
Pastor Jim Hanson



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Sometimes I forget who owns the world.

It's easy to do...when you're watching T.V. which is something I do very little these days. I'm too busy watching the road. Or watching my grandchild up close. But, with all the bad news floating

around through the media, and the media everywhere, it's easy to get grouchy. It doesn't take too much of it to bring out the grump in grandpa.

Like, for example, the infatuation of our culture with entertainment. It seems like that is what every speaker is supposed to produce: winning football teams, basketball in the summer and soccer in the fall. Our T.V. sets are "entertainment centers," and even the weather prophets have got to entertain us when giving us "the weather."

It hits home when you are staying with your kids and grandchild. Now, don't get me wrong. We love them dearly. But, as we live with them and see what they are doing every day, much of the time, it's kind of scary.

Most recently we spent several days with John and Julie. They have one son, Peter, and three daughters...Rachel, Mara, and Abigail. Rachel is 6, Mara is 4, and Abi is 2. All beautiful little blondes. We love them all, dearly!

Now, when I was younger, it seemed to me that most little girls...when they played...played "house." Many had doll houses, and before that era, paper dolls. Ramona had a bunch when she grew up. Playing house, playing with dolls...were a kind of training for the future when you would be a homemaker or a mother or both. And, you had chores to do. It wasn't too long before you were setting to table, helping wash dishes, folding the clothes, picking up your room.

Not so today. It is a new era. And the latest fad, at least in 3 of our children's home, is "dancing." Not learning the 2-step, or waltz, or jitterbug. No...this is a combination of ballet, gymnastics, and "high-kicking chorus line." In our six weeks "on the road," we have seen 3 dance recitals, one with each family. The last one we saw was at John's, with Rachel doing her dancing routines. It was fun to watch.

But, long after the recital was over...every day is a dance day. Mara and Abi copy Rachel. When they get up in the morning, they put on their clothes. Very often...the first costume if the day is a ballet outfit, filmy stuff. Hardly the kind of clothes you would wear to wash dishes or work in the garden. The little ones come into breakfast...late...and dancing. The littlest one, Abi, can do all the steps her biggest sister can and Mara, the one in the middle, out shines them all.

Well, some of this is O.K. But...when I see all the work that their mother has to do as a "full-time, stay-at-home mother," and I see the kids dancing, entertaining themselves...I just get a little grumpy. I snort a little under my breath...to Ramona. And she agrees with me. All this dancing is fine...but will it help make them mothers?

Well, just last night we had a great surprise. The 3 little girls had put together a "homegrown" dance recital for their parents, Ramona and me. In the living room. Complete with music on their boombox. They danced together. And did solos. At least 20 minutes. But then, mother Julie who had left the room to check on something in the garage, came back and announced, "Fluffy has brought another kitten home!"

The dance was all over! The dancing girls left the living room for the garage...to see the kittens, hold them in their arms, mother them, love them. Mama Fluffy cat had delivered her litter some time earlier, but she had chosen this night to bring all five home! And what a homecoming it was!

And some God-given instinct which is greater than "entertainment" took over, and the dancing girls left the floor show to get into the groove of real life, and the world of God's creation...and they squealed with joy at this birthing time. And the grump in grandpa broke into a grin.

"This is my Father's world." And yours, too. And just when we think it's not anymore, he puts on a show for us...a birthing of some kind. And, it rebirths us to hope again. God created "in the beginning"...everything that creeps upon the ground. He saw that "it was good." And, He did it again. Just last night.

And, "it was very good." Thank God!

The Winters Enterprise is in need of your help!

Due to limited space, it is not possible to maintain files for the many numerous published photographs. The idea of simply throwing these precious photos away just doesn't seem quite right. We are asking anyone who has turned in a picture to come by our office and pick it up.

Our office hours are 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

If you send in a picture for publication and wish to have it returned, you should enclose a stamped self-addressed envelope.

Birthday boy is Todd Rabon, D.V.M.

Three Days Only!

God's Vacation Bible School

St. John's Lutheran Church
1100 W. Parsonage

9 AM to Noon
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday
June 20, 21, 22

GREAT RESCUE

All children ages 4 through 5th grade (just completed) are invited to attend.

FUN • CRAFTS • GAMES
REFRESHMENTS • BIBLE STUDY



TOGETHER AGAIN AFTER 50 YEARS are the Winters High School Class of 1950 (front, from left) James Keele, Royce King, H.O. Abbott, William Minzenmayer, Joe Dell Gardner, Kenneth Marks, (middle) Geraldine Wessels Lang, teacher Earline Rogers Johnson, Charles Laird, Joanie McCurdy McAdoo, teacher Eula Mae Kruse, Ann Boatright Haines, Francesle Bishop Woodrow, (back) Bobby Rogers, Joline Baker Wiley, JoAnn Smith Harlan, Ann Gerlach Baldwin, Jean Sneed Tatom, Josie Reeves Brown, Noel Wiley, Margaret Minzenmayer Pruser, Ella Schipplich Lang, Raymond Burns, Cynthia Moore Autrey, Argene Hodge, Lounette Glover Templeton, and Barbara Green Dunnam. Attending but not pictured are Barbara Bedford Morris, Jean Danford Brown, and teacher Charlsie Poe.

Class of 1950 reminisces about past 50 years at first reunion

by Kenneth Marks

On May 19-20, 2000, the WHS Class of 1950 met and celebrated their 50th graduation anniversary.

The process of locating and searching for our classmates began nearly a year ago. We were successful in locating 58 of the 59 graduating seniors. We came to the realization that we had lost 9 of our fellow classmates in the past 50 years. In fact, two passed away after we had contacted them and they had indicated that they would attend.

The idea of funding a scholarship for a graduating senior of year 2000 in memory of our deceased classmates was started. We were able to raise \$3,000 to fund the scholarship.

Our activities began on Friday morning, May 19, at the award assembly for seniors. It was with a great deal of pleasure that we awarded Angela Jacob with the \$3,000 scholarship. She indicated she would use the scholarship to attend Texas Tech University to pursue a degree in nursing.

We awarded the scholarship in memory of the following:
John Max Crawford
Eldon Hambright
Charles Hester
Alyn Key
Wayland Scott
Tommy Day Smith
Willean Voglesang Gerhart
Barbara Wheales.
On Friday evening at 6:00,

thirty-six (36) classmates and spouses met at WHS and toured the school facilities. A lot of changes have been made in the last 50 years.

Superintendent Mike Harris led the tour and explained how successful the school district had been in implementing the technology program throughout the district. We were very impressed with the quality of education the children of WISD are receiving. It was very evident that each student has been provided with every opportunity to be successful. Thanks to Mr. Harris and Mr. Charles Kidwell for their gracious hospitality.

On Saturday, May 20, we be-

gan our activities at 10:00 a.m. at the Rock Hotel. Each classmate was given a name tag with their graduation picture (none of us had changed). We had 53 classmates and spouses present for a catered lunch.

Present were three of our former teachers, Mrs. Charlsie Poe, Mrs. Eula Mae Kruse, and Mrs. Earlene Rogers Johnson. It was great to see them and talk old times.

As we adjourned, we all agreed to have another class reunion in the year 2050. The next time will be in a lot better place.

Thanks for the memory. We had a great time.

MIDWEST PHYSICAL THERAPY

Fred Garcia, PT

120 S. Main Street • Winters, TX 79567
(915) 754-4381

Outback Games VBS 2000

North Main Church of Christ

Date: June 26-28, 2000
Time: 5:30 pm - 8:30 pm
Place: North Main Church of Christ

Ages: 4 yrs.-6th grade (recently completed) are welcome.

There will be a Closing Program on Wednesday, June 28, 2000, at 7:15 pm in the church auditorium.

Come and be part of...

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 to schedule an eye exam and cataract screening today.

North Runnels Hospital
(915) 754-4553

Troy L. Carter, MD
Ophthalmologist
Cataract & Laser Surgery

Health Notes

At North Runnels Home Health our focus is providing the best care possible for patients and helping them care for themselves. We believe the more our patients know, the better care they can receive.

CHRONIC BRONCHITIS

A form of chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, chronic bronchitis is marked by excessive production of bronchial mucus that's sufficient to cause a cough for at least 3 months each year for 2 consecutive years.

Nursing Interventions

- Answer the patient's questions, and encourage him and his family to express their concerns about the illness. Include the patient and his family in care decisions. Refer them to other support services as appropriate.
- Assess for changes in baseline respiratory function. Evaluate sputum quality and quantity, restlessness, increased tachypnea, and altered breath sounds. Report changes immediately.
- As needed, perform chest physiotherapy, including postural drainage and chest percussion and vibration for involved lobes, several times daily.
- Weigh the patient three times weekly, and assess for edema.
- Provide the patient with a high-calorie, protein-rich diet. Offer small, frequent meals to conserve the patient's energy and prevent fatigue.
- Make sure the patient receives adequate fluids (at least 3 liters a day) to loosen secretions.
- Schedule respiratory therapy at least 1 hour before or after meals. Provide mouth care after bronchodilator inhalation therapy.
- Encourage daily activity, and provide diversionary activities, as appropriate. To conserve the patient's energy and prevent fatigue, help him to alternate periods of rest and activity.
- Administer medications, as ordered, and note the patient's response to them.

Patient Teaching

- Advise the patient to avoid crowds and people with known infections, and to obtain influenza and pneumococcus immunizations.
- If the patient is receiving home oxygen therapy, explain the treatment rationale. Show him how to operate the equipment.
- Teach how to perform postural drainage and chest percussion. Instruct the patient to maintain each position for 10 minutes before a caregiver performs percussion and the patient coughs. Also teach coughing and deep-breathing techniques to promote good ventilation and to remove secretions.
- Review all medications.
- Urge the patient to avoid inhaled irritants, such as automobile exhaust fumes, aerosol sprays, and industrial pollutants.

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

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North Runnels Home Health Agency

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(800) 687-3305 (Toll Free)



ACHIEVING THE TOP TEN GRADE POINT AVERAGES IN THE 8TH GRADE were (front, l-r) Brianna Parramore, Rebekah Sartor, Jessica Pritchard, John Heathcott, Tanya Price, (back) Will Ahrens, Benjamin Valles, Tim Fenwick, Maegan Schwartz, and Kari Walker.



EARNING THE TOP TEN GRADE POINT AVERAGES IN THE 7TH GRADE were (front, l-r) Rachel Davis, Katy Wilkerson, Kinsey Airhart, Shyla Garza, Flor Cordova, (back) Pete Griffin, Jacob Bridgeman, Jeremy Mendoza, Amanda Ripple, and Thomas Rice.



2000 WJHS SCIENCE FAIR WINNERS were (l-r) first place, Kathryn Hatler and Katy Wilkerson; second place, Cody Pritchard and Scott Bryan; and third place, Kinsey Airhart and Shyla Drake. The three pairs of students placed at the top of the 28 junior high entries.

WINTERS JUNIOR HIGH AWARDS DAY

OUTSTANDING ACCELERATED

READING AWARDS
 7th Grade Girls Amber Leverett
 April Leverett
 7th Grade Boy Thomas Rice
 8th Grade Girl Jennifer Hagle
 8th Grade Boy John Heathcott
 High Point AR Boy Thomas Rice
 High Point AR Girl April Leverett
4th Quarter Awards
 Jeremy Sherman, Tony Hernandez, Amanda Ripple, Thomas Rice, Minnie Kraatz
3rd Quarter Award
 Raquel Rios, Macy Hopson, Amanda Ripple, M.J. Esquivel, Jesse Flores, Jeremy Flores
STUDENTS OF THE MONTH
 Cody Pritchard, Kari Walker, Thomas Rice, Macy Hopson, Pete Griffin, Sandy Reyes, Eric Lopez, Maegan Schwartz, Aaron Cook, Brianna Parramore, Rachel Davis, Jacob Bridgeman, Rebekah Sartor, John Heathcott, Adam Escalona, Kinsey Airhart, Tim Fenwick, Raquel Rios
TAAS RECOGNITION
 8th Grade
 Will Ahrens, Tim Fenwick, Jennifer Hagle, John Heathcott, Monica Martinez, Cecilia Ovalles, Brianna Parramore, Jessica Pritchard, Maria Rios, Basilio Rocha, Francisco Santos, Rebekah Sartor, Maegan Schwartz, Kari Walker

7th Grade
 Jacob Bridgeman, Scott Bryan, Flor Cordova, Rachel Davis, Shyla Garza, Amber Green, Pete Griffin, Kathryn Hatler, Jeremy Mendoza, Thomas Rice, Amanda Ripple, Skye Salinas, Katy Wilkerson
OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT
 English 7 Rachel Davis Jacob Bridgeman
 Math 7 Katy Wilkerson Jacob Bridgeman
 Life Science Katy Wilkerson Kinsey Airhart
 Social Studies 7 Jose Hernandez Flor Cordova

English 8 Rebekah Sartor Tim Fenwick
 All Around Brianna Parramore Will Ahrens
 Math 8 Brianna Parramore Tim Fenwick
 Earth Science Tim Fenwick Raquel Rios
 US History Tim Fenwick Rebekah Sartor

PERFECT ATTENDANCE
 7th Grade
 Esmerelda Espino, Pete Griffin, Shawn Kraatz, Gabriel Perez, Amanda Ripple
 8th Grade
 Tim Fenwick, Pearl Guerrero, Jerry Hord, Jessica Kay, Johnathan Lujano, Angelica Nava

OUTSTANDING CITIZEN
 Angelica Nava Jessica Kay
DUKE UNIVERSITY TALENT IDENTIFICATION PROGRAM
 Katy Wilkerson Rachel Davis

ATHLETIC AWARDS

Boys
 7th Grade
 Football Michael Roman Josh Cavannah
 Basketball Max Harrison Eric Lopez
 Track Max Harrison Tim Fenwick
 Tennis M.J. Esquivel Tim Fenwick
Girls
 Basketball Rachel Davis Jessica Barron
 Track Kendra Esquivel Brianna Parramore
 Tennis Ashley Santoya Macy Hopson

ACADEMIC TOP TEN STUDENTS
 7th Grade
 Katy Wilkerson, Jacob Bridgeman, Rachel Davis, Kinsey Airhart, Pete Griffin, Jeremy Mendoza, Shyla Garza, Amanda Ripple, Thomas Rice, Flor Cordova
 8th Grade
 Brianna Parramore, Rebekah Sartor, Tim Fenwick, Maegan Schwartz, Benjamin Valles, Jessica Pritchard, Tanya Price, John Heathcott, Will Ahrens, Kari Walker
MOST REPRESENTATIVE JUNIOR HIGH GIRL
 Brianna Parramore
MOST REPRESENTATIVE JUNIOR HIGH BOY
 Tim Fenwick

More school stories to come

The Winters Enterprise will feature more school related pictures and results of events in future editions of the paper during the month of June.

Clough & Herd named to HSU's spring honor roll

Hardin-Simmons University announces that several Winters residents have made the honor roll for the spring 2000 semester. Gayla Clough was named to the President's List, which honors students who completed twelve or more semester hours with a perfect grade point average of 4.0 for that semester. Corrina Herd was named to the Honorable Mention Honor Roll, which honors students who have completed six to eleven hours with a grade point average of 3.60 or higher.

Church of Christ to host evening Vacation Bible School, June 26-28

North Main Church of Christ will host an evening Vacation Bible School Monday through Wednesday, June 26-28, from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. The theme is "Outback Games VBS 2000." Children four years of age through the sixth grade (recently completed) are welcome. There will be a closing program on Wednesday, June 28, at 7:15 p.m. in the church auditorium. Come and be a part of "Outback Games."



MOST REPRESENTATIVE GIRL & BOY at Winters Junior High School for the 1999-2000 school year were Brianna Parramore and Tim Fenwick.

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.

6TH SIX WEEKS ELEMENTARY HONOR ROLL & PRIMARY GRADE PARADE

Winters Independent School District 1999-2000

FIRST GRADE

CAVAZOS
 Scott Curry
 Nelly Espino
 Kelsea Garcia
 Shelby Gehrels
 J.J. Herrera
 Kailee Johnson
 T.J. Johnson
 Tyler Lincoln
 E.J. Rangel
 Devon Shackelford
 Efrén Vizúeth
COLBURN
 Kelton Bredemeyer
 Bianca Carrillo
 Haliagh Edge
 Abby Guy
 Bibiana Mendoza
 Estevan Nava
 Zannie Slimp
 Derek Smith
 Joselyn Soto
 Justin Trevino
PARRAMORE
 Amber Blackshear
 Jarred Briley
 Client Bryan
 Jesse Butler
 Ashley DeLaCruz
 Alonso Flores
 Kori Gallimore
 Kayla Hightower
 Kaitlyn Johnson
 Dustin Oswalt
 Raymond Rodriguez
 Riley Spill
 Alexandria Sudduth
 Crystal Trevino
SNEED
 Sarah Campos
 Lisa Dees
 C.J. Johnson
 Haley Kaczyk
 Dillion Lindley
 Devin Martinez
 Regan Newsom
 Kody Perry
 David Reyes
 Drey Richards
 Miranda Torres

SECOND GRADE

LINCYCOMB
 Josh Arispe
 Sybil Bridgeman
 Lucy Butler
 Randy Carrillo
 Cindy Chavez
 Tia Davis
 Ursula Estrada
 Tana Gibbs
 Marcus Herrera
 Joshua Lee
 Jonathan Patton
 Collyn Pritchard
 Kenneth Reel
 Chelsie Schmidt
MEYERS
 Jennifer Brewer
 Tiffany Cravens
 Jacie Frierson
 Aaron Grenwolge
 Ryan Hagle
 Jacinto Hernandez
 Shelby Knight
 Chelsy Lipsey
 Josh Lujano
 Ronak Patel
 Danielle Pinkerton
 Devon Rodriguez
 Orlando Rodriguez
 Joseph Stoecker
 Olivia Stout
 A.J. Tamez
 Jason Taylor
 Joby Winfrey
OLIVER
 Cody Bean
 Hayden Bergman
 Maritza Bowden
 Justin Childers
 Kristin DelReal
 Kevin Jackson
 Brianna Mesey
 Braden Mikeska
 Kathleen Mills
 Juan Ramirez
 John Rodriguez
 Manuel Roman
 Nicky Sanders
 Brandon Taylor

THIRD GRADE

"A"
 Sonja Armendariz
 Kevin Bredemeyer
 Julie England
 Luis Espino
 Sandy Esquivel

FOURTH GRADE

"A"
 Addison Bergman
 Kevin Cook
 Aracelie Flores
 Lillian Garcia
 Catala Kitchen
 Roy McBeth
 Justin Mendoza
 Cassi Mendoza
 Alex Newsom
 Adriana Rodriguez
 Sarah Rodriguez
 Juanita Simpson
 Susan Sneed
 Asenette Vasquez
 Shelby Walker
"A-B"
 Laura Armendariz
 Tory Burns
 Brett Deans
 Wiley Guy
 Alex Harrison
 Trayson Lange
 Leann Lopez
 Christina Marentes
 Garrett Nitsch
 Cynthia Perez
 Julian Perez
 Kaighan Price
 Erica Roman

FIFTH GRADE

"A"
 Luke England
 Keegan Kurtz
 Bryant Mikeska
"A-B"
 Kellyn Airhart
 Israel Aragon
 Matthew Awalt
 Ashley Belk
 Amanda Brewer
 Aaron Briley
 Ty Cason
 Don Davis
 Nicole Fields
 Yesenia Flores
 Ashley Gann
 Stephen Goetz
 Allan Green
 Trenton Grohman
 Chris Guerrero
 Michael Hubach
 Steven Kruse
 Kody McCuiston
 Cory Pringle
 Anthony Ramirez
 Javier Rodriguez
 Marcus Rodriguez
 Savannah Sanchez
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Letter to the Editor

Citizen extends helping hand that is not to go unrecognized

We don't know if your paper has a "Good Samaritan" column, but if so, we would like Bill Woodlee of Winters (Bradshaw) to be recognized and applauded.

Recently, my husband and I were travelling through the area in our GMC pickup, pulling a flatbed trailer loaded with pipe. Several miles north of Winters we blew a tire, sending rubber flying. After pulling off the road, a man in a pickup passed us, then circled back around, offering help.

We didn't have a spare tire. Bill Woodlee used his heavy duty jack and helped us get the tire off.

He sat with our broken down trailer while we unlocked the pickup and drive into Winters to buy a tire. We got in to town at

5:00 or 5:05, fearful of still finding a tire shop open. This took a good 30 to 45 minutes. Once we got back, Bill helped us put the new tire on, refused our cash for payment, and wished us a safe trip.

This reminds us of that country-western song where the woman gives the pregnant waitress a \$100 tip with a note to continue the act of kindness. Since then we have had an opportunity to help a stranded motorist, and maybe that is why we are finally getting around to writing this "thank you" to Bill Woodlee — a fine resident of Winters (Bradshaw).

Sincerely,

Julie and Bill Stiver

Sara Patterson receives MS and BS degrees from UTHSC San Antonio

Sara (Jackson) Patterson of San Antonio received a master of science degree in nursing from the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio on May 27, 2000.

She completed the family nurse practitioner major with a 4.0 grade point average. In addition, she received her bachelor of science degree in nursing concurrently with Summa Cum Laude honors.

Mrs. Patterson received her associate's degree of applied sci-

ence in nursing from Angelo State University in 1997. She is a 1993 graduate of Winters High School.

She will be practicing at the Hill Country Family Medical Center in Boerne.

She is the wife of Chuck Patterson formerly of Winters and the daughter of Calvin and Ginny Jackson of Winters. She is also the daughter-in-law of Theresa Patterson of Winters and granddaughter of Alma Jackson of Winters, and granddaughter-in-law of Ellen Meyer of Winters.

Co-Ed Softball Tournament to be held in Winters

Winters Community Baseball Association will host a Co-Ed Softball Tournament June 30 and July 1, 2000, at the Winters City Park baseball field.

Entry fee is \$125 per team, 18 team maximum. Team trophies will be awarded to first through fifth places.

Concessions will be available. Volunteers are needed to work

the games: scorekeepers, umpires (\$10 per game), and concession help.

All proceeds go to Winters Community Baseball Association. Any business/individual donations will be greatly appreciated.

To register or for more information, contact Bob Lindley at 754-4746 or Mincy Briley at 754-4987.

Wingate Exes host bi-annual reunion

On June 3, 2000, the Wingate Exes met at The Shed in Wingate for lunch and their bi-annual reunion.

Jack Bruce presided as president with over 100 exes and spouses in attendance.

Officers elected for 2002 were Pat Shields, president; Mrs. Pat Shields, secretary/treasurer; Ronny Burns, vice-president; and Glenda McNeill, reporter.

A report on the Wingate Cemetery was given by Troy Hensley. He also reported that the Wingate Church of Christ was in the process of buying one acre of land west of the cemetery to enlarge the cemetery. Mr. Hensley said there was over 300 spaces available as of yet. Many spaces are occupied, but unmarked and could possibly be small children who died when the cemetery was first established. There is no way of knowing for sure who is buried in these graves.

The next reunion will be on a Saturday in 2002. Anyone who wishes to be put on the mailing list may contact Glenda McNeill in Wingate at (915) 743-8946.

Luna joins U.S. Army

Michael P. Luna has joined the United States Army under the Delayed Entry Program. The program gives young men and women the opportunity to delay entering active duty for up to one year.

The enlistment gives the new soldier the option to learn a new skill, travel, and become eligible to receive as much as \$50,000 toward a college education. After completion of basic military training, soldiers receive advanced individual training in their career job speciality.

Luna, a 1996 graduate of Winters High School, will report to Fort Leonard Wood, Waynesville, Missouri, for basic training on June 22, 2000.

He is the son of Valentine N. Jimenez of Winters and James N. Wittington of Elk City, Oklahoma.

Poe's Corner

By Charlsie Poe

A tribute to Miss Lucy

When Lucy Kittrell was 95 years old, friends and neighbors wanted to give her a birthday party but she declined. "I don't walk well and I can't stand well," she said, but I visited her anyway and found a gold mine of information as well as a world of rich information, which she offered freely. She became a wonderful friend.

When she was nine years old, Lucy Kittrell decided she wanted to be a school teacher. She fulfilled that dream by teaching school 49 years. Her favorites were first graders.

It is only natural that the Kittrells were interested in education. Grandfather Dr. W.P. Kittrell was chairman of the education committee of the Texas House of Representatives from 1865-1869. He was honored by his efforts toward the establishment of Texas University.

The Kittrells lived about five miles from Cisco where the children were enrolled in a private school because it was closer. Her two brothers and sister enrolled but Lucy was left at home until she was five. She could already read but they never called on her. At age 7, she was enrolled in public schools.

When Lucy was 16, she passed a state teacher's exam and started teaching in Fishers County at Dorras, about 10 miles from Rotan. She received \$40 a month to teach 16 pupils in the second and third grades.

Sister Laura had been teaching in Stonewall but she was moved to Dorras to teach with Lucy. When they stepped off the train, Nov. 4, 1917, a norther had blown in bringing thistles. There were crop failures. Drinking was done from a barrel of gypsum water on



Charlsie Poe

the back porch brought by the trustees for cooking and bathing. "It was so hard we broke it with lye before we could wash," said Lucy.

It was during World War I, sugar and flour were retained when they could manage graham crackers and peanut butter. They never tasted so good.

The trustees provided the wood and ax, but teachers had to cut it. When the wood played out, Laura asked a rancher across the road if they could get some dead wood off his ranch. He agreed but she had to crawl under a fence 18 inches off the ground and back again with the precious wood.

Lucy recalled a blue norther came in while they were at school — "We grew colder and colder. We were almost frozen going home. The next night we heard footsteps on the porch. Our windows were closed and the shades drawn, but we had no screens. We were afraid to look out. The steps went on and on at intervals until morning. The stock had come up for shelter and a colt had been walking across the porch.

"When mother and father came to see us they were appalled at our surroundings. They found a house at Cactus Flat, a vacant post office, where we moved to finish the school year. We carried a small barrel of flour with us. When Laura reached into it, she touched a rattlesnake. We ran out and I never did know what hap-

pened to the snake."

The next school at Richland, ten miles northeast of Seymour, had a parsonage and a resident pastor. The teachers boarded with friends. Lucy taught the first three grades. Laura was principal and taught the other grades. She had a student who always said, "I have went." She had him stay after school and write "I have gone" 500 times. It was here that we heard the signal; the war was over. Everybody went to town to celebrate.

When she was 18, Lucy returned to Cisco to live with her aging parents where she taught 4th grade for eight years in East Ward School. In all, she taught 23 years in Cisco for \$67.50 a month.

Humble Oil Company came and brought prosperity to the area. Laura took a civil service exam in 1920 and was employed in the Cisco post office until 1924 when she was transferred to Winters.

In 1942, Mrs. Kittrell was in ailing health and her daughters moved her to Winters. Lucy was hired to teach the first grade, but couldn't accept until after her mother's death in 1948. She taught 8 years in Winters.

After her retirement, Lucy spent 10 more years in private teaching and tutoring those children who were having a difficult time.

"You can do so much with a child on a 'one to one' basis," said Lucy. "I took a child who had been in five schools, she knew five words and could write her name but didn't know her letters. By the end of the year, she was ready for the second grade. She could read her story books and knew her letters. She was happy! There is no joy like helping a child."



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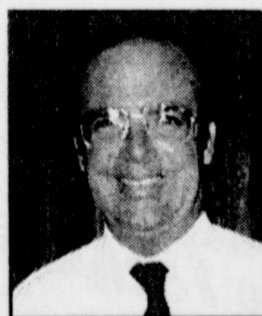
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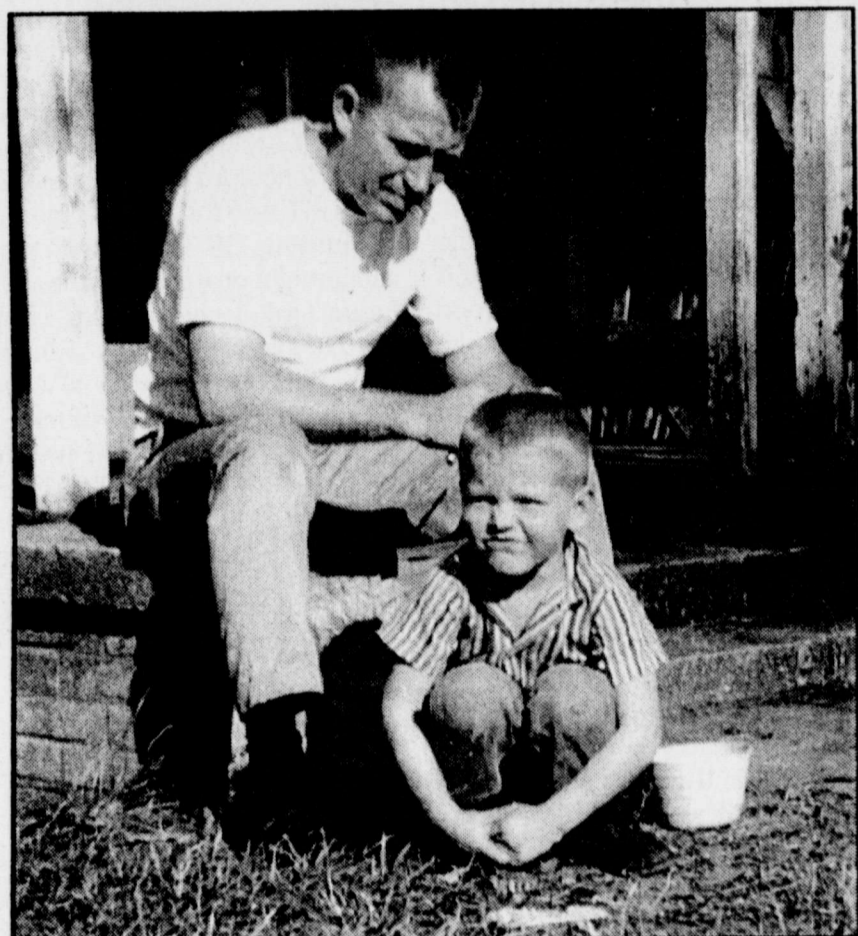
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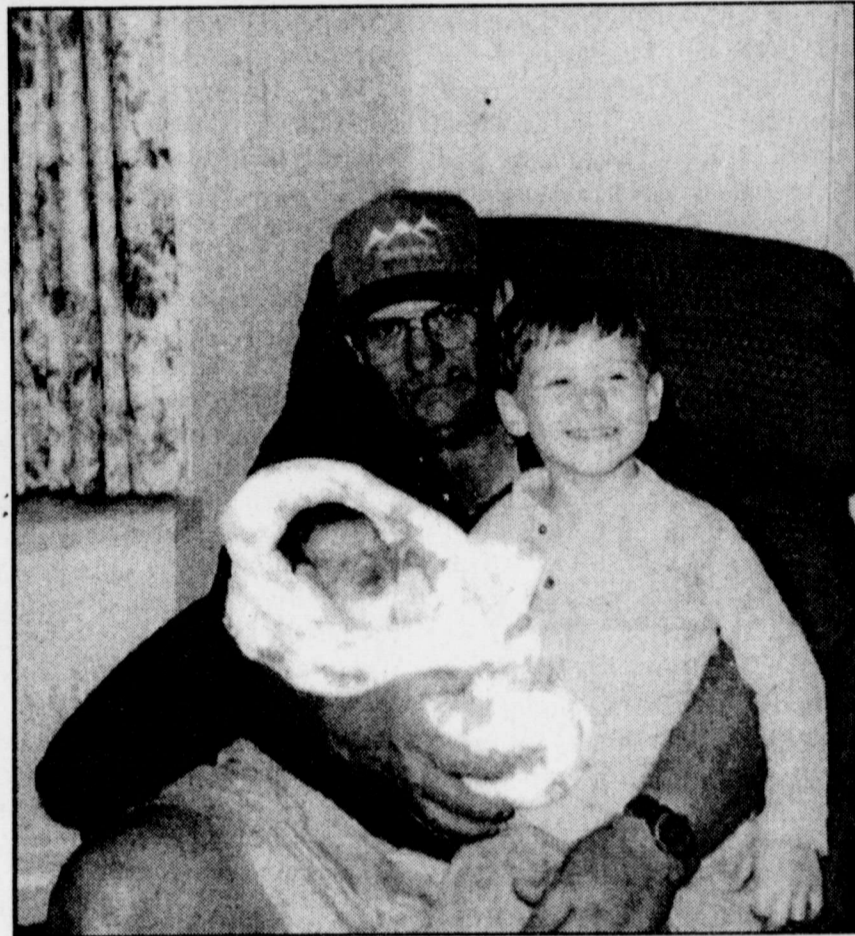
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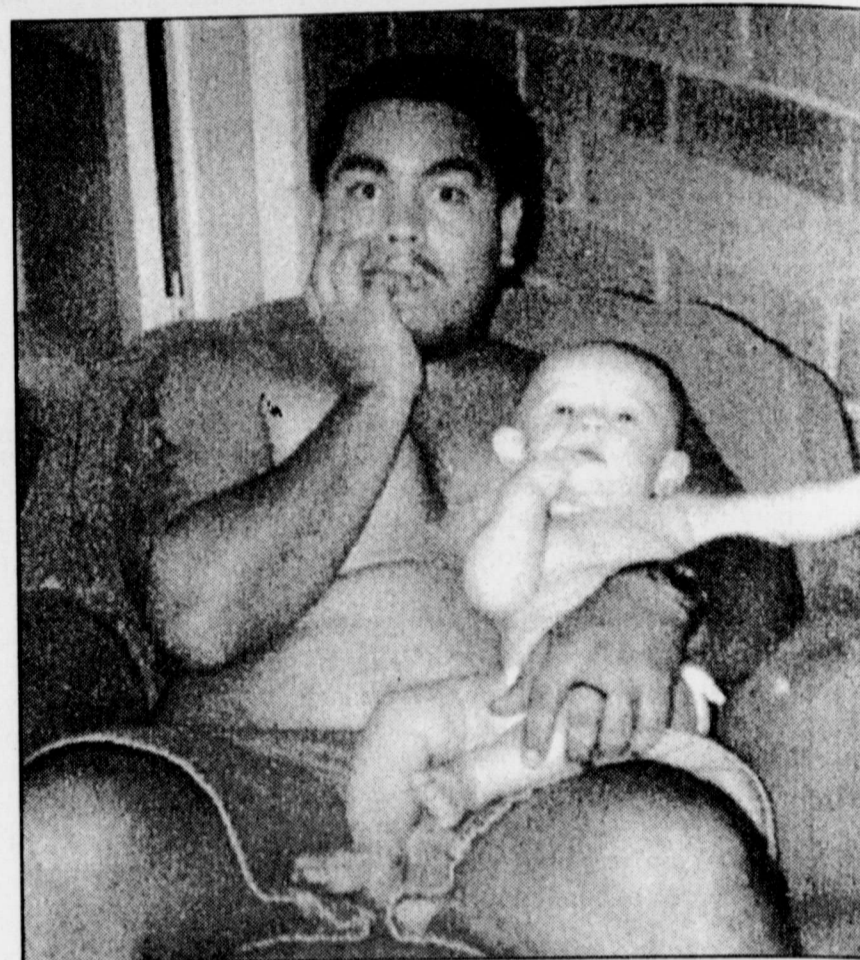
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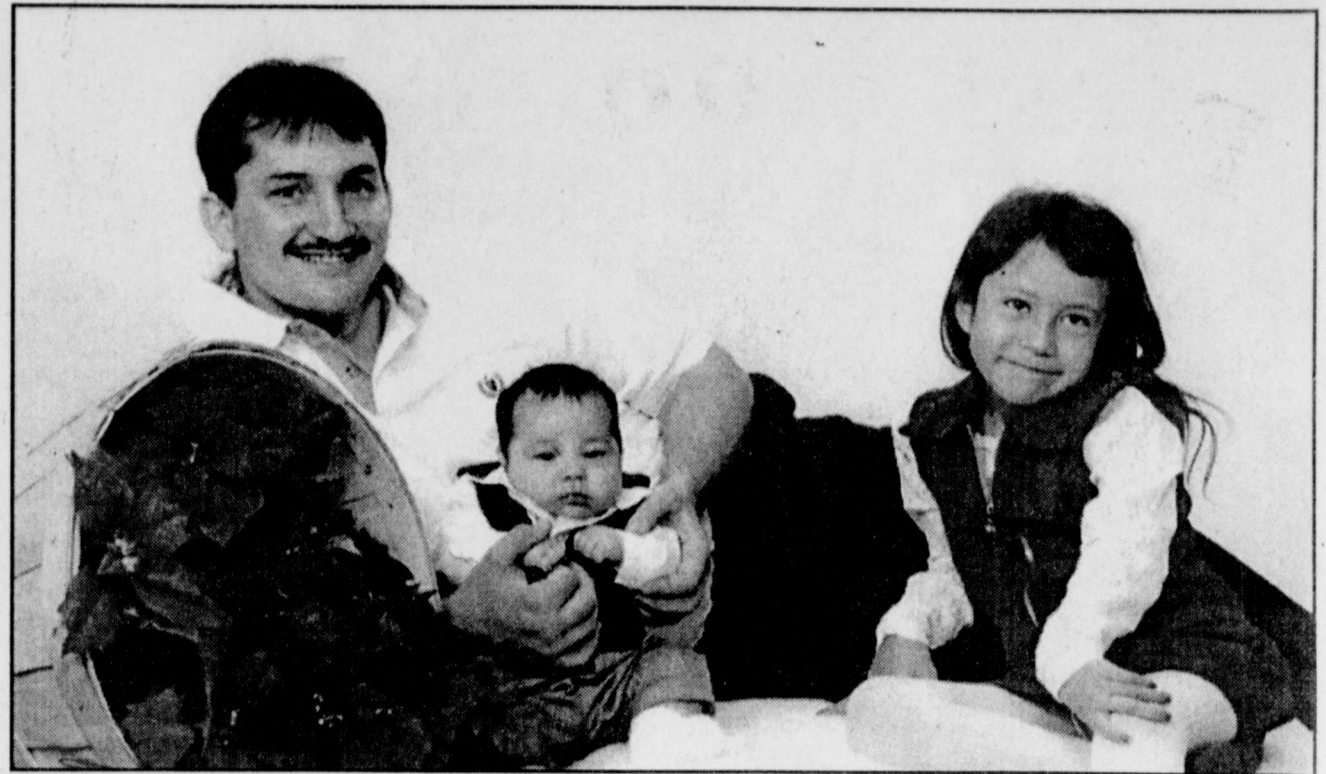
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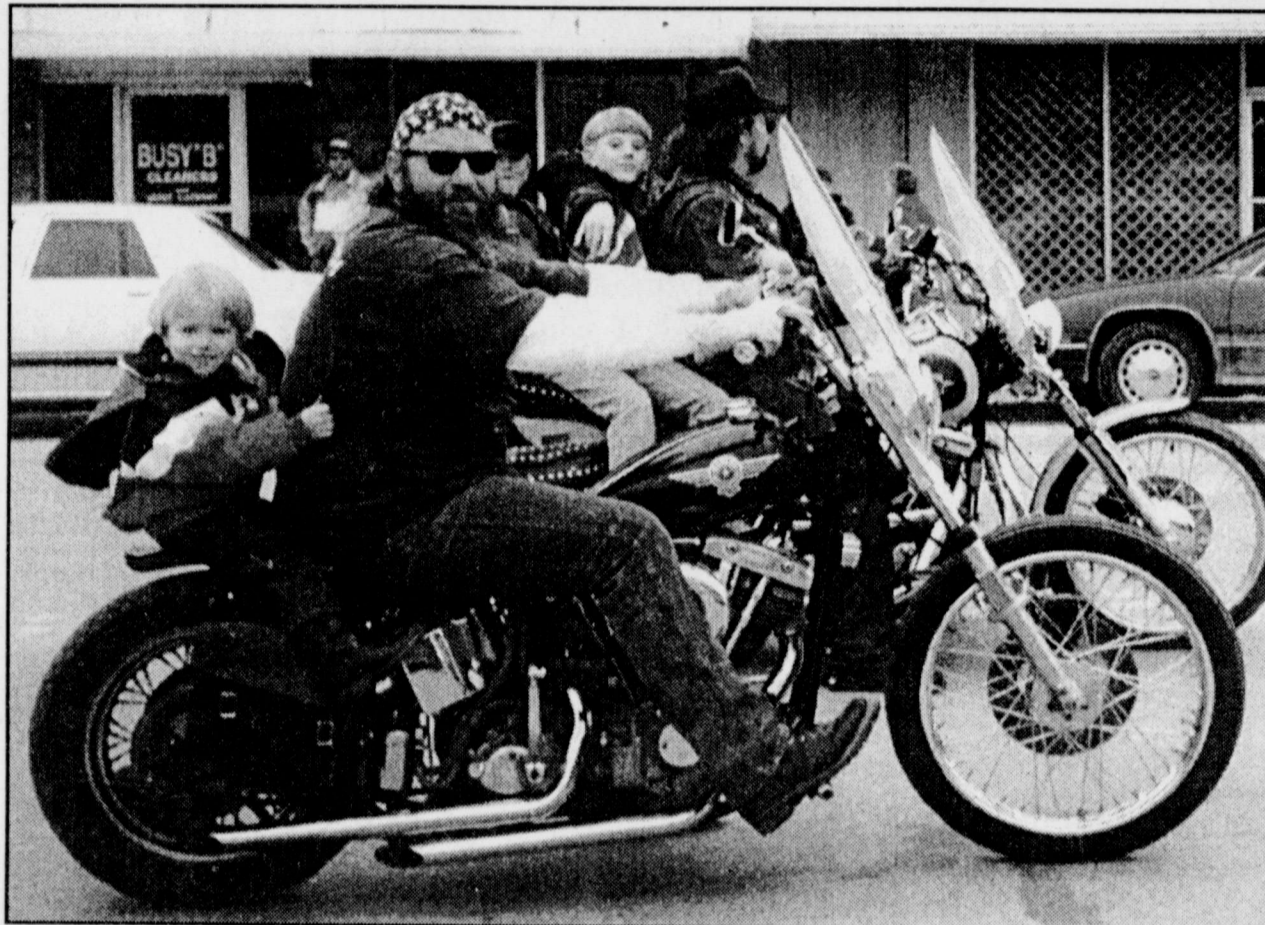
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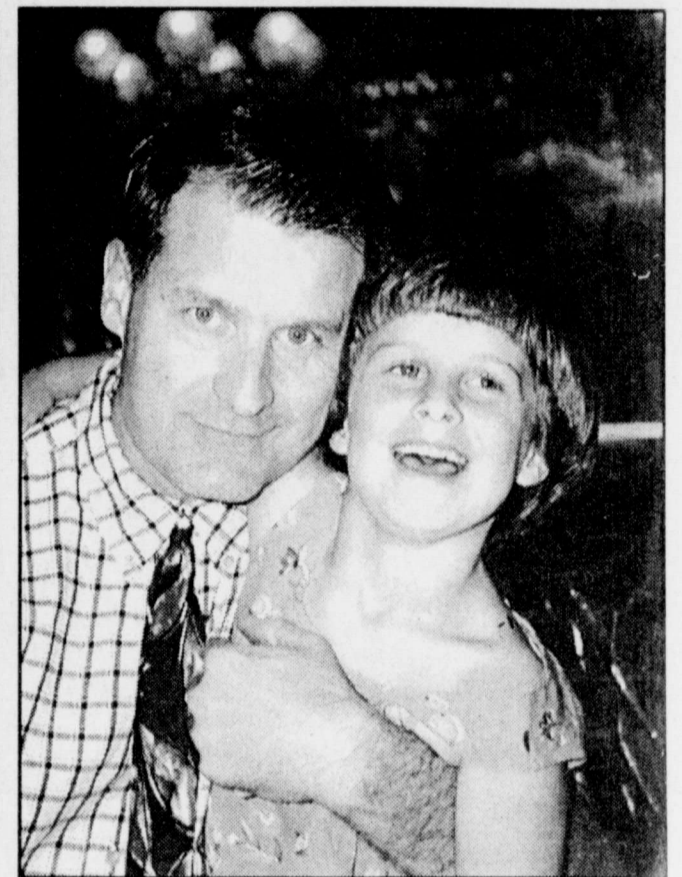
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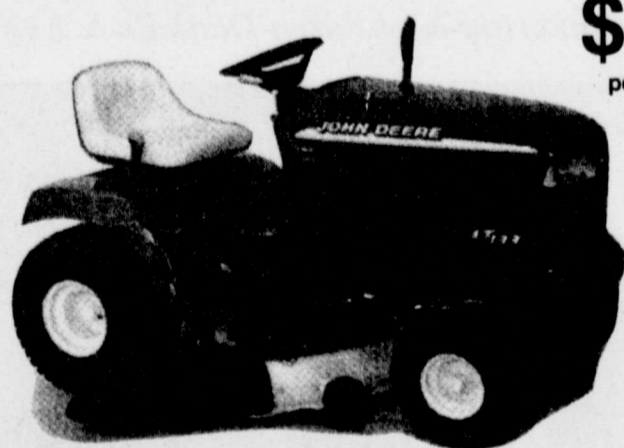
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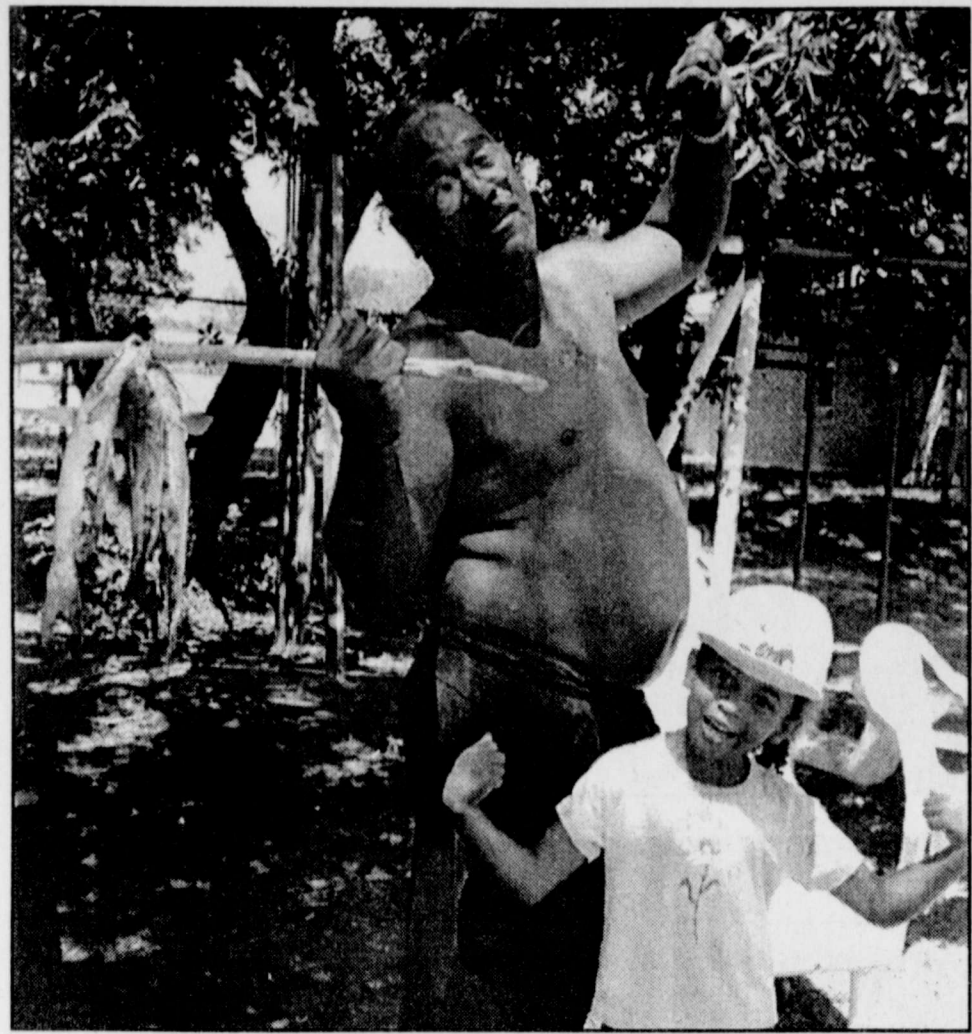
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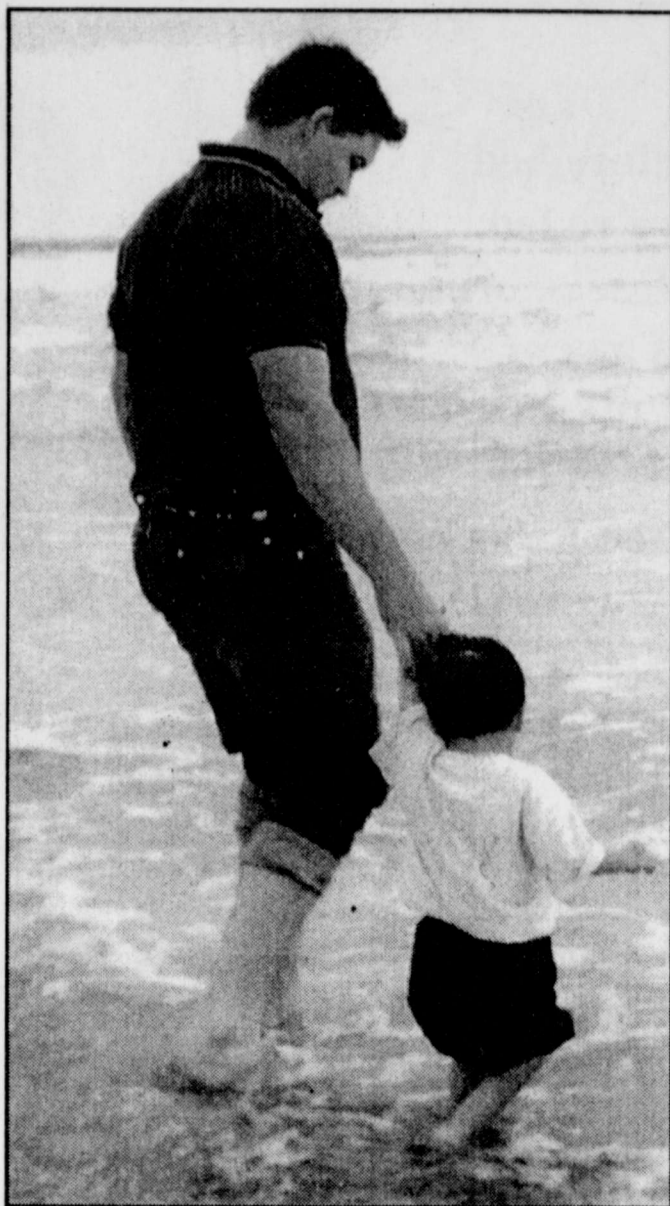
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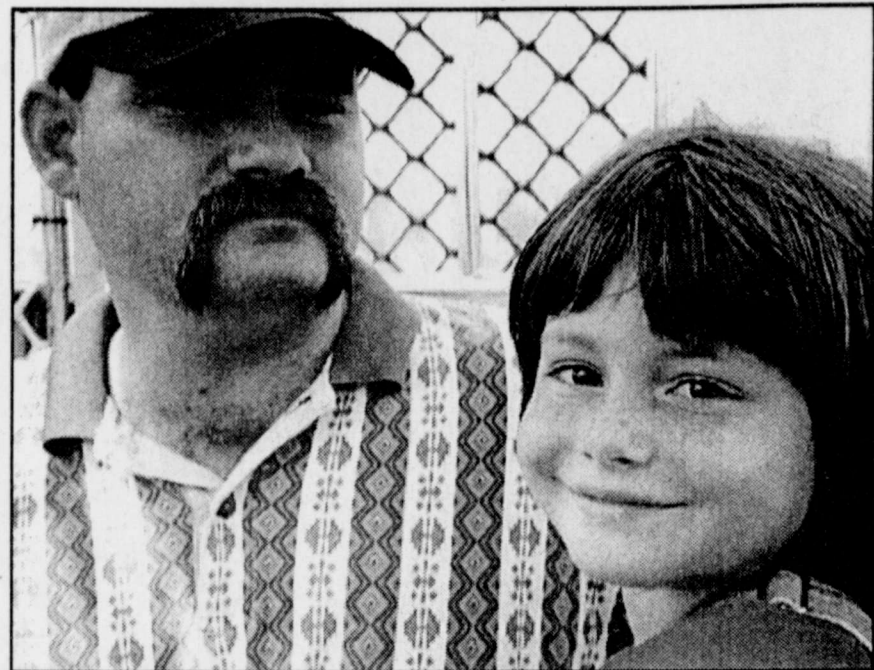
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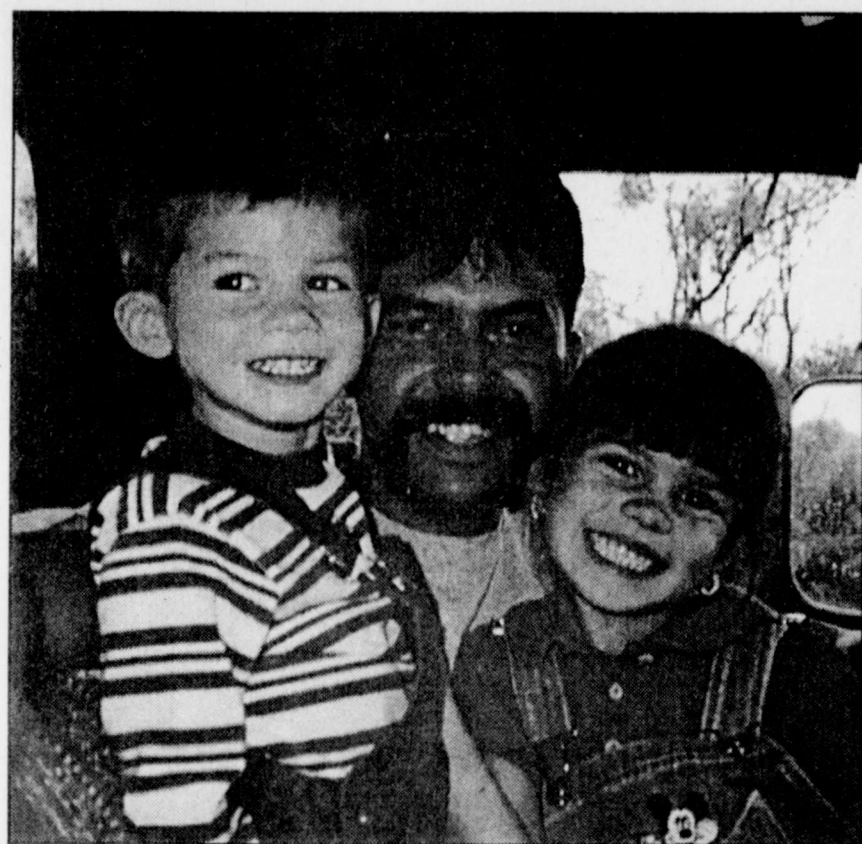
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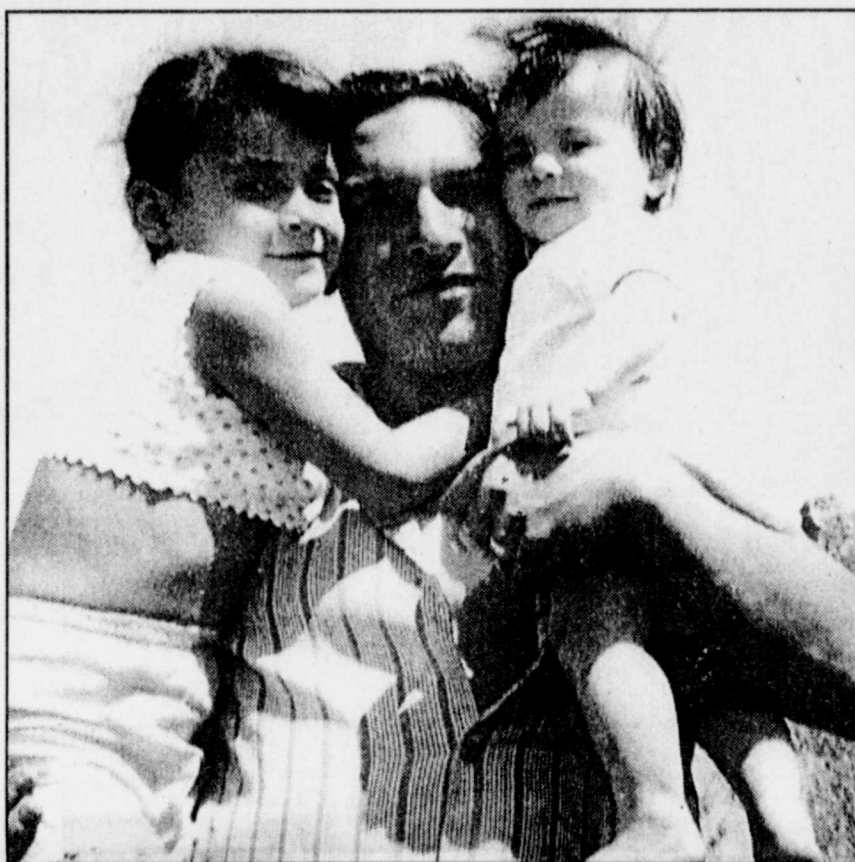
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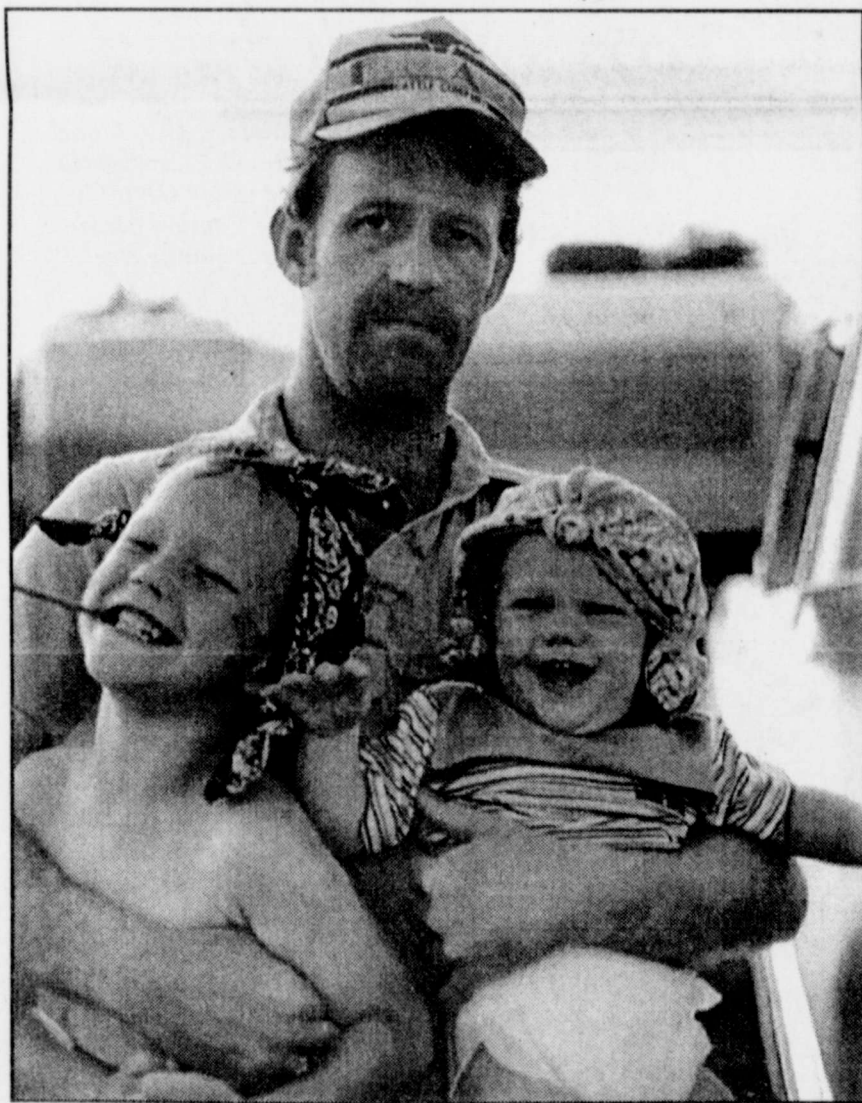
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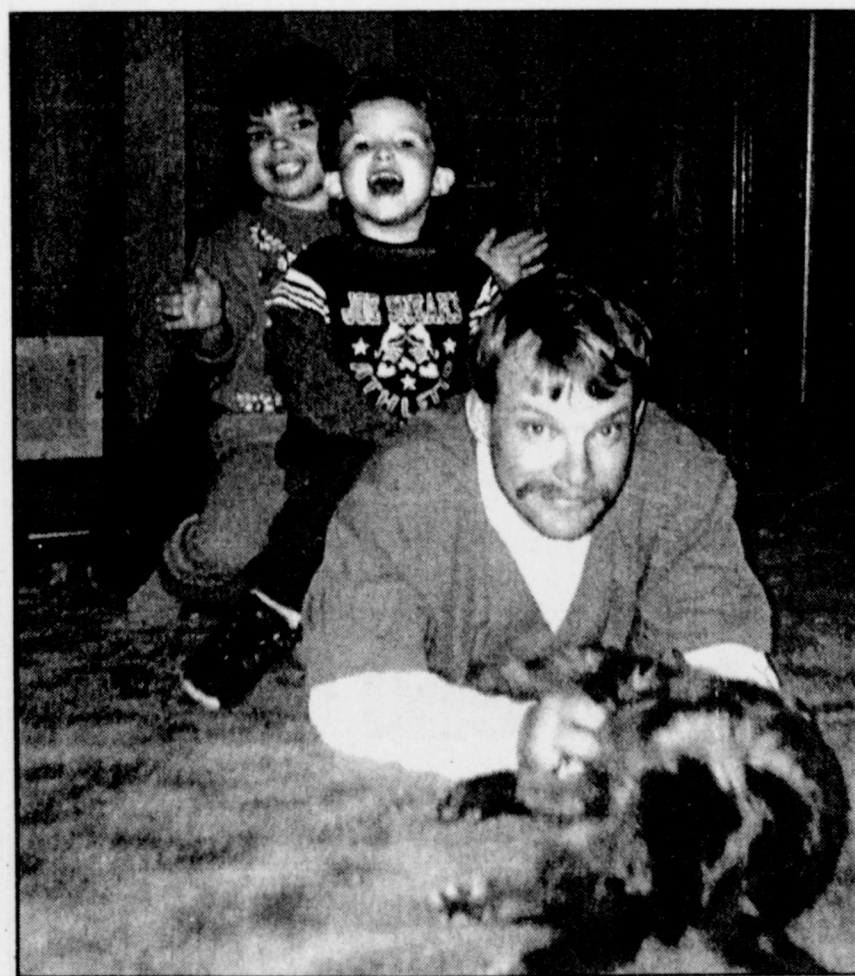
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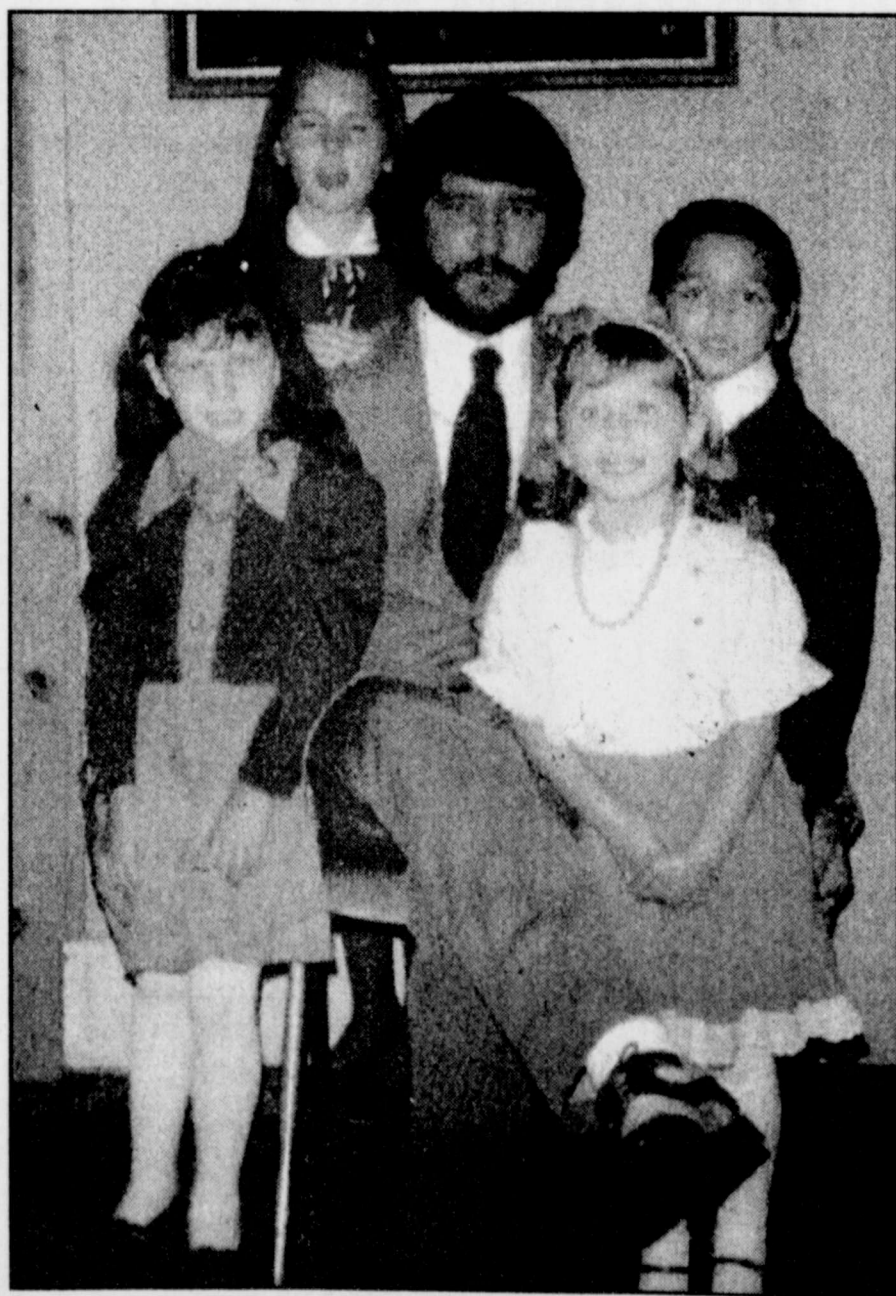
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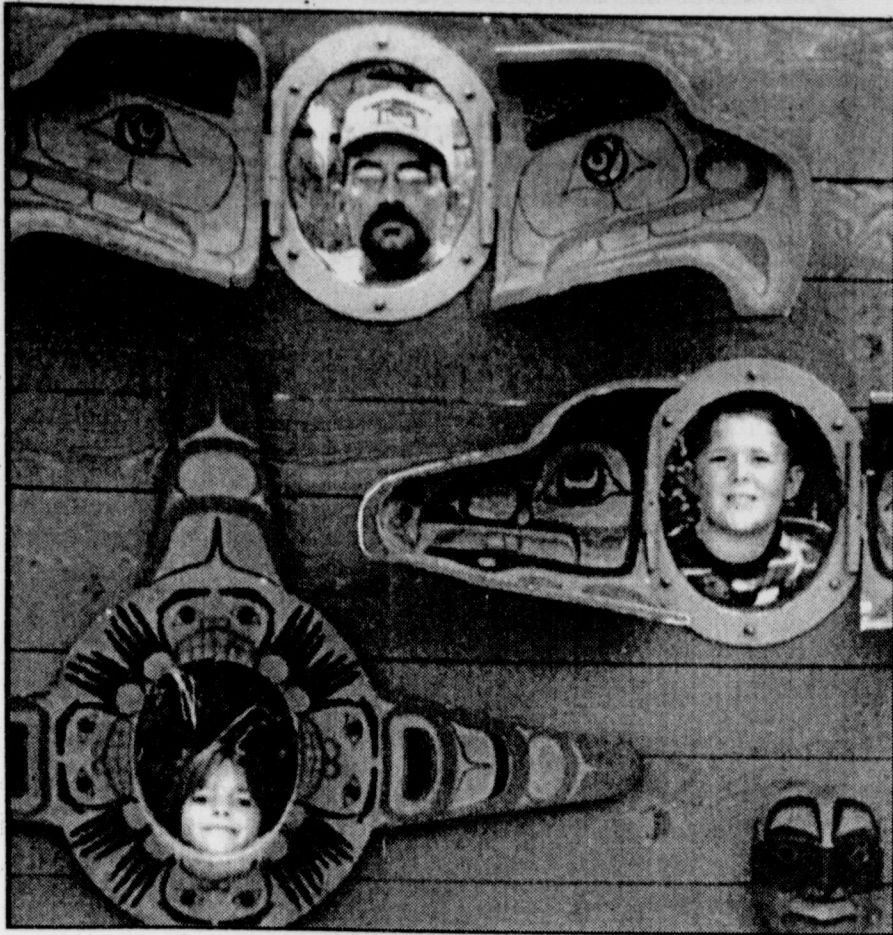
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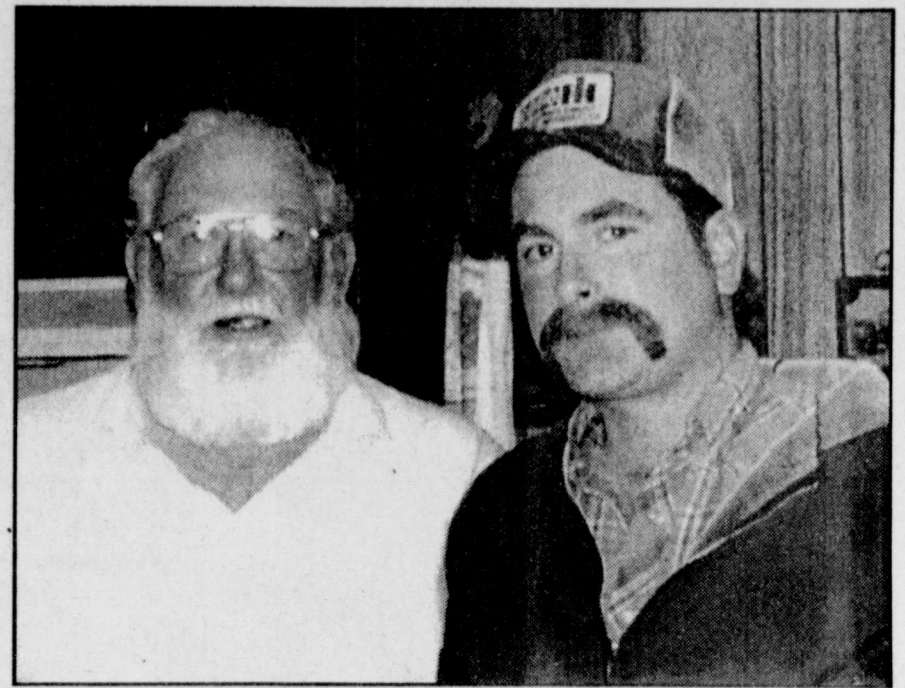
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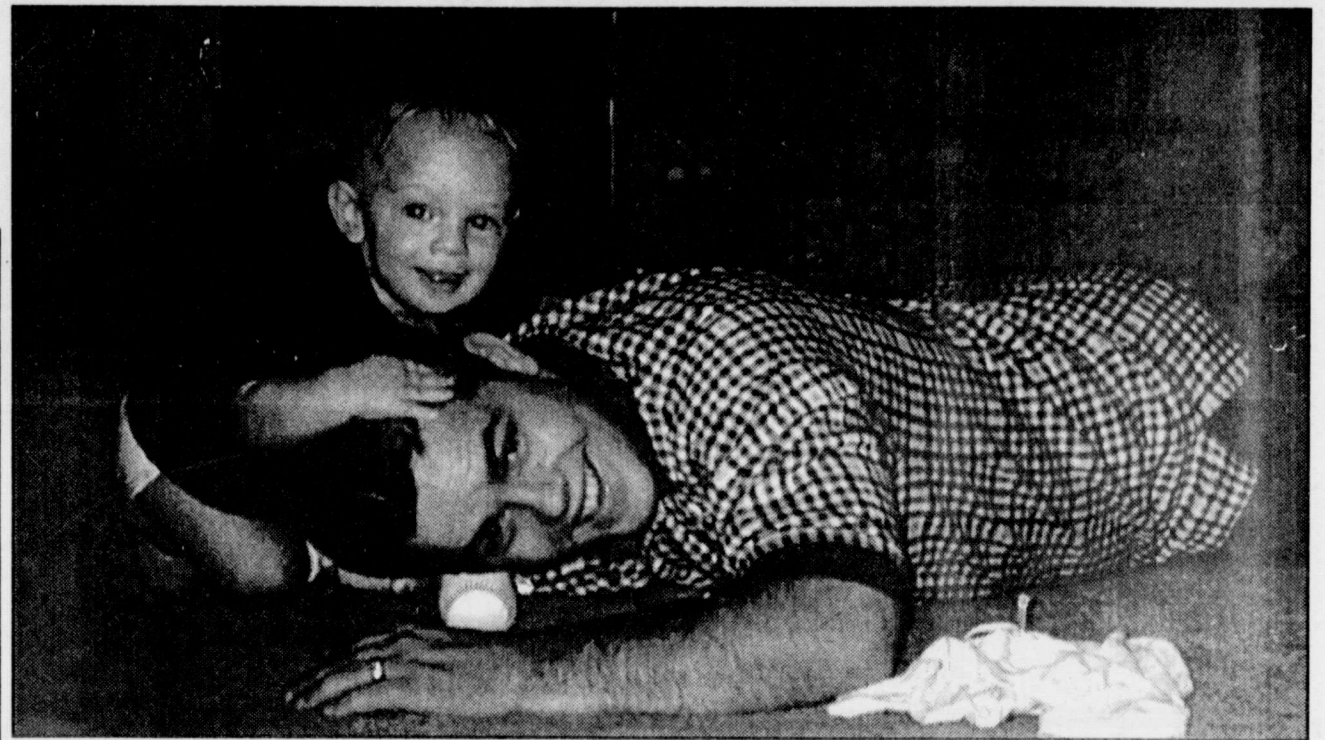


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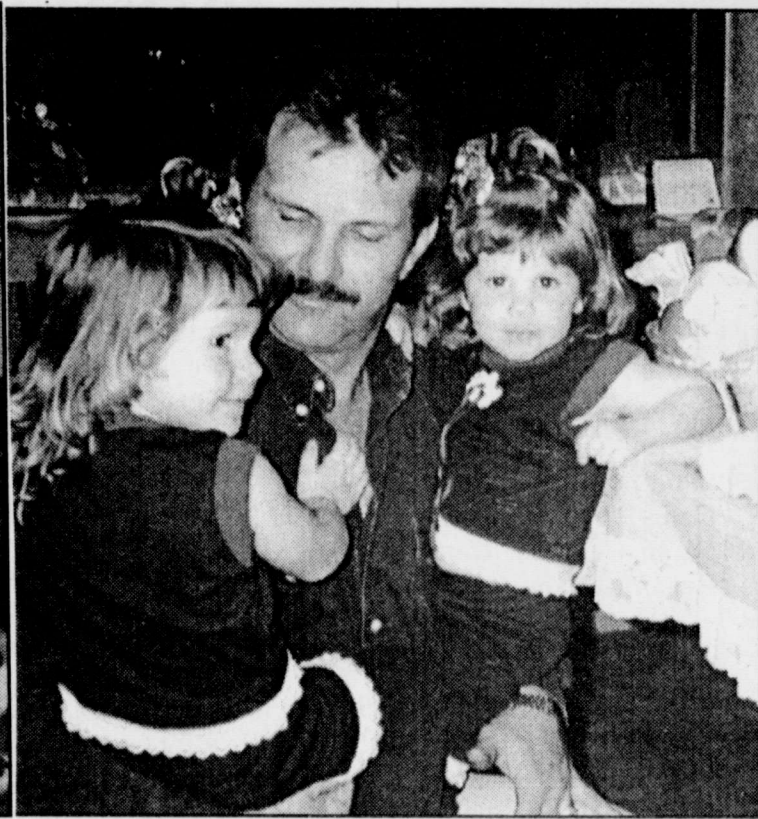
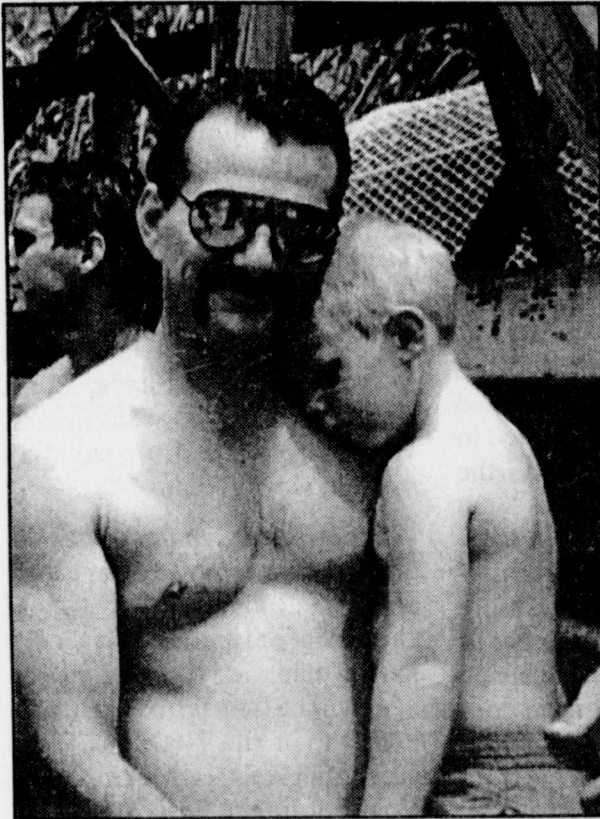


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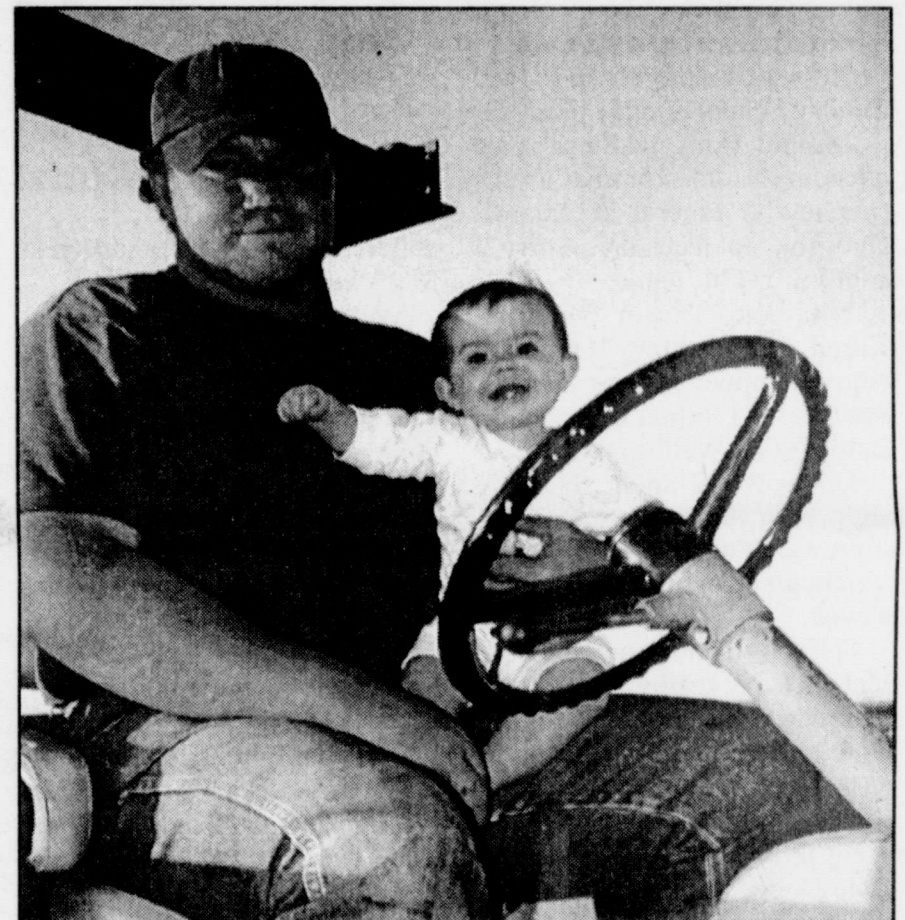
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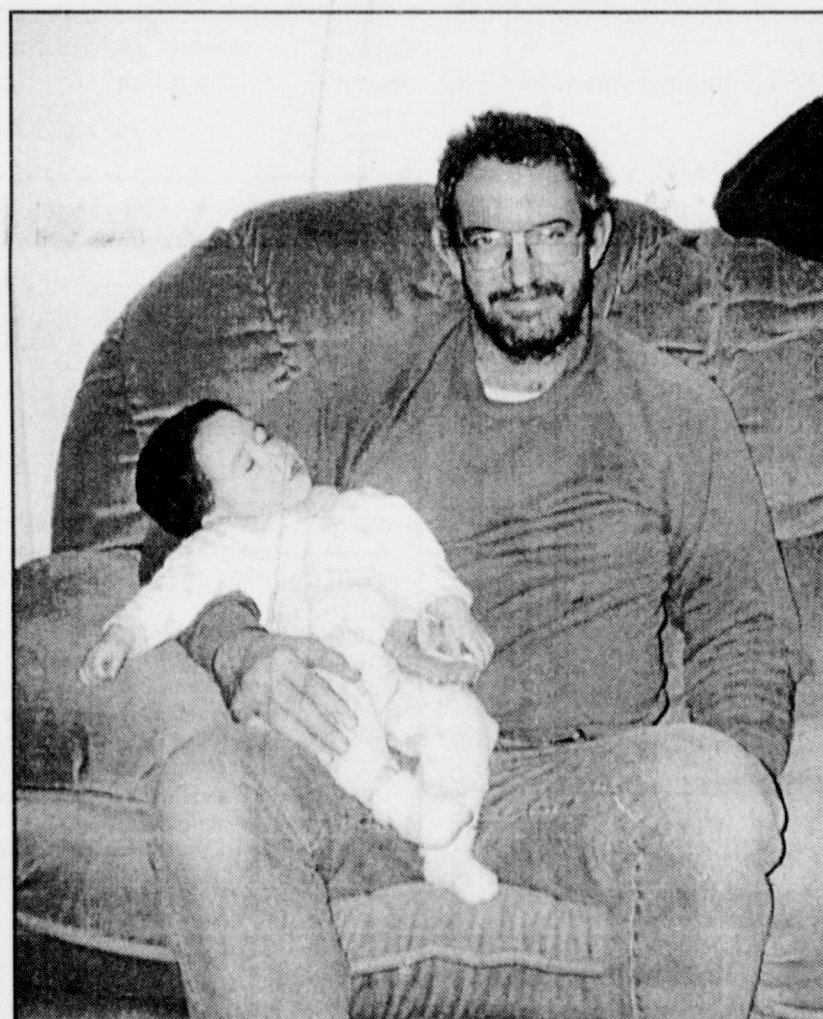
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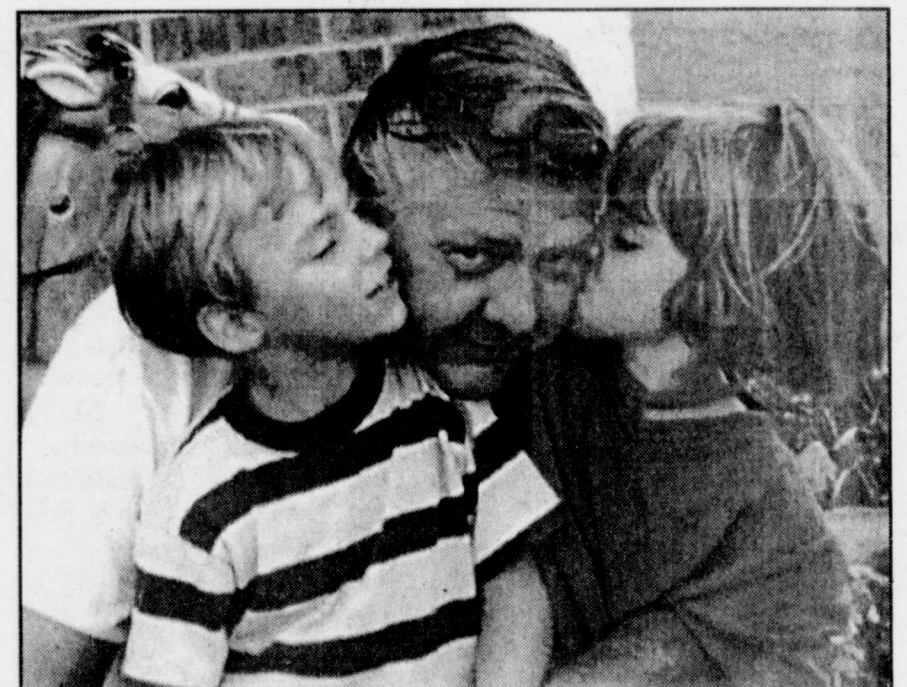
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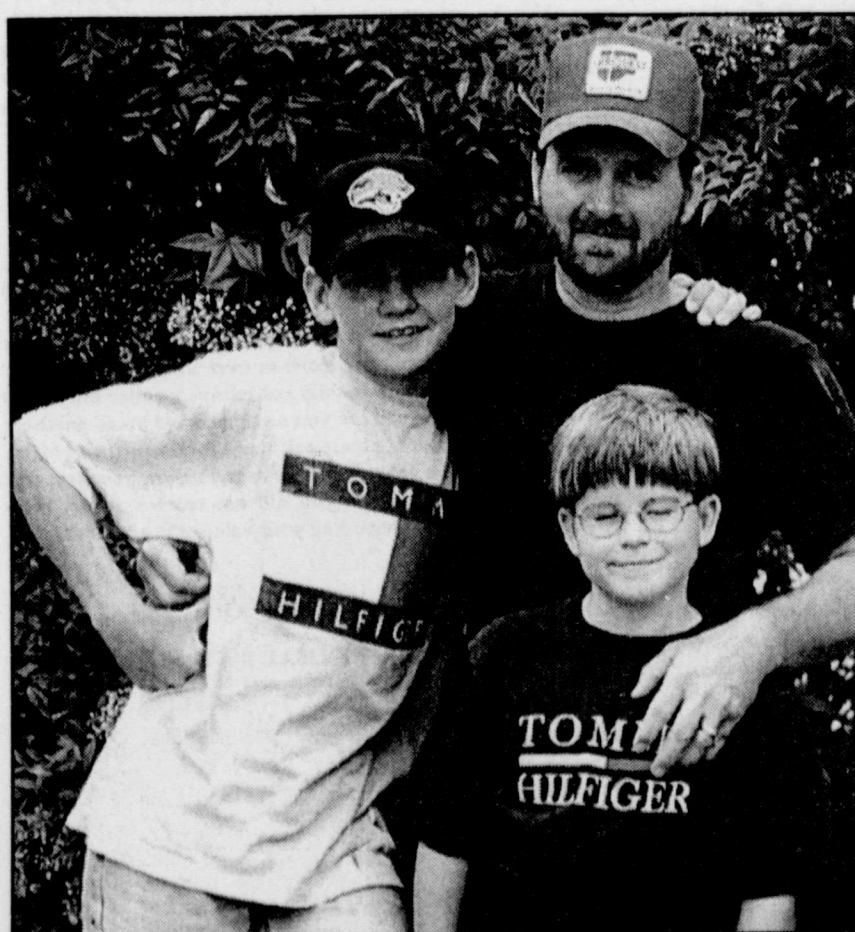
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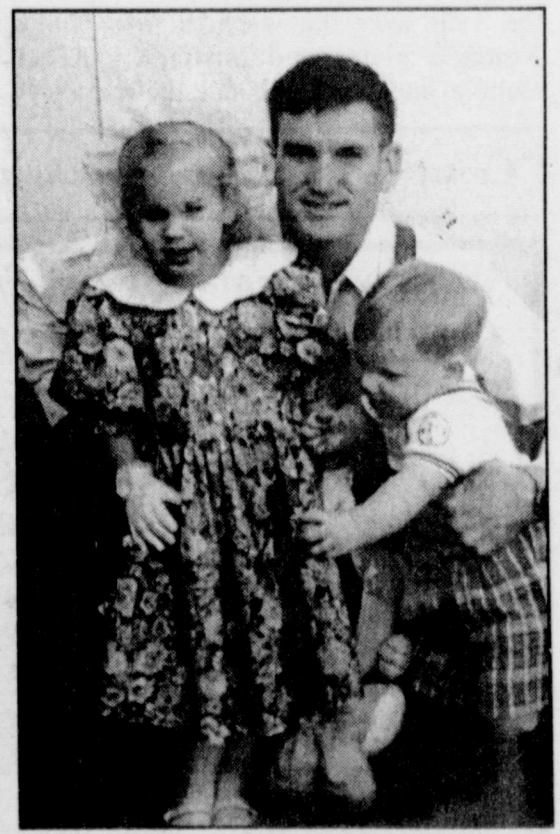
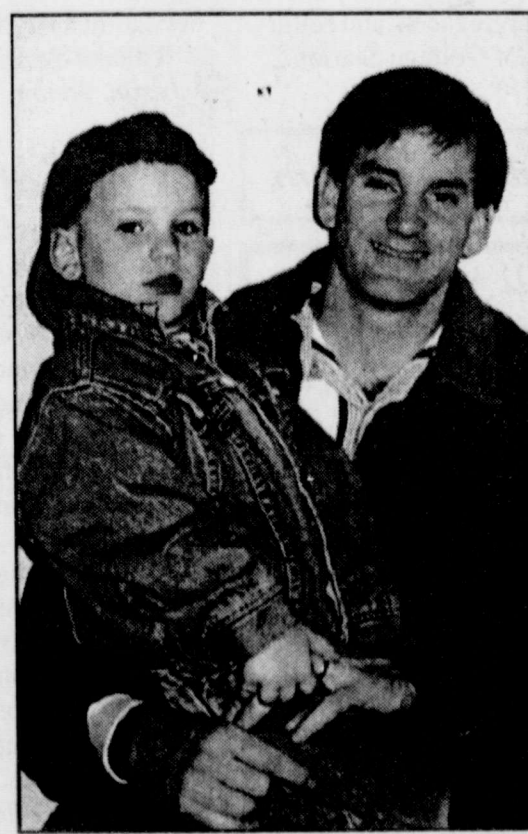
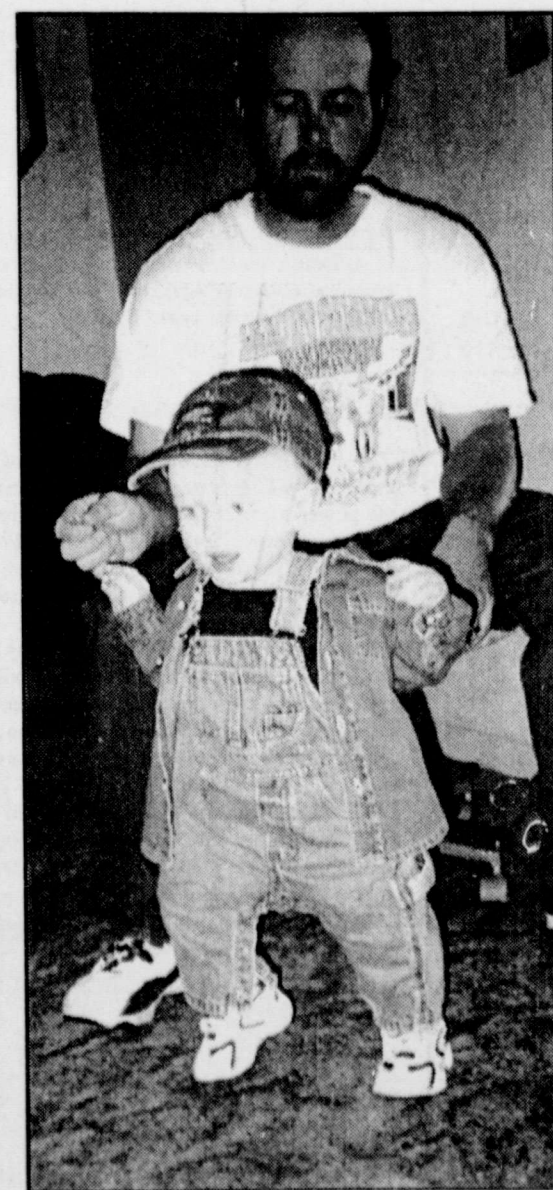
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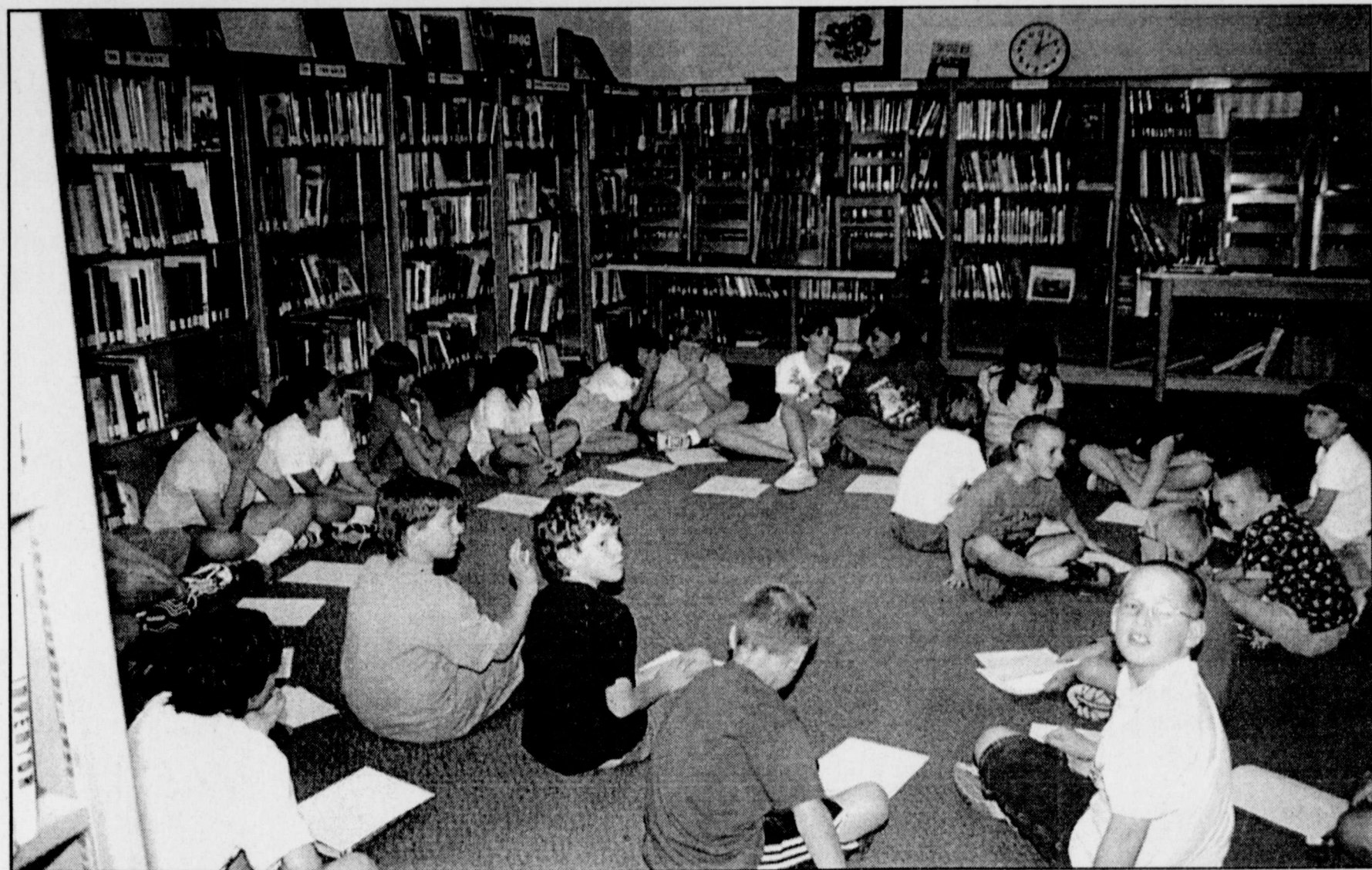
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ALMOST FORTY YOUNGSTERS enjoyed the first day of the Summer Reading Program at the Winters Public Library on June 6. Everyone is encouraged to attend the program which takes place each Tuesday from 2 to 3 p.m. through July 11. Videos and audio books are also available for check out. General hours at the library are 1-6 p.m. Monday through Thursday.

Crews News

By Hilda Kurtz

Some people are a lot like a clove of garlic — a little of them goes a long way.

Hopewell Church only had Sunday School Sunday morning. Brother Akins and Ramona are attending his oldest brother's son's (nephew's) funeral at Atlanta, Georgia, on Tuesday. Sorry I couldn't get his name.

Nila and Therin Osborne, Karen and Wesley McGallian enjoyed supper with newlyweds Stefanie and Simon Camacho in Ballinger on Wednesday. Doris Wood spent Saturday night with the Maloye Bryants, after watching the ballgame in which great-grandson Douglas played.

Selma Wilkerson attended the McCutcheon family reunion on Saturday and Sunday in Taylor. One hundred and thirty-eight (138) were present.

Brenda Peikoff of Alvarado spent three days with Linda and Dale Duggan this week. On Friday, friends and family celebrated Will's 25th birthday. Linda spent Monday in San Angelo with her aunt, Frances Brown, and friends Pat and Carmen Mueller.

Woodrow and Dorothy Worthington of Banning, California, visited Fairy and Wilbert Allcorn on Wednesday.

Selma Wilkerson and Marvin Gerhart visited Noble and Harvey Mae Fabion during the week. Keith and Cathy Gerhart and daughter of Clyde enjoyed Sunday with the Marvin Gerharts.

Helen Alexander enjoyed visiting during the week with Blue Alexander and Lashae Martin of Lubbock.

Visiting with Connie and Georgia Gibbs during the week were Kenny, Tana, and Lane Gibbs of Winters; Horace Gibbs of Rising Star; and Connie Mac and Jean Gibbs of Winters. Betty and Joe Pierce came on Saturday.

The Cartwright family enjoyed the visit over the weekend of Kenny's sister and husband, Debbie and Michael, and their



Hilda Kurtz

children, Kellie, Kyle, and Derek MacVittie of Victoria.

We are glad to hear Pat Cooper is recuperating at home after spending three days in San Angelo Community Hospital. She is doing nicely.

Hildegard and Calvin Schovajsa of San Angelo spent Saturday with me. We sawed down and hauled off mesquite trees from around my tank. We hauled off 9 loads of brush. Now I will have firewood this coming winter.

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

Carol Kozelsky of Winters took her mother, Margie Jacob, to San Antonio on Wednesday to have her cast taken off her foot. She is doing fine.

Mr. and Mrs. Woodrow Worthington of Banning, California, and Selma Dietz were over to visit with Margie Jacob on Thursday night. They enjoyed playing dominoes.

Margie Jacob expresses her thanks to her relatives, friends, and neighbors for all their prayers, cards, calls, and food that was sent to her while she was recovering from foot surgery. Many thanks. It was all appreciated.

Brenda Jacob of Midland and Kathryn Kozelsky of College Station were home over the week. On Sunday, the family of Walter Jacob attended the Bredemeyer Reunion at the community center in Winters. Those who attended were Brenda Jacob of Midland, Carol and Mike Kozelsky, Beverly VanZandt and Corey, Margie Jacob, and Kathryn Kozelsky of College Station.

Brownie Troop #338 ends year with park picnic

As this school year's closing event for Brownie Troop #338, members and their families held a picnic May 23 in the park. The group enjoyed a hotdog cookout with chips, dip, homemade ice cream, and watermelon.

Brownie girls and their siblings had a great time on the play equipment before and after the meal. Parents enjoyed the time to visit and share with each other. According to leaders Laura and Ral Dees, the picnic was fun but very HOT.

Troop members attending with

their families were Abby Guy, Haley Kaczyn, Miranda Torres, Sarah Campos, Hannah Lugo, Regan Newsom, and Lisa Dees.

Through the year, the troop had many fun learning experiences and field trips. Most of the girls earned the following eight "Try-It" patches: Caring and Sharing, Animals, Around the World, Dancercize, Cookies, Good Food, My Body, and Girl Scout Ways.

The troop will take a break during the summer and resume activities in September.

Editor's Note

We learned something here at *The Winters Enterprise* this week as we collected photo entries for the "Dad & Me" contest.

A number of moms and wives realized just how few pictures they actually have of their children with their fathers—particularly recent ones.

So as you celebrate Father's Day this weekend, gather dad and the kids together for a family photo. It will be a keepsake for years to come.

Happy Father's Day!

In Appreciation

Card of Thanks

We would like to thank all of the people who prayed for us and our new baby boy, Jace Kincaid. I don't think we could have made it through this difficult time without you.

He is doing much better, now. A special thanks to Pastor Art and Lois for being there at his birth and to Brother Barry for his special prayer with us at the hospital.

Also Mike Meyer for letting mom be off with me. I really needed her support.

Thanks again,
Jason, Tammy & Ryan Young

Card of Thanks

The families of Gladys Collom Cotton wish to acknowledge our sincere appreciation for all expressions of sympathy at the loss of our loved one.

Your prayers, telephone calls, cards, flowers, memorials, food, your presence, and all expressions of love are gratefully acknowledged.

A special thank you to those who made it possible for the families and close friends to have an opportunity to share together their love and their loss both before the services and immediately following the services.

The Collom family
The Cotton family

Library News

by Carolyn Scarborough, librarian

Join the Summer Reading Club

Our Summer Reading Club is going well. Make sure to visit us on Tuesday from 2-3 p.m. and join in on the fun. It costs nothing to participate, and we do have a few prizes to give away.

I have decided to start listing a few Internet web sites because I get a lot of recommendations of some really wonderful sites. This week, I have some really good weather sites.

From the following links, you can keep up with all kinds of weather anywhere in the world: <<http://www.signpost.mwci.net/sample/weather.html>>

- <<http://www.rainorshine.com/>>
- <<http://www.weatherpost.com/>>
- <<http://www.srh.noaa.gov/llh/tropical/>>
- <<http://www.hurricanehunters.com/>>
- <<http://www.usatoday.com/weather/wfront.htm>>

Don't forget that our local Channel 12's web site <<http://www.ktxs.com>> displays a good radar. Other good sites are the school net site at Winters Elementary School and this address: <<http://www.intellicast.com/LocalWeather/World/UnitedStates/SouthCentral/Texas/SanAntonio/RadarLoop/>>

Happy weather watching.

HOSPITAL, continued

"This program (CAH) is ideal for small, rural hospitals with a low census," said NRH Administrator Dick Stout.

A CAH is a limited service hospital designed to combine potentially improved reimbursement with cost savings from relaxed operating requirements to help ensure financial viability.

"Small hospitals have long had trouble because we're required to have professional staff with the same qualified standards as large hospitals, but we don't have the same number of patients," explained Stout. "There are more advantages than disadvantages as this change requires little change in our current operation and does allow a favorable cost-based reimbursement methodology from Medicare."

According to Stout, this last fiscal year completed on the last day of June, 1999, the hospital, as an Acute Care Facility, had to pay back to Medicare approximately \$80,000. Under this new payment method, according to

studies done by an outside auditor, the hospital would have received approximately \$179,000, thereby allowing more financial stability.

"This new designation will also make the hospital exempt from other regulations that would have a negative impact on our bottom line," Stout adds. "Plus, should the hospital want to convert back to the prior payment system, we could do so."

Stout is quick to add that the quality of care will remain high at North Runnels Hospital, and should a patient require care longer than the 96 hours, the patient will be transferred to another hospital in the NRH network, probably Hendrick Medical Center, according to Stout.

The center for Rural Health Initiatives, the State Office of Rural Health for the State of Texas, serves as the administering agency for this program, in conjunction with the Texas Department of Health.

PROPERTY VALUE PROTEST AND APPEAL PROCEDURES

The law gives property owners the right to protest actions concerning their property tax appraisals. You may follow these appeal procedures if you have a concern about:

- Market or special appraised value placed on your property
- Unequal appraisal of your property
- Inclusion of your property on the appraisal roll
- Any exemptions that may apply to you
- Qualifications for an agricultural appraisal
- Taxable status of your property
- Local governments which should be taxing your property
- Ownership of property
- Change of use of land receiving special appraisal
- Any action that applies to and adversely affects you

You can get a copy of a protest form from the appraisal district office at 406 Hutchings Avenue, Ballinger or one is provided with your appraisal notice.

NOTE: You shouldn't try to contact ARB members outside of the hearing. The law requires ARB members to sign an affidavit saying that they haven't talked about your case with you or the CAD prior to the hearing.

REVIEW BY DISTRICT COURT

After it decides your case, the ARB must send you a copy of its order by certified mail. If you're not satisfied with the decision, you have the right to appeal to district court. If you choose to go to court, you must start the process by filing a petition within 45 days of the date you receive the ARB's order.

TAX PAYMENT

If you appeal and your case is pending, you must pay the lesser of the amount of taxes due on the portion of the taxable value not in dispute or the amount of taxes due on the property under the order from which the appeal is taken.

MORE INFORMATION

You can get more information by contacting your appraisal district office at Runnels County Appraisal District, 406 Hutchings Avenue, P.O. Box 524 Ballinger, TX 76821 or 915-365-3583. You can also get a pamphlet describing how to prepare a protest from the appraisal district or from the State Comptroller's Property Tax Division at P.O. Box 13528, Austin, TX 78711.

RECEIVING NOTICE

The law requires mailing an appraisal notice under certain circumstances: ownership change, value change, exemption change, etc. Therefore, not everyone received a notice. If your value didn't change or increase over \$1000 in value, you did not receive notice. If you did not receive a notice but would like to verify your value or if you are concerned about anything regarding your account, please call the Appraisal District office and someone will be happy to help you and review your property information. Generally, if you did not receive notice, most likely nothing changed regarding your value or exemptions.

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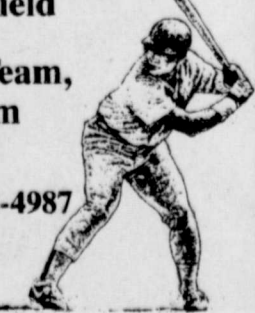


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**Area youth, organizations, businesses needed—
"Relay for Life" seeking teams for
American Cancer Society benefit**

The First Annual Winters' Relay for Life is just a month away and plans are now in high gear to make the event a success. Teams of fifteen members or less are needed to commit to the project which will raise funds to enable the American Cancer Society to continue services to cancer patients and their families in Winters, the Big Country and across the nation.

Walkers, runners, and those simply wanting to enjoy the community fellowship will go around the clock in the battle against cancer on Friday and Saturday, July 14 & 15. The Relay committee is encouraging youth groups, community organizations and clubs, Sunday School classes, businesses, and more to sponsor a team and challenge others to do the same.

Relay for Life teams will participate by walking, running, or visiting at the Winters High School Track Complex for 14 hours beginning at 7 p.m. Friday and lasting until 9 a.m. on Saturday.

Teams pay a \$50 registration fee and each team member is strongly encouraged to collect a minimum of \$25 in contributions. Participants are not required to walk, run, or spend the entire time at the track, though most will want to once they experience the fun, games, and fellowship.

Families and teams will set up tents and campsites in the infield and perimeter of the track complex for the all-night affair. Cookers and grills are allowed, however there will be designated areas for their use, for barbecuing picnic dinners and cooking breakfast.

DJ's will play music all night long and concessions will be available. A variety of sights for volleyball, horseshoes, washers, frisbee, and more, are planned to enjoy when not participating in the Relay.

In addition, a brief ceremony will be held at the beginning of the Relay to honor local cancer survivors. Those survivors will make the ceremonial first lap to start the event Friday night. At 10 that evening, a candlelight ceremony will be held to burn luminaries purchased in honor of cancer survivors and in memory of those who have lost the battle with cancer.

Luminaries may be purchased in advance for \$5 each or up until the time of the ceremony at the track. Names will be read during the ceremony recognizing those honored by luminaries.

"Relay for Life is as much an awareness raiser about progress against cancer as it is a fundraiser," said Kelly Lipsey, 2000 Winters' Relay chairman and cancer survivor. "Many of the participants will be recovering cancer patients themselves. Their involvement is proof of the progress that has been made not only in cancer cure rates, but in the quality of life following cancer treatment."

"I think this will be a lot of fun," said Lipsey. "Many towns in our area have had very favorable results with their Relays and I hope we can do the same. Winters is just the type of community to embrace a project of this magnitude and make it a huge success."

Contact Kelly at 754-4388 or 754-4505 OR Sherry Kurtz at 754-5626 to register your team now. Packets will be given to team captains to distribute so team members can start collecting contributions now.

Luminaries can also be purchased by calling Kelly or Sherry at the numbers listed above.

The entire Winters community is encouraged to join together in this worthwhile event in an effort to do our part in benefiting the American Cancer Society.

Where two or more are gathered in my name . . .



WORSHIPPERS JOIN HANDS AND HEARTS during the annual March for Jesus praise service Saturday morning at the city park. A light drizzle failed to dampen the spirit of the occasion which was followed by a march down Main street.

COMMISSIONERS, continued

put up for sale. A communications tower used by law enforcement in the city and county is located on the property.

In other business, Tony Resendez of Concho Valley Resource Conservation Development Area, Inc. spoke to the court, apprising the county of assistance available in searching for grants. Resendez also told the court some grant writing assistance could be given by the RCDA.

Adrian Ayala of West Texas Centers for MHMR made a request of the court to look at a position for one or more of the clients at the MHMR training center. Ayala said the clients could do jobs like paper shredding and

would be accompanied by a trainer until such time as they could be left on their own.

No action was taken on Ayala's request.

Other agenda items concerned easements and communications lines and all were approved by the court.

The meeting continued with a 911/dispatching workshop with Sheriff Bill Baird and Ballinger Police Chief Paul Boggess.

WILLIAMS, continued

ited to monthly luncheons, extended trips varying in degree from recreational to spiritual events, and ministry singing to shut-ins and residents at nursing homes. Ministry visitation is also very important to Brother Williams for those individuals who are shut-ins, who are recovering from illness or surgery, or who have lost a loved one.

"Since my moving to a different 'office' on staff at First Baptist Church in Orange nearly three years ago, I have had time to reflect on my calling, my own spiritual journey, and my discipleship needs," stated Brother Williams.

"I continue to seek God's leadership and I feel He still has a ministry for me in the church, in music ministry and senior adult areas as well as in other ministries."

He and wife Nancy have one daughter, Lydia Brown; one son, Paul Williams; and four grandchildren.

Ginger Test demos watercolor technique to artists

The Mid-West Texas Artist Guild met on June 6, 2000, at the Ballinger Icehouse.

After a short business meeting, President Jean Hensley yielded to Program Chairman Shirley Minzenmayer. Shirley introduced the guest artist for the evening, Ginger Test. Ginger is a watercolorist from Novice. She teaches ongoing classes in Abilene, holds regular workshops in West Texas, the Texas Panhandle, the Big Bend and yearly in Colorado.

Ginger showed the group several watercolors in progress and explained in detail the process used in each. The demo began with a painted mat. While the mat dried, she demonstrated how to paint fluffy clouds. With the mat dry, Ginger painted a purple iris in its center in a very loose manner.

A white paper gift bag was the next item to be painted. Ginger drew and painted in red hollyhocks, a few leaves and stems. A delightful little gift bag with a personal touch!

Sandra Kasper asked for a "bang on the table painting" which Ginger demonstrated with a small moody blue landscape. All in all, a very informative and enjoyable

demonstration. The Guild raffle was won by Sandra Kasper and Edith Collins won the painted gift bag.

Billy Dawn King had a copy of her new newsletter for everyone, also notes for the members who attended the Ginger Test workshop on May 6. Billy also present-

ed a chart she designed and printed for the Guild's rotating exhibits. Copies of Billy's newsletter are available at the Icehouse.

The next Guild meeting will be July 11, 2000, at the Ballinger Icehouse. A critique is planned so each member is requested to bring two or more paintings to show.

Class Reunions

**NOT TOO LATE...Reservations still accepted—
WHS Classes of 1980-1990
planning one giant reunion**

A reunion has been planned Saturday, June 24, 2000, for the 1980-1990 classes of Winters High School.

Classmates should meet at the high school building at 1 p.m. for a tour of the high school facilities. Immediately following at approximately 2 p.m., fun and games will be enjoyed at the Elm Creek Reservoir Lake Pavilion.

An evening meal will be ca-

tered by The Shed and will be served at the Wingate restaurant. Price for the meal will be \$8 for adults and \$3 for children ages 3-10.

IT'S NOT TOO LATE, reservations are still being accepted by contacting Tammy (Gibbs) Kaczyk, 754-4736; Amy (Tuggle) Wheat, 754-4882; and Christy (Collins) Lindley, 754-4959.

**Class of 1954
to meet July 15**

The Winters High School Class of 1954 will meet for their class reunion Saturday, July 15, 2000, at the Winters Housing Authority, 300 North Grant Street, Winters.

The reunion will begin at 9:00 a.m.

Friends of the class members are welcome to visit in the afternoon.

**WHS Class of '60
sets July reunion**

The Winters High School Class of 1960 has scheduled their 40th reunion to be held in Winters during the 4th of July weekend. The seniors, their families, and friends will gather at the Rock Hotel at 2 p.m. on Saturday, July 1st.

Dinner will follow at 6:30 p.m. at The Shed at Wingate. A breakfast is planned for Sunday morning with the location to be announced.

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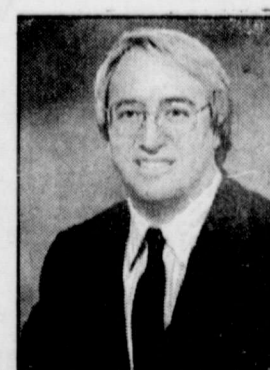
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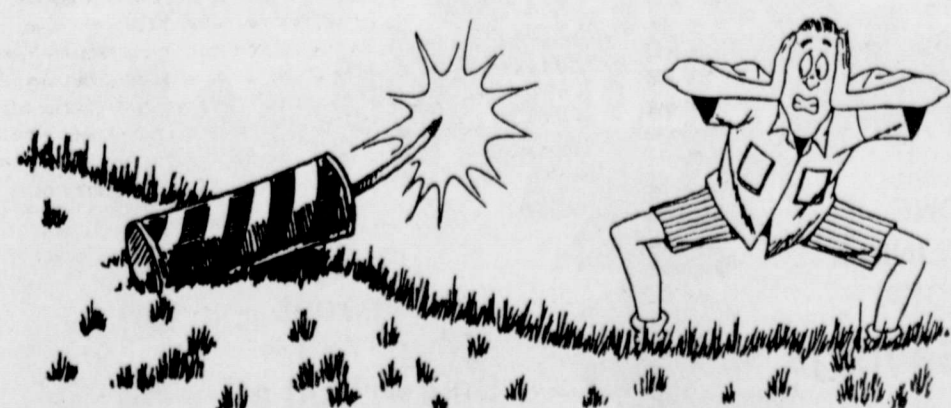
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Police Beat

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, June 4, 2000, through Saturday, June 10, 2000. Winters Police Officers:

received a report of vandalism occurring in the 300 block of E. Pierce Street. A 58-year-old male of Winters reported that sometime during the hours of 9:00 p.m. Saturday and 10:00 a.m. Sunday his 1978 Ford pickup had the driver side mirror torn off and the glass shattered. Minor damage was sustained to the door. No witnesses have been located at this time. This case is under investigation as criminal mischief.

stopped a 1985 Chevy car on S. Main Street for a traffic violation. A sound similar to gunshots were heard coming from the vehicle. The driver was taken into custody by gunpoint. A vehicle search revealed a police expandable baton. No firearm was found and it was later determined the driver could make his vehicle backfire mimicking gunshots and did so as the officer was exiting the patrol car. Ruben Sanchez of Fort Worth was arrested for unlawfully carrying a weapon and taken to Runnels County Jail.

received a report of a break-in in the 800 block of N. Concho Street. A 29-year-old female of Winters reported finding a window broken at her home and her home ransacked. No items were reported missing and there are no witnesses at this time. This case is under investigation as criminal mischief and criminal trespass.

stopped a 2000 Ford pickup on Highway 153 for a traffic violation. A license check of the driver revealed an outstanding warrant from Navarro County for theft by check. Hiram Thomas was arrested and taken to Runnels County Jail.

stopped a 1984 Peterbilt truck on N. Main Street for a traffic violation. The driver was contacted and found to be very irate for being stopped. The driver was being profane and screamed at the officers who requested the driver to calm down numerous times. The driver refused despite numerous warnings that he was disturbing the peace. The driver, a 53-year-old male of Abilene, was issued a citation for speeding and disorderly conduct (profane language). An arrest was avoided as the driver calmed down and was released.

received a report of narcotics activity in the 700 block of W. Dale Street. A search was conducted at a residence and under two ounces of marijuana was located. A female at the residence admitted the illicit drugs were hers and charges are pending for Class B possession of marijuana.

received a report of a forgery occurring in the 300 block of E. Broadway Street. A 56-year-old female of Winters alleged a personal check was stolen from her checkbook and a 40-year-old female of Winters had attempted to cash the check at a local business. The 40-year-old female was identified and charges are pending.

stopped a 1998 Dodge vehicle on E. Truett Street for a traffic violation. An odor of marijuana was detected within the vehicle and a subsequent search revealed under two ounces of marijuana under the passenger seat. A search of the driver revealed additional amounts of marijuana. Johnny Wayne Liggins of Winters was arrested for Class B possession of marijuana and for a parole violation warrant. He was taken to Runnels County Jail.

stopped a 1988 Chevy pickup on N. Murray Street for numerous traffic violations. A strong odor of alcohol was detected on the driver who was offered and subsequently failed several field sobriety tasks. Anselmo Landeros of Winters was arrested for driving while intoxicated and taken to Runnels County Jail.

Correction: In last week's "Police Beat," it was incorrectly reported that Lisa Cammack of Abilene was arrested for driving while intoxicated. She was arrested for driving while license suspended.

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

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



NEW ROAD SURFACE has been installed for fifteen miles beginning at the intersection of Hwy. 83 and FM 1770 which passes by the football stadium, track field, and city park, in addition to housing additions. Construction is being done by Brannon Paving of Victoria, Texas.

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Presents

Crossword puzzle grid with clues for 'The Original TEXAS CROSSWORD' by Charley & Guy Orbison. Includes 'ACROSS' and 'DOWN' clues and a map of Texas.

Solutions for this puzzle appear in this issue.

WISD trustees hire Charles Murphy as counselor

During the regular meeting of the board of trustees of the Winters Independent School District Monday evening, Charles Murphy was hired as secondary counselor by unanimous vote.

Murphy has been with the Winters school system for seven years as teacher and coach.

In other action, Deborah Bible was hired to teach junior high English, replacing Tecka Mobley who resigned along with her husband, Shane. The Mobleys will be joining the school system in Sonora.

High School Principal Bill Cathey said there are two coaching positions still open for candidates qualified in math and social studies.

Salaries for Bill Cathey and David Hale, Dean of Students, were set with yeas by Jerry Sims, Larry Walker, Gary Moore, Cheryl Bryan, and Allen Andrae. Present but not voting were Jack Davis, Jr. and Bob Prewitt.

Also attending the June 12 meeting were Superintendent Mike Harris, Business Manager Jimmy Butler, Principal Tammy Bright, and Athletic Director Robin Byrd.

RESERVOIR, continued

Davis said that the problems were corrected on eight of the ten wells and they had been pumping around 90 gallons per minute, at a cost of approximately \$100 per day. One well was not performing so the pump was removed and placed at a well on land owned by Glen Hoppe, Jr., located just north of the water treatment plant. Davis reports that this well produced around 40 gallons per minute.

The tenth well at the Reservoir was plugged and will not be used, according to Davis.

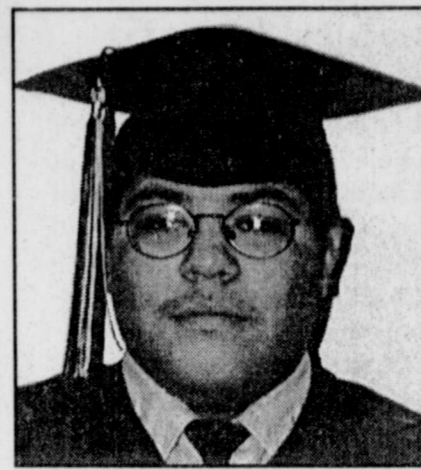
Follis named to ASU Dean's List

Kaci Follis, granddaughter of K. W. and Geneva Cook of Winters, was recently named to the Dean's List at Angelo State University.

Kaci will be a junior at ASU, majoring in elementary education.

To be eligible for the Dean's List, a student must be enrolled as a full-time student and have at least a 3.25 grade point average.

Four CAP High School graduates from Winters receive scholarships



Ernest Rodriguez



Leslie Sanchez

CAP High School is pleased to announce awards for their 1999-2000 graduating class.

Ernest Rodriguez is this year's recipient of the Santa Anna Foundation, Coleman County Telephone Cooperative Scholarship in the amount of \$500. Ernest is the son of Mr. & Mrs. Eloy Rodriguez of Winters and plans to attend Odessa College where he will seek a degree in culinary arts.

Leslie Sanchez received the \$350 CAP Memorial Scholarship

awarded by the faculty and staff of CAP High School. Leslie lives in Winters and is the daughter of Pete McCulloch and Lori Garza. She plans to attend Cisco Junior College in Abilene where she will seek an associate's degree in pre-law.

Winters students Ernest Rodriguez, Rosanna Moreno, and Thomas Esquivel were among those students to receive Early Graduation Tuition Scholarships.

Official Records

- County Court Dispositions: Karen Williams, theft of merchandise by check, dismissed, restitution paid in full; Charlie Jackson Page, criminal mischief, pleaded guilty, sentenced to six months in county jail... District Court Civil Cases Filed: Charlie Grohman, individually and Charlie Grohman as surviving spouse of Patsy Grohman, vs. Steve Ballard...

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Conservation News & Notes

By Kay Mansell, District Technician

Runnels Soil & Water Conservation District sponsors fish program

With the wonderful rainfall that most of the county received this past week, many of you are ready to think about fish once again. Runnels Soil and Water Conservation District holds an annual fish sale each spring but this year due to the drought we waited for the rain. Many ponds in the county have recently been cleaned and are now full of water just waiting to be stocked with fish.

The program will continue through June 26, 2000, with delivery of the fish on June 28 at the Natural Resources Conservation Service office at 2000 Hutchins Avenue in Ballinger.

Available species, size, and pricing are as follows:

Channel catfish	4-6"	.50
	6-8"	.75
Blue catfish	3-6"	.55
Largemouth bass	1-4"	.75
Bluegill sunfish	1-3"	.45
	3"+	.85
Hybrid bream	1-3"	.45
Red Ear perch	1-3"	.55

Crappie 1-6" .75
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The vendor will provide bags, air, and water necessary to transport your fish to their destination. The fish program in addition to the windbreak tree program generates funds used for conservation education across our country. You may recognize such things as our frequent fish and wildlife seminars, conservation field days, Natural Resource Day for county fifth graders, poster and essay contests, soil stewardship materials for area churches, and sponsorship of students and teachers to education seminars.

To place your fish order, please stop by the NRCS office at 2000 Hutchins Avenue in Ballinger, or for more information on this year's program, call the office at 365-3415, ext. 3.

Ag Talk

by Congressman Charles Stenholm

Provision to aid boll weevil eradication

Texas cotton producers battling boll weevils will benefit from an amendment Congressman Charlie Stenholm added to the \$7.1 billion emergency farm bill recently passed by Congress as a part of the crop insurance reform bill.

As a result of Stenholm's effort, the Risk Management Agency (RMA) of the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) will be required to develop a method for adjusting a producer's Average Production History (APH) in areas where the producer is working to prevent the spread of plant pests or plant diseases.

Under current Federal crop insurance, a producer's APH, which determines the level of insurance coverage, is calculated as the average of actual production data from each of the previous ten years.

If the presence of a pest results in lower yields, it follows that the

eradication of the pest should increase a producer's actual yield. Because the earlier yields are maintained for a period as long as ten years, much time could pass before a producer's APH was affected by the eradication effort.

"The presence of a disease or a pest such as the boll weevil affects crop yield, and areawide efforts to eradicate the boll weevil in cotton country have been effective," said Stenholm. "A producer's APH should be adjusted when an eradication effort is successful. Unfortunately, up to this point in time, the system has failed to take this into consideration."

One study has found that a successful boll weevil eradication program in North Carolina increased cotton yields by an average of 69 pounds per acre. Other similar efforts are underway for crop-affecting pests throughout the nation.

COW POKES

By Ace Reid

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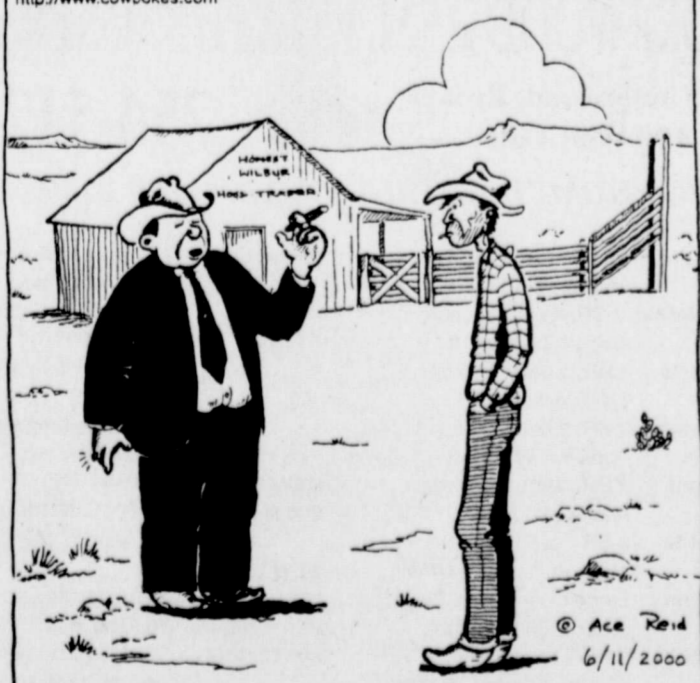
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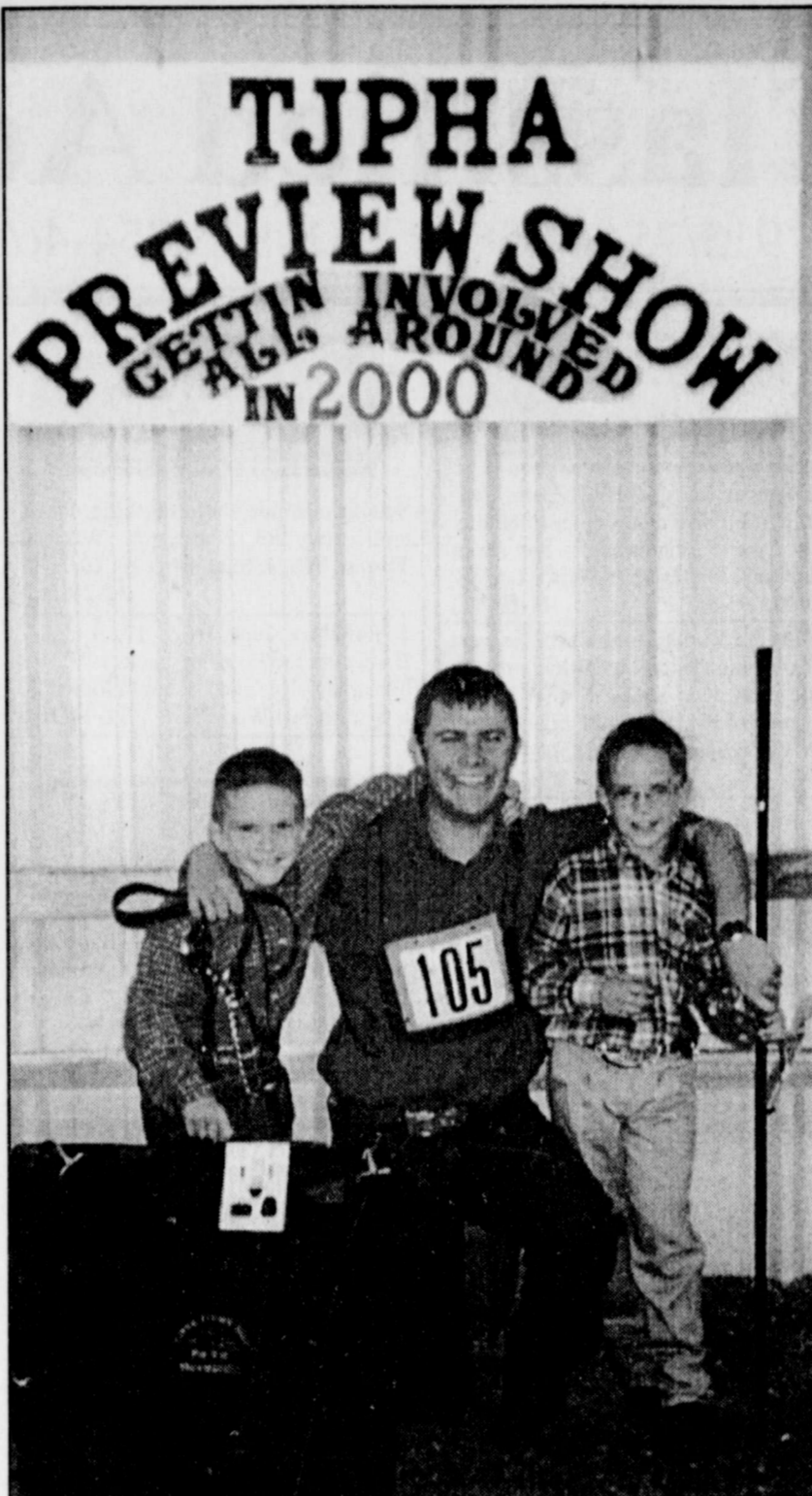


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"Now, to be a successful hoss trader like me, you gotta learn the only person to lie to is yore wife."



OUT WITH THE OLD AND IN WITH THE NEW is the story for these three Winters' youth who recently competed in the Texas Junior Polled Hereford Association show in east Texas. Matt Angel (center) is bringing his showing career to an end while Dalton Shackelford and Camille Kruse are just starting theirs.

Winters' youth place in TJPFA summer show at Waxahachie

Three Winters exhibitors were successful at the Texas Junior Polled Hereford Show in Waxahachie held June 2-4.

Recent WHS graduate Matt Angel placed first with his bred and owned heifer and second with a January, 1999 heifer. He won a black, leather show halter for his efforts. Matt is the son of Monte and Lea Angel.

Dalton Shackelford, 9, placed third with a November, 1998 heifer and third with his steer. He

was awarded a monogrammed garment bag as champion in the Peeewe Showmanship division. Dalton is the son of Roy and Ann Shackelford.

Camille Kruse, 9, finished third with her October, 1999 heifer and eighth with a March, 1999 heifer. She received a cattle show stick and comb as best All Around Exhibitor. Camille is the daughter of Terry and Cheryl Kruse.

Pest Management News

By Richard Minzenmayer,
Extension Agent-Entomology (PM)

Cotton planting a challenge this year

GENERAL SITUATION—Attitudes have changed drastically this past week. Folks are smiling again and are much more optimistic because of the recent rain. The Concho Valley received from 1 inch to more than 10 inches of rain.

Cotton planting will start back up as soon as the ground is dry enough. The deadline for planting cotton is June 20 and it is estimated only 25-30% is planted to date. Needless to say, cotton producers will be quite busy planting the next two weeks. It is estimated that over 400,000 acres will be planted to cotton in the Southern Rolling Plains this year.

Irrigated cotton that was planted early and came up is progressing nicely with little to no insect pressure at this time. Some cotton will begin squaring soon and those fields will need to be monitored for cotton fleahoppers. Thrips are sometimes a problem on seedling cotton, but, due to lack of wheat, dry conditions, and time of the growing season, thrips should not be a problem this year.

TURNROW MEETINGS—Turnrow meetings will begin the week of June 19. Hopefully most of the cotton will be planted by then and up to a stand.

Please try to attend at least one meeting a week and sign in if you would like to receive

CEUs at the end of the season.

Meetings will be conducted at Wall Co-Op at 8:30 a.m. Tuesday, June 20; at Mereta Co-Op Gin at 1:00 p.m. Tuesday, June 20; and at Ballinger Co-Op at 8:30 a.m. Wednesday, June 21.

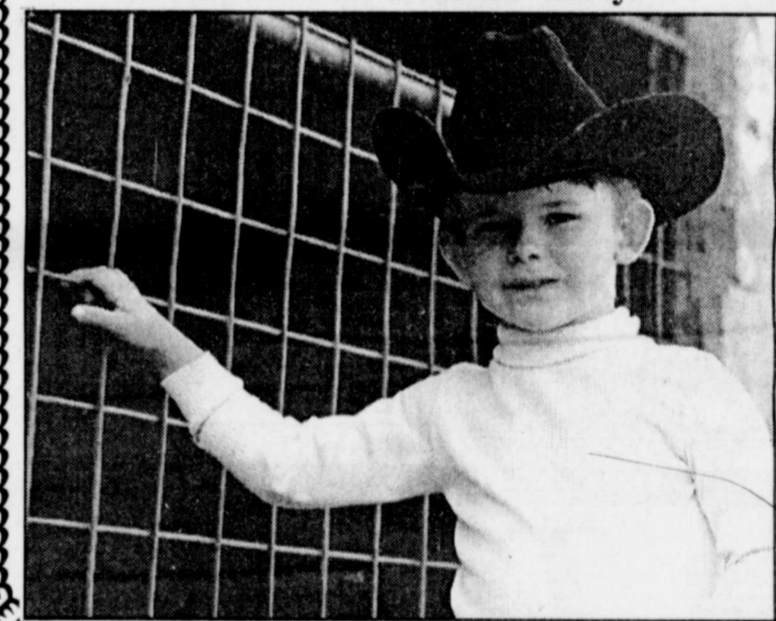
2000 COTTON SCOUTING PROGRAM—Due to extremely dry weather conditions and very little irrigation water, the scouting program will not be checking cotton this year. Most producers felt they would be lucky if they got a stand at all and little chance of making a crop. Even with the recent rain, the area is still in a major moisture deficit.

COTTON—Cotton planting is challenging this year due to the marginal moisture combined with high temperatures, winds, and low humidity.

The big problem is retaining enough soil moisture for germination and seedling development. The hot, dry winds are causing the soil to dry out quicker than expected. So plant populations have been lower than anticipated.

The plant population can be as low as two plants per foot without reducing yield, as long as the plant spacing is uniform and the number of skips is limited. It is common to see numerous skips in acreage that had limited soil moisture at the time of planting.

A cowboy guy who loves a horse
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Identity of birthday boy is revealed elsewhere in this issue.

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