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TEMPERANCE-In any controversy the instant we feel anger we have already ceased striving for truth, and have begun striving for ourselves.



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Commissioners approve sheriff's requests and proposed county budget

Runnels County Commission- for county employees and ers spent most of the day Wednesday, August 30, meeting.

Wednesday morning, commissioners voted to enter into a contract between Runnels County and Midland County for the care and housing of Midland County Jail inmates in the Runnels County Jail.

Runnels County Sheriff Bill Baird and Midland County Sheriff Gary Painter had discussed housing up to 10 women and 20 men in the Runnels County Jail, if space permits. Runnels County will receive \$35 a day for housing the Midland County inmates.

Commissioners also approved Sheriff Baird's request to enter into a cooperative working agreement with other sheriffs' departments of Texas. The agreement allows Runnels County to assist other counties and vice versa, if needed, for such procedures as manhunts.

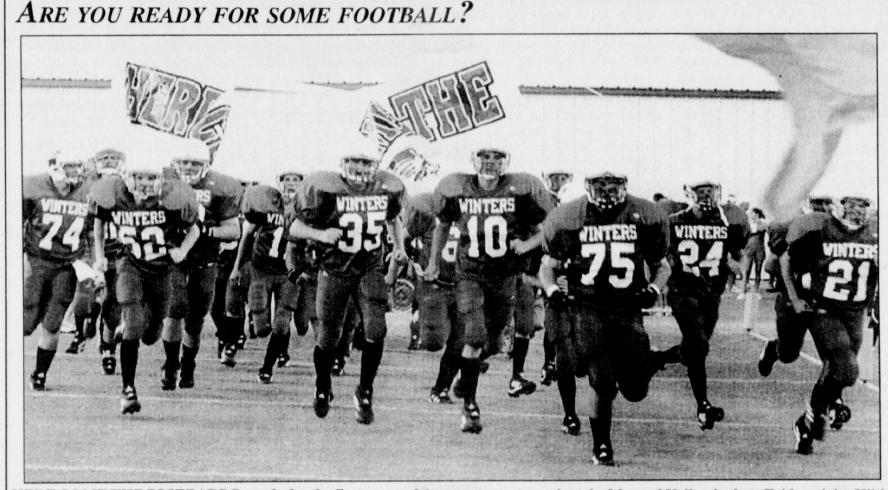
\$170,000 for 9-1-1 dispatching. Following the public hearing, commissioners officially approved the proposed budget.

Happy

Just after lunch, Commissioners opened a public hearing on the proposed tax rate of 81.763 cents per \$100 valuation. The rate is a two cent increase over the present rate and includes \$.69 for the general fund, \$.06 for the special road and bridge fund, and \$.06763 for debt service on the jail bonds. The rate is a \$.01 increase in the general fund and \$.01 for the special road and bridge fund.

The increase is the first since 1995, excepting the increased tax for the debt service on the new jail.

In a special meeting on Tuesday, September 5, Commissioners approved unanimously two requests from Sheriff Bill Baird. Baird asked for authorization to send a Dispatch Supervisor and a Other business on that portion dispatcher to a one week training session in Del Rio this month and



HERE COME THE BLIZZARDS, ready for the first game of the new century against the Menard Yellowjackets Friday night. With the temperature still around 100 degrees at 8 p.m., the Blizzards squeaked by the Jackets 27-21 in the non-district season opener. Winters will face a tough Goldthwaite team this Friday, Sept. 8. Kickoff will be at 8 p.m. in Goldthwaite.

Blizzards sneak by Yellowjackets 27-21 Will face tough Goldthwaite team Friday

of the agenda for the day included the approval of the 2000 tax appraisal roll.

Later in the morning, Runnels County Commissioners opened a one hour and fifteen minute public hearing on the budget for the fiscal year 2000-2001 which begins October 1. The nearly \$4.35 million budget includes a 15% increase in health insurance costs

to pay the respective employees for the week of training and for the cost of training.

The only other item on the agenda was a request from the Texas Department of Health to renew the agreement to use office space in the annex building of the courthouse. Commissioners also approved that request unanimously.

Secondary schools— "Meet the Teacher" on Monday, Sept. 11

Winters Secondary Schools child's daily class schedule for invite all parents to attend the first "Meet the Teacher Night" of the year on Monday, September 11, classrooms and expectations. at 7 p.m.

classes. Each class will meet approximately 10 minutes with a five minute passing period. Parents are encouraged to bring their ior high and high schools.

reference.

Teachers will discuss their

Since time will be short, par-A brief meeting will be held in ents are asked to speak individuthe auditorium before parents are ally, if needed, with the teacher dismised to go to their children's during a scheduled conference first and ten, on the Blizzard 12time. Available times will be posted in the classrooms.

The meeting is for both the jun-

by Charles Murphy. special to The Winters Enterprise

A sparse but enthusiastic Jackets to go for it on fourth down crowd braved the barely sub-boil- and twenty-four. The ensuing pass ing temperatures to see the Bliz- was intercepted on the 10 by zards take on the Menard Aaron Pritchard. Yellowjackets Friday evening. With the temperature near 100 degrees in Blizzard Stadium, water was scarce and the concession stand ran out of ice.

on the other to make a mistake.

It appeared that Winters trumped first when the Blue lined up to punt from its own 12-yard line. With an uncovered wide receiver out on the left, the fake was on. The pass fell incomplete, giving the Yellowjackets the ball, yard line.

With two incomplete passes and a quarterback sack, the Big Blue Wrecking Crew forced the The rest of the first quarter was

more of a staring contest to see who would blink first with penalties being the overriding theme for the quarter. (On the night, For the first several posses- Menard was penalized four times sions both teams seemed more for 30 yards, while the Blizzards content to play defense and wait were hit twelve times for 106 yards).

> much the way the first had ended with everyone wondering about the officials' call reversal when Winters punted to Menard. Blizzard Robert Gibbs downed the ball but did not pick it up. The official did not blow it dead. A for four to the 26. Josh Menard player touched the ball (still live) and Gibbs picked it up

- Winters' ball. Wrong. Possession was returned to Menard.

The rule allows the receiving for 23 to the Menard 1. team to advance a punt touched by the kicking team without fear of fumble. If a fumble occurs, it is returned to the receiving team.

As the quarter continued, both teams exchanged punts back and forth. With 5:10 to go, Winters punted to Menard. The Jackets' punt returner gathered the ball up on his own 30-yard line and found a picket fence down the left side en route to a 70-yard punt return The second quarter began for the touchdown. The PAT was good for a 7-0 Menard lead.

After another exchange of punts, Winters' Louie Esquivel recovered a Menard fumble on the Jackets' 30 with 5:39 to go in the half. From there Jose Vega carried Minzenmayer hit Aaron Pritchard

During this drive the Winters offensive line, comprised of Louie Esquivel, Chris Hoppe, Samson Jackson, and Joey Joeris, began to move some Menard folks around.

On the next play Josh Minzenmayer followed his linemen into the end zone. With 4:36 left it was knotted up at 7 after Jeffrey Oats' PAT kick.

Still in the second quarter, Winters took over on their own 28. On second and ten Gary Woodbury carried the ball to the Menard 47. After completions from Minzenmayer to Robert Gibbs, Jeremy Hope, Chris Yanez and Hope again, Winters was at the Menard 8 with 1st and goal. See BLIZZARDS, page 3



A HOST OF EMERGENCY PERSONNEL works to free 34-year-old Lisa Nitsch, who failed to negotiate a curve on Loop 438 about 5:00 p.m. last Thursday, August 31. The eastbound 1996 Ford Taurus rolled once, clipping off a pole holding the Fairview Cemetery sign, then skidded into a cedar tree. Members of the Winters Volunteer Fire Department used the "Jaws of Life" to free Nitsch before she was taken to Abilene Regional Medical Center in Abilene. Nitsch, who was wearing a seatbelt, was hospitalized for two days before being released with minor injuries.

WHAT'S HAPPENING ? Sept. 7-9 a.m., Annual Sheep & Goat Field Day, San Angelo 10 a.m.-Noon & 1:30-3 p.m., Immunization Clinic, TDH 11:30 a.m., Sr. Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center 1:30 p.m., Pep Rally, Gym 5 & 6:30 p.m., Jr. High vs. Goldthwaite, There 6:30 p.m., JV vs. Goldthwaite, Here 6:30 p.m., Emmaus, St. John's Lutheran Church 7 p.m., Winters Squares, Community Center 8-9 a.m., Holistic Resource Management Seminar, San Angelo 11:30 a.m., Sr. Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center 3 p.m., Pep Rally, Gym 7:30 p.m., Cowboys for Christ, Drasco 8 p.m., Varsity vs. Goldthwaite, There Abilene's West Texas Fair Begins & Continues thru Sept. 16 Sept. 9-10 a.m., Miles Cotton Festival Cross-Country Teams at Water Valley UIL Workshop, Hamlin Sept. 10-Ranch To Rail Nominations Due Grandparents' Day Sept. 11-11:30 a.m., Sr. Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center 11:30 a.m., Retired Highway Employees Luncheon, San Angelo 2:30 p.m., Retired Teachers, First United Methodist Church 6 p.m., Project Graduation 2001 Meeting, WHS Library 7 p.m., Secondary School "Meet The Teacher" 7 p.m., VFW & Auxiliary, Post Home 7:30 p.m., Square Dancing Workshop, Community Center Secondary Students School Pictures Sept. 12-10 a.m., Commissioners Court, Courthouse, Ballinger 11:30 a.m., Sr. Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center 7 p.m., Athletic Boosters, Blizzard Fieldhouse 7 p.m., WVFD, Fire Station 7:30 p.m., Elm Creek Water Control Board, Sr. Citizens Activity Center Literary and Service Club Woman's Club

Sept. 13-7 a.m., Industrial Board, Chamber Office 11:30 a.m., Sr. Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center Sept. 14-10 a.m., Triple L Club, First Baptist Church 11:30 a.m., Sr. Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center

1:30 p.m., Pep Rally, Gym 5 & 6:30 p.m., Jr. High vs. Mason, There 6:30 p.m., JV vs. Mason, Here





For a sneak preview of what is to come in the vast energy consuming market of California, witness the recent electricity disruptions there. The news is not good for the Golden State, and they have no one to blame but themselves.

Perhaps we should review for those of you who don't really keep up with the California crowd.

Besides being the home of mudslides, earthquakes, wildfires, and altogether "different" people, California is also one of the first states to deregulate their electricity market. The wave is on across the U.S. to open up electricity markets to competition and consumer choice, and about 15 states, including California, are on a fast track to full deregulation.

Texas is in the midst of its own deregulation, but the pace is somewhat more measured and deliberative. But, that is a different story. Back to the West Coast...

As a state entering the world of deregulated power, California is important because of its size and massive consumption. California is the largest consumer of petroleum products, electricity, and granola for a reason-a lot of people live there.

Anyway, deregulation entered its final stage this year with virtually wide-open electricity markets that allowed consumers to select from many delivery companies on demand. Prices are allowed to fluctuate to meet demand or for what a consumer can best negotiate.

Well, you may have heard about the brownouts and electricity shortages that have dotted the landscape of the state of California. Prices jumped and consumers cried foul. Legislators have rushed in and capped prices (for now) to assuage the outraged public.

Syndrome." Some might call it the "not in my backyard" problem. And, that is an appropriate description. It is that way in many places, but in California it is extreme to the point of pushing out all development.

I am out of room for now, but I will continue this discussion next time right here. (I hate these "to be continued" things!)

HIGHLIGHTS **OF AREA DRILLING ACTIVITY**

COMPLETIONS

Callahan County

Spence Energy Co. has completed the George -A- #69-1 in the North Putnam Field (5 miles N of Baird) at an initial rate of 10 BOPD & 5 BWPD in the Caddo (perfs 3476-3488). Loc. is 4000 FWL & 500 FSL of Sec. 69, BOA Sur., A-982.

Coke County

Amerac Energy has completed the Robbins -397- #1 in the Nipple Peak Field (5 miles NW of Bronte) at an initial rate of 41 BOPD & 6 BWPD in the Ellenburger (perfs 5865-5881). Loc. is 602 FWL & 1988 FSL of Sec. 397, Blk. 1A, H&TC Sur.

Concho County

The Pickens Co. has completed the Fritz #10 in the West Millersview Field (3 miles W of Millersview) at an initial rate of 60 BOPD in the Cross Cut Sand (perfs 2756-66). Loc. is 2220 FEL & 2320 FNL of Sec. 126, Blk. 72, T&NO Sur., A-1760.

Runnels County

Hane Operating, Inc. has completed the Pochls #1 in the Dieke Field (3 miles SE of Wingate) at an initial rate of 25 BOPD & 1900 BWPD in the Goen (perfs 4554-60). Loc. is 467 FSWL & 2566 FNL of ETRR Sur. No. 13, A-670.

STAKINGS

Callahan County Miles Moore, Inc. has staked the Ezzell #1 in the County Regular Field, 5 miles SW of Putnam (Depth 1000). Loc. is 750 FWL & 1300 FSL of Sec. 318, SPRR Sur., A-1245.

Coke County

RIM Operating has applied to plug

Obituaries

Lena Marie Stauffer

CORPUS CHRISTI-Lena Marie Stauffer, 95, passed away Thursday, August 17, 2000, at her home in Corpus Christi.

She was born February 14, 1905, on Peelee Island, Ontario, Canada, the first born child of Henry and Mary Stoltz Bredemeyer. She married Louis Stauffer on August 10, 1924, at Noack, Texas.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, son Louis H. Stauffer, three brothers, and two sisters.

Survivors include two daughters, Mary Lou Stauffer of Austin and Eileen Nex and husband Floyd of Corpus Christi; one granddaughter; three great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; and three sisters, Minnie Nutt of San Angelo, Jo Pilgrim of Lorena, and Evelyn Brannon of Odessa.

Services were at 2:30 p.m. Monday, August 21, at Condra Memorial Chapel with the Reverend Sandra Wilcox officiating. Burial followed at Taylor City Cemetery, directed by Condra Funeral Home.

Emmaus to meet

Runnels County Emmaus will meet Thursday, September 7, 2000, at 6:30 p.m. at St. John's Lutheran Church in Winters.

For more information, contact Nancy Thompson at 754-4016.

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Monday, Sept. 11: Meatloaf, mashed potatoes, corn salad, cornbread, and pudding. Tuesday, Sept. 12: Stew, Jello salad, vegetable sticks cornbread, and cobbler.

Wednesday, Sept. 13: Chicken & gravy, rice, pea salad, roll, and cake.

Thursday, Sept. 14: Potato soup, grilled cheese sandwich pear & cottage cheese, crack

ers, and cookie. Friday, Sept. 15: Bar-B-Q on bun, coleslaw, chips, pickles &

onions, and dessert.

Iris Bales Bryan

BALLINGER-Iris Bryan, 68, died Thursday, August 31, 2000, at her residence.

She was born on September 28, 1931 to Wirt and Louise Balles. She was raised in the Hatchel community and graduated as valedictorian of Ballinger High School in 1947. She attended North Texas State College in Denton, and in 1948 began working at the First National Bank of Ballinger where she worked for 48 years.

She married Alton Bryan on January 22,1950.

Together they owned Bryan Jewelers, Curiosities Mall, and CBS Jewelers. They received the Outstanding Business Award from the Ballinger Chamber of Commerce in 1994, which serves as a testament to all of the hard work they have always put forth for their community.

Iris touched many lives while in business because of her neverending desire to help people, her welcoming smile, and her warm personality. She will be dearly missed by all of her family and friends, and her hopefulness, optimism, and courage during her long battle with cancer.

She was preceded in death by her father Wirt Bales in 1967.

Survivors include her husband, Alton Bryan; one son, Brad Alton Bryan and wife Terri of Lubbock; two daughters, Sunny Bryan Higgins and husband Don of Abilene and Carolyn Bryan Parker and husband Pete of Port Aransas; her mother, Louise Fletcher of Ballinger; one brother, Don Bales and wife Myrtie of Hatchel; one sister, Anne Virgadamo and husband Frank of Walnut Creek, California; eight grandchildren, Conda Holt Richards, Ruth Ann Herridge, Alisa Richards West, Sommer Bryan Hamilton, Brandon Lee Bryan, Bryan Lee Higgins, Megan Lee Cole, and David Michael Bryan; three greatgrandchildren, Kyler Holt Richards, Madison Bayleigh Hamilton, and Riley Virgil West; and one very special friend, Nell Davis.

Services were held at 10:00 a.m. Saturday, September 2, in the Ninth Street Church of Christ with Max Pratt officiating. Burial followed in Old Runnels Cemetery directed by Rains-Seale Funeral Home.

Memorials may be made to Vista Care Family Hospice of San Angelo and to the Joe Forester Scholarship.

Euell "Bo" Byers

HOUSTON- Euell "Bo" Byers, 79, a longtime resident, died Wednesday, August 30, 2000.

He was born July 1, 1921 to Gether C. and Beulah Holbrooks Byler in Winters. He attended the John Tarleton Agricultural College and graduated from Texas A&M University in 1944.

Mr. Byers began his career with Earl Lipscomb Associates and Hewlett Packard in Dallas in 1952 and retired in 1986. He was a member of the Texas A&M Alumni Association, Texas Forestry Association, and the Society of Electrical Engineers.

He was a longtime member of South Main Baptist Church in Houston where he served as a Deacon and the Welcome Center Greeting committee.

He is survived by his wife of 50 years, Margaret Bess Rix Byers; two daughters, Becky Byers Whalen and husban Marvin, and Barby Byers Holmes and husband Chuck; and three grandchildren, Meagan Whalen, Chase Holmes, and Hunter Holmes.



Corrections

Seventh grade cheerleader Vickie Santoya was misidentified in last week's issue of The Winters Enterprise.

Also in last week's issue, Dan Killough's pick in the Bangs vs. Merkel game was incorrectly reported. Killough chose Bangs to win the game.

We apologize for these errors.

Interested in square dancing?

Attend workshop in Winters on Monday

Anyone interested in square dancing should attend the workshop Monday, September 11, at 7:30 p.m. in the Winters Community Center.

A salad supper will be served with discussion of lessons and dancing afterwards.

For more information, call Ann Baldwin at 754-5158

Now, everyone is blaming deregulation for the problems. This assumption, while predictable, is dead wrong, in my opinion.

The consumption of power did not take a big jump because of deregulation. The recent power requirements were directly tied to economic and population growth that would have been there with or without deregulation.

Perhaps we should examine the supply of power, then. Why wasn't there enough to meet demand? Were power companies holding back to raise prices?

No way they could have. Power companies have been generating all the power they could with the plants they have. Ah yes, therein lies the problem.

While power plants are being built across the United States to meet increasing demand, Califorina has had no new plants for several years and the outlook is poor for any new ones soon.

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back (directionally) the Hendry Davenport Unit #1 in the Fort Chadbourne Field, 11 miles N of Bronte (Depth 5878). BHL is 625 FNWL & 599 FNEL of S. Clark Sur. No. 475, A-48.

Coleman County

Fortuna Exploration, Inc. has applied to re-enter the Hankins #1 in the County Regular Field, 2 miles SW of Novice (Depth 3900). Loc. is 330 FNL & 330 FEL of Sec. 25, Blk. 2, T&NORR Sur., A-660.

Concho County

The Pickens Co. has staked the Nina Maria #1 in the West Millersview Field. 4 miles W of Millersview (Depth 3500). Loc. is 467 FNL & 467 FEL of GA&S Conant Sur. No. 338, A-1246.

Runnels County

Dinero Operating has staked the Ahrens #1 in the North Norton Field, 6 miles E of Norton (Depth 4600). The amended loc. is 330 FSL & 2400 FWL of Scc. 56, Blk. 63, HT&B Sur., A-986. RULE 36

Pioneer Energy has applied to plug back the Snelson #5 in the Leonard Field, 5 miles NW of Talpa (Depth 3320). Loc. is 2049 FSL & 1600 FEL of Sec. 120, ETRR Sur., A-864.

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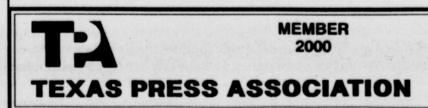
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Following a graveside service on Saturday, September 2, at Memorial Oaks Cemetery, a memorial service was held at 11 a.m. at South Main Baptist Church in Houston. Dr. William L. Turner and Reverend M. Eugene Vickrey officiated.

Honorary pallbearers were the South Main Welcome Center Greeting Committee.

The family requests that memorials be made to the Bo Byers Memorial Fund at South Main Baptist Church, 4100 South Main Street, Houston, 77002; or the Texas A&M Memorial Student Center Enrichment Fund, c/o Bo Byers Memorial Fund, P.O. Box J-1, College Station, 77844.

Anna Helen Dankworth

BALLINGER-Anna Helen Dankworth, 92, passed away on Monday, September 4, 2000, in her home surrounded by family.

She was born July 6, 1908, in Olfen to Joseph and Helena Seidel Fuchs. She lived in the Olfen community until her marriage to Charles E. Dankworth on November 3, 1927. They lived in the Ballinger-Bethel community where they raised eight children.

Mrs. Dankworth was a member of the St. Boniface Church in Olfen, St. Mary Catholic Church of Ballinger, and the Home Demonstration Club for 62 years. She was also active in the Catholic Daughters and the Altar Society. She sold Avon for 20 years and loved being with friends and serving the public. Her hobbies included quilting, crocheting, cooking, and playing dominoes.

She was preceded in death by two sons, infant Charles E. Jr. and Charles J. Dankworth, and grandson Jay Gregory Goetz.

Survivors include her husband, Charles E. Dankworth of Ballinger; her children, Laverne and D.J. Goetz of Winters, Doddle Dankworth of San Angelo, Dan and Sheila Dankworth of Abilene, Jeanie and Bud Minzenmayer of Ballinger, Ralph and Sharon Dankworth of Phoenix, Arizona, Frances and Curtis Adams of Fort Worth, and Herbie and Iris Dankworth of Rowena; a daughter-in-law, June Dankworth of Paint Rock; a sister-in-law, Agnes Fuchs of Rowena; twenty-nine grandchildren; forty-seven great-grandchildren; and one great-greatgrandchild.

Rosary was at 7:00 p.m. Wednesday, September 6, at St. Boniface Catholic Church in Olfen. Funeral mass was at 10:00 a.m. Thursday, September 7, at St. Bonifice with Monsignor Curtis Halfmann, Father Hubert Wade, Father Stephen Kennelly, and Father Louis Moeller co-celebrating. Burial followed in the St. Bonifice Catholic Cemetery, directed by Rains-Seale Funeral Home of Ballinger.



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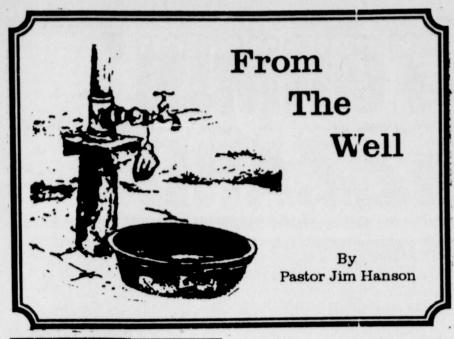
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Birthdays are wonderful. After all we are celebrating the gift of life. We didn't ask to be born but more than likely someone did. I know my parents did. They had been told that it would be impossible for my mother to conceive another child. But she did. And I

am glad. I know she and Dad were.

Children are gifts. Each one of them. And, as they grow older, they still are gifts. Even at 85 they are gifts. Ramona and I celebrated two birthdays of 85-year-old male children this summer. Along with a bunch of other folks. The first was an old friend of ours. His name is Glen, and he was a 10-letter athlete at Hamlin University in St. Paul, Minnesota. He was a natural athlete. And a natural leader. At 19, he captained a ship in World War II. A commander, no less. I met him while serving a church in Crookston, Minnesota. We had children the same age, and we were there for them at many athletic contests. At his party, there were all the members of the "starting five" in basketball in college, and four from his high school team. They talked like it was just yesterday that they played their last game.

The other was for my cousin Harland. He was the "big cousin" and hero for me and my brothers when we went down to Wisconsin to his folk's farm. He was big. He was strong. He would carry a 10-gallon milk can in each hand and walk all the way from the barn to the windmill and the cooling shed. We looked up to him because he had character. He was as big on the inside as on the outside. He still is. That's why a bunch of folks came to his party. Some older, and some younger. It was fun.

But the most fun birthday party we went to was that of our son John. John decided that his birthday party this year would be to take his four children and his mom and dad to the Minnesota State Fair. And, in addition, a young lad by the name of Scott. Who is nine years old. And deaf. He talks through his hands and fingers. They call it signing. John can sign some too. So, off we went.

We must have been quite a group. Just yesterday the local pharmacist asked me how I enjoyed the fair. I asked him how he knew I was there. "Oh," he said. "My wife and I were sitting on machinery hill, and she spotted a tall slim man with a backpack on his back, only the backpack was full of a little girl. On one hand was another little girl. And, with the other hand, he was signing to a little boy. Behind him was another boy, about 10. And than a girl about 7. And, bringing up the rear, two older gray hairs... trying to keep up. Was that you?""Are you kidding?," I replied. "Of course. Who else in all the world would be so



HIGH FIVES ARE IN ORDER after the Magic Shine softball team of Winters defeats a team from Coleman. Magic Shine won on a basehit in the final inning of a Saturday morning game in the Project Graduation softball tournament two weeks ago. Magic Shine finished second in the tourney behind first place team Something Simple of Ballinger in the twelve team tournament field. Project Graduation 2001 profitted approximately \$1,500 on the fundraising event.

BLIZZARDS, continued -

again with a chop block call. With 1:29 left Minzenmayer hit Yanez with a strike for a 13-7 lead. Oats made good for a 14-7 halftime lead for the Blizzards.

On Menard's first possession of the second half, they coughed up the ball on their own 30. Samson Jackson came up with the fumble. After an interference call on Menard on a Woodbury run for 11, Winters was set up at first and goal on the 7. Minzenmayer skirted the left side on the QB keeper for the touchdown. Oats was true on the PAT and Winters led 21-7 with 7:48 left in the third quarter. The rest of the quarter was what looked like Winters taking charge.

The fourth quarter began with the Blizzards in charge and Menard searching for a way to move the ball. It didn't take them

The penalty gremlins got us long to find it. The simple handoff off a 66-yard touchdown pass and to the Jackets' fullback on the op- run to give Winters a 27-21 lead tion resulted in an 80-yard run and a 21-13 edge for the Blizzards. Menard elected to go for two and failed, and the Blizzards ap-

peared to take charge again. Winters returned the ensuing kickoff to their own 35. From here the Blizzards, with the help of runs by Woodbury, Minzenmayer and Vega, and catches by

Pritchard, moved the ball with authority to the Menard 15. Then Minzenmayer was picked off and the interception return ended in the Menard end trict 10-2A, are coming off a 29zone. Winters 21, Menard 19. The Jackets went for two and were ways a big challenge for the Blizsuccessful, making a 21-21 tie with 3:38 remaining.

face, Chris Yanez fought off a Menard defender, caught a Minzenmayer pass and finished

with 2:37 to go. A bad snap prevented Oats from kicking the PAT and forced the two-point run which failed.

Menard's last hopes were dashed when Shane Colburn intercepted an errant pass.

Winters proceeded to run out the next 1:26 for a victory that could have gone either way.

The Blizzards will meet the Goldthwaite Eagles this Friday in Goldthwaite at 8 p.m.

The Eagles, picked to win Dis-7 win against Early, and are alzards. Billed as a "possible bi-district preview" by the San Angelo With overtime staring us in the Standard-Times, Friday's match should be an exciting showdown.

Back the Blizzards!

Sunday, Sept. 17-Chuckwagon Lunch to benefit West Texas Rehab

Local chairmen invite Winters and the surrounding communities to join them for the West Texas Rehabilitation Center Cattlemen's Round-Up.

The chairmen and area volunteers will host a Chuckwagon Lunch on Sunday, September 17, from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the school cafeteria.

The meal will include BBQ, beans, potato salad, hot peach cobbler, and tea. Tickets are \$6 for adults and \$4 for children ages 12 and under.

The Cattlemen's Round-Up traditionally solicits donations of cattle for an auction to support the West Texas Rehabilitation Center.

See REHAB, page 8

crazy as us. And, of course, John.

Ramona and I were assigned a wagon... to pull when the kids got too tired to walk. At first the two smallest wanted to pull the wagon. And they wanted to ride. And then they wanted to get on their daddy's back. And then mine.

Well, we made it. It was truly a great day. We saw animals, exhibits, and people everywhere. We spent about 45 minutes with the rides. We did the fair. But the most fun was the Home Depot place. They really did a neat thing for kids and parents... and grandparents. Each kid that went into the tent was given a bright orange "carpenter apron." They even put their name on it. I asked if they had one for Grandpa, but no such luck. Then they took us to tables, where there were all varieties of kits. Wood cutouts. Ready to be assembled with screws, and nails, and, praise God, directions. Abie, John's youngest who turned 3 just yesterday, was my assignment. She wanted to make a stool with a heart-shaped seat on it. WE DID IT! She even nailed three of the nails. When we got home, I asked her if she wanted me to paint it. "Yes!" "What color?," I asked. "Orange." So we did. It was wonderful. A great gift to be able to make something with, and for a little loved one. Building. Not only a little stool. But building a relationship. What it is all about. And what birthdays are all about.

But it never would have happened if big old John hadn't been so crazy as to want to spend his birthday giving himself away. In some small way, it reminds me of another Who was birthed on this planet, and Who came to literally give Himself away for all people. In a way, we had a little "Christmas in September." And in my heart, as we wound our way to the parking lot, I couldn't help but hum an "Alleluia." For in that day, a lot of my hopes and fears were met. The hopes fulfilled. And the fears replaced. By love. Like His birthday was. And ours should be.

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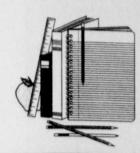
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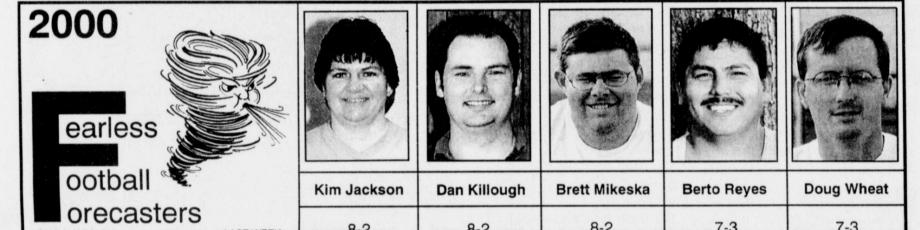




IN THE CLASSROOM



JEREMY HOPE stretches for the obvious Blizzard first down but a bad spot by the official put the ball back about a foot for a 4th and 2 inches. Winters made the first down on the QB sneak.



2001 Project Graduation meeting set for Monday, Sept. 11

Project Graduation 2001 will hold a meeting on Monday, September 11, 2000, at 6 p.m. in the Winters High School Library.

The meeting is set to discuss upcoming fund-raisers. Parents of all seniors are encouraged to attend.

Class of 1970 searching for a few classmates

The WHS Class of 1970 is planning their 30th reunion for Homecoming weekend 2000.

Addresses are still needed for the following classmates: Betty Armstrong, Dickie Bullard, Marilyn Burleson, Teresa Carter, Horace Lee Johnson, Myrna Lawrence, Linda Lynch, Betty Nichols Moilan, Diana Oretaga Reyes, Pete Santillano, Joseph Taylor, Ann Walston, Janie Willey, and Stan Wilson.

Anyone knowing the whereabouts of these classmates are asked to contact one of the numbers listed below.

Classmates are asked to notify Thomas Chapmond with e-mail addresses at (512) 327-1430 or <tchapmond@austin.rr.com>. or Donny Killough at (915)767-3676, or Jerry Sims at (915) 754-4186.

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SHANE COLBURN #11, brings down the Yellowjacket during Friday's showdown against Menard. Colburn also intercepted a Jackets pass late in the fourth quarter to stop the Menard drive. Rushing to help is #55 Samson Jackson who also recovered a Jackets fumble on the first play of the second half.

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Poe's Corner By Charlsie Poe

A letter from Alex Orr

Dear Charlsie:

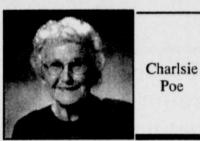
It was so great getting to visit with you when I was in Winters in late June. I always enjoy reminiscing with you about past happenings there as well as recalling so many friends from those years.

Although I mainly grew up here in Tyler, I must say that the most lasting memories of people, times, and happenings are from those days spent at Winters with my maternal grandparents, Wash and Lela Nance. Nor do I want to leave out my great uncle and great aunt, Frank and Myrtle Pumphrey; my great-grandmother, Mary Margaret Pumphrey (most called her Aunt Mary); and my great-grand aunt, Roxie Alexander, who owned the Rock Hotel at one time.

I would be remiss if I did not mention my friends from the days when I spent my last two years at Winters High School, Class of '43, while my mother was in and out of hospitals. Those high school friends are too many to mention individually but they are now and will forever be in my in. mind.

I mentioned to you during your visit that Nannette and I went to Houston in April for the wedding of Carrie Mastromarino, granddaughter of Bill Nance, the youngest brother of my mother. (He was four years older than I.) Bill passed away from cancer in 1985 so I was compelled to go there as the senior family member of the Nance family, as my uncles, Woreth and Truett Nance, are deceased.

The wedding was magnificent - likely the most beautiful I have ever attended. Carrie married Armin Haunstetter M.D. from Germany. She met him at Johns Hopkins Medical School where she took her master's degree. It



was truly a grand occasion many of Armin's friends and relatives came from Germany for the wedding. I found them to be warm and congenial people - it is great to meet new friends from other countries. I found that we have so much in common, which might be a surprise to some people.

Charlsie, you will remember that I sent you a short story, "Daddy's Little Girl" which you were kind enough to include in several of your columns a few years back.

That story about Nanette and me adopting a baby girl from an orphange in Germany. We got her when she was eight months old. I flew to New York City by myself to meet the plane when it came

Why not Nannette and me? Well, when the time came to make the trip she was expecting our first son, Kevin, and the doctor said. "No travel." Kevin was born five months later and two and half years after that our youngest son, Lex, joined the family.

Our daughter, Lynnette, has five children, and Lex has a daughter, Lela, named for my maternal grandmother, Lela Nance. Kevin is not married. In addition to the six grandchildren, we also have two great grandsons, children of Lynnette's oldest son, Lucas McManus.

So you see, we have quite a crowd when all the bunch is together.

Alex Orr

West Texas Fair & Rodeo kicks off this weekend

The West Texas Fair and Rodeo will get underway this weekend at the fairgrounds in Abilene. The event will run from September 8 through 16.

Gates open from 8 a.m. to 11 p.m. daily. The midway runs from 5 p.m. to midnight, Monday through Friday and 1 p.m. to midnight, Saturday and Sunday. The Modern Living Mall and Round Annex will be open from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily except for Sunday, open from 1 to 10 p.m.

Texas Farm Bureau will present Planet Agriculture, an interactive agricultural exhibit for all ages. The exhibit is a daily touch on everyone-well beyond the necessities of food and clothing. Visitors will see, feel, and

C.A.R.R. supports Try Transit Week to promote public transportation

City and Rural Rides (C.A.R.R.), the rural public transportation provider in Brown, Callahan, Coleman, Comanche, Eastland, Runnels, Shackelford, and Stephens counties is participating in Try Transit Week 2000 from September 10-16.

Try Transit Week is an annual campaign sponsored by the American Public Transportation Association and cosponsored by groups and organizations that support greater use of public transportation.

The week is designed to call There will be free drawings, attention to the many benefits a community experiences when more people ride together to their work, shopping, and school destinations.

It is an opportunity for transit providers to attract new customers and urge non-riders and very occasional riders to give public transit a test ride. It also provides an opportunity to honor both transit employees and regular customers.

According to J.R. Salazar, gen- driver contest. eral manager of C.A.R.R., which

experience agriculture's impact on daily living, by-products, live farm animals, cotton ginning, farm equipment, interactive computer stations and more.

Highlights of the event includes School Days on Saturday, Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday, Sept. 9-12; students should receive free admission tickets at the school. In addition, Wednesday,

Tuesday, Sept. 12 through Satur-



James Glass & Ashley Allcorn

Ashley Allcorn to wed James Glass in October ceremony

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Allcorn announce the engagement of their daughter, Ashley Anne to James Wesley Glass, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Glass of Garden City.

The bride-elect graduated from Winters High School and Texas Tech University with a degree in multi-disciplinary studies. She is employed by the Forsan Independent School District.

The prospective bridegroom graduated from Garden City High School and Texas Tech University with a degree in agricultural economics. He is employed by the J. L. Glass Ranch.

An October 7, 2000, wedding is planned at First Christian Church in San Angelo.



Miranda Kay Patton

Jonathan Patton is proud to announce the birth of his first baby sister Miranda Kay Patton.

Miranda was born at 7:38 a.m., Wednesday, August 9, 2000, at Shannon Women's & Children's Center in San Angelo. She weighted 7 lbs., 15 ozs. and was 18-1/4 inches long.

Proud parents are Michael and Rosie Patton.

Sept. 13 is Senior Citizen's Day and Thursday, Sept. 14, is Dr. Pepper/Pepsi Cantastic Night. Local exhibitors will show in open and junior shows throughout the week including goats, sheep, swine, heifers, and steers. The PRCA rodeo will run from

day, Sept. 16

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C.A.R.R. has 24 revenue ser-

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The week's activities will in-

clude a promotion at the WalMart

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8:45 a.m. to 1 p.m on Monday.

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Thursday will be Employee

Appreciation Day with various

recognition given to C.A.R.R.

employees, including a favorite

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Crews News By Hilda Kurtz

We can all learn something from the canary - it never sings a depressing song.

Visitors to Hopewell Church on Sunday morning were Leon and Joyce Nance of Grape Creek.

Noble Faubion enjoyed a nice, long phone visit this week with his grandson Gene Faubion of Hawaii.

Selma Wilkerson and Mildred Morrison visited nearly every day by e-mail. Mildred is in Hoyt House in Sweetwater.

Connie and Georgia Gibbs at-Saturday in the Bronte Community Center.

Akins of Ballinger visited Georgia and Connie Gibbs during the week. Junior, Rhoda, and Katlyn McCutcheon and grandson visited the Gibbses on Sunday.

Pat and Abe Giles of Brownwood Lake visited Leona and Roy Matthies on Sunday.

Fairy and Wilbert Alcorn enjoyed the visit of Abe and Pat Giles on Sunday.

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Juanita Shields spent one day in Abilene and had lunch with daughter-in-law Rosalind Shields and her great-grandbaby Allison of Lewisville.

Spending the weekend and the fourth with Juanita were Mr. and Mrs. Gary Boren and son Kevin of Flower Mound and Mr. and Mrs. Cam Shields of Canyon Lake.

Ronnie Bennet of Arkansas and Pat and Earl Cooper had a nice phone visit this week. Ray and J.T. Cooper of San Angelo visited one day during the week.

Gayle and Brandy Underwood and daughter Savanna of Glenrose spent Saturday with Linda and Dale Duggan and Becky and Elwood Brown. On Sunday, Dale and Linda were in Abilene to visit Kyle and Katy Grigsby and son Kelton. Also present was Kyle's parents, Bubba and Marsha Grigsby of League City.

Hilda Kurtz

Approximately forty friends and relatives came to help Doris Wood celebrate Labor Day and her birthday. Attendees came from Wingate, Abilene, Fort Worth, Winters, Brownwood, Aledo, Odessa, Lockhart, Sonora, and tended the McCutcheon Reunion Crews. It was a wonderful three days.

My daughter and son-in-law, Brother Ferris and Ramona Hildegarde and Calvin Schovajsa of San Angelo, spent two days out here with me. We always find something needing to be done.

> Brenda Jacob of Midland was home over the weekend visiting her mom, Margie Jacob, and family. On Saturday, Brenda and Margie Jacob, Beverly and Corey VanZandt spent the day in Brownwood shopping, then joined Sharon Engler and Bryce Busenlehner for a Mexican food lunch.

> On Sunday night, Brenda and Margie Jacob and Beverly VanZandt joined Pete and Joyce Wilde and Skipper and Jenni Duncan for supper at the Lowake Steak House. Later they stopped by to see Justin and Kristi Busenlehner.

> Evelyn Jacob and Mary Beth Wheeler joined Margie Jacob and family for lunch on Monday at her home.

Sunday afternoon, Carol and Mike Kozelsky stopped by Margie's after returning from College Station where they had spent the weekend with their children, Kathryn, Scott, and Jeanna Kozelsky.

Sharon and Jerry Engler were in College Station to help Bryce Busenlehner move in to his apartment. Bryce is now working at St. Joseph's Hospital.

Dues are now being sent to



and Armbrecht streets on August 29 about 6:45 p.m. Cause of the fire is undetermined at this time.

Letters to the Editor

Citizen says cut city manager's salary

Dear Editor:

To the Winters City Council members:

I am proud of you for listening to the General Public and doing some soul searching about the tax increase and doing the right thing in turning it down.

That is a good start on helping the people who elected you to represent them and hold down the cost of living in a small town.

you to start cutting city expenses to a point we won't be faced with this problem again this year.

Let's get the big salary of the city manager down in line with the going wage of the city economy. I have talked to a lot of people who agree that a 20-25

ager with a very liveable wage. city lives over 3-5 minutes from Most of us in Winters have incomes much, much lower than that.

If for some reason he can't accept that to help a struggling city then he has no consideration for the town or the people therein. Six of us took a 25 percent salary cut once to save a company and it saved the company.

Policemen each do not need a Now we would like to call on car. When one finishes his or her tour of duty, pass that car to the person coming on duty. The Chief of Police is the only city employee that needs a car 24 hours a day. Park the rest of the city vehicles at the end of the work day at the city yard.

You say, "what about emergenpercent cut would leave the man- cies?" No one who works for the

the city yard to pick up a vehicle and can respond to a call about as soon as they can now. Also let's quit patrolling the highways to and from the Lakeview Cemetery and City Lake. Leave that to the Highway Patrol. Most all police calls come by telephone. Let a policeman be at the office to take those calls most of the time instead of just out burning gas 24 hours per day.

Take bids on 6-month or year basis for everything from office supplies, vehicle parts, \$ per hour mechanic needs and anything that you buy. I worked for some very large companies and they saved lots of money that way.

You can find many ways to

save our town money. Do it and make the people proud they elected you. Let's not hae to have any more meetings like the last two.

Save our water. It's just not right for the City to take load after load and dump on our streets when we can't even water our tomato plants for food. Please stop the paving project until you can stop water rationing. The citizens should have as much right to the water as the city streets.

Again I say "Thank you" for not raising taxes. You did a good job of listening. Now just do as good of a job cutting expenses. I offer my comments as suggestions.

J. P. Drake

"Our leaders are not leading, they're being led"

Runnels County Retired Teachers to meet Sept. 11

The Runnels County Retired Comanche. Marthiel Russell, lo-Teachers Association will meet on cal president, will also address the Monday, September 11, at 2:30 group. p.m. at the First United Methodist Church in Winters.

Miss Sarah Parker, 108 Laurel Guest speaker will be M.L. Drive, Winters, Texas, 79567. Green, District XV president from

Nature never makes any blunders; when she makes a fool she means it. -Josh Billings

Dear Editor: the tax issue but in light of the 4) George Beard addressed the life for the citizens of Winters? issue of all the grants and their I attended the council meeting Mayor's condescending atttitude,

of August 28 and from my observation, I believe these are some issues that need to be addressed.

1) The rude way the Mayor treated Mr. Cearcy who came before the council, well prepared, and was told if he didn't have anything pertaining to the tax increase, then his comments were not welcome. Mr. Cearcy tried to explain that he was leading up to

Mr. Cearcy simply closed his notes and sat down.

2) The council meets only once a month, yet they didn't seem to have time to thoroughly listen to the opinions of the citizens in attendance.

3) The agenda lists "Discussion/Action"; however, there was very little discussion. It seemed that all the council members turned to Mr. Hassan for his decision and then followed his directives. One fellow citizen said, "Our leaders are not leading, they're being led." Once again, if the council only meets once a month, do they not have time to either research an agenda item (to be better informed), or to at least discuss as a council an agenda item.

cost to the city. Hassan answered, "You don't understand, these grants are a gift from the government."

Fellow taxpayers and I say that WE are the government and that these monies are coming out of our pockets twice. The governfunds. Our tax dollars are also be-

Every single grant should be carefully considered as to its overall benefit to the citizens. For example: has the park at Elm Creek Reservoir really brought in revenue or improved the quality of

5) It seems that the council raised the sewer rates last year and now raised the sewer rate again this year. Sewer services don't cost the city any extra expense. I feel that this is just another way to beef up the depleted General Fund.

While I appreciate the council not raising city taxes, I think they're still sticking it to us because they won't quit spending.

I realize that every operation has bills and expenses, but this is way beyond bills and expenses because of poor management.

Here we are in the middle of a severe drought and our council keeps spending and spending. We citizens just tighten our belts. Why doesn't the council do the same thing?

A Concerned Citizen



ment gets their money from we the taxpayers, then the city uses tax dollars to match the grant ing used to pay for the services of a professional grant writer, hired by Hassan and the council, thus an added grant expense.

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Rural Development Committee wraps up public hearings

Keffer (R-Eastland) announces that the House Select Committee on Rural Development has completed its 6-month long public hearing process.

For the last several months, Rep. Keffer, along with the other members of the committee, has been traveling to all corners of the state visiting with rural Texans and studying the issues that affect their lives.

"It has been an honor to have the opportunity to visit with folks from all across this state about the problems they face every day," said Keffer.

State Representative Jim ness and civic leaders during a luncheon at The Rock Hotel in Winters on May 12.

People who came out to testify were encouraged to discuss whatever issues that folks are facing," said Keffer. "I look forward to working on solutions to some of the problems people in rural Texas are dealing with."

Currently, the committee is compiling all of the information that was gleaned during the hearing process to produce a report with findings and recommendations to present to the legislature in time for the opening of the next session. The committee plans to Rep. Keffer visited with busi- release its report in November.

Central Texas Opportunities continues energy crisis assistance

Central Texas Opportunities, Inc. continues its efforts to assist eligible clients with their utility bills. CTO representatives will be in Runnels County on September 18 and 19.

Applications will be accepted on Monday, September 18, in Winters at 601 W. Pierce from 1:00 to 7:00 p.m., and on Tuesday, September 19, in Ballinger at 702 S. 8th Street also from 1:00 to 7:00 p.m.

It is essential that you bring the following information to be in compliance with the requirements of the Texas Department of 800-625-4167.

Housing and Community Affairs: · verification of income for anyone over 18 and not in school

 a letter from two people not living in the household verifying that you have not worked in 30 days

· original electric bill and billing history in applicant's name · Social Security cards for

everyone in the household. Without this information, CTO

will not be able to process your application, delaying services to your household.

For more information, call 1-

HSU's Big Country Youth Day set for Saturday, September 23

The event features the HSU-Texas Lutheran football game in Shelton Stadium beginning at 2 p.m. Admission is free to church groups attending as invited guests. Up to 1,000 youth and sponsors have been invited.

Hardin-Simmons University's dent Dr. Lanny Hall and several Big Country Youth Day will be HSU men and women will give held on Saturday, September 23. their personal Christian tes-

timonies. HSU cheerleaders will also lead the group in several yells before the game. Special trophies will be awarded to the two largest groups in attendance.

complimentary pizza lunch Baptist congregations in the West ber 11, at Zentner's Steak House.

to Bruce Ayres, director of Church

For more information, call

Relations for HSU.

CHRIS OZBIRN (right), City of Winters employee, was recently recognized for service beyond the call of duty. Mayor Dawson McGuffin presents a proclamation in recognition of Ozbirn's efforts. Ozbirn began employment with the City on September 20, 1999, and is currently stationed in the water department. According to City Administrator Dr. Aref Hassan, Ozbirn has been called at all times of the day by various departments for differing duties and to date has not failed to respond.

Official Records-

County Court Criminal Cases Filed Aug. 30

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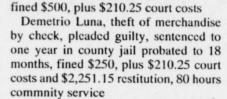
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pleaded nolo contendre, fined \$500, plus \$210.25 court costs and \$200 restitution Jebydiea Moryiea Morton, possession of drug paraphernalia, pleaded guilty,

Retired Highway Employees to meet Sept. 11

Retired Highway Employees Youth, Royal Ambassadors, will hold their monthly luncheon Other highlights will include a and Girls Auxiliary members in at 11:30 a.m. on Monday, Septem-



Robert W. Roberts, theft of merchandise and/or cash by check, pleaded guilty, fined \$74, plus \$210.25 court costs, \$35 hot check fee, and \$250 restitution

Rodney Franklin, speeding (appeal from Winters Municipal Court), dismissed, community service restitution completed Charles Ryan Burton, making alcohol available to a minor, pleaded guilty, fined \$474, plus \$210.25 court costs

Eric John Esquivel, making alcohol available to a minor, pleaded guilty, sentenced to six months in county jail probated to one year, fined \$1,500, plus \$235.25 court costs and 50 hours community service

> **District Court Divorces** Granted Aug. 24

Jose Cavazos and Raquel Cavazos Adan Cruz Mata and Cynthia Ann Mata **Divorces** Filed

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,

August 27, 2000, through Saturday, September 2, 2000. Winters Police Officers:

• investigated a large group of people arguing in the 600 block of Bowen Street. An 18-year-old male was requesting a 27-year-old male to leave his residence and the older male refused. Officers attempted to persuade the subject to leave and he refused. Sergio Marin of Winters was arrested for criminal trespass and transported to Runnels County Jail. The cause of the argument is not known.

 observed a Chevy pickup commit numerous traffic violations on N. Main Street. After stopping the pickup, a strong odor of alcohol was detected on the driver who was offered and subsequently failed several field sobriety tasks. Teofilio Santoya of Winters was arrested for driving while intoxicated and taken to Runnels County Jail where he provided a blood alcohol specimen over the legal limit.

• received a report of a theft in the 400 block of N. Frisco Street. A 69-year-old female of Winters alleged her 13-week-old pit bulldog puppy was taken from the front yard of her residence. A suspect was named and that same suspect, a 16-year-old female of Winters, later admitted involvement. The dog has not been recovered. This case is under investigation as theft Class B.

• received a report of a theft in the 400 block of E. Pierce Street. A 60-year-old male alleged a number of tools were removed from the tool box of his pickup between the hours of 7:00 p.m. Monday to 5:00 p.m. Tuesday. Evidence was found at the scene and a possible suspect was later identified pending further investigation. This case is filed as burglary of a motor vehicle.

• responded to a disturbance call in the 400 block of Poplar Street. The dispute was found to be over a personal computer and a trespassing allegation. The computer was returned to the rightful owner and charges are pending against a 38-year-old female of Winters for criminal trespass. There have been no further calls to this residence.

 received a report of a theft in the 400 block of E. Truett Street. A 24" Schwinn bicycle, metallic blue green in color, was removed from the yard of a residence by unknown subjects. This case is under investigation as theft Class B.

· received a report of phone harassment in the 300 block of S. Arlington Street. A female subject of Winters alleged she was receiving hang-up calls from a residence in Winters. The calls were recorded on the female's caller ID service. The female declined to pursue the matter further and the incident was only documented.

· received a report of a domestic disturbance in the 500 block of Alexander Street. Officers located a partially nude, intoxicated female screaming profanities and refusing to calm down. The female refused repeated requests to stop screaming profanities and calm down. The female was advised she was under arrest for a breach of the peace and then began fighting with officers. Tanya Essex of Winters was arrested for disorderly conduct and resisting arrest and taken to Runnels County Jail.

• during the same incident, the male involved in the domestic dispute began to be profane and scream and wouldn't reply with commands to calm down. Frank Ortiz of Winters was also arrested for disorderly conduct and taken to Runnels County Jail. While attempting to settle the dispute, officers observed drug paraphernalia inside the residence. A search warrant was obtained and a number of drug paraphernalia items were located within the residence along with under two ounces of marijuana. Charges are pending against both occupants of the residence for possession of drug paraphernalia and marijuana

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



In 1996, those 60 and older represented 23 percent of the votingage population and 23 percent of those who voted

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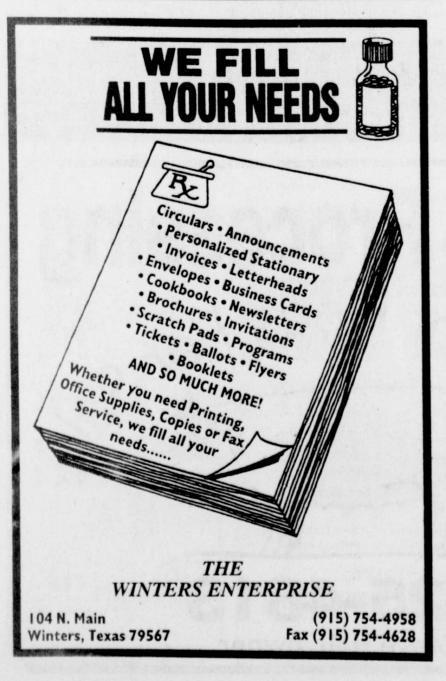
Following lunch, the attendees will attend a special program in Behrens Chapel. The welcome (915) 670-1262 OR (915) 670will be extended by HSU Presi- 1278.

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around the Reflection Pond at the Texas (Big Country) area are cor- 2715 Sherwood Way in San Angelo.

The purpose of the luncheon is for retirees of the Texas Highway Department, State Department of Highways & Public Transportation, and Texas Department of Transportation to meet to visit and renew friendships.

Spouses of retirees are invited to attend.

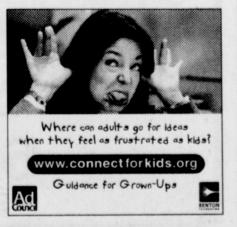
Texas receives \$11.4 million to fight drunken driving

The state of Texas will receive \$11,467,861 in federal funds to enforce the state's new 0.08 blood alcohol content law on drunken driving, U.S. Senator Phil Gramm announced August 24, 2000.

"These funds will go a long way towards making our streets safer in Texas," Gramm said in making the announcement. "This is money which will save lives across our state by taking more drunk drivers off our roads."

The grant, from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, is part of the 2000 transportation appropriations bill. Under guidelines Gramm helped push through Congress, states which lower the blood alcohol content for DWI cases to 0.08 are eligible for the grant funds. Texas recently passed legislation approving the new standard.

"We're laying down the law against drunk driving in Texas," the senator added. "And we're going to see more drunk drivers taken off the road with the commitment of these funds."



Shaelynna Holik vs. Brett Lee Evans

Notice of Vote on Tax Rate

The COUNTY OF RUNNELS conducted a public hearing on a proposal to increase the total tax revenues of the **COUNTY OF RUNNELS** from properties on the tax roll in the preceding year by 6.19% percent on AUGUST 30, 2000, 1:30 P.M. The RUNNELS COUNTY COURT is scheduled to vote on the tax rate that will result in that tax increase at a public meeting to be held on SEPTEMBER 12, 2000, at 10:00 A.M. at **COMMISSIONERS COURTROOM**





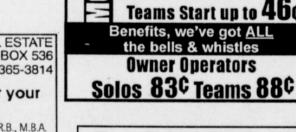


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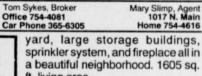
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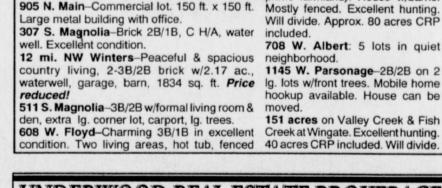
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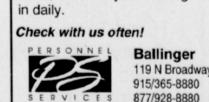
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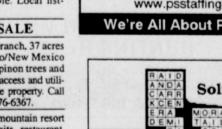
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Confessions of a Wack-a-holic

group and welcome to the weekly meeting of Wack-aholic's Anonymous.

"We have a new member this evening. His name is Donald.

"As fellow Wack-a-holics, I don't have to tell you that Donald suffers from the inability to stop cutting limbs, branches, and bushes once he starts.

"I'll ask Donald to stand up and tell his story ... "

"Hello... my name's Donald... and I'm a Wack-a-holic!"

Group: "H...e...l...l...o... Donald!"

"Well... I reckon what the Doc said is true enough.

"It all started several years back, with the big pyracantha bush in the backyard.

"I was just gonna give it a little trim. But when I got done whackin', that bush was shorn thinner'n a ewe's fleece at a sheep shearin' convention.

"Then, there was the red oak trees in the front yard.

"Them overhangin', droopin', shade-givin' limbs drawin' me like a dried-out hippopotamus to a waterhole.

"And once I started, I couldn't stop.

"In the neighborhood, my yard was known as The End Zone, cause the only limbs the trees had left was those I couldn't reach ---them that was goin' straight up, like the arms of a referee signalin' a touchdown!

"After I had trimmed all the trees I owned, I started slippin' out at night and trimmin' my neighbors limbs — trimmin' anythang within the reach of my clippers.

"I didn't care what I trimmed, I just knew I had to trim.

"And with no overhangin' limbs to shade the house, it was gettin' hotter'n a hen in sack!

Psychiatrist: "Good evening ter hangin' on to my arm, beggin' me to just put the clippers down. "But I couldn't stop - no mat-

ter how much I wanted too. "As long as there was a limb

within my grasp, I had to cling it. And the more I clipped, the more I wanted to clip.

"Sure, Isaid, I can quit anytime I want to.

"But, the truth was, I couldn't quit no matter how hard I tried.

"I lived to trim and trimmed to live, with the trees in my neighborhood standin' like flagpoles, silent testimony to the severity of my problem.

"But... as I stand before you tonight, I haven't wacked a limb or trimmed a bush in over three months "

Group: Applause and standing ovation.

"Yep... and the road back ain't been an easy one. Fact is, it's been rougher'n a wagon-rut in a drought.

"My wife sold all my tools at a garage sale and dogged me every second so's I couldn't get my hands on any new ones.

"I reckon she knew I'd hit the bottom when, havin' no saw or clippers to use she caught me sawin' on a limb with a butter knife.

"After that, she said if I didn't get help, she was gonna go live with her mother...

Psychiatrist: Donald ... what I believe you are saying is that professional help is the keep to treatment and cure.

"What I'm hearing is that my extensive analysis and expert psychotherapy methods allowed you to overcome your debilitating condition and stand before this group free of your addiction in record time!"

"Uh... well Doc... I reckon that's true enough.

"Course it shore did speed thangs up a might when my wife changed her mind and threatened to bring her mother here to live with us instead ... " [©] Don Haley 2000

Taylor County to host natural disaster seminar

Is your town or city ready for a tornado or heavy thunderstorm disaster? Do you know what is involved? Who is responsible? What do you do first? Who can you call for help? What happens in those minutes immediately following a major natural disaster?

"Master the Disaster," the Fourth Annual Regional Management Seminar of the Taylor County Local Emergency Planning Committee, will be held Saturday, October 14, 2000, from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. at the Big Country Hall, Taylor County Expo Center, in Abilene.

There is no registration fee for attendees. Lunch is optional at a \$5.50 charge at the door.

Guest speakers will be from the Texas Department of Public Service, FEMA, EPA, DEM, Dyess AFB, MCI Communications, American Red Cross, Dialogic Communication, Hendrick Hospital, Taylor County Sheriff's Office, Abilene City Emergency Management, and the Thunderstorm K9 Search and Rescue Team.

A special guest speaker will be the Fort Worth Emergency Manager who will discuss the 2000 tornado in downtown Fort Worth!

Panel discussions will offer experience and education in all fields dealing with weather-born natural disasters.

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Holistic resource management workshop scheduled for San Angleo

The lack of strategic planning covered.

with a Systems approach to management often presents problems Peggy Sechrist, Certified HRM for resource managers. Solutions educator; Dr. Wayne Hanselka, to one issue will have unwanted Extension Range Specialist, TAES; and Dr. Jerry Cooke, Proeffects on other parts of ranching enterprise, consequently, all posgram Director for Upland Wildsible reactions and impacts must life Ecology, Texas Parks and be carefully considered in the Wildlife Department. planning process.

This "Systems" or "Holistic" the Texas A&M University Reapproach to management will be search and Extension Center, the topic of a workshop scheduled for September 8 & 9. The 2-day workshop is designed to introduce participants to the principles of holistic management and how to apply them in various situations. Topics such as

On crops not eligible for Federal Crop Insurance-

FSA reminds farmers that notices of loss must be filed in a timely manner

Producers who have crops planted that are not eligible for insurance by Federal Crop Insurance are reminded that notices of loss must be filed within 15 days of the loss becoming apparent or 15 days after harvest in order to be eligible for any benefits under the NAP program.

Failure to file on time will make the producer ineligible and could affect the county eligibility since the number of notices of loss is a critical issue for approval of a NAP area by Washington.

Many producers have planted hay grazer and it appears that much of this crop will fail unless

Charlie Stenholm to host annual FUNDay Saturday

Congressman Charlie and Cindy Stenholm will host FUNDay on Saturday, September 9, 2000, at the Ericksdahl Picnic Grounds east of Stamford. Festivities will begin at 4:30 p.m. and continue into the evening.

The annual event draws people from throughout the vast 17th Congressional District.

The program includes barbecue, entertainment, and drawing for flags flown over the U.S. Capitol. Entertainment will be provided by the Cooper Fiddlers from Cooper High School in Abilene.

it rains soon. Producers must file a notice of loss with our office within 15 days of the loss becoming apparent.

In many cases, that time is now. If the crop is not 100% dead, we cannot release it at this time. If it is planted and has not sprouted because of dry conditions, we cannot release the crop for other purposes.

If the crop is baled or grazed and the stubble is still alive, it cannot be released for other uses. If a crop is destroyed without our consent to release, the crop will not be eligible for NAP benefits. At the time a notice of loss is

"Cindy and I want to invite everyone to come and spend the day in Ericksdahl," said Stenholm. "FUNDay is a great time to meet new people and visit with old friends. In addition, a few

Tickets for FUNDay, which remain at \$10 per person, will be available at the gate. Children's activities will also be provided.

the Stenholm campaign office at

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www.agr.state.tx.us

Government solves the problem; get rid of the cattle guards!

information was printed in an- for everyone to appreciate the folother small town paper in Texas. lowing TRUE story.

of my colleagues will be visiting, and they need to know the concerns of the people here in West Texas."

Editor's Note: The following I need to make that clear in order

For more information, contact

1-800-391-0704.

Swine validation tag orders due

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Statewide swine validation will take place during the month of November. However, tags must be ordered during Septem per.

filed with our office, a Loss Ad-

juster will visit the crop to deter-

mine if the crop is 100% dead. If

it is not completely dead, the Loss

Adjuster will not release the crop.

that crop and make another deter-

mination. At this time, the only

fields that can be released for

other uses is a crop that is totally

grazer but any other NAP crop.

Make sure that you file notices of

loss in a timely manner. Filing the

notice after the crop has been de-

stroyed will void any NAP eligi-

This applies not only to hay

At a later date we will revisit

All swine, including barrows and gilts, must be validated. This includes swine that will be shown at local and/or major shows. This year you must desgnate how many gilt tags and how many barrow tags you will need.

The gilt tags will be \$2.50 while the barrow tags will be \$7.00. Anyone planning on exhibiting swine under Runnels County 4-H, must contact the Extension Office before 5:00 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 14, with the number of tags you plan to order. FFA members should turn orders into their Ag. Science teachers by the September 14 deadline.

'I guess the low point came when I sawed-off the last remainin' limb that was shadin' the back porch from the scorchin' west sun, with my wife and daugh7887 U.S. Highway 87 N, in San Angelo. Classes will meet from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day.

The workshop will be held at

Workshop facilitators include

The workshop fee is \$300 per person and includes all course materials including textbook, planning aides, chart forms and a course binder. Interested persons may register by contacting Peggy Sechrist at (830)997-2508.

They were unable to verify the authenticity of this story, however, if nothing else, it gives us all a good laugh-when there's not much to laugh about in agriculture around here at the moment!

For those who have never traveled to the great West, cattle guards are horizontal steel rails placed at fence openings on highways to prevent cattle from crossing.

For some reason the bovines will not step on the guards, probably because they fear getting their feet caught between the rails.

President Clinton received a report that there were over 100,000 cattle guards in Colorado. Because Colorado ranchers protested his proposed changes in grazing policies, he ordered Secretary of Interior Bruce Babbitt to fire half of the guards immediately.

Before Babbitt could respond, and presumably straighten him out, Colorado's congresswoman, Pat Schroeder intervened with a request that before any were fired, they be given six months of retraining.



