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## The Sweet Taste of Success —



**ACCELERATED READERS** from the fourth grade who met their first six weeks reading goals were treated to a movie with popcorn, then a free Blizzard treat donated by Dairy Queen. Celebrating their success are (front row, l-r) Aaron Rodriguez, Loren Garcia, Raphael Galloway, Virgil Horton, Dalton Shackelford, Camille Kruse, Marie Perez, and Cory Fields. Kneeling are Amanda Rodriguez, Ashley Martinez, Julie England, Sonja Armendariz, Sandy Esquivel, Corey Fenwick, and Destiny Torres. Standing are Angela Gann, Anthony Rodriguez, Juana Harrison, Justin Hollis, Jacob Wade, Colby Pritchard, Kevin Bredemeyer and Jami Harris. Teachers on back row (l-r) are Louann Hatler, Joanie Prado, Connie Tounget and Mary Beth Ahrens.

## Services split between city and county—

### Winters Police Department begins new dispatching

Due to action taken in an August 28, 2000, City Council meeting the Winters Police Department will have split dispatching services beginning this week.

During the late August meeting, the council voted to pay the county \$15,000 of the requested \$25,000 for dispatching services. At that time, council members

opted for the City of Winters to dispatch for Winters PD between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, beginning October 1.

After 5 p.m. daily, weekends, and holidays, WPD calls will be answered at the Runnels County Jail in Ballinger and dispatched to the Winters Police Department.

### School trustees approve early dismissal on Oct. 30

Winters Independent School trustees voted Monday evening to approve early dismissal of classes on October 30. School will be dismissed on that Monday at 1:00 p.m. to allow faculty and administrators to meet concerning TAAS II testing.

Secondary Principal Bill Cathey and Elementary Principal Tammy Bright explained to trustees that the Texas Education Agency (TEA) is evaluating the changes in TAAS testing. These evaluations include all teachers and administrators giving what is called "consensus" answers to TEA questions. To give these "consensus" answers requires all teachers to be a meeting room at the same time.

Dismissing school on October 30 will allow the meeting to be concluded in one time period instead of extending it over one to two weeks.

Bright also reported that as of October 9, elementary enrollment is 459, compared to last year's figure of 448 at this time. She also

explained that TIPS (before and after school program) is working with a skeleton crew because grant applications and rules have not yet been distributed by the TEA. She stated that money has been received by the TEA but will not be disbursed until applications have been completed and returned to the TEA which is holding the applications.

Superintendent Mike Harris reported that the Average Daily Attendance (ADA) is eleven students above what was budgeted for this year at 777.52 students. Harris explained that this means that WISD will receive more money from the state that what was actually budgeted for this year.

Present for the October 9 meeting were trustees Bob Prewitt, Cheryl Bryan, Jack Davis, Jr., Gary Moore, Jerry Sims, and Allen Andrae, Superintendent Harris, Principals Bright and Cathey, and Business Manager Jimmy Butler. Absent was trustee Larry Walker.

### Blizzard Band earns a Division I rating at Wylie

"The Pride of West Texas" Marching Blizzard Band earned a Division I rating last Saturday at the Wyle High School Pre-UIL Marching Band Contest. Division I is a superior rating, the highest award given in UIL band competition.

The WHS band will compete in the district UIL contest on Saturday, October 21 at Shotwell Stadium in Abilene. Winters will be the first 2A school to compete, performing at 11 a.m.



**IN OBSERVANCE OF BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH**, County Judge Marilyn Egan hangs a wreath on the Runnels County Courthouse door. Other Courthouse employees assisting are, from left, County Clerk Elesha Ocker, Deputy County Clerk Carlene Vogler, Judy Miller of the Probation Department, County Treasurer Margarette Smith, Judge Egan, and Deputy County Clerks Billie Schaefer and Cheryl Hoelscher.

## Featuring country music artist Kelly Spinks—

### "Rain Dance 2000" this Saturday at Reservoir

Get out your lawn chairs, pack up the car, and come on out to the lake on Saturday for an evening of entertainment!

Kelly Spinks, a country artist who has released two albums and opened concerts for such artists as George Jones, David Allan Coe, Gary Stewart, Eddy Raven, and Chris LeDoux, will perform from 8 p.m. to midnight.

Opening for Spinks will be Wendall Lee, who will present entertaining cowboy poetry and stories. He will perform from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

KBCY, 99.7 FM, will have a live broadcast from 6 to 7 p.m. In addition, they will be giving away tickets the week before the concert.

Tickets are \$5 for 13 years and older and \$3 for children 12 and under. They can be purchased at the chamber office on West Dale Street, at the public library on North Main, or from any chamber director.

To contact a director call Mike Harris or Dale Montgomery at 754-5574, Ruth Cooper at 754-4551, Gail Williams at 754-4242, Todd Rabon or Donna Smith at 754-5487, John O'Connor at 754-4566, Janice Pruser at 754-4568, Aref Hassan at 754-4424, Saam Geistmann at 754-5035, or Rhonda Black at 754-4098.

If the weather is too cold or wet, the festivities will be moved to the Winters Community Center at the same times.

### Commissioners address routine agenda items

Runnels County Commissioners took care of housekeeping items for the beginning of a new fiscal year at their regular meeting on Tuesday morning this week.

Agenda items included approving a vendor agreement for the fiscal year with West Central Texas Council of Governments Area Agency on Aging for senior citizen/home delivered meals.

Commissioners also approved a dispatch agreement with the City of Winters to provide law enforcement dispatching at a cost of \$15,000 for the year. Commissioners noted the county was providing more hours of service, but charging less for Winters's service than for Ballinger which uses the service only at night, weekends, and holidays. Judge Marilyn Egan told the court, "I made it clear to Mr. Hassan that the break was only good for this one year."

The Court also approved the County Auditor's Annual Report which showed income of \$4,214,095.08 for the fiscal year 1999-2000 and expenses of \$4,158,246.09. Commissioner

Keith Collom commented he was glad "we ended up in the black." The county had a gain of \$55,848.99 for the fiscal year.

Commissioners also approved the purchase of a \$149 secretarial chair for use by the 9-1-1 Coordinator who works in her office.

County Auditor Darlene Smith requested budget amendments to the 2000-2001 budget reflecting a savings of \$41,680 in health insurance costs over the past fiscal year's costs. "The savings comes from our increase in co-pay for office visits and increasing the deductible from 0 to \$250," she commented. Commissioners approved the amendments unanimously.

Commissioners also passed resolutions setting salaries and expense reimbursements for county and precinct officials and a calendar of county expenses and operations. Another resolution approved authorized the County Treasurer to invest county funds in certificates of deposit in a local depository.

## WHAT'S HAPPENING ?

- Oct. 12-10 a.m., Triple L Club, First Baptist Church
- 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Oktoberfest Luncheon, Rock Hotel
- 11:30 a.m., Sr. Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center
- 4:30 & 6 p.m., Jr. High vs. Hawley, There
- 7 p.m., Cloud Seed Proposal Meeting, Runnels County Courthouse
- 7:30 p.m., JV vs. Hawley, There
- Oct. 13-11:30 a.m., Sr. Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center
- 7:30 p.m., Cowboys for Christ, Drasco
- 7:30 p.m., Varsity vs. Hawley, There
- 1st. 9 weeks end for Winters Secondary Schools
- Oct. 14-8:30 a.m.-Noon, Computer Skills, Jr. High Computer Lab.
- 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m., Quilt Show, Wingate Lion's Club
- "Master the Disaster," Expo Center, Abilene
- 6:30 p.m., Rain Dance 2000, Elm Creek Reservoir
- Oct. 15-11 a.m.-1p.m., St. John's Germanfest, School Cafeteria
- Oct. 16-11:30 a.m., Sr. Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center
- 2:30 p.m., Runnels Baptist Association, 7th St. Baptist Church, Ballinger
- 6:30 p.m., Freshmen Class Parents Meeting, Sr. Citizens Activity Center
- Oct. 17-11:30 a.m., Sr. Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center
- Noon, Lions Club, Community Center
- 6-8 p.m., CAP High School Open House
- 7 p.m., Athletic Boosters, Blizzard Stadium
- 7 p.m., WVFD, Fire Station
- 7:30 p.m., Eastern Star
- Women's Service League, The Shed in Winters
- Oct. 18-7 a.m., WABIC, Chamber Office
- 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
- Oct. 19-11:30 a.m., Sr. Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center
- 5 & 6:30 p.m., Jr. High vs. Bangs, Here
- 6:30 p.m., JV vs. Bangs, There

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## German lunch today—

### Oktoberfest at the Rock Hotel

The "Men of the Museum" will host an Oktoberfest Luncheon at the Rock Hotel today, Thursday, October 12, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The German menu consists of knockwurst, bratwurst, sauer-kraut, German potato salad and strudel for dessert. Cost is only \$5.00 per person with proceeds benefitting the Museum.

### Oil Bidness

By Reg Boles ©2000



You may have heard some talk lately about new technology that allows development of environmentally-sensitive areas with less risk of damaging said environmentally-sensitive areas. While such statements are meant to provide an extra measure of security for those nervous about oil and gas exploration in general, it really is somewhat misleading.

Yes, misleading, but not like you may think.

The idea that some new technology has just now become available to make oil and gas exploration safer for the environment implies that previously it has NOT been safe. That is where the misleading part comes in.

In fact, the oil and gas drilling business has a near-pristine record when it comes to protecting the environment. It is actually a rare event when drilling for and producing oil and gas causes any discernible damage to the environment.

But, hey, you say...what about that Exxon Valdez thing?

That, in a nutshell, is the problem.

The perception of the general public is that any mess created by petroleum anywhere before it arrives in their gas tank is the fault of the entire oil and gas business.

The problem is not new, but it is persistently and pervasively.

In real life, the time when there is most likely to be a mess is when crude is being shipped from one port to another by boat. This happens most often when oil is imported into the U.S., so logic would tell you that in order to decrease damage to the environment we should work on decreasing oil imports.

But, I dream on and digress at the same time.

Back to the facts. In oil and gas production, there has been little to cause anyone to fear oil and gas exploration, even in pristine environments. Safety and the environment have been the watchwords of oil producers for 50 years. It has had to be, or the producers would be out of business by now from the lawsuits, bad publicity, and hospital bills.

But, to be fair, there have been some developments that make it EASIER to minimize the environmental impact of oil and gas drilling. Next time, we tackle that subject.

### HIGHLIGHTS OF AREA DRILLING ACTIVITY

Not Available This Week

## Job training courses to be offered at Winters ISD

Winters ISD has announced the availability of grant monies through the CAPS program to offer after school job training courses beginning in late October.

According to WISD superintendent Mike Harris, the courses will be offered to persons 14 to 21 years of age. At least ten students are needed to form a class.

The nine week courses will be offered for two hours each evening, five days a week for nine weeks. There will be no certification nor school credits offered, however basic skills will be taught for practical job experience and resume preparation.

Courses being considered for Winters are: welding (basic construction/fabrication skills), air conditioning/heating repair and

maintenance, basic construction and home repair, basic electrical concepts, and certified nurse's aid.

Also being considered are business computer applications, computer graphics and desktop publication, career exploration, auto CAD and computer drafting, introduction to Internet working, computer maintenance and repair, small engine repair/maintenance, introduction to retail concepts, and work skills development.

All secondary students will receive course applications at school. Anyone else 21 years old or younger desiring an application may pick one up at the school administration office. Those who wish to take the courses offered are encouraged to return their applications as soon as possible.

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### Women's Service League Chicken Fried Steak Dinner



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We would like to express our appreciation to so many people who made the recent "Horsemen for Christ" Crusade a success. Thanks to City Manager, Dr. Aref Hassan; Fire Chief, Jack Davis, Jr.; and Police Chief, Carey Ballentine for their departments help.

Thanks for the use of Blizzard Stadium, the stage from the community center, and to David Evans for lighting. Randall Conner and Dale Montgomery— You are appreciated.

Thanks to The Winters Enterprise for the publicity and to all the churches, counselors, and volunteers who helped. The Winters Ministerial Alliance

### Card of Thanks

A heartfelt thanks to friends and family for all the prayers, visits, cards, flowers, food, and words of concern during Bob's illness.

To the ladies of the Baptist Church for the noon lunch. Thank you to Reverend Barry Taylor thanks for a beautiful service.

To Mike Meyer & Linda Dry thank you for your love and concern. May God richly bless each and everyone of you. Nell Bowen & Bob's family

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### Card of Thanks

A big thank you is due to all who helped in the recent "smart talk" school assemblies with Joe Howard and Tracy Williamson. Thanks to the Winters school administration, especially Mike Harris, Bill Cathey, and David Hale.

Thanks for the use of the auditorium and cafeteria. Also thanks to Wes-T-Go Pizza Pro for helping with pizzas and the cafeteria workers and other volunteers for helping to serve. You are appreciated.

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Wednesday, Oct. 18: Chicken spaghetti, tossed salad, English peas, hot roll, and cake.

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Friday, Oct. 20: Hamburger, chips, coleslaw, pickles & onions, and cobler.

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## Obituaries

### Stella Moore

WINTERS—Stella Moore, 97, died Thursday, October 5, 2000, in a local Nursing Home.

She was born July 19, 1903, in Campbell, Texas and came to Winters at the age of three. She attended school in Winters and married James W. Moore November 10, 1920, in Winters. She was a homemaker and a member of the First Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband; two sons, Billy George Moore and Ellis Zane Moore; one granddaughter, Cathy Ferrel.

Survivors include two daughters, Cynthia Autrey of Temple and Mittie Ley of Van Wert, Ohio; one brother, Ernal Bridwell of Dayton, Ohio; ten grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

Services was held at 3:00 p.m. Saturday, October 7, in the First Baptist Church with Reverend Barry Taylor officiating. Burial was in Lakeview cemetery directed by Winters Funeral Home.

Pallbearers were Robert Moore, Mike Moore, Marvin Moore, Joe Heidenheimer, Dan Stevens, and Horace Autrey. Memorials may be made to Hendrick Hospice Care.

### Horace Mitchell

LUBBOCK—Horace Mitchell, 73, died Thursday, October 5, 2000, at Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock.

He was born on September 20, 1927, in Drasco. He was a 1944 graduate of Bradshaw High School after which he joined the U.S. Army. He attended John Tarleton College and later graduated from Texas Tech University in 1951 with a degree in agronomy and soil sciences.

He married Billie Jean Walker on May 30, 1952, in Big Spring. He worked for the soil conservation service in Big Spring and Lamesa for 7 years. He moved to Lubbock in 1961 and bought Dixie Cream Donut Shop and operated it for three years. He leased the Rip Griffin's Truck Stop and Restaurant for seven years.

He and his wife later owned and operated Horace Mitchell Restaurant for 20 years. They prepared all the meals for Meals on Wheels in Lubbock for over 19 years.

He retired in 1990. He was an elder at the South Plains Church of Christ and most recently served as deacon at the Green Lawn Church of Christ. He and his wife were in charge of the Benevolent Work at that church.

He is survived by his wife Billie Jean Mitchell of the home; three daughters, Melody Dawes of Sweetwater, Lawana Martin of Winters, and Kayla Parkey of Olton; a brother, Charles Mitchell of Pecos; and nine grandchildren.

Services were held at 10 a.m. Saturday, October 7, at the Green Lawn Church of Christ in Lubbock with Donald Dawes officiating and Dale Mannon assisting. Burial followed at Bluff Creek Cemetery in Winters at 4 p.m. under the direction of Resthaven Funeral Home in Lubbock.

Memorials may be made to the Benevolent Work at Green Lawn Church of Christ.

### Christopher Ernest Luellen

SAN ANGELO—Christopher Ernest Luellen, 19, died Sunday, October 1, 2000, in Ballinger Memorial Hospital.

He was born February 7, 1981, in Mt. Vernon, Washington. He lived most of his life between Mt. Vernon, Washington and Paint Rock. He was a student and the assistant manager of Golden Corral in Washington. He was a Baptist.

Survivors include his parents Arthur Kenney of Paint Rock and Brenda Luellen Kenney of Paint Rock; grandparents, Walter and Katie Joiner of Paint Rock and Jean Vitilach of Mt. Vernon, Washington; five brothers, Richard Turner and Bryan Turner of Abilene, Bobby Luellen and Freddy Luellen of Tacoma, Washington, and Bill Kenney of Bothell, Washington, four sisters, Janet Luellen of Tacoma, Washington, Brenda Lehman of Milteto, Washington, Sherrie Remboldt of Everett, Washington, and Roberta Larson of Lynwood, Washington.

Graveside services were held at 2:30 p.m. on Thursday, October 5, 2000, at Paint Rock Cemetery with Reverend Johnny Sheffield officiating. Burial was under the direction of Winters Funeral Home.

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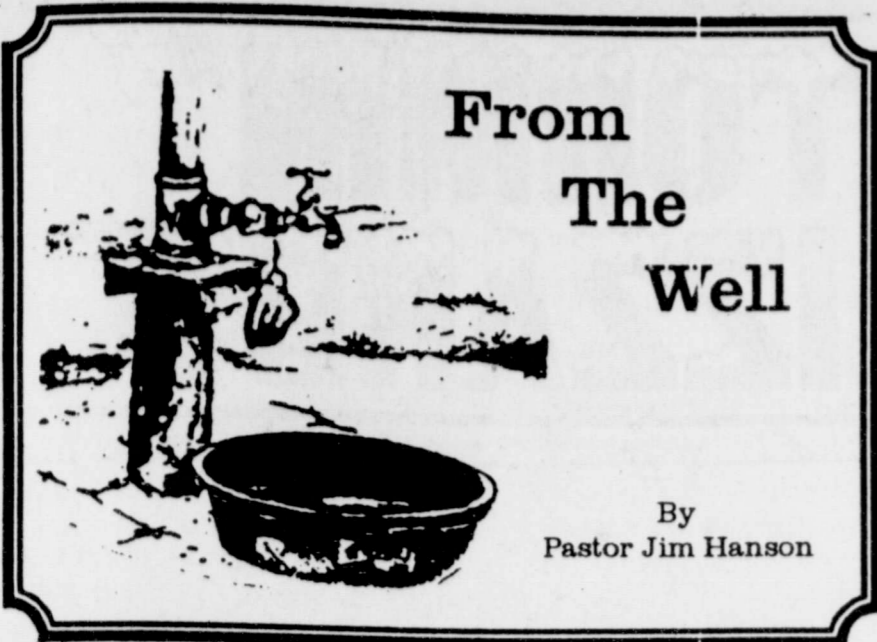
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## From The Well

By  
Pastor Jim Hanson



Pastor Jim Hanson

I have attended many different churches this past 5 months. It has been a good experience. To sit in the pew, and not up in the chancel. To look up at the pastor instead of looking down at the people. To sit together with

Ramona, and to sing the hymns with her. And maybe a grandchild or two. On some Sundays we were privileged to hear our son John preach in Baldwin, Wisconsin. Or Nathan in a rural church near Hudson, South Dakota. We heard Katie play the organ in Sinai, South Dakota. And Tim lead singing, playing a "mean guitar."

That's where we are now. With Tim. At a small town named Hanover. In Minnesota. It's a beautiful place right now. For the past few days the trees have been just magnificent. Gold and bright red, yellow, and tan. Hard to describe. All you can do is take a deep breath and say to the Lord, "Thank you for creating such a beautiful picture...one that we can walk into and enjoy."

I am doing a seminar on Prayer at the church he attends. It is a beautiful church. 100 years old, with a steeple and a bell that still rings and is rung by the ushers before every service. The original altar is still there, with a statue of Jesus with arms outstretched...welcoming us and inviting us in. The building is in wonderful condition. The only problem is that it is too small! This church is busting out at the seams. They have 4 services every weekend. One on Saturday night, and 3 on Sunday morning. It was fun to preach there. Many young people and their families came. Very encouraging.

I'm so glad to be part of the family of God. And to worship together with His people, whether in the pew or at the pulpit. And to be with them in good times, and in not so good. Just yesterday morning, right after a Prayer Breakfast, the telephone rang in the kitchen. And some bad news came. The lady that was seated next to me was told that her husband had just had a heart attack at work, and was being taken by ambulance to the hospital. The good news is that immediately, before she left for the hospital, the group there formed a circle, and we all joined hands and prayer. For the husband. And his wife. He is in recovery at the hospital, and our prayers have been answered.

It has been a good seminar. The Holy Spirit has really been working in our meetings, and there are smiles on a lot of faces as we come together and share. One of the best things about this event has been the good relationship I have developed with the pastor, so good that he lets me use his office. The other day I spotted on his desk a letter, a church letter. The kind that one sends to his parishioners. Parson to Person was the title. It began with these words "Now that the football season is upon us it seems only appropriate to learn the language of FOOTBALL CHRISTIANITY."

Draft Choice: Choosing a seat near the door.  
Bench Warmers: People who do not participate in worship, but just come in and sit.

Sudden Death: What happens to the preacher if the sermon is too long.

Stay in the Pocket: Collecting the offering.  
Blitz: What happens when everyone hurries out of the church.

Trap Play: What someone feels when asked to be on the nominating committee.

The Bomb: What goes off when one hears the budget for the next year.

End Around: Tactic used sometimes when approached by the nominating committee.

Recruiter: Member of the evangelism committee.  
Audible: Member of the choir.

Training Camp: Sunday School.  
Interference: What happens when some babies start crying during the sermon.

Instant Replay: When the pastor repeats himself during the sermon.  
Play book: The hymnal.

Now that you know the language, come play the game Sunday. Kickoff is at 8:30 a.m. and the second half is at 10:45 a.m. And the team is always looking for a "walk-on"

Shalom,  
The Parson.

Isn't that a dandy?  
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## Letters to the Editor

### Citizen makes public statement

Dear Editor,  
I wish to make a public statement to the citizens of Winters, Tx.

My wife and I moved into the City of Winters approximately 20 years ago from the farm to retire, with no thoughts of moving, the Winters area has been our home for most of our lives, and we love our City.

However on August 21, 2000 a hoax of a bomb scare at the West-Go Store a block south of the City Hall directed toward Zelda Stewart, put me in a bad light publicly.

My name was given to the Police Department as a suspect because of a disagreement I had with Zelda Stewart previously, at the store where she is manager.

I knew nothing of what had happened until I entered the store at approximately 4:00 PM to have coffee with friends, and sat down with J.P. Drake who filled me in on what had happened at about 1:00 PM this day, of which turned out to be a very serious hoax.

A few days later a City Policeman came to my home and questioned me about the bomb scare, and informed me that two people had seen my truck parked outside the West-Go store between 12:00 and 1:00 PM the day of the bomb scare, and ask if I would be willing to give them my fingerprints.

I informed the Policeman that his witnesses were wrong and that I had not been near the West-Go store at that time of day, giving him a full account of my days activity, and that I would cooperate any way I could to get to the bottom of this.

It is now the first week of October and I have heard nothing from the Police on this matter, I only hope it is resolved.

However rumors are still getting back to me that some people think I could have had something to do with this ungodly hoax.

It is not only humiliating but a direct slam against my character.

As God is my witness I had nothing to do with this ungodly hoax, and pray that the truth comes to light.

I want all my friends and the citizens of Winters to know this. Idle gossip can hurt people.

Sincerely,  
M.L. Dobbins

### Good News Class hosts meeting

The Good News Class Sunday School Class of the First Baptist Church met in the church fellowship hall for a business meeting on Monday evening, October 2.

Hostesses were Jo Meares and Thelma Sneed. Vera Lee Sneed led the prayer while Mrs. Meares read two poems.

Refreshments were enjoyed by Lavonda Herrington, Donna Freeman, Louise Seals, Jerry Lloyd, and Arlene Boles.

### The "Way, Truth, & Life" Party

Dear Editor,  
STATEMENT:  
WHEREAS: For more than forty years our Federal Government has passed too many entangling laws, and

WHEREAS: Too many of the mandates handed down by our Supreme Court have been ungodly, and

WHEREAS: The Republican and Democratic parties are claiming to have answers to our nation's problems while not facing the real issues, and

WHEREAS: There is no viable third party in this nation.

RESOLUTION:

In order to form a more perfect government, the citizens of the United States now come to pray for relief from the persecution suffered by Christians and non-Christians alike. We demand a viable third party called The "Way, Truth, & Life" Party.

This party would be organized as follows:

Candidates who belong to this party should be good Christians, and should serve their term in office as volunteers and not receive wages from the Federal Government.

We especially believe that

prayer is a God-given privilege of every person on earth, both Christian and non-Christian, and that our school children should not be restricted by the Supreme Court but that prayer in school should be allowed. The Supreme Court has brought about persecution by restricting prayer in the public schools, and in addition our schools should teach the Bible as a required subject in kindergarten through 12 grades.

Finally, we believe that abortion is murder and should be replaced by adoption. Life is present at conception, and any act to prevent birth is murder. Proponents of abortion say, "My body belongs to me," but the unborn child has equal claim to the use of the mother's body, and in truth our bodies belong to God.

Party politicians should ask themselves these three questions before they vote on a bill:

1. Is it constitutional?
2. Does it benefit the people?
3. Can we afford it?

If the answer to any of these questions is "no" then they should cast a negative vote.

Sincerely,  
Jim Hicks

### City Manager applauds fire department

Dear Editor,  
In one issue of your paper a list of grants received and grants pending was published. The item for new fire station \$100,000 from Fire Prevention Council was changed from grant to low interest loan. The loan amount awarded to Volunteer Fire Department was \$25,000. The Fire Department is making the payments.

The new Fire Station is the result of hard work of the volunteer fire fighters. They have put many long days, nights, and weekends to build the station. For material cost, they took donations, sold raffle tickets for a boat, and Bar-B-Q dinners.

They deserve all the credit for their hard work and dedication. Without their efforts, we wouldn't have a new fire station and a new City Hall. They risk their lives to save ours without any salary. It takes a lot of courage to be a volunteer fire fighter. We appreciate them and their free services so very much.

With Best regards,  
Aref Hassan

## Neighbors at war...

Dear Editor,

We have lived in our home for over eight years. My husband has lived here all of his life and I have lived here over seventeen years. In the entirety of our married life we have been law-abiding citizens. We have never had any trouble with the City or Law. We are not the kind of people who would on purpose hurt any one and believe that vengeance belongs to our lord whom we love very much and we have always tried to help any one who needs it.

About a year ago we received new neighbors in our neighborhood. We were happy to receive them and welcomed them and even helped them to move in some, let them borrow things they couldn't find.

My husband has known the adult son for at least the last ten years. Shortly after moving in they asked if they could attach a fence to our fence because they planned to get goats on their adjoining lots. We willingly agreed because we both love animals. The only problem was we had roses growing on the fence, they said if the goats bothered us they would do something about it.

About a week later they were indeed eating our roses. When I called her, she told me to call the police and hung up on me. A month later the male goat was ramming our fence we again ap-

proached them and asked them to put up their own fence. They would not talk to us so we did call the police. They ended up having to get rid of the goats. They have been mad at us ever since. We never meant for them to lose their goats or to make them mad at us.

For over a year now they have called the City, Police, Major, and Municipal Judge on us over thirty times. Their latest is against our dogs. About two weeks ago the animal control person came to our door and said our dogs were barking too much at night. We started putting our dogs up at night so not to bother anyone.

We were also very hurt because none of the neighbors came to us and told us earlier so we could have fixed the problem. Our central air unit is beside our bedroom and we could not hear the dogs barking. We would never on purpose cause any one loss of sleep.

Then on September 27, the animal control officer came to our door. I told her our dogs were no longer out at night to bother anyone. She said they were going to give us a citation for them barking during the day.

She said we would have to see the Judge and we did, but she could do nothing but set up a hearing. If we had been properly informed the first time (no fault of the animal control officer because she was told only at night) we

would have done our best to solve this earlier.

We feel we have been unfairly treated because we were not given all the information. When we were, we were not given a chance to fix the problem. Now I have received information that the son of the neighbor we have had problems with has on his job been soliciting our neighbors on his job at our local grocery store to do the same and infact solicited all of the ones that called in.

These neighbors have caused harm to our good name by telling lies about us causing us much mental anguish. We have tried to get help from the police for harassment, but because none of this has been done through the mail or phone we can do nothing and have no way to protect our self.

There are numerous violations to the city ordinance in this city that nothing is done about. But because of a couple of people who have tried to get revenge we have been threw a year of pure anguish and heart-ache, never knowing what is next.

We ask our fellow citizens who feel our pain to please voice your opinion to those in charge of this city. We also apologize to any of our neighbor who have suffered because of our dogs.

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Cereal  
Juice

Wednesday-Oct. 18  
Biscuits  
Sausage  
Juice

Thursday-Oct. 19  
Breakfast Burrito  
Cereal  
Juice

Friday-Oct. 20  
Scrambled Eggs  
Toast  
Juice

**Lunch**  
Monday-Oct. 16  
Fish Chispias  
Macaroni & Cheese  
Green Beans  
Sliced Peaches  
Hot Roll

Tuesday-Oct. 17  
Hotdog/Chili  
Cheese/Tator Tots  
Sliced Pickles  
Fruit  
Cookie

Wednesday-Oct. 18  
Chicken Nuggets  
Mashed Potatoes  
June Peas  
Pudding  
Hot Roll

Thursday-Oct. 19  
Baked Ham/Pineapple Chunks  
Mashed Potatoes  
Green Beans  
Hot Roll

Friday-Oct. 20  
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French Fries  
Lettuce/Pickles  
Fruit  
Cookie

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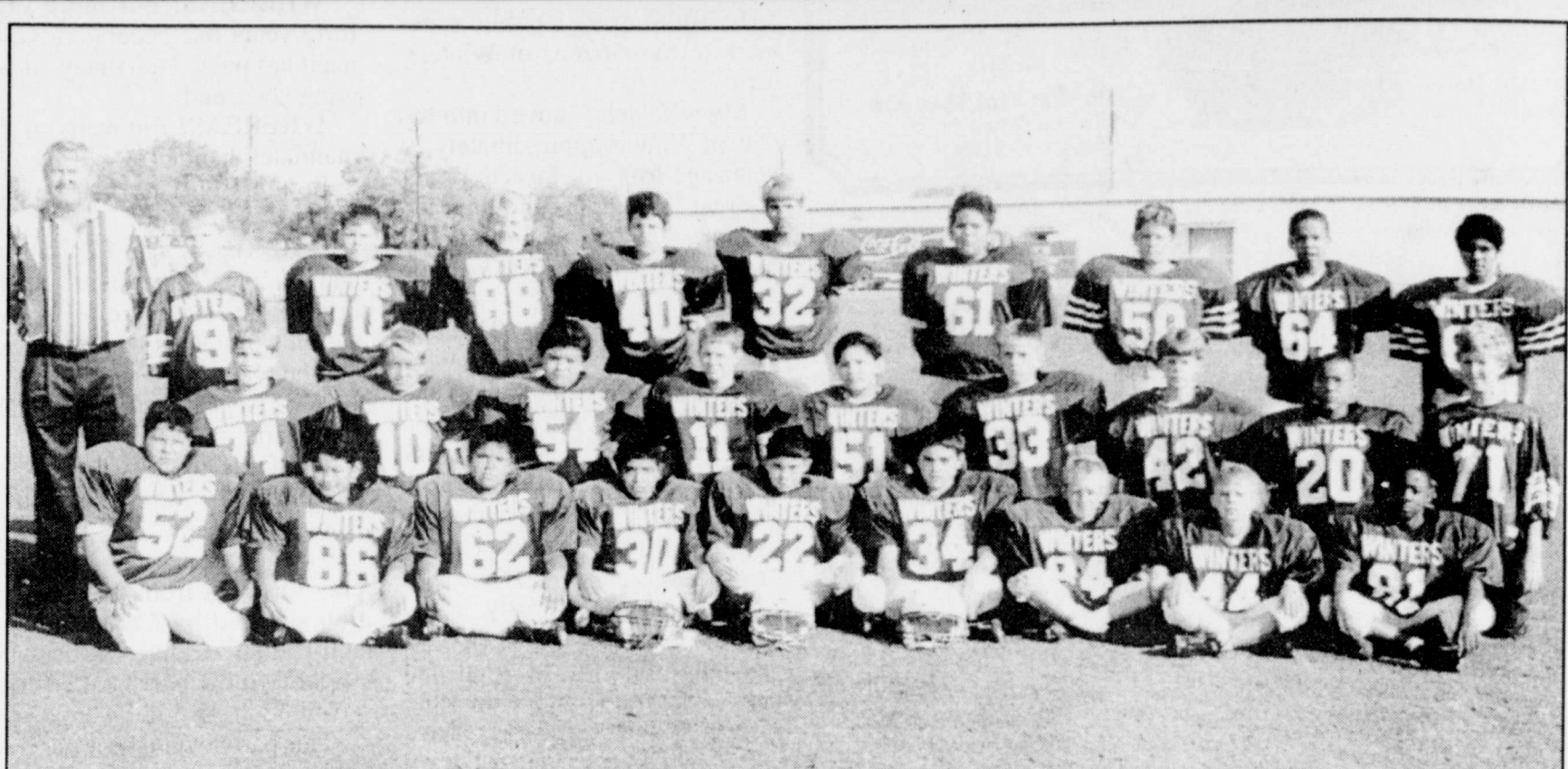
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**Two WHS classes select officers**

The WHS junior and freshmen classes have elected officers for the 2000-2001 school year. President of the junior class is Chris Hoppe while Isha Lara will serve as vice-president, Megan Galvan-Nitsch as secretary, and Mandy Pritchard as treasurer. Kari Walker will serve as freshman class president while Basilio Rocha will be vice-president and Eric Lopez as secretary/treasurer.



WINTERS 7th GRADE BREEZES are #52 Armando Nava, #86 Frank Perez, #62 Jose Cruz, #30 James Vasquez, #22 Frank Perez, #34 Chris Medina, #84 Bryce Wilkerson, #44 Justin Fenwick, #81 Michael Liggins, #74 Randy Jackson, #10 Jordan Sanchez, #54 Ceasar Iracheta, #11 Aaron Colburn, #51 Gabriel Perez, #33 Tod Martin, #42 Johnathan Meyer, #20 Marcus Tubbs, #71 (manager) Steven Clark, #9 (manager) Luke Hale, #70 Matt Tekell, #88 L. J. Nitsch, #40 Colton Powell, #32 David Scates, #61 Angel Ramirez, #50 Dylan Perrie, #64 Michael Henry, #60 Nephthali Estrada, and Coach Biff White.

**Students compete in Winters' punt, pass and kick**

The NFL & Gatorade Punt, Pass & Kick competition was held at Winters Elementary School on Friday, September 27. Each contestant was allowed one punt, one pass, and one kick. A total yardage of the three attempts is used to determine the winners. The first place winners in each division will be eligible to compete at the sectional level to be held at the McMurry University football field in Abilene on Saturday, October 28 at 10 a.m. Top finishers for winters were:

- Girls 8-9 years old**  
1st, Destiny Torres, 127'1"  
2nd, Tia Davis, 116'1"  
3rd, Shelby Knight, 110'5"
- Boys 8-9 years old**  
1st, Jose Carrillo, 154'3"  
2nd, Nicky Sanders, 137'9"  
3rd, Michael Switzer, 135'11"
- Girls 10-11 years old**  
1st, Juana Harrison, 148'8"  
2nd, Advita Vasquez, 143'10"  
3rd, Shelby Walker, 133'7"
- Boys 10-11 years old**  
1st, Mark Scates, 242'7"  
2nd, Zachary Herridge, 214'3"  
3rd, James Phillips, 214'5"
- Girls 12-13 years old**  
1st, Kyli Knight, 128'6"  
2nd, Angela Garcia, 117'3"  
3rd, Crystal Wallar, 116'3"
- Boys 12-13 years old**  
1st, Jose Moreno, 212'6"  
2nd, Javier Rodriguez, 207'3"  
3rd, Ismael Aragon, 159'8"

**CAP High School to host open house**

Students and staff at CAP High School will host an open house on Tuesday, October 17, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Refreshments will be served in the cafeteria. CAP High School is located on Highway 503 three miles north of Valera. Various student projects will be on display in the shops and in the classrooms. The public is cordially invited to come out and visit our school and see the work our students have done.

**Lady Blizzards third, Blizzards fourth at ACU Classic; one meet left before district**

The Winters Lady Blizzards finished third and the Blizzards fourth at the ACU Classic Cross-Country Meet at Sherrod Residential Park in Abilene last Saturday. Jimmy Rodriguez won his sixth consecutive meet while Juan Santos also medaled for the Blizzards. Briana Parramore and Marie Llanas both medaled for the Lady Blizzards. According to Coach Deb Whittenburg, both teams ran well—improving their times. Only one meet remains before

district competition hosted by Coleman on Monday, October 23. Winters will travel to Seabee Park off of West Lake Road, FM 600 in Abilene on Saturday, October 14. The meet is hosted by Abilene High and Cooper High School. The girls will compete at 9:00 a.m. followed by the boys at 9:40 a.m. Last week's results are as follows:  
**Lady Blizzards**  
Briana Parramore, 8th, 14:19  
Marie Llanas, 10th, 14:20  
Stacey Sneed 23rd, 15:14

Lacey Meyer, 31st, 15:32  
Macy Hopson, 46th, 16:23  
Priscilla Ontiveros, 50th, 17:00  
Kirby Hatler, 51st, 17:17  
Stacey Walden, 52nd, 17:21  
Kari Walker, 55th, 17:35  
**Blizzards**  
Jimmy Rodriguez, 1st, 17:05  
Juan Santos, 12th, 18:42  
Artemio Lopez, 17th, 19:15  
Tony Aguerro, 31st, 19:48  
Jason Esquivel, 37th, 20:07  
Tim Fenwick, 54th, 21:17  
Eric Lopez, 59th, 21:39  
Benji Valles, 76th, 22:51  
G.G. Hernandez, 82nd, 23:45

**Shelley Meyer, a cheerleader and newspaper staffer at Washington & Lee University in Virginia**

Shelley Meyer, daughter of Tim Meyer and Jody Meyer, has been elected cheerleader at Washington and Lee University in Lexington, Virginia. The ten-member squad, including three freshmen, began its inaugural year on Saturday, September 9. The Washington and Lee Generals defeated Johns-

Hopkins 36-16. In addition to football, the cheerleaders will also root for lacrosse and basketball. Not only is Shelley serving as cheerleader, but she is also working on *The Ring-tum Phi* (est. 1897), one of the university's two student published newspapers. With humble beginnings in

1749, Washington and Lee was resurrected by a \$50,000 endowment from George Washington some fifty years later. The college was expanded under the presidency of Robert E. Lee during the 1860's after the Civil War. Traditionally an all male college, women were admitted to the undergraduate school in 1985.



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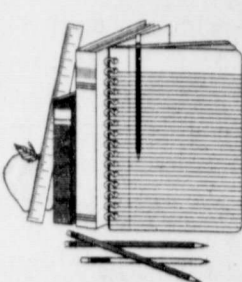
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WINTERS EIGHTH GRADE BREEZES are #8 Thomas Doty, #11 Angel Espino, #55 Tony Hernandez, #22 Cody Pritchard, #40 Jeremy Mendoza, #24 Jacob Hernandez, #21 Hallis Gibbs, #85 Shawn Kraatz, #80 Matthew Gray, #52 Aaron Cook, #35 Jose Hernandez, #65 P. J. Delacruz, #34 Adrian Lozono, #72 Adam Escalona, #82 Jacob Applegate, #62 Scott Bryan, #74 Jacob Bridgeman, #33 Max Harrison, #44 Skye Salinas, #7 Pete Griffin, and #64 Jeffrey Martinez. Not pictured is Coach Zach Boxell.

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LAST WEEK  
OVERALL

5-5	6-4	4-6	7-3	7-3
37-23	35-26	33-27	37-23	38-22

Winters at Hawley  
Jim Ned at Cisco  
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DeLeon at Comanche

				
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37-23	35-26	33-27	37-23	38-22
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### Freshman class parents to hold meeting Monday

Freshmen class parents will meet on Monday, October 16, at 6:30 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Senior Citizen's Activity Center at 601 Wood Street. Plans will be finalized for the upcoming fundraising dinner. All freshmen parents are encouraged to attend. For more information, please contact Janet Cason at 754-5205.

### Learn beginning computer skills

Winters ISD is offering adult computer instruction for beginners. No prior computer skills are necessary. Training will be offered introducing beginning computer skills and features of Windows 98. The one-day course will be offered Saturday, October 14, beginning at 8:30 a.m. and will continue until noon. The class will be taught in the Jr. High School computer lab located at 705 Rogers Street. Course materials will be furnished. Cost is \$25. To enroll and/or inquire, contact Rhonda Goetz at 754-5574 ext. 100 or come by the school administration/tax office at 603 N. Heights Street.

### Blizzards open district Friday against Hawley

The Winters Blizzards will open district competition this Friday evening when they face the Hawley Bearcats in Bearcat Stadium. With three key players out for the season with injuries, the Blizzards will be making some position changes. Zeke Martinez and Jeffrey Oats will move to tailbacks while Will Blaine and Rusty Jackson have been shuffled to fullbacks for the Big Blue. The Bearcats, like the Blizzards, hold a 1-4 record for the season. Winters Coach Chuck Lipsey said, "The Bearcats are improving and their main strengths lie in their offensive and defensive lines." Fans are reminded that kickoff will be at 7:30 p.m. Friday night in Hawley.

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# Higginbotham Bros. recalls history of store to celebrate Founders Day

Higginbotham Bros. of Winters will help their company celebrate 119 years of business with a Founders Day Sale this week. Store manager Dawn Green and her staff will be on hand to assist customers during this three day sale.

John James Higginbotham and wife Lucy moved to Dublin, Texas with four of their twelve children in 1880. At the time of his death in 1883, John owned an interest in a general mercantile business called Higginbothams & Sons.

His sons J.M. Higginbotham and Bolivar Higginbotham opened their first store in DeLeon in 1881.

In 1917, the company was re-organized into Higginbotham Brothers & Co. J.M. was vice-president, and another brother, R.W. Higginbotham was president. The general office was located in Comanche in 1917, and remains there today.

R.W. Higginbotham moved to Dallas in the early 1900's and went into the manufacturing of overalls and housedresses, that

were sold in Higginbotham's stores.

Many families from our area have been touched in some way by Higginbotham's. For example, Mrs. Editha Dudley of Comanche recalls that her parents met while both were working for Higginbotham's.

Her father, Thomas Jackson Williams, son of Sarah Higginbotham Williams, and grandson of John James Higginbotham, began working in Dublin, and was later moved to Comanche to manage their store.

He eventually became president of the corporation. Her mother, Julia Evridge, was a milliner for Higginbotham's. Mrs. Dudley remembers that Higginbotham's in Comanche was originally located in the building where her son now has his law office.

That building was destroyed around 1920, by fire. It was a total loss, and the building owner decided not to rebuild. The store location was moved across the street, and although this site was destroyed by fire too, it was re-



LOCAL HIGGINBOTHAM'S EMPLOYEES are (l-r) store manager Dawn Green, Terry Stanfield, James Halfmann, and Kristi Stoecker. The Winters staff will serve customers hot dogs and drinks from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on Friday, October 13, in celebration of the company's 119 years in business in central and east Texas during their Founders Day Sale.

built, and remains there even today.

The early stores of Higginbotham's were somewhat different than what you will see today. Kegs of nails, bulk grocery items, such as beans, oatmeal and rice, material, patterns, thread, cotton, shoes, and more, were some of the displays you would have seen in the early days. Mrs. Dudley states that thread was a "very important" item to have back in those days.

Higginbotham Bros. & Co. has been involved in numerous ventures other than hardware and lumber. Funeral homes, insurance, clothing, furniture, even a tractor and automobile dealer are a few of the areas that have been pursued.

Higginbotham's employees approximately 200 people statewide, and many of these people have been with the company for a number of years.

The current president and chief operating officer, Bill Robinson, for example, began his career as a sales clerk in 1966 in Weatherford for \$1/hour wages.

He recalls the passage of the

minimum wage law earned him a raise to about \$1.40/hour. He learned all aspects of the business working in all departments including truck driving, sales, assistant manager, and location manager.

The current Higginbotham's has undergone some changes. In 1999, Rufus Higginbotham Duncan, Jr., descendent of R.W. Higginbotham, bought the assets of the business. Higginbotham Bros. & Co., LTD was formed, and now operates stores in central and east Texas, with locations in Comanche, Dublin, Stephenville, Ballinger, Cross Plains, Gustine, Winters, Brownwood, Brady, Hamilton, Weatherford, Granbury, Copperas Cove, Glen Rose, Gatesville, Pineland, Lufkin, and Conroe.

The central Texas stores operate under the name of Higginbotham's and the east Texas stores operate under the name Big Tin Barn.

As the world and markets continue to change, so does the philosophy of Higginbothams, but one thing remains constant, the hometown values of their people.

## Women's Service League to host chicken fried steak dinner, Oct. 20

Women's Service League will host a chicken fried steak dinner Friday, October 20, at the WHS cafeteria from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Items on the menu include chicken fried steak, gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, hot rolls, homemade dessert, and tea. Take-outs will be available.

Tickets are \$6 for adults, \$3 for children age 12 and under. Tickets may be purchased from any Service League member or at the door. For more information, call Christy Lindley at 754-4959.

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For these reasons, please excuse us as we leave to attend this meeting. My office will list several area dentists to cover our emergencies. The answering service will have these names available for you.  
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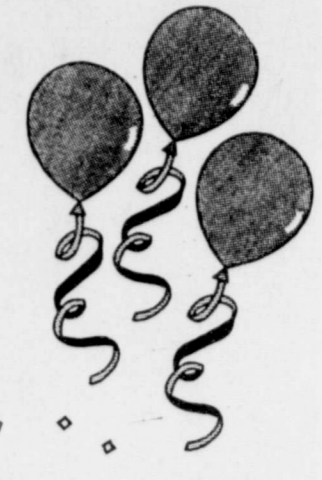
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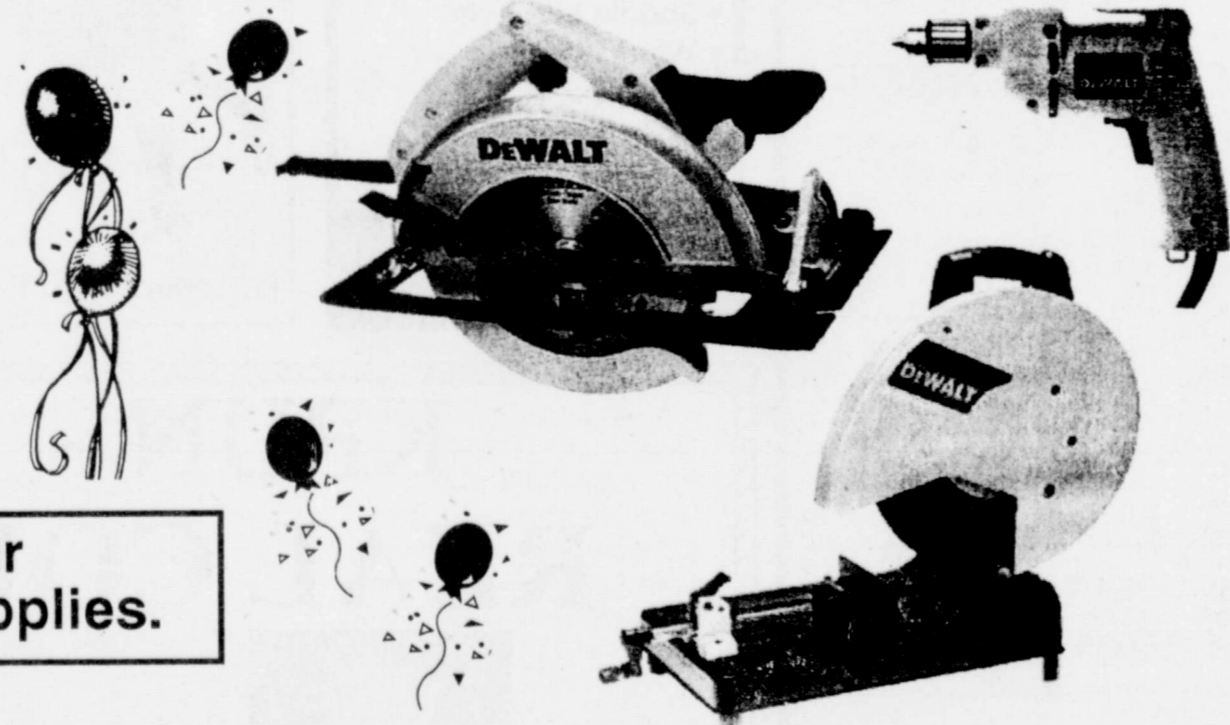
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# Ashley Allcorn & James Glass united in double ring ceremony



Mrs. James Wesley Glass

Ashley Anne Allcorn and James Wesley Glass were married in a double ring ceremony on October 7, 2000, at the First Christian Church of San Angelo. Officiants were the Reverend Ben Hubert and Jeff Glass. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Richard Allcorn of Winters. She is the granddaughter of Mrs. Jerroll Sanders of San Angelo and Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Allcorn of Early. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James Lynn Glass of Garden City. He is the grandson

of Mr. David Glass of Sterling City and Mr. and Mrs. George Sisco of Water Valley. "Prayer for Home" and "The Lord's Prayer" were sung by cousin of the groom, Lee Puckitt. Corbett White, cousin of the bride sang "I Will Be Here." Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a gown of candlelight satin hand-beaded with pearls. She carried a boutique of white roses. Matron of Honor was sister of the bride Allison Randolph of Sundown. Bridesmaids were sis-

ters of the groom, Elizabeth Staggs of Lubbock and Jamie Walker of Garden City. Longtime friends of the bride, Cara Bradshaw, Kayla Priddy, and Kimberley Thompson and the bride's college roommate Sondra Smith also served as Bridesmaids. Nieces of the bride, Reagan and Rylee Randolph were flower girls. Honorary flower girls were Mallory Staggs, niece of the groom and Reese Randolph, niece of the bride. Ring bearer was Shawn Walker, nephew of the groom.

Candles were lit by cousins of the bride Courtney and Caley Crawford.

Micheal Jones longtime friend of the groom served as Best Man. Groomsmen were brother-in-law of the groom, Baylor Walker; cousin of the groom, Trey Sisco; brother-in-law of the bride Danny Randolph; longtime friend of the groom, Kevin Braden; and college friends, Rob Hamilton and Garrett Roddie. Ushers were Fred Squire, Tracy Love, Shelby Staggs, Keith Braden, Corby White, and Eric Seidenberger.

Following the ceremony a reception was held at The Oak Tree at Rio Concho West. Music at the reception was provided by pianist Larry Glass. Members of The houseparty were Kalene Lincycumb, Kari Berry, Jill Morse, Jeanie Bahlman, Judy Biddix, Lynn Crawford, Nicole Grant, Linda Glass, Linda Jones, Betty Jean Halfmann, Carol Phillips, Ellen Seidenberger, Charlotte Sisco, Sherri Spruiell, Ann Stroman, and Barbara Neal.

Following a Caribbean cruise, the couple will reside on the family ranch in Mitchell County.

The bride was 1993 graduate of Winters High School. She received a bachelors degree in Multidisciplinary Studies from Texas Tech University in 1998.

While at Texas Tech she was a member of the Pi Beta Phi sorority. She is currently employed by Forsan Independent School District teaching 6th and 7th grade mathematics.

The bridegroom was a 1992 graduate of Garden City High School. He received a bachelors degree in Agricultural Economics from Texas Tech University in 1996. While at Texas Tech he was a member of the Kappa Alpha Order and competed on the collegiate Livestock Judging team. He is currently employed by the J.L. Glass Ranch.

The rehearsal dinner was hosted by the bridegroom's parents at Bentwood Country Club in San Angelo.

## Sr. Citizens Nursing Home News

By Billie Ruth Bishop

We welcome Mrs. Ethel Wheeler to our midst. She came here to live last week and is in room 106B. She would enjoy your visits. Also, Mrs. Dorece Colburn is a new resident and is in room 112. Drop by and visit often. They enjoy your visits and getting mail.

We are enjoying crafts on Wednesday afternoon with Nina Wilson from Novice. Each time she comes she brings a new craft for the residents to work on for a couple of hours. They eagerly look forward to Nina's visits. We are hoping to have something for the Arts & Crafts Fair in November.

We extend our sympathy to the family of Stella Moore. She passed away here last Thursday afternoon. We thank the Moore family for the beautiful flower arrangements.

## Town Criers

### Dryden Roy Virden



Todd and Brandy Virden proudly announce the birth of their son, Dryden Roy.

He was born May 31, 2000, at 12:44 p.m. Dryden weighed 7 lbs. 11 oz. and was 20 1/2 inches long.

Maternal grandparents are Kerwin and Rosie Denton of Bronte. Paternal grandparents are Tony and Wanda Virden of Ballinger.

Great-grandparents are Ronnie and Shirley Denton of Winters, Anita Shaefer and the late Roy Schaefer of Ballinger, Herman and Beaunita Virden of Ballinger, and Billie Weatherby and the late Jim Weatherby of Coleman. Great-great-grandparents are Naomi Virden and the late Rube Virden of Ballinger.

### Nathan Voy Moore

Audrey Moore is proud to announce the birth of her baby brother, Nathan Voy Moore.

He was born Wednesday, September 27, 2000, at 3:59 p.m. in Waco. He weight 8 lbs., 2 ozs. and was 21 inches long.

Proud parents are Natasha & Russell Moore. Paternal grandparents are Gary & Mary Ellen Moore of Winters and maternal grandparents are Gerry & Fay Snuffer of Winters.

## "Make A Difference Day" set for Saturday, Oct. 28

"Make A Difference Day" will be observed nationwide on Saturday, October 28, 2000. What are your plans to make a difference?

The Winters Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 9193 and Ladies Auxiliary are planning a work day on the second floor of the Rock Hotel and needs helpers. Mark your calendar to help with this project for the museum. Plans are to finish the hall

floor, put facing on doorways, sand and get ready for painting. There is also a need to dispose of trash and move some building material to another building.

You are needed whatever your talent or strength is. Please bring working tools, hammers, sanders, and etc.

For information call Mary Kurtz 754-5182 or Billy Ray 754-5621.

## Christmas in April now accepting applications

Applications for home repairs through the Christmas in April project are now available at City Hall, Bahlman Jewelers, and the Chamber of Commerce.

Applications will be taken until November 15. All completed applications should be returned to the Chamber of Commerce office at 118 West Dale.

## Notice of General Election (A viso de Eleccion General)

To the registered voters of the County of Runnels, Texas: (a los votantes registrados del Condado de Runnels, Texas):

Notice is hereby given that the polling places listed below will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on November 7, 2000 for voting in a general election to elect Presidential electors, Members of Congress, Members of the Legislature, and state, district, county and precinct officers. (Notifiquese, por las presente, que las casillas electorales citadas abajo se abrirán desde las 7:00 a.m. hasta las 7:00 p.m. el 7 de noviembre de 2000 para votar en el Elección General para elegir: presidente electores, Miembros del Congreso, Miembros de la Legislatura, y oficiales del estado, distrito, condado y del precincto.)

LOCATION(S) OF POLLING PLACES (DIRECCION(ES) DE LAS CASILLAS ELECTORALES)

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- ELECTION PRECINCT 2 - RUNNELS COUNTY COURTHOUSE, BROADWAY & HUTCHINGS
- ELECTION PRECINCT 3 - WINTERS
- ELECTION PRECINCT 4 - WINTERS HOUSING AUTHORITY BUILDING, 300 N. GRANT
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- ELECTION PRECINCT 8 - BALLINGER COMMUNITY CENTER, 200 CROSSON AVENUE
- ELECTION PRECINCT 9 - BALLINGER CITY HALL, 7TH & RAILROAD AVENUE
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- ELECTION PRECINCT 11 - ROWENA FIRE STATION, 504 MARY STREET

Early Voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at: (La votación adelantada en persona se llevará a cabo de lunes a viernes en:)

County Clerk's Office, Runnels County Courthouse, Ballinger, Texas (Location) (sitio)

between the hours of 8:30-12:00 p.m. and 1:00-5:00 p.m. beginning on October 23, 2000 (date)

(entre las 8:30-12:00 de la mañana y las 1:00-5:00 de la tarde empezando el 23 de octubre, 2000) (fecha)

and ending on November 3, 2000 (y terminando el 3 de noviembre, 2000) (fecha)

Applications for ballot by mail shall be mailed to: (Las solicitudes para boletas que se votarán adelantada por correo deberán enviarse a:)

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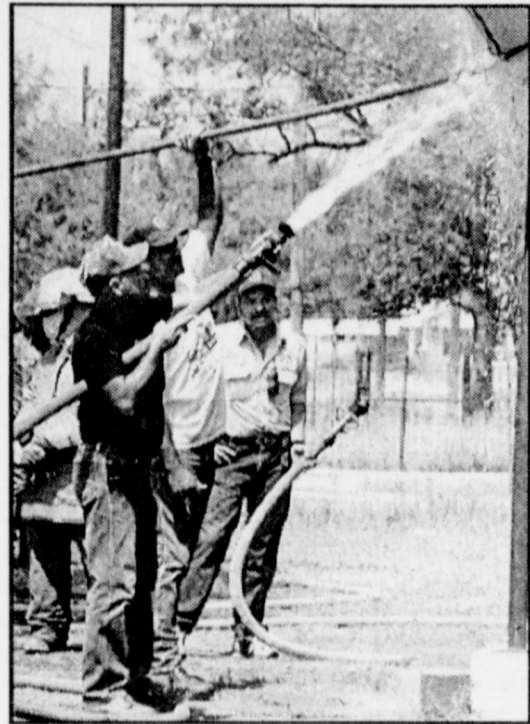
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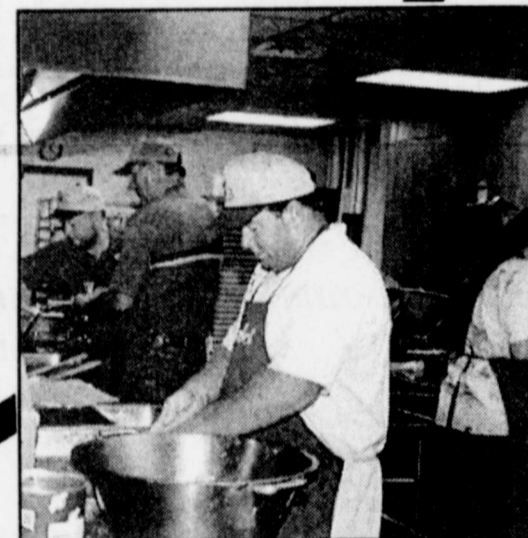
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Cooking to raise funds at annual fish fry

## SALUTING THE WINTERS VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT National Fire Prevention Week October 9-15

In addition to donating their time and risking their lives to serve the Winters community, members of the Winters Volunteer Fire Department took time from their day to day jobs to speak to school children during National Fire Prevention Week this week.

National Fire Prevention Week began in 1911 to commemorate the Great Chicago Fire of October 9, 1871, which killed 250 people and destroyed 17,430 buildings.

Winters Fire Chief Jack Davis, Jr. said, "Fire prevention is a con-

stant concern. We try to teach children how to be safe, and we also try to teach adults to check their smoke alarms, have escape routes and to talk to their children about fires and fire drills."

Davis also said the Winters Fire Department will give any family one smoke alarm and install it to ensure it works properly.

The Winters VFD currently has 28 members. Officers for 2000 are as follows:

Chief, Jack Davis, Jr.  
1st Assistant, Mark Briley  
2nd Assistant, John Joeris

President, Bobby Blackwood  
Vice-Pres., Chuck Cravens  
Sec./Treas., Raymond Lindsey  
Recording Sec., Chris Osbirn  
Chaplain, Billy Sherman  
Capt. Co.#1, Mark Bridgeman  
Assistant Bobby Blackwood  
Capt. Co.#2, Mike Meyer  
Assistant, Chuck Cravens  
Pension Board  
1 yr. Rene Woffenden  
2 yrs. Clayton Woffenden  
3 yrs. John McGallian  
Senior Sponsor, Teresa Davis  
Jr. Sponsor, Brittney Woffenden

Sweetheart, Minnie Jo Kraatz  
Mascot, Brian Ozbirn  
Department members include:  
Rodrick Bredemeyer, Jack Davis, Sr., Wayne Green, Jerry Mac Jackson, Curtis Jackson, Bob Lindley, Jeremy Shields, Michael Alatore, Robert Cook, Kenneth Doty, Steve Grenwelge, Randall Galan, James Lange, John Kraatz, Bobby Staggs.

The Firemen's Auxiliary includes Brenda Briley, June Blackwood, Jackie Ozbirn, Yolanda Bridgeman, Hilda Woffenden, Jill Bredemeyer,

Frances Davis, Dawn Green, Vera Jackson, Christy Lindley, Patsy Staggs, Rhonda Joeris, Debra Lindsey, Pauline Sherman, Frances Meyer, Mildred Doty, Tonya Grenwelge, Debbie Lange, Wendy Kraatz, and Maribell Alatore.

Auxiliary Officers are as follows:

President, Pam Cravens  
Vice-Pres., Trisha Jackson  
Sec./Treas., Teresa Davis  
Parliamentarian/Chaplain, Mary Ann Woffenden  
Reporter/Historian, Rhonda Cook

### Fire facts

**Most common causes of fire in the home, nationwide:**

1. Cooking equipment
2. Heating equipment
3. Arson or suspected arson
4. Other household equipment
5. Electrical distribution equipment

**Most common causes of fatal fires in the home:**

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4. Electrical distribution equipment
5. Children playing with fire

Source: National Fire Protection Association

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During one presentation to a group of pre-schoolers, Fireman Rene Woffenden asked the general question, "What would you do if your clothes were on fire?" One quick thinking four-year-old answered, "I wouldn't put them on!"





## Extension News & Views

By Rick Minzenmayer, Extension Agent-IPM

### Trees, shrubs, and lack of water...what to do?

The past several years have been difficult for tree and shrub survival due to severe dry conditions. Many trees have died and many others are in a severe stressed condition. Stress begins with the die back of feeder roots in the dry soil. Once root dieback occurs, the tree has a difficult time moving available water and nutrients through the system.

The movement of water in a tree is governed by stomates. Stomates are tiny valve-like openings usually on the bottom of a leaf. Stomates can be opened or closed by the tree. As the stomates are opened, water begins to evaporate from the leaf. As each water molecule evaporates, it pulls another water molecule into its place.

Through the millions of stomates on a large tree, water is continually pulled up from the soil. All plants in the area are pulling water from the soil. When water becomes scarce, the tree begins to have problems. With

open stomates, water is still evaporating from the leaves but it is more difficult to pull water from the soil for replacement.

Water is lost more quickly from the leaves than the roots can pull it in. This creates a water shortage in the tree. When this shortage becomes too great, the stomates close until water uptake in the roots catches up. When the stomates are closed, no carbon dioxide can get into the leaf and the leaf cannot feed itself. Once this occurs, the visible effect is wilting.

Temporary wilting is the visible drooping of leaves during the day followed by rehydration and recovery during the night. During long periods of dry soil, temporary wilting grades into permanent wilting. Permanently wilted trees do not recover at night. Permanently wilted trees recover only when water is added to the soil.

Prolonged permanent wilting will kill trees. Many trees in the

area is at this stage now. Utilizing supplemental water such as dishwashing water, washing machine water, etc. can make the difference in survival and death. Put the water around the dripline of the tree, not next to the trunk of the tree.

The important feeder roots are always near the dripline of the tree. Fertilize trees and shrubs during October with a complete fertilizer such as 16-8-8. Phosphorous and Potassium will help stimulate new root growth during the winter months and the Nitrogen will help to break bud and grow well in the spring.

Remember, sixty percent of plant growth occurs in the first sixty days in springtime. So fertilizing is very important. Be sure to cut any dead wood out of the tree. Leaving dead wood in the tree prohibits the tree from healing itself and attracts borers and other secondary pest problems. If you have any questions, please give us a call.

### Drought jeopardizing fall planting of wheat

Ongoing drought throughout Texas is dampening the prospects of planting fall wheat, according to a specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

"Everything right now is virtually at a standstill until it rains," said Extension agronomist Travis Miller, as he and other members of the Drought Preparedness Council met Thursday to discuss current drought conditions across the state.

"What we are seeing right now are some of the same exact weather conditions we went into last fall," Miller said.

This year's drought has led to \$595 million in agricultural losses, according to Extension economists, and of that total the 1999-2000 wheat crop was estimated at \$125 million in losses. More losses could be in store for the future if no measurable precipitation is recorded in the next 30 days. At stake is profits both from wheat grain crops and stocker cattle grazing on wheat, Miller said.

"We could miss cattle wheat grazing all together if it doesn't rain," Miller said.

This year's wheat harvest was 72,500 bushels compared to 122,400 bushels in 1999, accord-

ing to the Texas Agricultural Statistics Service. Traditionally, forage wheat crops are planted by the end of September, while grain crop wheat is planted through October.

Meanwhile, range conditions across Texas continue to decline.

"As far as hay is concerned, most producers had one or two cuttings of hay in most cases," Miller said. "We won't have enough hay to get to us through the winter if no rain comes."

Cotton, the No. 1 cash crop in Texas, has been the hardest hit by drought this year. Extension economists have estimated \$285 million in cotton losses. Some 6.3 million acres of cotton was planted this spring, with many farmers expecting above average yields. Only the state's earlier cotton acres were able to escape the devastating summer drought. The lower Rio Grande Valley, the lower and upper coast region and the Central Texas Blacklands produced an average crop that totals close to 1 million bales.

The hardest hit areas include the Rolling Plains and the south Rolling Plains. Approximately 1 million acres of cotton had already been lost by the beginning of August.

### Sew & Sew Club—

#### Quilt Show set Saturday, Oct. 14 in Wingate

The Wingate Sew & Sew Club will hold their Annual Quilt Show & Sale on Saturday, October 14, 2000. The event will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Wingate Lions Club Building. Door prizes will be given away.

The club met on Tuesday, October 3, with seven members present. The Quilt Show was discussed and it was decided to bring at least two baked goods per member to be sold.

A maple leaf quilt was finished for Lucille Pritchard and a fan quilt was started for Rosa Lee Simpson. Refreshments were enjoyed by all.

### Newly elected AJSA Board of Trustees—



FORMER WINTERS RESIDENT CHANDA HOPPE (seated left) was elected to serve on the American Junior Simmental Association Board of Trustees at the National Classic XX in Stillwater, Oklahoma. She joins other newly elected young adults from Illinois, Utah, Louisiana, Kentucky, Montana, Oregon, Missouri, Tennessee, and Ohio. Formed in 1975, the AJSA is the youth organization of the American Simmental Association which maintains headquarters in Bozeman, Montana. ASA has a total adult and junior membership of more than 11,000. Chanda is the daughter of Glenn, Jr. and Melinda Hoppe of Winters.

## Extension News & Views

By Tom Guthrie, ACEA-AG

### 4-H youth program adds "character" to curriculum

When youth participate in 4-H activities, whether it's raising an animal, preparing a recipe for the food show or participating in a bicycle safety course, we know they learn new skills. They also learn something about initiative, responsibility and sticking to a task.

Now we can add "character" to that list of life skills included in 4-H curricula.

Over the last several years, parents, teachers, and youth workers have become more and more concerned about our youth. We have all seen increasing lack of respect for others, school violence, negative behaviors such as lying and

cheating, and substance abuse become more common—even among younger children.

In an effort to stem the tide and help this generation of young people grow into responsible adulthood, the nation's most respected youth organizations have embarked on programs of character education.

At the national level, 4-H has joined with the YMCA, Boys and Girls Clubs, Big Brothers Big Sisters, American Youth Soccer Organization, Camp Fire Boys and Girls and others in the CHARACTER COUNTS! coalition.

The State of Texas—joined in this coalition last October—a character-building initiative for public schools to be funded through the Governor's Criminal Justice Division.

Together, Coalition members are working to reach young people and their families and to

deliver a powerful message that their character really counts—in personal relationships, in school, at the workplace, and in life.

How will the Texas Agricultural Extension Service's 4-H program be a part of this Coalition? Our goal is to incorporate lessons about six widely-accepted "pillars" of character into our 4-H club and project activities. Those pillars are: trustworthiness, respect, fairness, responsibility, caring, and citizenship.

Across Texas, 4-H is training County Extension Agents, parent volunteers, and adults in the community to use a variety of fun, hands-on, and meaningful character education curriculum materials in the 4-H program.

If you would like any information on character education, please contact the Runnels County Extension Office at 365-2219 or 365-5042.

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